

# Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

## February 2019

### COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

10am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton  
The following Coffee & Chat  
will be on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

### 'TRUGS & TROWELS'

#### GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February

Talk on 'Shows and Judging'

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

### CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS

#### PARISH COUNCIL

#### MEETING

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

### QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

All Saints Church, Campton

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION EVENT

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February

10am - 4pm

Campton Village Hall

### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

#### COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

# Community Tasks Group

During our consultation about the Neighbourhood Plan, residents told us the main reason they enjoy living in the parish is because of the strong sense of community. People take pride in the historic and rural character of where we live and accessibility to green spaces in our residential areas and walks within the surrounding countryside are clearly important to us all.

In the Neighbourhood Plan Survey the Parish Council made an appeal for residents to help with maintaining communal areas and paths. It is our intention to bring together volunteers to form a Friends of Campton and Chicksands Group. The group can meet on a regular basis, as often as it likes, to undertake tasks such as community gardening, pathway clearance and litter picking around the parish.

Central Bedfordshire Council can give support by providing equipment, training (if required) and covering volunteers through their third party liability insurance.

These groups have already been set up in other parishes and have proved very popular, combining opportunities to keep fit and healthy as well as being a sociable activity.

Steve Halton, the Countryside Officer has agreed to give a talk at **9:30 am on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Campton Village Hall** followed by a walk across to Campton Woods. Light refreshments will be provided. Please do come along to hear more about how you might be able to help, without any obligation. If you are unable to attend the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, then please email our Parish Clerk ([Tammy.medley@btinternet.com](mailto:Tammy.medley@btinternet.com)) and ask that your details are added to our list and we will contact you.

**Thank you for your support.**

## News From The Tower

### Visiting ringers in February:

**Sunday February 10** - Peal attempt, Cambridge and area ringers  
- 2pm to 5pm approx.

**Monday February 25** - Peal attempt, Ely Diocesan Association  
- 10am to 1pm approx.

**'Chris's Corner'** is on holiday!

JOHN LOVELESS

# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*"Surely as cometh the Winter,  
I know there are Spring violets under the snow."  
- R. H. Newell*



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
at **Campton Village Hall**

We will be welcoming **JP Carter of the Flitwick (Seedbox)  
Gardeners' Association**, who will be giving us a talk on  
'Shows and Judging - what exhibitors should do to prepare'.

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

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

For more information, please contact... **MARYIKA 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.

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their first meeting of the New Year on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 in the Village Hall.

We began 2019 by welcoming a new Councillor onto the Parish Council; resident Jane Fradd was co-opted at the meeting and after completing the relevant paperwork joined the other Councillors at the table. We are very pleased to have Jane join the team, importantly giving the Parish Council a full complement of seven Councillors. We are also particularly pleased to have a representative on the Council from Chicksands.

Central Bedfordshire Councillors Tony Brown and Mark Liddiard were able to report that the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Executive was due to meet on 08/01/19 to discuss the budget. The Draft Budget for 2019/20 indicates a 1% rise in Council tax in order to fund investment in front-line services. Savings of £14.8 million will also need to be achieved in order to meet CBC targets and these efficiencies have been identified. Since the inception of the new Council in 2009, efficiencies of £135 million have been delivered.

Between 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 residents in Central Bedfordshire are invited to take part in a consultation to put forward their views for the 2019/20 budget. Residents can find more information and participate online at [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/budget2019](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/budget2019). I do have some hard copies of the questionnaire for residents unable to access the internet, please contact me if you would like a copy. Alternatively, hard copies can also be found in the local library, Council offices or Citizens Advice.

Highways England is carrying out a review of the A507 from the A1 through to the Clophill A6 roundabout and beyond. Further updates on this review process and outcomes will be given in the Newsletter as information becomes available.

The CBC Draft Local Plan remains with the Government Inspector and information on progress of the Plan and expected timescales etc. can be found online. The Parish Council will update you via the Newsletter when we have more information.

Along with a Parish Councillor I recently met with the CBC Countryside Officer to discuss setting up and running a community group to help look after the countryside we live in. We will soon be looking for volunteers willing to offer some help with community tasks. If you are interested, further

information can be found in the **Community Tasks Group** article in this Newsletter (see page 2).

