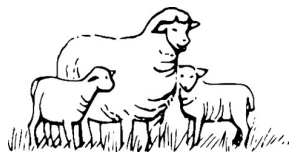


Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter July 2023

Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Thursday 6th July 7:00pm
at Campton Village Hall



100 Club 2023-2024
Draw starts September
See page 2 for details



Coffee and Chat!
Friday 7th July 10:30am to 12:00pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



Peal attempt by a Northants visiting bands
Sunday 16th July - 2pm to 5pm approx
at All Saints Church, Campton

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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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



The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who have taken part in the 2022-2023 100 Club which is important to raise funds towards keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

100 CLUB 2023-2024 PRIZE DRAW **BUY YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS NOW**

THE COST OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS £15 PER NUMBER

There will be three monetary prizes awarded each month, plus an additional bonus monetary prize in December, April & August.

To enter for the 2023-2024 Draw, payment can be done any time between now and the end of August. We are continuing to offer the opportunity to pay for your subscription on-line using a BACS payment.

To obtain details on how to pay this way please email Liz:
villagehall100club@gmail.com

If you would still prefer to pay for your subscription using cash or a cheque, Committee members will be calling house to house during July & August.

The 100 Club Draw plays an important part in raising funds towards keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community; we would like to thank you all for your continued support. Good Luck!

A copy of the 100 Club Rules can be found on our website page:-
<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/100-club/>

100 CLUB CONTACT:- Email: villagehall100club@gmail.com

News from the Tower

The tower at Meppershall church is undergoing building work at the moment, meaning that for some weeks it is not possible to ring there. Since August 2022 several people have been helping with the teaching of a new band of ringers at Meppershall for the coronation. The new ringers have worked very hard and are mostly taught now. Congratulations to them.

In order to maintain momentum for these new ringers we have relocated the Meppershall Thursday night practice to Campton. This reminds temporary until ringing at Meppershall can recommence. The normal Tuesday night practice at Campton continues.

VISITING RINGERS IN JULY 2023

There will be a peal attempt at All Saints Campton by a Northants visiting band on Sunday, July 16, 2pm to 5pm.

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JUNE WINNERS:

- 1st (£35) - No. 8 - L Bishop
- 2nd (£25) - No. 122 - M Carpenter
- 3rd (£15) - No. 9 - D Eaton

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

AUGUST WINNERS:

- 1st (£35) - No. 20 - K Laviola
- 2nd (£25) - No. 2 - J Hyde
- 3rd (£15) - No. 46 - A White

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JULY WINNERS:

- 1st (£35) - No. 168 - A Hardie
- 2nd (£25) - No. 48 - K Appleby
- 3rd (£15) - No. 3 - T Bishop

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

AUGUST BONUS WINNER:

- Bonus (£50) - No. 36 - L Whitton

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on 1st June 2023.

Unfortunately, I have to inform you that Priory Road will be closed again between 11th and 13th September 2023 whilst Anglian Water rectify a defect in the recent installation, hopefully this will be the last time a road closure is required for this project.

I am sure you will remember the A507 underpass flooding last autumn and winter, Central Bedfordshire Council carried out a temporary repair to the water pump. The part that was required to completely fix the pump is now available and our Ward Councillors will be requesting that the work is carried out prior to the autumn.

There have been several recent changes at the Cemetery in Shefford. A granite bird bath and memorial plaque, donated by a resident, has been installed between the benches on the raised area designated for contemplation. Following a successful application to Central Bedfordshire Council for a tree planting grant, two Irish Yew trees (*Taxus b. 'fastigiata robustus'*) have been planted as part of our 2022/23 tree planting programme. A third Irish Yew tree (a larger specimen) will be planted later this year by the Shefford Branch of the Royal British Legion, together with a small memorial plaque. The edging up of the memorial plaques in the Garden of Remembrance has been completed and all non-regulation memorials have been removed.

A tree safety survey inspection that was carried out in the Campton Burial Ground and All Saints churchyard by a specialised contractor identified some trees that require attention. Permission has been given by CBC, and the Diocese, so we are now in a position to arrange the works, subject to any current concerns with nesting birds.

Whilst on this subject, hedges are growing very fast this time of year, and as is often the case the PC have been made aware of several hedges and patches of overgrown foliage around the parish that are encroaching on roadside footpaths. Cllrs do ask that all residents, subject to any awareness of birds nesting, see that roadside hedges and foliage are trimmed to improve the ability of pedestrians, and particularly buggy and wheelchair users, to safely use our often-narrow roadside footpaths. We thank residents for their help and understanding regarding this request.

