

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter May 2023



Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III
4th - 8th May 2023
at All Saints Church, Campton
See pages 2 & 3 for details

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Celebrate the
Coronation of King Charles III
Thursday 4th to Monday 8th May
How to get involved....

Decorate the front of your house/front garden/window/door/gate!
Show your creative flair with flags, flowers, balloons and bunting.



Reflection Book to be available in Church throughout the weekend for villagers to record thoughts / memories of the Coronation.



Thursday 4th May



Church Coronation Service for Campton Academy pupils and parents.

Friday 5th May



Come to **Coffee & Chat** 10.30am - 12pm in All Saints Church. Dress in red, white and blue. Enjoy cakes and a catch up.



Bell Peal 3pm - 6pm. Listen to experienced ringers in joyful celebration. (*Church closed during the ringing*)



Have fun with a **free Family Quiz Evening** 7:30pm at All Saints Church. Teams of 6. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Prize for the best dressed team!

Saturday 6th May



Ring for the King 9:45am - 10:30am
Experienced and new ringers join together.



Sunday 7th May



Join the 11.15am **All Saints Church Service**, listen to the Coronation Anthem sung by the choir. After the service there will be a toast to the King with fizz/tea/coffee and cake and Commemorative Rose planting at the Village Border.

Monday 8th May



The Big Help Out We are responding to King Charles' wish for a Big Help Out by thanking all the volunteers in the village with a commemorative gift. There will be opportunities to get involved with 'Celebration/Big Help Out'. Detail of the various volunteering groups in the village available at the Coffee & Chat for you to sign up and get involved.



News from the Pews

Thank you to the church flower team for the beautiful flowers for our Easter Sunday service and for the decorated cross outside the church.

As we prepare for the coronation we hope you can join in the events planned by our Campton and Chicksands community volunteers over the coronation weekend. It will be a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and appreciate what we do for each other.



News from the Pews cont.

In preparation for the coronation, the Church of England is sharing a range of **Coronation Reflections** over 28 days, from Easter Sunday to Coronation Day, to help guide our prayers and reflections on this historic moment which touches us all. You might try any of the following:

1. Access a digital book of Daily Prayers and Reflections via the Church of England's website www.churchofengland.org or social media channels.
2. Daily Hope Freephone: 0800 8048044. Phone and listen to a daily Coronation reflection.
3. Ask your smart speaker for today's Coronation Reflection from the Church of England.



Staying with the coronation, we were proud to nominate Izzy Partington for the **Coronation Champions Award!** Without her support our monthly 'coffee and chat' would not continue. Her nomination also recognises a range of creative ways she has supported causes both here and in other communities. Congratulations Izzy.

Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507 and Audrey Brand 01462 850001

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 6th April 2023.

The Councillors are incredibly pleased that the new climbing wall has been installed at the play area in Campton. The wall was funded by S106 development money, Ward Councillor grants and the Parish Council. Installation is perfectly timed with what should be the start of some warmer spring weather. We hope that local children will have hours of fun and enjoyment on this new equipment, pictured here.



Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Bedfordshire Police have set up a survey using survey monkey for all residents within Bedfordshire, the survey allows residents to report any concerns they may have, that are Policing issues. The Community Policing Team will then be able to prioritise these and allocate their time and resources appropriately. The survey can be found by using the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BedsPoliceHaveYourSay>

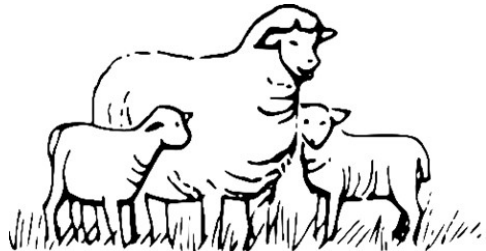
The six existing Councillors on the Parish Council submitted their applications to Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) in March in preparation for the forthcoming local elections and we have now had it confirmed from CBC that the election will be uncontested. We are also pleased to welcome a new Councillor to the team. Cllr John Wooton will also accept office at the May meeting.

We have had a good response to the idea of running further Defibrillator training in the parish and we will be arranging a training session in the coming months. I will email all of the residents that have expressed an interest with a suggested date. If you haven't expressed an interest and would now like to be included in the training, its not too late. Please email me to confirm by 11th May 2023.

The Parish Council recently agreed to upgrade the streetlights that the Parish Council own within the village of Campton. You may have noticed our contractor carrying out works? He has now replaced all 23 lanterns with the modern LED alternative. Parts for the old lights were no longer available so this will ensure that the lights can be better maintained. These works fulfil one of the non-policy actions of our 2021 Neighbourhood Plan, will be far better for the environment and reduce energy consumption and costs for the Parish Council.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 11th May 2023 7.00pm in Campton Village Hall.

