

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter May 2025

Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 8th May and Thursday 5th June
7pm start at Campton Village Hall or via Zoom

Coffee and Chat
Friday 2nd May 10:30am - 12noon
in All Saints Church, Campton

Trugs & Trowels Gardening Club
Tuesday 6th May - Mike McConnell
Campton Village Hall at 7:30pm

Cheese and Wine Tasting
Saturday 17th May 7pm - 9pm
See page 5 for details

“Meet Your Village” event at Campton Village Hall
Sunday 1st June 2pm - 4pm
See page 2 for details

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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

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We have lots of new residents
in Campton - Welcome!

The Village Hall Management Committee would like to welcome both new and current residents to our “Meet Your Village” event.

On Sunday 1st June between 2-4pm, the Village Hall will be open for a chance to discover where you live!

There will be complimentary refreshments and displays about the history of Campton, have-a-go at bell ringing, walks in the area, a parish council representative, and a selection of local groups.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by
Campton Village Hall Management Committee.
Homemade cakes provided by local residents. If you would like to
contribute, please contact the newsletter editor Liz, thank you
candcnewsletter@gmail.com

Campton Village Hall

Campton Village Hall Committee held their AGM in Campton Village Hall on Wednesday 16th April 7:30pm. The minutes from the meeting are on the Parish Council website under the Village Hall section.

Currently we are in urgent need of both a Bookings and a Minutes Secretary. If you are able to assist with either role please see details on page 3.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

MAY WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 89 - Mrs Greenwood
2nd (£25) - No. 8 - E Bishop
3rd (£15) - No. 69 - O Cooper



Calling for volunteers to assist with village decoration for VE Day.
We have poppies which need to be attached to lamp posts on the weekend of 3/4 May and then taken down for storage for next year on 12/13 May. Please contact Deborah 07778 424408 if you can help!

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Campton Village Hall Management Committee

Secretaries required URGENTLY

Booking Secretary

We are looking for a new Booking Secretary. Sadly due to work commitments, Maria is unable to continue. We thank her for the time she has been able to give.

This voluntary 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. 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 either role in more detail please contact us: camptonvh@outlook.com

Minutes Secretary

We are looking for a new Minutes Secretary. Liz is stepping down after 3 years and we need a replacement.

This voluntary role involves sending meeting agendas, writing up meeting minutes with action points, and liaising with the committee for future meeting dates.

Committee meetings are held every 2 months.

News from the Tower

Bellringing is an important, centuries-old tradition at All Saints Church and also for the wider community in Campton. We're keen to find and teach new ringers to join our team. Our ringers, all volunteers, ring for special occasions for the village as well as on Sunday mornings for 11.15am service.

There will be special ringing on Thursday May 8 at 6:30pm to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day in 1945. Come into church to celebrate this anniversary with us and find out about what we do.

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

Visiting bands of ringers in April

Saturday, May 3, 9.45am to 1pm approx - Peal attempt, East meets West ringers

Sunday, May 11, 2:30pm to 4:30pm - Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice

Monday, May 12, 2pm to 3pm - Biggleswade area ringers

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on Thursday 3rd April 2025. Firstly, a big thank you to the residents who expressed an interest and attended the meeting to discuss the Good Neighbour scheme, we do hope to be able to set this up for the benefit of those in the Parish, however, we do need more volunteers. If you have some spare free time, even a couple of hours a month and would like to find out a little more please come and see us at the "Meet Your Village" event on 1st June (see Page 2), we would love to meet you and talk to you. There are lots of different ways to volunteer and help within the Parish.

At a meeting on 1 April, Members of the Central Bedfordshire Council Executive approved plans to consult on a proposed change to the Council's Home to School Transport policy for students aged 5 to 16. CBC will launch a nine-week consultation to hear a range of views on the proposed change to the policy of providing transport to the nearest school. Currently, if a child doesn't have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or has been placed at a specific school by CBC, they may qualify for transport to either their nearest suitable school or one based on school catchment areas. Different schools have different catchment areas; CBC also have our own catchment areas. CBC are proposing removing the 'catchment school' rule, only providing Home to School Transport to a child's nearest school. This would align with Department of Education guidance and help save money at a time when it faces substantial pressures on its budget.

