

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2025

**“Meet Your Village” event - Campton Village Hall
Sunday 1st June 2pm - 4pm**

**Come and meet other residents, have a cup of tea and slice
of cake, and learn about the area you live in!**

See page 2 for details

**Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 5th June and Thursday 17th July
7pm start at Campton Village Hall or via Zoom**

**Coffee and Chat
Friday 6th June 10:30am - 12noon
in All Saints Church, Campton**

**Trugs & Trowels Gardening Club
Sunday 29th June - Open Gardens!
See page 5 for details**

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

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.

**“Meet Your Village”
Sunday 1st June 2-4pm
at Campton Village Hall**

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
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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.

So, there will be a **'Have a go at Bellringing'** opportunity on Sunday June 1st as
part of Campton's 'Meet Your Village' event. Come into All Saints Church between
2pm and 4pm to find out how we make the loudest noise in Campton and have a go
yourself!!

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

Events in June

Sunday June 1: 'Have a go at Bellringing' 2pm to 4pm approx

Friday June 6: Clifton ringers, 7.30pm to 9pm approx

Sunday June 8: Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Saturday June 14: visiting band peal attempt 2pm - 5.30pm approx, all ringers born
in 1955!!

Sunday June 29: ringing during Campton Open Gardens

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.

Campton Village Hall

Campton Village Hall Committee are looking forward to welcoming all residents to our "Meet Your Village" event held on Sunday 1st June between 2pm and 4pm at the Village Hall. We shall have drinks and cakes available. Representatives from local groups are attending and we have a fascinating collection of Campton history and photos - will you recognise the locations and any villagers of the time?!

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 above and get in touch. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

JUNE WINNERS:

1st (£35) - No. 2 - J Hyde

2nd (£25) - No. 123 - J Needham

3rd (£15) - No. 158 - J Cook

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Hi everyone, summer is in full swing and colour and beauty is in abundance. A pot, good soil and a pinch of patience. Whether a beginner or a seasoned grower your confidence and plate will be full in no time.

Short of space and want to grow your own food? You are in luck, with just a few pots, good soil and a sunny spot grows an abundance of veggies.

Twelve fast growing veggies which grow in pots which you can harvest in a matter of weeks grown from seed to table:

1. Radish - harvest in 3 to 4 weeks, sprinters in the veg world, from seed to being edible in 21 days. Perfect - 8" deep pot, great harvest greens salads and sautes.
2. Lettuce - harvest in 4 to 6 weeks ready, grows quickly and able to harvest outer leaves within a month and it will go on producing more.
3. Spinach - harvest in 4 to 5 weeks, not a fast grower, thrives in cool weather and you can start snipping baby leaves in just a few weeks
4. Green onions (Scallions) - harvest in 3 to 4 weeks, instant gratification. Onions are your best friend, they grow quickly from seed, even faster from scraps, keep them watered and they will keep popping up.
5. Baby carrots - harvest in 5 to 6 weeks. Baby varieties - baby finger will mature in just over a month unlike full size carrots. Top tip - use deep pots 8" - 10" loose soil and well drained.
6. Arugula - harvest in 3 to 4 weeks, a container garden gem which germinates quickly, ready as baby greens to harvest in less than a month.
7. Peas - harvest in 6 to 7 weeks - climb quick and quicker to please. Snap peas and snow peas grow fast and like container life. A 10" - 12" deep pot and a small trellis or a cage will do the trick.
8. Kale, the super food grows well in pots and can be picked early or left to grow to full maturity. Harvest out in and will keep on producing.
9. Bok Choy - harvest in 4 to 5 weeks. This Asian green grows fast and tastes great in stir fries - sauted - even raw. Baby Bok Choy will mature quickly and fits well in smaller pots.
10. Beets - harvest in 6 weeks - leaves can be harvested in 4 weeks, but the bulbs take 6 weeks. Deep pots 10" to 12" and thin the seedlings to allow the bulbs to develop.
11. Mustard greens - classroom classic, harvest in 4 to 5 weeks. Spicy leafy and fast, a great addition to container gardening. Tip regular water, happy, plant in shallow wide container.

Trugs and Trowels cont.

12. Turnips - harvest in 5 to 6 weeks (greens in 3 weeks). Just like beets, turnips offer quick greens and tasty roots. Baby turnips are tender and full of flavour and don't take up a lot of space.

Get the most return for your efforts!

Please remember 2nd June, there is no Gardening Club in the village hall, as there is a car share visit to Linda Coles - a commercial grower in Gravenhurst. We shall be leaving the village hall at 7pm.

June 29th is **Campton Open Gardens** in celebration of the 10 year anniversary of Trugs and Trowels. There will be music and canapés at Campton Manor. Please pre-book your tickets. Non-members £7, members £3.50. If you would like to open your garden for this even please let me know.

In July we welcome Bev Hall from Blooming in the community {C.I.C Community interest company}.

All are welcome to come along to any of our meetings on the first Monday each month (unless its a public/bank holiday). General club admission £3.50 per person and includes refreshments, a free and swap table to pass on your unwanted garden items, plants, seed pots and magazines etc

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A regular bus service open to everyone.
Cash fares and concessionary travel passes accepted.

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

@09:08 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

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on Thursday 8th May 2025.

The first resolution for any Parish Council at the May meeting is to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the following year. Cllr Booton has been re-elected as Chair and Cllr Turton has been elected as Vice-Chair. All of the Councillors would like to thank Dave Baker, who is stepping down from his position on the Council, for all of his hard work and commitment to the Parish. He has served on the Council for many years, and this has included being both Vice-Chair and Chair, he will be greatly missed by all of the Parish Council. All other Councillors will remain on the Council for the next year.

