

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter October 2022



The Royal Family Facebook page

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On the 8th of September we all learned with great sadness of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council liaised with All Saints Church to provide information for residents regarding local opportunities to sign Books of Condolence, lay flowers or visit the Church in personal memoriam of Her Majesty. This information was posted on our website and noticeboards. We thank the Church for organising these open times for our residents. Our thoughts and heartfelt sympathy continue to be with the Royal Family at this sad time.

So much has happened since that time. King Charles III was officially proclaimed King on Saturday 10th September at St James's Palace in London, in front of a ceremonial body known as the Accession Council and, as is tradition, more locally the Bedfordshire Proclamation was read at 1pm on Sunday 11th September in the Harpur Square, Bedford by Lady Jane Clifford, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, accompanied by the Lord-Lieutenant. We wish His Majesty King Charles III, a long and happy reign. God Save the King.

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 1st September 2022. As part of the continued discussions regarding future projects within the Parish one of the ideas we have instigated is to improve communication with residents. We plan to expand the use of our website to improve communications, and we have also set up a Facebook page to help keep in touch. We will, of course, still include a report in the Parish Council newsletter, but the Facebook page will enable us to pass on information more quickly to residents. If you know residents who do not have access to Facebook, then please do share posted information with them. Thank you. We hope that the website and Facebook page will be complimentary, with more details associated with some Facebook posts hosted on the website.

At our meeting Ward Cllr Liddiard explained that Government have announced that there will be a review of all temporary hospitality structures erected due to the Covid Pandemic, particularly in conservation areas or for listed buildings. A planning application CB/22/03288/FULL (including listed building consent) has recently been received from the White Hart most likely as a result. The application is retrospective effectively looking to retain the marquee (outbuilding with open frontage and tent roof) sited in the White Hart car park. Given the application is associated with a community facility, the local public house, it was felt important to raise awareness

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of the application in our newsletter. Should any resident wish to read the application, and perhaps submit a view to the CBC Planning Dept, please follow the link below:

<http://plantech.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/PLANTECH/DCWebPages/acolnetcgi.gov?ACTION=UNWRAP&RIPNAME=Root.PgeResultDetail&TheSystemkey=630490>

Councillor Liddiard also reported that the A level results have been publicised and show an increase of 4-5%, this includes BTECs. GCSEs saw 69% of students receiving a pass with 46% passing with a grade 5 or above. These results cover schools in Central Bedfordshire.

The CBC Fairness Task Force has produced potential project options. The key areas identified were to support residents, not necessarily financially but in their ability to obtain the relevant benefits and support available. It is estimated that 10% of Central Bedfordshire residents will be in energy poverty by the end of the year and this number could be potentially higher. If you know of anyone who needs some assistance or advice or may be eligible for benefits, please advise them to contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly.

Digital interaction at Central Bedfordshire Council will be improved in response to residents' requests. Customer service will still be offered face to face but more support will be available online and the systems will be improved. There is less demand on buildings/office space as 1,500 out of the 3,000 of the CBC employees are now homeworkers and have "touch in" days either weekly or fortnightly.

The Parish Council has signed a new agreement with the football club for this coming season; the club will try to ensure 2 managers attend future games to assist with parking. The annual inspection of the play area will be carried out in the coming weeks and the Parish Council will evaluate the report and discuss any repairs required. Cllr Baker has been trying to deal with the rabbit holes on the Recreation ground, we hope this improves the area.

A new dog bin was fitted in Mill Lane. This had to be removed and refitted but is there now permanently for the use of dog walkers in the Parish.

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News from the Tower

Thursday September 8th will go down as one of those 'I remember where I was when I heard the news' days. I was driving home from a ringing trip to Worcestershire. I felt a profound sense of loss, this much loved lady who provided such wonderful service to us, and had served most of us for nearly all of our lives, was no longer with us.

And then 'Operation London Bridge' the plan to cover the death of the Queen, listing all the associated procedures from state to parish level procedures, came into operation. This was created as early as the 1960's and was regularly reviewed ever since. In the Queen's case that's a lot of reviews.....

Producing that haunting echoing sound on the bells

Firstly the tricky process of half-muffling of bell clappers, which allows the alternate loud and soft strikes of the clapper against the bell, producing an echo effect. Fitting the muffles is a manual operation often carried out in cramped conditions. Thanks to Henry and Neil Francis at Campton for doing this, in readiness for the many solemn ringing sessions during the 10 days between the announcement of the Queen's death and the funeral. Over 7000 churches worldwide are rung in our 'English style' so the global muffling process uses a vast of handmade leather pads and velcro fastenings.

And the ringing?

