

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter January 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wed, 3rd January
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Fri, 5th January
10.00am-noon
All Saints Church,
Campton

TRUGS & TROWELS

Mon, 8th January
A look back at 2017, &
looking forward to 2018
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

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Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

Pew News

I am writing this in the build up to Christmas, amidst preparations for our Christmas services. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make Christmas at All Saints such a special time. Thank you to everyone who will be helping to decorate the church to make it look so beautiful and to all who are contributing to the Christmas services by reading, singing in the choir, playing the organ or ringing the bells.

A huge thank you too, to everyone in the village who has contributed to the life at All Saints during the year - flower arrangers, cleaners, doing general maintenance (even changing a light bulb in the church, with a roof as high as it is, is not a simple task!), keeping the churchyard tidy, organising Coffee and Chat and helping out at this and other events ... and many other things besides. Thank you too of course to Dean, Audrey, Christopher and Deborah, who take all of our services every Sunday throughout the year, as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, the school Harvest and Christmas services and for all their ministry within the community.

A huge thank you also, at this time, needs to go to Sue Hayhurst. In the New Year we will be saying goodbye to Sue as she moves from Campton to live closer to her family. She has given so much of her time and boundless energy not only to All Saints, but also to the wider community, over many years. There are so many things that Sue has done, not only in her roles as churchwarden and on various village committees over the years, but also behind the scenes ... jobs such as keeping the weeds at bay along the church wall and kindnesses such as taking neighbours shopping ... too many things to mention. Thank you Sue, for all that you have done for All Saints, for the village and for us as individuals over the years! We wish you every happiness in your new home, and hope that you will still come back to see us from time to time.

Although Christmas has been at the forefront of our minds during December, there have been other things happening at All Saints over the last month.

At the end of November, the church was filled to capacity with family and friends for the very moving funeral service for Pam Roberts. It was an opportunity to say a sad farewell, but also to remember so many happy times shared with Pam and to give thanks for all that she gave to others during her life. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Bill and the family.

On 2nd December, Rocking in the Aisles was again a fabulous evening, hugely enjoyed by everyone who came along. We danced and sang to so many favourite songs and even had a guest appearance from Henry, the church vacuum

cleaner, during the rendition of the Queen classic "I want to break free". Thank you to Steve Curtis, Rock Factor and Joy Curtis, not only for such a brilliant gig, but also for the significant amount which this raised for church funds, which is hugely appreciated.

We are planning several fund raising events for 2018. Please watch this space!

We wish everyone in Campton a happy, healthy and peaceful 2018 and look forward to welcoming you to All Saints during the year.

LINDA GARTON - Churchwarden

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Campton and Chicksands

Good Neighbour Group

At the time of writing, we have 19 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.

100 Club Draw Results for December 2017:-

1st (£35) No. 96 J. Harrison;

2nd (£20) No. 63 C. Francis; 3rd (£12) No. 8 E. Bishop

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their last meeting on Monday 11th December 2017. The weather & related highway conditions impacted attendance at this meeting and only a very limited agenda was possible. As a result a number of agenda items were carried forward to the January meeting including discussion of the budget and precept for 2018.

We thank those residents that braved the icy conditions to attend for Public Participation. A number of actions were recorded in the minutes of the meeting and will be followed up by the Parish Council in due course.

The Parish Council presented a brief analysis of the "Call for Sites" consultation responses recently published by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC). Some 117 responses to that stage of the Local Plan consultation were published; in number 4th highest for any Town or Parish in Central Beds. This is a significant response from Campton & Chicksands residents and, we feel, demonstrates that the local community is well engaged in this consultation process.

The **Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan "Drop In" sessions** held in November were well attended. They were a great opportunity for residents to find out more about Neighbourhood Plans and to provide some initial input. There were lots of comments & ideas recorded on the suggestion sheets and a number of residents have already indicated that they are willing to assist with the Steering Group & Working Parties to be established early in the New Year.

However, the response to the **Neighbourhood Plan Survey** to date has been disappointing. This survey can be completed online or via a paper form and is really important at this early stage of the community run project. Remember **it's your parish, so it's your views that are important**. Further information can be found on the back page of this Newsletter.

A short update on the recent Town & Parish Council Conference held by CBC was presented. A Community Governance Review is underway looking at parish boundaries, councillor numbers etc. The Parish Council have been asked to discuss and provide feedback. Regarding the CBC Local Plan further information will be published by CBC from January 3rd. The pre-submission draft goes to the CBC Executive on the 9th January and public consultation will take place between 10th January - 21st February. **The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, 3rd January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley

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Could you be a Parish Councillor?



