

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter July & August 2015

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July; 7.30pm at Campton Village Hall

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July; 7<sup>th</sup> August & 4<sup>th</sup> September (in aid of Macmillan)  
10.00am - noon at All Saints Church, Campton

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> August - monthly meeting and talk  
7.30pm at Campton Village Hall  
plus other events in August, please see page 6 for all the details

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July; 7.45pm at Campton Village Hall

## CAMPTON LOWER SCHOOL - COFFEE MORNING

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July; 9.00-10.00am

## CAMPTON TREASURE HUNT

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July; 7.00pm start at All Saints Church, Campton

## COMMUNITY CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July; 3.00pm at All Saints Church, Campton

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

This middle week of June is proving to be rather chilly, but by the time the magazine is delivered perhaps it will be real summer and the Church will be an oasis of cool in a hot Village!! It does happen - usually about twice a year!

The last Sunday of May was a Benefice Service, when all three Churches came together, but this one was special because we were joined by family and friends of Joyce Thompson. For 47 years Joyce has worked for the Church, Playgroup and W.I., but now she plans to move from Campton - so we had tea and cakes to say "Thank you".

Early June we had Connie Draper's Funeral. It was a privilege to be present and to join her family. Connie, nee Charman, was baptised and married at All Saints and it was her wish that her funeral be held here too.

At Coffee & Chat on the 5<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Joe Freeman (whose parents, Jack and Mary still live in Greenway). Joe set up and talked us through a painting of Woodhall Farm. Although this was one of our quieter mornings, it was good to have Joe with us. The painting will be sold or raffled for the benefit of the church at a future event.

This last Sunday we welcomed Rev Andrew Goodman from Meppershall and we sincerely thank him for taking the Communion Service for us.

Now we are moving into the holiday season and so into a quieter time for our Fundraising Team.

## Dates for your Diary:

**3<sup>rd</sup> July : Coffee & Chat**

**10<sup>th</sup> July : Treasure Hunt**, meet at the Church 7pm for a hunt around the village for clues.

**19<sup>th</sup> July :** We welcome the **Community Choir**; the Concert will be held in the Church, but not for the Church. The Choir are hoping to raise enough money to provide for a bursary for a music student at Samuel Whitbread to have lessons for a year. Please do come and support this very worthwhile project.

**7<sup>th</sup> August : Coffee & Chat**

We wish you all a good Summer, weather to please you all! Good crops and great holidays, but please do remember to join us for one or more of our events.

It is a great way to meet your fellow villagers if you are new to Campton.

**SUE HAYHURST**, Churchwarden

# Campton Community Choir

Campton Community Choir's summer concert will be held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm in All Saints' Church, Campton. Everyone is invited to come along to hear a wide selection of music followed by light refreshments. There will also be a raffle.

The choir is aiming to support a local student in his/her music studies and will be priming the fund-raising from its own monies.

Please come along and support your neighbours and friends and hear the result of the choir's Wednesday evening rehearsals. If you'd like to join the choir after the summer holiday please speak with a member of the choir.

For further details please contact Kathy Taylor on 01462 816108.

# Campton Lower School

The start of the summer has been a busy time for Campton Lower School with lots of sports tournaments for all year groups, a "Sing-up" Concert for Year 3 at Bedford Corn Exchange and our annual sports morning, which was fun for all with novelty races for children and parents.

Mr Norman Arlott, a wildlife artist visited the school to run art workshops and talk about his many books and paintings; he also judged our 'Wildlife in Campton' competition which produced some lovely pieces to be displayed in our Community room.

**We will be holding our next termly Coffee Morning on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 9.00am – 10.00am, all welcome.**

So, as we near the end of another successful year for Campton Lower School we would like to thank all the parents, staff and governors for their support over the last year and wish everyone a relaxing Summer holiday.

**School will be open again for pupils  
on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

# Neighbourhood Watch News

I have become aware that earlier in the year a number of crimes have been recorded in the area (see on the police.co.uk website).

**These were:**

Month	Type of Crime	Where
March	Burglary	Luffenham Place, Chicksands
April	Anti social behaviour x 2	Greenway
	Anti social behaviour	Eisenhower Place, Chicksands
	Anti social behaviour	Orchard Drive, Chicksands.

So far this month we haven't had any crimes reported in the Parish, but please continue to be vigilant.

**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)

Summer is on the way, bringing warmer weather and people will be making the most of it - spending time in the garden, enjoying a barbecue or taking a holiday to get away from it all, but it's important to remember your home security. Simple measures can make a difference. Burglaries are down, but at this time of the year thieves know you're more likely to leave doors and windows open or be outside in your garden. If you've gone on holiday, your house may appear unoccupied. This makes your house attractive to opportunist burglars, who see an open window or door as a quick, easy way to your possessions. Burglars also target unoccupied houses as they know they won't be caught by the homeowner.

Your smart phone, mobile devices, bike and home entertainment system may mean a lot to you, but to a thief they're just a way of making quick and easy cash. The cost of being burgled is far greater than just the cost of replacing items, as photos on a computer or jewellery may have sentimental value, whilst thieves can access sensitive data such as your bank details and e-mails on a smartphone or tablet.

To help you avoid becoming a victim of burglary, the Police have published the following advice with measures you can take to keep your house secure.

Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference. Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary.

**Here are a few tips:**

Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn the key);

Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox);

Install a visual burglar alarm;

Install good outside lighting;

Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property;

Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied;

Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition;

Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage;

Keep ladders and tools stored away, don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home;

Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property;

Ensure rear fencing is in good repair;

Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges;

Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with at <https://www.immobilise.com>;

Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme at <http://www.ourwatch.org.uk>;

Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows;

Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting got off to a flying start with Malcolm Willis giving us an informative talk and demonstration, followed by the planting up of hanging baskets with not only a summer flowering display, but also herbs, salad crops and even alpines.

A vote also took place to choose a name for the newly formed gardening club; as you can see **'Trugs & Trowels'** won!

## OUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July** : 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Campton Village Hall  
**'Growing strawberries'** : speaker Dr Avice Hall MBE, past secretary of the British Society for Plant Pathology.

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August** : 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Campton Village Hall  
**'Cottage gardening, garden to table'** : speaker Vicki Reed from Ickwell, talking about pickles, chutneys and jams, including tastings and recipe hand-outs. Purchases can be made with all proceeds going to Nepal Crisis (If you have any unwanted CLEAN jam jars, please bring them along to donate to Vicki - thank you).

**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August** : **Woodlands Nurseries** exclusive pre-sale invitation for club members and invited guests only.

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August** : **'Safari Gardens'** followed by pot luck nibbles and Pimm's at 28 Greenway or Campton Village Hall (weather dependent)!! (More details will follow on this event at the July and August monthly meetings)

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** : 7.30pm - 9.00pm at Campton Village Hall  
**Gardener's Question Time**, tea, tips and Quiz.

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

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

**Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £1.50**

**Please come along as they say**

**"all gardeners know better than other gardeners"...** Chinese Proverb

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

# News From The Tower

## Visiting ringers in July/August:

**Sunday July 12** - Peal attempt, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,  
2pm to 5pm approx.

**Sunday August 9** - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association,  
2pm to 5pm approx.

## COFFEE & CHAT

**Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September Coffee & Chat  
World's Biggest Coffee Morning  
in aid of Macmillan  
with cakes and Bring & Buy Stall**

## 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

**£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

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)

# Campton Treasure Hunt

Secret meeting place - All Saints' Church



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7 - 9pm

Clues around the Village

Refreshments in Church

Equipment needed - £2.50 for adults and  
shanks's pony! Children are free

## Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

### 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.

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

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