

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter August & September 2022

100 Club 2022-2023

Draw starts September

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Trugs & Trowels Gardening Club

1st August 7:30pm

"Wellbeing in the Garden" talk

Peal attempt by visiting band
Thursday 18th August - 10am to 1pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



Coffee and Chat!
Friday 2nd September 10:30am to 12:30pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

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

News from the Pews

We hope you are all enjoying the good weather and are finally able to go on holiday this year, or just have a break, if you can. Our church is a lovely place to go on a hot day: a cool, calm sanctuary in a sometimes hot and troubled world. We thought you might be interested in a new film series launched by The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, exploring how we can cross divides in an often complex and painful world, and how we could all be peacemakers in our daily lives:
www.archbishopofcanterbury.org

Coffee and Chat will not be held during August! The dates for your diaries are: 2 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December 2022 - 10.30am to 12.30pm. For everyone it is a lovely morning. Bring along your friends to enjoy our lovely vintage china. We ask for donations for our charity of the month, if you would like us to support a charity of your choice please get in touch. We are still looking for volunteers to support us going forward. For those that helped at our Jubilee weekend it would be lovely to see you again and we were wondering if you would be willing to support this, as much or as little as you can. Have a look at the rota below and if you can help please let us know; Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507 or Audrey Brand 01462 850001

Date	Set up Thursday before 4pm	Making/serving teas and coffees	Cleaning away 12:20-1pm
2nd September			
7th October			
4th November			
2nd December			

Flower Club we would like to welcome anyone who would like to join the flower group at All Saints Church, either when we arrange together for special occasions or to make one arrangement for our Sunday service. You don't have to be a florist, just enjoy arranging flowers! Please get in touch with Janet for more information: 07712248844

Cleaning Rota we have had some fabulous responses for help to keep our listed building clean. Its amazing how those cobwebs return so quickly! You can support our community in lots of ways. We are setting up a rota where we will have twice yearly 'deep clean' and monthly 'light touches'. Tea and coffee will be available and it is a great way to meet people. Please get in touch with Beth or Audrey if you can support us going forward. You might only be called on once or twice a year!

Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507 and Audrey Brand 01462 850001



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUGUST WINNERS:

1st (£40) - No. 46 - A White

2nd (£25) - No. 75 - L Turner

3rd (£15) - No. 124 - S Khan

BONUS: (£60) - No. 40 - P Eaton

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who have taken part in the 2021-2022 100 Club which is important to raises funds towards keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

We are pleased to announce that the new draw will start in September 2022! We hope we can match or increase the 149 numbers sold last year which allowed £1095 to be used to support our hall.

We are continuing to offer the opportunity to pay for your subscription on-line using a BACS payment, however 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 cost of annual subscription will be £15 per number.

A copy of the 100 Club Rules can be found on our website page:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/100-club/>

100 CLUB CONTACT:- Tel: 01462 819058 / Email: villagehall100club@gmail.com

Campton Village Hall

With some new members on the committee we are pleased to be continuing with maintenance work at the Village Hall. Fire exit lights have been replaced, a new outside light ready for the darker months and new light in the back room. The tap in the back room has also been replaced to help with filling up the water butt supporting those tending to the Village Flower Beds.

We still have space for more people on the committee if anyone would like to assist with general tasks or just be another voice during our meetings. Please contact us by phone: 07950 458940 or email: camptonvh@outlook.com

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 7th July 2022. The meeting was attended by Ward Councillor Tony Brown.

Cllr Brown provided several updates regarding Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) projects, both local and with a wider focus on Central Bedfordshire as a whole.

There is to be a CBC Executive Meeting on 11/10/22 to seek approval to build the new primary school off Hitchin Road in Shefford, under the "Schools for the Future" initiative. CBC is designating this as a relocation of Campton Academy. CBC are currently homing 266 Ukrainian refugees, including 96 children. With a view to the increasing COVID infections in the UK, in Bedfordshire some 2.3% of the population were positive in June. The latest vaccination data locally shows 1st dose 86.1%, 2nd dose 82.8% and initial booster 66.9%.

High level data from the 2021 Census shows a Central Bedfordshire population of 294, 200 with Central Bedfordshire amongst the largest growth areas in England. Data shows a 15.7% increase in population since the last census in 2011, which is well above the 6.6% average within England.

More locally Cllr Brown confirmed that the resurfacing of Greenway footpaths was complete, but some works remain re: the highway surface. He is still pushing for Mill Lane to be resurfaced. The CBC Planning Officer delegated to the outline planning application for housing on Greenway continues to consider the application, with no further updates now expected until September or possibly later.

The Parish Council reviewed and agreed updated key council documents, and these will be published on the Parish Council website in due course. Projects were discussed and the Parish Council agreed to setup a social media page with a view to improving communications with residents. This use of social media will be reviewed after six months. Looking to Cllr roles and responsibilities Cllr Sibley agreed to become involved with overseeing the Recreation Ground and liaison with the school. Cllr Turton will take on a role promoting Parish Council communications.

