

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

August & September 2019

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 2nd August : 10am - noon
All Saints Church, Campton
Friday, 6th September will be in
aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

(No meeting in August)
Wednesday, 4th September
Campton Village Hall- 7.45pm

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Mon, 5th August: Competition Evening
& Mon, 2nd September: Talk by
Nic Garner : 'On the Wild Side'
Campton Village Hall- 7.30pm

CVHMC MEETING

Wed, 11th September
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

Friday, 13th September
'2019 World Scout Jamboree'
7.15pm for 7.30pm start
All Saints Church, Campton

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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If you have any news or views you wish to share please contact the
Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page



CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 100 CLUB DRAW

THE 100 CLUB DRAW WILL BE RELAUNCHED IN THE COMING WEEKS,
WITH THE FIRST DRAW TAKING PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.

For the **new subscription payment of £15**, you will be allocated
a Draw Number to be entered into 12 monthly draws.

A minimum of half of the total proceeds collected will be allocated as prizes
with three prizes each month as before,

**BUT NOW WITH AN ADDITIONAL BONUS MONETARY PRIZE TO BE DRAWN
IN DECEMBER, APRIL AND AUGUST.**

The 100 Club Draw is a vital part of our fundraising efforts,
contributing to the running costs of keeping your Village Hall open.

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who has supported us in the past
and to all those who will continue to support us in the future.

**During August members of the Committee will be coming around
house to house, inviting you to join.**

Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held its most recent meeting on the
10th July.

Much of the meeting was focused on the on-going work to consolidate the
sections, policies and non-policy actions developed by the six workgroups into
a full draft of the plan. Alongside this work a number of important
supporting documents that will be submitted with the draft plan are being
developed.

The Steering Group are making progress and once this work is complete, they
will be planning the next stage of formal consultation.

The Neighbourhood Plan banners situated on the railings at the Lower School
and at the entrance of the Chicksands Private Estate show the current
status of the plan and will be updated as the plan progresses.

Neighbourhood Plan updates will continue to be published in the Parish
Council Newsletter and on the Parish Council Website.

News From The Tower

Many newsletter readers will know that Bill Roberts, who had a lifetime association with the area, this village and All Saints Campton church, died recently. His funeral was on Monday 15 July and the bellringers were very pleased to be able to ring a special quarter peal to his memory the previous evening in the church he loved. The ringers were: Clare Francis, Linda Garton, Charlotte Francis, Martin Major, John Loveless and David Bartlett.

Visiting ringers during August/September 2019

Friday August 30 - Peal attempt, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
- 3pm to 6pm approx.

Saturday September 14 - Peal attempt, South Northants Society
- 2.30pm to 6pm approx.

Chris' Corner

The National Ringing Youth Contest took place in Liverpool on July 6 with 23 teams of under 18's taking part. Bedfordshire came third, a great performance, and Charlotte and Henry from Campton were in the team. Well done!

If you'd like to see what this is all about why not come and meet us?
We're at All Saints every Tuesday from 7.30pm - look forward to seeing you.
So if you fancy trying an activity that involves both physical activity and mental stimulation for all ages come along to All Saints, Campton on a Tuesday 7.30-9pm to check it out or call me (**JOHN LOVELESS 07803 206161**) to find out more. Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.....

I have now been Editor of this Newsletter for eight years, but feel the time has come for someone else to have the chance to give the Newsletter a 'face lift' and breathe new life into it; **so would anybody like to take this on?**

As you know the Newsletter goes out monthly, this involves a few hours each month finalising the layout of items received, emailing the document for photocopying, stapling together the copies and delivering to the team of distributors around the village.

If this is something you would like to take over doing, then please let me know

Angela (contact details on back page).

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 3rd July 2019. Thank you to those residents who attended and participated in the meeting.

Jon Balaam from The Greensand Trust attended the meeting to present and answer questions on the recently delivered Campton & Chicksands Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan. This GI Plan was commissioned by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group in 2018 and outlines a GI Action Plan for the Parish and makes recommendations regarding green spaces etc. The GI Plan provides important supporting evidence for our forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

Jon also provided councillors with information on the extension to the Flit Valley Walk proposed by the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership (GCLP). The Flit Valley Walk is a new recreational route celebrating the wildlife and heritage of the River Flit and its valley. The first part of the route is now virtually complete and runs from Westoning to Clophill. The GCLP are now liaising with local Parish Councils with regards to a second phase, which it is proposed would run from Clophill through to Shefford. The route will have information display boards and wooden sculptures along the way. The Cllrs suggested an alternative route to one running parallel with the A507 would be preferred; the GCLP will continue to explore route options. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support the proposed extension, but would be happy to receive comments on the proposal from residents.

