

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter

February 2012

Coffee & Chat
Fri 3rd February
10.00am - noon
All Saints Church

Parish Council Meeting
Wed 1st February
7.45pm
Village Hall

WI Meeting
Wed 8th February
7.30pm
"Why buy local meat"
by Andrew Davies
Village Hall

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
published by the Parish Council

If you have any news or views you wish to share
please contact the Editor - details inside

The W.I.'s January sell out success

It was lovely to see a 'full house' and to welcome so many members and guests to Sir Stanley Odell's talk on 'Campton -past and present'. Sir Stanley began by telling us that his grandmother, who lived at Kiln Farm, was a founding W.I. member in 1922 and she served as Treasurer. Sir Stanley was born in Campton in 1929 to a farming family and went to the village school of 25 pupils, where he was taught by the inspiring Mrs Taylor, who received an M.B.E. for services to education. From Campton, at the age of 10, Sir Stanley won a scholarship to Bedford Modern School.

Sir Stanley started his Campton history before the Romans came in A.D.43, when the area was wooded and inhabited by the Belgae and Celts. The River Chamble (the Hit in Shefford) gave its name to Chambleton (now Campton), and originally flowed in the ditch behind houses in Gravenhurst Road until a new river was cut to work the mill in the early 1800s, just after the Enclosures Act. The bridge on the Campton - Meppershall road crosses this ditch at the parish boundary. The R. Flit runs through Chicksands and forms the other main boundary. Up to the R. Flit was Chicksands Common, the other common being that of Beadlow.

From Campton' origins, Sir Stanley took us through the 400 years of surprisingly little Roman influence (excepting Ermine Street /Old North Road /A1 and Watling Street /A5); through Campton's time as a Saxon village of wooden houses, with its main road running along Gravenhurst Road up to the old houses in Greenway, and wooden church on the present site; through the time when we were part of Danelaw; and up to 1066 and the Norman invasion. Campton was in the path of revengeful Normans and much Anglo Saxon land was taken and distributed to William I's followers who fought with him at the Battle of Hastings. The three main landowners in Bedfordshire became the Beauchamps who built their castle overlooking the R. Ouse in Bedford, the D'Albinis who built their castle at Cainhoe just 2 miles from Campton, and Walter the Fleming who took the name 'de Walhull' , an old spelling of Odell and taken from the village in north Beds.

Sir Stanley inherited a copy of the Domesday Book which indicates Campton as a parish between the 2 rivers with Clophill, Gravenhurst, Meppershall, Clifton, Chicksands and Southill around it. Shefford became a hamlet after the Domesday Survey (1086). The Domesday Book shows that Campton village was divided into 3unequal Manors of $4\frac{1}{2}$, 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hide in area. A hide was 124 acres - the amount that could be ploughed by a team of oxen in a season.

In 1538, Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries and the few remaining monks and prioresses of the Gilbertine Order left the peace and solitude of Chicksands Priory. Subsequently, the estate was acquired by the Snowe family and the title of the estate passed to the Osborne family in 1598. They had great influence in Campton for the next 338 years. The Osbornes were a Royalist family and in 1662 John became the first Baronet, in recognition of his father's support for the Royalist cause. This was bestowed by Charles II on the written instructions of his father, Charles I.

In Campton the Ventris family owned Campton Manor. In 1645, Sir Charles Ventris was shot at by a member of a small band of Roundheads - the shots are still embedded in the oak panelling in a downstairs room at the Manor.

In 1919, Sir Algernon Osborn, the 7th Baronet, gave the Recreation field to the village in memory of the 11 men from Campton who were killed in the first World War. The Chicksands estate - village, farms, priory, parkland - was sold to the Crown for £36,000 in 1936. During the war, Chicksands was used as a communications base, with close links to Bletchley Park. The tragedy of the sinking of HMS Hood by the battleship Bismarck was intelligence received by the Chicksands base. Campton housed a receiving station at Top Farm. In 1959, the Crown sold the estate, with sitting tenants given first chance to buy- many Campton houses were bought for £50. The rents at that time were 2s6d (12½p in present day money).

As well as this condensed history of Campton, Sir Stanley also used a series of slides to describe the buildings, personalities and changing way of life he has known in the village but that's for another newsletter.

