

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter November 2024

Coffee and Chat
Friday 1st November
10:30am - 12 noon
at All Saints Church

Visiting band: Ely Diocesan
Association Ringers
Sunday 3rd November
2:30pm to 5:30pm approx
at All Saints Church

Gardening Club talk
"Repton at Woburn"
Mon 4th November 7:30pm
at Campton Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 7th November
7pm start
at Campton Village Hall

Community Games Night
Details on page 3
Thurs 14th and 28th Nov
7:30pm to 9:00pm
at All Saints Church

Visiting band: Society of
Royal Cumberland Youth
Saturday 16th November
3pm to 6pm approx
at All Saints Church

Rock 'n the Aisles 2024 tickets now on sale
Saturday 30th November - Details on page 8

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

News from the Pews

In Church November begins on a high point as we praise God for All the Saints whom we believe already enjoy being with God face to face. And that is followed by the more personal remembering of All Souls' Day... a time when we remember all those we have loved and see no longer. Then, we move to a remembering which is both personal and community - national and international - remembering all those who have lost their lives in time of war.

We remember particularly this year "the courage of 1944". In June we commemorated 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings which marked the beginning of the liberation of western Europe... and the Royal British Legion points us to hard fought battles elsewhere in the world that year, that helped turn the tide of the war. We vow, "We will remember them" - and indeed year after year we do remember them. We know from experience that wars end when politicians finally come together around the negotiating table... And I believe we all wish that they would do that **before** and avoid or prevent the death and devastation of war. And so we pray for peace and for those who work and strive to make peace... even as we gratefully pray for the protection of those who offer their skills and their lives to stand between us and the unthinkable.

In our time there are many other causes that need the nations to work together - care of our shared earth; pollution of the air, the oceans and the land; the loss of biodiversity and endangered species, the human need for food and clean drinking water; the fight against disease... to name but a few of them. And I believe that that is much more the kind of "tomorrow" that our brave service men and women believed that they were offering their "today" for.

Let us remember them... and commit to working for a just future for all humanity!

Service Dates are:

November 1st 10.30 -12.00 Coffee and Chat: *in memory of our dear friend Sally Strong this coffee morning will raise money for MND. If you would like to donate items to raise further funds for the charity, these can be brought to church at 7:15pm on 31st October. Thank you for your support.*

November 3rd	11.15am	Holy Communion All Saints' Sunday
November 10th	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday (Holy Communion at St Michael's at 9.30)
November 14th	7.30pm	Community Games Night
November 17th	11.15am	Holy Communion - 2 before Advent
November 24th	11.15am	Morning Praise - Christ the King
November 31st	7.30pm-9pm	Community Games Night
November 30th	8pm -11pm	Rock 'n the Aisles (see page 8)

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Campton Village Hall

We are very pleased to welcome a new Booking Secretary to the Village Hall Committee. We shall introduce her to you in the coming months as she joins the committee and learns the role.

There is a new Honeywell system at the hall to assist with a greener use of the hall along with remotely controlled heating to ensure the hall is the correct temperature for hirers.....without the need to get out of bed too early!

We have lots of booking enquiries at the moment leading into Christmas and at the start of 2024 so please book now to avoid disappointment!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 28 - C Stonestreet

2nd (£25) - No. 33 - K Mangold

3rd (£15) - No. 104 - S Musset

Community Games Night

Following the success of the Community Games Night on 17th October, I would like to **invite you to further dates in November**. Everyone is welcome. Our venue is the Oak Room in All Saints Church. The Parish Council are generously funding our first few months and so donations towards heating and lighting costs are not required.

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.

Next dates are:

Thursday 14th November 7:30pm to 9pm

Thursday 28th November 7:30pm to 9pm

More dates to follow in November if popular. Any questions, please contact Liz - candcnewsletter@gmail.com

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their most recent meeting on Thursday 3rd October 2024.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the residents that have contacted me regarding the proposed re-launch of the Good Neighbour Scheme, we have had enough volunteers come forward for us to look at starting the scheme. It's lovely to see such good community spirit and to be able to help people that use the service. I am currently registering the scheme with the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity (BRCC) and they will guide us through the startup process, once this has been completed I will set up a meeting for all of the volunteers to get the scheme started.

The Parish Council have been informed by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) that the footpath bridge over the River Hit remains closed and although remedial works are planned, we have no news on timescales. The recent flooding has exacerbated safety concerns in relation to this footbridge. CBC have recently advised that Anglian Water (AW) expect Greenway to remain closed until 25th November, and AW engineers are concerned that parking of vehicles on the grass verges may have contributed to recent sewer collapses.

The latest round of consultation on the New Local Plan concluded on Monday 23rd. The long questionnaire was completed in full or part by 1854 residents, the short one was completed by 351 across Central Bedfordshire. In the drop pin exercise there were 532 comments of which there were 47 related to Campton and Chicksands Parish, the largest number of any parish or town! Eight Town or Parish Councils asked for leaflets or posters to be printed by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). For your information the total number of residents in Central Bedfordshire is just over 300,000. The Councillors are very grateful to all the residents that took the time to respond to the Consultation and are really proud of the sense of community and support within the Parish.

