

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter



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Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter  
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If you have any news or views you wish to share  
please contact the Editor - details inside

# News from the Pews

Today I am on a bit of a high having been at the Albert Hall last night for the Festival of Remembrance. Kathy Brown, Angela Tingey, Pauline Pettifer and myself were given tickets by the R.B.L as we have sold poppies in the village for many, many years! It was an unforgettable occasion, and I am so grateful for the chance to attend. Jean Luddington's grand-daughter was a participant as a representative of the Royal Navy. We are so proud of her.

This morning saw the Church well filled for the Remembrance Service and a two-minute silence, when we joined the Nation thinking of the fallen, wounded and bereaved. A contingent from DISC at Chicksands brought representatives from the Army, Navy and Air Force. It really is a privilege to worship with these young people and get to know them. We ask God to keep them safe.

The Advent Bible study is underway at Christopher's home at Kiln Farm - Thurs 8 p.m. Each session is separate so you can join in any Thurs and be welcome.

**Friday, 2nd December 10am-noon** brings the Christmas Coffee and Chat morning. Do join us - the promise of mince pies is too good to miss.

**Sunday, 11th December** is the Christingle Service - oranges, candles and sweets all together making the symbolic Christingle. This is a child orientated service, so please do all come and enjoy this happy way to help other children.

*Sue Hayhurst* - Churchwarden

Further information about the Parish, including its history, diary dates, travel information, local walks and much more, can be found on the Parish website - so why not visit

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

# Campton Lower School

December is always a busy month in lower schools and this year is no exception:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - West Midland Theatre Company's Performance of the Pantomime 'Aladdin' to the whole school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Reception Class Christmas Performance to parents.
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 'Sing On, Sing Out' - Lower School choir festival for Year 3 pupils at Haynes Lower School.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Performances to parents by Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4.
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 'Campton's Got Talent' - best of 2 acts from each year group to the whole school.
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch and non-uniform charity day (arranged by the School Council) to raise money for "Water Aid".
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Visit from Father Christmas - an annual event - whereby each child receives a small gift. Father Christmas then takes much larger gifts donated by our children to the families at the Women's Refuge in Bedford.
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Carol Service in 'All Saints' Church, Campton.

## Vacancy

**Relief Midday Supervisory Assistants** - If you think you would like to try your hand at being a lunchtime assistant (11.55am to 1.05pm) please ask for details at the School Office (01462) 813359.

We would ideally like a number of relief MSAs who could fill in for absence.

**Everyone at Campton Lower School wishes the whole Parish a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year**

# Police Report

During the month of October there were 0 reports of Anti Social Behaviour and 4 of crime in the parish of Campton and Chicksands. The crime relates to one theft of metal / one criminal damage / one drugs on the A507 and one violence against the person which was domestic related. Nothing appears to be linked.

101 the new non emergency number for Bedfordshire Police is now in effect and 999 remains the number for all emergencies. The local policing team can still be contacted on 01234 842567 or [LPT.SheffordStotfold&Arlesey@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LPT.SheffordStotfold&Arlesey@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk)

## Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

### Former Councillors

Over the past few weeks we have been notified of the death of two former councillors, Peter Moody (who had been a parish councillor for 20+ years) and Bill Radley. Both these gentlemen retired from the parish council in April this year, and will be greatly missed in the parish.

### Parish Newsletter

Would you be willing to deliver the parish newsletter to the homes in Greenway once a month (usually the last week of each month)? Please let me know if you can - 814340 / 810056, or email [Casawyers@aol.com](mailto:Casawyers@aol.com)

### Parish Councillors

We have heard rumours that 2 or 3 residents have been criticising the parish council recently. Instead of moaning, why not join the parish council and have the opportunity to make a difference? Campton & Chicksands Parish Council should have 7 parish councillors, but currently there are only 5. We are, therefore, actively seeking 2 more residents of Campton or Chicksands to join the parish council. For more details, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Deryck Irons, on 01234 278111 or [Deryckirons@aol.com](mailto:Deryckirons@aol.com)

## **Recreation Ground**

Could we please ask dog owners to ensure that they clear up their dog's mess and place in the appropriate bin just outside the Recreation Ground gates, in Rectory Road. Unfortunately, dog owners have been leaving dog's mess in the waste bin near the play area, which is very unpleasant for the volunteer who empties this bin, and also a health hazard for the children using the bin to dispose of their rubbish.