As approved by the CBC Executive on 1 April, the School Organisation Plan 2025-2030 will carefully assess school capacity across the region, responding to key challenges such as demographic changes, new housing developments, and the ongoing transition from a three-tier to a two-tier education system. It also supports the expansion of SEN school places within local communities. CBC have also pledged to work more closely with school leaders on school place planning, ensuring their expertise shapes future decisions. That work will lead to a further paper to their Executive this autumn detailing the early priorities for inclusion in the Capital Budget planning process.

Unfortunately, I reported in the last newsletter that CBC would not be implementing a booking system at the Household Waste Recycling Centres. The decision has been made to go ahead with the original plan of a new online booking system, this is designed to make trips quicker, easier and more efficient. The booking system came into effect on Wednesday 26 March. Residents will need to book a 20-minute time slot at any of the four recycling centres in Ampthill, Biggleswade, Leighton Buzzard and Thorn Turn, Houghton Regis. The new system aims to reduce queues, improve traffic flow, and ensure centres are used exclusively

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by Central Bedfordshire residents. Managing visitor numbers will allow staff to offer more on-site recycling advice to help boost recycling rates and support the council's commitment to a more sustainable Central Bedfordshire.

CBC awarded grants to 5 organisations to support community arts projects, cultural events, and art development programmes. This is to promote cultural engagement and stimulate economic growth within the creative sector. The grants range up to £20,000 per group and will provide the resources needed to help artists and cultural organisations bring their visions to life, enriching the local community and strengthening the cultural sector in Central Bedfordshire. The programme is funded by the council together with government grant funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), and Bedfordshire Luton Community Foundation is administering the fund on CBC's behalf.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th May 2025. The following meeting will be on Thursday 5th June at 7pm. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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Cheese & Wine Tasting

Saturday 17th May 2025 - 7pm to 9pm
at All Saints Church, Campton

Guided Tastings
Raffle
Lots of Fun!

Entry by ticket only. £20 per ticket.
Ticket Sales close on Weds 7th May

Please contact Michelle for tickets on 07732 634210 or email
monet99@hotmail.com

All proceeds raised supports All Saints Church

Campton Academy Poetry Competition marking 150 years of education in Campton

Campton Academy

Campton is the best in the world.
Ambassadors are the best.
My favourite school.
Play is fun.
This is the best school.
Opening the classroom door.
Next class is the best.

by Barham Year 1

Campton Academy

Creative Campton is the best.
Amazing as the stars.
Marvellous memories have been made.
People are friendly like your friend.
Terrific people are always there.
Open books to light your learning.
Never ever will stop learning.

by Safal Year 2

Cruel were the punishments, a hard smack of the cane on the hand, ouch,
nobody liked it, which is easy to believe.
Academies were cruel and unfair, I wouldn't like to go to a Victorian school.
Mice were scuttling around the classrooms.
People make girls sit by boys and boys sit by girls, teachers were unkind.
Tables were one person a table, the tables were standing in rows.
Once there were punishments that were cruel.
Nobody had paper, no one had pens.

by Hazel Year 3

Campton

Friends everywhere you go.
Our teachers help our minds grow.
We always leave feeling proud.
Raising up just like the clouds.
Our school is full of positivity.
Sometime we have an opportunity.
Teachers make us the brightest star.
Look at us we've come so far.
It's Campton's anniversary.
Our school is a primary.
Campton's 150 years old.
All of us as we are told.
So we're making a wall hanging.
Now we are all in the making.
We've got wonderful books to read.
We all do good deeds.
Our teachers lift us up high.
So so high we could touch the sky.

