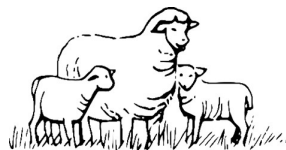


Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter October 2023

Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Thursday 5th October 7:00pm
at Campton Village Hall



Coffee and Chat!
Friday 6th October - 10:30am to 12:00pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



Peal attempt by Bedfordshire Ringers
Saturday 20th October - 9:45am to 1pm approx
at All Saints Church, Campton

Village Social Evening at Campton Village Hall - all welcome
Friday 27th October - 7:30pm to 9:30pm
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Rock 'n the Aisles 2023 tickets now on sale
Saturday 25th November
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CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who have joined the 2023-2024 100 Club. This is an important fundraiser helping to keep your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

We have sold 123 numbers at time of going to print. If you were intending to pay by BACs but have not yet done so please email Liz at villagehall100club@gmail.com to make arrangements.

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.

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

A successful peal on All Saints bells on Sunday September 10th was a farewell to Henry, who's been a Campton ringer for almost 10 years, and Lucas Williams from Berkhamsted. Both leave shortly for Birmingham University. Congratulations to them!

This peal also marked David and Lynda Hills' 60th Wedding Anniversary and Lynda's 80th birthday. Lynda rings at Campton.

There will be a peal attempt at All Saints by Bedfordshire Association ringers on Friday October 20th, 9:45am 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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 7th September 2023.

As we move into Autumn, the Parish Council (PC) would like to thank all the volunteers who have planted and helped water the plants in the village flower bed, to keep it looking pretty throughout the summer months. Whilst we have had plenty of rain at times this year, the volunteers have worked hard through the dry and warmer spells to keep them hydrated. You may also have noticed that a few new trees have been planted on Greenway, Cllr Booton has taken on this project and is continuing to look after the trees while they establish.

The PC continue to be very concerned about hedges and overgrown foliage around the parish that are encroaching on roadside pavements. Cllrs once again ask that all residents see that their roadside hedging and shrubbery are regularly trimmed back to improve the ability of pedestrians, and particularly buggy and wheelchair users, to safely use our often-narrow roadside pavements. We thank residents for their help and understanding regarding this request.

The football season has once again started and teams from Shefford Town and Campton Football Club have started to play this season's fixtures on the Recreation Ground in Campton. We are very aware that parking has been an issue in recent years, and we continue to work alongside the Club to try and improve and maintain considerate parking for fixtures. The club has agreed to send out diagrams to all visiting teams and officials highlighting areas in Rectory Road where parking should be avoided and will monitor the parking at each game. The PC will also provide similar signage on the Recreation Ground gates and will review the situation with the Club in late October.

The School for the Future Project is still currently on hold whilst the new Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) assess all council projects and available funding. Ward Cllr Brown has requested a survey be carried out of the school in Campton to ensure it meets all the appropriate requirements as it continues to be open until 2025 at least.

As you may be aware a revised matters planning application was recently submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council (CB/23/02702/RM) for the land southeast of Greenway. Reserved matters sought by the applicant for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale & relate to the 2021 outline planning application CB/21/04372/OUT.

Cllrs discussed the reserved matters application at the September meeting and agreed on some key points to submit in a representation to the planning officer:

1. Councillors were concerned for the height of the houses on the ridge, the plans indicated 11m, this does not fit with the original plan or the Neighbourhood plan in terms of views.
2. The layout has been changed, on the original pedestrians could look through the houses to the greenery, the view is now obscured by other houses.
3. Councillors were concerned for the number of allocated parking bays; 16 spaces are available for visitors; Councillors are concerned that any additional visitors will park on Greenway or footpaths due to insufficient parking.
4. There is no longer landscaping at the end of the internal roads and no trees at the ends either, this has diminished the amount of planting.
5. There does not appear to be any noise mitigation re: the A507 as stipulated, Cllrs are concerned that this will just be a fence?
6. As a general condition the developer needs to address road calming in Greenway, Cllrs agreed the PC would need to consult with residents on Greenway in due course to agree what calming would be suitable?

These initial concerns have now been submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council for consideration. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep all residents updated on the progression of all applications associated with this development. However, due to publication timings, it may not always be possible to provide up to date information to residents via this newsletter. More up-to-date information will be posted on the Parish Council website, on Facebook and on our noticeboards.

