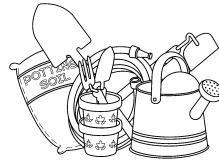


Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter November 2021

Monday 1st November
7:30pm @ Village Hall
Christmas Wreath Making



10am on Friday 5th November
2pm on Sunday 21st November
Bell ringing peal attempts @ All Saints Church

Sunday 14th November
10:50am @ All Saints Church, Campton
Remembrance Service - all welcome



Complete your Entry Forms by
26th November for our 2021 Christmas
Festival with Art & Craft Fair

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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



2021 Christmas Festival with Art & Craft Fair

Saturday 4th December - 1pm to 5pm

A fun and friendly event using the same format as
2020 but with the addition of an Art & Craft Fair.

Light refreshments will be available!

To take part in our 2021 Festival, enter any of the three categories below.
Entries are to be based at your home and need to be visible from the road.

- **Christmas Tree:** Decorate a tree in your front garden with a Christmas theme. This could be any tree - growing in your garden, artificial, in a pot or a tree made from anything!
- **Christmas Window:** Decorate a window with a Christmas theme.
- **Christmas Door:** Decorate a door (or gate) with a Christmas theme.

Entry: £5 per category. Closing date for entries: Friday 26th November.
Christmas Goodies will be awarded to the best entries in each category, as voted for by the public.

Maps & Voting Forms (£3 each) and light refreshments will be available on Saturday 4th December from 1pm to 5pm at Campton Village Hall

Our **Art and Craft Fair** will be held in the village hall and marque in the garden at the same time as the Festival, 1pm to 5pm. We are excited to have a range of locally made gifts for your 2021 festive shopping:

- Karen Mangold Art - Campton artist
- Tims Country Crafts - Woodturning and Honey-based gifts
- Handmade Christmas Cards and Box Frames
- Sew MeMe By Dee - modern and vintage-style children's clothes
- Homemade textile gifts
- Swian's World - personalised items and gifts

Proceeds from the Tombola, Refreshments and Christmas Festival will be split between **Keech Hospice** (provides care specifically for terminally ill children in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes), and **All Saints Church, Campton**. If you are unable to partake or visit the displays we would welcome donations to the tombola.

We also welcome any volunteers who are able to to help beforehand or on the day in the village hall! Please contact Maggie at marsh.mam@googlemail.com for more information.

Christmas Festival Entry Form

Payment can be made by BACs or cash with the entry form in an envelope.

All entries to 9 Gravenhurst Road, Campton, Shefford, SG17 5NY.

All Saints Church Campton PCC: Sort Code 20-41-12 Account No 40573647

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Phone No:			
	Tick for Adult Entry	Tick for Child Entry	Paid Cash or BACs? (£5 per entry)
Christmas Tree			
Decorate Window			
Decorate Door			
If you are a UK Tax Payer and can Gift Aid the entry fee please sign and date below. Thank you.			
Sign:		Date:	



OCTOBER WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 70 - John Westgarth

2nd (£25) - No. 83 - Fiona Tribbeck

3rd (£15) - No. 67 - A Pettifer

Amendment to September winners: 3rd prize was won by No. 39, not No. 36.

Services open to everyone!



Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

W3 BIGGLESWADE – Every Monday

	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	09.05	
Biggleswade – A1 London Rd Retail Park	10.00	12.05
Asda Superstore	10.05	12.00

W6 CAMBRIDGE

	OUT	RETURN
- 4th Wednesday of Month		
Greenway – All stops	08.45	
Cambridge - John Lewis	10.05	14.05

W12B HITCHIN – Every Tuesday

	OUT	RETURN
Greenway – All Stops	9.18	
Hitchin – Bancroft Stop D	10.05	
Hitchin – Stop G (outside Paperchase)		12.10

W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY

	OUT	RETURN
– 1st Thursday of Month		
Greenway – All stops	08.48	
WGC Central Bus Station	10.00	12.00

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

Tel: 0300 123 3023

www.wanderbus.org.uk e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 11th October 2021, in the village hall. All Parish Council meetings are open to all residents, if you would like to discuss any ideas or concerns with the Councillors then please contact me or pop into a meeting, it would be lovely to meet you.

Firstly, on behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank the NP Steering Group and the various Workgroups for all of their hard work and commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan; this group of residents have carried out an immense amount of work for the benefit of the parish and like me, I am sure you are all incredibly grateful. Particular thanks do need to go to Cllr Baker who has led the plan and has liaised with the councillors and Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) throughout.

By the time this newsletter is distributed our Garden waste should have been collected (between 18th-30th October). It was not possible to have food waste collected during this time. Food waste can either be double bagged and kept till after this time or placed in black bin bags.

