

Campton and Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

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Peter Leadbetter in discussion with two walkers regarding work-in-progress on the Campton & Chicksands 'totem' in Campton Plantation

Have you got an event happening next month that needs including in the Diary?

Is there something you want to share with the rest of the community?

Let people know your news and views by contacting the editor.

Items should be submitted by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Following concerns raised by some residents,

the Parish Council has arranged a:

Meeting to discuss Crime & Safety in Campton & Chicksands

This will take place on:

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

7.30pm.

in Campton Village Hall

Our local Police Officer, PC Steve Busby,

will be there to answer questions,

and there will be information about getting involved with

Neighbourhood Watch

Carol Sawyers, Chairman.

Let's Talk Central

Central Bedfordshire residents have a new website - Let's Talk Central (www.letstalkcentral.com). The site is dedicated to giving local people a place to talk to each other, post comments, photos and videos about where they live.

Central Bedfordshire Council is keen to understand how residents feel and will be generating online discussions about:

- What's the best thing about where you live?
- What do you think is special about Central Bedfordshire?
- What do you want to see protected or developed for the future?
- What challenges do you think Central Bedfordshire will face in the future?
- What are your hopes for Central Bedfordshire in the future?

The council has launched the website to hear directly from the public about these and other issues, as only by listening to local people can the council take decisions that reflect our communities' priorities.

Existing social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube will be used to promote Let's Talk Central, which is free and easy to use for the council and their customers.

Please check it out and spread the word as we get talking about Central Bedfordshire.

Campton Lower School

Looking back over the past year the school community can be proud of its record:

Achievements include:

- Outstanding Ofsted January 2010
- Third Year in a row of excellent attainment and progress across all year groups
- Increased visits out and about in the neighbourhood – Campton Plantation, Campton Manor, All Saints Church, Priory House, local garden
- Musical development – Indian & African Drumming, “Sing Quest”, whole school singing opportunities
- Many sporting activities both within school and also competing with other lower schools – the older classes have had specialist lessons in: Swimming, Tag Rugby, Football, Cricket and Tennis
- Gardening - growing and eating our own produce
- Achievement of “Healthy Schools” Award (May 2010). In working towards this award a Healthy Living Week has been established plus daily ‘Re-energise’ sessions (weather permitting) at the start of the school day

Next Year we look forward to maintaining the high standards we have set ourselves whilst continuing to live up to our vision of:

**“Every learner valued, Every opportunity seized,
Every achievement celebrated”.**

Jacqueline Woodthorpe, Headteacher

Pippins and Bramley's Pre-School & Out of School Services

What a month! World Cup fever hit the pre-school with an array of football themed crafts and activities, including football spinners for Father's Day. Thank you to all the Dads who were able to join us for a session, the children loved having you there.

There was also much excitement watching four of the eggs in the incubator hatch and how quickly the ducklings have grown. It has been a great learning experience for the children (and the staff have loved it too). The ducklings moved to their permanent home today, however we are expecting a surprise animal visitor this week, more news in the next issue!

The end of term will finish with our traditional sports day event.

Summer holiday fun - Why not make your own playdough?

(Adult supervision required) You will need;

- 1 cup of plain flour
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 tbs cooking oil
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- food colouring of your choice
(optional flavourings i.e. strawberry for a nice scent)

Mix all the ingredients in a bowl until you have a ball of dough. Cool before playing with it. Store in an air tight container.

Have a fun summer!

Nicola Deans, Pre-school Liaison.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Macmillan Cancer Support holds the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' every year in September.

You can find out more about The World's Biggest Coffee Morning at

www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee

Pew News

It is mid July as I write - hot and dry, and the land is drying out fast, lawns turning brown, but it is good for haymaking.

Our gardens need rain, but please, while the Church roof is still not fully watertight we'd be grateful if it didn't rain there!

The theft at the end of June left the roofing and stonework badly damaged, and left us feeling hurt AND cross. BUT we have been touched at the concern shown to us by people and the help given in catching the suspects. We sincerely pray that this episode will put an end to the series of damaging and destructive thefts in the Village. Surely the value of the metal stolen can hardly be worth the loss of freedom?

The new metal will be 'Smartwater' treated to aid recovery and identification if anyone should care to repeat the theft - THINK AGAIN!

We do ask that anyone who sees anything or anybody, not quite right in the Churchyard should let either me know (811849), or Linda (819074), or call the Police. On the subject of Police, wasn't the helicopter great? They responded so fast.

By the time you get to read this it will be August and we hope the repairs and all the paperwork will be completed. Harvest time will be with us, and the school holidays, we wish you a good harvest, and safe holidays wherever you are!

Services will be as usual at Church, and I might add, it is considerably cooler there, but the welcome is as warm as ever.

See you around and about

Keeping our Church clean

Can you spare an occasional hour? At the moment a small band of people clean the church. It's not hard work but we would love to recruit more volunteers.

