

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2021

As restrictions are being eased we are starting to see more activities for our community to be involved in. If you would like to be take part please contact the individual organisers, details within this newsletter.



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Excursions also available.

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We are excited to confirm our Picnic in the Park where we can join together after such unprecedented times for a safe and positive music event. *Government guidance at the time will be followed.*

Saturday 3rd July 2021 from 16:00 to 22:15

at Campton Recreation Ground

Live music will be from acoustic guitarist Luke White and "Corruption" who are a six piece band playing a range of music through the musical genres and eras

Entrance - suggested £2.50 per person to cover cost of musicians

Bring your own chairs, picnic and drinks and sit back and enjoy the entertainment on a summer's evening.

Please contact Maryika Wilding if you are planning to attend to ensure government guidance will be followed. Tel: 07813 121781 or 01462 851729

**Keep the date free and we look forward to seeing you for
our Picnic in the Park with live music!**

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting via Zoom on 5th May 2021. All Parish Council meetings are open to residents. The Parish Council meeting started with the election of Chair and Vice-Chair, it was agreed the Charles Ash will continue as Chairman and Dave Baker as Vice-Chair for the following year, all other Councillors accepted to continue covering their current responsibilities.

Legislation was passed on 7th May 2020 allowing all Parish councils to hold virtual public meetings in place of face-to-face meetings during the pandemic. This piece of legislation was valid for one year and it was hoped under the continuing uncertainties regarding coronavirus it would be extended. The High Court have recently ruled that it should not be extended and face to face meetings should recommence, although an appeal has been filed and we are awaiting further update. The Parish Council therefore for the moment are not permitted to hold virtual public meetings and until 21 June 2021 only six people are permitted indoors so a face-to-face meeting in the village hall would be against guidelines and would not allow for public attendance. The Parish Council have therefore decided to cancel their June meeting and will recommence meetings on 7th July. We have provisionally booked the village hall for this date but will confirm nearer the time if it will be a face-to-face meeting or virtual. Should you have any concerns or queries in this period please do not hesitate to contact us.

CBC Ward Councillor Tony Brown reported that the 'Fix My Street' App is running very well and CBC are pleased with the overall response from the public. This App is available for Android or Apple devices and can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store. If you wish to report a Highways issue, condition of pathways, roads, street lighting etc then please do use this App or go on the CBC website and report it. www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/55/transport_roads_and_parking/588/report_or_track_roads_and_highways_problems_-_potholes_street_lights

There is an on-going CBC consultation regarding requirements for and siting of public electric charging units for vehicles. The consultation runs until end of May 2021 and the Parish Council will be responding to this on behalf of the residents. Cllr Brown will contact Highways regarding the lorry tracks on Priory Road grassed verges, he will request a survey of the road. We currently have an expectation of some remedial works being carried out in July, but Parish Councillors are concerned that the same issues will easily reoccur.

Parish Councillors are working on a refresh of the Welcome Cards for new residents moving into the Parish.

Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley
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THE 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW IS RETURNING

The Campton Village Hall Management Committee is pleased to announce that the 100 Club Prize Draw will be returning shortly, with the first draw of this year taking place in September.

THE COST OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE £15 PER NUMBER
As before there will be three monetary prizes awarded each month, plus an additional bonus monetary prize in December, April & August.

This year we are offering you the opportunity to pay for your subscription on-line using a BACS payment. This can be done any time between now and the end of August, to enter for this year's Draw.

To obtain details on how to pay this way, please contact Liz:-

Email: villagehall100club@gmail.com

Phone: 01462 819058

You will also still be able to pay for your subscription using cash or a cheque; Committee members will be calling house to house during July and August.

The 100 Club Draw plays an important part in raising funds to help keep your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community, so we would like to thank you all for your continued support, it means a lot - Good Luck!

A copy of the 100 Club Rules can be found on our website page:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/100-club/>

News from the Pews

Over the last month we have continued to meet at All Saints every Sunday, mindful of Hands-Face-Space of course. We have found new ways of doing things - the wording for services is now projected onto a screen and we have a small choir to sing the hymns whilst the rest of us hum with our lips firmly closed behind our masks! We are still without a Rector, and this is likely to be the case until Autumn at the earliest. In the meantime we are hugely grateful to our Reader, Audrey Brand, our Lay Leader of Worship, Deborah Maggs and the Revd Christopher Strong (in theory retired!) for leading our worship throughout what has been a very long Vacancy. We look forward to welcoming our Archdeacon, The Ven Dave Middlebrook, to lead our service on 6th June. Everyone is very welcome to join us on Sundays at 11am. Please just let one of us know in advance so that we can arrange seating for you.

The funeral service of longstanding Campton resident, Ken Stevens, was held at All Saints on 7th May. Despite restrictions meaning that numbers were limited, it was a beautiful service reflecting Ken's love of his garden and nature.

A really big thank you to everyone who helped with the churchyard tidy up in early May, and especially to Maggie Marsh for organising this.

Thank you too for continuing to support the Food Bank. Contributions may be left in the church porch.

