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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



From the Registers

The funeral of Mrs Pat Carter from Greenway took place on Wednesday, September 29th.

Apart from the collection sent to The British Heart Foundation, a donation of £70 was generously given to our Church, well loved by Mrs Carter for many years.

Cycle Ride

Many thanks to Timothy and Emma for taking part. Unfortunately, that Saturday was especially windy but did nothing to prevent these two stalwarts from participating.

Safari Supper

With many thanks to The Friends of All Saints who set up the blueprint for this event, this year the Church took over the planning and, we hope, managed to continue the tradition of a splendid evening. 48 people enjoyed a three-course dinner partaken at a variety of hosteleries throughout the village, completing the evening with coffee and mints at the Manor.

Thank you so much to all who helped to make the evening such a good night out, and raising over £630 for the Church. We look forward to the 2005 version.

Memorial Chairs

We have a few more chairs that can be dedicated to loved ones and hope to have the inscriptions ordered in the New Year. If you would like to do this, could you contact one of the Churchwardens for the details

Future Dates

Saturday, October 30th Working Party and Gift Day

We are hoping to do all the jobs inside and out that are necessary to see the Church safely through the winter.

Cleaners, Roofers, Gardeners, Glaziers, Polishers, Steeplejacks etc can all apply, coffee and doughnuts provided.

Monday November 8th at 8.00pm in the Church "Lesotho, Kingdom in the Sky",

Annette Glenn will be giving a slide show and a talk.

Refreshments will be served from 7.30pm.

All are welcome.

Thursday December 9th at 10.30am East Lodge School Nativity Play in the Church. All are welcome.

Tuesday December 21st Carol Singing

This year we will be singing to the residents of Chicksands and Priory Road. We welcome singers and collectors to join us; we meet at the Church at 6.00pm to walk up to the South Gate. The evening always finishes with suitable refreshments!

Judith Tollman

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SERVICES 7th November, 2004 – 28th November, 2004

Sun 7 th Nov	3 rd before Advent	Parish Communion With Baptism	11.15am
Sun 14 th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Service	10.50am
Sun 21 st Nov	Christ the King	Parish Communion	11.15am
Sun 28 th Nov	Advent Sunday	Parish Communion	11.15am



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

What do our Volunteers do?

The Volunteers visit, give practical help where needed and become a supporting friend during the illness and – if required – beyond.

The Volunteers aim to compliment the statutory services such as Community Nurses, Macmillan Nurses, Social Workers, Hospices and Home Carers to support the person needing care and their family, but usually does not exceed three hours per week.

Who are our Volunteers?

Caring people who may have experienced the need for help and support themselves. All volunteers are carefully selected, trained and managed by our Volunteer Co-ordinator. All Volunteers are able to claim travelling expenses incurred whilst working with us.

If you would like to join our team of Volunteers please call **Sonia Banks** for further information on **01525 841400**



Campton Bells Appeal

Our next event is a Treasure Hunt around Campton on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

Fun for the whole family - book the date now!

Details to follow.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

I often find in a strange way there are links in life that offer themselves again and again. And today I was thinking about grey days - you know the sort, when the sky is overcast and there seem to be lots of jobs needing doing. Then I thought about my 'grand horse' Figaro.

There are not many of you reading this who will not have heard of the amazing days I spent recently at the Paralympics in Athens. In fact it has been the stuff of three sermons and five school assemblies! But most of what I have said has been about the athletes, an amazing group of people. However, in the equestrian events there would not be any medals without the horses, and I am sure the riders would, in fact, be the first to pay tribute. Though it is another aspect that struck me today.

Some years ago I used to broadcast "Thought for the Day" on BBC Bristol and on one occasion my daughter-in-law had just bought Figaro (triple gold medal winner in Athens) and this is part of what I broadcast on that day:

‘After much searching of advertisements and talking to friends, Nina at last heard of a horse that she thought would suit her, so a visit was made with a trial ride, plus a check with a vet and so on a grey February day Figaro was brought to a nearby farm, and what an adventure he thought it was - no really grey days for him, for he is interested in everything that is happening.

He enjoyed the ride in the horsebox - though he had never travelled in one before, then he went quietly into his new stall enjoying the luxury of a warm hay bed - as well as a full hay-net to munch on. Strangely enough he didn't know what a carrot was either when he arrived - but he soon learnt to nuzzle any passing human who might be carrying one in their pocket. Then it didn't take him long to spot the little mare in the next stable - and apparently to fall in love with her.

‘He stands quietly, enjoying being brushed until his coat gleams and then trots happily along the country lanes on his daily exercise, not straining to canter or gallop away but just enjoying the outing. For Figaro it's the simple things of everyday life that he delights in, he is looking to enjoy himself.’

Many years have passed since that broadcast and Figaro has had so many more experiences. He has been highly trained in dressage, he has travelled many miles to compete, he has learned to accept the differences of being ridden by my daughter-in-law and Debbie the disabled rider who Nina trains. He has flown, he has competed in mud and rain and he has lived for a month in the heat of Greece without a blade of grass in sight. Yet you only had to watch him flick his feet as he came out of the arena to know that

none of that enjoyment of life has ever been lost, and the only reward he looks for is a few Polos!

