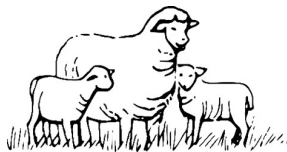


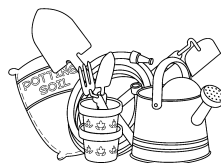
Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2023

Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Thursday 1st June 7:00pm
at Campton Village Hall



Coffee and Chat!
Friday 2nd June 10:30am to 12:00pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

Trugs & Trowels Gardening Club
Monday 26th June 7:30pm
at Campton Village Hall



Quarter Peal and Peal attempt by visiting bands
Wednesday 14th June - 10am to 11am approx
Wednesday 28th June - 10am to 1pm approx
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



How we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III

Thanks to everyone for helping us celebrate
the coronation of King Charles, both in the
church and in the greater community.

The coronation service for the school was especially joyous, and Coffee and Chat was well attended, with participants dressing colourfully for the occasion.

The bell peal on Friday and the Ring for the King on Saturday showed just how vibrant our band of ringers are.

The family quiz on Friday was really fun - thanks to Paul and Sue Booton for running that one.

On Sunday we celebrated the coronation with a special service, followed by a rendition of the Coronation Anthem by our choir.

After the service we crossed the road to the parish flower bed where we planted a rose, funded by the Parish Council, to mark the coronation.

The week's celebrations were memorable and thanks again for joining in. Any funds raised went to The Prince's Trust.

If anyone would like to sign the Book of Reflections it will be in church until our Coffee and Chat on June 2nd, 1030 -1200.



News from the Tower

'RING FOR THE KING' – SPECIAL CORONATION PEAL

This peal, on Friday afternoon May 5, on All Saints Church Bells, was successfully rung. It also marked Victor Brand's 90th birthday, congratulations Victor. Meanwhile in church on Bell Sunday, May 14, Audrey Brand gave an object lesson in how to 'talk up' bellringing!

'RING FOR THE KING' – CELEBRATING CORONATION DAY

We rang to celebrate Coronation Day, Saturday May 6, from 9.45am to 10.30am. Several of our new ringers who started as 'Ring for the King' recruits many months ago were ringing for the Coronation. Congratulations to them! Everything is recorded on BellBoard (ringingworld.co.uk). Browse Bellboard, alphabetically within date. You'll see details of Campton ringing on both days, with 16 smiling faces in the May 6 Coronation Day photo, as well as many thousands of other Coronation ringing performances worldwide.

The newly taught band of ringers at Meppershall rang for the Coronation as well. This was their target and they have worked very hard since starting in August last year. Congratulations to them.

This marks the first time this century that both churches have had their own bands of ringers.

VISITING RINGERS IN JUNE 2023

There will be a quarter peal at All Saints Campton on Wednesday, June 14, 10am to 11pm approx, by the Chiltern Midweek Group, and a peal attempt by a Hertfordshire visiting band on Wednesday, June 28, 10am to 1pm approx.

STILL YOUR TURN TO LEARN?

We still need to teach more ringers.

To learn more please join us on a Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 9.00pm at All Saints Church Campton or contact any of our ringers or me, John Loveless, on 07803 206161 or email jloveless5040@outlook.com



JUNE WINNERS IN NEXT
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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 11th May 2023.

This was the first meeting of the Parish Council following the local elections held on the 4th of May and the annual meeting at which Parish Councillors elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the next 12 months. I can confirm that Cllr Baker and Cllr Booton will continue as Chair & Vice-Chair respectively. All other Cllrs have returned to the Parish Council and retain similar roles & responsibilities to last year. Cllr Baker took the opportunity to welcome a new Cllr, John Wootton, to the Parish Council team. Cllr Wootton will initially focus on promoting the activities of the P3 Group.

The Parish Council can also confirm that Ward Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard were re-elected and will continue as Ward Cllrs for the Shefford area, which incorporates Campton and Chicksands. Cllr Brown attended our meeting and indicated that they are both very pleased to be able to continue in their roles for the next 4 years and are grateful for the continued support of local residents. As a result of the local elections there are significant changes regarding control within Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC), and this is likely to mean a review/change of the current four-year plan etc. A CBC meeting to discuss how things might change because of the local election outcomes has been planned for 25th May 2023 and we will endeavour to keep you updated.