by Olivia C Year 4

Campton

One hundred and fifty years of
enjoyment.
One hundred and fifty years of
encouragement.
An academy full of memories.
An academy in the centre of all.
One school full of fun lessons.
Every opportunity for all sports.
The school of the best teachers.
The school of the best PE.
A school at the top of Bedfordshire.
A school that never gives up.
The best school.
Only one school which is best,
CAMPTON ACADEMY.

by Jack R Year 4

News from the Pews

I do hope that you had a wonderful time celebrating Easter this year. In the secular world Easter was over all too quickly this year as 'normal life', work and school, resumed just a couple of days later.... with barely time to eat an easter egg! In Church though, we continue to celebrate Easter for 7 weeks - through May - until Pentecost on the 8th June.

During the 50 days we call Eastertide - our readings focus on:

The resurrection appearances of Jesus - when he appeared to his friends the disciples - who were in hiding for fear of the Jews. The time when Jesus appeared to his disciples who had gone fishing and prepared breakfast for them on the beach. Jesus' promise, *"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish."* His words, *"Little children... Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."*

And as Jesus followers believed - and began to live in the light of the resurrection - we read about the life and growth of the early church seen in the book of the Bible we call the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole of Eastertide is a time of joy and celebration. White or gold vestments emphasise the joy and brightness of the season and the Easter candle stands prominently in church for all our services. Our liturgy and hymns are peppered with Alleluias... and in every service we declare:

*"Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia."*

"Normal life" may have returned - but the joy and promise of Easter goes on - and not just for 7 weeks - but forever!

May is also around the time when the Church has its Annual Meeting (15th May at 6.30pm this year) - and when I say a huge thank you to all who have contributed to the life of All Saints over the past year. Thank you to all who have contributed their gifts and support generously, quietly, tirelessly. Thank you and God bless you.

Service Dates are:

4th May	11.15am	Holy Communion
11th May	11.15am	Morning Praise
18th May	11.15am	Holy Communion
25th May	11.15am	Morning Praise
1st June	11.15am	Holy Communion

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Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Spring is finally in the air and full of promise with evenings lighter giving us more outdoor time. Its time to plant, dream and watch it grow - as well we know from tiny seeds grow vibrant gardens. Our gardens are awakening after their winter slumber and gardeners are busy preparing for the year ahead. We have already enjoyed the early risers, snowdrops and wonderful golden daffodils and are awaiting tulips and bluebells. Many plants of distinction to choose from to fill your garden with colour and fragrance.

Deciding what to grow? Consider your separate areas, this could be vegetable plots, flower beds, patio, balcony, windowsill, green house and lawns. (Hopefully aerated, and treated to be moss and weed free). As the soil warms plant out perennials for colour, sow hardy annuals and wildflowers to fill any gaps, add aquatic plants to ponds. Also plant out winter sown sweet-peas or place an order for some. Plant your second early potatoes now. Before you shop assess your garden environment, light, space and climate. Research and understand the specific needs of the plants, soil type and size at maturity, know your skill level to prune and your time availability needed to care for plants.

At the shops, check for health; pests, mites, spots, discolouration on leaves and healthy stems, strong root system - if pot bound it will need to be repotted promptly. You are looking for vibrant foliage with even growth, not leggy or stunted. Check pots for weeds so as not to adopt any problems in your garden. Read the information tags to be informed of care requirements. When at the nursery, ask any questions you may have or request recommendations. Buy local as they are more likely to be suitable and adapt to your garden environment.

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Dates for 2025	Meeting Details
6th May	Mike McConnell - Campton Village Hall
2nd June	Visit Linda Coles, Gravenhurst - Car Share leave Village Hall 7pm
29th June	Opens Gardens: 10th year anniversary of Trugs and Trowels. Including Music and Canapes at Campton Manor. Ticketed event. Non-members £7 / Members £3.50. Any gardens wishing to open please let Maryika know.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor,
Liz Bishop, no later than 15th May 2025
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