

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter March 2017

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 1st March
7.30pm - Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 3rd March
10.00am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton

The following Coffee & Chat will be on Friday, 7th April which will be in aid of 'Help 4 Heroes' - Bake/Buy a Cake

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 8th March
7.45pm - Campton Village Hall

COMMUNITY PLANNING EVENT

Thursday, 2nd March
Shefford Baptist Church
4 Bedford Road, Shefford
2.30pm - 7.30pm

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 6th March
A talk by Beverly Blackham
about the running of the
Shefford Allotments
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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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

The four weeks since I last wrote seem to have been chilly and grey - wet and windy - with the odd sparkle of sunshine and snowdrops; but we had one Saturday when the Village Hall buzzed with chatter and laughter. I know it was not Church business really, but I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came to view and discuss the photos, maps and papers relating to the History of Campton. They will form the basis of a Village Archive. Thank you to Sandra, June, Pauline and Kath for all their help and to Jackie and Malcolm for the refreshments.

Sadly I have to tell you that at the end of January someone opened the Charity Box in the Church and stole the very small amount of money in it. This collection goes towards our support providing education for a needy boy in Pakistan. I am so glad that the Box had been officially emptied earlier.

During February a group from the three churches have been studying the Bible under the leadership of Christopher Strong.

The Coffee & Chat morning was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. If you are new to the Village or find you have some time on your hands, these social mornings (1st Friday of each month) are an excellent way to meet and make new friends.

Candlemas is the time when the Nativity crib scene is put away for another year and so the Christmas season is over. The weeks between Candlemas and Ash Wednesday have become the time when the Church building is cared for, we have checks and concerns for lighting, heating, insurance and roof maintenance; all annual inspections that need to be done.

Then it will be March, the Ash Wednesday is 7.30 1st March and so into Lent. We shall be having the Lent lunch for WaterAid as usual. There will be another Bible Study course, this time Monday afternoons at Haynes led by the Rector. Mothering Sunday is the 26th March a special day for us all and 3rd March is Coffee & Chat again.

We do hope to meet you at the Easter Services.

SUE HAYHURST - Churchwarden

**Message from the Residents Campaigning Team
regarding the Phone Mast Application.....**

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition against,
or objected to, extending the phone mast off Rectory Road.

Your support was much appreciated.

Central Beds Council approved the application.

*(In the interests of impartiality we would like to make clear that this is not an editorial view,
but worthy of passing on to a significant number of the residents of Campton
who supported this campaign).*

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		February 2017
1 st	£35	11 A. Stickland
2 nd	£20	155 B. Sheasby
3 rd	£12	5 J. Ayres

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

Your continued support is
greatly appreciated.

For further information please
contact **Malcolm on 812747**

**HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE
CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE RECENTLY?**

Your Parish Council maintains and regularly updates a website
with details of our monthly meetings, agendas, minutes
and other local news relating to where you live.

The website also provides public online access to a broad range of
Parish Council documentation, a local events calendar, news on planning
applications and links to other community and local service websites.

You can even read this newsletter online!

VISIT THE WEBSITE AT...

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

Or... just search for Campton & Chicksands Parish Council.

Why not visit the website soon to find out more. Perhaps add a link to your
browser favourites for easy access to the website in the future.

Please note that the Parish Council continues to post important information
on our notice boards.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council took place on Wed 1st February 2017. During public participation there was some discussion regarding the recent planning application proposing to increase the height of the telecommunication tower at Top Farm to facilitate an upgrade. The planning application had come before the Central Bedfordshire Council's Development Management Committee earlier that day. The Parish Council had made representation in support of its objection to the application at the Committee, as had a representative of the group of residents that had organised a petition opposing the application. However, Councillors Baker & Westgarth reported that the Committee had resolved to approve this planning application in full. The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the feedback and efforts of local residents in respect of this planning application.

The Clerk and a Councillor were recently approached by a member of staff from the village school to discuss an on-going issue of dogs fouling on the recreation ground. The school use the recreation ground for lessons on a regular basis and for health and safety reasons staff check out the area each time it is to be used. Unfortunately they often have to clean up dog mess which is an unpleasant task. The Parish Council asks that all residents that use the Recreation Ground for walking dogs please clear up any mess that the dog makes and deposit it in the dog waste bin at the entrance to the Recreation Ground or take it away with you. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Central Bedfordshire Council are running a Community Planning Event on 2nd March 2017 as part of the on-going development of the Central Bedfordshire Local Plan. The event is open to all local residents and will run from 2.30pm-7.30pm at Shefford Baptist Church, 4 Bedford Rd, Shefford, SG17 5DJ. The Local Plan will document Central Bedfordshire Council's overall approach to sustainable growth, community facilities, infrastructure, housing, employment etc. up until 2035. Campton & Chicksands has been grouped into a public session along with Clifton, Henlow, Stondon, Meppershall and Shefford. The Parish Council will be attending and aim to have a representative available throughout the event to help answer your questions and assist with putting forward your ideas and opinions.

The Parish Council urges all residents to go along to this Community Planning Event as it is an important opportunity for you to have your say on the makeup of the Local Plan which will shape where we live over the next 20 years.

You may drop in at any time between 2.30pm & 7.30pm.

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a new Councillor. If you would like to find out more please contact me or one of the Councillors. Alternatively you 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 March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.



CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 100 CLUB DRAW

A very big "THANK YOU" to all of you who participated in the 100 Club last year. During the next few weeks members of the Committee will be coming around house to house, inviting everyone to join the "100 Club" for another year. This is our major fund raising occasion for people to assist with the upkeep of your Village Hall through a small financial contribution. The basic feature of the 100 Club is that for a payment of £12 you will be allocated a Draw Number to be entered into 12 monthly draws. A minimum of half of the total proceeds will be allocated as prizes and three prizes are won each month. If you are not in when we call, we will leave details of who you can get in touch with should you wish to participate.

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

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

Beverly Blackham will talk to us about the running of the
Shefford Allotments.

Also free potato sets will be given out for our potato growing competition.

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 March:

Sunday March 12 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association -
2pm to 5pm approx

Thursday March 30 - Peal attempt - Lincoln Diocesan Guild -
10am to 1.30pm 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**

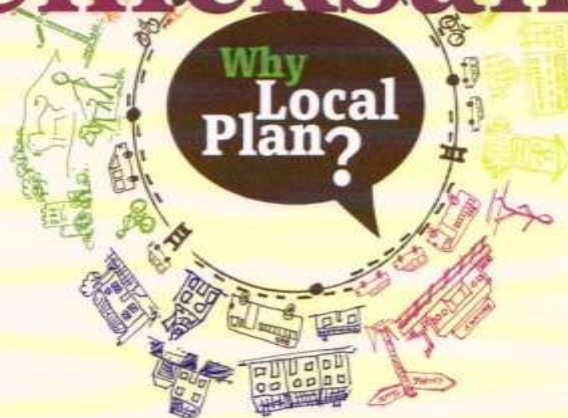
Further information about the Parish can be found on the Parish website.

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

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Campton & Chicksands



Community Planning Event

have
your
say...



Thursday 2nd March
Shefford Baptist Church,
4 Bedford Rd, Shefford, SG17 5DJ

2:30-7:30pm

Sign up for email updates - have your say...

 www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/local-plan

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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, Angela Baker by the 15th March 2017

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