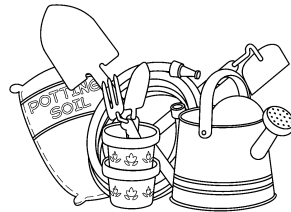


Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter September 2021



100 Club first draw of 2021 is September
- be in it to win it!

Trugs & Trowels returns
6th September @ 7:30pm



Plan ahead: 2021 Christmas Festival
with Art & Craft Fair
Saturday 4th December

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
published by the Parish Council
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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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting at the Village Hall on 7th July 2021. There was no Parish Council Meeting in August.

At July's meeting Ward Councillor Mark Liddiard provided updates on the impact of the pandemic on Council services due to staff self-isolating etc. This has led to the need to prioritise some services over others. Libraries are now all open but CBC are not planning to open up Priory House for general meetings, with most meetings remaining hybrid for the time being. Ward Councillor grants are still available.

With regards to Parish Council activities a new parish "Welcome" leaflet design was reviewed as were ongoing works to design and implement some Local Walks noticeboards in or around both settlements. The Clerk and Councillor Booton have been exploring options to spend \$106 monies available to for the Parish Council to spend on sports equipment. The Clerk has submitted the audit to the external auditor.

At the time of the July meeting Regulation 16 consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) had concluded (28 representations) and the Plan had moved to independent examination. As I am writing this report that examination has also concluded and, subject to inclusion of the examiner's recommendations, will go to referendum on the 23rd of September. Please see the separate insert for more information on our Neighbourhood Plan, and updates on the NP referendum are regularly posted on the Parish Council website:

www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

All those registered to vote within the parish are eligible to vote and will receive information and poll cards from CBC. Applications for postal votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ by 5 pm on Wednesday, 8th September 2021 and applications to vote by proxy by 5 pm on Wednesday, 15th September 2021.

Whilst the NP was in examination the Local Plan Inspectors issued their final report, with the long waited Local Plan considered “sound” subject to the amendments of the CBC Main Modifications consultation of March this year. As a result, **CBC formally adopted the new Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire on 22nd of July.** Of local interest is the CBC housing allocation on Greenway. The new Local Plan formally establishes this housing allocation HAS08, and subsequently the version of our NP going forward to referendum reflects this in the narrative on housing in order to demonstrate general conformity with the adopted Local Plan (a requirement of all Neighbourhood Plans). There are other amendments to the NP as a result of the examination and all residents are encouraged to read the final Neighbourhood Plan on either the CBC or Parish Council website:

www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/

Please remember that updates on Parish Council meetings and agendas etc. can always be found on our website. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st of September at the Village Hall.

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

Councillor Baker on behalf of Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley
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Burglary from Outbuilding

Please be aware that there has been a recent break in and burglary from an outbuilding in the Rectory Road / Elm Close area. Please be extra vigilant with security measures and ensuring outbuildings are locked and secured when not in use.

Please report any suspicious activity to the police by dialling 101 (please call 999 immediately if the crime is in progress).

News from the Pews

This has been a busy summer at All Saints, with occasions of both joy and sadness. We have celebrated the lovely weddings of Sophie Martin and Gregory Beszant, Samuel Strong and Samantha Levine, and Alexandra Fletcher and Michael Bridges. We wish each of these couples every happiness in their future lives together. We also welcomed the Barnard family and friends for a lovely service of Baptism on 22nd August. Our prayers are with the family of Julia Parrish, whose funeral and service of thanksgiving took place on 11th August.

We recently received the wonderful news that our Reader, Audrey Brand, is to receive the Order of St Alban for her long and exceptional service to our community and to the diocese. This will be presented by Bishop Alan at an evensong service in the cathedral in St Albans on Saturday 11th September at 4.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend. If you would like to go, and need transport, please let one of us know.

Everyone is always very welcome at our services every Sunday at 11am. We are continuing to keep some safety measures in place in church whilst numbers remain high. We use alternate pews to maintain social distancing, hand sanitiser when we come in and masks when walking around, but not whilst seated. It's lovely to be able to sing hymns again, though we're still wearing masks for this too. We'll keep these measures under review as covid numbers hopefully decline.

