

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

June 2019

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 5th June
7.45pm
Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 7th June
10am - noon
All Saints Church, Campton
will be in aid of the
THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE
BLIND ASSOCIATION

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 10th June - 7.30pm
Talk & Demonstration on
'BONSAI' by Sir John Trinder
Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 12th June
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

CHICKSANDS PRIORY VISIT

Sunday, 16th June - afternoon
Places need to be booked in advance, for
more information see back page advert.

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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

COFFEE & CHAT - Friday, 7th June 2019



As a "THANK YOU" to Malcolm & Jackie Willis for all their hard work in the village over the years, it has been decided that the Coffee & Chat this month will be held as a fundraiser for THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION. A Guide Dogs Trade Stall will be there on the morning selling lots of goodies and hopefully Nora and Heather will put in an appearance too!!

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*"Kind hearts are the gardens; kind thoughts are the roots;
kind words are the flowers; kind deeds are the fruits."*

- English Proverb

**This month's meeting will be on
Monday, 10th June
7.30pm start - approx 9.00pm finish
at Campton Village Hall**



'BONSAI' - History & Care

Sir John Trinder (Chairman of the Bedfordshire Bonsai Society) will be giving a talk, followed by a demonstration on trimming a starter tree; this will be raffled off at the end of the evening.

You don't have to be a member to attend, so why not come along with a friend or neighbour to see what it's all about. We have a 'Free & Swap' table for any unwanted plants, tools, pots or anything garden related.

You can also browse through our free library of garden books whilst enjoying a nice cup of tea or coffee and biscuit.

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

For more information, please contact... MARYIKA 01462 851729

A “THANK YOU” NOTICE

“Just a note to say a huge thank you to my friends and neighbours in Campton during the incident of the broken leg. In particular Wendy Kiteley for all the invaluable help with the dogs (they are very grateful), Paul and Karen LaViola for lifts to and from hospital, Jane and Mark Bowen for the trip to A & E and feeding me! Betty for the flowers and loan of a walking stick, also to all the lovely people who gave me their phone numbers in case I needed help and for all the gifts of flowers and chocolate (from those that know me well), Jill Westgarth especially.

This is what a small village is all about!”

NICKY JOHNSON

Village Hall 100 Club Draw



“The re-launch of this parish tradition is due to happen during August 2019”

Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers are all insured and DBS (formerly CRB) checked.

Help we can offer includes:-

Occasional lifts to doctors / shops etc.;

Befriending / pet care / dog walking; Form filling / letter writing;

Occasional help with shopping; Small household repairs / practical tasks;

Collecting prescriptions / pensions.

If you need help from us phone

07971 854472

If your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p per mile should be paid to the driver.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their Annual Meeting on 15th May 2019. We thank those residents who attended and contributed to the public participation section of the meeting.

All six councillors who were nominated in advance of the recent local elections have now taken up office. There were no other nominations and as a result the Parish Council still has one councillor position vacant. The first point of business at this meeting was to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Cllr Martin proposed Cllr Ash to be Chairman and Cllr Baker for the position of Vice-Chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Longson, all councillors being in agreement. Therefore, for the coming year Cllr Ash will be the Chairman and Cllr Baker will be the Vice-Chairman; both positions will be reviewed in May 2020.

The Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Local Plan Public Examination hearings will commence on Tuesday 21st May 2019 and be held in the Council Chamber at Priory House. Subsequent hearing sessions relating to the plan are scheduled during May, June and July. Campton and Chicksands Cllrs are currently scheduled to address the inspectors on the afternoon of 19th June, when small to medium housing allocations within our part of Central Beds will be discussed. The initial hearings will look to clarify if CBC has complied with its "Duty to Cooperate" with neighbouring authorities. The hearings are open to members of the public and are an important part of the Local Plan examination process. The government appointed inspectors will address and lead discussions on key issues relating to the draft plan submitted by CBC in 2018. Along with CBC it is expected that speakers at these sessions will include a range of interested parties, including statutory consultation bodies, town and parish councils and developers. The programme and session contributors are now confirmed and published, although individuals that responded to the initial consultation of the pre-submission plan may still submit further written statements to the programme organiser until the 28th May for sessions to be held in June and July.

For more information on the draft Local Plan examination programme and venue visit: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/examination.aspx

The CBC Environmental Team has recently cleared broken glass from the A507 underpass. The underpass will now form part of their continuous assessment of graffiti, glass and rubbish issues. The Highways team at CBC are currently carrying out an assessment of the length of grass, hedges and trees which may be covering road signage.

The Bedfordshire Police traffic team have recently been monitoring the speed and behaviour of drivers; particularly on the A507. Over 70 drivers, a majority being Central Beds residents, have been found to be either speeding or driving inappropriately during this exercise. The Council was informed that unmarked police cars will continue to patrol the A507 in the area.

Some of the play equipment on the Recreation Ground is scheduled to be repainted in the coming months, we apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Please bear with us whilst we carry out these improvements.

