

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter April 2022

Wednesday 6th April, 7pm @ Campton Village Hall
Campton Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Please do come along and offer your support!

Holy Week and Easter services
at All Saints Church
Details on page 4



**Celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
in Campton!**
Please go to pages 2 & 3 for details

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Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Campton!

Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th June

Lots of activities and events are being planned. Further details to follow, but here are some ways that you can start to get involved.

- **Jubilee themed decorations** and red, white and blue planting around the village.
We invite you to plant red, white and blue flowers in your front gardens, and get ready to decorate your houses/front gardens with a jubilee theme.
- **A celebration of local arts, crafts and pastimes** – an exhibition and demonstrations. Do you have an absorbing pastime which you would be willing to share, either by putting up a small display and / or demonstrating what you do. Whether it's creative, modelling, collecting, or any hobby/activity that you are passionate about, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Linda Bryant lindaathome190@btinternet.com
- **Display of photographs** of Campton and Chicksands during the reign of HM Queen. Do you have photographs which you would be willing to loan? Please contact Linda Bryant (Details above)
- **Platinum Jubilee Concert** – Campton's Still Got Talent (10 years on!) We are looking for a broad section of talent, ages and abilities. So whether you can sing, tap dance, act, read poetry, play an instrument, tell jokes, perform magic, have already formed family groups, choir or ensemble, we'd love to hear from you. We can provide accompaniment or backing tracks can be used. There will be a sing-a-long and flag waving too "Last Night of the Proms" style to round off our celebrations of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. To register your interest please contact Joy Curtis M: 07899 858767 or email pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

In addition to the above celebrations, there will be:

- **The Big Picnic** on the Recreation Ground, with races for all the family
- **Jubilee cake making competition**
- A full peal of **bells** in church
- **Teas** in the Village Hall
- Displays of **flowers** in church

This will be a wonderful community weekend! Please keep the dates free and look out for further details!



Campton Village Hall

Campton Village Hall Management Committee will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 6th April at 7pm at Campton Village Hall. Please do come along and show your support. The **committee requires new members** to help spread the tasks.
"More hands make light work"

During the AGM the 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!!

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH WINNERS:

- 1st (£40) - No. 105 - S Farmer
- 2nd (£25) - No. 92 - D Addison
- 3rd (£15) - No. 17 - D Wild

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Another great informative evening was delivered to Trugs and Trowels in March by our guest speaker Martin Towsey. I am certain that Woburn Estate will be viewed completely differently with our newly found knowledge.

Our next meeting is on April 4th 7.30pm at Campton Village Hall. We shall be holding a shrub swap and an in-house competition to show off your spring blooms. Please bring any entries you would like to make using the following categories:

- 5 garden blooms
- 5 pastel blooms
- 8 inch pot of spring plants
- any 3 tulips



Everyone is welcome to join us.
Maryika, 01462 851729

News from the Pews

The Season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter is upon us. Services at All Saints, Campton, for the weeks leading up to Easter are detailed below;

Mothering Sunday 27th March 11.15am Mothers are given flowers and celebrated in the service. Please do feel free to come along and all are very welcome. There will be coffee and tea served afterwards.

Sunday 10th April 11.15am - Palm Sunday service This marks the beginning of Holy Week and is the name given to the week before Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to crowds and cheers. The crowds waved palm branches and covered his path with them. Our church will remember this with crosses made from palm leaves and hold a procession into church. Teas and coffees will be served afterwards.

Monday 11th April 7.30pm - Holy Week Meditation This is a short time of silence where people can walk around to different prayer stations in the Church with written explanations. There is always a place to light candles and certainly we will include Ukraine this year. We finish with Night Prayer at about 8.15pm but everyone is welcome to come in or go out at any time. Everyone is very welcome and we would love to see you.

Maundy Thursday 14th April is the day when we remember Jesus sharing the last supper with his disciples before death. **Good Friday 15th April** is the day when we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.

Friday 15th April 2pm - Good Friday Devotions

Easter Saturday 16th April is the first service of Easter and starts the Easter Vigil. The Easter candle is lit to depict new life and light representing Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter morning. The congregation then light their own candles from the Easter candle and is an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows.

Easter Sunday 17th April service at 11.15 am This is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and we will be decorating a cross outside the church with flowers. Please feel free to add any flowers you wish. At All Saints we also celebrate Jesus' bringing life from death by making and blessing an Easter Garden. Teas and coffees and Easter eggs (for young and old) will be served afterwards.

News from the Pews cont.



If anyone is interested in understanding this season further, there is a podcast available that will take you on the Holy Week journey by exploring and reflecting on the fifteen Stations of the Cross.

Please use this link;
<https://cofe-way-of-the-cross.captivate.fm/listen>

Coffee and Chat: Please look out for notices for our very popular coffee and chat mornings on Fridays which we are hoping to 'resurrect' after Easter. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out at these by setting up, serving or making/providing homemade/shop cakes, please can you let us know.

Thank you: I am sure you would all like to join us in thanking Linda Garton for her work to support our church as Church Warden. Linda is stepping down due to other commitments. She is very much a part of our church community and will still be actively involved. Meanwhile there is a vacancy for a church warden and a PCC Secretary. Please can we politely ask for your support in anyway possible. Please contact Rev Roni Goodman if you feel you would like to get involved in our very friendly community.

