

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter November 2023

Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Thursday 2nd November 7:00pm
at Campton Village Hall



Coffee and Chat!
Friday 3rd November - 10:30am to 12:00pm
at All Saints Church, Campton



Peal attempt
Saturday 18th November - 3pm to 6pm approx
at All Saints Church, Campton

Village Social Evening at Campton Village Hall - all welcome
Friday 24th November 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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ROCK 'N THE AISLES 2023

LIVE ROCK MUSIC IN OUR CHURCH
FEATURING.....



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

8PM – 11PM
LICENCED BAR

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"WHAT A BRILLIANT BAND, WHAT A BRILLIANT NIGHT."

TICKETS £12.50

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News from the Pews

This Christmas the Church of England is inviting choirs across churches, schools and communities to 'Join the Song' alongside one of the country's leading choral composers in a new interpretation of the beloved carol 'The First Noel' to a brand new melody, written by acclaimed composer Bob Chilcott. Given its original title spelling, 'The First Nowell', it is the centrepiece of this year's Church of England Christmas focus: 'Follow The Star: Join The Song'.

The theme for 2023 reminds us how singing can help draw people closer to God and one another through the journey from Advent to Epiphany, with a wealth of free resources available for everyone.

If you would like to join us for a few rehearsals before our Christmas service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve at 6pm, then please contact Joy or myself.

Our next coffee and chat will be on Friday 3rd November 10.30-12.00 and thereafter 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.



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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on 5th October 2023.

As usual the meeting was attended by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Ward Councillors Tony Brown & Mark Liddiard.

A resident attending the meeting asked about the concept of identified "First Responders" in the parish. The question came about because of an unusual event regarding a caller at their home for which it became necessary to call the emergency services. Parish Cllrs discussed the potential merits & risks of identifying first responders to help in such instances but felt strongly this should remain the role of the emergency services. The PC will endeavour to obtain advice from the emergency services that can be shared with our parishioners.

A further query from a resident regarded the need to relocate the 30mph signs further towards Gravenhurst & Meppershall on those two approach roads to Campton Village; and slow traffic past residential homes and approaching the junction between the two roads. This has been discussed by the PC on previous occasions and is supported by Cllrs. Ward Cllrs also agree and have already discussed with CBC Highways. The PC will continue to press for this to be actioned.

The updates from, and discussions with, our Ward Cllrs included the following:

- The "Schools for the Future" project continues to be on hold.
- The reserved matters development application for houses on Greenway is "awaiting decision" at CBC. PC Cllrs once again pressed for input regarding future highways matters relating to the development plans. Any application updates will be shared on the PC website and on social media.
- PC Cllrs clarified that they require access to the traffic data collected earlier this year.
- BT are once again proposing the removal of the public telephone box. CBC are surveying local opinion.
- A follow-up to the "walkabout" in Campton with CBC Highways and Ward Cllr Mark Liddiard in June this year is yet to be organised; it is awaiting the appointment of a new highways' safety officer.

There was a discussion regarding how Central Bedfordshire Council is adapting following the change of political control in May this year.

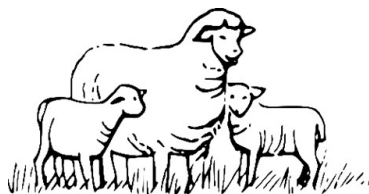
CBC have submitted a "tree works" applications for Campton Plantation (CB/TRE/00354) that looks to remove those Ash trees that are badly affected by Ash Die-Back. Cllrs agreed to any works that are necessary based on public safety but did ask that CBC should consider infill planting with native species to protect this important greenspace for future generations.

The PC are pleased to say that the Defibrillator Training we organised for the end of October was well supported by residents with all places taken.

As always several of the ongoing PC projects were discussed, including actively looking to pursue opportunities to improve the availability of public green infrastructure for recreation and leisure in the parish. We are also looking to move forward with the provision of Wi-Fi at the Village Hall. This is being arranged in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee.

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2nd November 2023 7.00pm in Campton Village Hall.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 18 - D Hale
2nd (£25) - No. 95 - N Parrish
3rd (£15) - No. 42 - R Farndon

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

OCTOBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 114 - R Bennett
2nd (£25) - No. 35 - C Ash
3rd (£15) - No. 116 - P Digby

News from the Tower

Listen out for our bells on Remembrance Sunday, November 12, as they will sound mournful, alternatively loud and quiet due to the leather muffles we fit to one side of the clappers.

There will be a peal attempt at All Saints by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday November 18, 3pm to 6pm 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

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

What a beautiful October, unseasonably warm and great weather to get the whole family involved prepping your spring garden. The soil is warm and moist for bulbs, and our shrubs will have a great start.

There is still a little window to get your spring wow factor by creating fantastic displays in borders and containers or try a natural method, throw your bulbs in the air over your lawn and plant where they fall. Currently I saw a mixed bags of daffodils 2.5 kg for £4 in our local supermarket.

It is well worth thinking ahead as after a long winter, the arrival of spring is signalled by the appearance of Snowdrops and, like Crocuses, look their best naturalised in grass under trees.

Growing your own is well worth the effort undertaken this autumn and results in producing wonderful flavoursome food. Now is the time to plant onion sets, garlic and broad beans.

Trugs and Trowels cont.

Purple sprouting broccoli planted in Autumn will grow happily outdoors through winter for a spring harvest.

October is a prime month to begin work if you dream of borders filled with an abundance of flowers throughout spring and summer. Planting this month will give plenty of opportunity to get things established ahead of next year's growing season. Choose plants that will flower at different times of the year which also sit happily beside each other. PLAN your purchases and water in dry weather. This is also a good time to add organic matter to your beds and borders.

October and November are the best months to trim beach hedges to give them a good shape. Start at the top and taper to the bottom.

We are enjoying an extended floral display this month from our dalias, which are semi hardy but generally do better when lifted. Though the general rule is to lift before the first frost, in the south we can get away with leaving them in. Gaps can be filled with wall flowers or some beautiful hellebores.

We have some spaces left for our Christmas Market Trip to Bury St Edmunds on 25th November. We shall leave church corner in the morning and the cost is £17.50 return. Please get in touch to book your space.

Our next meeting, all welcome, on 6th November 7:30pm is a hands on demonstration to create a door sash, I will need to know if you are attending in case you didn't receive the list of items you need to bring.

Raffle and Refreshments at all our meetings. If you're splitting any shrubs or sorting seeds, remember our free and swap table. Look forward to seeing you.

Maryika 01462 851729

Campton Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to invite you to a **social evening on Friday 24th November**. 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. For this evening, our local carpet bowls group will be setting up for a "have a go" session. Do come and try it out.

- "Have a go" at Carpet Bowls
- 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!



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Travel to:
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.

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Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to
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