Linda Bryant, Linda Garton, Henry Francis and myself rang 4 bells on Friday September 9th to '*Rounds, Queens, Diminishing Rounds and 96 Tolling*', the 96 signifying the Queen's age. Starting with four bells striking which then diminishes to one bell striking produces a simple yet moving effect, as some residents have noted. We rang for an hour. Some of our performances over the 10 days were recorded on the ringers' online Bellboard, along with thousands of others:
<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/list.php>

Our ringing for service on the following Sunday was fantastic, again it was featured on Bellboard. On Tuesday Jeff Chua, who we taught in 2019 when the new bells at Singapore Cathedral were installed, arrived to stay with us. We were at times a little bemused at his red hot camera work but Jeff had never seen an English village and I suspect Campton achieved an A*. It was a privilege to ring in his first quarter peal, 45 minutes ringing, and celebrate afterwards. It went on Bellboard as 'Half muffled in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II, whilst the church was open for the public to light candles and pay their respects.'

Finally on Thursday afternoon, with an invited band mainly from Bedfordshire, we rang a full peal, the first half muffled peal on the bells, a beautiful sound.

News from the Tower cont.

And the future of bellringing?

Our numbers have diminished since Covid and to secure the future of ringing at Campton we need to recruit new people to learn. In recent years since World War II most major Royal events have been accompanied by initiatives to recruit new ringers for the future.

In the last month a new band of ringers has been formed at Meppershall. Their target is to ring for Christmas.

Here's an idea for Campton - the Campton challenge!

I'm sure that following the current Royal events, some residents might like to ring for the next one, the Coronation of King Charles the Third? No date has been set but it is likely to be in the summer of 2023, in 6 to 9 months time.

We can teach you and it should take 6-8 weekly sessions or we can fast track faster learners! 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. Or ask the new Meppershall ringers for their view.

The next peal attempt at Campton will be on Friday October 14th, 10am to 1pm approx.

John Loveless on 07803 206161



A regular bus service open to everyone.

Travel to Biggleswade, Hitchin, Cambridge & Welwyn Garden City
Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

Monthly excursions take place on the 4th Thursday of the month:

29th Sept - Ascott House near Leighton Buzzard

28th October - Bicester Village Shopping

24th November - Burghley House Christmas Market

Please pre-book excursions by contacting us.

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

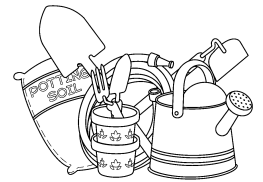
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Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

August gardening club was an informative and real insight of how to get the best out of your garden or other outdoor space for wellbeing and good health.



Our sunflower competition was judged and we had 3 outright winners: Height - Carol Wilkinson, Largest face/head - Margaret Langley, Best looking - Janet Hyde.

September gardening club was a speaker on Bedfordshire Head Gardeners and their roles. A big thank you to all members who assisted to cover my absence.

October will hear our speaker Felicity Brimble who will be enlightening us on the Beds Garden Trust and their role to secure and care for our beautiful gardens.

New members are always welcome. £3 to include refreshments. Goodies on our free and swap table are always popular.

Maryika, 01462 851729

Campton Village Hall

During the summer our committee members have continued maintenance jobs. The store room behind the kitchen has been decorated and storage improved, the foliage growing around the building has been reduced, and plans are in place to improve the worktop space in the kitchen. We have some square tables 61 x 61 x 61cm which are no longer required, please contact us if you can make use of them.

Indoor bowls restarts on Thursday 6th October. They meet every Thursday between 2pm and 4pm. Everyone is welcome. A new yoga class "Yoga with Rick" has started on a Monday morning at 9am. All abilities are welcome.

Thank you to all who have joined the 2022-2023 100 Club Draw. We are pleased have sold 140 numbers which allows £1080 to be used to support our hall. Thank you everyone.

After 5 years in the role of Bookings Secretary, John is stepping down. We would like to thank him for the time he has given. This means we are looking for a new Bookings Secretary for our Village Hall. If anyone would like to take on this role or discuss in further detail please do get in touch.

Please contact us by phone: 07950 458940 or email: camptonvh@outlook.com
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/whats-on/>

News from the Pews

On Friday 2nd September we held our 'Coffee & Chat' in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research and raised £86 which was great as the attendance was quite small. We enjoyed a lovely selection of cakes so thank you to all who contributed or helped with the practical aspects. The next Coffee & Chat will be on Friday 7th October, 10.30 -12noon. We look forward to seeing you.

On the following Thursday, 8th September, we sadly learned of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. All Saints was open at set times for people to have a quiet place for remembrance, prayer and to light candles. Thank you to everyone who staffed the church that week.

Flowers could also be placed around the flagpole in the Churchyard. Thank you to Caroline Greet, Keith Holland, Julia Turner and Jim Turner who managed to get the protocol for the Flag correctly flown.

On Friday 16th the children & staff of Campton School came to the Church for a short memorial service, five children from each class lit candles. John Loveless, our Tower Captain, tolled the Church bell as the children walked down the road which everyone found very moving – thank you John.



Image: Liz Bishop

The two Sunday services on 11th & 18th September were also times of remembrance, including prayers for King Charles III and the Royal Family.

On Saturday 10th September we did have a joyful and very happy wedding when Lily Sullivan-Ash married Alistair Symes – it was a lovely day.

The October Services will be at the normal time of 11.15 – all are very welcome to come and we would love to see you. Audrey Brand 01462 850001

ROCK'N THE AISLES 2022

FEATURING....



**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON
8.30PM – 11PM**

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