Following Central Government funding, CBC will be funding holidays meals for vulnerable children during the two half terms and Christmas holidays, eligibility can be viewed by the CBC website.

CBC are currently consulting on parking charges across all of Central Beds. More information can be found on the CBC website.

FFC Environmental have initiated a Community Grant scheme, funding is available to community groups for projects e.g. play equipment. The Parish Council will be exploring this. If you run a community group and feel it could benefit you, please access information via the CBC website or contact me for more information.

I am sure many of you will be aware that CBC have received an outline planning application for land east of Greenway, the application is for 66 dwellings with associated car parking, landscaping, drainage and open space. The Parish Council will be meeting to discuss this further and to submit their views, using the newly adopted Neighbourhood Plan for guidance. If you would like to view the application it can be accessed on the CBC website, application number CB/21/04372/OUT.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont...

I have been contacted by CBC regarding an emergency plan for the Parish, I attended a training course recently which highlighted the benefits of the plan and after some discussion the Cllrs have agreed it would be of benefit to the community. A written plan may follow but initially I will be setting up a WhatsApp group with an appointed CBC Emergency Manager, Cllr Ash and myself as admin, and then after further discussions key people from the community can be added, these will include those that could offer assistance during an emergency.

Some time ago, before the pandemic, the Parish Council looked at setting up a P3 scheme, a group of volunteers within the community who would help maintain the public areas, helping to clear pathways, maintain shrubs and green areas etc. If you would like more information or have some spare time and would like to volunteer, then please do contact me. I will be setting up a meeting in January 2022 to hopefully get the scheme up and running for the spring.

The Parish Council currently has five Councillors and two empty seats. With lots happening in the Parish it would be great to be able to fill these seats and have additional members on the Council. Parish Council meetings are open to all residents so feel free to come along and attend a few meetings to see how they are run or please contact me for any additional information. There is no specified commitment in terms of time, it varies depending on your personal availability.

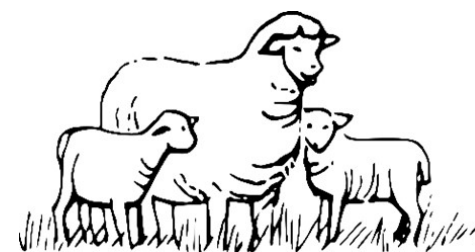
The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 3rd November 2021 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.

Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley:

tammy.medley@btinternet.com

Tel 01908 505558 / 07955 521174

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



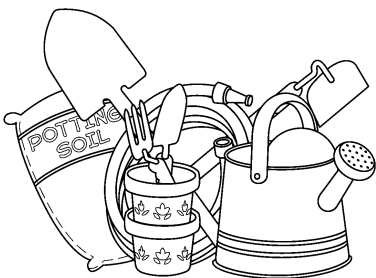
Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

It was so lovely to attend Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club in person in October. I enjoyed seeing everyone after 20 months and also to welcome some new members.

Corinne Price, the Head Gardener from the Swiss Gardens, gave an excellent historic account up to the present date of the garden, its village and the reason behind the name. I am excited to revisit soon as I will view with new found knowledge and see it completely differently from my previous visits. In the near future they are planning to open in the evening with a delightful display of illuminated garden lights.

We welcome at our next meeting on the 1st November two of our in-house flower arrangers to demonstrate Christmas wreath making in plenty of time for our festive season, this is an evening not to be missed!

A diary reminder for January: Gardening Club will be the second Tuesday as this was the only date I could arrange for Rob McCleoud to attend and speak to us about “pruning”. He is an excellent speaker so we all look forward to his knowledge and advice.



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

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

Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Planning Report

The local referendum on adoption of the Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was held on Thursday 23rd September.

The question asked at the referendum was “Do you want Central Bedfordshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Campton & Chicksands to help it decide planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area?”.

The outcome of this poll was that 89.47% of those that voted cast a “Yes” in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan and 10.53% cast a “No” vote. With more than half of those voting having voted in favour the plan was “made” and was formally adopted by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) on the 29th of September. CBC will now use our Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide future planning applications in the parish.

The Parish Council will also use the plan to help guide future representations on planning applications and will endeavour to address community aspirations (non-policy actions) recorded in the plan over the coming years.

All currently adopted Neighbourhood Plans in Central Bedfordshire can be found on the following CBC webpage:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/45/planning_policy/473/neighbourhood_planning/6

As the Neighbourhood Plan project ends, I would personally like to thank all those residents who have given their time by taking on roles on the NP Steering Group, or by taking part in the NP Workgroups. It has been a very significant effort since late 2017 when the first consultation was held by the Parish Council!
I'm not going to list you all, but you know who you are. Thank You!

