

# **Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter February 2015**

## **COFFEE & CHAT**

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February  
& 6<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00 - noon

All Saints Church, Campton

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> February  
7.45pm  
Campton Village Hall

## **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION EVENING**

Louise Ashmore talks about  
becoming a Parish Councillor  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00 -8.30pm  
Venue to be confirmed

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, Angela Baker - details on back page

# Pew News

I know that it is traditional to wish everyone a Happy New Year, but this year I am wishing you all a Healthy one!!!

At All Saints we finished 2014 in grand style - the children of our school came to Church for their Crib Service, it was such a lovely happy hour with lovely singing of carols. The children told the Nativity story, and as it unfolded the characters were taken up and placed in the stable scene. The standard of reading, singing and behaviour was so high; the Church was packed and we all were greatly impressed and delighted -Thank you School.

And so to Christmas Eve; June and Carol decorated the Church beautifully ready for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, again the Church was packed. If I forgot to thank all the Readers personally - I do so now. Thank you everyone, and that includes the Choirs.

Christmas Morning I was away, but I am told it was a lovely happy Service and well attended.

Then it was New Year; very sadly the first week brought the death of two long-time residents of Campton. Mr Ted Bond, who worked for Parrish Farms for many, many years and Mrs Jean Luddington, who worked for the Church and the Guiding Movement alongside her job as Nursing Sister at Bedford Hospital. Both will be greatly missed by their friends and families. We send our love and sympathy to the three Bond Boys and to Alan Luddington. The funerals are on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January respectively, but alas this Magazine will not reach you in time.

The January Coffee and Chat was a great success - lots of support despite the change of date. The February one is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Malcolm, as Boss Man, is ordering 3 more tables for Church use, paid for out of Coffee & Chat proceeds, so thank you to you all.

Now I know we are back in routine! The Bell Tower Roof is once again leaking!!!

**SUE HAYHURST** - Churchwarden

# **Campton & Chicksands Parish Council**

## **New Councillors needed**

There will be elections for Town & Parish Councils in May, at the same time as the General Election.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council is entitled (on the size of population) to a parish council consisting of 7 parish councillors.

Louise Ashmore is a representative of Beds Association of Town & Parish Councils, and she is carrying out a series of information evenings at different locations to talk about becoming a parish councillor, and answer any questions.

There will be an information evening in Campton & Chicksands parish on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, from 7 - 8.30 pm, and potential parish councillors from surrounding parishes will also be invited to attend. The venue is to be confirmed in next month's newsletter.

Why not write the date in your diary, and come along to hear about parish councils in 2015, their actions and responsibilities?

## **New councillor for Campton & Chicksands**

A new parish councillor is being co-opted for the period until May 2015, Joe Longson from Greenway, Campton. Thanks to Joe for volunteering to take on the role of parish councillor at this point in time.

## **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Campton & Chicksands Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7.45 pm in Campton Village Hall.

## **Christmas decorations**

Many thanks to all those residents who decorated their houses and gardens this Christmas and made Campton & Chicksands look so festive!

**CAROL SAWYERS** - Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website, also including the approved Parish Council minutes.

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)**

# Young Ringers Outing to London 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014



On Saturday 29 November 2014 a group of 20 young ringers, mainly from Bedfordshire, set off to London with a challenge to ring at four twelve-bell towers. These towers included three of the towers mentioned in the song, Oranges & Lemons (St Martins, Old Bailey and Bow Bells).

Two of Campton's young ringers attended and fought with the mighty bells to make what turned out to be a magical sound.

When you're used to ringing on a light ring of eight you forget how heavy a bell can be. The trip to London reminded the Campton ringers of how lucky we are to have such lovely sounding, light and easy to ring bells.

A great day was had by all with lots of friendships made and stairs climbed. If there's one thing for sure, whatever cake and goodies were consumed were quickly burnt off throughout the day.

Well done to all 20 young ringers that attended, from beginners to experienced. A tough challenge was set and you all exceeded the goal!

Clare, Charlotte & Henry

# Good Neighbours Make Safe Neighbourhoods

**Look out for your neighbours...** Get to know your neighbours. They will know who shouldn't be around your home and garden when you're away. Perhaps you could start a Neighbourhood Watch or Street Watch scheme where you live? Any suspicions should be reported to the Police

**Secure your gates, windows and doors...** Stop burglars getting in without being seen by keeping back gates and sheds securely locked, hedges and trees trimmed and fencing fixed. Make sure all windows and doors are locked securely and fit intruder alarms. Don't let burglars have easy access to your home.

