

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter December 2022

Coffee and Chat!

Friday 2nd December 10:30am to 12:30pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



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

Keep Warm in the Hall

Friday 16th December 10:30am to 12:30pm
at Campton Village Hall



Christmas Peal bell ringing
Wednesday 28th December 10am to 1pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

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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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on 10th November 2022. I am pleased to report that our new Facebook page is reaching lots of residents in the parish, and we are now able to provide more current information. If you haven't looked us up already, please do. Of course, all the information will also be on the Campton and Chicksands Parish Council website.

<https://www.facebook.com/CamptonandChicksandsPC/>

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Earlier this year we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. A group of residents got together and did a fantastic job planning decorations and activities in the parish to commemorate the occasion. With King Charles III's Coronation planned for May next year we would like to bring the community together once again to share and celebrate the occasion. We hope to set up another group to plan Coronation activities and decorations. If you would like to lead or be a part of this team or just have some ideas, please do get in touch as there will be a discussion on the Coronation at the next PC meeting on 1st December 2022 at 7pm in the village hall, please come along with your ideas.

Looking to next year, the Parish Council will continue to meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the village hall, however the meeting in May will be deferred until 11th May 2023 due to the Local Government elections. Our March meeting will take place on 2nd March and will include the Annual Parish Meeting, where the Parish Councillors provide an overview of the work of the Parish Council over the last year.

At our meeting Councillor Brown provided Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) updates. Approval has been given for £14.1 million for the building of the new School in Shefford, which will provide for the children in the Parish. It may open as a Lower School but will have all the facilities to be a Primary School when the local cluster moves to the two-tier system. He also informed us that the changes to the bus route from Bedford to Hitchin is being investigated, he will keep us updated.

There are a couple of major CBC consultations that are currently open, I provide information below, please do take the time to read and comment on them, they will help to shape the future of planning and care services locally:

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Health and Care Partnership is developing a **strategy for digital health and care services**. The use of technology and digital

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access to services increased due to the Covid Pandemic and many of the ways people receive treatment or advice have changed and may have been supported by digital or remote services.

CBC would like to understand how residents feel about digital health and care services, what they think works well and what barriers there may be to residents being able to access services in this way.

If you want to know more, find out about focus groups or complete the consultation survey please follow the following link or visit the PC Facebook page.

<https://eu.surveymonkey.com/r/BLMKDigital>

The survey runs until **Thursday 12 Jan 2023**.

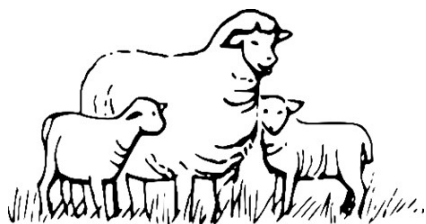
CBC have also initiated a **Parking Standard for New Developments** consultation. An eight-week consultation on a draft "Parking Standards for New Developments" Supplementary Planning Document began at 10am on Tuesday 8th November 2022, with the deadline for comments being **10am on Thursday 5th January 2023**.

Once again, if you want to know more or submit a response, please follow the link below or visit the PC Facebook page.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/38/consultations/1274/draft_parking_standards_for_new_developments

Alternatively, a printed copy of the draft document can be viewed at every library in Central Bedfordshire, during their usual opening hours. Written responses can be sent to: Strategic Transport, C/O Strategic Growth, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5TQ

The Parish Council wishes the residents of Campton and Chicksands a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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News from the Tower

We urgently need more ringers to develop our ringing team at Campton and local people to come forward to learn to ring. Remember that Coronation in May 2023! It takes 6-8 weekly sessions to learn 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, John Loveless, on 07803 206161 or email jioveless5040@outlook.com
Please do listen to our 2022 Christmas peal on Wednesday December 28, 10am to 1pm approx.

John Loveless on 07803 206161

News from the Pews

Following a series of difficult Christmases our church warmly welcomes you all back to a full range of services and events. Here is our calendar for Advent and Christmas:

- **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 all over our beautiful parish will be decorated, so please invite family and friends for a walk, ending 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** and published next month.
- **Sunday 11th Dec 11.15am Christingle Service**, open to everyone. This is a beautiful family service at which children will feel particularly welcome.
- **Thursday 15th Dec Campton Academy Christmas Carol service** intended especially for school members and parents/carers.
- **24th December 6pm (9 lessons and carols)** Back inside church after a 2 year break. Arrive early for the best seats!
- **25 December 10:30am Christmas Day Service. Please note change of time.**

A call for help during the season of peace and good will!

Coffee and chat is held on the first Friday of the month (except for August when we have a break), and our next one is on 2nd December. We are short of volunteers to help us with both setting up (on a Thursday evening at 4pm), and to help out in the morning. We have made a considerable amount of money for our charities and to help with the upkeep of the church. If you feel you can help please let us know. We will be reviewing Coffee and Chat's continuation for the coming year, keeping you posted in this newsletter.

