

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter January 2021



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News from the Pews

This year's services are different for obvious reasons. We will not be able to hold our popular Nine Lessons and Carols at 6pm on Christmas Eve but we are allowed an outdoor carol service. This will be held at 3pm. Wrap up warmly and appropriately for the weather and please bring chairs if needed. Please stay on the pavement around church corner and socially distance as per national guidance. The service will be 30 minutes and be led from the churchyard. Hymn sheets will be available on line and as leaflets (to take away afterwards). All welcome.

On Christmas Day our service will be at 10.30am. We are only allowed 30 in the church at present and offer a warm welcome to all. We would be grateful if you are able to let us know in advance so that we can arrange seating. Please contact myself and Linda.

A big THANKYOU to all for supporting our Christmas festival. It is the first time we have held this and what a cheer up it gave to our community. Proceeds will be shared amongst the church and CHUMS.

Finally, thank you to everyone who is taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar which supports Bedford Foodbank. Contributions should be left in the church porch by 3pm on the 24th of December at the latest.

Campton Services:

December 24th - 3pm - Outdoor short Carol Service
December 25th - 10.30am - Christmas Parish Communion
December 27th - No Service
January 3rd - 11am - Parish Communion

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Church Wardens, Linda Garton 07702 590024 lindagarton61@gmail.com &
Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

Churchyard Working Party

The two Churchyard Working Parties in November renamed "The Battle of Ivy" was well supported by volunteers who got stuck-in with major clearing work, and the loading of the trailers to clear the mountain of invasive weeds, thank you for all your hard work. Thank you to Mike and Lesley Turner for their kind donation of tools and Sue and Simon Lamb for rehoming the mountain of vegetation.

Dates for the next working parties are:

Saturday 27th February 2021 and Saturday 6th March 2021

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting via Zoom on 2nd December 2020, once again it was good to see some residents joining us.

My report this month is a pleasure to write, as it is going to mainly involve me saying thank you.

Firstly, the Parish Council (PC) would like to thank the School (now Campton Academy), with Remembrance Sunday being difficult to arrange this year it was so lovely and thoughtful of the School to arrange poppies and poems to commemorate this Memorial Day. If you had chance to read the poems, I am sure you will agree how special they were! Such a lovely thought and so good that the children still remember this day, despite our current difficult circumstances.

The PC would also like to thank All Saints Church for organising Remembrance services for the community via Zoom. As we are currently less able to join together as we would want, opportunities for online gathering are really important. The PC are grateful to everyone involved.

This leads me to another thank you. Lots of residents have recently joined together in socially distanced working parties to make improvements at the Churchyard tackling overgrown areas. Thank you to the organiser and everyone that has contributed to this effort.

Finally, the PC would like to thank both the organisers and the participants of the Christmas festival for all their work in planning and making this a very special event. It was a wonderful idea, and it was great to see the community getting involved and coming together to make Christmas as special as it can be this year. I am looking forward to popping over to see how festive the parish looks!

Our Ward Councillors were able to offer a Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) update at the meeting. James Jamieson has stepped down from his position within CBC, a new leader will be announced on 14th January 2021.

A member of the CBC Highways team will be visiting Campton soon to inspect the standard of the recent resurfacing of Greenway. We will update you once we receive his report. CBC will be launching a new highways reporting system in the new year called 'Fix my road'. We will be able to offer you more information when we have been briefed.

The CBC Executive have met and agreed Business Support Grants, these grants are available for those who were forced to close under the recent lockdown. Details are on the CBC website. If you know of any small businesses affected by the recent lockdown please ask them to look at the website to see if they are eligible for support. The Government has granted new powers for local authorities when dealing with businesses who are breaking the new tier rules. They can issue a 48-hour improvement notice, an automatic closure and immediate restriction notice.

Leisure centres have reopened and are offering a range of activities, please contact your local centre or view details via the website for more information.

It has been confirmed that the railings at the A507 underpass were removed as a Covid-19 precaution. Ward Cllrs Mark Liddiard and Tony Brown have asked that they be reinstalled, we will update you once we receive further information.

The grass verges at the Priory Road approach to Campton were recently filled and seeded. Unfortunately due to diverted traffic after the recent traffic accidents on the A507 they are once again damaged. Cllr Liddiard will request that they are repaired again with something more permanent. He has also requested that the Police visit the area and assess the road in terms of safety following the recent accidents.

