

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter July 2022



What wonderful celebrations
Campton & Chicksands held for
our Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

100 Club 2022-2023

Draw starts September

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Coffee and Chat!

Friday 1st July 10:30am to 12:30pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

Peal attempt by visiting band
Thursday 28th July - 10am to 1pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

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Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Campton & Chicksands

Didn't we have fun?

Our weekend of celebration started off with a peal of bells on Friday. A wonderful celebration of our Queen and her 70 years on the throne and echoed around the whole of the UK. Thanks to the team of bellringers for a 2hr 45min peal.

On Saturday we held the Jubilee Exhibition in All Saints Church for Arts, Crafts and Pastimes. We were so pleased to have 18 exhibitors - such talent within our Parish and a sight to behold. Many thanks to all the very talented exhibitors: Karen and Ellie Mangold; Annette Glenn; Tim Bishop; Sally Strong; Linda Bryant; Caroline Greet; Bruce Porteous; Karen Wheatley; Janet Hyde; Margaret Langley; Mike Turner; Alison and Izzy Partington; Dave and Angela Baker; Morgan Stewart Cook; Diane Brand from Friends of Chicksands Priory/ Museum; Andy, Lottie and Toby Carter; Campton Academy; and the Monkey Puzzle Nursery (who created the Queen and her Corgis welcoming everyone to the Exhibition). Numerous people had a go at bellringing; John advises several new people would like to learn to ring bells at Campton. Thanks to the team who supported the bellringing activity. Many thanks also to all those who helped to collect and return the Artboards, set up and clear away etc to return All Saints to how it needed to be for Sunday's Service. A lot of hard physical work!



Image: Liz Bishop

Also on Saturday, in the Village Hall we were provided with **sumptuous cakes and refreshments** along with a **cake decorating competition**. The **display of photos** of the people of the Parish over the 70 years of the Queen's reign, photo albums and numerous artefacts and situations that have changed in that time were wonderful to look through. Thank you so much to all those who contributed to displays, decorated cakes and to all the lovely people who served tea/ coffee - they all worked really hard.

I am sure you all saw the **beautiful flowers in the Church and outside**. Many thanks to June Martin and her team who created such lovely displays for us all to appreciate.

Then on **Sunday it was the Big Picnic and Spitfire Flypast** but the weather was against us. The RAF weren't flying that day unfortunately and the sports activities couldn't go ahead on the Recreation Ground due to it being wet underfoot. **So the Big Picnic was moved into the Church!** It was a little like an indoor street party with everyone bringing their own picnic and enjoying their food and drink. We even had a visitation from the Queen (a cardboard cutout really!). Thanks go to the fabulous face painter who not only painted the kids faces but some of us big kids also! Thanks goes to all those who moved tables and chairs before and after the Picnic in the Church, who collected extra tables from the Village Hall, who provided drinks, who brought toys and games for the kids, setting up and clearing away and everyone who contributed.

And it didn't end there! On **Sunday evening we had a wonderful Variety Show in All Saints** demonstrating even more skills and talents of residents of the Parish and also friends from nearby villages. We sang, we laughed, we applauded the musicians, the singers, the MC and his poem (see page 4), and a wonderful rendition of Happy Royal Jubilee (to the tune of Happy Birthday) with some wonderful new lyrics penned by Jeanette Connelly. Thanks go to: Charles Ash (MC and poet), Joy Curtis, Jennifer Khan, Julia Burkett, the Connelly family, The Late Bloomers (Cas Holmes's and Jo Weller) and the combined voices of the audience who joined in the community singing, topped off by Steve Curtis (our very own Brian May) playing God Save the Queen from the balcony. So much fun!



Image: Liz Bishop

Did you also see the **village borders** that were trimmed, planted up and watered? Thanks to the team of gardeners: Caroline Greet, Joy Curtis, Anna Maudlin, Paul and Sue Booton, Liz Bishop, KaKai Chang and Linda Bryant. We also had great support with water from John Ayres on behalf of the Village Hall, Nicky, and the Pub.

Did you see the **Coronation Crown**? Thanks to Tim Bishop for cutting out the profile in plywood and Caroline Greet who helped Linda Bryant to attach all those plants – more than 500 in total. Thanks to neighbours who helped transport it and place it in the centre of the village. These plants are now located in the village flower beds.

Behind the scenes a small steering group beavered away for months coming up with ideas and making it all happen, drawing in others to contribute. Thanks to: Paul and Sue Booton, Linda Garton, Joy Curtis, Jeanette Connolly and Linda Bryant.

Congratulations to the winners of the Cake decorating competition:

Adult Category - Lily Farmer

Children's Category - Jessica Chalk

Congratulations to the winners of the house/garden decorations:

1st - Isabel Partington

Runners up - Beth and Charles Ash

- Julia and Jim Turner (who also provided the Queen cutout)

So many people to thank. If your name doesn't appear as a helper or contributor or supporter, please accept our apologies and a heart felt thank you.

This celebration really brought our community together – across Campton and Chicksands. It was a wonderful and happy weekend. People took part, helped to make it happen behind the scenes, created pom-poms and decorated the Parish and their own gardens and houses.

