

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter July / August 2021



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THE 100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW IS RETURNING

As announced in last month's newsletter, the first draw of the new subscription year will take place in September 2021.

****BUY YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS NOW****

THE COST OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE £15 PER NUMBER

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.

To enter for this years' Draw, payment can be done any time
between now and the end of August.

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

Email: villagehall100club@gmail.com Phone: 01462 819058

If you would still prefer to pay for your subscription using cash or a
cheque; Committee members will be calling house to house during July &
August.

The 100 Club Draw plays an important part in raising funds towards
keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole
community; we would like to thank you all for your continued support.
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/>

My Little Pot of Discovery

"One afternoon in May digging out a new channel on my rockery for a small waterfall I dug under one of the larger sandstone pieces which appeared to have a rather big lump in the way, but much to my surprise it turned out to be a small Roman Pot. It was fairly free of earth, empty and dry. No treasures inside which would've been nice or maybe even a phone number haha!!



Two museums have been interested in my find which is very pleasing.

The rockery was built up in the 1980s of sandstone delivered by the late Charlie Baron who I believe got it from a quarry at Eagles Bend, Clophill. How it survived in tact without getting smashed to bits is another mystery, God only knows."

Mr Thomas William Langley

Garden Treasures

Are you interested in finding out if there are any fascinating objects hidden within your garden?

Maybe 2000 year old Roman jewellery, Medieval silver coins, musket balls ... who knows what you may have buried outside your house!

Both John and myself (95 Greenway) have already discovered some interesting finds with our metal detectors. Should we find anything of interest we will include some details in future issues of this newsletter. If we find anything of real value we would like to consider donating some of the sale proceeds to the upkeep of our beautiful Campton Church.

For more information please contact Morgan on 07534 952733

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting "face to face", back at the Village Hall on 2nd June 2021. Please note that all councils are awaiting an update from the High Court as to whether the central government decision not to extend the lockdown option of virtual meetings will be reconsidered, or whether we will need to continue with face-to-face meetings going forward.

Please remember that all Parish Council meetings are open to residents and the next meeting will be on the 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 held virtually via Zoom. In order to best manage the meeting if it is "face to face", and ensure the environment is safe for all attending, any resident who would like to attend must please notify me in advance. As it is now clear that some lockdown restrictions are still likely to be in place at that time, should you have any concerns or queries relating to this meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember that updates on meetings and agenda etc. can always be found on the Parish Council website: <https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/>

The Parish Council 2020/21 accounts have now been agreed and I have sent them to the internal auditor to verify prior to them going to the external auditor. The accounts are public documents and can be made available to any resident to view upon request. If anyone would like to view the accounts or invoices that have been agreed in the last financial year, then please do contact me so arrangements can be made.

Central Bedfordshire Council are running their "Safer Community" survey again, it is an opportunity for you to have your say on issues such as crime and community safety. The survey is open to anyone living or working in Central Bedfordshire. This survey runs annually so even if you completed it last year CBC are urging you to participate again. Please visit: <https://safercentral.org/community-safety-survey/>

The Parish Council have received some grant funding from our Ward Councillors and are looking to erect some new informational noticeboards in the Parish, these will display walks in the area that may be of interest to both to residents and visitors. Two Parish Councillors are working with the joint chairs of the Neighbourhood Plan Environment & Green Infrastructure Workgroup on progressing this project and we thank them for their efforts.

Whilst we are now seeing a short delay in the easing of lockdown it is already good to be able to have more a little more freedom to go out and to meet our loved ones, the Parish Council would all like to wish you all a very happy summer, but please do remember to stay safe. The next Newsletter will be the September edition.

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Wedding Flower Display / Festival

All Saints church will be open on Sunday 27th June 2-5 pm for a display / festival of wedding flowers including a wedding arch, pew ends and lots more. Please feel free to come along to have a look at the flower displays. Donations will go to church funds. Don't forget to bring your masks !

**Wanderbus is a fixed
route bus service open
to everyone.**



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

News from the Tower

Easing of lockdown rules have been delayed given recent media coverage and government announcements.

We are continuing Sunday ringing on 4 or 5 bells, with the familiar constraints in place, face coverings, hand sanitation, 2m social distancing, 30 mins ringing time (rather than 15) by low risk individuals.

Teaching new ringers draws closer although we have clapper silencers so we can 'teach' anyone who would like to learn to ring a bell – we do this in 15 min sessions!

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) have recently run Regulation 16 public consultation on the submission version of our Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation ran for six weeks and closed at 5.00pm on the 18th of June 2021.

This last stage of consultation was managed throughout by CBC and following consultation closure it is our expectation that our Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation (including all feedback received at Regulation 16) will move to formal and independent examination.

CBC post all Neighbourhood Plans in examination, including details of representations at Regulation 16 and examination documents, on the following webpage: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/473/neighbourhood_planning/5

In the coming weeks the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will work to answer any questions raised by the independent examiner and look to implement amendments as required by the examiner in advance of finalising all documents. The plan should then move forward to a local referendum that we hope will take place later this year.

Please note that submission versions of the Neighbourhood Plan and all supporting documentation remain accessible via the Parish Council website: www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Dave Baker, On behalf of the NP Steering Group



2021 Christmas Festival with Art & Craft Fair

Look out for details for our 2021 Christmas Festival in September's newsletter! If you would like to be involved either helping on the day or with the preparation please get in touch with Maggie by email marsh.mam@googlemail.com

We are looking for local artists and craftspeople who would like to have a stall at the Art & Craft Fair. Please contact Liz by email elizabethpbishop@gmail.com or phone 01462 819058 if you have suggestions or are interested in having a stall.

Campton Village Hall

Since opening our doors again in April, it has been heartening to see group activities gradually returning, bringing life back into the hall. We were of course hoping Step 4 of the Government's Roadmap would have been reached by now, but unfortunately it seems we will have to wait a little longer before we can fully reopen the hall to everyone - slowly but surely, we are getting there.

In last month's newsletter we announced the return of the **100 Club Draw**, with the first draw taking place in September; please see the separate item on page 2 of this newsletter to find out more and how you can enter. This fundraising activity offers you the opportunity, not only to have the chance of winning a monthly prize, but also knowing that your contribution will go towards helping fund the running of your local Village Hall.

To help you keep up with what activities are happening at the hall and how you can get involved; a new 'What's On' link is soon to be added to our website page, so keep a look out for that in the coming weeks ahead.

We are actively seeking more volunteers to join the Management Committee or to help with odd jobs around the 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 how you can help.

Our website page is updated regularly with information regarding the hall, this can be found by following the 'Village Hall' link on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council's website:-

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

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

News from the Pews

All Saints Church welcomed the Archdeacon of Bedford for a service in June while Audrey Brand took a well deserved holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Audrey, Christopher and Deborah for helping to keep our services running throughout the year and during our Vacancy.

As Covid restrictions are easing we were pleased to hear the news that our planned weddings can go ahead (with some restrictions) and wish all our couples well for their future married lives. It must have been an anxious time for them waiting for this news on 14 June!

We look forward to a lovely warm summer and learning how to live safely with the virus and hopefully some good news on this in July. We can then plan ahead for our coffee mornings etc.

We at All Saints wish you all a lovely summer and to remind you our services at 11am are continuing and you are all very welcome.

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Picnic in the Park

CANCELLED

Due to the delay in easing lockdown rules we are sorry to have to cancel this event. For further information please contact Maryika on 07813 121781 or 01462 851729.

Items for the September Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th August 2021
Email: elizabethpbishop@gmail.com Tel: 01462 819058