**Switch On Lights...** If you are out or returning home after dark, leave lights on to create the impression you're at home. If you can use light timers and outdoor sensory lights or leave a radio or TV on to deter burglars.

**Immobilise...** Register valuable and sentimental belongings on the national property database, Immobilise. This helps the Police to identify items and arrest and charge anyone responsible. For further information contact your local policing team on 101. To report a burglary call 999.

## REMEMBER – LOCK UP, LIGHT UP

Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home or use light timers.

If you can, leave a radio on to create the impression that someone's home.

Fit intruder alarms, door chains and door locks.

Lock garages, sheds and all windows.

Don't leave keys or valuables where they can be seen from doors or windows.

Never hide spare keys outside, such as under a flowerpot. It's the first place burglars look.

Register valuables or sentimental items with a serial number at

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Always check who is at the door. You don't need to open if you feel anxious.

(Find out more about the 'Nominated Neighbour Scheme' contact

[trading\\_standards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:trading_standards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

Contact your local policing team to join your local Neighbourhood Watch or Street Watch group to look out for neighbours.

# Neighbourhood Watch News

There has been one reported crime this month in the Parish; Outbuilding burglary in Gravenhurst Road, Campton, between 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> January. Access was gained to the rear garden and a UPVC window was forced open. A messy search was made and various items were taken. Crime Ref: J D / 1 8 6 8 / 2015

The Police can be telephoned on 101, or 999 if there is an emergency or a crime is in progress.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Our local neighbourhood policing team can be e-mailed at [LPTCommunityCentral-Biggleswade&Shefford@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk](mailto:LPTCommunityCentral-Biggleswade&Shefford@Bedfordshire.pnn.Police.uk)

## Campton Village Hall Management Committee 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 100 Club last year. We rely on the proceeds of the 100 Club income, together with hire fees for the hall, to pay for its rent and upkeep.

We are starting the monthly draw again this year and during March we will be coming around house to house, inviting everyone in Campton & Chicksands to join the "100 Club".

This is a major fund raising occasion for people to assist, through their financial contribution, the provision and development of the facilities at the Village Hall for everyone's future enjoyment.

The basic feature of the 100 Club is that for a payment of £12 you will be allocated a Draw Number to be entered into 12 monthly draws. A minimum of half of the total proceeds will be allocated as prizes and three prizes are won each month.

If you are not in when we call we will leave the details of who you can get in touch with should you wish to participate.

# **Free eBooks**

## **Bedford Borough & Central Bedfordshire**

### **Virtual Library**

Did Santa bring you an eBook reader?  
Hopefully you got a shiny new tablet or e-reader for Christmas?  
Or, you are lucky enough to already have one.  
If so, we have some great news for you!  
Central Bedfordshire Libraries have just launched a fantastic free downloadable e-book service. All you need is your library card and PIN to access 900 different titles.

### **How does it work?**

With our new service, you can:  
borrow up to 10 e-books at one time,  
keep them on loan for three weeks,  
forget about returning them - they will automatically expire  
and be deleted when the three weeks are completed.

**Find out more on our website**  
**<http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net>**  
**and follow the Free Downloadable E-Books link on this page**

## **Pilates in Campton**

Pilates will improve your posture, develop core strength and flatten your stomach. It is a safe and effective exercise method suitable for all ages that enables you to release tension, overcome stress and relax.

Beginners welcome

**Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am**

Campton Village Hall, Gravenhurst Road, Campton

**£36 for 6 classes / £7 drop-in (Please bring a mat)**

**Any questions please call Neelam 07891 752906**

Also available: one-to-one lessons in Pilates and Pre & Post Natal Pilates

**Campton and Chicksands**  
**Good Neighbour Group**

**Launched on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

At the time of writing, we have 21 volunteers who have offered their time to the group. All are 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.

**News From The Tower**

**Visiting ringers in February:**

**Monday February 2** - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association Ringers, 10am to 1pm approx.

**Sunday February 15** - Peal attempt, Essex Association of Change Ringers, 1.30pm to 4.30pm approx.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
to the Editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Editor: Angela Baker**

**Email: [angjbaker@outlook.com](mailto:angjbaker@outlook.com)**

**Tel: 01462 851733**