



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter December 2019 & January 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Monday 2nd December	'Trugs & Trowels' Gardening Club	7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Wednesday 4th December	Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm Campton Village Hall
Friday 6th December	Coffee & Chat with Mince pies & Carols <i>ALL PROCEEDS TO CRISIS</i>	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
Friday 13th December	Christmas Quiz	7.30pm start All Saints Church, Campton
Friday 3rd January	Coffee & Chat	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
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Wednesday 8th January	Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm Campton Village Hall

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If you have any news or views you wish to share please contact the Editor, Angela Baker





'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall, is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream."

- Josephine Nuese

**The next monthly meetings will be on
Monday, 2nd December 2019 & 6th January 2020**

A big 'Thank You' to our speakers last month, Roger and Penny Grey, who gave a very interesting talk on their holiday experience in south-east Asia; wonderful plant life and incredible scenery.

Thank you to everyone for their support this year in making 'Trugs & Trowels' the success it is and wishing you all a heartfelt "Merry Christmas & Seasons Greetings". Why not join us in December for a little festive cheer; Christmas Quiz, helped along with some mince pies and mulled wine. The New Year will begin with a look back over 2019 and looking forward into what's in store for 2020; also, a reminder that annual subscriptions will be due at the January meeting!

**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

Campton Village Hall Management Committee

The replacement of the curtains at the Village Hall is now complete and hopefully you will all agree that they certainly brighten the place up!

December sees the draw of the first Bonus Prize in the 100 Club, there will be another Bonus Prize to be won in April and August next year.

'CONGRATULATIONS' to all our winners so far this year and 'Good Luck' to everyone in the forthcoming draws next year.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed to help keep the Village Hall running and available to everyone..... THANK YOU

The VHMC would like to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas & Happy New Year"

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



Campton & Chicksands

Neighbourhood Plan Report

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group continues to work on the draft of our Neighbourhood Plan that will be the subject of the next public consultation, most likely early in 2020. The development of a Neighbourhood Plan follows a set process and it is important that each stage is completed and documented correctly to ensure transparency. There remains much to do ahead of the next public consultation.

Following that consultation period, which will last six weeks, the Steering Group will document and work through the comments and feedback from all stakeholders e.g. landowners, community workshops, statutory bodies and surrounding Town & Parish Councils. There will then follow a period of plan & policy amendment based upon this feedback ahead of submission of the draft plan to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). CBC will then drive the later stages of consultation, independent examination and, following any necessary modifications, the community referendum.

The Plan progress banners situated on the railings at the Lower School and at the entrance to the Chicksands Private Estate, show the current status of the plan and will be updated in the near future 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.

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



NOVEMBER WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 13 J. Cullip

2nd (£20) No. 103 W. Foith

3rd (£15) No. 35 C. Ash

DECEMBER WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 60 C. Finch

2nd (£20) No. 36 M. Aldridge

3rd (£15) No. 108 S. Kitley

DECEMBER BONUS PRIZE WINNER: (£50) No. 5 J. Ayres



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 6th November 2019.

Also present at the meeting were Ward Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard; a number of residents also attended.

The Parish Council continues to receive reports of vandalism at the Recreation Ground. In public participation, additional concerns were voiced regarding possible drug related activities given the frequency of youths visiting the site during the evenings. I have an onsite meeting planned with our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) this month to discuss these concerning issues and to look at potential ways to improve matters. Also relating to the Recreation Ground dog fouling continues to be an issue. This has been reported by the football club and by residents. Please can we ask all dog walkers using the Recreation Ground to clean up after their dogs and use the bin provided by the entrance gate. Thank you.

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) has opened a public consultation on their plans for schools and schooling in Shefford, Stotfold and the surrounding area. CBC is looking to change to the two-tier education system in line with most of England and must plan for some 3500 additional school places over the next 10-15 years. To plan for this change and expected expansion, CBC's plans currently include a proposal to close Campton Lower School. If you have an interest in the future of education in our area, it is important that you express your views on these plans. You can read further information online at www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk and you can submit your views via this website. The Consultation closes on 20th January 2020 and all feedback will be considered by the schools and CBC. If you do not have access to the website, information and paper copies of the consultation are available at Shefford Library.