If you feel that you could help us- no matter how occasionally it may be please contact Deborah Maggs 01462 851057. Thank you

Sue Hayhurst, Churchwarden.

The Rector writes ...

... it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' Luke 18.25

Over the last two months or so it seems as though hardly a day has gone by without the announcement of specific cuts in public spending and services. In the Budget last month the Chancellor of the Exchequer also announced increases in taxation and big reductions in social security benefits. Although politicians disagree about the timing of these measures or about specific tax raising or cost reducing measures; everyone seems to agree that a period of financial austerity is needed. It seems that as a nation we have been living beyond our means for a number of years.

As someone who used to work for a bank I know that what usually precipitates such a radical belt tightening exercise for an individual or a couple is a change in personal circumstances – family breakdown, divorce or unemployment for example. I often used to sit down with people and work out a tight repayment schedule for the money my employer had (sometimes recklessly) lent them. Tight repayment schedules hurt; things have to be sacrificed, at least for a time. And they hurt not least because borrowed money comes at a heavy price – interest, and often at eye-watering rates too.

As a nation we encountered a dramatic change in our circumstances with the near collapse of the banking system. So we too are now being put on a tight repayment schedule and it is clearly going to hurt. Even the most seasoned political commentator looked startled as the Chancellor delivered his budget speech. Many thousands of public sector workers are set to lose their jobs in the coming months and most of those that manage to hang on to their jobs will face a pay freeze for two years.

And yet, there will still be those who seem not to be too much troubled by these austerity measures. I read the other day that the chief executives of the top companies in the UK have seen their pay increase by an average of 7% per annum in recent years. Apparently these directors sit on each others remuneration committees and continually bid up each others salaries – on a you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours basis. It seems there is almost no-one willing to call time on this practice. The top bankers seem

hardly to have suffered for their ineptitude, and are still receiving huge bonuses. Even in the public sector, a case in the news recently revealed a head-teacher of a small primary school who had earned in excess of £200,000 in the last year – more than the salary of the Prime Minister.

From a Christian perspective, if there is to be a period of severe financial austerity then the impact of that should be distributed fairly, taking into account the ability of each family member to contribute to the repayment schedule.

The Methodist Church has announced that they intend to vote against any excessive remuneration packages for the directors of the companies in which their pension scheme holds shares. I would like to suggest that we as individuals adopt a similar method of direct action in respect of these huge salaries. Those of us with shareholdings or building society accounts are asked each year to approve the Directors' Remuneration Report. If you don't approve of the salaries detailed there, take the trouble to vote 'no' and to return your voting paper. Admittedly this is a small protest on an individual basis but collectively this might just make a difference – they even pay the postage for you to send in your voting paper!

With every blessing,

The Revd *Dean Henley*, Rector - Campton, Clophill & Haynes

The Monday "PM" Browsers Reading Group

Are looking for new members.

Are you interested in reading? Would you like to read a variety of different books with others?

The Monday "PM" browsers meet on the third Monday afternoon of the month, at Shefford library, 2.00pm, to review and discuss that month's title. There are a wide variety of books to read.

Come along; meet new people & maybe read something you would never have thought of reading before.

For more details contact;

CLAIRE MAWBY, 01462 812227, almawby@msn.com

Campton Bellringing News

Following the Flower Festival, Clare Francis decided to learn to ring. After only a few lessons she has made great progress and is ringing on Sundays. Well done Clare!

In August and September these visiting bands are coming to ring at All Saints:

- **Saturday, August 7, 10am to 1pm approx** – full peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.
- **Saturday, September 18, 5pm to 8pm approx** – full peal by St Lawrence, Towcester, ringers.

This peal will mark the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Patricia and Roy Phillips, now of Roade, Northants.

Patricia Midgley of Brookside, Campton and Roy Phillips of Shinfield, Reading were married on 10th September 1960 in Campton Church, where Patricia was a bellringer.

Their daughter Joanne, who was christened in Campton Church, is a Towcester ringer and will be ringing in the peal.

John Loveless. Tower Captain.

Walking with Margaret and Campton W.I.

Let's hope that the weather hasn't taken a turn and left the sunshine behind because this is to remind you that there are over 20 of Margaret's walks written up and available in a folder in the church porch.

Some walks start from Campton, others start in Maulden, Clophill, and Old Warden for example, or a little further afield near Hitchin or Pirton. They vary in distance from two to six and a half miles and all pass through beautiful and interesting country side with one or two taking you past children's play areas or pubs.

Margaret still walks on a Friday morning, leaving Campton at 9.30a.m., and is more than pleased to have your company.

Please ring her first so that she knows who to expect – 01462 811592.

Campton Village Hall - 100 Club winners:

June 2010

1st Prize, £45: 205 C. Smiles.
2nd Prize, £35: 159 Mrs. Banfield.
3rd Prize, £20: 135 Denise Kent.