As you will be aware the winter fuel allowance has now been stopped for many pensioners. CBC are encouraging residents who may struggle because of this to look at whether they are eligible for Pension Credit. Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs. If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if you own your home or have savings. Pension Credit is worth, on average, £3,900 per year and unlocks additional support including help with Council Tax, NHS dental care and for those over 75, a free TV licence. Around a third of those eligible for Pension Credit are not claiming it and could be missing out on extra money each week. Check your eligibility by visiting the government's www.gov.uk/pension-credit, or by calling 0800 99 123

CBC are asking for your feedback on a proposed new plan to forecast the school places needed in the area up until 2030. A 'Your Voice Matters' consultation has been launched to help determine what the future of mainstream school provision looks like where you live. CBC have a statutory duty to make sure that there are enough school places for every child in Central Bedfordshire and a refreshed School Organisation Plan is being proposed to help achieve this. See the link below:

<https://news.updates.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/563BF5457723A7B57DA65BE49F9978A9415B252AFBB28D87CDC1FC6FAE78F661/603830B1EF523E19448AE892A97D7427/LE35>.

Central Bedfordshire Council's Safer Communities and Partnership Team are asking for resident's opinions and for residents to keep CBC up to date on safety issues in your community. Residents know what is happening in your immediate area, and with the information supplied, CBC can work together to make a difference, creating a safer environment for everyone. The issues can vary e.g. dog fouling, areas of fly tipping, or can serious organised crime. It doesn't have to be the Parish you live in; it can be areas you frequent.

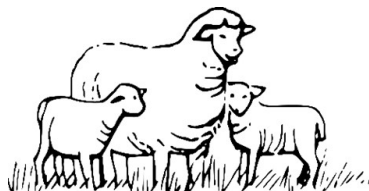
By providing this information you can help CBC shape the work of the Community Safety Partnership. You can complete the Safer Central Survey; you can invite one of CBC's Safer Communities Officers to join your community groups for a visit to talk about keeping safe or email them.

If you would like to contact our Community Safety Team, please email community.safety@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

You can complete the survey by visiting the Safer Central Website at www.safercentral.org

The dates of the next 2 meetings will be Thursday 7th November starting at 7pm and Thursday 5th December at 7pm. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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News from the Tower

BELLRINGING AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON – THE FUTURE

We need your help to find and teach new ringers to join our team who ring the bells at our beautiful 13th century church, All Saints Church, Campton! Why volunteer? Well....

- Bellringing is an important activity for our church and also the wider community in Campton.
- We are volunteers who give about 2 hours of our time weekly to learn the skill and we are keen to teach more ringers.
- We have a modern, easy to ring, peal of 8 bells installed in 2007 as a result of considerable fundraising activity in the community to raise the £90,000 we needed.
- Bellringers are approachable, friendly people who work as a team to maintain and develop the art.
- Anyone from age 10 to 80 can learn to ring.

Interested? Do come along to take a look and meet our sociable team, without any initial obligation. We practice on a Tuesday evening 7.00pm to 9.00pm at All Saints Church, Campton. To find out more speak to any of our ringers or contact me, John Loveless, on 07803 206161 or email jloveless5040@outlook.com

November's visiting bands of ringers are: Sunday, **3rd November**, 2.30pm to 5.30pm approx by the Ely Diocesan Association ringers; and Saturday, **16th November**, 3pm to 6pm approx by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths ringers, from London.



Reverse Advent Calendar

Everyone loves advent calendars to count them down to Christmas Day. Bedford Foodbank are running a Reverse Advent this Christmas.

All Saints Church, Campton, are taking part in the Reverse Advent Calendar once again for The Need Project Foodbank. Instead of receiving a gift, those taking part donate an item each day. You could even complete your donation with neighbours or a friend. At the end of advent, you will have collated 24 goods! Please leave your donations in the porch at All Saints Church by 5:45pm on 24th December.

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Hello everybody! Darker nights and shorter days, temperatures take a turn, ever changing hedgerows with fruit, flowers with intricate structures and wonderful colours and vistas. Autumn is truly an awesome time of year. Its time to get out and enjoy the late sunshine whilst collecting for your autumn wreath and to enjoy all the season has to offer; many berries, conkers, acorns and multiple varieties of fungi.

Autumn is a dynamic season in the garden with many plants heading into dormancy whilst others are in a period of active growth. Doing the right things now can set the stage for next years garden. Adding new plants or making changes to address problems observed over the season.

Some of the best things to do or avoid at this time may seem counter intuitive. Should I lift or leave my Dahlias? I leave them in the ground and all seems well, however I do lift my Geraniums and repot to over winter giving me a head start next Spring. All tomato plants should be picked and green tomatoes made into Chutney or bagged in brown paper and placed onto window sills to ripen. When cutting back and doing your year end tidy take into consideration winter feeding and nesting materials for wildlife. All tender plants can now be taken in doors or into heated greenhouses as frosts and the potential for strong winds and heavy rain is just around the corner, so.....

- Secure any newly planted shrubs, trees and roses.
- Clear fallen leaves from around roses to prevent blackspot and prune climbing roses.
- Plant out winter bedding and spring bulbs.
- Lift Tubers and divide perennials to transplant, move and share.
- Remove all foliage from Strawberry plants.
- Check up on your winter planting; Sweetpeas, Wall flowers and herbs etc.
- Weed your lawn and apply a feed as it needs to recover.
- Weeding in readiness for rejuvenation of soil.
- Readyng bird feeders, insect houses and garden for visiting hedgehogs
- Don't forget to take regular tea breaks!!

On 4th November (19:30 start) Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club are at the Village Hall in Campton. We will be joined by Martin Towsey - Woburn Estate Manager - who will be giving a talk on 'Repton at Woburn'. Everyone is welcome. There will be the usual refreshments, raffle and Free / Swap table for sharing plants and garden items.

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ROCK 'N THE AISLES 2024

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



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON
SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024
8PM - 11PM
LICENCED BAR

TICKETS ON SALE NOW £12.50
FROM JOY - 07899 858767

Items for the next Newsletter (Dec 2024 and Jan 2025 merged edition) must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop, no later than 15th Nov 2024
Email: candcnewsletter@gmail.com