

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter February 2017

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 1st February
7.30pm - Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 3rd February
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 3rd March

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 6th February
Stephens Plants, Maulden Garden Centre
"A talk on the 'WOW' factor in your garden"
7.30pm - Campton Village Hall

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday, 25th February
Noon - 3.00pm
Campton Village Hall
Fundraiser for All Saints
Church, Campton : 50p entry

COFFEE AFTERNOON

Thursday, 9th February
2.00pm
Campton Lower School

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

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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 it is grey, drizzly and rather chilly as I write mid-January, but the Church was a haven of light, warmth and laughter throughout December as we prepared for and then celebrated Christmas. There was the joy and delight of the school children as they presented the traditional crib scene figures and told the story of the Nativity, before they broke up for the school holiday.

We would like to again thank Bill Roberts for providing the Christmas tree for us, it really was a beauty - and kept its needles safely attached I'm glad to say!

On the 23rd December the morning was spent decorating the Church.

This year was a bit different as we had a theme - each windowsill depicted a different carol. Thanks to Pam and Louise, Anne, Kathy T., Sally, June, and Karen. Lily helped me (or I helped Lily!) to do one too. That evening we had a lovely warm, happy evening showing off our efforts. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the atmosphere and the mulled wine and have a pre-Christmas social evening.

As a Churchwarden, the Christmas Eve Service of 9 Lessons and Carols is the result of planning, praying and hoping all goes well. I think Deborah will agree with me, this year it did! Sincere thanks to all the Readers and Singers. Christmas morning Communion Service was very different, but no less joyous.

And so we move into 2017 - and we wish everyone in the Parish of Campton and Chicksands a **HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.**

Coffee 'n' Chat on the 6th January was a great morning, so many people came, it was really lovely to see all our old friends - and make some new ones. By the way, there are quite a number of newcomers to the Village in the last 12 months - we do hope that you enjoyed your first Christmas in Campton, and are feeling at home here.

Best wishes from **SUE HAYHURST** - Churchwarden

Rockin in the Aisles – 3rd December 2016
Thank You from Rev. Dean Henley

Dear Joy & Steve,

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to the band and all their supporters for such a fantastic result. So much work goes in to the evening and I'm sure the PCC will join in congratulating you all on what I hear was a great night. Yours, Dean



Campton Lower School

would like to invite you to a
COFFEE AFTERNOON

on Thursday 9th February 2017
 at 2.00pm



All parents and
 members of the
 community are welcome



Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		January 2017
1 st	£35	53 S. Strong
2 nd	£20	144 D. Parrish
3 rd	£12	45 C. Greet

"Congratulations to our winners this month"

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you do not have a number, but would like to be included, please contact **Malcolm on 812747**

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wednesday 4th January 2017. The meeting was well attended by residents with the majority of those attending wishing to express concerns over recent planning application CB/16/05293/FULL. This recently revised application is for a proposed "5m increase to telecommunications tower to facilitate upgrade, and associated works" according to the CBC Planning Website and refers to the mobile phone tower at Top Farm in Campton.

A number of the Councillors declared an interest regarding this application and as a result two members of Council took no part in this section of the meeting. With advice sought via the Clerk, it was agreed the Parish Council remained quorate and following debate resolved to object to the revised application primarily on the grounds of the increased height having a negative visual impact, particularly on the "rural" Priory Road approach to Campton. A number of other points have been made to the Planning Authorities by the Parish Council regarding this application.

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown was able to accept a petition regarding this application which had been organised by a group of residents. He agreed to hand deliver this to the Planning Department. Please note that the consultation period for this application is now over. However, further information on the application can be found on the Central Bedfordshire Website.

One of the issues raised at our last meeting were concerns over heavy vehicles driving through Campton. The Parish Council continue to follow up on this issue with local business etc. Feedback so far has been helpful & considerate. If you have any further concerns please do contact the Parish Council.

A new waste bin will be fitted by the bus stop on Priory Road in the coming weeks. Arrangements have also been made to have the waste bin on the Recreation Ground regularly emptied by CBC contractors.

