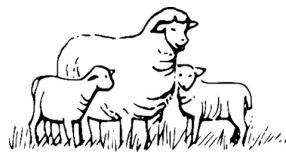


Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2024

Police Community Support Officer. Saturday 1st June
1:00pm - 1:30pm. We encourage you to engage with Tasha as
she walks around Campton.



Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Wednesday 5th June 7:45pm
at Campton Village Hall



80th Anniversary D-Day ringing
Thursday 6th June at 6pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

Coffee and Chat
Friday 7th June 10:30am - 12 noon
at All Saints Church, Campton



A band of London Ringers peal
Monday 17th June - 1pm - 4:30pm approx
at Campton Village Hall



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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

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on 9th May 2024. The first point of business at the May meeting is to agree the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next twelve months. Cllr Dave Baker, who has been Chairman of the Parish Council for the last two years stepped down from this position and has taken on the role of Vice-Chair. The Councillors thanked Dave for all his work as Chair. Cllr Paul Booton will take on the role of Chair for the forthcoming year, Cllrs welcomed him to his new position.

The Clerk has prepared the 2023/24 End of Year Audit, and the internal auditor has now audited the accounts, the audit documents were agreed and signed at full council so the Clerk may now send it to the External Auditor. The accounts will be open to residents to view in a 30-day period in June and July, further details will be on the notice board and website in due course.

There has been a delay to the repairs of the graveyard wall in Campton, unfortunately the contractor has been held back with work due to the amount of rain we have had; the works are scheduled now for late May. There have been improvements made to the entrance gates and to the pathway in the cemetery in Shefford, this was partially funded by our Ward Councillors, we are very grateful for their grant. The works have improved the surface for all visitors to the cemetery.

Following the recent installation of Wi-Fi at the Village Hall the Parish Council are about to purchase some IT equipment which will allow us to run hybrid meetings. We are aware that not everyone in the Parish is always able to physically attend our monthly meetings so this option will allow residents to attend via Zoom when full council meet in the village hall. More information will be available next month when hopefully the new equipment will be available. This purchase is supported by a grant from our Ward Councillors.

Central Bedfordshire Council have launched a new Culture Grant Scheme. Grants ranging from £500 to £40k are available to organisations and individuals in the Central Bedfordshire cultural sector. The grants are aimed at enhancing the lives of local people by having more opportunities to take part in and enjoy arts and cultural experiences. More information can be found via the link:

cbcllocaltransportplan.commonplace.is

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Central Bedfordshire Council are looking for volunteers to join the School Appeals panel. Governance services are currently looking for volunteers, interested in Education to sit on the appeals panel. This is an impartial service provided to parents and schools, the role of the independent panel is to consider a parent or carer's appeal, if their child is not offered a place at their preferred school. More information can be found via the link. education.appeals@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Central Bedfordshire Council are looking to create a blueprint for the future of transport in central Bedfordshire and are urging people to get involved in the development of the new document. This document will shape the Local Transport Plan and will guide future policies and priorities relating to roads, electric vehicles, public rights of way, cycleways and public transport. More information is available at: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations?es_c=4A6F9B7F93C435549624E123DB4DEFE7&es_cl=01B92058792C046F1663B0619CE3955F&es_id=p48f40&es_c=603830B1EF523E19448AE892A97D7427&es_cl=C76D48FD0F24930DB343F06E8006FB38&es_id=p48f77

Central Bedfordshire Council is consulting on their Arts and Culture Strategy, they are looking to produce the first Arts and Culture Strategy for Central Bedfordshire. The Strategy is being developed in partnership with organisations from the arts and culture sector and will set goals for the next five years. The draft Library Services Strategy also looks head at the next five years, setting out a plan to ensure libraries remain vital within the community. More information on both these strategies can be found on the website at:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations?es_c=4A6F9B7F93C435549624E123DB4DEFE7&es_cl=01B92058792C046F1663B0619CE3955F&es_id=p48f40&es_c=603830B1EF523E19448AE892A97D7427&es_cl=C76D48FD0F24930DB343F06E8006FB38&es_id=p48f77

The dates of the next 2 meetings will be Wednesday 5th June 2024 starting at 7.45pm and Thursday 4th July starting at 7pm. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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News from the Pews

May has been an exciting time hasn't it? With the sun coming out during the day... bluebells, buttercups, daisies and other wild flowers providing glorious colour around the fields and hedgerows, and the solar storm providing exciting colour changes in the sky at night (who would have imagined that?!)

I remember, years ago, driving along one evening with a glorious sunset ahead - being surprised by a little voice from the back of the car exclaiming, "Look Mummy! It's God's painting time!" I have heard others say something similar recently. Hasn't it been wonderful to see "the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.... all creation rejoicing..." (see psalm 96) around us?

June comes with local and national commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D Day landings... All Saints' bells will be ringing for peace at 6.30pm on the 6th (with thanks to our ringers). Do look out for other commemoration events locally.

As June brings summer and hopefully more sunshine - you might be looking for places to go and things to do!

