

Campton & Chicksands Community Newsletter

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Enter the Campton and Chicksands Carnival Scarecrow
Competition.

Part of the entertainment on Carnival Day,
Saturday 12th June.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



At our Annual Meeting we said thank you and a "temporary" farewell to three members of the PCC who have stepped down this year. Jean Luddington has been an active, and I mean active, member of our Church for many years, most recently as Treasurer. We are all most grateful for Jean's work for us and hope that she will continue to be there to give her advice and help to those of us who are still comparative newcomers to the village. Jean is one of the few residents of Campton whose experience

of life here stretches back longer than she cares to remember. Kathy Taylor and Fiona Harcourt have also taken a short break from being on the PCC but that does not mean they will not be as busy as before. We thank them for their commitment and enthusiasm to our Church. We welcome Brian Gardner and Linda Garton as new members and Yvonne Milne as an experienced hand!

Christian Aid Week

This begins on Sunday May 9th. This year the money given will be sent to help the people of The Dominican Republic.

From the Registers

The funeral took place on Thursday April 15th of Mrs. Marjorie Powell. Mrs Powell was 92 and had lived in Campton for many years.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SERVICES 2nd May, 2004 – 30th May, 2004

Sun 2 nd May	4 th Sunday of Easter	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 9 th May	5 th Sunday of Easter	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 16 th May	Rogation Sunday	Morning Prayer	11.15am
Thurs 20 th May	Ascension Day	Holy Communion HAYNES	7.00am
Sun 23 rd May	7 th Sunday of Easter	Holy Communion Family Service	8.00am 11.15am
Sun 30 th May	Pentecost	Benefice Service CAMPTON	10.00am

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

I can only feel sad for those people who were unable, for whatever reason, to be at one of the Easter Services which were presented in all three of the Benefice Churches in Holy Week. 'At the Foot of the Cross' was a real example of people working together, giving of the best of their considerable gifts and expressing their faith at the most important time of the Christian year. I was left with a feeling of profound thankfulness for all we have to celebrate in each other and for people's willingness to give of both their time and their talents.

Many of those who took part said that it had been good to make new friends in the other Churches and that a real sense of fellowship arose in the various groups; drama, choir, singing and music and reading. It was noticeable, too, how people's confidence grew as the week progressed. One choir member said that they now felt like a 'real Benefice choir' after meeting the challenge of learning and singing three anthems together. And another asked me 'What next?'

Many people did come to join in and many told me how moved they had reflecting on just how Jesus experience is related to our life experiences. The family in the drama finding through their troubles that Jesus is able to stand alongside us in the ups and downs of life and that is linked through music and hymnody and worship to the depths of our humanity.

Of course this was very special and our weekly churchgoing is not always as rich, but we are fortunate in all three Churches of this Benefice - Campton, Clophill and Haynes. Real worship is offered in all three Churches at a regular time every Sunday, there is a full weekly programme of activities and all the Churches are 'alive' and well. Of course we are only human and have our problems and our 'off' days, but we all get on together and are learning about the riches of being together. If you haven't yet ventured away from your 'own' village Church, I suggest that you give it a try. You'll find a warm welcome and even if it seems a bit strange at first, in one sense it is the way to stretch your faith just that bit further.

And if you are reading this and haven't been to any Church for some time why not come along and enjoy the riches that these congregations have to offer, as well come to know for yourself that Jesus is standing alongside you too.

Margaret

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Friday 26th March. Chairman, Mr B Thompson, welcomed 14 electors to the meeting. All the Parish Councillors were in attendance as were District Councillors, Mr L. Birt (briefly) and Mr M. Chapman. The Clerk, Mrs J. Gibson was also present. Apologies were received from County Councillor, Mr R. Younger, District Councillor, Mr T. Brown and PC Nick Battams.

Before leaving to attend another meeting, Mr Birt informed the meeting that Mid Beds District Council had completed the purchase of land at Chicksands for its new offices. He also said that an underpass under the A507 would be constructed at the same time as the roundabout.

After the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting had been agreed the Chairman, Mr B. Thompson, gave his report.

Parish Council Elections were due in May 2003. As there were only six candidates for seven places no election was necessary, the vacancy was filled later by Mrs M. Olley.

Mrs Olley is a Lower School Governor, she and Mr Thompson are SE Beds CLF (West) Forum Representatives and Mr D. Tollman is Editor of the Newsletter.

The Council will have met 9 times by the end of the operating year. The 15 minutes allocated at the beginning of each meeting for public comment has worked reasonably well.

PC Nick Battams, the Beat Manager regularly attends meetings to inform the Council on Police matters, the Council is most appreciative of his help and guidance. Thanks also goes to our County and District representatives for their input.

The number of houses in the Parish has increased from about 240 homes in early 2003 to about 350 by the end of the year due to the release of former MoD houses to the public by Annington Homes. This number will increase by another 200 – 300 homes in the next five years as more housing is released.

The A507 effectively separates the “new” community and the Council is aware of the difficulties this causes. Mr Chris Eden, a new resident became a member of the Council at the last election. It is important that good communication with the new community is maintained and its needs are fostered.

Most planning applications in the past year have been modifications to existing property. The application by Orange to raise the height of the existing mobile phone mast at Top Farm was withdrawn for reassessment following Council and public pressure.

The contractors for the Street Lighting and Grass Cutting are all doing a good job. If you notice a street light out or have any complaints please inform the Clerk or a Councillor.

One of the most important issues facing the Parish is a “Parish Plan.” This is a living document that sets out the short, mid and long-term requirements of the community as prepared by members of that community. It is the Government’s wish that every community provides a Plan which can influence the strategic planning of the region. One public presentation has taken place and another is planned since the take up has not been encouraging.

