

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

August / September 2025

Please help us try to preserve Campton from over development and to protect the loss of our village identity.

There was a large turnout at the recent Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th July showing the passion we have in our parish on this matter.

We are forming an action group. Can you help?

Details on page 3 of who to contact to understand the aims which need to be reached and the data collation required.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 4th September and Thursday 2nd October
7pm start at Campton Village Hall or via Zoom

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL



Support your village hall and buy your lucky numbers now!

See page 4 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

Campton Village Hall

Your Village Needs You!!

I'm sure you'll agree that Campton is a beautiful, friendly village and that's why we choose to live here. We have facilities here - the recreation ground, plenty of local walks, a lovely church with regular services, open monthly coffee mornings and bell ringing teaching. We have a village hall, where voting and many different activities, including Trugs and Trowels gardening club, take place.

BUT – none of this happens in a vacuum. Quite a few of us here have been volunteering and helping here for years, some for several decades. We're now at a stage where we need **you**, our younger people, to step up.

I recently saw a UN quote about wellbeing: 'Happiness is rooted in trust, kindness and social connection.'

Helping here in Campton is a great way to make social connection. Perhaps your workplace will allow you regular volunteering hours/days.

There is plenty to do: you'll have seen the Village Hall needs a booking secretary and secretary. Please consider joining the committee. We've reached a point where, without new volunteers coming forward, some hall activities may be reduced.

Do give me a ring – I'm very happy to discuss what's involved.
Thank you. Deborah Maggs 07778 424408

Contact email for village hall bookings: camptonvh@outlook.com

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

AUGUST WINNERS:

- 1st (£35) - No. 172 - L Clare
- 2nd (£25) - No. 98 - M Newman
- 3rd (£15) - No. 45 - C Greet

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

AUGUST BONUS WINNER:

- (£60) - No. 128 - L McAlinden

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council (PC) held their most recent meeting on Thursday 17th July 2025.

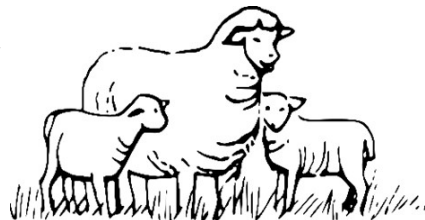
The Parish Council would like to thank the fifty plus people who attended the Parish Council meeting on 17th July. Following the comments made by residents the Parish Council decided to set up an action group to oppose further major development in the village. If you would like to be part of this group and help in any way please contact the clerk at clerk@camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk or the chair at paul.booton@camptonandchicksands-pc.gov.uk

Thank you to the residents that have expressed an interest in being part of the Good Neighbour Scheme, a meeting will be held in the village hall at 6pm on Thursday 5th September to plan the start of the service. If you have not been in contact previously but would like to find out more then please come along.

The Central Bedfordshire Council Local Nature Recovery Strategy Draft Consultation is now open, if you would like to have your say please visit the CBC website <http://bedslocalnaturerecoverystrategy.commonplace.is>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 4th September 2025. The following meeting will be on Thursday 2nd October at 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 2024-2025 100 Club which is important to raise funds towards keeping your Village Hall open for the benefit of the whole community.

100 CLUB 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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

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

All Saints Church Quiz

Saturday 11th October

7pm for 7:30pm start

Tickets £5 per person

Bring your own refreshments

Tickets available

from paulbooton10@btinternet.com

or at the door!

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.

Our 'Have a go at bellringing' sessions at the recent 'Know your Village' event generated much interest - one person signed up to learn on the day and is already making good progress. Bedfordshire Young Ringers Group hold their monthly events here, so a great place for young people to ring and make the village's greatest noise!

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 August and September:

- Sunday August 10: 2.30 to 4.30pm approx - Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice
- Friday August 15: 9.45 to 1.30pm approx - Full Peal – Lincolnshire Ringers
- Wednesday August 27: St Albans ringers visit – 10am to 11am approx
- Saturday September 6: Herts ringers outing - 3pm to 4pm approx
- Sunday September 14: 2.30 to 4.30pm approx - Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice
- Friday September 19: North Herts ringers – Full peal - 9.45am to 1.30pm approx

News from the Pews

I am not sure if Jesus ever had anything we could call a holiday - but Jesus often left the crowds who followed him - and went away to a quiet or a desolate place.

