

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

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Campton Village Hall

The Management Committee are pleased to announce that the Village Hall is now open for Booking Enquiries again. We are looking forward to welcoming back our regular users, as well as some new faces too! The past few months have been difficult, but time has not been wasted; the hall has been given a fresh coat of paint and closure has given us an opportunity to catch up on maintenance jobs!

A lot of hard work has also gone into making the hall Covid-19 Secure. During this challenging time, we continue to be guided by government guidelines and closely follow ACRE's recommendations for the safe use of Village Halls. **Therefore, when visiting the hall please read and abide by the guidelines detailed on the signage displayed outside and around the hall – Thank You**

Please follow the 'Village Hall' link on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's website for all the information regarding hiring the hall:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall>
or contact us on 07950 458940 / email: camptonvh@outlook.com

Do you have any historic photographs of the Village Hall that we could copy and put on display? If you think you have anything of interest, please contact Keith on 01462 816435 or send us an email.

We are always looking for extra volunteers to join the committee, so if you would like to get involved in helping to run the Village Hall for your local community, then please get in touch using the contacts above.



100 Club Draw Update.....We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Draw over the past twelve months and congratulations all our winners. We hope that we will be able to welcome you all back soon.

In the meantime, due to the fact that monetary prizes are issued as cheque payments and getting to the bank has been difficult recently; if anyone needs to have a cheque reissued due to it becoming out of date, then please contact the Village Hall Management Committee and we will be happy to reissue your prize money cheque, on receipt of the original.

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

Consultation on the Campton & Chicksands Draft Neighbourhood Plan starts Thursday 24th September

In the August /September edition of the Parish Council Newsletter I reported that the NP Steering Group were about to review new and detailed advice from Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) on progressing with public consultation on a Neighbourhood Plan (NP). This advice was in turn based upon national guidance issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government regarding the progression of NPs whilst the COVID-19 emergency continues.

The NP Steering Group approached CBC with a view to moving forward with the next consultation (Regulation 14) and we were asked to produce an Engagement Strategy to demonstrate that we could run an inclusive, fair and above all safe consultation exercise based on local and national guidance. This document was written, and we have now been given a green light to run this important consultation on the draft plan by both CBC and the Parish Council.

By the time this Newsletter is distributed it is my expectation that every parish household and local business will have received a copy of a leaflet telling you all about this public consultation. The leaflet provides information on what's in the draft plan, the draft policies and non-policy actions (community aspirations), and how you can inspect the plan and supporting documents both online and via access to paper copy for those that don't have, or prefer not to use, the internet. There will be no face to face drop-in sessions as these are currently suspended under COVID-19 guidance, but the Steering Group are committed to using email, post or telephone to answer any questions and assist with ensuring information access for all.

The NP Consultation leaflet also provides information on how to make a representation and what will happen after this consultation is concluded.

At this stage of the plan the NP Steering Group will also be consulting more widely with statutory bodies (72 in total), all landowners, adjacent town and parish councils, and several local organisations.

Clearly the situation regarding the on-going health emergency may impact the schedule of this important consultation but it is our current expectation it will run for 8 weeks and end on Wednesday 18th November 2020.

The NP Steering Group would really appreciate your comments on the draft plan, as only then can we consider your views in any amendments to the plan going forward. We expect the finalised plan to go to referendum during 2021.

**We look forward to receiving your views - they are
important... Thank you**

Please regularly visit the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Parish Council website or the Parish Council noticeboards to see the latest updates on the progression of this consultation.

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Dave Baker
On behalf of the NP Steering Group

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting via Zoom on 2nd September 2020. Once again use of this online platform was successful and we were pleased to have some residents join the meeting.

As you will have seen we now have a new editor for the newsletter! Liz has kindly offered to take on the position ensuring that all residents will continue to receive a copy of our monthly Parish Council Newsletter. The Parish Council would once again like to thank Angela Baker for all her hard work and commitment on getting the newsletter out to you all each month over many years and we welcome Liz to the role, we hope you will enjoy working on the newsletter.

It is good to have the recreation ground play areas open again and thank all of you for reading and adhering to the COVID-19 guidance provided by the new signage when using the play equipment. It is important that we all work together to keep safe during this difficult time. The Parish Council agreement with Shefford Town & Campton Football Club has just been renewed and teams will once again be playing football on Saturday afternoons on the recreation ground.