We hope that you all enjoyed celebrating the recent Coronation of King Charles III, we are very grateful to the volunteers within the parish who helped organise events for residents to enjoy, and a big thank you to all the residents that joined in. The parish is incredibly lucky to have so many willing volunteers, who run groups, help maintain flowerbeds, footpaths etc. and offer much valued support. The Parish Council would like to thank you all of those who commit so much of their time to benefit the community.

Following the changes earlier this year to the Bedford to Hitchin bus route, the changes have been rolled back, and will revert to the original route from 4th June 2023.

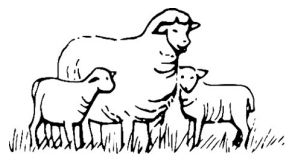
We have had a good response to the idea of running further Defibrillator Training in the parish and we will be arranging the training session as soon as we have

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notification of trainer availability. I will keep those that have expressed an interest updated.

The Parish Council accounts for 2022/23 have recently been audited by the internal auditor as part of the year end and the documents will now be submitted for external audit. In accordance with the auditing process the accounts will be available to view by residents between 5th June 2023 and 14th July 2023. If you would like to discuss the accounts or view them, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 1st June 2023
7.00pm in Campton Village Hall.



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Friday nights at Campton Village Hall

Do you have an idea for an event (educational, sporting, entertainment or social) that could be a one-off, or held monthly or weekly on a Friday evening?

If you are prepared to organise it, the Village Hall Management Committee would love to hear from you. The event must be:

- open to all within the Parish
- free or not for profit
- not in competition with any existing activities at the hall

The CVHMC will consider any proposal received, and in certain cases the hire charge could be waived or if a regular event charges could be delayed until the event is established.

Please contact us by phone: 07526 797944

or by email: camptonvh@outlook.com

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/whats-on/>

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

April and May have been unseasonally wet and cool difficult to get the best start out in the garden but I am sure you have all been making plans and garden centre visits.



A wonderful welcome by Michael Parrish and Rupert who gave us a back history and up to present date of the trials and tribulations of farming and management of crops here in Bedfordshire, along with rules, regulations and yields as a consequence. We were also introduced to our new arrivals here on the farm and an update to the high tec equipment.

June Gardening Club is to be held in Campton Village Hall. Our speaker Richard Knox will be talking on Sheep farming for the Wildlife Trust on Pegsdon Hills. Please note the date change of 26th June 2023.

A huge thank you to Janet and Nigel for hosting our red, white and blue social for the Coronation. There was much positive feedback by all our members.

Maryika - 01462 851729

Date	Event	Location
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

News from the Pews



The diocese agreed that we could install three swift boxes above the back door of the church.

A big thanks to everyone who sponsored the cost of these and to the Bedfordshire Swift Group for installing them. The group advances public awareness for the protection of swifts and seeks to provide new opportunities for breeding.

If anyone is interested in having a box please contact Graham Bellamy at graham@gcbellamy.plus.com.



We will update you should we successfully attract breeding birds!



If anyone would like to sign the Coronation Book of Reflections it will be available in All Saints Church until our Coffee and Chat on June 2nd, 1030 -1200.

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The Rectory, Church Road, Meppershall, SG17 5NA ronigoodman@gmail.com
Website: <https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>

Campton Village Hall is available for hire for private functions including:

- children's parties
- club / social functions
- fundraising fairs
- family get-togethers
- wedding receptions
- funeral teas

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Make use of your local village hall! Facilities include large main hall, small meeting room kitchen with fridge, crockery, & serving tables. In addition, have a projector screen and a large

garden space to the rear of the hall.

For more photos please see our website:



Police Engagement – Shefford, Clifton, Arlesey & Surrounding Areas



Our next Police Engagement event will be held in Campton on Saturday 3rd June 12:30pm - 1pm.

These events will be mobile events, with officers walking around the local area.

Come and speak to us with any concerns or queries you may have and if you have a dog, please bring them with you.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th June 2023
Email: candnewsletter@gmail.com