I wonder what kind of holiday you enjoy? Are you a sun seeker - either on the beach or beside the pool? Do you like to escape on a cruise liner with all its luxury, variety of restaurants and entertainments? Do you like to explore the incredible variety of our natural world - hot or cold - jungle, rainforest, volcanic areas or mountains and glaciers? Or do you like to delve into times gone by and explore the grandeur of the past - pyramids and palaces, remnants of lost peoples and communities? Do you like to bike and hike - or curl up with a book? Are you mostly looking for adventure.... Or a change and a rest?

I don't know if Jesus ever had a holiday - but in Mark 6:31, for example, after he and his disciples had been so busy serving the crowds that they hadn't eaten Jesus said to his friends, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile!"

Jesus needed time away from the crowds to rest and eat, to look after his physical needs. But he also needed time to attend to his spiritual needs - to pray, to 'touch base' and spend quality time with his heavenly Father. Time and again Jesus slipped away to a lonely place - only to turn it into a sacred space where he could talk to his Father and his Father could talk to him.

The Diocese of St Albans designated 2025 as a year of Spiritual Renewal and Wellbeing, and resting together with God is one of its central themes this year.

I hope and pray that at home or away you do find time to rest with God, that you come to know him more fully and find yourself truly renewed and refreshed.

Service Dates are:

3rd August	11.15am	Holy Communion
10th August	11.15am	Morning Praise
17th August	11.15am	Holy Communion
24th August	11.15am	Morning Praise
31st August	*10.30am	Benefice Communion in St Michael's Shefford
5th Sept	10.30am	Coffee and Chat
7th Sept	11.15am	Holy Communion
14th Sept	11.15am	Morning Praise
21st Sept	11.15am	Holy Communion
28th Sept	11.15am	Morning Praise

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Website: <https://churchofallsaintscampton.com/>
Church Warden: Beth Sullivan Ash 07523 079507

Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club

Happy summertime everyone! We have exciting news for our next few meetings:

- August 4th: visit from Historical Herbalist Kayleigh Sinclair from R.H.S Wisley talking about the evolution of medicinal plants, folklore and key discoveries throughout history.
- September 1st: hand tied Dahlia demonstration.
- October 6th: Helen from Wonkey Baskets returns.

Everyone welcome. £3.50 inclusive of refreshments. Free and swap table.

Here are some top tips to see you through the summer:-

General pruning techniques for perennials:

- 1, Deadheading - remove all spent flowers which encourages new blooms and prevents seed production.
- 2, Cutting back - cut stems back to the base or to a node (where a leaf meets the stem) to promote new growth and blooms.
- 3, Shearing - cut back entire plants to promote new growth.

General tips:

- 1, Cut just above a node which helps the plant heal quickly and reduces the risk of disease.
- 2, Use clean tools - between cuts and pruning help to reduce disease spreading.
- 3, Prune at the right time after blooming for spring bloomers, or in the fall or early spring for summer bloomers.
- 4, Don't over prune - just necessary to keep shape and promote blooming.

Some perennials respond well after pruning, like salvia, catmint and geranium, others may need different techniques so check specific needs to your plants. Post pruning care = water and fertiliser lightly after pruning to support recovery.

Best perennials for full sun as our climate temperatures are on the rise:

- 1, Black eyed Susan (Rudbeckia): Bright yellow petals with dark centres.
- 2, Bee balm (Monarda): Red pink or purple flowers attract pollinators.
- 3, Salvia: tall spikes of blue, purple or red flowers.
- 4, Yarrow (achillea): fern like foliage with white or yellow blooms.
- 5, Coreopsis: dainty flowers in shades of yellow, pink or purple.
- 6, Lavender: fragrant purple flowers and silvery foliage.
- 7, Russian sage (Perovskia): silvery grey foliage with small blue flowers.
- 8, Sedum: succulent with white, pink or yellow bloom.
- 9, Coneflower (Echinacea): large showy flowers in pink, purple or white.
- 10, Daylily (Hemerocallis): vibrant trumpet shaped flowers in various colours.

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Good Neighbour Scheme

Help we are looking to offer includes:

Occasional lifts to doctors / shops etc;

Befriending / pet care / dog walking;

Form filling / letter writing;

Occasional help with shopping;

Small household repairs / practical tasks;

Collecting prescriptions

Interested in being involved? Please pop along to the introductory meeting at 6pm on Thursday 4th September at the Village Hall



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

@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 e-mail: thewanderbus@gmail.com

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Liz Bishop, no later than 15th September 2025
Email: candnewsletter@gmail.com