Too many to mention – but a **HUGE THANK YOU to you all.**



“Royal Shefford” our Jubilee Poem



I had a dream I met the Queen
along the Ampthill Road.
She looked perplexed, you
might say vexed,
I urged her, 'Share your load.'

'My jubilee,' she said to me,
'needs naming after stuff.
There's silver, gold, diamonds
old,
what's next? It's really tough!'

'Like Arlesey whites or traffic
lights?'
I looked for inspiration.
'No, those won't do, we must,
we two,
do better for our nation.'

So off we go,
let Shefford show
us that which won't need
gilding,
and in our cause we made a
pause
at Trev's, Supplies for Building.

'Zinc, plastic, wood,
could they be good
to name your celebration?
Or garden hose?'
'No, none of those.'
We left there in frustration.

We crossed the street thereby
to meet
those good old girls at Roger's;
we could not lose with them as
muse,
those jolly jammy dodgers.

'Marzipan!' 'Don't think we can.'
'Corncob!' 'Brown and nobbly,'
'Maple, pecan, surely we can...'
Custard!' 'Far too wobbly.'

Then on we thrust, and trust we
must,
I had to speak with candour,
words for our treat, the menu
sheet,
outside the Shefford Tandoor.

'Dhals made with lentil',
'Don't be mental!'
She'd lost all sense of calm!
'Chicken tikka, finger licker?'
No? Peshwari Ma'am?'

So left we gone and hunted on
to find a name to trap,
then out of sight she did a right
into the Brewery Tap.

Perhaps some cheer could help
us here,
'You'll have a drink, Your
Highness?'
And as we'd got just one last
shot,
she said 'I'll have a Gyeness.'

We're nearly done, our race is
run,
a pub we've placed last hope
in;
perhaps the gate to brand that
date,
this beer will start to open.

There's darts and jars and
polished bars,
and comfy seats, we're sat in
'em,
but hold.... Bright Face,
Untarnished Grace!
Of course, she's PLATINUM!

Charles Ash June 2022



News from the Tower

We rang the special Jubilee peal on Friday, June 3. A great privilege to be asked to be the 'opening act' for three days of celebrations. Our 'have a go at bellringing' session the next day generated a lot of interest in having a go and we are busy lining up one or two recruits!

We have a visiting band coming to Campton to ring a peal, on Thursday July 28, 10am to 1pm approx.

Looking to the future we always need to increase our numbers, with some Campton residents coming forward to learn to ring. If you'd like to learn more about learning to ring please join us on a Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 9.00pm at All Saints church Campton or contact me.

John Loveless, 07803 206161

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 9th June 2022. As part of the agenda councillors continued discussions regarding future projects within the Parish and will be setting time aside to develop plans further over the coming months. One of the projects we have instigated is to improve communication with residents. We plan to use the website more for communications, but we will also be looking to the advantages of setting up a Facebook page to keep in touch.

The Parish Council wish to thank all the residents that came along to support and participate in the excellent events that were organised for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. After the recent difficult years, it was so good to hear of so many people coming together again. Events were well attended and great fun, even the "Big Picnic" that relocated to All Saints due to the inclement weather. A huge "Thank You" must go to Cllr Paul Booton and his group of organisers and helpers including flower arrangers and the village flower bed team, who planned and supervised all the events over the weekend. Your enthusiasm, commitment and efforts are greatly appreciated by the Parish Council and ensured everyone had a great weekend! Thank you again.

The Mayor of Shefford would like to investigate the possibility of a joint Speed and Street Watch team to cover Shefford and neighbouring Parishes. The group would carry out Street and Speed Watch tasks in all the areas involved, meaning volunteers could choose to work in their own area or outside. If you would like to find out more information or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please do get in touch with me. These are preliminary discussions to see how many volunteers would be interested in getting involved.

CBC have contacted the Parish Council regarding the ongoing Anglian Water mains pipework replacement in the village, they asked if the Parish would like a break between phase one and two or if they would like the project to continue. The Cllrs have asked that CBC discuss the proposals with the school so that they can ensure there is as little disruption to the school as possible.

Central Bedfordshire Council is currently running a consultation for works to the Clophill roundabout. The £7.8 million scheme to improve the roundabout at the busy A6 and A507 junction at Clophill is aimed at providing a new road layout and more capacity to reduce the queuing time at the roundabout. The plans can be viewed via the link below and residents can comment accordingly.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/55/transport_roads_and_parking/1064/road_improvements_

Ward Councillor Liddiard informed the meeting that for the last 3-4 years Clophill and Amptill have been lobbying for traffic safety measures on the A507 between Clophill and Chicksands. In the last four weeks there have been another 2 RTAs and 1 fatality; there has now been 3 fatalities in 3 years. Cllr Liddiard is putting pressure on the CBC portfolio holder to consider traffic controls and possible speed cameras and he asked if the PC would be supportive of this, and would we help communicate with residents. The Cllrs all agreed they would support communications in any way they could, we will send out information and ask for feedback etc. as soon as we receive further details. The Councillors would like to see any safety measure extended to Priory House. The Parish Council raised concerns over the safety of the pedestrian crossing near Priory House, Cllr Liddiard will contact the Traffic safety team and ask for this to be looked into.

