

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2020



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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

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, Don't Throw in the Trowel



Once it is deemed safe to do so, details of forthcoming meetings will be published.

Until then, enjoy your gardens this summer, whether you are growing vegetables or flowers, or just relaxing in a deckchair with a cup of tea (or wine)!!

For more information, please contact... *Maryika* 01462 851729

Wanderbus Update

Our bus service is suspended at present, but we hope to be running again sometime in June. We will be changing one of our routes to offer a service to Hitchin from Gravenhurst every Tuesday, as of July. The service coming from Campton end will pick up opposite St Giles Church at 9.24am and adjacent Parkside at 9.25am, following Barton Road through Lower Gravenhurst and going via Barton-Le-Clay, arriving in Hitchin, Bancroft at approx. 10.00am with the return service leaving Hitchin (Stop G outside Paperchase) at 12.10pm.

Shefford based with routes serving Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes



Campton Village Hall

FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, THE VILLAGE HALL IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NO ADMITTANCE IS ALLOWED WITHOUT PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS AND WHEN THE SITUATION CHANGES.

During this time of closure, we have taken the opportunity of turning a 'negative' into a 'positive' and through the services of a local tradesman we have progressed with planned internal redecoration and maintenance works, including a fresh coat of paint to the main hall and front meeting room and new flooring in the meeting room too.

A new fresh and bright start for when we can eventually reopen!!

We would also like to say a big **'THANK YOU'** to Caroline Greet for the loan of her hedge trimmer; this made a hard job very much easier 😊

If you would like to get involved in helping to run the Village Hall for your local community, then please contact the Management Committee to find out more.

**For more information regarding the Hall please call 07950 458940
or email: camptonvh@outlook.com**

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



MAY WINNERS: 1st (£35) No. 104 P. Brown

2nd (£20) No. 58 K. Holland

3rd (£15) No. 97 Mr. Eaton

100 Club Draw Update

Monthly prize draws are continuing to take place (under safety guidelines) throughout this subscription year, with the winning numbers still being published within this newsletter. Since monetary prizes are issued as cheque payments, we do appreciate that at the moment it is not always easy for people to pay these into their bank accounts. Therefore, if anyone needs to have a cheque reissued due to it becoming out of date, then please contact the Village Hall Management Committee and we will be happy to reissue your cheque on receipt of the original one.

"THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT"

News from the Tower

At the moment there are major concerns relating to the public health crisis and coronavirus in particular. Therefore, there will be no ringing at Campton for Sunday morning services or on Tuesday nights until further notice.

*If you fancy trying an activity that involves both physical activity and mental stimulation for all ages, 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.*

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Report

As explained in the May Newsletter the next stage of developing the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for Campton and Chicksands is a statutory formal consultation requiring leaflet drops, face to face drop-in sessions and other publicity activities that cannot easily be undertaken whilst the current HM Government restrictions remain in place. As a result, progression of the NP unfortunately remains on hold.

However, now that the Parish Council have resumed regular monthly meetings online, the NP Steering Group plan to resume their meetings using an online platform in order that we may be ready to move forward with this important consultation as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Any changes to this situation will be posted on the Parish Council website.

Wishing everyone well... The NP Steering Group



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Since publication of the May Newsletter and implementation of the Coronavirus Act 2020 there have been a number of changes to legislation governing the activities of Local Government. The Act has provided some flexibility to the requirements of Parish Councils. As reported last month Parish Councils are not required to hold an Annual Parish Meeting this year; this meeting usually witnesses voting for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Councillors currently in these positions will remain in position until April 2021, when the next Annual Parish Meeting will be scheduled.

It is important that Local Government continues to operate and make decisions particularly with reference to planning and finances, and the new legislation now allows virtual online meetings to take place. The Parish Council held their first virtual meeting via Zoom on 6th May 2020 and it was successful. The meeting ran as per normal allowing residents to participate at the beginning of the meeting followed by an agenda of required business. Ward Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard also attended to provide additional information on the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) response to the pandemic and other matters. The next meeting, that will once again be via Zoom, is to be held at 7pm on 3rd June 2020. The Agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards three days in advance and any resident wishing to join the meeting will need to email me and I will issue a passcode on the day of the meeting that will enable them to gain access.

With regards the coronavirus pandemic CBC are incredibly pleased with the support on hand locally, with the community pulling together to look after the more vulnerable or isolated residents. Both the Parish Council and CBC would like to thank all the local volunteers and the community as a whole for their continued efforts, it is invaluable during this difficult time. The Parish Council continue to work with the Good Neighbour Volunteers (Community Helpline advertised on the back page). If you require any help, please contact either them or me and we can make arrangements to provide assistance.

Concerns were raised over recently announced delegation of powers within Central Bedfordshire Council, particularly regarding the Development Management Committee (DMC). The situation has now been reviewed and a recent trial of a live online CBC Traffic Management Committee was successful. As a result, all DMC meetings will now be on a web-based system whereby the public, community and stakeholders' views can be heard. Please be assured

that Ward Councillors and the Parish Council can still call any planning applications into the DMC if they feel it is necessary and appropriate.

Just after the publication of the last Newsletter Campton residents received a consultation leaflet from CALA Homes outlining their proposal for development of the CBC “emerging” Local Plan HAS08 housing allocation on Greenway. The Parish Council wish to clarify that they had not been contacted by CALA homes prior to circulation of this leaflet, or before the Parish Council meeting held on 6th May. Furthermore, we would like to say that the Parish Council have not discussed traffic calming on Greenway with this, or any other, developer. However, at our meeting on 6th May it became clear that our CBC Ward Councillors had been contacted and have discussed the proposal with a planning consultant company working with CALA Homes. We understand that our Ward Councillors emphasised that a linear development on Greenway would be more in keeping with the village. Parish Councillors have discussed the relevant points within the leaflet and responded to the CALA Homes consultation based on the Parish Council’s position on HAS08 presented at the draft CBC Local Plan public examination last summer, and reflecting the extensive feedback from residents during Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan consultations. The Parish Council also requested that a postal address for CALA Homes community consultation responses be provided to better include those residents who do not have internet access. We understand that in response to this request CALA Homes plan to send out additional feedback questionnaires to Campton residents, complete with a freepost envelope for the return of written comments. The Parish Council thank CALA Homes for taking this important action. If you have yet to provide your feedback to the developer on the proposal and wish to, please take this opportunity.