An update was provided with regards the Joint Burial Board, with efforts to tend newly planted Yew trees, plans to plant a new rose bush and an additional litter bin to be installed. When funding allows works to resurface the small car park are planned.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Those residents that walk, cycle or drive through Campton Village may have seen the brand-new Noticeboard promoting eight colour coded local walks, many starting from the centre of the village. The walks and the noticeboard design result from a small project run by the Parish Council looking to achieve an aspiration (non-policy action) from the 2021 Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan (NP), and more importantly inform and encourage residents and visitors to the parish to walk the beautiful countryside and footpaths right on our doorsteps.

The project team are photographed below standing around the new noticeboard and left to right are Sue Lamb, John Ayres (co-chairs of the NP Environment Workgroup), Cllr Paul Booton and Cllr Dave Baker.



The local walks vary in length from 1.4 miles to 6.5 miles and detailed write ups can be found on the Parish Council website.

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

The Parish Council would also like to remind our residents of the “Margaret’s Walks” booklet. Many of you will have this excellent compilation of circular walks put together by a walking group over twelve years.

There are a total of 45 walks both within the parish and further afield across Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire. If you have a copy, why not select one of the walks and enjoy our local countryside.



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Returning to our 2021 Neighbourhood Plan, you will be aware that it included a broad range of aspirations identified during the various consultation exercises. Whilst the Parish Council will do what it can to move these aspirations forward, we would be very keen to hear from any resident willing to take a lead in, or support progressing, some of these ideas, particularly heritage appreciation, and new social activities and leisure pursuits. Please get in touch if you are interested. Thank you.

There is no Parish Council meeting in August so the next meeting will be on Thursday 1st September. Have a good summer.

Cllr Baker on behalf of the Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley:
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<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/>



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

News from the Tower

We have a visiting band coming to Campton to ring a peal, on Thursday August 18, 10am to 1pm approx. We have a Dutchman and an Australian in the band!

Ringers in mid-Bedfordshire were sad to hear that Dennis Davis died on Friday June 17 at the age of 88. Dennis was a regular ringer at Campton from the 1970s and was still active when we arrived here in April 2001 through to 2011, when he moved to Brisbane, Australia, to be closer to his family. His wife had died in early 2010 and the last 16 months in the UK were tough.

Dennis was a great asset to us at Campton and his loyalty to the tower and the host of other positive attributes he possessed were a great example to others. In later years Dennis suffered from very limited vision, something that for many would write off ringing as a pursuit, but not Dennis. He was a realist too – he knew he was not a high quality ringer but he had positive qualities in droves and he never ever complained. These qualities, little to do with ringing in any direct sense, are important since a positive attitude in a team environment from a role model like Dennis can be a major influence on others, particularly younger ringers.

Dennis had a busy social life, which continued and broadened after he retired. He took to riding a tandem (on the back only!) with his great friend Barrie Glenn, who retired here and learnt to ring following our Campton Bells Appeal launch in 2004. At heart Dennis was a social person, a man of unfailing bonhomie and a great conversationalist, with anybody young or old, any subject. He downplayed his lack of vision, sometimes at the expense of the odd 'flying sally' when ringing. His efforts to support our band and develop his ringing led to him ringing two quarter peals, a rich reward for his commitment and hard work. The first one was in 2009 at age 75 with a ladies band and the second one in 2010 in memory of his wife.

A member of our church community commented 'I was very fond of Dennis, whose zest for life, despite his lack of sight, was inspiring. He was a great conversationalist and had a great sense of humour. I know life in the UK was difficult when his wife died and that Barrie was a true friend to him.' A great summing up. Campton ringers and friends rang a 45 min quarter peal in Dennis's memory on Sunday June 26. The ringers were: Christine Williams, Linda Garton, Russell Brown, Henry Francis, John Loveless and David Bartlett.

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 on 07803 206161.

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

The priory visit was a success and it was greatly noticeable how much work had taken place in the walled garden for which awards have been won. We were made most welcome and refreshments were kindly offered.

On Monday 4th July we welcomed back Corrine Price Head Gardener at Swiss Gardens who gave us a talk on her time as Head Gardener at Wrest Park. This was very informative and already members have revisited with this new found knowledge. A fab birthday cake was presented to me by Cath one of our long standing members which I shared obviously!

In August club members and welcomed visitors will be given a talk on Wellbeing in the Garden. Everyone welcome, £3 entry, we start at 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided and there is a swap table. August meet will also be Sunflower competition judging: face size, height, best looking are all categories.

In September we will welcome our speaker talking on Bedfordshire Head Gardeners.

Enjoy your gardens over this wonderful summer, stay safe and collect up your seed heads.

Maryika, 01462 851729



Village Flower Beds

Thank you to those who continue to assist with the beautiful beds and we welcome some new helpers this last month.

It is not too late to get involved! 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.

Please email candcnewsletter@gmail.com to find out more and I will get back to you.
Many thanks. Linda Bryant



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