

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter February 2022

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th February
@All Saints Church - see page 3 for times
Bellingring to mark the Platinum Jubilee

Monday 7th February - Gardening Club
7:30pm @ Campton Village Hall
Wrest Park Gardens talk

Are you an employee of or do you own a business in our Parish?
See page 6 for information on our new
Local Business Directory

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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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 took the decision to cancel their January 2022 meeting due to the rapid increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and the uncertainty regarding the new Omicron variant. Legislation did change in May 2020, allowing Parish Councils to hold virtual meetings, but this legislation was only for one year and despite appeals the legislation has not been extended. We do hope that changes will be made in the future to allow both virtual or hybrid meetings as we are aware that this is often far more convenient for residents.

Thank you to those residents that came forward following the Chairman's appeal for new Parish Councillors. It has been lovely to meet with and talk to residents who have shown an interest. I am hopeful that we will fill the positions, and this will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the council. It is so good to see residents taking an interest in the parish and neighbourhood.

Information regarding Central Bedfordshire Council's consultations and updates is often received by me too late to include in this newsletter as the deadline will have passed by printing. All of the information will be posted on our website and noticeboards so please do look occasionally so as to ensure you are kept updated and have a chance to comment on consultations.

The Parish Council is currently planning to install a pictorial information board in the centre of Campton Village showing a map of the parish and eight colour coded footpath walks of varying routes and distances within the neighbourhood. Thanks to the hard work of two residents, formally co-chairs of the Environment & Green Infrastructure Neighbourhood Plan Workgroup, each walk has a full write up that is accessible online or by printing out from the Parish Council website. The development of these write ups was prompted by one of the key non-policy actions in our Neighbourhood Plan (2021), aiming to help residents and visitors to the parish explore our interesting and beautiful countryside. Each write up includes maps, photographs and directions. The Councillors would like to thank all those involved in the development of these walk write ups, and we hope to have more news on the planned information board soon. Please use the following web link to visit the new "Walks" page on the Parish Council website

www.camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/walks

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 2nd February 2022 7.30pm in the Campton Village Hall.

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Campton Village Hall

Campton Village Hall Management Committee is in URGENT need of a new TREASURER to take over in April.



We have been operating for a long time with only four members on the Committee and we could really do with some extra volunteers to help spread the load.

The Committee meets once every two months and generally the meetings only last about an hour or so.

**If you feel you can help in any way,
please get in touch.
“YOUR HALL NEEDS YOU”**

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

News from the Tower

We are back to normal with Tuesday practices and Sunday ringing!

There are 3 opportunities this month to listen to talented bellringers in our parish:

- Saturday February 5, 2.30 to 5.30 approx, there will be a special peal to mark the 70th anniversary of HM The Queen's Accession to The Throne.
- Sunday February 6, after the morning service (12.15 approx) there will be more special ringing to mark the 70th anniversary.
- Monday February 14, 9.45am to 1.00pm approx, there will be a peal attempt by a visiting band.

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Recipe Share

My thanks are sent to Keith Holland who is our first contributor to our monthly recipe share.

Slow Cooker Paella

1 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
700g boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1" pieces
200g chorizo, sliced
salt
Freshly ground black pepper
200g short-grain rice
400g tinned chopped tomatoes
1 large onion, chopped
4 cloves garlic, crushed

2 tsp paprika
Pinch of cayenne pepper
500ml chicken stock
80ml dry white wine
200g medium prawns, peeled and deveined
200g frozen peas
Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish
Lemon wedges, for serving

Directions:

- In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add chicken to one side and chorizo to the other. Season chicken with salt and pepper and cook until golden, 10 minutes. (Remove chorizo if its getting too burned.)
- In a large slow-cooker, add browned chicken-chorizo mixture, rice, tomatoes, onion, garlic, paprika, and cayenne and season with salt and pepper. Pour over chicken stock and white wine, then stir to combine.
- Cover and cook on low until rice is almost tender, stirring occasionally, 1.5 to 2 hours.
- Remove lid and stir in prawns and frozen peas. Cover and cook until prawns are pink and peas warmed through, about 10 minutes more.

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Coming Soon: Recipe Share webpage on the Parish Council website

If you would like to design the logo for our Recipe Share please send your suggestion to me.

Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share? Please get in touch using my details from the back page of this newsletter.

Thank you, Liz Bishop

News from the Pews

Although the Revd Roni Goodman has been our Rector since September, there has not been an opportunity to have a “formal” service of welcome until now! This will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday 30th January at 3pm**.

The welcome service will be taken by the Archdeacon of Bedford, and we will be joined by friends from the other churches in our new benefice (group of parishes), St Michael and All Angels, Shefford, and St Mary's Meppershall. Everyone is very welcome!

Please make a note that there will be no morning services on Sunday 30th January.

Our services during February are as follows, all at 11.15am:

Feb 6 – Holy Communion

Feb 13 – Morning Praise

Feb 20 – Holy Communion

Feb 27 – Morning Praise

Do come along. You are assured of a very warm welcome!

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

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Members spent an enjoyable evening listening to our guest speaker Rob Mcleaud talking us through his interesting and varied work life. The gardens he's tended and continues to do today include Hatfield House and its Maze, which coincidentally takes 18 days manpower to trim and yes that is with a powered trimmer.

Our next meeting on 7th February at 7:30pm at Campton Village Hall will see the return of the lovely Corinne Price, Head Gardener of Swiss Gardens, giving us her talk on Wrest Park when she was Head Gardener there.

Membership will be collected during our February meeting. Membership is £24 for the year which is a great saving and also gives members priority on trips with limited space.

A fabulous trip is coming up on 2nd May where we will be going on an exclusive Twilight tour of Woburn by the estates manager Peter Towsey. Another event not to be missed!



Maryika, 01462 851729

Promote your local business

Our recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan includes non-policy actions which were a result of the local consultation. One of these NPA is a Business Directory and the Parish Council would like to create this.

If you are a business within the Parish of Campton and Chicksands and would like to be included please send your details (business name, contact phone number, contact email, and one sentence to describe your business) to elizabethpbishop@gmail.com

The Parish Council are aiming to print and distribute the Business Directory in April or May of 2022. An online PDF version will be available which can

Help our Local Swifts

These beautiful summer visitors arrive from Africa in spring and return from the end of July; a round trip of around 14,000 miles. As soon as they arrive in May they go to their old nest sites to raise their young, with newly paired birds finding new nest sites. Most nest in small spaces at the edges of roofs beneath tiles, or in nooks and crannies in older buildings. Existing nest sites are easily lost during roof renovations and replacement of soffits and bargeboards. There has been stark decline of breeding swifts which have suffered a 57% reduction between 1995 and 2018.

The decline is so severe that Swifts have recently been added to the Red List of Birds of Conservation Concern. One way of helping is to provide nesting boxes for Swifts on your house or other buildings such as churches.

I put two nest boxes up in 2020 and have a recording of swift calls to play when they are seen overhead. I had no interested birds the first year and didn't see any swifts. However, last year after playing the calls some swifts came down to investigate.



After that a pair came back regularly to inspect the boxes. It was a fantastic sight to see them whizzing around the house. If I'm lucky and they survive the journey they might try and nest here this year. To my knowledge this is the first time in over 20 years that low flying calling swifts have been seen in Campton, certainly at the Gravenhurst Rd end of the village.

Would you be interested in offering a home to these amazing birds? If you think you'd like to give it a try please contact Graham at the Bedfordshire Swift Group for advice on nest boxes graham@gcbellamy.plus.com



In addition, actionforswifts.blogspot.com has a lot of useful information and links.

Or if you just want more information on what I've done so far please do email me; jeyharrison@btinternet.com

Jane Harrison



A regular bus service open to everyone.
Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

Travel to:
Biggleswade every Monday @09:05 Greenway - all stops

Hitchin every Tuesday @09:18 Greenway - all stops

Cambridge on the 4th Wednesday of the Month
@08:46 Greenway - all stops

Welwyn Garden City on the 1st Thursday of the Month
@08:48 Greenway - all stops

- Monthly excursions take place on the 4th Thursday of the month - please phone or email for current destination details and bookings.

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

Tel: 0300 123 3023

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JANUARY WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 102 - M Cook

2nd (£25) - No. 26 - Mr M Chivers

3rd (£15) - No. 81 - L Garton

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th February 2022
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