

# Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

December 2018

## ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

8pm - 11pm

All Saints Church, Campton

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS'

### GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

'Gardening Quiz'

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

## CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

10am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton

FREE warm mince pies and  
brandy butter - All donations  
to 'Crisis at Christmas'

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

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the Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

## Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.....

The draft Neighbourhood Plan and its policies are now being written by our working groups. The policies will be based on all of the evidence gathered within the parish. This includes historical documents, the Parish Plan, Parish Council meetings, the Neighbourhood Plan consultation events and the survey data collected during the summer. We are also required to conform to policies in the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan (under inspection) and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Greensand Trust is preparing Stage 2 of our Green Infrastructure Plan which will determine which areas of the parish can be designated as local green spaces. There are strict criteria which apply in the selection process but, thanks to your input in the questionnaire, we have been able to identify which parts of the parish to assess.

At our meeting in October we were joined by the Chair of the Silsoe Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Helen Flack. Helen was able to provide some valuable insights into how they prepared their draft plan which is currently under review by the planning inspector.

We will be holding a consultation event on our draft policies, village design statement and local green space designation on 9th February 2019, so please put this date in your diary and look out for further details in the January newsletter.

## **Campton Lower School Vacancy - School Governor**

If you are interested in this position and  
would like further information  
please contact Mrs Nicky Fletcher,  
Chair of Governors  
via Campton Lower School  
Tel: 01462 813359

Email: [office@camptonlower.org](mailto:office@camptonlower.org)

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Village Hall. I would like to start by thanking resident Deborah Maggs for organising the colourful display of Remembrance Day Poppies on the lamp posts within Campton Village. I'm sure you will agree that they looked very effective; a suitable setting for the recent Armistice Centenary events held in the Parish. I also thank Stuart Winyard for sourcing the poppies from the British Legion and the eight local residents who helped with fixing the poppies to lamp posts.

The Parish Council once again discussed the progress of the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Local Plan. The Local Plan Inspector has recently written to CBC requesting more detailed information on three areas of the draft plan. The examination hearings are anticipated to take place in early 2019. Anyone wishing to find out more information on the Local Plan can do so by following the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/examination.aspx>  
Green waste collections will cease on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and resume on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. It is anticipated that from October 2019 residents will be able to request a wheelie bin in place of green bags for garden waste collections.

Central Bedfordshire school admissions have been rated the best in England for parents getting their preferred choice, applicants achieving 99.3% against a national figure 94.6% (98.6% for primary school admissions, against the national figure of 97.2%).

Some residents are continuing to park vehicles on grass verges within the Parish. Once again the Parish Council asks residents to please refrain from doing so. As the weather changes the cars are ploughing up the grass verges and making them look unsightly. The Parish Council has a contract for the grass cutting within Campton and the contractor is often prevented from completing his work due to parked vehicles. The Parish Council is still obliged to pay for the work.

The Parish Council currently has six Councillors and one empty seat. With lots happening in the Parish including the Neighbourhood Plan it has become important that a full complement of seven Councillors sit on the Council. Parish Council meetings are open to all residents so feel free to come along and attend a few meetings to see how they are run, or please contact me for any additional information. We really need to fill this position, so if you are interested please get in touch.

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

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# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*I heard a bird sing in the dark of December. A magical thing and sweet to remember. "We are nearer to Spring than we were in September". I heard a bird sing in the dark of December.*

*- Oliver Herford*



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at **Campton Village Hall**, when we will be holding a **'Gardening Quiz' plus a raffle.**

At our last meeting we enjoyed an inspirational talk by John Crawley regarding 'Anglia in Bloom', specifically relating to the success of Dunstable Town Council's entries into this annual competition. Also discussed was how as a Parish, what would be involved to enter the 'Village' category in the future; this could be a great community project that everyone can participate in and enjoy, whether you are 8 years old or 80!

**"Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas"**

**Village Hall meetings start at 7.30pm and usually finish by 9.00pm**

**Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)**

**For more information, please contact... MARYKA 01462 851729**

## Campton and Chicksands

### Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers are all insured and DBS (formerly CRB) checked.

**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.

# Pew News

Thank you for your support for All Saints annual Gift Day - we're very grateful for your contributions.

On 2 November Alan Regin's talk on the Bellringers who fell in WW1 was fascinating. It was wonderful to see the church full and hear of all Alan's research.

Further events to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice took place on 10 and 11 November. Our moving Remembrance Service was well-attended by both residents and service personnel. Floral and photographic tributes to the 11 Campton men who fell in WW1 decorated the church all weekend and we received visitors to these, to hear the ringing for peace and share refreshments. We finished marking this centenary with a concert of music and readings. We thank June for flowers and her research and all our flower arrangers, Anne and Geoff for organising refreshments, a computer tribute and a 3 Counties Radio visit, Linda and John for bell ringing, Joy for organising our Sunday afternoon concert, those who baked and performed and all who joined us to share in paying tribute to those who fell.

On Saturday 24 November we'll be having a work party with a coffee and doughnut break from 9.30am - 12pm. If you might be able to help with regular maintenance tasks, both inside All Saints and outside in the graveyard, please contact me - I've already received some offers, which are much appreciated. More helpers always welcome. Thank you.

There will be a Campton Community Choir Concert in Church on Sunday 25 November at 2.30pm - please join us.