Finally, the Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents to attend the upcoming **Neighbourhood Plan Consultation** event in Campton Village Hall on Saturday February 9th. This is your chance to have your say on drafts of the policies and associated information going forward to the Plan which, along with the CBC Local Plan, will help shape where we live until 2035. Please see the flyer delivered with this Newsletter for further information.

**The date for the next Parish Council meeting is  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

**See the SNOWDROPS at the  
National Trust, Anglesey Abbey & Lode Mill,  
Cambridgeshire**

**Noted for the amazing display of snowdrops every year!!**

**Departing 10.00/10.30 with return departing 14.30/15.00**

**Bus fare: £12.00 p.p. (Admission extra)**

**(To reserve your place we will require a  
£5.00 p.p. deposit by end of January `19 please.)**

Cheques payable to: Wanderbus Ltd.

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## Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

The draft policies of the Neighbourhood Plan have now been completed. These have been based on the evidence gathered throughout the preparation process which includes the 2010 Parish Plan, Minutes from Parish Council meetings, consultation events held in 2017 and July 2018, information provided by Central Bedfordshire Council and your opinions from the surveys conducted in November 2017 and August 2018. Some policies are intended to inform planning decisions, others are aspirational policies about what we want for our community.

Important parts of the policies involve the design and appearance of new development or changes to existing buildings - this is known as the Village Design Statement. The protection of the green open spaces in the parish by designation of areas we want to protect and the listing of buildings as assets of community value to prevent their development are also included in the Plan.

**On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February between 10:00am and 4:00pm in Campton Village Hall** we are holding a drop-in session for you to come and discuss the policies. The Greensand Trust will be in attendance to show the areas in the Parish they have identified that are eligible for designation as Green Open Spaces, but they also want to hear your opinions on any other areas not identified that could be evaluated. The Greensand Trust will also be running a **children's activity between 11:00am and 1:00pm**. We are keen to ensure that family groups come along as the Plan, once adopted, will be in force until 2035.

Following this consultation the draft plan will be finalised and sent to Central Bedfordshire for external review. The Steering Group will need to respond to any responses before the Plan is sent to a government Planning Inspector. We need your help in making sure that our policies and proposals meet with your agreement, **so please come to our consultation on 9<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		January 2019
1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	72 D. Baker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20	77 J. Hanlon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£15	101 V. Brand

**"Congratulations to our winners this month"**

# Pew News

We hope you were able to attend our Christmas services and found them special and moving - it's always lovely to see All Saints full. Very grateful thanks go to those who worked so hard to decorate, ring the bells, play the organ and sing in the choir.

Special thanks go to Bill Roberts for the beautiful Christmas tree he provided.

We are very grateful to Kathy Taylor who wrote and presented a quiz at church on 11<sup>th</sup> January and thank you to those who came to support us, especially as the church was quite chilly that night. Kathy has prepared another **Quiz for Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February**, again 7.15 for 7.30pm - please see a separate notice in the Newsletter. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and the church will be warmer!

**The Campton Community Choir resumes its rehearsals on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm**; please contact Kathy Taylor on 01462 816108 for any enquiries.

Our coffee mornings continue to be very popular and it's always lovely to see friends there. Our next takes place on 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10am, with as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink for a mere £1. Malcolm Willis has asked for additional help with these monthly events, to avoid having to reduce their number; please let us know if you can help.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sunday services at 11am. Service details are on the Church noticeboard or please contact Audrey Brand or me.

With all best wishes

DEBORAH MAGGS, Churchwarden 07778 424408

Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website.

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)



# Quiz Night



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February**  
**7.15pm for a 7.30pm start**  
**at All Saints Church, Campton**  
**£5 per person, students free.**

**Four in a team, (can make numbers up on the night).**  
**Welcome to bring your own refreshments and nibbles.**

## Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan



**Consultation Event**  
**Campton Village Hall**  
**Saturday 9th February 2019**  
**10:00am to 4:00pm**

We hope you will attend to provide your input on the draft  
Neighbourhood Plan policies and Village Design Statement

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
to the Editor, Angela Baker **no later than 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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