



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter March 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Monday 2nd March	'Trugs & Trowels' Gardening Club	7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Wednesday 4th March	Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Meeting	7.45pm Campton Village Hall
Friday 6th March	Coffee & Chat (with live music)	10.00am – noon All Saints Church, Campton
Wednesday 11th March	Campton Village Hall Management Committee Meeting	7.30pm Campton Village Hall
Tuesday 17th March	Academy Consultation Drop-in Session	5.30pm – 7.00pm Campton Lower School
Saturday 21st March	Silver Workshop (details on back page)	9.30am & 12.30pm 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, 2nd March



Official talk on 'Warden Abbey Vineyard'

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 gardening 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

SPRING CONCERT



Please come along to help celebrate the arrival of Spring with local talented musicians, young and old at our Spring Concert at All Saints Church, Campton
on **Sunday 26th April at 3.00pm.**

Tickets are available in advance from Joy Curtis
(07899 858767 or 01462 811798,

Poste Cottage, 5 Greenway, Campton).

adults £5.00, school children £2.00, family ticket £12.00

Relax to the sounds of a diverse range of musical styles, ages and instruments, followed by delicious homemade cake and lots of tea and coffee.

Anyone wishing to participate in the concert,
please get in touch with me, Joy Curtis.



Campton Village Hall

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. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11th March starting at 7.30pm.

For more information on hiring the hall please call 07950 458940
or email: camptonvh@outlook.com

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



FEBRUARY WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 31 I. Battersby

2nd (£20) No. 63 C. Francis 3rd (£15) No. 43 W. Langley

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Neighbourhood Plan Report

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group have now finalised the draft plan and supporting documents. After almost two years of hard work including previous consultations and surveys, we are very close to launching the formal public consultation, called Regulation 14. Please look out for the delivery of an informational leaflet, hopefully during March. This forthcoming consultation is important and is your opportunity to give feedback on the draft plan; it will last just over six weeks.

As indicated in last month's Newsletter, after this consultation 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 and 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, an 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 & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 5th February 2020. Also present at the meeting were several residents taking part in public participation. CBC Ward Councillors were unable to attend but provided a written update.

The surface patching work on Greenway scheduled for February 2020 by Central Bedfordshire Council Highways team is preparation work for full surfacing which is due to take place in July/August this summer. The Parish Council once again reported the condition of the pathway on Greenway and has submitted photographs. Highways will re-inspect the area. The Parish Council has also reported worsening issues on Priory Road. Vehicles have been driving on the grass verge and damaging both the verge and the edge of the surfaced road. Highways will also inspect this area. With respect to highways Cllr Booton raised concerns over the road surface on the A507 locally and restated concerns regarding dangerous overtaking; there have been two serious accidents recently.

Campton Recreation Ground continues to be monitored by our local Police Community Support Officers; you may have noticed the sign on the gates. It is also inspected weekly by a Councillor. The Parish Council have just arranged for a contractor to cut back the hedges at the entrance to the Recreation Ground and attend to issues with the perimeter fence on the far side. New fence posts will be installed where necessary and fencing reattached.

The Parish Council now has a new website up and running and will be updating information hosted in the coming weeks. The URL for the new website is advertised within this Newsletter. Information regarding the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Plan and Campton Village Hall will be available on the new site which has a modern interface and is more easily used on smartphones and tablets. The old website will remain available until the end of March this year, but no further updates will be posted. There will be a link redirecting people from the old site to the new one.

There has been considerable work carried out at the cemetery recently. Several trees have been removed, the trees at the entrance have had the lower branches removed and some of the hedges and bushes have been cut back. It was agreed at the recent Joint Burial Board meeting that this work on the grounds will continue. The day to day running of the Cemetery is now managed by the Clerks from both the Parish Council and Shefford Town Council. The Clerks will now be looking at possible sources of funding to refurbish the Chapel and plan to apply for a CBC Ward Councillors grant as a contribution towards a new notice board and bin.

Thank you to all the residents who attended the P3 (People, Projects & Partnerships) meeting on Saturday 8th February; it was good to see so many of you there. Steve Halton, CBC Senior Countryside Officer and Christopher Dorow, CBC Rights of Way Officer, were there to introduce the scheme explaining its purpose and how it works, as well as answering residents questions. A further meeting will be arranged in the coming weeks for interested volunteers to discuss possible projects and areas of interest. If you were unable to attend the first meeting but are interested in becoming involved, then please do contact me.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on
Wednesday 4th March 2020 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

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Campton Lower School

Campton Lower School has applied to become
an academy and to be part of
the Bedfordshire Schools Trust (BEST).

Why? When? What does it mean?

As part of the application we are asking you,
the local community, for your views
on the potential change.

Come along to the informal
drop-in session at the School to find out more
on **Tuesday 17th March 2020, 5:30 to 7:00pm.**

Background information is also available on the school website.

<https://www.camptonlower.org/academy-consultation/>

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Why not take a look at the new Parish Council website for all the information on Parish Council meetings, progress on the Neighbourhood Plan, what's happening at Campton Village Hall and so much more



Not only now an easy to use site,
but smartphone and tablet friendly too!!

WANDERBUS 2020 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)

	DESTINATIONS	Bus Fare Per Person
23 rd April	Coton Manor Botanical Gardens, Northants (Entrance Fee £12.00 - Bluebell Woods & Water Garden)	£12.00
28 th May	Audley End House & Gardens, Essex (Entrance Fee £16.70 for over 65's - Jacobean House & extensive gardens)	£12.00

Please ask our Drivers for a detailed leaflet.

News from the Tower

Visiting ringers during March 2020

Monday, March 30th 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 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.



THIS NEWSLETTER NEEDS A NEW EDITOR

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Regrettably I will be stepping down as Editor of the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter later this year; the August/September issue will be my last one. If you think this is something you would like to take on, then please contact me to find out more.

(Angela Baker - email: angjbaker@outlook.com)



Celebration for Mothering Sunday

Make your own Sterling silver rings or bangle!

Come to a workshop run by Kathy of Katie Flutie Jewellery to make a set of three stacker rings or a bangle.

**The workshops will take place at Campton Village Hall,
Gravenhurst Road, Campton, SG17 5NY
on Saturday 21st March 2020**

The times of the workshops are 9.30am and 12.30pm; each is expected to last about 2-2½ hours. Spaces are limited to ten people per session.

The cost of the stacker rings is £32 and the bangle £42.

These prices include all tuition, use of equipment, materials (Sterling silver), polishing and light refreshments.

The finished items will be available for collection from All Saints Church on Sunday 22nd March (Mothering Sunday) or 29th March; or they can be posted to you at additional cost.

Booking is essential and full payment will be taken at the time of booking. Please contact Kathy at katie.flutie1@gmail.com or 07806 433394 (leaving a message if necessary) to book and arrange payment.

**THIS IS A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON**

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

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