

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter December 2020



Join in our Parish Christmas Festival

**Saturday 12th December
&
Sunday 13th December**

**Stroll around the neighbourhood to
see all the fabulously decorated
Trees, Doors and Windows!**

Please see page 8 for more information.

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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If you have any news or views you wish to share
please contact the Editor, Liz Bishop - details on back page

News from the Pews

Due to the latest lockdown the Church had to be closed once more and sadly we were unable to hold the Remembrance Sunday Service in the Church. Instead we set up our first Zoom Service and tried to keep the Act of Remembrance as close to normal as possible, complete with Bruce, our trumpeter, playing from home.

As the feedback was very positive we have continued our weekly services on Zoom. John and Linda also tolled the Church bell on Armistice Day to time the two minute silence at 11am and people marked the moment from their front gardens. So thank you to everyone who made these two events possible in our village.

The Remembrance Service also prompted the request that we hold the Christmas Eve Carol Service on Zoom which we hope to do - so watch out for details of this and you can sing as loudly as you wish in your own homes.

Audrey Brand - Reader



Photo, Dave Baker

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPLINE

As the Covid-19 restrictions are still in place 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

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

Consultation Regulation 14 Consultation on the draft Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan is now closed.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to say a huge thank you to all those residents and other stakeholders that submitted feedback on the draft plan.

Back in September the NP Steering Group launched this statutory consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan (NP) underlining the importance of your feedback, as only then could we consider your views in any amendments to the Plan going forward.

Over the 8 weeks of the consultation we received many representations on the draft plan and the supporting documents demonstrated once again that residents across the parish are engaged with the development of this Plan. The NP Steering Group wish to thank all those that responded to the consultation. Once again, your views are just so important.

The NP Steering Group now have the important task of considering all the representations received and assessing the level of support for, or opposition to, draft policies and non-policy actions in this consultation copy of the Plan. As indicated in previous Newsletter reports this draft plan is evolving and it will be shaped by feedback from the community and other stakeholders. Interim updates on this process may be published as and when we are able.

Once this work is complete the draft plan, amended as necessary, will be thoroughly reviewed by the Parish Council to ensure due diligence on the part of the Steering Group before submission to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). A summary of all representations received will be made public at this stage. Please be assured that details of private individuals will not be published publicly.

CBC will then guide the Plan through the last stage of public consultation (Regulation 16), an independent government inspection and eventually to local public referendum hopefully in 2021. If the referendum result supports the Plan it will be “made” and will become an important point of reference, alongside CBC Local Plan policies, in the determination of local planning applications.

<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 4th November 2020. As we commence another national lockdown in England it is looking likely that Parish Council Meetings will be held online for quite some time ahead! Please remember that any resident is welcome to join these online meetings and raise any local issues that you wish the Parish Council to discuss. Just email me in advance of the meeting and I will issue you with the relevant access code. If you don't have, or prefer not to use, the internet than please telephone me, and I will raise your concern on your behalf.

The Parish Council are sorry to report that we have received a resignation from Councillor Jane Fradd. We are grateful for all her hard work on the new Parish Council website and her commitment to representing our residents at Chicksands Private. As well as saying goodbye to Jane, the Parish Council are pleased to welcome a new Councillor, Linda Garton. Linda attended our last meeting and was enthusiastic to join the team; we are all excited to start working with her on our ongoing projects. We still do have one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to hear more about the role of a Parish Councillor or would like to have a chat about it please do contact me, it would be good to hear from you.

I hope you are all enjoying recent newsletters that are now being produced by Liz Bishop. The Parish Council are very grateful for her taking on the role of editor. This winter we will be producing both a December and a January issue to keep you all informed. Unfortunately, the December issue will not be delivered door to door due to the lockdown as the PC do not wish to put any volunteers at risk during this difficult time. However copies will be posted on the noticeboards and **if you know of anyone who would normally read the Newsletter but does not have internet**

access please just let me know and I will happily post them a paper copy, we really do not want anyone to miss out.

The garden waste collection service provided by Central Bedfordshire Council will be suspended between 7th December 2020 and 26th February 2021.