(Thank you to the audio and visual experts who helped capture and project Sir Stanley's account and to Sir Stanley for checking it over).

Apologies... are offered to Sir Stanley Odell whose name was incorrectly spelt in the January edition of this newsletter. The correct spelling is of course the old established Bedfordshire version of 'Odell'.

On February 8th - Campton W.I. will welcome Andrew Davies from Woburn Country Foods at West End Farm, Haynes. Andrew's talk is titled 'Why buy local meat' and we have asked him to bring a range of produce for us to buy. Visitors are invited to join us at 8.00p.m.

Anna Maudlin
W.I. Secretary



CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS

DIAMOND JUBILEE

CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, 2nd June 2012 from 12 noon onwards

Recreational Ground - Morris Dancing; School Dance Troupe; Cake Competition; Mini Olympics; Photo Competition; Penalty Shoot-Out; Tug of War; Face Painting; Fancy Dress; Welly Wanging; Decorated Cup Cake Competition; Refreshments

Also Timed Trial Bike Race rear of Kiln Farm

All Saints Church - Historical photographic display of village life; Diamond Jubilee Floral Arrangements; Osborne Crypt viewing

The Manor - Croquet & Skittles on the lawn with Homemade Lemonade

Evening's Entertainment provided by Local Band "The Rock Factor"

Playing hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s

Together with Disco & bring along Picnic Supper

Sunday, 3rd June 2012

All Saints Church - A.M. Celebratory Service

- P.M. Campton's Got Talent Show with

Last Night of the Proms sing-a-long

To volunteer and for competition details please contact
Event Co-ordinator Maryika Wilding on 01462 851729

To participate in Campton's Got Talent Show please contact
Joy Curtis on 01462 811798 or Kathy Taylor on 01462 816108



Watch this space for more details in future newsletters

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

***Name:**

***Contact No:**

(If child, please state age) yrs

Competition	Details	Queries/Info	*Tick Box
Parish Cook-Off Victoria Sponge	Adult Class (show rule recipe must be adhered to)	Maryika Wilding 01462 851729	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decorated Cup Cake	Children's Class		<input type="checkbox"/>
Floral Arrangements	Open to all amateurs	June Martin 01462 816323	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography Competition	Adult & Child Classes (all photo entries must be mounted & named)	Dan White 01462 812552	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Please complete, indicating which events you would like to enter

Please forward your completed Entry Form to:- Maryika Wilding, 28 Greenway, Campton



Show Rule Recipe (this recipe can also be used for children's decorated cup cake entry)

Victoria Sponge:

Ingredients:-

175g (6oz) margarine
175g (6oz) caster sugar
3 medium eggs
175g (6oz) self-raising flour
few drops of vanilla essence

Method:-

Grease & line two 18-20cm (7-8") tins;
Cream marg & sugar together until light & fluffy;
Beat in the eggs one at a time;
Fold in the sifted flour and a little milk if
necessary to make a dropping consistency;
Turn into the prepared tins;

Bake for about 30-35 minutes at Gas Mark 4, 180°C, 350°F;

When cold, sandwich together with jam and dust the top with caster sugar.

Campton Celebrates

The Royal Diamond Jubilee

Saturday 2nd June 2012

Photography Competition

Save The Date



Categories

Submissions to 19a Gravenhurst Road by 28/05.
Its time to get out there and enjoy capturing the moment.

Pew News

February does have quite a reputation for being a grey dull month, but, believe me, the Village is humming quite well!!! Meetings are being held to plan the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. The Rec., the Manor and the Church are all venues for events on 2nd and 3rd June. Helpers will be needed, so please don't all go on holiday!! We are very much aware that it is the Spring Half Term.

That weekend is very much something to look forward to, but before that we have a Service on 5th February to mark the Accession of the Queen.

The 3rd February is the next Coffee and Chat morning to which we invite everyone to join us. We have now been authorised to dispose of the very old pews that are surplus to requirement. Four have already gone, but we have three more to offer to anyone who is interested in buying one. Just let Deborah or myself know.

We would like to thank everyone involved in making Christmas at the Church such a lovely happy time. See you at Coffee.