The Parish Council held an interim meeting prior to Christmas to discuss next year's budget and the precept. Following a number of years with little or no

increase the Parish Council have decided to increase the precept by 7%. This increase is necessary in order to cover next year's planned expenditure. The precept remains relatively low in comparison with similar civil parishes in Central Bedfordshire. This increase will mean an average D band house contribution via the Council Tax will increase from £30.35 to £32.11 annually.

The Parish Council have an urgent requirement to recruit two new Councillors. If you would like to find out more please contact myself or a Councillor and you always are welcome to attend meetings where Councillors will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

If you have anything you would like to raise with the Parish Council for discussion, please feel free to contact me at tammy.medley@btinternet.com (telephone 01908 505558).

You may also contact the Parish Council via the web "Contact Form" on the Parish Council website.

<http://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/>

**The date for the next meeting is
Wednesday 1st February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Friends of Campton PTA

would like to wish the residents of Campton and Chicksands
a very Happy New Year.

We are currently busy planning events for this school year
that we hope to see many of you at.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising and/or events,
they would always be appreciated, and as always if you would like
to join the PTA please contact us on pta@camptonlower.org.

Look out in the next newsletter for some dates for your diary!

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) PARENT, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

Drop-in events:-

We are a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents / carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We support children and young people from 0 to 25 in an educational setting.

We offer advice on: finding a school; classroom support; SEND support plans; behaviour issues; education health and care plans; statements / education health care plans and annual reviews; school transitions; exclusions.

Types of support we offer: telephone helpline; leaflets and newsletters; downloadable resources via our website and social media; help with forms, letters and other paperwork; information on local support groups; home visits and support at school meetings.

No appointment is necessary – just drop in.

If you are unable to make a session and want any advice, please
call 0300 300 8088

or email parent.partnership@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Shefford Children's Centre Drop in event 2017 - Time: 9:30am to 11am

Dates: 22 February, 22 March, 26 April & 28 June.

Shefford Lower School, School Lane, Shefford, Beds. SG17 5XA



Your Parish Council Needs You !!



Your Parish Council currently has two councillor vacancies and is urgently looking for one or two local residents willing to volunteer a little time each month to sit on the Council and help support the Campton & Chicksands community. Training for new councillors is provided.

Want to know more with no obligation? Then please contact the Parish Council Clerk (tammy.medley@btinternet.com) or just come along to the next Parish Council Meeting and talk to the councillors.

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 6th February**
at Campton Village Hall.

Stephens Plants of Maulden Garden Centre will be giving a talk
"Get the 'WOW' factor in your garden and how to create it"

Our January meeting saw Liz & Mike Tyler of Campton win our
'Four Seasons' Photography Competition.

We also took a look back at 2016 and a taster of things to come in 2017.

A trip is planned for 5th June 2017, to visit Lord & Lady Whitbread's
house and garden on the Southill Estate. For more information and
to book a place, please contact Maryika.

Please feel free to bring along any surplus garden related items for our
'Free & Swap' table at the Village Hall meetings.

Doors open at 7pm for setting up, any help would be gratefully received.

Everyone Welcome

Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £1.50

For more information, please contact... Maryika 01462 851729

News From The Tower

Visiting Ringers during February:

Friday February 17 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association -
10.00am to 1.00pm approx

Monday February 27 - Peal attempt - Alderney ringers, Channel Islands -
9.45am to 1.00pm approx.

Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area. If you want to know more,
or fix to have a go, come along on a Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm
or call me on 07803 206161 **JOHN LOVELESS**

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

Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

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.

TABLE TOP SALE



Campton Village Hall

Sat 25th Feb 2017

Midday to 3.00pm

Fundraiser for All Saints Church

Sellers £8.00 table (11.00am set-up)

General Public 50p entrance at Midday

Plus Tea & Coffee & Raffle

For details contact Joy Curtis 01462 811798 or

email: pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the 15th February 2017

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