

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter March 2022

Are you an employee of or do you own a business in our Parish?

See page 2 for information on our new
Local Business Directory

Monday 7th March - Gardening Club
7:30pm @ Campton Village Hall
Speaker is Woburn's Estate Manager



"Walking in Bedfordshire"

Are you looking for some new and interesting walks?
See page 6 for website details

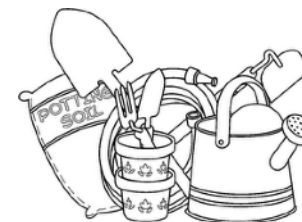
Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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If you have any news or views you wish to share
please contact the Editor, Liz Bishop - details on back page

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

There was a great turn out for February's Gardening Club, attended by 22 old and new members. Due to a speaker cancellation, were battling to be the overall winner in our gardening quiz night.

A huge thank you to Ken Stevens daughter Elizabeth who donated a selection of Ken's Succulents to our free and swap table. Almost everyone was pleased to take one home, he will live on in all our homes.

Our next meeting is on March 7th 7.30pm at Campton Village Hall. We will be visited by Martin Towser, Woburn's Estate Manager, who will be our guest speaker.



Everyone is welcome to join us.

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 be updated throughout the year.

Campton Village Hall

The first couple of months this year have proved very busy for the Village Hall, with lots of enquiries and bookings. So, if you need some extra space for a family celebration, or you are a local business or club that needs a place to meet, maybe the Village Hall is the venue for you?

To find out more, visit our webpage or use the contact details below.

The Campton Village Hall Management Committee will be holding their AGM in April, after which a new Committee will be formed to serve for the next twelve months. So, if you are thinking of joining us, this would be a good time to start!!

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

On Saturday February 5, we rang a special peal to mark the 70th anniversary of HM The Queen's Accession to The Throne. Clare Francis, who learnt to ring in 2010 and whose daughter Charlotte and son Henry usually get the applause, rang her first peal of Minor.

On Sunday February 6, after the morning service, Penny Bellis rang her first quarter peal as part of our special ringing to mark the 70th anniversary. Penny is a relative newcomer to ringing, a 'returner' who first learnt in the 90s before taking a break of about 30 years! She is Bedfordshire's most enthusiastic ringer!

Congratulations to Clare and Penny on their achievements.

Watch this space next month for 'A stretch for Henry'. He just needs to achieve it first!

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 2nd February 2022 in the Village Hall. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) have been awarded money as part of the Government's Levelling Up Initiative, this levelling up will be focused particularly on supporting Child Education attainment. Central Bedfordshire Council has been identified as a high growth area, but child education attainment in some areas within Central Bedfordshire requires targeted support.

CBC has also set up an Executive Task Force aimed at looking at fairness of community provision across the area. The group will aim to ensure there is a fairness to the council community provision and services across the area. The provision of transport, leisure, theatres, childcare etc. will be looked at. The team will work alongside the Community Engagement Team and a report will be produced in 6/7 months.

CBC has paused the Schools for the Future programme temporarily. Now that CBC has had the Local Plan agreed they are in a better position to guide future housing provision in the area. There is an executive paper soon to be discussed setting out the structure of the education clusters locally. There is a higher-than-average yield of families moving into the area with school aged children so the demand on school places is difficult to predict. There is a desire of CBC to move the cluster covering this Parish to a two-tier system. There is difficulty in recruiting staff to a three-tier system. It was the original proposal to move lower school children from the Parish to a new school in Shefford; it remains difficult to determine the outcome of the consultation which will start this week.

