

Quiz Night: Saturday 5th October

7.15pm for 7.30pm start
at All Saints Church, Campton

Teams of 4/6 (£4 a person)
Bring your own drink and nibbles

Tickets available from paulbooton10@btinternet.com

ROCK 'N THE AISLES 2024

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



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024

8PM - 11PM
LICENCED BAR

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter

October 2024

Carpet Bowls
Thursday 3rd October
2pm - 4pm
at Campton Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting
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7pm start
at Campton Village Hall

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Gardening Club talk "mowing
through life" - all welcome
Monday 7th October 7:30pm
at Campton Village Hall

Peal attempt
Bedford Band
Wednesday 16th October
10am to 1pm approx
at All Saints Church

Community Games Night
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Thursday 17th October
7:30pm to 9:00pm
at All Saints Church

Rock 'n the Aisles 2024 tickets now on sale
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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

Community Games Night

As the evenings get darker and we are minded to stay indoors, I would like to **invite you to a regular Games Night** to keep our parish sociable, and slightly competitive!! Everyone is welcome.

Our venue will be the Oak Room in All Saints Church. Suggested donation of £1 per person to help with heating and lighting costs. Please bring a selection of your favourite board and card games along with any drink and nibbles to keep you in a winning frame of mind.

Our first Games Night will be on **Thursday 17th October 7:30pm to 9pm** and a follow-up on Thursday 31st October 7:30pm to 9pm with more dates to follow in November if popular.

Any questions, please contact Liz - candcnewsletter@gmail.com

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Hello everybody. September marks the first month of autumn and with the weather getting cooler and damper there will be lots of things to add to your 'garden to-do-list' in order to prepare your garden for the winter, tidy up after summer and plan for next year. Here are some jobs to get on with:-

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| 1. Collect seeds | 7. Give your lawn some TLC |
| 2. Divide herbaceous perennials | 8. Make your own compost |
| 3. Plant evergreen shrubs and trees | 9. Sort, clean and prepare bird feeders |
| 4. Dig up potatoes | 10. Turn over your soil |
| 5. Plan and plant spring flowering bulbs and seeds | 11. Harvest vegetables and plant winter varieties |
| 6. Harvest apples and make fruit preserves. | |

Please come and join us at our future events, everybody welcome.

On **7th October** we will welcome Andrew Grout who will be giving a talk on 'mowing a path through life' at 19:30 at Campton Village Hall. Martin Towser, Woburn Estate Manager, will visit us on **4th November** at Campton Village Hall at 19:30 to deliver his talk on 'Repton at Woburn'.

Maryika 01462 851729

News from the Pews

I hope you have had a great Summer. Welcome back to Autumn as we see the flourish of Autumn colour. I hope too, that you enjoyed the Village Quiz - thank you to Paul & Sue Booton! Our next quiz night is 5th October 7:15pm, we hope to see you.

October comes as a time of Thanksgiving. It is a time when many of us are so grateful for what we have that we think about those who 'have not'. And while I know that there are many starving children in our world who wonder 'if' and 'when' they might eat - I hear regularly on the TV Ads at the moment, that the average UK family wastes £60 worth of food each month! There are so many charities - locally and abroad - working to feed the hungry. This year in Campton Church we are continuing to collect for the Need Project locally. The demands on the Need Project are ever increasing and they have set themselves target to collect 30,000 tins which will help to restock and to prepare for Christmas which is always very busy.

Further afield - The Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal this year is partnering with The Leprosy Mission to support the Kaveri Kala Manram project in Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka is suffering from a huge economic crisis and families are struggling with soaring prices and shortages of food and fuel. For those affected by leprosy life is even harder with the added burden of being shunned by their community. This year's Harvest Appeal will help families affected by leprosy to start their own vegetable gardens. If you would like to support this Appeal you can donate via the Church or you can make a bank to bank transfer (BACs) to The Leprosy Mission using the following details: Sort code: 20-67-45, Account No: 00197742, Account Name: The Leprosy Mission Great Britain.

I was reading a poem the other day about our seasons and how there is something different to enjoy in all of them... So wishing you joy in the earthy fields, the colours of falling leaves, and the tasty fruits of Autumn!

Service Dates are:

Sunday 6th October	11.15 Holy Communion - Harvest Festival
Sunday 13th October	11.15 Morning Praise
Friday 18th October	10.30 Remembering little ones - Baby-loss Service, Shefford
Sunday 20th October	11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday 27th October	11.15 Morning Praise

Do you play the organ or piano? We are looking for someone of about Grade 5 ability, any age, no experience necessary, who can spare an hour, one Sunday a month to play at our Sunday morning service at All Saints Church, in Campton. It is a paid position. Enquiries or Questions to Joy Curtis (07899 858767).

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Church Warden: Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

Hedges in the Parish

During the last year the Parish Council have discussed hedges that are encroaching on public footpaths following concerns raised about public safety.