I would also like to thank everyone that has attended consultations events, submitted survey responses or indeed came out to vote on the 23rd of September. This plan is very much a community led plan and you have all helped make this Neighbourhood Plan. Thank you!

The Neighbourhood Plan, Supporting Documents and the Green Infrastructure Plan will remain accessible on the Parish Council website:

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

Dave Baker, on behalf of the NP Steering Group

The Treasure Hunt Continues....

Both John and I (Greenway neighbours) have over the last few months continued to use our metal detectors in search of 'treasure' in the Campton area. Both former British Army soldiers we are on a mission to uncover what treasure lies beneath the surface within the village boundary. We have pledged that should any treasure of notable value be found, the proceeds of sale shall be used to cover repair costs and maintenance of All Saints Campton, our village church.

Although we have yet to discover the elusive hoard, we have unearthed a few small pieces of interest and we have been very kindly permitted to showcase these finds to those attending the forthcoming Christmas Arts & Craft Fair in Campton Village Hall on Saturday 4th December 1pm to 5pm.

The little pieces we have found so far we are recording and itemising. Our aspirations are for the finds to be stored in presentation boxes which are then available to view at future arts and crafts events, village fairs, school exhibits etc.

Our searching so far has been concentrated on the village boundary. We believe that we stand a better chance of discovering more interesting finds within the village itself and so we encourage you to support us where you can.

If you could permit us to discover what treasure lies in your own garden these finds can be included in our displays.

To discuss or ask for further information, please call or text me direct on 07534 952733 (Morgan).



Campton Village Hall

Campton Village Hall is available for hire.....

- Are you planning a children's Birthday Party, or just need some extra room for an extended family get together?
- Maybe you are a local business or club that needs an occasional or regular meeting place?
- Or perhaps you are thinking about organising a weekly or monthly hobby based meeting, social event, fitness or dance class?
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For any of the above, please get in touch.....

For up-to-date information regarding the hall, booking form, policy documents etc, please visit our webpage on the Campton & Chicksands Parish Council website:-

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

HALL CONTACT:- Tel: 07950 458940 / Email: camptonvh@outlook.com

Can you spare a little time?

We are continually on the lookout for more volunteers to join the Management Committee or to help with odd jobs around the hall and garden area, so if you would like to get involved and can spare a little of your time, why not find out more by getting in touch using the contacts above.

News from the Pews

The lovely warm weather has blessed us all well into October. However, as I write this, some frosts are predicted! We have held wonderful Harvest Festival services in church in October. Our thanks go to our very talented flower arranging team for decorating the church, to our local farming community for supporting us with produce and flowers, and to Rogers Bakery for their beautiful harvest loaf.



Campton Lower School came to church for their Harvest Festival Service and the children held their first whole school event since the start of lockdown. They read beautifully and sang wonderful harvest themed songs. Well done everyone. It cheered us all up! The children's harvest food contributions, along with our other food donations from parishioners, were gratefully received by the NEED Project. We continue to support the food bank and donations can be placed in

the box in the church porch.

Please be aware that our Sunday services are now held at 11.15am. The exception will be our Remembrance Sunday service, which will be held on the 14th November, beginning at 10.50am.

News from the Pews cont...

Another date for your diary is the fabulous Parish Christmas Festival on Saturday 4th December! This year we are opening the village hall for an Art and Crafts Fair too. Our Advent and Christmas services will be finalised for the next publication and it would be lovely to see you.

With best wishes to everyone,

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Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

Rector: The Revd Roni Goodman 01462 339962 / 07533 376880

The Rectory, Church Road, Meppershall, SG17 5NA ronigoodman@gmail.com

Website: <https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>

Please like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/All-Saints-Church-Campton-912375595529639>

News from the Tower

Back to normal with Tuesday practices and a good attendance for Sunday ringing. We are teaching several new people to ring, with two more ready to go but we're still looking to recruit more. Another experienced ringer who has moved into the area is supporting our practices – very useful, creates opportunity for our less experienced ringers.

Future visitors to Campton

On Friday 5th November, 10am to 1.15pm approx. there will be a special peal of Superlative Surprise Major to mark the 200th anniversary of the method, first rung at Huddersfield in 1821. Imagine being Superlative for 200 years!

On Sunday 21st November, 2pm to 5.15pm approx. there will be a peal by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (founded 1747 at the church of St Leonard, Shoreditch, so 275 years old next year!), including local members from this area.

John Loveless, 07803 206161

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