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The winning entry in the
Scarecrow Competition
Congratulations to Campton W.I.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Now is the time to be practising your batting and bowling skills in preparation for the All Saints' Family Picnic on Sunday, July 25th. We are planning to hold the Morning Service on the Recreation Ground, Rectory Road, Campton at 11.30am to be followed by a picnic with traditional sports for all the family to enjoy. Please spread the word and bring your family and friends, your picnic plus Frisbees, kites, balls and anything that will add to the occasion. Cricket and rounders equipment, and a long skipping rope will be provided (we will need enders!)



Thank you to Bruce Porteous for organising the Treasure Hunt for the Campton and Chicksands Carnival. There were many of us who were unable to be there because we were busy on the rec. so there will be an opportunity for another go at the competition at a later date.

And many thanks to the kind people who delivered and collected the envelopes for Christian Aid Week at the end of May. The contribution from Campton and Chicksands of £302.67, however small in the scale of things global, helps to make things better.

From the Registers:

On Sunday June 6th, Matthew Smiles, baby brother to Jacob, was baptised. It was lovely to see so many friends and family at the service.

Dates:

We will be holding another Animal Service on the Recreation Ground (or Church if wet!) on Sunday August 8th at 3.00pm. All animals and pets, large and small are very welcome.

If you would like to take part or sponsor someone in the Herts and Beds Church Cycle Ride, this will take place on Saturday, September 1st. Details are available from Jean Luddington, 812756. Posters will be displayed around the village with further information nearer the time.

Writing this in June, when we are still sowing some of our vegetables I must ask you to put Sunday September 12th in your diaries as the date of our Harvest Celebration at Campton.

Coffee is always served after the Family Service which is the 4th Sunday of the month.

Until then I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in Church at any of the Services or Prayer Meetings, at special functions or on the Recreation Ground for the Picnic or the Animal Service.

A Churchwarden

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Being the Rectory dog is not all you might think! But this is the first time 'She who thinks she wears a dog collar' has failed to write something and left me to do it, so I thought that I would put you right about a few things that I am expected to do that are really beyond what should be the life of a dog.

Firstly I have to exercise extreme patience. Quite often I get only a very short walk before I have to sit still for Morning Prayer. I can't complain about that too much as I think praying is a good way to start the day and there are always other humans there who make a fuss of me. Often my special friend Jo will take me for an exciting walk afterwards when I can do real doggy things like chasing rabbits.

I like to spend the morning sitting on the settee by the window, so I can watch people pass by and have a good sleep, but I often have to put up with lots of people coming to the house and they all have to be welcomed with a bark. Then they often sit round talking for ages and forget all about me. Some mornings it's quite late by the time I get to the settee, because I get to visit other houses, though I notice 'She' doesn't take me to other dog's houses or where there are cats, who would be great fun to play with. On some mornings I just get left alone at home on my own.

'She' doesn't seem to understand that after lunch I spend all afternoon waiting for the next walk and I sometimes have to wait for ages, but I don't say anything unless it gets really late. I really hate it when I am all ready to go out, lead on, and the telephone rings yet again. Though worse still is when my dinner has just been prepared but not put on the floor and the human on the other end always seems to be more important than me! I do get hungry!!

Then, of course, I go to lots of other things as well: PCC meetings at all three Churches (I do wish there was a bit of warm carpet at Campton - though they have the best biscuits), prayer groups and house groups and I've been better prepared for Confirmation than any human as I go to all the classes, children and adults, though no-one seems to have mentioned that to the Bishop. Sometimes I get to go to Services as well. I'm really looking forward to the Pet Services this year, 'cos though the other animals get blessed once I am blessed three times, in Campton, Clophill and Haynes.

Of course I love Thursdays because 'She' has a day off and we do all sorts of things and I have some lovely walks then. I love the parks in Bedford where I can really run and run and I love to go to Stamford and see the grandchildren who play with me in their garden.

There are lots of qualities a Rectory dog needs and I do try to do my best, though just like people I sometimes fail. I do find it hard sometimes to understand other dogs and that can get me into trouble. But I really like to be with people and am very grateful for my interesting life.

I have to go now because 'She' is calling me - and I ALWAYS come when called - unless there's a muntjac around - but that's another story!! I think it is prayer time again. Time to go down on my knees once more and say thank you. And thank you, too, to everyone who stops to speak to me and show that they care with a pat or stroke.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SERVICES 4th July, 2004 – 5th September, 2004

Sun 4 th July	4 th after Trinity	Parish Communion with Baptism	11.15am
Sun 11 th July	5 th after Trinity	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 18 th July	6 th after Trinity	Morning Prayer	11.15am
Sun 25 th July	James the Apostle	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service and Picnic Lunch (Note Time change)	8.00am 11.30am
Sun 1 st August	8 th after Trinity	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 8 th August	9 th after Trinity	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 15 th Aug	Blessed Virgin Mary	Morning Prayer	11.15am
Sun 22 nd Aug	11 th after Trinity	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service	8.00am 11.15am
Sun 29 th Aug	12th after Trinity	Benefice Service HAYNES	10.00am
Sun 5 th Sept	13 after Trinity	Parish Communion	11.15am



Nineteen of us, including one new member, Annette Glenn, attended our June meeting. Patricia Ford, a consultant with Virgin cosmetics, talked to us about the company, set up by Richard Branson in the 1980s and its products. Patricia then applied eye make-up to three of our members, chosen for their different looks and ages. Subtle but stunning changes were made and admired. Patricia gave us lots of tips as she worked, suggesting different looks for different seasons and outfits and depending on whether or not we wear glasses. It was a very enjoyable and educational evening.

