

# Campton & Chicksands Community Newsletter

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**“Will ewe be my mother?”**

**SHEEP AND A CONFUSED DEXTER CALF IN THE FIELD NEXT TO THE  
RECREATION GROUND**

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## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

This is the first issue of the New Year and I would like to thank everybody who contributed to Christmas in the Parish. It was a magnificent team effort by many members of the Church and their families, much of it "behind the scenes" The Nativity Crib which was made by the children who came to the workshop has been much admired by many visitors and worshippers; congratulations to the artists and many thanks to the adults who helped, especially Felicity Brown who masterminded the design.

On Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4pm, the Oakley Room is open for anyone who fancies a chat or a game of Scrabble and a cup of tea. If you know of anyone who would like the opportunity to come along but would like a lift please do let one of the Churchwardens know and this can be arranged very easily. We would love to see you.

The Church is cleaned by a dedicated band of male and female "Holy Dusters". At present there is a generous team which means that each turn only comes around three or four times a year but two helpers have now retired. If there are any willing volunteers who have not yet been recruited, Joyce Thompson would happily add your names to the "Band of Holy Dusters".

I have to apologise that we were unable to come Carol Singing as planned this year. We were short of singers, especially gentlemen, and had to cry off at the last moment. It would be lovely to have some new singers next year.

We were all very saddened by the death of Mike Hayhurst. Mike died on Sunday December 19th after a short illness. Many village friends and members of Sue and Mike's family attended the service to celebrate his life, at Norse Road Crematorium, Bedford which was taken by Rev. Margaret Venables.

### **Fund Raising:**

By now many of us will have enjoyed the Burns Supper and the dancing and hopefully will have raised some funds to keep us going.

We are planning on holding a huge Second Hand Book Sale on Saturday, March 5th. If you have any books that you need to dispose of we would love to help you. They can be children's books, recipe books, paperbacks, text books, fiction, maps, any kind of books.....we are happy to collect and store them. Please ask your friends, families and neighbours so that we can make a success of this event.

Also returning this year, by popular request, will be the Easter Tea, just in time to put back all the weight we shall have lost during Lent.



## **New Year's Day Bells Appeal Event fills Ten Bells with Copper!**



New Year's Day afternoon saw a Treasure Hunt in Campton to raise money for Campton Bells Appeal on the first anniversary of its launch. On the floor of the aisle of the Church was the outline of ten bells, all waiting to be filled with loose coppers! The event raised £162. Organiser Kathy Taylor said "We thought six bells would be enough, but people came in with bags full of coppers and they filled up so quickly we had to draw four more!" New Year's Day was also a big day for one of our young ringers, Robert Taylor, who rang his first quarter peal (45 minutes ringing) during the afternoon. We rang a method called Plain Bob Doubles and the ringers were: Nicholas Brown (Clifton) – Treble, Robert Taylor – 2<sup>nd</sup>, John Loveless (Conductor) – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Anthony Smith (Biggleswade) – 4<sup>th</sup>, Russell Brown (Clifton) – Tenor.

We need to raise £70,000 for a brand new ring of bells for All Saints' Church and nearly half the money has been raised in the Appeal's first year. The Bells Appeal Committee would like to thank everyone who's supported the Appeal this year. We've had tremendous support from All Saints' PCC, which got us off to a flying start. Three of the bells have been donated, two of these by residents of Campton and a third bell by a ringing family with strong local links. The local bellringers' association has offered a grant of £5600. Donations and events such as the memorable 'Music at the Manor' (unforgettable, as those who were there will agree) have contributed another £4000. We plan more exciting events in 2005!

We now have some established young ringers at Campton, with more starting to learn. Recently a new band has also started at Haynes, another Church in our Benefice, so bellringing's future in this area is looking good.

There are many ways of supporting the Appeal, from donating small amounts through to donating individual bells which can be inscribed with your details and will last for hundreds of years - these cost between £3000 and £6000. If you would like to learn more about Campton Bells Appeal or are interested learning to ring then please contact John Loveless on 01462 819074.



At our December meeting we entertained ourselves. First we enjoyed a Reindeer Drive, a slight variation on a Beetle Drive, which was won in very artistic style by Felicity Brown.

We followed that with a delicious supper and wine brought by members. Everyone looked fantastic dressed in red; we listened to carols and ended the year in a most enjoyable way.

We welcomed two new members to our first meeting of 2005.

Our own Annette Glenn gave a talk on the wonderfully rich topic of Lesotho. This is a landlocked African nation where Annette and her husband Barrie have spent happy years. They have become involved in the lives of one particular family, helping and in turn learning from them. The country is the ninth poorest in the world, and the favourite method of transport the wheelbarrow. We were spellbound, caught up by Annette's enthusiasm, and overran before stopping for refreshments.