We are pleased to be able to offer an update regarding the potentially unstable churchyard wall, currently roped off for safety reasons. Clerks have now met with a specialised contractor and have received recommendations and a quote. The company recommend raking out the existing mortar to a minimum of 20mm to allow correct bonding from new material to

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existing. Once raked out the brickwork would be given a gentle wash making sure no dust particles are present in the beds and joints. Repointing with traditional lime-based mortar, replace crumbling bricks with a reclaimed brick that matches the original, and support pillars to be added where required. The JBB will now view photographs of the proposed pillars prior to agreeing the work. The contractor is currently taking bookings for March 2024, so we hope to have the works completed in the early part of next year.

Central Bedfordshire Council is now a hung council with 26 Independent representatives, 20 Conservative representatives, 10 Liberal Democrat representatives and 5 Labour representatives. CBC's first task will be to do a forensic review of the budget. This will coincide with appointing new Executive members and a review of the programme and priorities. Independents will take on the Executive member positions and there will be five overview and scrutiny committees formed, Cllr Liddiard will be involved with Children's Services and Cllr Brown will be involved in Planning.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 6th July 2023 7.00pm in Campton Village Hall.

Clerk to the Parish Council, Tammy Medley: Tel 01908 505558 / 07955 521174
tammy.medley@btinternet.com <https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/>

Friday nights at Campton Village Hall

Do you have an idea for an event 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

Dear all members, non members and a warm welcome to our new members,

What a fabulous summer we are having, although the odd spot of rain would be welcome.

I hope you are all enjoying your outdoor space and not too interrupted by all our garden pests. Many plants at present are plagued by green and white fly which is easily treated using your spent washing up water in a spray gun. It is not necessary to make up fresh water and washing up liquid, such a waste.

Tips for warding off wasps this summer, although vital pollinators for our plants, we should also know how to protect ourselves and repel them:

- Firstly do not annoy them which occasionally seems impossible.
- Try not to wear bright colours which attract them, wearing dark colours are less likely to attract them. Interestingly the pest could miss you all together if you wear red as they can't actually see the colour.
- Food: Everyone knows they like sweet fruity snacks but if you want to ward them off they don't like cucumbers as the skin taste bitter and acidic to them (how do they know this?) Now resist this tempting snack and place the cucumber batons on an aluminium tray which reportedly causes a chemical reaction only detectable by wasps and drives them far away.
- Scents: we are inclined to wear more floral body spray and perfume during summer which encourages these insects. The scent of copper will steer insects away and it is suggested to rub some coins on your skin, other experts recommend using basil and garlic to repel the pests. Peppermint is another natural repellent as wasps do not like the strong smell. Apply around potential wasp nests and they will find another place to build their homes.
- Two cheap plants to banish rats from your gardens are mint as its strong smell deters them and also the smell of garlic is repulsive to rats. You can soak fresh crushed garlic in water or garlic oil and spray around any holes. Lavender can keep rats from moving in as they don't like the potent smell.
- Strategic planting around your perimeter, along with keeping everything clean and tidy.
- Eating alfresco without leaving a food trail.
- Hang a water bag containing brass coins above your patio will emulate a wasps nest and other wasps will vacate the area and build elsewhere.

I look forward to seeing those of you who have booked for the Meppershall Manor visit on 30th July. Following that we shall be back in Campton Village Hall for our meetings until the end of the year. Please see our calendar on page 7.

Maryika - 01462 851729

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club cont.

Date	Event	Location
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
6th November	TBA	Campton Village Hall
4th December	Christmas Social	Campton Village Hall

• • • • • 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

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

• For more photos please see our website:

• <https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/facilities/>

• To discuss a booking and hire fees, please contact us by phone: 07526 797944 or by email: camptonvh@outlook.com



News from the Pews

Coffee and chat will be held on Friday 7th July from 10:30am to 12 noon. Just a gentle reminder for your diaries that we do not continue in August. The next date will be 8th September.

The callers on our recently installed swift boxes are in use so please keep a lookout for them!

There is an area in the churchyard that will not be mown over the summer to encourage wildflowers so please come in and take a look.

Services are as normal at 11:15am on Sundays and it would be lovely to see you.

Have a lovely summer holiday,

Beth Sullivan-Ash, Church Warden

Rector: The Revd Roni Goodman 01462 339962 / 07533 376880

The Rectory, Church Road, Meppershall, SG17 5NA ronigoodman@gmail.com

Website: <https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>

Village Flower Beds

We are a small group of Campton residents who you may have seen tending the village border in the centre of Campton. I am sure you agree they are looking lovely and some of our new roses are starting to come into flower.

For ongoing maintenance and watering **we need more help please**. We nearly always work in small groups and no more than 1 - 2 hrs at a time. Jobs to be done over the summer include weeding, deadheading and collecting water from the Village Hall water butt for watering.

Nothing too tiring. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. All offers of help will be most welcome. **Please email candnewsletter@gmail.com to find out more and I will get back to you.** Many thanks. Linda and Daria

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