



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter February 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Monday 3rd February	'Trugs & Trowels' Gardening Club	7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Wednesday 5th February	Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm Campton Village Hall
Friday 7th February	Coffee & Chat (with live music)	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
Friday 7th February	Spring Quiz (Info on back page)	7.30pm start All Saints Church, Campton
Saturday 8th February	P3 (People, Projects and partnerships) public meetin	10.30 – 11.30am Campton Village Hall

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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, 3rd February

Talk by Nic Garner - 'Unusual Vegetables'

A very Happy New Year to one and all, any new members wishing to join us, will receive a very warm welcome. We had our first meeting of the year on 6th January when we looked back at 2019 and forward to an exciting year ahead, we also welcomed the photographer from 'Living Life' magazine who will be running a feature in February's issue, so please keep a look out.

Yearly subscriptions are now due, so if you couldn't make the last meeting there will be another opportunity this month.

At our next meeting on 3rd February we will be welcoming Nic Garner who will be giving us a talk on 'Unusual Vegetables'. Nic is a freelance photographer who writes for the Gardeners World magazine and the RSPB.

2020 is looking exciting with lots of fab speakers arranged and much promise in the gardens at the moment with all those bulbs beginning to waken.

'HAPPY GARDENING' 

**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

The Campton Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to announce that we have now purchased a Projector for use at the village hall, this now complements the wall mounted Projection Screen recently installed and will be available for use by future hirers of the hall. This has been made possible by the support of Councillors Mark Liddiard and Tony Brown through the Central Bedfordshire Ward Councillor Grant Scheme, together with match funding from the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council.

The VHMC would like to say a big "Thank You" to them all.

The Management Committee are always looking for new members to help with the running and upkeep of the Village Hall, so if you feel this is something you would like to get involved with, please contact us via the email address below.

For more information on hiring the hall please call 07950 458940

or email: camptonvh@outlook.com

Campton & Chicksands

Neighbourhood Plan Report

Have you looked at the Neighbourhood Plan progress banners recently?

These banners are situated on the railings at the Lower School and at the entrance to the Chicksands Private Estate and show the current status of the plan. After many months of preparing the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and a number of important supporting documents, the NP Steering Group are close to launching the next stage of formal public consultation, called Regulation 14.

At a recent meeting of the Steering Group we looked to finalise the content of the draft plan that we will take forward to this Regulation 14 consultation. We considered how this consultation will be publicised and how all stakeholders (including residents) will be able to comment and feed into this process. Once our preparation work has been reviewed and agreed with the Parish Council and our CBC Neighbourhood Involvement Officer, we will finalise our plans and launch the consultation with an informational leaflet drop. Throughout this consultation the draft plan, supporting documents and appendices will be available publicly via the Parish Council website and as paper copies at Drop-In sessions.

Following Regulation 14 consultation, which will last six weeks, the NP Steering Group will document and work through the comments and feedback from all stakeholders e.g. residents, landowners, businesses, statutory bodies and surrounding Town & Parish Councils. There will follow a period of plan & policy amendment based upon this feedback ahead of formal 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.

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

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



JANUARY WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 20 K. La Viola

2nd (£20) No. 65 J. Westgarth 3rd (£15) No. 44 D. Maggs

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 8th January 2020. Also present at the meeting were Ward Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard. A number of residents attended and took part in public participation.

Ward Councillors reported that Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Highways team will be closing Greenway on 19th-21st February 2020 for patching work to take place in preparation for full surfacing which is currently due to take place in July/August 2020. The Parish Council have recently reported the current poor condition of the pathway along Greenway. CBC Highways has inspected it and have indicated that it is currently low priority. The Parish Council plans to report it again as some sections are unsuitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

CBC has opened a public consultation on their budget proposals for the year 2020/21. The consultation closes on 30th January 2020; all feedback will be considered by the council. The consultation is available on-line or if you do not have access to the website, information and paper copies are available at Shefford Library or from the Parish Council, please contact me if you require help.