I am sure that you will all be pleased with the recent works carried out by CBC Highways on Greenway, it has taken a long time but finally a new surface has been laid. We thank Ward Cllrs Mark Liddiard and Tony Brown for their help in pushing the need for this resurfacing forward with CBC. The Parish Council accounts have now been submitted to the external auditor, details of the accounts and how to view them can be found on the Parish Council website and the noticeboards.

As the Neighbourhood Plan moves towards the next stage, Regulation 14, the Parish Council would like to thank the NP Steering Group and all of those involved in the Plan for all of their efforts, in particular Dave Baker who has chaired the Steering Group over the last year or so. The hard work of the Steering Group and the associated Work Groups will help to shape the parish for the future.

The next meeting will once again be via Zoom and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 7th October 2020. The agenda will be posted on the website and noticeboards three days in advance, and any resident wishing to join the meeting will need to email me so that I may issue a passcode on the day of the meeting enabling them to gain access.

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CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPLINE

As the Covid-19 restrictions are being eased it remains possible that local residents may still need some assistance over the coming months. If you need help 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



Open to all passengers.

Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

W3 BIGGLESWADE	– Every Monday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	09.05		
Biggleswade – A1 London Rd Retail Park		10.05	12.05
Asda Superstore		10.10	12.00
Sainsbury's on request		10.13	11.57

W6 SHEFFORD	- Every Friday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops	09.07		
Shefford - Morrisons		09.26	10.50
Shefford Health Centre		09.30	10.45

W12B HITCHIN	– Every Tuesday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	9.19		
Hitchin – Bancroft Stop D		10.05	
Hitchin – Stop G (outside Paperchase)			12.10

W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	– 1st Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops	08.48		
WGC Central Bus Station		10.00	12.15

16 Seater Buses Available for Private Hire - Schools/Clubs etc.

Bookings & Info Tel: 0300 123 302

www.wanderbus.org.uk

e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

News from the Tower

Residents may know we resumed ringing at All Saints on the 11th of July ready for Sunday morning services, from 10.45am to 11am.

We are following the guidelines regarding bellringing, particularly with regard to social distancing - basically our bellropes are close together so we initially are still ringing only 3 or 4 of Campton's peal of 8 bells and only for 15 mins, not the usual 30 mins on Sunday mornings, but we ring them really well. Once things ease a little this we hope to revert to ringing all the bells, but we don't know when.

*****LEARNING TO RING*****

We will eventually need to train some new ringers so watch out for a recruiting campaign! Ringing is an absorbing skill but also fun, providing great mental and physical stimulation combined with the best fellowship you will find anywhere. Bellringing is something done by 40,000 people nationwide!

News from the Pews

All Saint's continues to be open for Services each Sunday at 11am and also for private prayer or a time of silence on Thursday mornings from 10.30 to 1pm. This gives the Church 72 hours between the two occasions and limits the amount of cleaning which needs to be done. We have a good proportion of the congregation who are able to attend and our thoughts and prayers go to those who still need to isolate at home.

Sadly no refreshments yet but the time will come when we can all gather again. Meanwhile keep safe and please feel free to contact me by telephone (01462 850001) if you would like to chat or have any questions.

Audrey Brand - Reader and Churchwarden.

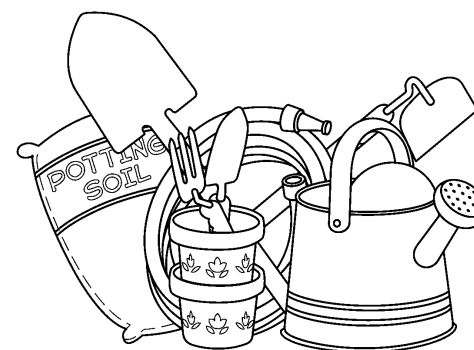
JOIN OUR SOCIALLY DISTANCED CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 14th November 10am to 12noon

Saturday 21st November 10am to 12noon

The trees in the Churchyard are being strangled with ivy and need serious attention urgently. Ivy is also encroaching on graves and walls, and brambles and nettles are joining in with this churchyard weed rampage.

Please join us on one or both of the above dates, armed with your own garden tools, and (due to Covid restrictions) your own elevenses. Saws to help with removing low branches and the use of a strimmer would be immensely helpful too.



Gardening knowledge is not needed!

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Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th October 2020
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