Campton and Chicksands Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a local resident to join our team of Councillors and we really need to fill this position in order to maximise the services we can offer. A **full complement of Councillors would help enormously** with the Parish

Council's ability to support the timely progression of the all-important Neighbourhood Plan and best represent the views and concerns of residents as CBC look to implement their forthcoming Local Plan. If you would like further information on becoming a Councillor please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or come along to the next meeting and talk to the team.

Neighbourhood Watch

Crimes in our area that have been recorded over the last few months on the police.co.uk website.

| LOCATION | CRIME |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| June | |
| Recreation Ground, Campton | Anti social behaviour |
| July | No reported Crime |
| August | |
| Pedestrian Subway, Greenway, Campton | Anti social behaviour |
| September | |
| Priory Road, Campton | Burglary |
| Rectory Road, Campton | Vehicle Crime |
| Greenway, Campton | Public Order Offence |
| Brookside, Campton | Anti social behaviour |
| Taft Place, Chicksands | Anti social behaviour |
| Taft Place, Chicksands | Anti social behaviour |
| Taft Place, Chicksands | Violence & sexual offences |
| Trumans Place, Chicksands | Other theft |
| Hoover Place, Chicksands | Criminal damage and arson |
| October | |
| Pedestrian Subway, Greenway, Campton | Violence & sexual offences |

PAT WILLIAMS

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, Greenway

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

RF2 would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that came out and supported Rock 'in the Aisles on 2nd December.

We really appreciate your support and for attending this important fundraising event. 120 tickets were sold and over £1,400 was raised to help keep All Saints Church up and running.

The crowd singing was fab..... you all rock!

Special thanks go to all the bar helpers and to Jules for excellent lights and sound as usual. **Steve Curtis, RF2**

News From The Tower

We now have a group of youngsters learning to ring, several of whom 'had a go' at the '*Campton Festival of Bells*' in November and decided they would like to learn! Progress has been rapid - great to see! Next milestone will be all the bells being rung by a team of young ringers from Campton.

Visiting ringers in January:

Mon, Jan 8 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association - 10am to 1pm approx.

Sat, Jan 27 - Peal attempt - Biggleswade area ringers - 10am to 1pm approx.

Ringling is something YOU can do (NOT just something other people do!) and Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area.

If you would like 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**

Friends of Campton PTA would like to thank the residents of Campton and Chicksands for their support through 2017.

Our Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday the 9th December 2017, we had a wonderful turnout and we managed to raise **£1404** which will be used towards lots of fun things for the school children next year as well as helping to replace the school's ICT equipment.

It was great to see so many faces having fun and joining in the festivities.

Please, if you would like to join the PTA or have any fundraising ideas, contact us on pta@camptonlower.org

We look forward to seeing you at future events in 2018 and would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

Save the Glebe Action Group

On the 20th November a meeting took place at the village hall to discuss what action could be taken to avoid potential development of the Glebe under the Central Bedfordshire's Local Plan.

Minutes of this meeting can be found

http://www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk/Save_the_Glebe.htm

Central Bedfordshire Council is expected to release the results of its Local Plan on 3rd January 2018.

It is therefore important that if you wish to make representation to influence the decision makers before the announcement you do so immediately.

The above web page also contains a suggested letter and a list of possible recipients at Central Beds Council.

Please also note that another residents meeting will take place on Thursday, 4th January 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, if the Glebe is included in the Call for Sites going forward on 3rd January.

The **Save the Glebe Action Group** is an independent body.

The Parish Council thought that the above notice represented a genuine groundswell of opposition to development within the village, albeit focused on the Glebe land, and so deserved publication. It may be that other residents do not mind, or support such development, but the notice carries with it sound advice: if you wish your voice to be heard, contact members of Central Bedfordshire Council, who will be approving sites for development.

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

'The rose of the old year withers away as the new bud begins to bloom'

~Terri Guillemets

Our next meeting will be on

Monday, 8th January at Campton Village Hall

For the first meeting of the New Year, we will be looking back at 2017 and looking forward to what will be happening in 2018.

We hope that all our members had a wonderful time over Christmas.

New members are always very welcome to come along to any of our gardening club meetings, whether you are a novice or seasoned gardener.

Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £2

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

The Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan

your parish.....
your views.....

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE SURVEY YET?



Last date for returns is 3rd January

Want to know more about the plan?

Please watch the video <https://youtu.be/ROMbhqpp6Go>

or search YouTube for..... campton and chicksands neighbourhood plan

Ready to complete the short (about 3 mins) survey?

You can take the survey online

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SCX9TXP>

or scan the QR code opposite now...



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an opportunity to shape
our future together

The Campton & Chicksands
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Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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