**The date for the next Parish Council meeting is
Wednesday, 5th June 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

Clerk to the Parish Council - **TAMMY MEDLEY**

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Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

At the most recent Steering Group Meeting the finalisation of the six Workgroup Sections, Policies & Non-Policy Actions was reviewed. Some work remained to be completed and this important work has been on-going during May.

The Steering Group also reviewed the draft Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan and the Greensand Trust's recommendations for Local Green Space. Detailed feedback on the draft GI Plan from all Workgroups has now been collated and returned to the Greensand Trust for comment/inclusion in the plan. The GI Plan will provide important supporting evidence for a number of policies and non-policy actions within the final Neighbourhood Plan. The plan also outlines a GI Action Plan which will shortly be shared with the Parish Council and our contacts at Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) for consideration regarding future GI projects for the benefit of the Parish.

Work is now underway to develop the first full draft of the Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan. This will most likely take several weeks and once complete will be followed by a period of wide broad and wide-ranging consultation on the draft plan, including consultation with a number of statutory bodies, CBC and neighbouring Town and Parish Councils.

The Neighbourhood Plan banners situated on the railings at the Lower School and at the entrance of Chicksands Private, show the current status of the plan and will be updated as the plan progresses. Updates will also continue to be published in the Parish Council Newsletter and on the PC website.

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in June:

Saturday June 15 - Peal attempt, Warwickshire ringers - 3pm to 6pm approx.

Susan Marshall is organising this peal. Last November she was diagnosed with stage 4 (terminal) cancer, occult breast cancer which has spread to her bones and liver. The "occult" has meant no surgery because the primary tumour is no longer there, something of a blessing because she wouldn't have been able to do all the things she has done in the last 5 months! After talking to a retired GP friend, she opted to decline treatment because she felt fine and knew that treatment would make her feel very ill.

Initially, she cleared her diary of ringing engagements, but then realised that actually she didn't feel any different to before, so she set herself a few goals (mainly ringing, walking and family) and with the help of many people who encouraged her, she got going again. She's still feeling okay and I'm not planning too far in advance, but ringing makes her feel energised and is relaxing too.

Inspirational!

Friday June 28 - Peal attempt, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
- 10am to 1pm approx.

Lloyd Cartwright, a member of the SRCY based in Perth, Western Australia, is back for an extended vacation and we are pleased to welcome him to join us at Campton, the first time he has rung on the bells.

'Chris's Corner'

As well as the Striking League Competition that I've mentioned before, there is also a District Striking Contest. This is held once a year, and this year it was held at Haynes on 13th April. Most of the local churches raised a team, with a judge marking all the pieces for accuracy; but the best bit of the event was definitely the tea - copious amounts of tea, coffee, sandwiches, savouries and cakes - Wonderful!! We came 4th, not our best result so we'll try harder next year!

If you'd like to participate (it's worth it for the tea) why not come and learn to ring? We're at All Saints, Campton every Tuesday from 7.30pm - look forward to seeing you.

JOHN LOVELESS

2019 EXCURSIONS
– 4th THURSDAY OF MONTH!

Call **0300-123-3023** or e mail: **thewanderbus@gmail.com** for more info or to book your seat.

We do require a deposit of £5.00 p.p. for any excursion. A cheque to Wanderbus, 5 The Pastures, Upper Stondon, Beds SG16 6QB or a bank transfer to : CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code 40-52-40, Acc No. 00013118 Name: Wanderbus Ltd (Use your name in Reference)

Thursday, 27th June – Burghley House & Gardens : £15.00
Stamford, Lincs. - 'England's greatest Elizabethan House',
State Rooms & Gardens : £17.00 - Gardens only : £13.00

The Meppershall Players Present

An Evening of Entertainment

On Friday 28th & Saturday 29th June
Curtains up 7:45pm

At Shefford Town Memorial Hall

Tickets £10 Concessions £8

Available to purchase from
ticketsource.co.uk/themeppershallplayers
Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm at STMA
or call 01462 816336 to reserve only

Table Seating - 8 per table
Feel free to bring your own nibbles
All drinks to be purchased from licensed STMA bar

Campton Lower School

Vacancies

Midday Supervisory Assistants

Hours: 11.55am – 1.05pm

Days: to be arranged

Please contact visit www.camptonlower.org/vacancies for an application pack or contact the School Office if you have any queries

Tel: 01462 813359

Email: office@camptonlower.org

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH VISIT TO THE CHICKSANDS PRIORY



Sunday afternoon 16th June 2019

Tour takes about 1hr 15mins; tea & coffee will be available following the tour. There is no charge for visiting the Priory, but a donation please (**approx. £5**) to offset the insurance and help fund the Priory Museum Room & 'Audley End Glass' projects.

For security reasons, places on this tour will need to be booked in advance.

Please contact Maggie, Email: marsh.mam@googlemail.com

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or sign up at Coffee and Chat.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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