

Campton & Chicksands Community Newsletter

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A “willing” volunteer about to be transformed into a tiger at the Face Painting meeting of the W.I.
The W.I .meet every second Wednesday in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
New members are always welcome.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Today has been one of those lovely Spring days that promise blue skies, warmth and blossom, very unlike the Saturday we chose to have a Working Party to unblock gutters, weed gullies, cut back ivy and clear undergrowth. It was very cold and frosty and we thank all of you who gave up a Saturday morning to help. A great deal was accomplished and the roof and churchyard certainly benefited from its Spring Clean.

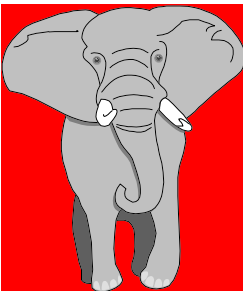


On March 14th Revd. Margaret Venables dedicated the chairs which had been sponsored by parishioners. If anyone would like to sponsor a chair and dedicate it to a member of their family please mention it to either Churchwarden and we could arrange this when we next have a number of chairs to be done together.

Following the Service many of us enjoyed a Lent Lunch of home made soup, baked potato and salad in order to raise money for WaterAid. Many thanks to the team who organised this.

There is to be a "Bring and Sing" of Stainer's Crucifixion at St Mary's Church, Stofold on Sunday, March 28th at 6.00pm for those who are interested in singing or coming along as audience.

Help or donations to decorate the Church with flowers for Easter would be greatly appreciated. In either case please contact Joyce Thompson. (813159).
Thank you. Judith Tollman.



*What's this elephant
doing here?*

ALL SAINTS' & EASTER CHURCH SERVICES 4th April, 2004 – 2nd May, 2004

Sun 4 th April	Palm Sunday	Procession starts The Green, CLOPHILL Benefice Service CLOPHILL	9.30am 10.15am
Mon 5 th April	Monday of Holy Week	Holy Communion CAMPTON	8.00pm
Tues 6 th April	Tuesday of Holy Week	Holy Communion HAYNES	8.00pm
Wed 7 th April	Wednesday of Holy Week	“At the Foot of the Cross” Modern Meditation in Drama, Music and Dance with Readings on the Stations of the Cross CAMPTON	7.30pm
Thurs 8 th April	Thursday of Holy Week	“At the Foot of the Cross” HAYNES Communion of the Last Supper (Agape Meal) CLOPHILL The Watch CLOPHILL	7.30pm 9.00pm 10.00pm- Midnight
Friday 9 th April	Good Friday	Children’s Workshops & Making of Easter Gardens CAMPTON & HAYNES CLOPHILL Liturgy of Good Friday HAYNES “At the Foot of the Cross” CLOPHILL	9.30am – 11.00am 10.30am- 11.45am Midday 7.30pm
Sat 10 th April	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil and First Communion of Easter CAMPTON	11.30pm
Sun 11 th April	Easter Day	Holy Communion	11.15am
Sun 18 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Morning Prayer	11.15am
Sun 25 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Family Service	8.00am 11.15am
Sun 2 nd May	4 th Sunday of Easter	Parish Communion	11.15am

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

"All you need for a happy Easter" proclaimed one of the large supermarkets this time last year. No, it wasn't over the shrink wrapped trays of lamb but over the mountains of bright cardboard and cheap chocolate (any three for £5) egg shaped boxes at the end of every row. Chocolate is definitely where Easter is! "Do they know it's Easter?" asked one Christian booklet, well of course 'they' do. Any self respecting child knows that there are two weeks Easter holiday and they are well aware that most shops are full of lilac and yellow displays, with lots of fluffy chicks and bunnies. The point is that Easter is very noticeable. This should be positive, but if you look more closely you will see that it is a commercial package - DIY, spring fashions and confectionery.

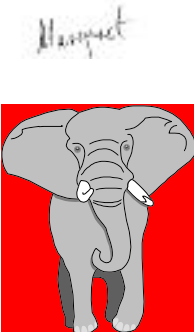
It all starts with Good Friday - well it should. There was a time when Good Friday was truly good. All work stopped; all shops shut, except the bakers, to sell hot cross buns. Incidentally have you noticed that far from being dead the hot cross bun is now available for almost all of the year? Everyone was impressed by the solemnity of the day, a sort of super-Sunday when it seemed all the world had stopped. Some supermarkets are closed on Easter Day, but Good Friday is now a day of shopping for the feasts ahead.