Anglian Water has been consulting with the Parish Council over future planned works. As I am sure you will have noticed there have been numerous mains water leaks in recent months/years and they now plan to replace the water mains pipework in Priory & Rectory Roads. All residents who will be directly affected will be contacted by Anglian Water in advance, but we are in a position now to outline the planned works to all of you. Some advance works have been carried out ahead of a project in 2022 to renew the 6-inch water mains pipework that runs along Rectory Road and Priory Road. Due to the location of the school, the works will be split into two projects, phase one and two. Phase one will renew 380 metres of water main along Priory Road, this will be the least disruptive to access to the school and is due to start April with a duration of 8 weeks, and will be completed under a road closure. Phase two will start in July, at the junction of Gravenhurst and Rectory Road, with a duration of 8 weeks. The traffic management will start with 3-way traffic lights for approximately two weeks and then a full road closure on Rectory Rd for the remaining 6 weeks. Any works that

will involve a disruption to water will be carried out overnight and residents/customers affected will be given at least 48 hours' notice. Both road closures will incorporate a diversion route and with access to properties where possible.

I have been contacted recently by John Harris from Walking England and he is asking all Parish Councils to encourage residents to go out and enjoy walking through the beautiful countryside this spring. This is very apt in the parish as the Parish Council has recently been promoting local walks in the vicinity that have been kindly prepared by two residents in the Village. If you are interested in taking a walk close to home then please don't forget these local walks. Maps and guidance can be found on the Parish Council website.

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Bedfordshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/beds has hundreds of walks to download and print for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Bedfordshire (part of the Walking in England website – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

Finally, London Luton Airport are currently holding a Statutory Consultation, the Consultation will run from 8th February 2022 until 4th April 2022. They are proposing to increase the capacity of the airport to 32 million passengers per annum, by building a second terminal. Residents are invited to visit the virtual consultation room for more information and to respond online by using the following link:- <https://lutonrising.org.uk/> Alternatively you can visit one of several Community events, where you will have the opportunity to view the proposals and speak to the project team, details of these dates and locations can be found on our noticeboards in the Parish.

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

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

News from the Pews

Pancake Day, Tuesday 1st March, 3-4pm in All Saints Church

Do come and enjoy 'pancakes with tea or coffee' in the Church. All are welcome.

Pancake Day was when people used up all their eggs and fats before the traditional fasting period of Lent, which starts on the following day, Ash Wednesday.

We are not having a service this year on Ash Wednesday, but there will be an opportunity at the end of the pancakes and coffee to have imposition of ashes on the forehead for those who would like to take part. This signifies penitence in the approach to the celebration of Easter 40 days later.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On 6th February we marked the start of celebration for the 70th year of the reign of Her Majesty The Queen, who is The Supreme Governor of The Church of England. The church was decorated in beautiful themed flowers, we offered special prayers, sang 'God Save the Queen' and rang the bells for a full peal.

We are planning further celebrations, including a showcase of our community's hobbies and talents. We celebrated these for the Golden Jubilee and were amazed at the breadth of talents and interest our community was happy to share. Further details to follow!

As the church moves into the season of Lent we hope you can join us for our services at 11.15 am on Sundays.

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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and Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

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Please like us on Facebook:

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

Recipe Share

My thanks are sent to Daria Ormond who contributes her favourite recipe. It is from the cookbook Knuppeldik can Koningskos published in the 1980's to raise funds for police women and men in South Africa. Daria's mum was part of the committee who put it together.

Milk Tart

1 Sweet pastry case

Heat up:

1 litre of milk

1 round spoonful of margarine

While the milk is warming,
whisk together:

3 large eggs

1/4 teaspoon of salt

1 cup sugar

Sift together:

1 1/2 tablespoon flour

1 1/2 tablespoon cornflour

2 tablespoons custard powder

1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Cinnamon can be sprinkled
over the tart.

Directions:

- Add the sifted ingredients to the egg mix and mix well until a smooth texture is achieved
- Add mixture to hot milk mix
- Add back to heat and continue to stir until mixture thickens
- Add vanilla essence
- Pour the mixture in a sweet pastry case and let it set in the fridge once cooled.

Consume within 2 days.

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



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.
- 16 Seater Buses available for PRIVATE HIRE to schools, clubs etc.

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 FEBRUARY WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 14 - P Busby

2nd (£25) - No. 160 - Mark Ashwin

3rd (£15) - No. 81 - Linda Garton

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to
the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th March 2022
Email: candcnewsletter@gmail.com Tel: 01462 819058