Sue Hayhurst
Churchwarden

News from the Tower

2012 will be a year full of celebration, particularly with the Diamond Jubilee in June and the Olympics in London soon after - both accompanied by special ringing all over the country. Many families will have celebrations of their own during the year. Don't forget we may be able to provide special ringing for some of these, so please ask - I'm thinking of births, birthdays, weddings. Or, come along on a Tuesday evening to our practice any time between 7.30 and 9pm and see what we do!

These visitors are coming to ring at Campton during February:
Friday, February 10th, Essex Association of Change Ringers,
peal attempt, 10am to 1pm approx.
Saturday, February 25th, Hertfordshire young ringers,
peal attempt, 10am to 1pm approx.

Campton Lower School

In 2012 the children and staff at Campton Lower have already had some exciting learning opportunities across a number of areas of the curriculum:

- African Drumming for Years 2 & 4
- Money Week - where children look at all aspects of money - including the merits of not living beyond your means.
- 'Around the World' - with a focus on:
 - ❖ New Zealand - Reception Class
 - ❖ Ghana - Year 1
 - ❖ Japan - Year 2
 - ❖ Australia - Year 3
 - ❖ China - Year 4

In addition, having chosen "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf" as this term's charity, the School Council are organising a number of in-school events to raise money for this worthy cause.

Jacqueline Woodthorpe

Headteacher

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

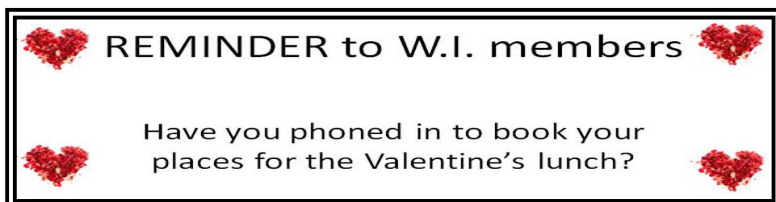
The parish of Campton & Chicksands is a small community, and it is essential that we stay in contact. Our main way of communicating is via the newsletter, and we would like to thank the editor, Angela Baker, and the distributors, who ensure we all receive a copy: Doris Alcock, Caroline Greet, Sue Hayhurst, Albert Mangold, Karen Porteous, Steph & Graeme, Kathy Taylor, Malcolm Willis.

We would also like to thank Pat Williams, for maintaining the parish website.

All these people are essential for providing contact between us all within the parish. Thank you.

Carol Sawyers

Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Parish Council



Campton Baby and Toddler Group

is saddened to report the resignation of their chairperson, Marion Carpenter. Marion has been a leading figure of the committee for over five years and her valued efforts will be greatly missed. Marion is moving on in her life and career though she will still remain a proactive member of the community, moving her volunteer efforts onto other deserving local charities.

Vickey Gunn will be replacing Marion as chair temporarily until September, after which time she too will be moving on, children all grown. The charity cannot run without a chair and therefore the future of the group is at risk.

THERE IS A REAL PROBABILITY THAT THE GROUP WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE!

The group has been running for approximately 15 years (possibly more) and it would be a real shame to lose this community service. If you think you may be able to help, or know of someone who can, please come along to the group which is held at the village hall on Fridays, during term time, from the new time of 9.30am to 11.30am or alternatively Vickey may be contacted on 01462 814307.

In the meantime, Campton Baby and Toddler Group is open as usual. We welcome all carers be they parents, grandparents, childminders or other and all ages of children not yet at school be they newborn, crawling, just walking or almost ready for school. There is always a warm welcome to everyone, whether you come regularly or occasionally. A typical session at the group consists of varied activities including a craft activity, a physical activity (such as slides, tents or ride-ons), construction, jigsaws, role play equipment (such as dressing up and a home corner), a quiet book corner and the list goes on... We also provide a healthy snack and music time which are routine activities the children thoroughly enjoy. The traditional end-of-session songs, sleeping bunnies and the goodbye song, are particular favourites with the children. And, of course, there are endless cups of tea/coffee for the carers with a chance to make friends and exchange ideas about the rewarding and sometimes difficult art of raising children!!! So come along and give it a go - the first session is free - and we're sure you'll be glad you did.

Items for the next Newsletter should be submitted
to the Editor by the 15th February 2012

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