Central Bedfordshire Council are currently holding a consultation for school transport. Since April 2020 to March 2025 there has been a 179% increase in the cost of school transport. The consultation aims at saving £8.9 million by 2031/32. The proposal is to bring CBC transport policy in line with neighbouring authorities. The aim is that pupils will be offered a place at their nearest school. If they choose to go to another school which is further away the parents will have to pay the cost of the transport. This does not apply to SEND pupils. An example was given where 160 pupils in Leighton Buzzard go past their nearest school to go to ones further away and at present the Local Authority are obligated to pay their transport costs. The proposal will only apply to new students changing school not those already in the system. For more information or to participate in the consultation visit the Central Bedfordshire website.

CBC have confirmed they are now responsible for the Campton church yard, as of 30th April 2025. Part of the area still remains the responsibility of the Joint Burial Board and this will not be changed. In terms of maintenance, the two areas will be maintained by different contractors.

CBC have agreed to continue with the Ward Cllr grants for the community, each Ward Cllr has £2000 to award for projects in their Ward. Please contact me for further information.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 5th June 2025. The following meeting will be on Thursday 17th July at 7pm. Both meetings will take place in Campton Village Hall.

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News from the Pews

May was an exciting month - with the 80th Anniversary of VE Day - and the election of the new Pope Leo 14th. June continues as another exciting month in the Church as we continue to retell the Gospel story and we celebrate Ascension Day, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday.

Ascension Day (this year 29th May) is celebrated 40 days after Easter - 40 days in which Jesus appeared to his followers on many occasions - until he returned to his Father's side: *"...and then Jesus led his Disciples out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven."* Luke 24:50-53.

Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter and celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus... praying "Come Holy Spirit". It is sometimes called the birthday of the Church... 3,000 became believers that very day.

"the sound of a mighty wind filled the house where believers were gathered, tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of them, and the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit..." Acts 2:2

Finally we celebrate Trinity Sunday - our Christian belief in One God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. After Trinity Sunday we enter Ordinary Time - or numbered weeks - as this year we continue to work our way through the Gospel of Luke. Also in June is the Alban Pilgrimage when St Alban is honoured as the first recorded British Christian Martyr. St Albans is always a lovely place to visit so The Alban Pilgrimage might make a good day out /or part of a day out for some. This year the "Alban Pilgrimage" is on June 21st with events running from 11.00am - 5pm.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the procession of giant (12 foot) carnival puppets - Roman chariots, centurions, lions, roses and executioners that moves through the streets - while around 300 children, teenagers and adults from the local community retell the story of Alban's martyrdom. I believe there are lots of family activities in the afternoon too - see www.stalbanscathedral.org/alban-pilgrimage

Wishing you a very happy and celebratory June! Service Dates are:

1st June	11.15am	Holy Communion Easter 7
8th June	11.15am	Morning Praise Pentecost
15th June	11.15am	Holy Communion Trinity Sunday
22nd June	11.15am	Morning Praise
29th June	10.30am	Benefice Communion at All Saints, Campton

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WHAT'S IN A PLACE NAME?

Have you ever wondered how the place you live in came to have its name? Many of the towns have changed over time. There are several place name endings that can help give us a clue to the name and original reason for a settlement developing. In the days before substantial bridges people crossed rivers at places where the water was shallower and often settlements grew up here. Anywhere with a 'ford' at the end of the place name is likely to have been one of these places. The rivers in those days would have looked very different to those we see now and much of the surrounding land would have been marshy. 'Hurst' refers to a wooded area, usually a hill. 'Cote' comes from the Saxon word for house.

So, let's go on a tour of some of our local towns and villages. Maybe we start off at the settlement on the now forgotten River Camel (Campton) before walking along the river to the Sheep Ford (Shefford). Crossing the river and wet marshy ground we head north to land occupied by the southern Gifla tribe (South-ill). From there we walk east to the area of thorny bush (Broom) before heading south again, crossing the river somewhere along the long ford (Langford) before reaching Hen Hill (Henlow) and finally ending our journey at the dry piece of land known as Aelfric's Island (Arlesey).

by Dan Connors (*provided by Anna Maudlin*)

A POTTED HISTORY OF CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS

1086: The Domesday Book records Campton and Chicksands.

1150: Chicksands Priory, a monastic house was built.

13thc.: Foundation of All Saints Church. The tower dates from the 15thc.

1349: Campton loses two priests to the Black Death.

1591: Campton Manor House built by John Ventris.

1786: The White Hart public house established; it became a Flowers House in 1954 and Whitbread in 1961.

1823: Robert Bloomfield the poet dies at Shefford, buried in Campton churchyard.

1853: The Wheatsheaf public house established; the pub closed in 1956.

1876: Campton School opened in Rectory Road.

1921: Twenty-six houses built along the Greenway.

1924-1936: Brookside Estate built in two phases.

1928: Campton first receives electricity.

1937: Campton Mill closes. A mill had existed in Campton since Anglo Saxon times and was mentioned in the Domesday Book.

1950-1995: RAF Chicksands was used by the United States Air Force.

1983: The New Inn at Campton Turn closes. It was built in 1803 by Mr James Bunyan.

1987: Campton Post Office closes.

2006: Priory House Council Offices open, now home to CBC.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor,
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