

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter July 2024



Parish Council Meeting - all welcome
Wednesday 3rd July 7:45pm
at Campton Village Hall

Coffee and Chat

Friday 5th July 10:30am - 12 noon
at All Saints Church, Campton



Cambridge University Guild of Ringers peal
Sunday 7th July 2pm - 5:30pm approx
at All Saints Church, Campton



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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on Wednesday 5th June 2024.

Since the last meeting there has been a meeting of the Joint Burial Board. A number of changes have been made to the cemetery in Shefford. The red engineering bricks at the main entrance gates have been replaced with salvaged granite setts. Since the work has been carried out the gate has been pushed the wrong way, resulting in it getting wedged on the tarmac roadway. A remedy has been discussed and works will be completed in due course to prevent this happening again.

The resurfacing/repairs to the paths around the cemetery have been carried out. This was to ensure the safety of all visitors to the cemetery and to remove any trip hazards.

There has been a gradual build-up of unauthorised stones, memorials and trinkets around memorial plaques in the Cemetery. These make it difficult for the contractor to access the grass surrounding the memorials and are a potential danger for visitors walking between the memorials. We also would like to avoid any sentimental items being damaged as this could be upsetting for the family. We would therefore ask that such items be removed from around memorials please. The Joint Burial Board have agreed that items of this nature may now be removed and stored for a number of months for collection.

The wall in the Churchyard in Campton was due to be renovated at the end of April and this date was then pushed back due to the amount of rainfall we have had. We were given a revised date of end of May but once again the weather has held up the contractor's previous work. I am hoping that by the time you read this the contractor will have been on site and the Churchyard wall will be looking better.

A Ward Cllr grant of £500 was granted towards the resurfacing of the paths in the cemetery and we have recently been awarded a second grant towards IT equipment for the Parish Council to be able to offer access via Zoom to the meetings. We are very grateful to the ward Cllrs for these grants. Further potential grants are available to groups within the community and if you would like more information please contact either the Ward Councillors directly, or myself, and we will be happy to provide information.

The change of road signage on Gravenhurst Rd, which will extend the 30mph zone, has been agreed and it is hoped that the new signage will be installed by the end of July 2024. The Councillors are grateful to the Ward Cllrs for their support with this project and hope it will make a difference on this approach to Campton.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

I mentioned last month that Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) 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 ahead 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 following website. Comments can be made up until 21st July 2024.

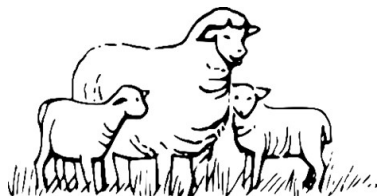
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I also mentioned last month that CBC were consulting on development of a Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Bedfordshire. The Councillors would like to thank residents for their efforts in responding to the consultation. Cllrs noted that there have been only 149 responses in total to the consultation from the whole of Bedfordshire, but most importantly 64 of these responses are from Campton and Chicksands. This is a fantastic response from the residents of the Parish, thank you. The Parish Council also submitted a written and detailed response to the consultation.

The Clerk will attend the next Area 5 Police Priorities meeting, Cllrs agreed that the main issue in the Parish is speeding. Our PCSO does now have access to a speed detecting device so will be looking to set up times to monitor speeding through the Parish. The PC will also be approaching CBC to request a speed assessment of the village.

The dates of the next 2 meetings will be Wednesday 3rd July starting at 7.45pm (this has been changed due to the hall being needed for the General Election) and Thursday 5th September. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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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

News from the Tower

Campton bellringers marked the 80th anniversary of D-Day with some special ringing at Campton on Thursday June 6, witnessed by several parishioners who came along.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers next monthly practice is on Sunday July 14, 2.30pm - 4.30pm. A great opportunity for some resident Campton youngsters (age 9+) to come forward to check out ringing. Pop in & see us!

Our National Bellringing Youth Contest in London is on Saturday July 6, a fantastic 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 Sunday, July 7, from 2.00pm to 5.30pm approx. by the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers.

On Tuesday evenings we teach 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



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JULY WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 91 - D Addison

2nd (£25) - No. 112 - C Strong

3rd (£15) - No. 10 - P Busby

News from the Pews

July seems to be the month to talk about Politics and politics.