With best wishes to everyone from your Church Wardens, Linda Garton 07702 590024 lindagarton61@gmail.com and Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

<https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>

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

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPLINE

In recent weeks it was decided to discontinue the Community Support Helpline that was setup early in the pandemic. This decision has been taken partly as result of COVID-19 restrictions being lifted and follows consultation with the local volunteers that have monitored the helpline telephone numbers over the last year or so. We are really fortunate to live in a parish where neighbours look out for each other, and as a result it seems, the service has been seldom used.

A similar service is supported by Central Bedfordshire Council and should residents find themselves required to self-isolate, and in need to assistance with essential food shopping or collection of medication please note the availability of this service. You can contact them directly for support by emailing gns@bedsrcc.org.uk or calling 01234 838771.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those volunteers that helped to run this service for the community.

News from the Tower

We were delighted to ring a peal at All Saints Church, Campton, on Monday 3rd May in memory of Sir Stanley Odell. He was a great supporter of this church and gave a bell when the new ring of eight were installed in 2007.

Because of COVID limitations we rang in the church porch. It was a cold, windy afternoon. We were so pleased that Lady Grace Odell joined us before the peal.

We rang 5040 of Plain Bob Minor, a 6-bell method. We rang it on handbells where each ringer rings two bells, it took 2hr 13mins of continuous ringing. David Kemp, ringing master at St Mary's Hitchin, joined us. The ringers were:
1-2 Linda Garton, 3-4 David Kemp, 5-6 John Loveless (conductor)



New relaxed rules (at last) as of 17th May are 13 months since the March 2020 lockdown. We are hopeful of permitted ringing personnel rising from 3 to 6 ringers, with face coverings, hand sanitation, 2m social distancing and 45 mins ringing time (rather than 15) by low risk individuals. This will allow us to ring as normal on Sundays. Teaching new ringers draws closer!

Stall Holders Wanted for Art & Craft Fair

We are looking for local craftspeople who would like to have a stall at an Art & Craft Fair held at Campton Village Hall in late November or early December.

If you would like to be involved please contact Liz by email elizabethpbishop@gmail.com or phone 01462 819058

Campton Village Hall

During April we were very pleased to open our doors again to a few permitted group activities, hopefully very soon we will be able to say hello again to even more regular hirers and welcome some new faces too!

We are actively seeking more volunteers to help out with the general running of your village hall.

So, if you feel you can spare a little of your time, it would be greatly appreciated; please get in touch to find out more.

For Hall enquiries:- contact us on 07950 458940 /
email: camptonvh@outlook.com

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

The NP Steering Group are pleased to report that our Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents (as revised following Regulation 14 consultation last autumn) were submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) at the end of April. CBC have since published the submission versions of all documents and launched the last stage of public consultation (Regulation 16) on the 7th of May. Regulation 16 is an important statutory consultation promoted and managed throughout by the Local Authority and more details on how to view all documents and submit comments can be found on the CBC Neighbourhood Planning webpage www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/473/neighbourhood_planning/4

At this stage of consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan all comments should be submitted to CBC as outlined on this webpage. Regulation 16 Consultation will run for a total of six weeks closing at 5.00pm on the 18th of June 2021.

Neighbourhood Plan supporting documents include the Basic Conditions Statement, Design Statement and also the Consultation Statement (including Appendices). The Consultation Statement and appendices document the extensive evidence base for our Neighbourhood Plan policies and non-policy actions and address the outcomes of previous consultations. If you are unable to access the internet but would like to read any of these documents, please contact the Parish Clerk. The NP Steering Group will endeavour to provide access to a printed copy.

At the end of Regulation 16 our Neighbourhood Plan will move to independent examination. The outcomes of Regulation 16 and the examiner's report will be published on the CBC website in due course.

Please note that submission versions of the Neighbourhood Plan documentation are also available via the Parish Council website www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Dave Baker, On behalf of the NP Steering Group

**Wanderbus is a fixed
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Campton Residents: why not try our service & enjoy a social trip with our regulars from surrounding villages. If you put your hand out we will stop anywhere along Greenway or opposite the church. Our drivers will also drop you back near your own front door and even help you with heavy shopping. We offer a unique service, so please do come and join us!

Wanderbus offers the below services for Campton residents:

Mondays - W3: Biggleswade

Tuesdays - W12B: Hitchin

1st Thursday of month - W14: Welwyn Gardens City

Fridays - W6: Shefford

A monthly excursion programme available, please contact us for destinations and bookings.

For further information or clarification please do get in touch.

Tel: 0300 123 302

www.wanderbus.org.uk

e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

Trugs and Trowels

We are hoping to start meetings again in the near future, look out for updates in this newsletter!

In the meantime, there is a new 2021 NGS [open gardens brochure](#) available online and all garden openings require tickets to be purchased through an online booking system to manage visitor numbers.

Keep upto date with our meetings, gardening tips and information:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/287383098452022/>

Maryika Wilding on 07813 121781 or 01462 851729

Items for the next Newsletter (a joint July & August issue) must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th June 2021
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