Footpaths need to be kept clear so that people can walk long them safely and not have to step in the road. Mobility scooters and Children's buggies should also be able to use the pathways safely.

October is an ideal time to cut hedges back so that this can be achieved. If hedges are encroaching on pathways come November, the Parish Council will be asking Central Bedfordshire Council to inspect them and to take whatever action they feel is appropriate.



The Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank all those who have joined the 2024-2025 100 Club. This is an important fundraiser helping to keep your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

We have sold 141 numbers at time of going to print which is excellent. Thank you! 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

SEPTEMBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No.224 - A Maudlin
2nd (£25) - No.216 - J Claridge
3rd (£15) - No.70 - J Westgarth

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

OCTOBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 115 - D Covaree
2nd (£25) - No. 153 - V
3rd (£15) - No.39 - S Twigg

Village Hall Booking Secretary required **URGENTLY**

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

News from the Tower

The next monthly Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice is at Campton on Sunday October 13, 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!

October's peal will be by a Bedford area band on Wednesday October 16, 10am to 1pm approx.

The peal at All Saints on Wednesday August 21 was remarkable. One of our regular Tuesday night attenders, Louise Mackie, rang her second peal. Noteworthy because her first peal, at Hillingdon, Middlesex, for her 18th birthday, was rung in 1978! It's never too late to come back – or learn!

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 - on a Tuesday evening 7.00pm 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

Carpet Bowls

Carpet bowls in Campton Village Hall will restart on Thursday 3rd October from 2pm to 4pm. Any queries please contact Lesley on 815606.
Everyone welcome!

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer? Whilst the Parish Council (PC) doesn't hold a meeting in August our activities continue as there is always much to do. Over the summer we had to temporarily remove the roundabout on the play area in Campton due to worn out parts. We organised a repair via the manufacturer, and unfortunately the damage was more complicated than we initially thought. Thankfully the equipment has now been repaired and is back to full working order. Thank you also to Cllr Booton who has also been painting the equipment at the play area, I am sure you will agree that it is looking nice, it will also help it last for many more years for the local children to enjoy.

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on Thursday 5th September 2024. Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) are updating their Children and Young People's Plan, and are seeking feedback from children, young people, parents, carers and professionals who work with children. The current Children and Young People's Plan runs from 2022 to 2025. It outlines five priorities to ensure that every child in Central Bedfordshire has the best possible start to life and explains how services work together to support young people to have high aspirations and reach their goals. As part of it has launched three questionnaires – one for children and young people, one for parents and carers, and a third for professionals who work with children. The questionnaires aim to find out what is important to children and young people and what support they might need, and whether the current priorities in the plan are still fit for purpose or should change. The closing date is Sunday 8 September 2024. The survey can be found on the CBC website.

Healthwatch Central Bedfordshire will once again be hosting the Festival for Older People, now in its 11th year. It will be held on Friday 4th October 2024 at The Rufus Centre, Steppingley Road, Flitwick. People may drop in any time between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The focus for the day is to celebrate older people and the contribution they make to society, with this year's theme being, *'The part we play: Celebrating the integral role of older people in our communities'*. There will also be the opportunity to purchase locally made goods and to support the Macmillan Cake Stall. If you would like more information, or need help with transport, please email info@healthwatch-centralbedfordshire.org.uk, or call 0300 303 8554.

The renovation works to the wall in the Campton Churchyard have now been completed and the wall structure looks good. There are now support pillars in place which will strengthen the wall for years to come. We do endeavour to keep both the Cemetery at Shefford and the Campton Churchyard as tidy as possible, to make it a tranquil and pleasant place for loved ones to visit. We have notice that some evidence of possible fly tipping in the back corner of the Churchyard, there have been several lots of grass cuttings, trees and branches have all been dumped there. We are arranging for our contractor to clear the area and tidy it up. We ask that garden waste please be disposed off appropriately, it costs the Parish Council to have it cleared and makes the Churchyard unsightly in the meantime.

Ward Cllr Brown is looking into the current situation with the footbridge over the River Hit down the Mill Lane footpath; parts of the structure have collapsed, and it is in need of significant repair. Please be very careful if you decide to use the bridge whilst we wait for CBC to carry out the repairs. CBC closed this section of the footpath back in May, but the PC have had no further updates. Cllr Brown has also asked CBC Highways for an update regarding the change to the location of the 30mph zone in Gravenhurst Rd., it is scheduled to be changed this financial year, but CBC are yet to confirm when, we will keep you updated.

There have been some recent reports that CBC are going to start making charges for using the Tidy Tips (Recycling Centres). At this stage Cllr Brown indicated that this is all speculation, CBC will need to discuss the concept fully before any decision is made, and we will update you if the PC becomes aware of any updates.

The dates of the next 2 meetings will be Thursday 3rd October starting at 7pm and Thursday 7th November at 7pm. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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