There used to be a saying during the war that every day was a dull ordinary day unless it was worse - and I guess that is what a lot of people continue to feel. But life isn't like that for Figaro. He's not fussing about being left in his field, while the humans in his life all celebrate 'his' medals, he's too busy enjoying the fresh air and the grass. There are no grey days for Figaro because he knows that there is always something to enjoy in every day.

So I think there is a lesson to be learnt here. We need to turn that wartime saying round to: 'Every day is a dull ordinary day unless we look out for the brightness that is surely there.'

Have many bright November days.

Maggs

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At our October meeting we celebrated our 82nd birthday. After the business part of the meeting we did 'daft craft', courtesy of Sue Hayhurst, and made witches, cats and additions just as they would on 'Blue Peter'. Much hilarity followed, and Sue declared they were all too good to choose just one winner so we all received a prize. We then shared a wonderful supper and wine. Thanks to all committee members for this.



On November 10 we meet to hear Marion Moule talk on 'Victorian Christmas', and hope you can join us in the Village Hall at 7.30 for that.



A final reminder that the WI Coach to London will be on Saturday November 27th. This is always a bargain – this year the price is £7.50. Book early with Pam Cook (638685). Places are open to anyone who wants a day trip to London to spend as you wish. Deborah Maggs.



This month I have added three links (on the 'Information' page) of the Parish Website www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk which I hope you will find useful.

1. The Environment Agency Site, which has an up to date Map of Areas at risk of flooding - just type in your postcode.
2. The Council Tax Valuation List, which is an on-line list of Council Tax Valuation, so that you can compare your Council Tax Band with those of your neighbours to find out if your property has been fairly assessed.
3. The Royal Mail Site, which offers a Free Postcode/Address Finder, details of services offered and Postal Prices.

This request has also been received on the Guest page.

I am appealing for photographs of Chicksands Priory and the gardens surrounding the building in an attempt to verify details of the statuary that was in situ (1950-70s). Also input ref. to the Priory (1950-71) would be gratefully appreciated, ghostly experiences included!!! The Priory will again be open for viewing (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY) in April - Oct. 2005. Many thanks. Roger W. Ward (Historian of Friends of Chicksands Priory)
Email: bookworm1947@tesco.net Pat Williams

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB DRAW		
Win	DRAW 9 OCTOBER 14TH 2004	No.
£100	A. Brand	140
£60	Mr Dilley	167
£30	Mr R. Ward	120

After many, many years of service to the Village Hall, including a number of years as caretaker, Peter Mossman has decided to resign from the Committee. All members of the Committee, past and present would like to thank Peter for all his hard work. He will be sorely missed.

A vacancy now exists on the Committee. If you would like to take an active part in the management of the Village Hall (and act as secretary) please contact Graham Williams on 816572.

WANTED

If anyone has an old smallish lawnmower (possibly a Flymo) in good working order which is no longer required the Village Hall would be pleased to find a use for it. Give Graham a ring on 816572 if you can help.

CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has received the following notification

GULLY EMPTYING

Raynesway will be carrying out the annual clean of gullies in your Parish in November 2004 on behalf of Bedfordshire County Council.

We will be grateful if you can help us with this operation, by encouraging residents not to park over road drains during this time. This way, we can try to ensure that all gullies are cleaned.

If you have any comments with regards to workmanship or if you note that we have missed/ not cleaned any gullies, then please let me know as soon as possible.

John Gibbons (01582 602828) email John.Gibbons @raynesway.com.

David Tollman has resigned as Chairman of the Council. He has also resigned as a Councillor.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 15th November in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The agenda will be placed on the Village Hall Community noticeboard by Wednesday 10th November. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Fifteen minutes are allocated at the start of the meeting for parishioners to make verbal representations.

CRIME STATISTICS

Committed	Offence	Location
04/09/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ROWNEY WARREN
05/09/2004	CRIMINAL DAMAGE:VEHICLE	ROWNEY WARREN
05/09/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ROWNEY WARREN
13/09/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
21/09/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
27/09/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	ROWNEY WARREN
28/09/2004	BURGLARY (NON-DWELLING)	A507 BEADLOW

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX COLLECTION

Mike and I have just had a very busy couple of days counting all the coins you, in this Parish, have saved this year to help the Society's fantastic work with children in this country.

We have reached the amazing total of £324.97 – and that is a lot of coins believe me!

Thank you all boxholders for your generosity.

If anyone in Campton or Chicksands would like a Box to collect loose change please contact me, Sue Hayhurst, 811849. Thank you.

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER

BRING YOUR OWN

DRINKS (& GLASSES)

RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN 7.15pm FOR
A PROMPT START AT 7.30pm

MAX 6 PERSONS PER TABLE

TICKETS £6 AVAILABLE FROM

GRAHAM WILLIAMS	816572
MARYIKA WILDING	851729