



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter October 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Wednesday 2nd October	Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm Campton Village Hall
Sat & Sun 5th & 6th October	Festival for Harvest (see advert on back page)	12.30pm – 4.30pm All Saints Church, Campton
Monday 7th October	‘Trugs & Trowels’ Gardening Club	7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Friday 11th October	Coffee & Chat	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
Friday 1st November	Coffee & Chat In aid of HELP for HEROES	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
Friday 8th November	‘Cider & Bangers’ Evening	7.30pm All Saints Church, Campton
Saturday 30th November	RF ₂ ‘Rockin the Aisles’	All Saints Church, Campton

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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*

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



The next monthly meeting will be on
Monday, 7th October
Talk by Ann-Marie O'Keeffe – 'Garden Design'

The Winners from our August 'Competition Evening' meeting were:-

Best in show: Margaret Langley (Onions); Liz Tyler (Beetroot);

Kath Donachie (potato); Liz Tyler (Garden poetry).

A lot of fun was had by the Club members trying to remember all the missing words to the old poem written by a Northern lad from Cockermouth, William

Wordsworth; "I wandered lonely as a cloud.....", followed by listing all flower/plant names relating to ladies and gents names. A great night which is only possible with the participation of our fab members.

Watch out for our next competition 🌸 Non-members welcome.

**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



CURLY'S SEAT

It has recently been noticed that Curly's Seat is now looking very smart with a new coat of varnish. Whoever was responsible has done a very good job - "Thank You".

Many of you in the village will remember Stephen (Curly) Blundell, he had been a gamekeeper for the Campton Estate for over twenty years. His family and friends dedicated this bench in his name, and it has been sited along the footpath at the end of Mill Lane next to Campton Brook (River Hit), since October 2009.



The **COFFEE & CHAT** that was held on Friday, 6th September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, raised the amazing amount of **£242**.

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported this event.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MONTH'S COFFEE & CHAT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, 11th OCTOBER and NOT THE 4th

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee are pleased to announce that the ever popular 100 Club has restarted, with the first draw having now taken place. Congratulations to our winners this month. A very big "Thank You" goes out to everyone who joined this year, your support is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in helping us towards the upkeep of the Village Hall ensuring its future for everyone to enjoy. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who went out door to door collecting the 100 Club subscriptions, we are especially pleased to welcome some new members from Chicksands. **It is not too late if you would still like to join for the remaining draws, which includes three bonus prize draws in December, April and August..... Please call 07980 929028 before 31st October 2019 and one of our Committee Members will be pleased to help you.**

The Management Committee are always striving to improve the facilities at the Village Hall and have recently installed a wall mounted projection screen for potential hirers to use. During the coming weeks we are progressing with changing the hall curtains, refreshing some of the paintwork and having a general tidy up.

For more information on hiring the hall please call 07950 458940 or email: camptonvh@outlook.com or visit www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



SEPTEMBER WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 224 A. MAUDLIN

2nd (£20) No. 94 J. DAVISON 3rd (£15) No. 87 J. SAWYER

Closure of Campton and Chicksands

Good Neighbour Group

Dear residents of Campton and Chicksands,

The usage of the Good Neighbour Group has dropped to a very low level, to the extent that we have only had one call in the whole of 2019 to date. The group does have running costs due to the need to provide insurance, as well as requiring a fair amount of time from the volunteers manning the phone. Therefore, after considering all the options at length, the group has agreed that it will close with immediate effect. We believe that Campton and Chicksands is a small friendly village where everyone helps each other, which is probably why the GN Group is so little utilised, which is not a bad thing really!

We would like to thank the Parish Council and the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity for their support over the 5 years that the group has been running. Special thanks are also due to all the volunteers who set up and ran the group and have manned the phone and provided a wide range of services to villagers in need.

Best wishes, *Phillip Taylor*

Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Good Neighbours Group

Bill Robert's funeral - Thanks for all the help and support

We would like to send heartfelt thanks to the people of the community of Campton, for their kindness and help on and around the occasion of Bill's funeral and wake.

