

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter April 2017

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Talk by Julie New  
Author of the book  
'Who are the flowers in your garden?'  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April  
In aid of 'Help for Heroes'  
Cake Sale  
10.00am - noon  
All Saints Church, Campton  
The following Coffee & Chat

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AGM

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April  
7.45pm  
Campton Village Hall

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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

# Pew News

I was in the Churchyard this morning just checking that all was well and was delighted to see all the primroses turning up their faces to greet me! Last month the snowdrops were equally beautiful. It's great isn't it to see the hedges and trees beginning to colour up.

It's been a quiet month at Church; the season of Lent began with the Benefice coming together for the Ash Wednesday service and for several weeks we have been studying 'Prayer with the Saints' led by Dean at Haynes on Monday afternoons.

**April though is much busier, so here is the list of dates:-**

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Lent Lunch** at Church after the Service (Please let me know if you would care to join us).

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April - Coffee 'n Chat** in aid of Help 4 Heroes - lots of cake to eat and to buy!

Then we enter Holy Week; with the **Palm Sunday Service** at 11am on **9<sup>th</sup> April**.  
**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm an hour of peace and prayer.

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April** - The Agape Supper at Clophill.

**Good Friday** is the Service of Meditation at Haynes 2pm.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April** is the Service of Light at 8pm at Campton.

Which brings us to the joyous **Easter Morning Service** at 11am.

We do so hope to welcome you to All Saints over the next few weeks for what is the greatest week of the Christian year.

After Easter we have the Church A.P.C.M. after the Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

As most of you know I am stepping down as Churchwarden, so I thank you for all your help and support over the last few years and I know that you will transfer that loving care to the new Churchwarden, whoever he/she is.

Thank you,

**SUE HAYHURST** - Churchwarden

# News From The Tower

Campton Bellringers have been involved in some significant achievements during the last year. These were acknowledged in two of the annual awards given at the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) conference at Basingstoke on March 11. I collected the *ART Youth Group award* on behalf of Bedfordshire Young Ringers, a group which has won the Ringing World National Youth Contest for the last 4 years, and Linda Garton was joint winner of the *ART award for Inspiring Leadership in Ringing*, recognising her contribution to teaching at Campton and further afield, her leadership of *Bedfordshire Young Ringers*. She also manages the organisation of the Ringing World National Youth Contest!

We acknowledge the huge contribution which Sue Silver, one of our ringers and also one of Campton's church organists, makes to ringing in the area. Sue is President of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers and championed Bedfordshire Young Ringers from the start. The Francis family are also unstinting supporters - mum Clare manages the catering side for Young Ringers gatherings (and is therefore THE most important person!) and Charlotte and Henry are enthusiastic and valued members of our band who are making great progress.

We also have two 8 year olds learning, so the future looks good, but we are always looking for more ringers. Ringing is something YOU can do (NOT just something other people do!) and Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area. If you want to know more, or fix to have a go, come along on a Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm or call me on 07803 206161. JOHN LOVELESS

## Visiting ringers in April:

Friday April 28 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association -  
10am to 1pm approx

Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website.

A colour version of this newsletter, together with archived issues is also available to view or download; follow the 'Information' link.

[www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk](http://www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk)

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The Parish Council were once again pleased to have local residents contributing to the meeting.

The Parish Council welcomed a new Councillor to the team. Local resident Mr Trevor Martin has been regularly attending meetings and had recently expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. He was co-opted on to the Parish Council and after completing the relevant documentation joined the other Councillors at the table.

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown was able to give an update with regards to the Local Plan and the 'Call for Sites' submissions currently being considered by Central Bedfordshire Council. There is an on-going delay in publication of the first draft of the new Central Bedfordshire Local Plan. This is due to a white paper on housing that has recently been published by the Government. Central Bedfordshire Council are currently considering the implications of this white paper on the proposals likely to come out of the new Local Plan. The first draft should now be published for public consultation in the late summer.

The CBC Community Planning Event highlighted in last month's Parish Council Report took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Shefford Baptist Church. This event gave local residents the opportunity to comment on a number of issues key to the development of Local Plan e.g. sustainable growth, community facilities, infrastructure, housing, employment etc. up until 2035. The event was generally well attended and the Parish Council would like to thank residents that came along to provide input and views at this public consultation event.

In the coming months Councillors will be looking at potential improvement projects within the Parish. At this early stage we will be considering some of the issues that have been highlighted to the Parish Council by residents over the last couple of years and looking at possible solutions, benefits, viability, likely costs and funding options. If anyone has an idea or project they would like to be considered by the Council then please do come along to a meeting and put forward your ideas. Please be assured that the Parish Council will consult widely on any improvement projects selected for further consideration.