Cllr Liddiard also arranged for the big pothole on Chicksands, near to Priory House to be fixed, the Cllrs thanked him for his help and asked if CBC would look at the others.

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CBC are looking at how services are delivered across the area, particularly the Equality and Fairness of Opportunity within Central Bedfordshire, they have commissioned consultants to understand the situation across the whole area and they will specifically look for links between unfairness and poverty. In Central Bedfordshire 8% of households are in poverty and school pupil premium is 18%, CBC are trying to ascertain what future services could look like. CBC are keen to hear from residents, what challenges they are having?

Central Bedfordshire Council continues to support Ukrainian refugees. By end of May 2022, CBC had 136 sponsors supporting 342 Ukrainian refugees, 117 of these were under 18, schools have provided places for these young people and CBC have vetted all sponsors.

There is a big social media campaign regarding fly tipping in Bedfordshire. Fly tipping costs the taxpayer approximately £400,000 a year and CBC are trying to reduce this. They are starting to put hidden cameras in trees to catch the culprits, several people have been prosecuted in the last year.

A new dog bin is to be fitted in Mill Lane in the next few weeks, for the use of dog walkers in the Parish.

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News from the Pews



Well, what a great time was had by all over the long Bank Holiday weekend as we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee! Our thanks to everyone who helped organise the events; to our community for decorating their homes and the village, and to our cake makers and flower arrangers. The church became one of the centres of community life once more as we were brought together in a manner we have missed over recent years: it was used for a religious service, bell ringing, a flower display, an area for our very talented community to demonstrate their skills and interests, and a music concert concluding the weekend, with our own 'Brian May' on the balcony of the church playing 'God save the Queen' on electric guitar! Thanks to everyone who took part in all of the events.

Many of our community have said that they felt reconnected. Let's keep this going. We have just restarted our Coffee and Chat mornings in church on the first Friday of the month, from 10.30 to 12.30. Our thoughts are to set up a rota of helpers. If any one is interested in volunteering for the rota please let us know. Your help will be greatly appreciated and it will determine whether we can keep it running.

Over the next month we will be holding the Deanery Synod and we are having some electrical repairs completed. Have a lovely summer.

Image: Linda Bryant

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Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Busy time of year for all you gardeners and lots of lovely things to enjoy over the summer.



We have a packed programme for the coming months with lots to look forward to:

- **June 18th:** Open Gardens gives us the inspiration, ideas and lots of creative ideas to take away and Campton never fails.
- **July 3rd:** pre-booked visit to Chicksands Priory and walled garden to view all the changes in both the Priory and garden which won a prize in lockdown.
- **July 4th:** we welcome back Corrine Price to talk on Wrest Park and her time there as Head Gardener.
- **August 1st:** our speaker is talking on wellbeing in the garden.
- **September 5th:** our speaker is from The Head Gardeners Network.
- **October 3rd:** our speaker is from Bedfordshire Garden Trust.

Meetings are £3.00 unless you have paid for our annual membership. We meet at 7.30pm in Campton Village Hall. There is a free swap table and refreshments. I look forward to seeing you all soon.
Maryika, 01462 851729

Village Flower Beds

We are a small group of Campton residents who you may have seen tending the village border in the centre of Campton in preparation for Jubilee celebrations. I am sure you agree they are looking lovely!

For ongoing maintenance and watering **we need more help please**. We nearly always work in small groups and no more than 1 - 2 hrs at a time. Jobs to be done over the summer include weeding, deadheading and collecting water from the Village Hall water butt for watering. In the Autumn we will need to decide what to plant next year, cutting plants back and planting bulbs for the Spring.

Nothing too tiring. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. All offers of help will be most welcome. **Please email candcnewsletter@gmail.com to find out more and I will get back to you.** Many thanks. Linda Bryant



Image: Liz Bishop

BOOK STALL in aid of Keech Hospice Care

Angela & Dave Baker would like to express a big "Thank You" to all the lovely people that helped support our Book Stall held over the couple of weekends in June. Thank you to all of those who so kindly donated books, bought books and those who made such generous donations. Keech Hospice holds a very special place in our family's heart and it is so important to us to help to give something back. So, once again, many thanks from us and our family for your generosity, it is so very much appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JUNE WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 42 - R Farndon
2nd (£25) - No. 16 - S Lamb
3rd (£15) - No. 158 - A Cook

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JULY WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 86 - J Turner
2nd (£25) - No. 10 - P Busby
3rd (£15) - No. 46 - A White

100 CLUB 2022-2023 PRIZE DRAW

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

To enter for this years' Draw, payment can be done any time between now and the end of August. We are continuing to offer the opportunity to pay for your subscription on-line using a BACS payment. To obtain details on how to pay this way please email Liz: villagehall100club@gmail.com

If you would still prefer to pay for your subscription using cash or a cheque, Committee members will be calling house to house during July & August.

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/>

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Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th July 2022 for Aug & Sept Edition
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