The Church service was a great tribute to him.

Thank you to everyone who attended.

To everyone who sent cards and letters, created beautiful floral arrangements, moved chairs and tables, baked wonderful cakes, washed up, organised, tidied, carried food and drinks around, served teas, supported crying women, offered help and encouragement, and all the other things, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

It makes us so proud that both our Mum and Dad were so well loved and respected by you all.

Bev, Anne and Lynne.

Campton and Chicksands

Neighbourhood Plan Report

During July and August good progress has been made on development of the draft Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is now looking to organise an informal review of the draft plan with our CBC Neighbourhood Involvement Officer ahead of planning the next stage of formal consultation (Regulation 14).

The Steering Group held its most recent meeting on the 28th August. This meeting focused on the further development of the draft plan, together with the supporting documents. These include a Basic Conditions Statement, a Statement on Community Consultation and a Campton and Chicksands Design Statement. These documents will be submitted with the final draft of the Neighbourhood Plan.

There were also discussions on the steps necessary to prepare for the next stage of consultation. We are considering how best to present the draft plan to the community, surrounding Town and Parish Councils and all statutory bodies. We aim to ensure an opportunity for everyone to “have a say” on this important Neighbourhood Plan. Remember.... *“Your Parish.... Your Views...”*

The Plan progress banners situated on the railings at the Lower School and at the entrance to Chicksands Private Estate, show the current status of the plan and will be updated as we move towards the next stage of consultation.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EDIT THIS NEWSLETTER.....

I have been the Editor of this Newsletter for the past eight years and feel the time has come to hand over to someone new; **could this be you?**

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 on, then please let me know

Angela Baker (contact details on back page)

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 4th September 2019. Also present at the meeting was Ward Councillor Mark Liddiard.

The Parish Council have been receiving complaints regarding people driving inappropriately around the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) car park during the late evenings, causing a nuisance to residents at Chicksands. We understand that the Community Policing Team is now monitoring the CBC car park in the evenings and that CCTV covers much of the car park, tracking all vehicle registrations entering the car park. This concern will be reviewed at future meetings and residents are urged to keep reporting incidents to the Police.

Shefford Ward Cllrs have recently been given an allocation of £2000 to spend on small community projects or requirements within the ward. Ideally the Cllrs would like the donations to be match funded. The scheme will run until 31/3/20 and applications open from October 2019. If any residents are aware of community groups or projects that may benefit from this scheme, then please do contact me to discuss it further. There are also to be some larger community grants introduced across Central Bedfordshire to help empower local people to improve the area they live in. The Parish Council will provide further information once details are published by CBC.

Cllr Liddiard reported that GCSE and A level results in the area were above the national average for this year. Congratulations to all the young people who achieved this summer. He also reported that the submitted CBC Local Plan is still with the appointed inspectors following the public examination during the summer.

Many of you will have noticed that CBC Highways have been through Campton Village marking out surface repairs for Greenway. Our Ward Cllrs continue to push for Greenway to be resurfaced rather than repaired due to the number of issues with the surface.

The Greensand Trust has now delivered the completed Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan for the parish. This important plan was commissioned by the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group early in 2018. It identifies a number of future Green Infrastructure projects that would benefit the community and makes some recommendations regarding Local Green Space. The GI plan was adopted by the Parish Council at the meeting and will be published in due course.

Concerns were discussed by Cllrs regarding parking and speeding vehicles on Greenway. Cllr Longson continues to look into the possibility of wildflower areas within grass verges.



Cllr Booton has recently qualified as a play area inspector and will now be carrying out weekly inspections at the recreation ground. Cllr Booton has also put in many hours this summer painting much of the play equipment. He has done a terrific job and is thanked by the other Councillors for undertaking this work. We would also like to thank John Westgarth for his commitment to the looking after and inspecting the play area over the last three years. The play area has now had its 2019 annual external inspection and with the recent re-painting is ready for the winter.