The next meeting via Zoom is to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th January 2020. The Agenda will be posted on the Parish Council website and noticeboards three days in advance.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy Christmas & New Year. Clerk to the Parish Council tammy.medley@btinternet.com Tel 01908 505558 / 07955 521174

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

The NP Steering Group have now started the process of fully reviewing all the feedback received during the recent consultation. Many of the representations are detailed and it is clear this exercise will take several weeks to complete. We continue to keep the Parish Council and our Neighbourhood Involvement Officer at Central Bedfordshire Council informed of progress.

We were generally pleased with engagement from the community during the consultation given the difficult background of the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency and once again we thank everyone that submitted feedback on the draft plan.

We had more than 80 representations with a good balance between responses from Chicksands residents, Campton residents, landowners, statutory consultees, local businesses, and other interested parties. Baseline statistics show that approx. 28% of respondents supported the draft plan without modifications, 44% would support with modifications, 6% were not supportive and 22% gave no response to this question. A full breakdown of all the consultation data will be published in the Consultation Statement that will accompany the next iteration of the draft plan hopefully early in 2021.

As indicated in previous Newsletter reports this draft plan is evolving and will be shaped by feedback received from the community and other stakeholders. Interim updates on consultation outcomes may be communicated as and when we are able.

Once this review activity is complete the draft plan, amended as necessary, will be thoroughly scrutinised 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, following any final amendments required, 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.

The NP Steering Group wish all Newsletter readers a restful and healthy Christmas & New Year.

Dave Baker
On behalf of the NP Steering Group

Campton Village Hall

The Village Hall opened its doors again on Wednesday, 2nd December after the four-week lockdown. At the time of writing this article, Tier 2 restrictions are in force and because of this not all hirers have been able to return. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we are able to welcome everyone back.

Our website page is updated regularly with information regarding the hall; to visit this please follow the 'Village Hall' link on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's website:-

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall>

For all enquiries:- 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.**



**THE VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
AND THE HOPE OF A BRIGHTER 2021**

News from the Tower

We've been ringing on Sundays in December following lockdown, this in line with ever-changing Church of England regulations. The bellringers' central body liaises with the C of E COVID Recovery Group and we at local level have to work out what it all means!

Therefore our ringing has been something of a variable feast, ranging from standard ringing on four bells, handbell ringing on 8 bells performed outside the church to greet people to service, and last Sunday two of us chimed four the bells in the church, which is very hard work! Once we all start to benefit from the vaccine ringing will return to normal and we will be able to teach some new bell ringers at Campton! Watch out!

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Wanderbus is a fixed route bus service open to everyone.



Come and join us on any of our routes!!

Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

W3 BIGGLESWADE	- Every Monday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	09.05	RR	
Opp Church	09.06	RR	
Biggleswade – A1 London Rd Retail Park	10.05	12.05	
Asda Superstore	10.10	12.00	
Sainsbury's on request	10.13 OR	11.57 OR	
W6 SHEFFORD	- Every Friday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops	09.07	RR	
Opp Church	09.08	RR	
Shefford - Morrisons	09.26	10.50	
Shefford Health Centre	09.30 OR	10.45 OR	
W12B HITCHIN	- Every Tuesday	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	09.19	RR	
Opp Church	09.20	RR	
Hitchin – Bancroft Stop D	10.05		
Hitchin – Stop G (outside Paperchase)			12.10
W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	- 1st Thurs of Month	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All stops	08.48	RR	
Opp Church	08.49	RR	
WGC Central Bus Station	10.00	12.15	

OR = Stops on Request

RR = Return Stops on Request

MONTHLY EXCURSIONS 2021 April - November
4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH - RING FOR DESTINATION & BOOKINGS

Cash Fares only - sorry no travel passes can be accepted

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



Parish Christmas Festival

Saturday 12th December &

Sunday 13th December

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who entered the Christmas Festival, it was lovely to see all the fabulous ideas and displays, Campton certainly looked Festive!

Also a big thank you to everyone who walked around the Village on a cold and wet weekend to support and raise money for the charities, CHUMS and All Saints Church. it was great to see so many out and about. The total raised is £1170.81!

The weekend was about the taking part and having fun, however there was a vote for your favourites and the count was awfully close. Congratulations to the winners!

Open section	Tree	Brewers Barn (entry No 2)
	Window	13 Gravenhurst Road (entry No 9)
	Door	21 Gravenhurst Road (entry No 7)
Children's section	Tree	12 Greenway (entry No 24)
	Window	Rectory Barn (entry No 4)
	Door	Campton Academy (entry No 42)

The prizes and Tombola Prizes were kindly donated by many individuals, the Parrish Family, Tim's Country Crafts, Shefford Building Supplies, Morrisons and the Co-op. The lovely Gingerbread House was donated by Emma Curtis.

Photos of the displays are on the website:

<https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>



Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th January 2021
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