RF2 appear for our Rock 'in the Aisles gig on 1 December - see you there! Our next coffee morning is on December 7 at 10am, as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink costs a mere £1. Malcolm Willis has asked for additional help with these monthly events, or may well have to reduce them in number. Please let us know if you can help.

Christmas services will soon be with us, and each household will receive a leaflet about these. As an early reminder, the Christmas Eve Carol Concert will start at 6pm and Communion on Christmas Day will be at 10.30 am. We look forward to welcoming you to our Sunday services at 11am. Service details are on the church noticeboard or please contact Audrey Brand or me.

We wish you all a very peaceful and Happy Christmas and all best wishes for 2019. AUDREY BRAND, Reader & DEBORAH MAGGS, Churchwarden 07778 424408

# News From The Tower

**Kaitlin's triumph** - Kaitlin Woodland learnt to ring in the summer of 2015 when she was 6! We normally start youngsters when they are 8 or 9. She is also a gymnast, and a small one that, and because of her gymnast's training she does as her teachers wish her to! She and her mum Darrelle travel from Flitwick to ring with us every Sunday and Tuesday. She rang her first quarter peal - 45 mins ringing - on Sunday 28 October, at the age of 9, one of the youngest to achieve this. It has taken her three and a half years of hard work to reach this standard so a big achievement. Well done!

**Armistice peal on Friday 2 November successfully rung!** We rang a new method which we called 'Armistice 100' as the peal marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice. The ringers were from Clifton, Norwich (St Peter Mancroft), Burwell, Cambridge, Hertford, Campton, London (St Paul's Cathedral) and London (Spitalfields), and they all came to Alan Regin's talk that followed, a wonderful evening, attended by 80 people which generated just over £800 for church funds - our thanks to him!

## **Visiting ringers in December:**

Saturday December 15 - Peal attempt - 10am to 1pm approx.

**'Chris's Corner** - On a Sunday morning, you'll hear All Saints bells being rung for the 11am Service and if you come into the Church and look to the left, you'll see us too! **So who are the Bellringers?** We have the "local ringers", those who ring on a Sunday morning. At Campton, these people range in age from 9 to over 80! There's little Kaitlin and our other youngsters, Oscar and Sophia, as well as Linda and John who run the ringing and are also responsible for all of the bellringing activities at All Saints. Then, to mention a few, we have Mum and two teenagers, Clare, Charlotte and Henry; Sue (who sometimes also plays the organ), Darrelle, David, Linda and Barry! All from different walks of life, united by the bell ropes. On a Tuesday, we are very lucky to welcome "visitors" to our weekly practice. These are ringers who have their own commitments on a Sunday, but ring at other places during the week. These good people come from several different towers near Campton.

Why not come to see us one Tuesday, between 7.30 & 9.00pm  
or call me (JOHN LOVELESS 07803 206161) to find out more.

Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area.

## **£5,000 Donation to the Wanderbus Community Bus Service**

Stephanie Kirby and Clive Lester, on behalf of Whitbread Wanderbus Ltd, were delighted to receive a cheque for £5,000 from Bedfordshire Freemasons towards the cost of a replacement second Community Bus. Clive, one of the 22 volunteers, who run the Community Wanderbus, said *"We would like to thank Bedfordshire Freemasons for their generous donation towards the purchase of this bus, which serves the residents of some 12 villages in Central Bedfordshire and helps fill the gaps left by traditional bus operators. The Community Wanderbus provides a much needed link to local towns and villages for young and old residents, who do not have their own transport. He goes on to explain that the Wanderbus services also provides residents, who are elderly and alone, with the opportunity to meet other residents and helps foster a Community Spirit".* Tony Henderson the leader of Bedfordshire Freemasons says *"Sadly many people in later life find themselves alone. As Clive noted, the service provided by the Wanderbus, helps them to get out and stops them feeling alone and isolated. The Masonic Charitable Foundation - a Charity, which is funded solely by Freemasons - has recently donated £1M to Age UK to fund a three year programme to help older people feel less lonely and get the most out of life".*

## **Village Hall 100 Club Draw**

**November 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> (£35) : 123 Mrs. Whitehead

2<sup>nd</sup> (£20) : 78 K. Inskip

3<sup>rd</sup> (£15) : 89 J. Chalk

"Congratulations to our winners this month"

## **Quiz Night**


**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January** at All Saints, Campton  
**7.15 for a 7.30pm start**

Four in a team (can make teams up on the night)

**£5 per person**, students free

Welcome to bring your own refreshments





**Christmas Table Decoration  
Demonstration and Workshop**

**Saturday 8th December : 10am**

**Campton Village Hall**

**£20 including all materials**

**tea/coffee and mince pies**

To book a place please contact

June Martin 01462 816323 or Maggie Marsh 07989082743  
marsh.mam@googlemail.com

*Fund raising for All Saints'*

## **ROCK 'IN THE AISLES**

**SAT, 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER - ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON**

**8pm – 11pm**

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC ROCK, FEATURING THE VERY BEST OF 60's, 70's  
& 80's MUSIC PERFORMED LIVE IN A CHURCH - LICENCED BAR

**TICKETS £10**

Contact: JOY tel: 01462 811798 or email: [pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk)

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
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