Community communication is provided by the Newsletter, and the Parish Website (kindly maintained by Mrs P. Williams). A “Welcome Leaflet” is due to be published shortly containing Parish information aimed at newcomers to the village. Please inform the Council of new residents so they may receive a copy.

or e-mail djtollman@btinternet.com

During the past year the Council has purchased five “Campton and Chicksands Parish Welcome” signs to be placed at strategic entrance points to the Parish. Also two new benches have been provided in the Recreation Ground and the entrance gates are being refurbished.

Under “Any Other Business” comments were made about the new refuse collection system. Mr Chapman said that, from October 2004, refuse collections would be fortnightly – one-week household refuse, the following week recyclable. Objections to the scheme should be addressed to Mr Chapman or directly to Mr Steve Whittaker (Environmental Health) or Ms Jackie Salisbury (Chief Executive) at Mid Beds District Council.

Other matters raised were the problems of heavy lorries going through the village, speeding, road gritting, parking in Rectory Road and a request for a sign by the underpass entrance in Greenway warning of cyclists turning.

At the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, April 26th a number of residents from the former MoD homes at Chicksands expressed their concern at proposed outline plans on behalf of Annington Homes to build ninety-two new properties. A public meeting was organised for May 7th in the Village Hall to prepare a response to the planning application.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday, 17th May 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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CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS CARNIVAL BIKE RACE



Saturday 12th June 1000 – 12 noon

On farm track opposite entrance of Campton Court Barns.
Light refreshments available

ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR SAFETY HELMETS

Please complete the entry form below and include
50 pence per entry.

Return to Maryika Wilding, 28, Greenway by 11th June

ENTRY FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



This month we welcomed members and three visitors to hear Angela Clements talk about cat breeding and showing. She explained the origins of her love for cats, and how her husband had been encouraged to become involved in her adoption of the first, and now the 12th plus one she has! One member, Karen Porteous, brought along her two Burman cats. One of these has already been shown. This breed, their origins and beautiful and delicate features, were explained to us, and we were shown how they would be judged at a show. A fascinating insight into what, we were told, could become a very expensive hobby.

Our next meeting, on May 12 at 7.30pm, will be our annual meeting, resolution evening, and pot luck supper.

Please join us for the evening and bring a plate of finger food. We will share this, and the committee will provide drinks.

Deborah Maggs

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB DRAW		
Win	DRAW 3 14 TH APRIL 2004	No.
£100	S. Farmer	87
£60	H Hayes	35
£30	M Simkins	151

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Please make a note in your diary that the Campton Bell Appeal will be holding a Musical Evening on Saturday, 28th August at Campton Manor. Further details will be announced in due course



**MOTHERS AND TODDLERS MEET EVERY FRIDAY
10.30AM TO NOON IN THE VILLAGE HALL
CONTACT NIN FLORA, 629274, FOR MORE DETAILS**

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS CARNIVAL



As this Newsletter goes to press final plans are being made for the Carnival on Saturday, 12th June.

In the morning Bike Trials will be held at Camptonbury Farm. There are three age groups, 5 - 9 years old, 10 - 15 and 16 and over. Please complete the entry form elsewhere in the Newsletter.



The main day's entertainment will take place at the Recreation Ground, beginning at one o'clock. A wide range of games and competitions for all ages including wellie wanging, splat the rat, bowling for a pig, bouncy castle, carpet bowls, stocks, face painting, handbells, home-made cards and much more will be taking place.

There will be a second hand bookstall, if you would like to donate your old books (in good condition, please) ring Linda or Bruce on 819009. Also a plant stall so if you have sowed too many seeds please let us have your spare plants. Contact David on 851303 for that.

Plenty of refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon, a lamb roast from about one thirty; and hot and cold drinks, and cakes will be served.

Pre-school children are invited to enter a hat competition, Maryika (851729) is the person to speak to about this. This will be judged at 1.30pm. The Lower School will give a demonstration of Country Dancing at 2.00pm whilst at 3.00pm will be a Dog-agility display.

Meanwhile, at the Church, will be a Treasure Hunt and bell ringing.

The Committee wants to make this a special day for the community and would like to inaugurate a "Scarecrow Competition" These can be on any theme and need to be big enough to be displayed in your front garden. Our local farmers, Bill Roberts and "Wag" have kindly offered to judge them. Entry is free and there will be a prize for the best. More information from Maryika (851729).

This is only a brief outline of what is being organised; a "Lucky Programme" will be available at the beginning of June with full details.

More helpers are always welcome, please contact David (851303) if you would like to offer your services.

We hope that everyone will find something to enjoy at the carnival. Much hard work has gone into organising the various events, please invite all your friends along to make it a truly successful and entertaining day.

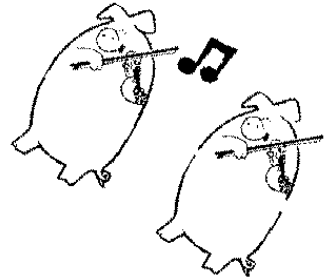
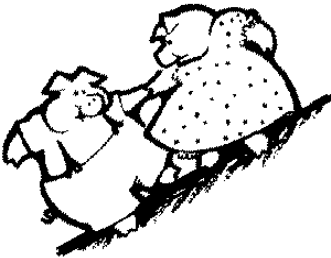
The Committee.

Campton Village Hall Management Committee

BARN DANCE

**SATURDAY
26TH JUNE
2004**

**7.30pm
at
Camptonbury
Farm**



**** MUSIC BY "ORANGE AND BLUE" ****

**** CALLER: MR ADRIAN BEASANT ****

**** FISH AND CHIPS SUPPER ****

**** BAR ****

**** RAFFLE ****

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**£10.00 per Ticket
Children £5**