Talking to people, many plan to spend at least part of Easter with family or friends. Sunday lunch is still important and the restaurants are early to advertise. Stately homes and tourist attractions all open for Easter and the M25 will be best avoided. Garden Centres will be busy, the fishermen will be out and people will be taking out their caravans and boats. After a dreary winter everyone is wanting to spend some time doing just what they want and most of them richly deserve a break from the long hours they work.

However, something is missing. Churches are no longer full over Easter, in fact many regulars are themselves on holiday, going away on Good Friday. I find this immensely sad. Without the public and shared religious observance, without shops closed and Churches full, family lives lose the transcendent dimension that gives meaning to all of life. Everyone needs and deserves a break but everyone also needs to sing the Easter alleluias.

Society may have lost the plot, but at the very least in the countryside, we can still find, in the Spring and in the returning light, a symbol of resurrection. Maybe that will stir in people's hearts a discovery that life itself is a poor, bare thing without the sap of Christ's resurrection life flowing through it.

Have a truly blessed Easter - and enjoy your Easter eggs!! - my grandchildren will!



CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS CARNIVAL

***SATURDAY JUNE 12TH
DON'T FORGET!!!!***

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB DRAW		
Win	DRAW 2 11 TH MARCH 2004	No.
£50	Mr Harris	214
£30	S. Lamb	61
£10	M Inskip	06

The 2004 100 Club is now well underway; two draws have already taken place. If you have bought a number and do not know it please contact Graham Williams (816572).

CARPET BOWLS



Thursday evening carpet bowls is going very well, those who take part are very keen and interested in the game.

An invitation to join the Gravenhurst players for a match on March 4th was readily accepted and enjoyed by all. We are planning to visit Haynes shortly and we are all looking forward to this. We now have another carpet in use which, hopefully, will attract more players.

So, if you would like a good evening's entertainment and the chance to meet some new friends come along to the Village Hall on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and join in the fun.
Moreen Stevens.

With a qualified instructor from "The Yoga for Health Foundation at Ickwell. In these classes, we will use Hatha Yoga techniques to develop flexibility, muscle tone, awareness and relaxation. If this sounds like something you would like to try or if you have practised yoga before, this class will suit both new and experienced students.

Wear loose clothing and bring something to lie on, yoga mat if you have one, blanket or towel.

Tuesday evenings: 8.00 - 9.00pm. Classes are £5 payable one month in advance.

Please contact Les 07817559110 or email les.hummel@virgin.net for more information.



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**CANCER UK**

The annual house-to-house collection for this very worthwhile charity will be held during the week 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April. The people of our village are always most generous in their giving to this worthy cause.  
Sue Hayhurst.

**CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL**

Campton and Chicksands Parish Council met on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Amongst items discussed were the problems caused by cars parking in Rectory Road during football matches. In spite of the Football Club putting out no-waiting cones on the Glebe side of the road during matches cars are still being parked on that side. As a resident pointed out this has meant that the buses can not get through causing them to bypass Rectory and Priory Road and thereby causing great inconvenience to those using the buses. It was also mentioned that the parking could cause problems for access to emergency vehicles. The Council decided to write to the Football Club about the problem and also ask the PCSOs to monitor the situation.

It was also reported that a total of seven people were dealt with for exceeding the speed limit in the village during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, April 26th at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall. As always, fifteen minutes at the start of the meeting is set aside to allow Parishioners to make verbal representations to the Council. Residents are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings.

David Tollman.

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**COMMUNITY POLICE NEWS**

**CRIME STATISTICS**

There were no reported crime incidents during February, 2004.

**CRIME INCIDENTS CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS  
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2003**

|                          |    |                      |    |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE   | 5  | ASSAULT              | 3  |
| THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | 34 | THEFT                | 2  |
| BURGLARY OTHER BUILDING  | 8  | THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE | 1  |
| BURGLARY DWELLING        | 2  | DRUGS                | 1  |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE          | 2  | TOTAL                | 58 |

Following complaints about motorcycle nuisance in Campton Plantation the Community Police Support Officers have had a number of results after patrolling the area. If you wish to report any acts of Anti Social Behaviour the PCSOs can be contacted on 01234 841212 extension 2567.

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**THANK YOU**

Many thanks for the kind thoughts and best wishes expressed by all friends and neighbours during my recent hospitalisation.

These are helping me on the road to recovery.

Sincerely, Val Holland



“Butterfly” Deborah



“Tiger” Judith