St Albans is always a lovely place to visit and later in June The Alban Pilgrimage might make a good day out /or part of a day out for some. St Alban is honoured as the first recorded British Christian Martyr and every year, during the weekend closest to Alban's feast day, St Albans Cathedral hosts the "Alban Pilgrimage" - this year actually on June 22nd from 11am - 5pm.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the procession of giant (12 foot) carnival puppets - Roman chariots, centurions, lions, roses and executioners that moves through the streets - while around 300 children, teenagers and adults from the local community retell the story of Alban's martyrdom. The final scene takes place at the West End of St Albans Cathedral.

More detailed information about the programme for this year's event can be found at www.stalbanscathedral.org/alban-pilgrimage

If you do choose to go, I hope you have a great time.

News from the Pews cont.

From the Church Diary

Sunday 2nd June 11.15 Holy Communion
Thursday 6th June 80th Anniversary of D Day
Friday 7th June Coffee and Chat 10.30 -12 noon
Sunday 9th June 11.15 Morning Praise
Sunday 16th June 11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd June 11.15 Morning Praise - Trinity Sunday
Sunday 30th June 10.30 Benefice Service at St Mary's Meppershall
Please note '9and9' continues daily on our Facebook page.

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News from the Tower

A key national event in June will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day. During World War II, on June 6, 1944 the Normandy landings initiated the Western Allied effort to liberate western Europe from Nazi Germany. We will be ringing at Campton on Thursday June 6, at just after 6pm. Come to join us in the church.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers hold all their monthly practices at All Saints, Campton, with the next practice on Sunday June 9, 2.30pm - 4.30pm. A great opportunity for some resident Campton youngsters (age 9+) to come forward to check out ringing. Pop in and see us!

Our National Bellringing Youth Contest in London is on Saturday July 6, a great day out, witnessing bells and ringing in some of Central London's nationally significant churches!

There will be a peal on All Saints bells on Monday, June 17, from 1.00pm to 4.30pm approx. by a band of London ringers.

Tuesday evenings sees us training new recruits who are learning to ring at Campton. We still need to teach more ringers to make a loud noise in a fantastic building. To learn more about volunteering to learn to ring please come along and meet our sociable team - anyone from age 10 to 80 can learn to ring. Tuesday evenings 7pm - 9pm at All Saints Church Campton or contact any of our ringers or me, John Loveless, on 07803 206161 or email jloveless5040@outlook.com



A regular bus service open to everyone.
Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

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 deta

Tel: 0300 123 3023
www.wanderbus.org.uk e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

Campton Village Hall

As the warmer weather becomes regular, larger social events increase and outside space can be included in your planning. Remember that your village hall has a reasonable sized garden at the rear which is included in any hire. Do keep us in mind for your one-off events, childrens' party bookings or family celebrations.

To enquire about hall hire or to inspect the facilities please email:

camptonvh@outlook.com

For a booking form and other information go to:

<http://camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk/village-hall/>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JUNE WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 40 - P Eaton
2nd (£25) - No. 7 - J Hare
3rd (£15) - No. 37 - J Curtis

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who have taken part in the 2023-2024 100 Club which is important to raise funds towards keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

100 CLUB 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Vegetables: Here we are finally, gardens full of colour and promise, all your young plants desperate to get outside. May is a busy time for seed sowing, especially in the vegetable garden. Although the weather is much warmer there is still a chance of frost and cold snaps. Some seeds are better sown indoors in pots or modules on sunny window sills or in the greenhouse to germinate and grow on until June. All seedlings need to be hardened off during the day and moved back inside at night 7 to 10 days before planting out. Sow indoors; sweetcorn, courgettes, squash and pumpkins, lettuce and cucumbers, runner and French beans, and kale. Sow outdoors; beetroot, broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, parsnips, radishes, Swiss chard, swede and turnips. Plant out leeks, tomatoes in greenhouses.

Plant maintenance: Transplant brussel sprouts to their final cropping position and as the weather warms up weeds start growing and garden pests like slugs and snails become more active - watch out for pests and diseases and tackle them early. Remember insects like ladybirds help to tackle garden pests, so research friendly pest control alternatives which are not harmful to wildlife. A lot can be made with simple store cupboard ingredients. Weed beds regularly - weed or hoe hoe hoe.

Time to earth up your potatoes, draw soil up around the lower parts of the plants to exclude light from the developing tubers which become green and poisonous if exposed to light. Start hardening off tomato plants ready to plant out in June. Pinch out tips of your broad beans once beans appear to reduce the risk of blackfly. Put up supports for climbing peas and beans.

Remember it is warming up, keep watering, apply shade paint to greenhouses for summer and open all greenhouse vents on warm days. Put out beer traps for slugs and snails, copper tape or environmentally friendly pellets. Clear weeds from ponds and set aside adjacent to the pond so that wildlife can return to the pond.

Feed your wild birds as they may have young. Put supports in place for Asters, Phlox, Delphiniums, Foxgloves, Hollyhocks. Sow lawn seed to damaged areas and remove lawn weeds, trim and edge lawns. Mulch borders to help retain moisture.

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Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop no later than 15th June 2024
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