## **Speedwatch**

The Parish Plan questionnaire identified that residents are concerned about speeding in Campton, and it is now possible for you to take action! The Police are willing to train 3-6 volunteers to use equipment which registers the speed of vehicles travelling through Campton, and those identified will receive a letter from the Police. If identified speeding in the Central Beds area within a specified timescale, they will receive a letter plus fixed penalty of £70.

If you are interested in receiving Speedwatch training, please contact the Clerk to the Council, Deryck Irons (contact details above).

## **Meetings**

The next parish council meeting will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.45 p.m. in Campton Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend meetings, and may discuss local issues with the parish council between 7.45 p.m. and 8 p.m. but may not take part in discussions after that time.

## *Carol Sawyers*

Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Items for the next Newsletter should be submitted  
to the Editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011

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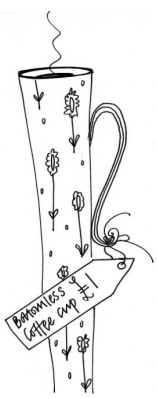
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# Campton & Chicksands WI Group

Campton and Chicksands WI Group would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Don't forget we hold our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. and any new members would be very welcome.

We are just working on our programme for next year and will put a list in the January newsletter, but can say that we have arranged for Sir Stanley O'Dell to come along to our January meeting to talk to us about the history of Campton and Chicksands as he remembers it. He has some interesting early photos of the WI Group that his grandmother was involved in. It will be an open meeting and everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

*Margaret Banfield* - Social Secretary



## *Campton & Chicksands Coffee & Chat*

Many thanks to all those who came to the Help For Heroes coffee morning in November, when we raised a wonderful **£170**. We have now been holding the Campton & Chicksands Coffee & Chat mornings for just over a year and in that time we have raised over **£1,200** for charity\*. For just **£1** people can have a 'bottomless' cup of coffee or tea. (i.e. you can have as many free refills as you like). There is always a plate of biscuits available and on special occasions there is

cake. Our next coffee morning is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and there will be free mince pies and brandy butter. Please come along and enjoy a very sociable morning with friends and neighbours.

\* We have supported three charities - Macmillan Cancer Support (2 events), Help For Heroes and Christian Aid.

# James Whale Fund - Curry Party

On Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> we held an event at The White Hart in support of the James Whale Fund for Kidney Cancer " Britain's Biggest Curry Party ". The whole evening was a resounding success being attended by over 90 guests and including several celebrities. We were entertained by the Emma Robbins Band and treated to a wonderful impromptu performance by her sister Kate, the singer/impressionist famous for Spitting Images and Dinner Ladies. An auction was conducted by Robert Daws the well known TV actor.

**£1500** was raised and we must thank all the helpers, sponsors and supporters who made the evening possible. A vote of thanks also to Jerry who provided the venue and helped with the organisation.

## News from the Tower

**Campton**, Bedfordshire, All Saints Church

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011, in 41 minutes

**A Quarter Peal of Doubles (2 methods), 1260 changes**

(600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob)

- 1 Clare Francis; 2 John P Loveless (Conductor); 3 Teresa J Brown;
- 4 Susan M Silver; 5 Christine A Williams; 6 Barrie Glenn.

In thanksgiving for the life of Dr Bill Radley and his contribution to this community. Bill's funeral was earlier today. From 2005 to 2010 he was Chair of the Governors at Campton Lower School, during which time the teaching and support teams transformed the school, culminating in the award of an 'outstanding' rating from Ofsted. Linda Garton, who served as a governor with Bill, would like to be associated with this quarter peal.

These visitors are coming to ring at Campton during December:

Sunday, December 11, Norwich (St Peter Mancroft) ringers,  
peal attempt, 2pm to 5pm approx.

Thursday, December 29, Christmas peal attempt, 10am to 1pm approx.

# Dates for your Diary

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.00am - noon	Coffee & Chat 'Mince Pies & Brandy Butter' All Saints Church
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	7.45pm	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30pm	WI Meeting Village Hall
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am - 1.00pm	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop All Saints Church

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am - 1.00pm  
at All Saints Church, Campton**

Come along and learn with the help & support of a qualified tutor, how to make a beautiful Christmas wreath for your door, which you will take home with you.

All basic wreath making items for a finished wreath are supplied;  
although you may bring along your own chosen  
decorations to make your wreath individual, if you wish.

**Cost £15**

**(price includes materials, tea/coffee & a mince pie)**

If you are interested in finding out more or want to book a place  
please contact Karen on 07521 978169

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