We next meet on February 9th for a talk by Beds and Herts Ambulance and Paramedic Service.

Please join us.

Deborah Maggs.

Many of you have donated money to buy a cow for my "family" in Lesotho.

The HA Simone Community cannot, at the moment, sustain food or water for a dairy cow because the region is suffering a severe drought, the river has dried up as has the well in their yard which has been producing good supplies of water for the past four years. The only water they can now access is from a small spring some distance away where they have to queue for hours and then carry the water home in buckets – just enough for drinking.

Consequently, in consultation with the Revd. Makibi there, it has been decided that the best thing to do is to deepen the well which means hiring a big machine to sink into the rock where, our engineer says, a good supply of water could be found deep underground. Under the circumstances, until the drought is over, there is no point in providing them with a cow.

I hope you understand the present situation that the money be better spent on providing a water supply.

Annette Glenn.

#### CAMPTON AND CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL

Following the resignation of David Tollman there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in serving your local community please notify the Parish Clerk, Mrs J. Gibson, 7, Coney Gate, MEPPERSHALL, SG17 5GB, telephone 814251, as soon as possible.

*Erudition*, a band from Bedford Modern School's staff room, performed live at the Village Hall on Saturday, 30th October. Their music ranged from 60s classics through the 70s & 80s to more recent material & the dance floor was packed throughout. £275 was raised for Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. Especial thanks go to Maryika Wilding for transforming the hall into a Hallowe'en grotto and for finalising every last detail.

Watch this space for further live music events, featuring local musicians.

Kathy Taylor.

(Editor's Note. Due to lack of space this item was held over from the last issue.)

CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

100 CLUB DRAW		
Win	DRAW 11 DECEMBER 2004	No.
£50	Jerry Cannon	9
£30	Mrs Martin	51
£10	M. Spavins	57
DRAW 12 JANUARY 2005		
£100	Mr Green	84
£60	A. Fletcher	103
£30	J. Loveless	175

Once again it is the time of year when members of the Village Hall Management Committee come knocking on doors asking you to renew your 100 Club membership. For the 2004 season there were 218 members and a total of £1480 in prize money was distributed. The 100 Club is the biggest fundraiser for the Village Hall and helps towards maintenance and improvements.

The Committee hopes that these figures will be even higher this year. There will be twelve draws, which normally take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the White Hart. For eight draws the prizes are allocated as £50, 1<sup>st</sup>; £30 2<sup>nd</sup> and £10 3<sup>rd</sup> but April, July, October and January are bonus months with a £100 1<sup>st</sup> prize, £60 2<sup>nd</sup> and £30 3<sup>rd</sup>. Total prize money is 51% of the income.

During the past year the Hall has been used for Pre-School, Mothers and Toddlers, Women's Institute, Carpet Bowls, Yoga Classes, Church Events, a Halloween Dance and Parish Council Meetings as well as many private functions.

The Committee would like to thank all those residents who have supported the 100 Club during the past years and look forward to their renewed membership as well as thanking in advance new members.

If you have not been contacted by a VHMC member and would like to be part of the Club, please call Graham Williams on 816572.

Finally a date for your new diaries. The Barn Dance will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

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THANK YOU

Julie, David and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in the Parish for their kindness and sympathy since the death of Mike last month. We received so many cards, letters, flowers and deeds of thoughtfulness. I cannot begin to say how much this has meant to all the family. Thank you.

Sue Hayhurst

### CRIME STATISTICS

Committed	Offence	Location
05/11/2004	THEFT (OTHER)	GRAVENHURST RD, CAMPTON
08/11/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
15/11/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
19/11/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
19/11/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
25/11/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW
29/11/2004	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE	ROWNEY WARREN
07/12/2004	THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	RECTORY ROAD, CAMPTON
14/12/2004	BURGLARY DWELLING	GRAVENHURST ROAD, CAMPTON
15/12/2004	INTERFERENCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE	A507 BEADLOW



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Business Name	Services supplied	Contact Details

Logos can be included if required.



**ALLIED LINES LINE DANCE CLUB  
IS COMING TO A HALL NEAR YOU!**

**Do You:  
Like to have fun?**

**Like all kinds of music from country to pop?**

**Want to keep fit the fun way?**

**Want to meet new people?**

**LINE DANCING IS THE ANSWER!**

**Starting Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Campton Village Hall  
7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Enquiries: Call Joanne on  
07887 560823**

Classes cost £4 – Bring a drink and a sense of humour!!

**Free Launch party  
in Olney Working Men's Club  
on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Please call to book tickets**