

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter November 2022

Coffee and Chat!

Friday 4th November 10:30am to 12:30pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



Keep Warm in the Hall

Friday 18th November 10:30am to 12:30pm
at Campton Village Hall

Rock'n the Aisles - tickets now available!
Saturday 26th November
All Saints Church



2022 Christmas Festival
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December
1pm - 5pm at All Saints Church

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please contact the Editor, Liz Bishop - details on back page

ROCK'N THE AISLES 2022

FEATURING....



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

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC ROCK,
FEATURING THE VERY BEST OF 60'S 70 AND 80'S
ROCK MUSIC, PERFORMED LIVE IN A CHURCH.
LICENCED BAR

TICKETS £10 - AVAILABLE FROM JOY - 811798,
5, GREENWAY, CAMPTON.
EMAIL - PIANOMADJOY@HOTMAIL.CO.UK



2022 Christmas Festival

Saturday 10th December - 1pm to 5pm
Sunday 11th December - 1pm to 5pm

**A fun and friendly event taking in the delights of the festive season decorations.
Light refreshments will be available!**

To take part in our 2022 Festival, enter any of the three categories below. Entries are to be based at your home and need to be visible from the road. New for 2022, we are offering space inside All Saints Church to display your tree if you do not have suitable outdoor space at home.

- **Christmas Tree:** Decorate a tree in your front garden with a Christmas theme. This could be any tree - growing in your garden, artificial, in a pot or a tree made from anything!
- **Christmas Window:** Decorate a window with a Christmas theme.
- **Christmas Door:** Decorate a door (or gate) with a Christmas theme.

Entry: £5 per category. Closing date for entries: 6th December 2022.
Christmas Goodies will be awarded to the best entries in each category, as voted for by the public. Entry forms on page 8 (back page).

Maps & Voting Forms (£3 each) and light refreshments will be available inside All Saints Church on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December from 1pm to 5pm

Proceeds from the Tombola, Refreshments and Christmas Festival will be split between the **Motor Neurone Disease Association** and **All Saints Church, Campton**. If you are unable to partake or visit the displays we would welcome donations to the tombola. Perhaps you are a business in the parish who is able to offer a prize or gift voucher. Please contact Maryika on 01462 851729 to arrange collection or drop-off of donations. Thank you.

We also welcome any volunteers who are able to help beforehand or on the day! Please contact Liz on 01462 819058 for more information.

News from the Pews

What a colourful Autumn it has been. Thank you to all involved in our Harvest Festival Church events over the past few weeks, which culminated in the most joyful service for the whole of Campton Lower School and their parents. It was heartening to see so many children taking part in, and given the opportunity to understand, a religious tradition. It also gave some of the children their first taste of public speaking, and they were all fabulous! Thank you all for your generosity in giving so much food to our local community food bank, The Need Project.

It would be lovely to see everyone supporting our community events leading up to Christmas and Advent this year. Here is a summary:

- **13 November 10.45 am** Remembrance Sunday Service. Please feel free to come along by yourself or with your family and friends to our service.
- **26 November** is our Rock'n the Aisles event which is staging a comeback after a two year break because of Covid restrictions. A fabulous local band RF2 will be transforming the church on that evening! Come along to experience the creative use of such a beautiful community resource and support our fundraising endeavours. We are sure you will have a wonderful evening. Details and tickets from Joy Curtis (see page 2).
- **Friday 2nd December 10.30-12.30** is our **Christmas Coffee and Chat** with mince pies. Catch up with friends and make some new ones. All ages welcome.
- **Sat/Sun 10/11 December** is our **Campton Christmas Festival 1-5 pm** with tea/coffee/mulled wine with cakes/mince pies and tombola in church. Houses around the village will be decorated so please encourage family and friends to come for a walk ending up at the church for a drink and cake and to vote for the best displays. Results announced in our **11.15am service on 18 December**.
- **Sunday 11th Dec 11.15am Christingle Service**, open to everyone. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to participate as it is such a beautiful service.
- **24th December 6pm (9 lessons and carols)**. Back in church after a 2 year break. Arrive early for the best seats!
- **25 December 11.15am** Christmas Day Service.

All Saints Church Campton are running a Reverse Advent drive this Christmas. Donation boxes should be brought to the porch in church by 24 December 2022. The boxes will be delivered to 'The Need Project' between the 4th and 8th January to help replenish their stores after the festive season.

Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507 and Audrey Brand 01462 850001
Rector: The Revd Roni Goodman 01462 339962 / 07533 376880
The Rectory, Church Road, Meppershall, SG17 5NA ronigoodman@gmail.com
Website: <https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>

Campton Village Hall

The Village Hall would like to invite you to socialise, keep warm and join us for tea, coffee and biscuits on Friday 18th November and Friday 16th December between 10:30am and 12:30pm. If this proves to be a success over the winter we can add further dates for 2023.



Please bring any books and jigsaws you would like to swap with others, we shall keep a selection of them in the small meeting room.

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

News from the Tower

A quieter month. We rang for the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen on September 19, for which we rang three bells up to the service at 11am. Luke Merryweather, our latest recruit, rang for this service which is the first time he had rung for a service. What an occasion to remember.

Following my piece in last month's parish newsletter about the Campton 'Challenge', don't forget we are looking to recruit some new ringers at All Saints, Campton for the Coronation of King Charles the Third. **The date of the Coronation of King Charles the Third is now confirmed as Saturday May 6, 2023.** So, anyone wishing to learn to ring has 6 months to do so! 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, who aim to be ringing their bells for Christmas, for their view!