CBC also has a consultation running aiming to make Bedfordshire a safer place to live and work. More information is available online or via the library. You can submit your views on crime and anti-social behaviour within the local area, the data collected will be used to set the priorities for the coming years.

Garden waste collections will continue until 6th December and recommence on 2nd March 2020. Christmas refuse collections locally will be on Tuesday 24th December 2019 and Thursday 2nd January 2020.

The Ward Councillor Funding Scheme is now up and running. Our Councillors have already received applications and awarded their first grant. They are looking to award grants to groups within the ward on a match funding basis. If you run or are part of a group and feel that you could benefit from this, please do contact myself or the ward Councillors for more information.



Initial formal feedback on the CBC Local Plan from the Examination Inspectors was received by CBC on 14th October 2019. Our Ward Councillors indicated that critical areas of the plan have been accepted without comment and feedback was that the plan was considered 'sound'. CBC will action outstanding requests made by the Inspectors and continue to progress work to resolve a number of issues that have been raised. These include concerns over the planned M1-A6 link road associated with the developments proposed north of Luton. Regarding this highways planning application, the latest information from the Secretary of State is not to call it in and allow CBC to determine its future. This information has been passed onto the Inspectors.

The Parish Council had further discussions regarding plans for the 75th anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May 2020. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in the planning, then please do contact me to discuss it further. The Parish Council would like to support the ideas brought forward by the community.

Some time ago the Parish Council looked at setting up a P3 scheme; a group of volunteers within the community who help maintain outdoor public areas, clear pathways, maintain shrubs and green areas etc. In conjunction with CBC we are hoping to arrange a public meeting in the New Year for anyone who is interested in helping. If you would like more information or have some spare time and would like to volunteer, then please do contact me.

**The next meetings of the Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 4th December 2019 & 8th January 2020 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

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Bedfordshire**

REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS **OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

**Please note that the Refuse & Recycling Collections
over the Christmas / New Year period will be:-**

Tuesday, 24th December instead of Wed, 25th December 2019

Thursday, 2nd January instead of Wed, 1st January 2020

**All kerbside garden waste collections will be suspended from
Monday, 9th December 2019 and will resume on Monday, 2nd March 2020**



News from the Pews

On Sunday 10th of November our Remembrance Service was well attended by parishioners, including members of the armed forces from Chicksands, as well as Bedfordshire Deputy Lieutenant Major Simon Nigel Swinburne Sadler TD. Wreaths for the fallen of the parish were laid on behalf of the Queen, the armed services, the parish and the White Hart.

As Advent approaches it would be lovely to see you all during this season as we prepare for Christmas.

Special Advent Dates:-

8th December 11am, we are holding our Christingle Service, which children and families always enjoy.

24th December 6pm, Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas, 25th December at the earlier time of 10.30am, Christmas Day Service.

As announced in the last newsletter there is an open meeting on Monday, 2nd December to consider the views of all parties in the parish interested in the appointment of a new Rector; the Bishop of Bedford and the Archdeacon will be there.

Audrey Brand & Beth Sullivan-Ash - Churchwardens.

News from the Tower

Visiting ringers during December 2019 & January 2020

Sunday, December 8th 2019 - Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice - 2pm to 4pm

Thursday, December 19th 2019 - Peal attempt, Ely Diocesan Association - 2pm to 5.30pm approx

Wednesday, January 8th 2020 - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association - 10am to 1.30pm approx. (In memory of Stephen Ivin, our finest ever ringer)

Friday, January 24th 2020 - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association - 10am to 1.30pm approx.

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.



Campton Lower School

Clerk to the Governing Body Vacancy

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: **camptonlower.org/vacancies/** for further information. If you have any queries, please contact the School Office on 01462 813359

Campton Lower School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all 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 Service.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

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**





**All Saints
Church
Campton**



We look forward to welcoming you to our next event on

Friday 13th December
7.30pm start

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

with

Mince pies and Mulled Wine

Admission: Adults £7; Children £3

Includes a mince pie (with no nuts option)
and a glass of mulled wine (or soft drink)

TICKETS ON THE DOOR

*For catering purposes, it would be helpful if you could let us
know in advance that you are coming by phoning/texting
Joy Curtis on **07899 858767***

*Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker no later than 15th January 2020*

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