The Ward Councillors for Campton and Chicksands are still following up the removal of the railings from the underpass, a car can now gain access where the previous railings prevented this. The railings were, we understand, removed to better enable social distancing during the Covid-19 health emergency.

The Ward Councillors also reported that Campton Lower School is now part of the BEST (Bedfordshire Schools Trust) Academies. The school is now working alongside this governing body.

The Parish Council is planning to have some of the play area matting replaced for the safety of its young users, we are currently receiving quotes for the works and hope that the work will commence in the spring, we will keep you posted.



Artwork, Karen Mangold

Thank you to all the residents who have taken the time to be part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Consultation process, we really do appreciate your feedback. The NP Steering Group have worked incredibly hard to get to this stage and the Parish Councillors would like to thank the whole team for all their hard work and commitment to the development of this important plan.

The next meeting via Zoom is to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd December 2020, the Agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards three days in advance.

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Campton Village Hall

Following recent government guidelines, the Village Hall closed on the 4th November for four weeks; all being well we will endeavour to open again, during the first week of December.

To keep up to date on information regarding the hall, please follow the 'Village Hall' link on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's website:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall>
or contact us on 07950 458940 / email: camptonvh@outlook.com.

**TO HELP US KEEP YOUR VILLAGE HALL OPEN AND COVID-19 SECURE:
WHEN VISITING THE HALL PLEASE READ & ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES DETAILED
ON THE SIGNAGE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE & AROUND THE HALL – THANK YOU.**



News from the Tower

Our ringing is governed by government and Church of England decisions, so with the current lockdown we are not allowed to ring until early December, and only then if the revised regulations permit.

Learning to Ring

We will be able to teach some new bell ringers one day! 40,000 people nationally are bellringers. We need new rings at All Saints Campton, so please get in touch if you are interested in this fun and absorbing skill.

John Loveless, 07803 206161



Reverse Advent Calendar

Everyone loves advent calendars to count them down to Christmas Day. Bedford Foodbank are running a Reverse Advent this Christmas.

Simply pop an item of food, a toiletry or cleaning product into a box every day in December until Christmas Eve. Please then bring your donation box to **All Saints Church porch on 24th December by 6pm at the very latest.** The boxes will be delivered to Bedford Foodbank between 4th and 8th January 2021 to replenish their stores after the Christmas festive period.

Urgently needed items include; fruit juices (long life), tinned meat (stew, curry, meatballs), sponge puddings (long life), rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, coffee, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet rolls, disposable razors, anti-bac hand gels, household anti-bac spray, cleaner, washing-up liquid, laundry wash tablets, shampoo, deodorant. Other suggested items include: jam, biscuits, cutlery sets, wooden spoons, bars of chocolate, coffee.

The Foodbank already have plenty of baked beans, cereal, porridge, conditioner, bubble bath and women's sanitary products.

Many thanks for your support - Beth Sullivan Ash, Church Warden

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Hello to all our members and non-members!

I wanted to update you all as to when we can return to our monthly gardening club. After talking with Campton Village Hall we are expecting to return Monday 12th April (as the first Monday, 5th, is a bank holiday). Please put the date in your diary as it will be so nice to see so many of you once again.

I would just like to wish you all a safe & happy Christmas full of merriment and good cheer, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021

For more information please contactMaryika, 01462 851729



Christmas Wreath,
Karen Mangold



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Programmes and voting slips @ £3 each will be available from outside Campton Village Hall between 2pm to 5pm on both Saturday 12th December & Sunday 13th December.

There will be a competition for children and a Covid Secure Tombola.

If you live in Campton and Chicksands and want to enter a Tree, Door or Window the **closing date is Friday 4th December. Entry: £5 per category.**

Payment can be made by BACs or cash with the entry form in an envelope. Please contact Maggie: marsh.mam@googlemail.com or 07989 082743

All **proceeds** will be split between **CHUMS Bedfordshire** (a local charity offering Mental, Health and Emotional Wellbeing to children and young people), and **All Saints Church, Campton.**



<https://www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Church-Campton-912375595529639>

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