

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter June 2017

## COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton  
The following Coffee & Chat  
will be on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July

## 'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Talk by Brenda Marriot  
'Small Gardens'  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

VOTING on  
Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June  
GENERAL ELECTION  
7.00am - 10.00pm  
Campton Village Hall

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> June  
7.30pm  
Campton Village Hall

SUMMER FAYRE  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June  
3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Campton Lower School

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the Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

# Pew News

I last wrote immediately after the lovely happy Easter celebrations. The next week brought the A.P.C.M. and the election of Church Officers for the coming year. As you know, I have resigned after nine years and as of mid-June, Linda Garton will take over and work alongside Deborah; I am still on the Committee for the time being. Sharon Kahn is to remain as Church Treasurer and Geoff Gordon will serve again as Church Secretary.

It is a difficult time for All Saints Church, once again we have failed to pay our full Quota for church expenses. The most important thing about that is that we are not contributing to the salary of our Rector, maintenance of the Rectory in Haynes and the pensions of retired Clergy. We need to raise much more money somehow.

To raise money we try to hold a variety of events - we work very hard at that, but no event can be a success if no-one attends. All Saints is a lovely welcoming building, steeped in centuries of worship. It would be a tragedy to see it dark and silent.

Churches need more than money, they need love. We need help - help to keep the Churchyard tidy for example. It is such a beautiful area to work in, the birds and flowers - and absolutely no digging! Indoors there is wood to polish, bins to put out, silly little jobs that all take time for one person, but are nothing when shared. Would anyone care to take over the monthly delivery to the Town House in Shefford of the Food Bank collection?

If you are willing to help your Church in any way, PLEASE do let us know.

**SUE HAYHURST**, soon to be ex-Churchwarden

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)

# 'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*'What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer,  
the fulfilment of the promise of the earlier months,  
and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade'*  
- Gertrude Jekyll

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
at **Campton Village Hall**

This month Brenda Marriot will be giving a talk on 'Small Gardens'

**Everyone Welcome**

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

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

## PLEASE BE AWARE.....

There was an attempted burglary at a residence in the  
Rectory Road area on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May.  
All residents please be vigilant and always report any suspicious  
behaviour to the police.

## News From The Tower

### Visiting ringers in June:

**Saturday June 10** - Biggleswade District Ringers practice meeting

- 5.30pm to 8pm

**Thursday June 15** - Ringing for BBC Music Day

- 6.45pm to 8.15pm approx.

**Sunday June 25** - Peal attempt - Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

- 2pm to 5pm approx.

Ringing 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**

# Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council was the Annual Meeting and took place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. The first decision of the Parish Council at the Annual Meeting is to elect a Chairman for the forthcoming year. I'm pleased to inform you that the incumbent Chairman Cllr Charles Ash will continue as Chair, with Cllr Dave Baker as Vice Chair until May 2018. The roles and responsibilities of each councillor were reviewed and confirmed and are listed on the Parish Council website. Please note that we currently have one councillor vacancy which we would really like to fill. If you would like to know more about the role of councillor and the work of the Parish Council then please do email me or come along to a meeting for further information.

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Tony Brown gave an update with regards to development of the new Central Bedfordshire Local Plan. The 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the new plan is now nearing completion and is due to be submitted to the CBC Executive for review and approval on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The draft plan should then be published and be the subject to an 8 week public consultation period. The progress of the Local Plan can be followed at any time via the Central Bedfordshire website. Any significant updates on progress are also posted on the Parish Council website.

The outcomes from the local Community Planning session held by CBC in March were not available at the meeting, but have since been published online as a draft. The following link may be used to view this draft "Community Plan". Outcomes & feedback from this exercise will be considered for inclusion in the final Local Plan.

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/community-planning.aspx>

The Parish Council would once again like to thank all those residents who went along to the session, our councillors were pleased to see so many familiar faces.

The Parish Council is currently looking at the possibility of initiating a Neighbourhood Plan for our locality. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the future development and growth of their local area. A Neighbourhood Plan, unlike a Parish Plan, has real weight in the planning process, but does have to exist within the broader Local Plan strategy.

Development of a Neighbourhood Plan would be a significant undertaking for the Parish Council and would require support and input from the community. A representative from CBC will attend our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to discuss Neighbourhood Plans further with the Parish Council and attending residents.

The Council have identified several long term improvement projects for the Parish. Councillors will now look at the potential benefits, costs and consultation requirements etc. of these ideas over the next few months. If anyone has a project they would like to be considered by the Council then please do come along to a meeting and put forward your suggestions or alternatively email us, we would love to hear your ideas.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Parish Council, please feel free to contact me and I will do this on your behalf or come along to a Parish Council Meeting, all residents have an opportunity to address the Council with concerns or ideas at the start of the meeting.