John Loveless on 07803 206161

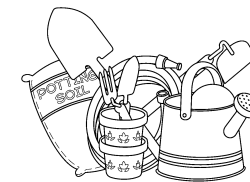
Village Flower Beds

Our volunteers enjoyed a lovely garden party on September 17th to discuss the plans for the village flower beds for the 2023 season.

We are hoping the resident in the Parish will have some leftover spring bulbs and ground cover perennials they can donate for us to plant in the village flower beds. Please email candcnewsletter@gmail.com to find out more and I will get back to you. Many thanks. Linda Bryant

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Every season creates a new demand and October is no exception. Autumn is fast approaching; darker nights are ahead and temperatures take a turn producing lovely autumn colours. There are lots of jobs to do in the garden at this time of year:



- Take in any tender plants before frosts arrive
- Watch the forecast for strong winds and heavy rainfall
- Plant shrubs and trees in well prepared soil
- Transplant, lift and divide perennials and share with each other - we all love a free plant!
- Clear fallen leaves from roses to avoid black spots and prune climbing roses
- Lift tubers and summer bulbs, divide rhubarb crowns.
- Plant your winter bedding and bulbs (daffodils, iris & hyacinth but not tulips due to risk of blight)
- Apply lawn feed as they need to recover, Mulching borders will lock in moisture
- Check up on your winter planting of onions, herbs, and sweet peas under glass
- Don't forget your wildlife: bird feeders need cleaning as avian flu on the rise, protect hedgehogs, and create logpiles & insect houses

On 7th November 7:30pm at Campton Village Hall gardening club will host a competition alongside a quiz and discussion around invasive and aggressive planting in your garden. Please bring a Christmas centre piece to include at least one natural item or a dressed napkin for judging. All in all a busy evening so please feel free to join us for our usual warm welcome.

Maryika, 01462 851729

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on 6th October 2022. I reported last month that as part of our continued commitment to improve communications with our residents, we planned to use the website more for regular communications and set up a Facebook page to keep in touch. Please look us up at: <https://www.facebook.com/CamptonandChicksandsPC/> Please note that you don't have to be a Facebook user to visit the Facebook page online.

The Councillors would like to thank the volunteers who looked after the village flower border over the incredibly warm and dry summer. They would also like to thank the P3 volunteers who can now regularly be seen around the parish carrying out litter picking and wayside trimming jobs, they really are working hard to keep the village looking nice. Thank you.

CBC and residents across Central Bedfordshire continue to support Ukrainian refugees. There are now 367 Ukrainian guests, 240 adults and 127 children, sponsored by 160 households.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Ward Cllr Brown was able to update the PC on various points. Ten sites have been identified by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) in phase one installations of public electric charging stations, all of which will be dual socket. One site is in Shefford, where there will be four dedicated electric spaces and four more earmarked as the demand increases. A further 200 sites will be evaluated for potential installations next year.

There is an extension to CBC's cost-of-living scheme. Ward Cllrs can offer support for those in hardship, and this is not a match funding scheme. It is to address the current hardships, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council for more details.

The long-standing outline planning application for housing on Greenway was recently discussed at the CBC Development Management Committee DMC. The Parish Council made a spoken representation at the meeting raising several points regarding the application concept plan layout and proposed access, stressing that any future development should be in keeping with the village. Ward Cllr Liddiard also attended the meeting and re-enforced many of the concerns raised by the PC on behalf of residents. The application report prepared by the CBC planning officer was very thorough and conditions proposed within reflected and addressed most of the key points put forward by the Parish Council. Hopefully these will be fully considered should a full application come forward in the future. The PC thanked both the planning officer and our Ward Cllrs for their contributions and efforts regarding the application and setting out conditions. The outline application was approved at the CBC DMC.

The Police and Crime Commission hosted their annual meeting recently and I would like to share the following brief update with you. The Commissioner is committed to invest in community policing despite significant critical challenges around funding staffing levels that include 60 PCs and 52 PCSOs. Retention of staff in Bedfordshire is an issue with the Metropolitan Police and Hertfordshire paying significantly more. 50% of PCs have 5 years or less Service and 35% of PCs have less than 2 years Service. Their performance priorities have increased tenfold. A community-based policing hub is based in Flitwick to help close the gap between Police and the Community. The challenges include £20 million pounds of drugs going through Bedfordshire in a month. The Police receive 12,000 calls a month, 60% of calls to the police are dealing with mental health issues not a Police responsibility. Bedfordshire Police is ranked 1st in the UK for dealing with persistent offenders. The Parish Council will continue to communicate with the Police and will help identify the key priorities within our parish.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on November 10th at Campton Village Hall at 7pm. Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley: Tel 01908 505558 / 07955 521174

tammy.medley@btinternet.com <https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/>

Christmas Festival Entry Form

Payment can be made by BACs or cash with the entry form in an envelope. All entries to 10 Rectory Road, Campton, SG17 5PF by 6th December 2022. All Saints Church Campton PCC: Sort Code 20-41-12 Account No 40573647

Name:			
Address:			
Email:			
Phone No:			
	Tick for Adult Entry	Tick for Child Entry	Paid Cash or BACs? (£5 per entry)
Christmas Tree			
Decorate Window			
Decorate Door			
If you are a UK Tax Payer and can Gift Aid the entry fee please sign and date below. Thank you.			
Sign:		Date:	



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 5 - J Ayres
2nd (£25) - No. 86 - J Turner
3rd (£15) - No. 88 - R McMurray

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OCTOBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 70 - J Westgarth
2nd (£25) - No. 31 - L Mullins
3rd (£15) - No. 88 - R McMurray

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