Katie White, Chair of the Committee.

Armchair Travellers

Malcolm and Libby Newman take you on a voyage

"Through the Panama Canal"

at

All Saints' Church, Campton

on

Friday 17th September

Doors open at 7.30pm. Talk begins at 8.00pm

Admission £5 (including a glass of wine or soft drink)

on the door or contact

Linda Garton (01462 819074 or benefice.office@yahoo.co.uk)

Future armchair traveller destination:

19th November: Overland from Delhi to Kathmandu.

CONCERT

A variety of Choral Works
performed by Luton Festival Choir
at All Saints' Church, Campton

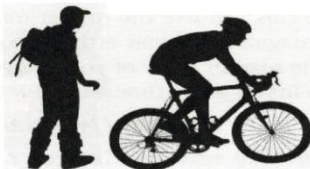
Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm

Admission £10 (including a glass of wine or soft drink)

on the door or contact

Linda Garton (01462 819074 or benefice.office@yahoo.co.uk)

Sponsored *Bike 'n Hike*



Saturday 11 September 2010
10 am to 6 pm

- ❖ Have fun Cycling or Walking
- ❖ Help save your local heritage
- ❖ Raise funds for your church or chapel
- ❖ Over 600 churches and chapels to visit!

Raise money for the repair of your local church or chapel by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 open churches and chapels for you to visit.

For more information please contact:

JEAN LUDDINGTON.
01462 812756.



BHHCT - *Saving the Past for the Future*

www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk
BHHCT Registered Charity No. 1005697

Bike 'n Hike in association with the national *Ride & Stride*

Jazzercise

If you love to dance, are bored with your workout routine or looking for an accepting, fun environment to get back into working out, then Jazzercise could be just what you're looking for. The workout programme is suitable for all ages (minimum 12 years) and fitness levels and combines a fusion of dance, resistance training, pilates, yoga, and kickboxing movements into fun choreographed routines. Instructor Nicky Thacker says that classes are all about fitness, fun and friendship for everyone, whatever their age or fitness level. You can contact Nicky on 01525 405178. Classes start Wednesday 8 September.

Diary of weekly events:

Tuesdays	3.40pm	Children's dance classes, Village Hall.
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice, All Saints' Church.
	7.30pm	Petanque Club, White Hart.
	8.30pm	Local Summer Darts League, White Hart.
Wednesdays	3.50pm	Children's dance classes, Campton Lower School.
Thursdays	2.00pm	Carpet Bowls, Village Hall.
	8.30pm	Local Crib League, White Hart.
Fridays	9.30am	Margaret's Walks, Greenway.
	10.00am	Baby and Toddler, Village Hall.

PLAY RANGERS

are coming to Campton Recreation Ground

Thursday 19th August 9.30am – 11.00am

Information

- All sessions are free of charge.
- All ages are welcome.
- Play Rangers will come with play equipment and creative activities. (Please note no children under 5 in the art tent.)
- All Play Rangers are CRB checked.
- Parents/carers remain responsible for their children at all times. (Children under 5 should be accompanied by an adult.)
- Children are free to come and go as they please, this is an open access scheme.
- Parents/carers are very welcome to join in.
- Play isn't always clean and dry, so wear something suitable.

For more information call our hotline:

Central Bedfordshire
Tel: 0300 300 8072

Email: playrangers@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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Diary of Events for August & September

August			
Wed	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall.
Thu	5	10.25 -10.45am	Mobile Library, Greenway.
Wed	11	7.30pm	Women's Institute.
Sat	14	9am	Shefford Farmer's Market, High Street.
Mon	16	2pm	"PM" Browsers Reading Group, Shefford Library.
Thu	19	09.30 – 11.00am 10.25 –10.45am	Play Rangers, Campton Recreation Ground. Mobile Library, Greenway.
Wed	25	2 – 3pm 8.15pm	Mobile Police Station, outside All Saints' Church. Charity Quiz Night, White Hart.
Thu	26	3pm – 4pm	Mobile Police Station, Truman Place.
September			
Wed	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall.
Wed	8	7.30pm	Women's Institute.
Thu	9	10.25 –10.45am 7.30pm	Mobile Library, Greenway. Crime & Safety Meeting, Village Hall.
Sat	11	9am 10am – 6pm	Shefford Farmer's Market, High Street. Sponsored 'Bike 'n Hike', All Saint's Church.
Fri	17	7.30pm	Armchair Travellers.
Mon	20	2pm	"PM" Browsers Reading Group, Shefford Library.
Sat	25	7.30pm	Concert of Choral Works, All Saint's Church.
Wed	29	2 – 3pm 8.15pm	Mobile Police Station, outside All Saints' Church. Charity Quiz Night, White Hart.
Thu	30	10.25 – 10.45am 3pm – 4pm	Mobile Library, Greenway. Mobile Police Station, Truman Place.