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

With best wishes to everyone,

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Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

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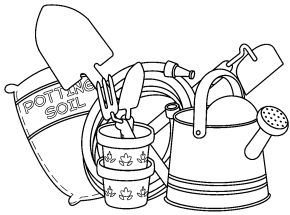
Like us on Facebook:

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

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

We return for our first meeting since 2019 on Monday 6th September!
Start time is 7.30pm at Campton Village Hall.

Seed swapping and social, competition, refreshments, all welcome to come along £3!



I look forward to seeing you all after so long.

For more information please contact.....
Maryika, 01462 851729



100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW STARTS SEPTEMBER

THE COST OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS £15 PER NUMBER

There will be three monetary prizes awarded each month,
plus an additional bonus monetary prize in December, April & August.

There is still time to enter! Please contact Liz:-

Email: villagehall100club@gmail.com Phone: 01462 819058

**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/>

Campton Village Hall

Even though legal restrictions were lifted as of 19th July, Government guidance will still be issued and we will continue to closely follow the Covid-19 guidance from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and BRCC (Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity). It does appear that all community events, activities, and private hires can now take place with risks managed, e.g., through ventilation, encouraging social distancing, hand washing, use of hand sanitiser and when appropriate the wearing of face masks. Nevertheless, the greater transmission associated with the Delta variant means it remains important for us all to act carefully and considerately by taking informed decisions to manage the risks and to respect those more vulnerable, who may wish to take a more cautious approach.

The Management Committee, together with your help, are committed as always to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone to enjoy, so it remains essential that anyone visiting the village hall or attending an organised event should read and adhere to the safety guidelines on display at the hall and to follow the event organisers instructions.

We would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who has entered the **100 Club** for the next subscription year, we wish you all the very best of luck!! The first draw of the year will take place in September, with the winning numbers being announced in the October Newsletter. There is still time to enter if you haven’t already done so - please contact Liz on 01462 819058 or villagehall100club@gmail.com for details.

A new ‘What’s On’ tab is in development on our website page, this will help keep you up to date with all the activities happening at the hall and how you can get involved; please keep a look out for progress on this 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 Tower

As from 19 July ringing is back to normal, subject to Church of England rules/guidelines remaining in place.



We can ring all the bells on a Sunday for 30 mins as before! Weekly practices can be 90 mins long.

A dedicated campaign to recruit new ringers will start soon. New recruits from the Shefford area have already come forward. We would like some from Campton & Chicksands too!! So here is your chance to learn an absorbing traditional skill which is community-based, sociable and great fun. Come and check it out on Tuesday evenings 7.30pm to 9.00pm, or call me on 07803 206161 if you'd like to know more.

Photo: New learners shown the ropes by our young ringers

The last full peal on the bells was on Thursday 20 February 2020 and after a gap of one year and 7 months later with hardly any ringing we look forward to ringing the first peal as we resume. This peal, on Friday 10 September starting at 10am, will be very special as it will be to celebrate the awarding by the Bishop of St Albans of The Order of St Alban. The award honours lay people who have given (and in most cases continue to give) faithful service to the diocese. A recipient of the award this year is Audrey Brand, in recognition of her work as Lay Reader in our parish for over 20 years. This year's awards will be presented at a special service at St Albans Cathedral at 4pm on Saturday 11 September. Well done Audrey!

John Loveless, 07803 206161



2021 Christmas Festival with Art & Craft Fair Saturday 4th December

Our 2021 Christmas Festival will be the same format as 2020 but with the addition of an Art & Craft Fair and light refreshments will be available!

Start planning and thinking about the amazing displays you can create for the 2021 Christmas Festival. Entry Forms will be in the November newsletter and online. Entries are £5 per category. Prizes will be given to category winners.

Christmas Tree - Decorate a tree in your front garden with a Christmas theme

Christmas Window - Decorate a window with a Christmas theme

Christmas Door - Decorate a door (or gate) with a Christmas theme

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

Thank you to those who have been in touch and have already booked their stall at the Art & Craft Fair. We are excited to have a wide range of locally made gifts to help with our festive shopping. Please contact Liz by email elizabethpbishop@gmail.com or phone 01462 819058 if you are interested in having a stall.



Our next excursions are:

23rd September - Wimpole Hall

28th October - Stockwood Discovering Centre and Gardens

25th November - Waddesden Manor

For further information on excursion pricing please do get in touch.

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www.wanderbus.org.uk

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

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