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Monthly excursions take place
the 4th Thursday of the month -
please phone or email for the
2022 destination details and

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

Tel: 0300 123 3023

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on 2nd March 2022 in the Village Hall. It is with great pleasure that we welcome a new Councillor to the team, Cllr Daniel Sibley was co-opted on to the Council at the last meeting, he is a resident of Campton and we look forward to working alongside him.

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) approved the 2022 council tax recommendation at a recent meeting of the full council with the following effect. Based on a band 'D' rated property the figures are: CBC 1.95% which includes 1% for adult social care and 0.95% for front line services; FIRE 1.99%; POLICE 4.00% which is equal to £10 on a band 'D' property.

Within the budget £240 million has been allocated for major capital projects. £470 million for revenue covering services and operations within CBC. It also requires £9.6 million efficiency savings to be achieved to provide a balanced budget.

Funding has been forthcoming to make modifications to the Clophill A6 roundabout and detail plans will be sent out to all local towns and villages for their comments very shortly. The current plan is to widen all 4 entry points to increase the traffic flow but to have Toucan Crossings at each leg of the roundabout, removing the pedestrian bridge and improving the bridges over the River Flit.

There is to be a Community Action Day in Shefford on 22nd April and this will be supported by all the major services so if you have a problem relating to local services then someone should be able to help you.

CBC have joined up with BP PULSE to provide vehicle charging units throughout CBC and by next month we should know where the units proposed locations will be.

Thank you to all the residents who attended the meeting in the Village Hall on 19th February to launch the new P3 Scheme, it was lovely to meet residents who are keen to be involved. A big thank you to John Wootton, who has agreed to lead the group, the group will meet regularly to assess and carry out work within the Parish. It was agreed that some of the activities will be planned in advance and open for other residents to join in and help. More information will follow.

Several residents have contacted me in recent months regarding inconsiderate parking on Saturdays during some football fixtures; thank you for your emails and photographs. The PC have contacted the Football Club regarding this issue and, with the Club's assistance, are endeavouring to improve the situation. Indeed, in recent weeks parking for fixtures has been much improved and we thank the Club for their efforts in this regard.

On street parking is a recognised issue throughout the village and the PC encourage all residents, visitors and those using local facilities to please park with consideration for others, in particular pedestrians.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

A big thank you to all the residents who have come forward and offered to help with planning for the Jubilee Celebrations, there will be various activities for all residents in the community to join in with, more information will follow.

There has recently been a lot of work carried out at the Cemetery in Shefford, there is a new quiet reflection area, seating is provided, and we have planted a rose and plan to plant some more in coming months. Work has been carried out to hedges and planting areas and the paths have all been cleared and edged. We have carried out works to the entrance of the cemetery, the ground is now level and cleared. We have received a lot of positive feedback and hope it is a more tranquil place to visit. We will be meeting to assess, and plan works to the Burial Board grounds in Campton in due course.

Just a reminder that Anglian Water will be carrying out works beginning in April 2022. 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 will access to properties where possible.

Due to a clash in bookings at the Village Hall the Parish Council have agreed to reschedule their meetings. From now on the meetings will be held in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month at the slightly earlier time of 7pm, all residents are welcome to join all meetings.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will take place in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2022 at 7pm. This meeting will look back at what the Parish Council has been working on and has achieved over the last year. It will be followed by the PC monthly meeting; all residents are welcome to join us.

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Parish Business Directory

Our recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan included a non-policy action to create a Parish Business Directory.

Sadly there has been limited response to a callout for local businesses wanting to be included in such a directory and at the moment one will not be produced.

News from the Tower

There will be a peal attempt on Sunday, April 24, 2pm to 5pm approx.

English-style change ringing goes back hundreds of years and is an absorbing hobby which serves church and community. If you'd like to know more about ringing please do come along to All Saints Church, Campton, on a Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 9.00pm or call John Loveless on 07803 206161 for more information

A Stretch for Henry

Most of us paid no attention to it. The diagram of the Campton Delight Major method has been on the wall, not as something that we can ring, but a pleasant memory of a fundraiser in the church in 2017 when it was a special challenge method, and very challenging to some!

Just before Christmas one of our ringers, Henry Francis, disclosed that having viewed the diagram from across the tower many times he was really keen to ring it sometime. Henry is 17 and was progressing well back in 2019 pre-COVID. Campton Delight Major in 2022 represented quite a stretch although in the event negotiating its detail seemed to be no problem.

We fixed a couple of practices in January to see where this might go! Henry is a well organised, committed chap (A levels this year followed hopefully by university and the Royal Navy) and it was soon clear that assisted by a bellringing app on his phone he would achieve this challenge! The January practices would give all the ringers chance to get familiar with the challenge. After a couple of brief false starts (it was apparent that the challenge was not confined to Henry!) we rang a very creditable quarter peal, 45 min ringing, with another later in the month! Finally we rang a full peal, 2hr 50min continuous ringing requiring intense concentration, a really good effort including some excellent ringing. Mission accomplished!

It isn't just about talent though. Henry's mum Clare and sister Charlotte are ringers so he has grown up in a village local band culture of ringing which has helped him develop the right ringing values, the team ethic and respect for others. He and Charlotte have been a part of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers team and conducted the test piece in 2019. He is an officer in his local ringing association.

Bluebell Season!

Bluebells usually flower in April and May so now is a perfect opportunity to start some of the walks on our Parish website:

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

- Walk No 1 Chicksands Wood
- Walk No 6 Sandy Smith Nature Reserve



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