News from the Pews cont.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Everyone loves an advent calendar: they are part of the anticipation of Christmas. If you want to try something a little different this year, try creating an advent calendar you put items into to help support those in need. Donation boxes may be brought to the porch of the church by 24th December 2022. They will be delivered to The Need Project, helping it to replenish its stores after the festive season.

Urgently needed items include: Fruit Juice (longlife), Tinned Meat (stew, curry, meatballs), Sponge Puddings (longlife), Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti, Coffee, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Toilet Rolls, Disposable Razors, Anti-Bac hand gels, Household Anti-Bac Spray, Cleaner, Washing Up Liquid, Laundry Wash Tablets, Shampoo and Deodorant. Other suggested items include: Jam, Biscuits, Cutlery Sets, Wooden Spoons, Bars of Chocolate, Coffee.

The foodbank has plenty of: Baked Beans, Cereal, Porridge, Conditioner, Bubble Bath and Sanitary Products.

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Rock'n the Aisles



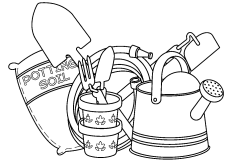
A Big Thank You to all those who came out and supported Rock'N the Aisles, the charity fundraiser for All Saints Church on Saturday 26th November 2022.

I think it's fair to say it was a huge hit and a massive thanks to Steve Curtis, Martin Beazley, Ian Couzens, Ian Benjafield and Paul Elliot from RF2 who put on a fantastic performance, also including Jules Harcourt, the sound engineer.

Many people helped to get this show on the road, in particular Joy Curtis for organising and selling tickets, Will Curtis and Fiona Harcourt for looking after the bar and the furniture moving/clearing up team: Beth & Charles Ash, Clare & Neal Francis, Paul & Sue Booton, Maggie Marsh, Deborah Maggs. Apologies to anyone who I have forgotten, but your help was very much appreciated on the night.

In the next Newsletter we will be able to share how much was raised from this event.

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club



I am thinking we could be heading for the warmest November on record. Time to tackle all those jobs in the garden:

- Plant up colourful winter tubs and use the old compost to top dress borders
- Prune and tie roses and currant bushes to prevent windrock
- Clear fallen leaves from lawns/ponds and bag to create compost
- Plant tulips, bare root trees, onion sets and garlic
- Divide perennials and protect tender plants from frost
- Scrub all greenhouse staging and bubble wrap interior for winter
- Tidy up strawberry beds removing and cutting back old foliage
- We must not forget our wildlife and continue the hygiene involved due to the spread of Avian flu.
- On those wintry days pop the kettle on and thumb those catalogues creating the master plan for next year!

It would be lovely for you to join us on the last gardening club of 2022, Monday 5th December, for our festive Christmas social. Please can I wish all our lovely members a wonderful restful Christmas.

The first gardening club of 2023 will be Monday 9th January. I look forward to seeing you.

Maryika, 01462 851729

Campton Village Hall

Following feedback from hall users during the jubilee weekend the Village Hall kitchen now boasts 2 workbenches on lockable-wheels for additional surfaces to serve tea, coffee and cakes from. Bookings for the hall are now back to the same levels as pre-Covid. We are very pleased to see our community asset so well used and for a variety of classes and events.

We are still looking for a **new Bookings Secretary** for our Village Hall. If you feel you would like to take on this role or discuss it in further detail please do get in touch.

*The Village Hall Management Committee would like to
"wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas"*

Please contact us by phone: 07526 797944 or by email: camptonvh@outlook.com
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/whats-on/>



Hedgehog Highway Project

Do you have Hedgehogs in your garden? Would you like to help these Hedgehogs to flourish locally? The Parish Council is supporting Hedgehog conservation in our parish and has purchased several Hedgehog Highway Surrounds that are now available to residents on request.

What is a Hedgehog Highway? A Hedgehog Highway is a 5-inch gap in a fence or wall allowing access for Hedgehogs. These gaps are becoming essential in the battle to conserve our endangered spiky friends. A Hedgehog Highway allows hedgehogs to forage more widely for food, meet mates to breed and access more nesting sites.

Why should I install a Hedgehog Highway Surround? The Hedgehog Highway surrounds look super cute, they raise awareness to hedgehogs' struggle for survival, they create a talking point and encourage others to create a highway of their own and take part in the project.

Why not talk to your neighbours about creating a Hedgehog Highway? If you would like to obtain a Hedgehog Highway Surround with an information leaflet, please contact the Parish Clerk (Tel: 01908 505558) who will tell you when and where you may collect one. Initially, these surrounds will be limited to one per household until we have ascertained demand.



2022 Christmas Festival

Saturday 10th December - 1pm to 5pm

Sunday 11th December - 1pm to 5pm

Entry: £5 per category. Closing date for entries: 6th December. 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**. This year we are fortunate enough to be able to offer sealed bidding for a **fabulous bottle of fizz and a local artists painting!**

Please contact Liz on 01462 819058 for more information.

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 NOVEMBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 224 - A Maudlin

2nd (£25) - No. 30 - P Mitchell

3rd (£15) - No. 50 - L Hollis

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th December 2022
Email: candcnewsletter@gmail.com Tel: 01462 819058