At the last meeting of the Shefford, Campton & Chicksands Joint Burial Board (JBB) representative Councillors discussed the proposal of inviting volunteers from across the community to come together in support of the cemetery. The Clerk to Shefford Town Council, Francesca and myself are looking at forming a 'Friends of the Cemetery' group. The group will be made up of volunteers who are able to offer a little spare time to assist with the ongoing maintenance of the cemetery. The group will carry out small tasks which may involve weeding, litter picking, helping to maintain unattended graves and planting. The group will also be in a position to report back any concerns or suggestions to either of us, so that we may address them. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, then please contact me. We are hoping to arrange a meeting of all volunteers in the near future. There have been a few complaints with regards to the maintenance of the cemetery, in particular grass cutting. The JBB have recently changed the

grass cutting contractor and are looking at options to increase the overall maintenance, please bear with us as we attempt to resolve the situation. We are balancing the office work and maintenance work, and this is our first summer managing the cemetery.

The Joint Burial Board has also made the decision that in line with many other cemeteries it will cease to offer the option of pre-purchasing graves.

Concerns were raised by a councillor over street parking in Greenway and Gravenhurst Road and the dangers incurred by vehicles overtaking and allowing one another to pass. The Council will discuss this further with members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group at a future meeting.

Following an article on the BBC news the Parish Council would like to explore the option of having small roadside flower meadows rather than neatly trimmed grass verges. Cllrs would be looking at areas within the Parish that this could apply to and how we would manage them. Not only may this be a cost cutting exercise for the Parish Council, but it could also enhance roadside verges and increase the habitat for insects and other wildlife. It would need to be an active project to ensure wildflowers were growing and that the area did not just get left to become overgrown. The Council would also need to consider the safety aspect for road users and ensure no impact on services and infrastructure.

**The date for the next Parish Council meeting is
Wednesday, 4th September 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

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Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

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

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.

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



The next monthly meetings will be on

Monday, 5th August

**Competition Evening:- Garden Verse & Poems,
together with the judging of the Potato, Beetroot
and Onion Competitions.**

& Monday, 2nd September

Talk by Nic Garner - 'On the Wild Side'

The place of our gardens in the wider and wilder landscape.

A big Thank You to everyone who opened their gardens in July for the 'Open Gardens' and to everyone who attended and made it a great success.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer months and remember you don't have to be a member to attend our meetings, 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.

**Monthly meetings start at 7.30pm - approx 9.00pm finish
at Campton Village Hall**

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

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

SHEFFORD CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

SATURDAY 31st AUGUST

Saturday, 31st August will see the 39th Show being held in the rooms behind the Methodist Church. Entry forms are due in by Saturday, 24th August.

Even if you aren't entering, we would love to see you there during the afternoon. Items on display will range from handicrafts, cookery and photos by both adults and children through to garden produce and floral entries from adults. Doors open to visitors at 2pm and prizes will be presented at 4pm.

Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon.



COFFEE & CHAT on Friday, 6th September
There will be a Cake & Garden Produce Stall as part of
the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise money
for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. **EVERYONE WELCOME**



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 you name in
Reference)

Thursday, 22nd August – Wimpole Hall, Cambs: £8.00

National Trust Hall, Home Farm & Gardens. Entry £17.20
or £12.50 for just the Gardens & Home Farm. Tea Room.

Thursday, 26th September – Anglesey Abbey, Cambs: £12.00

National Trust House, Gardens & Water Mill.
£15.80 for all access or £9.00 for Gardens only. Dahlia display.



'Rockin the Aisles'

Will be returning to All Saints Church, Campton
again this year on **Saturday, 30th November**

Keep this date free in your diary!! (Fundraiser for All Saints Church)

All Saints
Church
Campton



We look forward to welcoming you to our next event on

Friday 13th September
7.15pm for 7.30pm start

Armchair Traveller

Lily Marsh talks about her experiences at the
2019 World Scout Jamboree
in West Virginia, America.

£5 per person Students free

All Saints Church, Campton

Festival for Harvest

A Celebration of Harvest

With **Flowers, Music, Bells and Crafts**

Refreshments, Children's Activities, Sale of Local Produce

Sat 5th October 10:00-17:00 & Sun 6th October 12:30-16:30

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of All Saints Church

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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