<https://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/category/news/> or

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

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 5th October 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/>

Carpet Bowls

Carpet bowls in the Village Hall will restart on Thursday 5th October from 2pm to 4pm. For more information please phone Lesley on 815606.

News from the Pews

At All Saints Church our harvest festival services gives thanks to God for the food we have and celebrates our own local harvest. Our farmers are very generous in supporting us with produce. The church houses a collection point for the Need Project food bank and our harvest festival services help give this service a major boost.

We have two services this year: the first is on Sunday 1st October at 11.15am; everyone is welcome and invited to bring donations. The deposit point is a box in the church porch if you are not able to attend. This is always there should you wish to make regular donations. The second service is for Campton Academy children and families/carers on 5th October.

The Annual Bike and Hike event happened on 9th September. A big thanks to all who manned the church during the day for our visitors. Some of you may have wondered why there was a knight on a penny farthing riding around the village !!!! He was visiting as many churches as possible and from Campton was attempting the hill up to Gravenhurst!

The 1st September was a Macmillan Coffee Morning. A big thanks to the volunteers and visitors, who raised just under £200. Our next coffee and chat will be on Friday 6th October 10.30-12.00 and thereafter November 3rd and December 1st. We are in need of volunteers after Christmas, so if you are able to offer your help for just one month, that would help to keep us going.

The biggest fundraiser for the church is our Rock 'n the Aisles. This year it happens on Saturday 25th November. It's always a sell out event, so get your tickets as soon as possible. Once again a few more volunteers are needed to help.

We are hoping to get our choir together just before Christmas to learn a new Christmas carol, The First Noel, written by renowned composer Bob Chilcott. It will be performed at our Christmas Eve service. If you are interested in joining the choir, then further details will be available in our next newsletters, or let myself or Joy Curtis know.

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

We are fast approaching the end of September and it really is time to start your garden tidy; putting away garden ornaments which you want to keep looking nice for next year, sterilise your bird feeders for the winter months, and service your tools on the wet days.

There are many jobs to keep us busy this month:

- divide herbaceous perennials - remembering to pot up a few for the free and swap table, a great way to multiply and share plants
- seed collecting is an opportunity to increase plants in your garden
- dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- keep up the watering of new plants ideally using rainwater or grey water if possible, whilst also reducing the frequency of houseplant watering
- sowing sweet peas will give you early blooms next spring
- get ahead with sowing other hardy annuals
- plant out new perennials as the soil is still warm and moisture is increasing
- continue to deadhead, water and feed baskets but if past their best replant with spring bulbs, winter heathers and trailing ivies
- divide overgrown or tired clumps of plants which will invigorate for next year
- plant any bulbs ready for flowering next year: iris, alliums, grape hyacinth, crocus, winter aconite, fritillaria and narcissi. Although leave tulips until later, and why not have a go at "lasagne" layering.

I would like to pass on a huge thank you to all club members who welcomed our September speaker in my absence.

A warm welcome awaits members new and old on 2nd October 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Richard Knock, Senior Reserves Officer will be talking about our Bedfordshire rare orchids. Non-member price is £3.50. Refreshments included. "Free and Swap" table for pots, plants, seeds, and shared harvest.

Maryika 01462 851729

Date	Event	Location
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

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to invite you to a **social evening on Friday 27th October**. We shall open the village hall between **7:30pm and 9:30pm** for residents to get together and share conversation, a game of cards and board games.

- Some cards and board games will be available however we encourage you to bring your favourites to increase the variety.
- Please bring your own refreshments and snacks.
- The kitchen will be available for making hot drinks.

We look forward to seeing you!

As a housekeeping note, please can we remind residents and hall users that the village hall is a non-smoking premises which includes the front parking area and rear garden. Thank you for your understanding.



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Biggleswade every Monday @09:16 Greenway - all stops

Hitchin every Tuesday @09:18 Greenway - all stops

Cambridge on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

@08:46 Greenway - all stops

Welwyn Garden City on the 1st Thursday of the Month

@08:48 Greenway - all stops

Monthly excursions take place on the 4th Thursday of the month, please contact Wanderbus for more details.

Tel: 0300 123 3023

www.wanderbus.org.uk

e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

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