Archbishops Justin and Stephen invited everyone to “Pray (their) Part”. They write: “The coming General Election is critical moment in the life of our nation.... This is a time for us all to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to build. The world and our nation face deep challenges – from questions of war and peace, poverty and injustice to the very future of the earth God has given us.”

The Lord's Prayer is a very good place for us to start as Jesus teaches us to pray 'your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven'. By the 5th July our votes will have been counted and we will have decided who is to govern our immediate future.

However, our interest in praying for our world and working to make it a better place - as individuals, groups and communities - will hopefully continue. In these anxious times the need to pray for peace continues.

I'm not sure who decides these things - but did you know that July is “Plastic free July” which aims to reduce single-use plastic waste - by substituting reusable, environmentally friendly items - so that we can all be part of “the solution to plastic pollution!”

July is also the Samaritans “Big Listen”... 24th July and 24/7... To advertise their services and invite all of us too, to ask our loved ones how they really are, to listen without being distracted, to listen without interrupting... simply to try to be better listeners.

July is also “Good Care Month” inviting us to show our appreciation to all those paid employees, volunteers or family members and friends taking care of loved ones. This month celebrates their selflessness and dedication.

And, in a time when we had all hoped that slavery was gone for good, the 30th July is World Day Against trafficking in persons (see <https://www.un.org/en/observances/end-human-trafficking-day>)... as the threat of 'modern slavery' continues to be all too real for far too many.

News from the Pews cont.

And when we have all prayed hard and worked hard for our chosen causes whatever they may be - July is also National Picnic Month... the perfect way to take a break and enjoy the sunshine - in the garden, at a local park, in the countryside or even on the beach...

Friday 5th July	10.30 -12 noon Coffee and Chat
Sunday 7th July	11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday 14th July	11.15 Morning Praise
Sunday 21st July	11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday 28th July	11.15 Morning Praise

Please note '9and9' continues daily on our Facebook page.

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Village Hall Booking Secretary required

The Village Hall Management Committee are looking for a new Booking Secretary to start by December 2024.

The role involves responding to enquiries, maintaining the booking calendar, requesting & receiving payments and enabling access to the hall for one-off bookings. Our regular bookings have keys for ease of access. Over the last 6 years our current Booking Secretary has refined the role to be as easy as possible for them and potential hirers. You would be welcome to make further improvements agreed by the committee. We hold a committee meeting every 2 months.

We would love to hear from you if you are keen to support your local community facility. If you would like more information or to discuss the role in more detail please contact us: camptonvh@outlook.com

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Here we are amidst extremes of weather. Farmers and home growers of vegetables may be lamenting the strange winter; warm and cold, wet and windy with incessant rain, generally consistently unpredictable.

We have experienced long spells of rain over the winter season, meaning there have been challenges for plants, wildlife and gardeners. The risk of pests and disease is much greater with warmer, milder, wetter winters whereby more pests survive in the less harsh conditions and invasive species thrive. This in combination with varieties that are weakened and struggling means that garden health is key. So we need to make our plants stronger, sometimes too much attention can be harmful to our plants, over watering and overfeeding plants make our plants lazy, and root systems don't develop as strong as they could when they strive to go deeper striving for water and food but also increases plant resilience. No dig soil that is well mulched provides a fertile soil with fungi which help plants find food and water. Plants watered less become more resilient.

What plants work well and survive may differ from region to region so sharing advice and successes to understand what will thrive and grow locally is very important; seed swaps, cuttings and general information sharing at local gardening clubs and events.

Perennials are longer lasting by nature as their root systems are far reaching and can find food and water enabling them to cope better even in extreme weather including drought conditions. Amaranth, which can be grown from seed, is a resilient plant which is great to use in between other plants as ground cover protecting soil and adjacent plants. The leaves of which are edible and are similar to spinach. With its russet leaves it is a pretty plant and also self seeding. Reading recommendation for you all is "The climate change resilient garden" by Kim Stoddard.

As a reminder to Gardening Club members there will be no garden club in the village hall in July, this has been replaced by an arranged visit; talk and tour, to Kathy Brown's garden. For those signed up for the trip, transport is by car share leaving the village at 17:00 on 1st July.

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