You can contact me at [tammy.medley@btinternet.com](mailto:tammy.medley@btinternet.com)  
(telephone 01908 505558)

Alternatively you may 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

## **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.

## The London Marathon - My Journey

by Lindsay Edwards

I'm going to start by saying, I am not a runner; but, in February Keech Hospice offered me one of their charity spaces to run the London Marathon, I leapt at the chance to run for them. Keech Hospice had recently provided my Auntie Gill and Uncle Steve with the most wonderful end of life care and I was keen to raise as much money as I possibly could in their memory. I had to begin with the Couch to 5K programme, quickly building up to running much longer distances. I can't say I enjoyed the training, it was gruelling. I had to run whatever the weather, which included a lot of rain, light snow and even Storm Doris, the occasional bit of sunshine was very welcome. Yet, slowly I could feel my strength and fitness improving and I began to long for the 'big day'.

Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April came round all too quickly, and it was incredible; what an atmosphere! It may be a long run, but it's far from boring. Not only do you pass London's most iconic buildings, but there are cheerleaders, Morris dancers, brass bands and singers en route, keeping us all entertained. The crowds were phenomenal, lining the streets in their thousands to cheer us on. I genuinely loved all 5 hours, 45 minutes and 17 seconds of it, so much so that I have entered the ballot for next year!

So far I have raised over £1700 for Keech Hospice Care, but my JustGiving page is still active for anyone who would like to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lindsay-Edwards>

Steve and Gill - 26.2 was for you x

## 100 Club Draw

In participating in the 100 Club Draw, you are providing vital support for the continuing upkeep of Campton Village Hall..... THANK YOU  
Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details.

		May 2017
1 <sup>st</sup>	£35	15 J. Hewett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20	143 N. Parrish
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£12	125 P. Fisher

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

# CAMPTON - WANDERBUS

Bookings & Info : Tel :0300-123-3023

[www.wanderbus.org.uk](http://www.wanderbus.org.uk)

e-mail: [thewanderbus@gmail.com](mailto:thewanderbus@gmail.com)



Open to all passengers. Cash fares & concessionary travel passes accepted.

## As of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 - Revised

"Stops at all Bus Stops on Request"

W3 BIGGLESWADE	- Every Monday	OUT	RETURN
Opp Church		09.05	RR
<b>Biggleswade - London Rd Retail Centre</b>		<b>10.10</b>	<b>11.40</b>
Asda		10.14	11.36
Sainsbury's on request		10.20 OR	11.30 OR

W6 SHEFFORD	- Every Friday	OUT	RETURN
Opp Church		09.08	RR
<b>Shefford - Morrisons</b>		<b>09.29</b>	<b>10.45</b>
Shefford Health Centre		09.34 OR	10.50 OR

W14 WELWYN GARDEN CITY	- 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month	OUT	RETURN
Greenway		08.53	RR
Opp Church		08.55	RR
<b>WGC Central Bus Station</b>		<b>10.05</b>	<b>12.00</b>

OR = Stops on Request

RR = Return Stops on Request

## MONTHLY EXCURSION

### 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF MONTH - RING FOR DESTINATION & BOOKINGS

Sorry no travel passes can be accepted

16 Seater Buses Available for Private Hire - Schools/Clubs etc.

### WANDERBUS EXCURSION - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

**St. Albans** : City attractions include the Abbey, Shops, Parks and Museums

**£11.50** per person

Pick up: 9.30-10.00am / **approx. Arrival:** 11.00am / **Departure:** 3.00pm

(NB. Cash Fares only - sorry Travel Passes cannot be accepted)

**Please call or email numbers as above for more info or to book your seat**

**Friends of Campton PTA** would like to tell the residents of Campton and Chicksands to save a date for their diary!

**Campton Lower School**  
**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**3.30pm - 5.00pm**

**will be our first ever Summer Fayre!**

Please come along and show your support,  
there will be lots of activities and plenty of fun to be had.

Will you be able to Hook a Duck?

Splat the Rat?

Or even Knock down all the tin cans?

We are currently asking for donations towards our tombola stall, if there is anything that you could offer as a prize, please drop it in to the school office or contact any member of the PTA and we would be happy to arrange collection.

As always, if anyone has any ideas for fundraising and/or events, they would always be appreciated, and if you would like to join the PTA please contact us on [pta@camptonlower.org](mailto:pta@camptonlower.org).

**We look forward to seeing you on the 29<sup>th</sup> June!**

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted  
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the **15<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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