

# Campton & Chicksands

## Parish Council Newsletter

### January 2019

Happy  
New Year!

**CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

**COFFEE & CHAT**

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January  
10am - noon

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

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January  
7.15pm for a 7.30pm start  
All Saints Church, Campton  
Teams of four (£5 per person)

**'TRUGS & TROWELS'**  
**GARDENING CLUB**

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January  
'Looking Back & Looking Forward'  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*'Snowdrops: Theirs is a fragile but hardy celebration....  
in the very teeth of winter'*

*- Louise Wilder*



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
at **Campton Village Hall**

**To start the New Year off we will be  
'Looking Back at 2018 and Looking Forward to 2019'**

A reminder also that subscriptions for all those who wish to pay for an annual membership this year, will be due at the January meeting.

**"Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year"**

**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 and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

## Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.....

The writing of the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. During January we will be delivering a summary of the draft plan and policies to every household.

**On the 9th February 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00pm we will be holding a Consultation Event in Campton Village Hall.**

**We hope you will attend to provide your input on the policies.**

The draft Village Design Statement will also be presented. This is the document that planners would be required to refer to when reviewing any planning applications that come forward, once the final version of the Plan is in force. It will specify what any new housing or changes to existing housing should look like, including the landscaping of the surrounding areas, car parking provision, street lighting, etc.

The Greensand Trust will also be in attendance at the event seeking your views on the proposed Local Green Spaces we intend to designate in the Plan - land that will be protected from development. It is important we have your feedback on these locations to make sure any areas you feel are important have been considered before the Plan is finalised.

Further updates on the development of the plan can be found on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

## Village Hall 100 Club Draw

December 2018		
1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	105 M. Willis
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20	66 Mr. Cook
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£15	79 M. Moy

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

### 'CRISIS at Christmas' Coffee & Chat

A big 'THANK YOU' to everyone who helped raise an impressive **£150** for 'CRISIS at Christmas' at the December Coffee & Chat.

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in the Village Hall.

The report to the Parish Council by attending Ward Councillors covered a number of items including, initial information on a new parking strategy that will be launched by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) in January 2019. Covanta, an environmental solutions company, have received approval from the Environment Agency allowing them to commence construction of the planned incinerator, energy from waste facility, at the Rookery South Pit in the Marston Vale. The target for new homes in Central Bedfordshire for this year is 1600 as per the Local Plan. So far CBC have registered that 976 have been completed in the first six months, with a further 1422 under construction. At the CBC Executive meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 it was agreed that changes to the current 50% premium empty homes charge would be increased to 100% from April 2019 for homes that were over two years empty. It was also agreed that additional charges would be implemented at 200% in 2020 for homes empty between 5 and 10 years, and 300% in 2021 for empty homes of 10 years or more. Consultations run by Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the 2/3 tier education system in Bedfordshire is on-going.

The dangers of overtaking on the A507, as highlighted by the Parish Council earlier this year, are being addressed by CBC. The police have been out with roadside cameras to assess the issues. New warning signage on the section between Tesco Esso Express and the Airman roundabout has been installed. CBC and Bedfordshire police have decided to go for a deterrent solution rather than make structural changes to the road.

Domestic green waste collections ceased on 10<sup>th</sup> December and will 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.

The Annual Inspection of the play area at the Recreation Ground has recently taken place and some minor repairs and painting will be carried out in the spring as the weather improves. We also wish to thank Mr. Westgarth who continues to inspect the play area on a weekly basis.

The trees and bushes by the A507 underpass have recently been trimmed by the Parish Council, making the area clearer and less secluded for pedestrians.

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the residents involved with the arrangements for the Armistice Centenary events held in the parish and the special service of Remembrance held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

The Councillors have recently agreed the budget for next year and have decided upon a 2.5% increase in the precept to cover the prospective costs of service provision for the next financial year.

The Parish Council would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

**The date for the next meeting is  
Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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## News From The Tower

### Visiting ringers in January:

**Tuesday January 1** - New Year's Day celebratory ringing

- 3pm to 4pm approx.

**Thursday January 3** - Peal attempt, Ely Diocesan Association

- 10am to 1pm approx.

**Saturday January 26** - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association

- 10am to 1pm approx.

**Chris's Corner**..... A couple of months ago I mentioned a "striking league", where several towers play in a competition to see who has the most accurately spaced bell ringing. Last week (27 November) it was our turn to go to Henlow to ring against them in an "away" fixture. Henlow bells are very different to ours; they are heavier and much older. They are also rung from a ringing room quite high up in the tower, so we had to climb a long spiral staircase just to get up to ring. We acquitted ourselves very well, but lost by a small margin to the home team. Chris Williams, one of our regular visitors at Campton, and author of 'Chris's corner' no less, was the judge; (we obviously did not bribe her with enough chocolate!). After the competition all of the ringers present carried on with a joint practice so we all got to ring with different people, great for gaining experience.

**Another league success**..... On Friday December 7 we took part in a 'double-header', home and away legs on the same evening, against Clifton and won both. This means we are top of the league with one match to play!

**JOHN LOVELESS**

# Pew News

I'd firstly like to say "Thank you very much" to Joy and Steve Curtis for their support for All Saints. On the first weekend in December Steve and his band, RF2, performed what has now become a legendary Campton diary date and funds raised come to our church. The church was full and much 'rockin' the aisles' took place! Thank you RF2 - your support is hugely appreciated.

Twenty-two of us greatly enjoyed a sociable, crafty morning in the Village Hall being expertly helped and guided by June Martin to make a Christmas table decoration. Thank you, June; money raised was donated to church funds.

The Campton Community Choir Concert in Church in November was much enjoyed - thank you to the entire choir, especially a guest performer.

We got much hard work done in November, both inside and out; thank you to all those who helped. If you might be able to help with any regular church maintenance tasks, please contact me - I've already received some offers, which are much appreciated.

I was able to join the children from Campton Lower School at church for the Crib Service led by Dean and Audrey - a very moving service with excellent carol singing and readings.

Our first two coffee mornings of 2019 are on January 4 and February 1 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, to avoid having to reduce their number. Please let us know if you can help.

Christmas services are very special and well attended - it's always lovely to see our church full. Very grateful thanks go to those who will have decorated church for Christmas, rung the bells, played the organ and sung in the choir.

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.

Our next event will be a quiz night on 11 January.

With all best wishes for a happy and healthy 2019

**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)

# CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL - NEWS

## Refuse & Recycling Collections 2018/19

### Scheduled Collection

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Revised Collection

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Refuse & Recycling Collections will resume as normal  
from Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Tidy Tip Opening Hours over Christmas & New Year

All our Recycling Sites are open Monday - Sunday from 9am-5pm, except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve when they are open 9am-1pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before closing time to allow enough time to unload.

**All sites are closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.**

## Can the Bobby Scheme help you this winter?



Protecting People and Fighting Crime  
*Together*

The Bobby Scheme is a local charity that provides a free service to the over 65s and the vulnerable, by improving

their home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The Bobby men are trained lock fitters and crime prevention advisers who offer advice, reassurance and fit a range of security devices to make people feel safer in their own home.

The Bobby Scheme has been running since 1997 and has improved or enhanced the security of over 20,000 homes across Bedfordshire. If you would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme or know someone who would benefit please call 01234-842619 or visit our website at

[www.bedspolicepartnership.org](http://www.bedspolicepartnership.org)





# 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



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