The Parish Council would also like to thank all the volunteers involved in running the Good Neighbour Group over the last few years.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

Clerk to the Parish Council - ***Tammy Medley***

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Reverend Dean Henley

Our Rector, Dean, is taking early retirement and his final Service is on the 29th September at 11am. Dean has been with us for thirteen years and we shall be very sad indeed to see him go. Running three separate Churches is no easy task but Dean has been great – wise, bright, relevant Sermons, compassionate at stressful times and a very good and inclusive team leader. Although he has no more services Dean remains our Rector until November 9th.

We shall certainly miss him.

Audrey Brand - Reader and Churchwarden with Beth Ash

39th SHEFFORD CRAFT AND PRODUCE SHOW

This was held at the end of August and the committee would like to thank all who helped to make it such a success, including those who entered or visited during the afternoon, as well as those who supported us at the Show and throughout the year. There were over 400 entries and it was lovely to see some new faces among the people taking part. Despite heavy rain the day before the Show, there was a good display of garden flowers among the excellent array of entries from children and adults demonstrating many other skills. This year our Special Class for adults was a knitted or crocheted blanket for a premature baby. These were to be donated to Bedford Hospital and it was our pleasure to deliver 56 blankets, with which they were delighted. The committee and the hospital would like to thank all who were kind enough to make them.

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers during October 2019

Saturday October 5 & Sunday October 6 – exhibition ringing at All Saints and your chance to ‘**Have a go at Bellringing**’ during the event.

Saturday October 12 – Biggleswade District ringers meeting - ringing approx. 6.30pm to 8.00pm

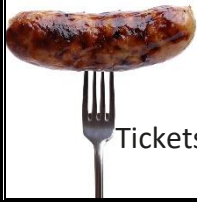
Wednesday October 23 - Peal attempt, Saint James Guild - 10am to 1.30pm approx.

Chris’ Corner : Just retired – on holiday (of course)

Come and join us..... 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. Ringing is a very sociable hobby and Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area. Look forward to seeing you.

Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website. A colour version of this newsletter, together with archived issues is also available to view or download; follow the ‘Information’ link
www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk

'Cider and Bangers' Evening



on **Friday, 8th November**

7.30pm start

at All Saints Church, Campton

Tickets on sale in advance from Joy Curtis (07899 858767)

More details to follow next month



'Rockin the Aisles'

Will be returning to All Saints Church, Campton

again this year on **Saturday, 30th November**

More details on how to get your tickets, coming soon!!

(Fundraiser for All Saints Church, Campton)



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, 24th October – Wyevale Garden Centre, Shepreth : £8.00

Various concession outlet shops, garden centre and restaurant

Thursday, 28th November – Christmas Market Destination to be advised

Campton Lower School

Rectory Road, Campton, SG17 5PF

Email: office@camptonlower.org Website: www.camptonlower.org

Clerk to the Governing Body

Salary: £90 per meeting

The Governing Body is seeking to appoint a Clerk to the Governing Body with good organisational, communication and IT skills.

The role includes:

- Providing effective administrative support to the Governing Body and its sub-committees.
- Attending all governor meetings throughout the academic year – usually 3 Full Governing Body meetings and 6 sub-committee meetings (held in the early evening)
- Preparing and circulating agendas and paperwork in advance of meetings
- Taking accurate, concise minutes at meetings and circulating them as required
- Maintaining Governing Body documentation in school
- Using GovernorHub and other IT
- Providing advice to the Governing Body on legal and procedural matters
- Attending appropriate training (which may be in the daytime or online)

Please visit our school website www.camptonlower.org for a Support Staff Application Form and other documentation. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Bright, Office Manager, by telephone on: 01462 813359 or by email at: office@camptonlower.org

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all support staff to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Scheme. CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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All Saints Church, Campton

Festival for Harvest

A Celebration of Harvest
with
Flowers, Music and Bells

Refreshments, Children's Activities,
Sale of Local Produce

Saturday 5 October
and
Sunday 6 October
12:30 - 16:30

Admission £3. (Children still at school: Free)
All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of All Saints Church,

*Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker no later than 15th October 2019*

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