Should a development application be forthcoming all residents will of course have the opportunity to support, object or comment on the application as part of the formal CBC planning application consultation process.

I would also like to thank all residents that forwarded me your views regarding this housing proposal. This is most helpful to the Parish Council. We now must wait and see if CALA Homes submit a formal application to Central Bedfordshire Council.

The planned full resurfacing of Greenway is still in the CBC Highways programme of works and is planned for August 2020, subject to the situation regarding the virus outbreak at that time.

The Recreation Ground play area has recently had a safety inspection to ensure it is safe, but in accordance with current HM Government guidelines the play equipment and area still remain closed. Thank you to all of you for adhering to this requirement.

If any of you are reading this online version and are aware of a resident, who would normally read the newsletter but does not have internet access, then please contact me either by email or telephone and I will happily post out a copy to them.

Take care and keep safe.

The next meeting of the Parish Meeting will take place on
Wednesday 3rd June 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.

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

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News from the Pews

It is a very strange feeling to have the Church shut and no people going in and out during this difficult time. I hope that those who wished have found on-line Services helpful. Meanwhile the building is closed, but we are still here and offering prayer, comfort or just a chat from our phones. Please do not hesitate to call Beth or myself at any time. Keep safe and perhaps by the time of the next Parish letter the worst will have passed.

Audrey 01462 850001 / ***Beth*** 07523 079507 – Churchwardens

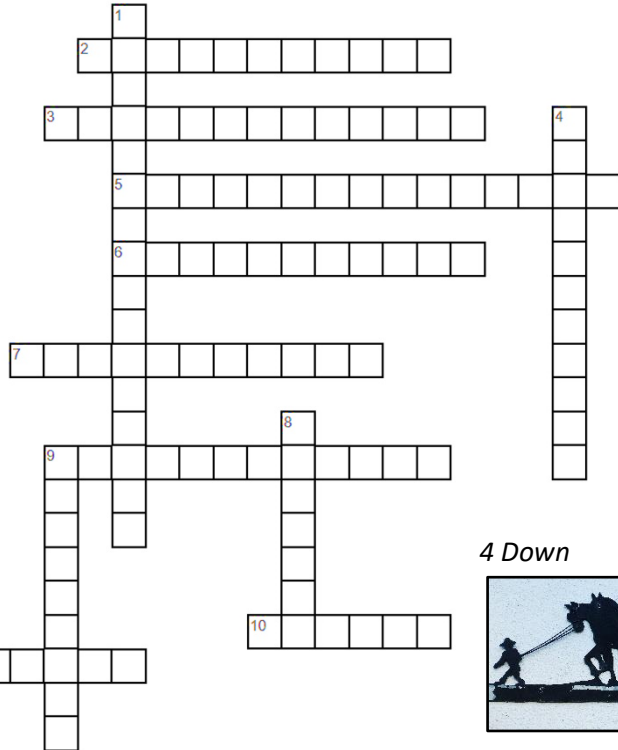


Campton & Chicksands Crossword

6 Across



10 Across



4 Down



Across

- 2 Clean up here! (6,5)
- 3 An 18th century building - YE TROTH COLDER (anag) (3,3,7)
- 5 Handy tools to use around the garden (5,3,7)
- 6 PHOTO - On which building will you find this (5,6)
- 7 Campton's original name, as written in the Domesday Book (11)
- 9 Passers by HATH WET THEIR whistles here for many years (3,5,4)
- 10 PHOTO - Which family does this emblem belong to (6)
- 11 The Gilbertines may have strolled along here? (5,4)

Down

- 1 Suffolk born poet buried in All Saints Churchyard; died 1823 (6,10)
- 4 PHOTO - On which building will you see this (7,4)
- 8 Which family built the Manor House (Rectory Road) in 1591 (7)
- 9 Road named after the 27th American President (4,5)

(Answers to be found at the end of this Newsletter)



Just take it one day
at a time. If you can
get through today,
you can get through
tomorrow. Then
repeat, until we're
out the other side.

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPLINE

It has been heartening to see the numerous offers for help from neighbour to neighbour as we continue through this period of uncertainty and restrictions to daily life, but inevitably there will be those who find themselves isolated despite local networks. For this reason a group of parishioners, based largely on the recently dormant Good Neighbour Group, have volunteered to form a support backstop.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to them for this public-spirited action.

SHOULD YOU BECOME ISOLATED AND NEED HELP OVER THE COMING MONTHS AND DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW, PLEASE PHONE EITHER: -



07488 543946 OR 07782 809633

Your need will be passed to the group, which will work out the best way of helping you. You should never hand over money, credit or debit cards or bank details. We should be extra vigilant at this time of those who wish to take advantage of the vulnerable, and if you suspect someone is trying to do so you should immediately phone the police.

The Parish Council

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

Email: angjbaker@outlook.com Tel: 01462 851733

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS:-	
2 Hoover Place	1 Robert Bloomfield
3 The Old Rectory	4 Village Hall
5 Trugs and Trowels	8 Ventris
6 Lower School	9 Taft Place
7 Chumblestone	
9 The White Hart	
10 Osborn	
11 Monks Walk	