

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter August & September 2024

## Coffee and Chat

Sunday 4th August 10:30am - 12 noon  
at All Saints Church, Campton



## Full Peal

Wednesday 21st August 10am - 1:30pm approx  
at All Saints Church, Campton



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

## Coffee and Chat

Friday 6th September 10:30am - 12 noon  
at All Saints Church, Campton



CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



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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

## 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](mailto:camptonvh@outlook.com)

## Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024. The meeting was moved to a Wednesday due to the Village Hall being used for the Elections. Meetings will revert back to Thursday evenings in September.

We have recently had the play areas inspection, there were some minor issues to look at but overall, the play area is in good condition and hopefully enjoyed by lots of children in the Parish. There will be some work carried out to the bearings on the roundabout in the coming weeks.

Central Bedfordshire Council are seeking the views of young people. They have opened up the 'Safer Central Youth Survey' the survey is aimed at finding out how safe young people feel in the area they live or go to school in. The survey is aimed at 11-18 year olds and can be completed anonymously if the young person preferred. There is a QR code on the noticeboard in both Campton and Chicksands for young people to access the survey.

## Campton & Chicksands Parish Council cont.

Ward Cllr Tony Brown reported that there was a Scrutiny meeting with the Waste Portfolio holder. CBC have reached 90% of their target for total participation in terms of Green Waste collections.

You may have noticed that the grass on the verges outside of the 30mph zone has grown considerably, this will be actioned within the Ward in the next 3 weeks. Central Bedfordshire Council are responsible for cutting all areas outside of the 30mph zones.

As part of the Green Infrastructure strategy 67,500 trees and 5km of hedgerow has now been planted in Central Bedfordshire. The Parish Council are looking at planting more trees within the village of Campton in the Autumn.

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter the weather will have improved, and we will be experiencing some warm and sunny days! The Councillors and I wish you all a very happy, safe summer, whatever your plans.

Since our meeting in early July the Parish Council have learned that CBC will be running two months of public engagement focusing on the development of a new Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire. This exercise is expected to launch week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> July and CBC will have a new website with information on how you can get involved in this engagement exercise.

[www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/newlocalplan)

Additionally, the Parish Council will be sharing further information about this engagement exercise, as it becomes available, on our website, noticeboards & Social Media.

The dates of the next 2 meetings will be Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 7pm and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7pm. 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](mailto: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](mailto:villagehall100club@gmail.com)**

## News from the Tower

Following June's D-Day celebration ringing we welcomed Kae Chee and Jeff, our Singaporean friends, to Campton for a few days. Giving them opportunities to progress that don't exist in Singapore is very rewarding for us and them.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers enjoyed a fantastic day in Central London on Saturday, July 6, ringing in some of Central London's famous churches, including Bow bells! We were one of 36 teams keeping the tee-shirt makers busy! An inspirational photo of some 400 under 18's on the West steps of St Paul's Cathedral followed the presentation of results in the Cathedral.

Their next monthly BYR practice is at Campton on Sunday August 11, 2.30pm - 4.30pm. A great opportunity for some resident Campton youngsters (age 10+) to come forward to check out ringing. Pop in and see us!

The peal on All Saints bells on Sunday afternoon, July 7, celebrated the 40th anniversary of Revd Christopher Strong's ordination, and Victor and Audrey Brand's 65th wedding anniversary. We also remembered Peter Mossman, a lifelong Campton resident, who died recently aged 99.

August's peal will be on Wednesday August 21, 10am to 1.30pm approx.

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](mailto:jloveless5040@outlook.com)



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

#### AUGUST WINNERS:

- 1st (£35) - No. 23 - L Bryant
- 2nd (£25) - No. 70 - J Westgarth
- 3rd (£15) - No. 93 - A Hayes

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

#### SUMMER BONUS WINNER:

£50 - No. 179 - N Ashwin

## News from the Pews

I write hoping that you all have plans to help you rest, refresh and recuperate over the summer - whether actually going on holiday or not - and that you have a great time.

This time of year always seems to me to come as an invitation to review life - to remember the new year resolutions we forgot months ago - take stock - and after a summer break to start afresh with new resolutions and new energy.