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News from the Tower

‘RING FOR THE KING’ – SPECIAL CORONATION PEAL

This is on Friday 5th May, on All Saints Church Bells, starting at 3pm and finishing approx. 6pm.

‘RING FOR THE KING’ – CELEBRATING CORONATION DAY

‘RING FOR THE KING’ is to run all the bells in the country - that’s 6000 churches - for the Coronation of King Charles III.

We will ring on Coronation Day, Saturday 6th May, from 9:45am to 10:30am.



Do come and hear the Coronation Day ringing. Several of our new ringers who started as ‘Ring for the King’ recruits many months ago will be ringing for the Coronation. They are working really hard for the event, ‘Ring for the King’ represents the culmination of lots of hard work and commitment. Congratulations to them!

YOUR TURN TO LEARN?

To learn more 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 jloveless5040@outlook.com

Bluebell Season!

Bluebells usually flower in April and May so now is a perfect opportunity to start some of the walks on our Parish website:

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

- Walk No 1 Chicksands Wood
- Walk No 6 Sandy Smith Nature Reserve



Image: Liz Bishop

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Spring is well under way and is very evident by the additional 30 new lambs here in Campton. Our trip out to Ashridge to enjoy the Ancient Bluebell woodland trails, and Ashridge house gardens was enjoyed by the group and is now behind us and we look forward to a welcome by Michael Parrish at Shefford Hardwick farm at 4pm on the 22nd April when he will talk to us about the diversity of Bedfordshire farming. This is open to all, and a real insight of rural flexibility.

As you can see by the calendar (on page 8) we have some changes to dates and locations ahead please add these adjustments to your diary's thank you.

Ask yourself what your ideal garden would be, and in todays fast living environment you're probably wanting 'low-maintenance' or even 'no-maintenance' Does this garden exist?.....No but low-maintenance is achievable, it's largely down to the right choices. Ratio of paving to lawn to border and beds and planting. Firstly look around and see what grows well in your area. A plant in the wrong place will always need attention whilst evergreens or unusual leaf structure create all year round interest. This option doesn't always offer interesting flowers/blossom. Watering can be high maintenance along with weeding and dead heading. A balance between practical solutions and aesthetic interests along with personal preference is needed. No digging allows mycorrhizal network of fungi to spread which extends to the root system of plants in turn they require less fertilisation and water, great for the environment. As soil develops better drainage and contains more carbon, you can add mulch early winter. Plants thrive and establish quickly. Add more plants to fill spaces which prevents weeds growing as nature fills a void. Wise planning & planting.

Low maintenance lawns ??? Artificial grass has become very popular as the lawn is said to be the most intensive maintenance requirement of any garden feature. Well contrary to belief, a fake lawn is not maintenance free. Weed seeds will eventually take hold and weeding an unnatural lawn is not easy. Washing is required on occasion especially if pets share your garden. Artificial grass is an emotive topic with a lack of scientific knowledge to assess the environmental impact of such a new product. When professionals install it no doubt cuts down on maintenance, although the lack of biodiversity on fake lawn is an obvious drawback whilst some view it as another component to the garden structure like a patio.

As spring is finally here it is time to start mowing your lawns, if you haven't done it already don't cut it too short the first time. The ideal height the first time is 2.5cm to 4cm, if it gets a lot of wear and tear then 5cm. Frequent mows maintains lawn quality. Remove all clippings or for an organic approach leave some for the earthworms.



Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club cont.

Are you full of Beans? In the veg patch they are known as legumes and are grown not only for their delicious crop but also for the nitrogen they restore to the soil. Runner beans and French beans would be better sown in pots indoors, as young plants may be affected by late frosts at this time of year. Meanwhile you can improve the soil where they are going to grow by adding plenty of organic matter. Plant out early summer against support 15cm apart, weed regularly, watch for slugs and snails, and when they reach the top pinch out the growing tip. Cosse violet are a very good French bean with it's purple flowers. White Lady and Scarlet Emperor are reliable runner beans. On wet days attend your house plants, wipe leaves with water and lemon juice for shine and repot adding slow release fertiliser.

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Date	Event	Location
1st May	Red, White & Blue Coronation Social	6pm start 43 Rectory Road
26th June	Richard Knock - Wildlife Trust and Sheep farming	Campton Village Hall
30th July	Meppershall Manor visit - historic castle mound	Meppershall Manor
14th August	Competition Judging	Campton Village Hall
4th September	Becky Almond - How to care for your garden	Campton Village Hall
2nd October	Richard Knock - Bedfordshire wild orchids	Campton Village Hall



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

MAY WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 135 - J Turner

2nd (£25) - No. 45 - C Greet

3rd (£15) - No. 31 - L Mullins

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th May 2023
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