If you have anything you would like to raise with the Parish Council for discussion, please feel free to contact me at [tammy.medley@btinternet.com](mailto:tammy.medley@btinternet.com) (telephone 01908 505558). Alternatively you can come along to a Parish Council Meeting as all residents have an opportunity to address the Council with concerns or ideas at the start of each meeting.

Our next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, which will include an end of year report from the Chairman and updates from Councillors.

You may also contact the Parish Council via the web "Contact Form" on the Parish Council website:

<http://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/>

**The date for the next meeting is Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

## **Campton and Chicksands**

### **Good Neighbour Group**

#### **Help we can offer includes:-**

Occasional lifts to doctors / shops etc.;

Befriending / pet care / dog walking;

Form filling / letter writing;

Occasional help with shopping;

Small household repairs / practical tasks;

Collecting prescriptions / pensions.

**If you need help from us phone  
07971 854472**

If your call is not answered, please leave a message and we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p per mile should be paid to the driver.

# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses."*

- Hanna Rion

For our March meeting we were joined by Beverly Blackham, who gave a very informative talk about the setting up and running of the Shefford Allotments.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at Campton Village Hall.

**A talk by Julie New, author of the book  
'Who are the flowers in your garden?'**

**Please note** that the May meeting will be on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May and **NOT** the 1<sup>st</sup> May, due to this being a Bank Holiday.

Please feel free to bring along any surplus garden related items for our 'Free & Swap' table at the Village Hall meetings.

Doors open at 7pm for setting up, any help would be gratefully received.

**Everyone Welcome**

**Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £1.50**

For more information, please contact... Maryika 01462 851729

## CHICKSANDS RESIDENT RUNNING FOR LOCAL CHARITY

Lindsay Edwards is running the London Marathon on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to raise money for Keech Hospice Care in memory of her Aunt and Uncle, who both passed away there recently.

Keech provide the most wonderful care for adults and children with life-limiting and terminal illnesses, across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Milton Keynes.

All the services at Keech are provided free of charge, so they rely heavily on the generosity of supporters to continue their work.

If you would like to support Lindsay, the link to her JustGiving page is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lindsay-Edwards>

## Living with Parkinson's and looking for local support?

Did you know there is a dedicated **Parkinson's UK Local Adviser** in your area, who can offer free and comprehensive support tailored to your needs? **Jackie Kennedy**, who covers Mid and South Bedfordshire, explains what her job is all about:

My role is about making sure people affected by Parkinson's and their families have all the information they need to take control of life with a progressive neurological condition, enabling people to play an active part in any decisions around treatments, and helping make life as fulfilling as possible.

There are many things I can offer support with including: understanding Parkinson's and addressing the impact of Parkinson's on daily living; accessing appropriate health and social care services; securing relevant welfare benefits; signposting to local Parkinson's UK groups which offer friendship and a range of social activities, and planning for the future.

I can provide information, answer any questions and offer practical support by telephone, email and, when needed, through home visits, from the point of diagnosis and throughout the Parkinson's journey.

Please do contact me - no one has to face Parkinson's alone.  
Jackie Kennedy. Parkinson's UK Local Adviser – Mid and South Bedfordshire and Luton  
T: 0344 225 3795 E: [jkennedy@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:jkennedy@parkinsons.org.uk) . [www.parkinsons.org.uk](http://www.parkinsons.org.uk)

## Village Hall 100 Club Draw

The new subscription year is about to start again with the first draw taking place this month. Your continued support is very much appreciated and greatly needed for the continuing upkeep of Campton Village Hall - "THANK YOU SO MUCH"

| March 2017      |     |               |
|-----------------|-----|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £35 | 40 S. Farmer  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £20 | 88 D. Crowley |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £12 | 1 M. Marsh    |

"Congratulations to all our winners this month and over the past year"

# 'Help for Heroes' Colossal Cake Sale



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Once again we will be supporting 'Help for Heroes' by hosting a Colossal Cake Sale at our Campton & Chicksands Coffee Morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10am till 12 noon at All Saints Church.

This is always a wonderful occasion with plenty of cakes to eat on the day with your tea or coffee plus plenty to buy and take home with you.

Please come along and enjoy the unique atmosphere of a vintage tea room set in an historic village church.



As usual all the money raised will be donated to 'Help for Heroes'

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Angela Baker by the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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