I always think it is a time to take stock spiritually too. Many of us will travel to different parts of our country - of our world even - and take time to take in the views, to marvel at the beauty of creation and to reflect... John Fisher, a reformation martyr wrote "...behold, all this world - how the heavens are apparelled with stars, the air with fowls, the water with fishes, the Earth with herbs, trees, and beasts; how the stars be clad with light, the fowls with feathers, the fish with scales, the beasts with hair, herbs and trees with leaves, and flowers with scent, wherein doth well appear a great and marvellous wisdom of him that made them all."

In this time - for those who like to pray as they reflect - I think the Examen - the prayer of St Ignatius - is a useful prayer (there is lots about it online, if you wish to read further!).

St Ignatius invites us first to look back and notice those special moments in each day (or in our year so far) by simply asking ourselves a question like: For what moment am I most grateful? What was the gift of today / this time? When did I feel most alive / most peaceful / most whole? When did I feel closest to God?

Then, of course we need to ask another question too - one to draw us back to God if we are in danger of drawing away. Was there a bleak time? A time when I felt the energy and the peace draining out of me? A time when I felt furthest from God?

We might choose just to notice our feelings - or we might choose to pray ... Praising God. Giving thanks. Asking for forgiveness.

Finally, we are invited to look forward to tomorrow... to its gifts and its challenges, to its invitations (God's invitation!) and opportunities... as King George VI famously suggested in 1939, "putting our hands into the hand of God" and asking for his help and his wisdom...

## News from the Pews cont.

Here's hoping that the Autumn brings fresh vision, new hope and new energy for you.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday 4th August                                         | 10.30-12 noon Coffee and Chat      |
| Sunday 11th August                                        | 11.15 Morning Praise               |
| Sunday 18th August                                        | 11.15 Holy Communion               |
| Sunday 25th August                                        | 11.15 Morning Praise               |
| Sunday 1st September                                      | 11.15 Holy Communion               |
| Friday 6th September                                      | 10.30-12 noon Coffee and Chat      |
| Sunday 8th September                                      | 11.15 Morning Praise               |
| Sunday 15th September                                     | 11.15 Holy Communion               |
| Sunday 22nd September                                     | 11.15 Morning Praise               |
| Sunday 29th September                                     | 10.30 Benefice Service in Shefford |
| Please note '9and9' continues daily on our Facebook page. |                                    |

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A regular bus service open to everyone.

Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

From 2nd September updated times and destinations are:

Biggleswade every Monday @09:22 Greenway - all stops

Hitchin every Tuesday @09:18 Greenway - all stops

Stevenage on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month

@9:08 Greenway - all stops

Cambridge on the 4th Wednesday of the Month

@08:47 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](http://www.wanderbus.org.uk) e-mail: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)

## Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Hello everybody. We are now well into the summer months and what a summer! The weather has not been as we would normally expect, significantly wetter with temperatures below normal for the time of year. That said the flowers and fauna seem to have loved it with borders full to bursting. I hope you have found time to enjoy your outdoor space, time to relax, time to look closer, time to take in the annual intoxication of this time of year.

The delicate flowers of the honeysuckle are one of the most intoxicating and perfumed fragrances in the garden. Most gardens contain summer varieties, but by choosing other varieties you can experience the perfumed joy all year round.

### Honeysuckle variety Flowering period

|                              |                      |                          |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Lonicera fragrantissima..... | December to February | Lonicera x purpusii..... | December to February |
| Lonicera americana.....      | April to June        | Lonicera nitida.....     | May                  |

|                                       |                 |                                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lonicera periclymenum 'Belgica'.....  | May to June     | Lonicera japonica 'Halliana'..... | July to September |
| Lonicera periclymenum 'Serotina'..... | July to October |                                   |                   |

And remember plants like Rhubarb. It owes its name to the geo-politics of the Roman Empire, when the Romans called it 'Rha' (now the river Volga) from the name of the river where it was first discovered and 'Barbarum' because the territory in which it grew was not part of the Roman empire. As well as being tasty to eat, it thrives and grows better when pulled.

With the amount of rain so far this summer, bramble fruits like raspberry and blackberry are thriving. When you are out and about, take time to seek out and forage for these beneficial fruits which nature provides as a natural larder.

On 1st of July the gardening club had a most enjoyable and informative visit to Kathy Browns Garden and Stevington. Thank you!

Following a much appreciated personal invite from Martin Towsey (Woburn Estate Manager) our next trip will be to the Woburn Estate (date TBC) for us to have a look at the operations behind the scenes of the garden development and maintenance. This is an exclusive trip for Trugs and Trowels. If you are interested in joining us, subject to availability, please contact Maryika Wilding on 01462 851729

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