The Parish Council are in the process of setting up a **P3 (People, Projects and Partnerships) Scheme**, effectively a group of local volunteers from the community who would help maintain outdoor public areas, helping to clear pathways, maintain shrubs and green areas etc. In conjunction with CBC we have arranged a **P3 Scheme public meeting in Campton Village Hall on Saturday 8th February 2020, 10.30-11.30am**. If you would like more information or have some spare time and would like to volunteer, then please do contact me or come along to the meeting.

Following discussions at the December meeting of the Parish Council, the weeds, leaves and overgrowth on the A507 underpass cycle path have been cleared.

The **Recreation Ground** continues to be monitored by our local Police Community Support Officers as the Parish Council remains concerned about possible drug related activities given the frequency of youths visiting the site during the evenings. If any residents witness or experience any suspicious activity or vandalism at the Recreation Ground, please do continue to report them to the Police as this will enable them to investigate further.

We must once again bring to your attention the issue of **dog fouling at the Recreation Ground**. Dog mess is a nuisance and it can present a health issue for other users of the Rec, including the Lower School children and the Football Club. Please can we remind all dog walkers using the Recreation Ground to clean up after their dogs and use the bin provided by the entrance gate. Thank you.

The Parish Council are currently implementing a **new website**. Whilst the new site went live on 7th January 2020 not all information has been migrated across from the existing site and this will be completed in the coming weeks. The new website will be promoted in this Newsletter as soon as this work has been completed and will host information regarding the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan and the Village Hall. The old website will remain in use until the end of March 2020.

Please note that the **Parish Community website** has recently closed. This site has been run on a purely voluntary basis by local resident Pat Williams since 2001 and provided the parish with an active community website. Indeed until 2014 this site provided the Parish Council with an important presence on the web. The Parish Council would like to thank Pat for all her time and work providing this website service to the community. Should anyone wish to continue and maintain a Parish Community website, please contact the Editor of this Newsletter for more information.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 5th February 2020 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

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News from the Tower

Visiting ringers during February 2020

Thursday, February 20th – Peal attempt, Ely Diocesan Association,
2.30pm to 6.00pm 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 evening 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.

P3 (People, Projects and Partnerships)

Public Meeting



**on Saturday 8th February 2020
in Campton Village Hall
10.30-11.30am**

P3 brings together local councils, community groups, parish councils and volunteers to open up and maintain local paths and public green spaces and to encourage people to use and enjoy them.

The Central Bedfordshire Council P3 Scheme has been running for over a decade. 40 parishes and local groups have joined to take advantage of the funding, training and advice available.

We are looking for volunteers from the community who would help to look after outdoor public areas, clear pathways, maintain shrubs and green areas etc., around the parish.

If you would like more information or have some spare time and would like to volunteer, then please contact
Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley
(Email: tammy.medley@btinternet.com)
Or please come along to the meeting.

Campton Village Hall for Hire



- ❖ Are you planning a children's Birthday Party, or maybe a Wedding Anniversary Celebration, or just need some extra room for an extended family get together?
- ❖ Maybe you are a local business or club that needs an occasional or regular meeting place?
- ❖ Or perhaps you are thinking about organising a weekly or monthly hobby based meeting, social event, fitness or dance class?

Then why not consider hiring Campton Village Hall?

The facilities at the hall include, folding chairs and tables, kitchen, disabled toilet, a wall mounted projection screen and projector, an induction hearing loop system, plus a second smaller meeting room.

For booking enquiries, terms and conditions or to arrange a viewing, please contact via email: camptonvh@outlook.com

For residents of Campton and Chicksands the hire rate for one-off events is £12 per hour, with a minimum charge of £25.

For regular weekly or monthly bookings the hire rate is £10 per hour.

EVENTS:



**All Saints
Church
Campton**

Do come along and support these events by All Saints Church, by putting these dates in your diary now.....

SPRING QUIZ, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Friday 7th February, 7.15 for 7.30pm start. Teams of 4.
Tickets £5.00 Adults, Children under 16 free.
Pay on the door. Bring own drink and nibbles.

SILVER WORKSHOP, VILLAGE HALL (TBC)

Saturday 21st March, Morning session making silver rings, earrings and bangles. For further information contact Kathy by text on 07896 433 394 or email;
katie.flutie1@gmail.com

SPRING CONCERT, ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday 26th April at 3.00pm. Further information to follow in next newsletter.

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

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