Next month, on July 14 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, we hear from Marion Moule about the Japanese Tea Ceremony. August 11th sees our annual walk and pub supper. Please join us if you can.
Deborah Maggs.

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB DRAW		
Win	DRAW 5 JUNE 10TH 2004	No.
£50	R. Harris	12
£30	A. Olney	124
£10	S. Winyard	80

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CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS WITH A PARISH PLAN

Campton and Chicksands Parish Council is inviting residents of the community to take its future into their own hands by helping to prepare a Parish Plan.

Parish Plans are part of the Vital Villages programme administered by the Countryside Agency. It aims to help small rural communities take stock of their village, identify ways of enhancing it, making sure local people have a voice in their future and providing support to enable each village to make its own decisions and implement improvements.

As a Government-sponsored initiative it will help rural communities develop their own villages the way they want. It will be a great opportunity, not only to put forward their ideas and views, but also to design and develop their community.

Once the plan is in place it will continually evolve as and when changes or updates are needed. This, of course, will require people to contribute their free time to work on the various Steering Committees which will be set up in due course.

The Parish Plan will eventually become a vital tool when dealing with local or national government to voice the requirements and concerns of the Campton and Chicksands community. It will also be a means of showing support for any future projects or grant applications etc.

Key to the project is that every person living in the Campton and Chicksands community will have a say by means of a questionnaire which will be delivered to every household in the future. Your input towards the Parish Plan is vital to make it a workable worthwhile document which will ensure the Parish develops in the way we would all like it to in the future.

Therefore, the Parish Council would like to hear your ideas and views on how you would like the Parish of Campton and Chicksands to develop in the future. So to have your say please send your correspondence to the Parish Clerk, Mrs J. Gibson, 44, Silver End Road, Haynes, MK45 3PS, email: gibson44@btopenworld.com, phone or fax: 0234 381389 or speak to any Parish Councillor.
Chris Eden.

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MAY CRIME STATISTICS

Offence	Date	Location
THEFT (OTHER)	15/05/2004	GRAVENHURST RD CAMPTON
CRIMINAL DAMAGE:VEHICLE	01/05/2004	PRIORY RD CAMPTON
BURGLARY (NON-DWELLING)	05/05/2004	RECTORY RD CAMPTON
ASSAULT OCC ACTUAL BODILY HARM	16/05/2004	EISENHOWER PL CHICKSANDS

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS CARNIVAL

A great time was had by all those attending the Campton and Chicksands Carnival on Saturday, 12th June. The weather held out and the lamb roast, refreshments and ice cream all did a roaring trade. There was lots going on for all ages – even older ones were having their faces painted!

The scarecrows were a good introduction to the day – we loved the couple watching the football in Gravenhurst Road, but they were all really good and people had obviously spent a lot of time making them.

The stocks was absolutely fantastic – there was a bit of disappointment from one little boy in particular when neither the Parish Council Chairman nor the Parish Council Clerk were available in the stocks to have the wet sponges thrown at them!

A very popular stall was Bell Ringers Wine stall – just who had drunk all that wine?! Luckily a lot of the full bottles ended up going to good homes!

The opportunity to have a go at announcing the dog agility (what is that?) classes was good – perhaps a career as a TV presenter could start here!

The Transport Police gave out a lot of information and some great goodies and it was exciting to actually get on to a real Fire Engine.

All in all we think the organisers and all helpers did a great job and we hope that it is an event to be repeated! Stephen Gibson (age 6) with help from Mum.

WINNERS

Scarecrow

WI	Adult	Kate Lamb	Child
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Wellie Wanging

Mark Bowen	79ft 2in	Men	Alison Dawson	53ft 10in	Lady
Robert Taylor	44ft 2in	Teen	Peter Hargreaves	46ft 1in	Child

Bowling For A Pig

Maureen	130	Adult	Iona	160
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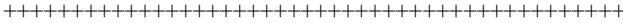
Pre-school Hat Competition

Laura Thompson	Mathew Radley	Ryan Thomas
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. CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

For a trial period the Parish Council will be meeting every two months on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be on Monday, 19th July, followed by meetings on Monday, September 20th, Monday, 15th November and Monday, 17th January. The meetings take place in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Fifteen minutes are allocated at the start of the meeting for parishioners to make verbal representations.



Campton Bells Appeal



Music at the Manor

An evening of light classical music

Saturday 28th August 2004
7 – 11pm

Tickets £25 Dress code: Black Tie
(including canapés and glass of
sparkling wine)



Wine bar available
Raffle

Tickets available from: Linda Garton 819074
Kathy Taylor 816108
Carol Sawyers 814340

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TIME TRAVEL IN CAMPTON ?!



Sunday 4th July
Campton School
Summer Fayre

Come and travel through time and see if you
can *bat the rat in the savage stone age,*
have your photo taken in the Victorian days,
dig for victory in world war II, *make a*
ruin just like the Vikings, **dine in our American**
dinner and visit many traditional stalls too

Don't be late

Our barbeque is on fire at 12 noon!