

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

March 2019

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 1st March

10am - noon

All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 5th April

FRIENDS OF CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS - P3

Saturday, 2nd March - 9.30am

Talk by Steve Halton
(Countryside Officer)

Campton Village Hall

For more information see page 3

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 4th March

Johanna - Baldock Flower Farm

7.30pm

Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 6th March

7.45pm

Campton Village Hall

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLER

Friday, 8th March

7.15 for 7.30pm start

All Saints Church, Campton

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



CAMPTON VILLAGE HALL needs your help!

Campton Village Hall has been an important part of village life for many generations and it still remains one of the best used village amenities by the local community and as such it continually needs our support to keep it open and useable in the future.

Unfortunately due to varying personal reasons, the Management Committee will be losing three of its members at our next AGM. This amounts to almost half of the whole committee and will leave us severely short-handed, **therefore more volunteers are urgently needed NOW.**

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping the Village Hall running; this includes overseeing cleaning, repairs, bookings, running the 100 Club Draw etc., so we are extremely eager, in fact it is vital, that we fill these empty seats as quickly as possible.

If you feel you are able to help and volunteer a little of your time, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley
Email: tammy.medley@btinternet.com or Tel: 01908 505558.

The Management Committee meet on the second Wednesday of every alternate month; the next meeting will be this year's AGM in April. Meetings generally start at 7.30pm and usually last about an hour.

If you want to see the Village Hall continue to be used as it should be by the community, then PLEASE WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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

Friends of Campton and Chicksands - People, Projects and Partnerships (P3)

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation has shown how much local residents value our rural setting and surrounding countryside. Some concerns were raised about maintaining footpaths and keeping them free of litter.

The P3 scheme brings together community groups, parish councils and volunteers to open up and clear paths and green open spaces and to encourage people to use and enjoy them.

If you think you may have some time, either on a regular basis or just occasionally, please consider joining other interested residents for a talk by Steve Halton, the County Countryside Officer, at **Campton Village Hall on 2nd March at 9:30am**, followed by a short walk to Campton plantation.

He will explain how to set up a Friends of Campton and Chicksands volunteer group to undertake tasks within the parish. The P3 scheme has been operating in Central Bedfordshire for over 10 years and more than 40 groups have joined to take advantage of the training, funding and advice available.

If you are unable to attend but would like to register your interest, please complete the Contact form on the Parish Council website.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

February 2019		
1 st	£35	63 C. Francis
2 nd	£20	98 M. Newman
3 rd	£15	78 C. Inskip

"Congratulations to our winners this month"

PLEASE NOTE that while the Village Hall Management Committee is in the process of trying to recruit new members - it has been decided to cease the 100 Club Draw as of the end of March 2019 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council took place on 6th February 2019 at the Village Hall. At this meeting I sadly accepted the resignation of Dr Jacqueline Willis. Jackie has played a key role in initiating and managing the on-going project to implement the Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan as well as her numerous duties on the Parish Council. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to both, we will miss her greatly.

We have a number of important voluntary roles that have become available within the Parish. We would like to recruit someone new to the Speed Watch Team and a number of individuals are required to assist with the running of Campton Village Hall. If you have some spare time and are in a position to offer some voluntary hours for the benefit of the Parish then please get in touch, we really do need your help.

As reported last autumn, The White Hart has asked the Parish Council to consider a proposal for Sunday League football to be played at the Recreation Ground from September 2019. The Parish Council have discussed this with Shefford Town & Campton Football Club (ST&C FC) and requested further information from the applicant. We feel that we are now in a position to consult with residents within the Parish. An insert requesting your feedback is included with this newsletter and if you would like to submit your views, either in favour or against additional football being played at the Recreation Ground, then please do forward them to me. Once this consultation period has expired, the Parish Councillors will consider the application with a view to making a decision. The council will make its decision bearing in mind the views of residents as well as other factors, such as the existing agreement with Shefford and Campton football club. We thank those residents that have already provided feedback on this proposal.

The 2019 budget increase of 1% proposed by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) was agreed by the Executive Committee in early February, this is well below the rate of inflation. The forecast for 2019/20 is that £196 million will be required to provide public services across Central Beds, 70% of this will be required for covering the needs of children and vulnerable adults. The plan also includes a requirement to save a further £14.8 million in efficiencies, which CBC has clearly identified.

The results of the CBC 2018 Residents Survey highlighted that residents feel less safe now than they did two years previously. Central Bedfordshire Council have a legal requirement to address this and will be looking at increasing the number of Community Safety Officers across Central Bedfordshire and adding additional responsibilities to their existing roles.

Central Bedfordshire Council is still offering free "Young Driver" training for 16-25year olds who are yet to pass their driving test. This is based at the Millbrook Proving Ground. There is also a course on improving driving skills for drivers with a full driving licence. For more information please visit

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/moredrive

I have recently been contacted by an individual researching "Festival of Britain" village signs. He is appealing for information on the Campton "Festival of Britain" sign in the centre of the Village. He is particularly interested in copies of any photographs of the original sign from the 1950's and of any village newsletters from 1950 or 1951. Also, he would like any information regarding when the original sign was replaced by the current carved sign? If you are able to help with this research in anyway could you please contact me.

Finally, due to conflicting Village Hall bookings, all Parish Council Meetings will now start at the slightly later time of 7.45pm.

**The date for the next Parish Council meeting is
Wednesday, 6th March 2019 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall.**

Clerk to the Parish Council - **TAMMY MEDLEY**

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Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

Many thanks to all those residents who attended our Consultation Event on 9th February at Campton Village Hall. As a result of the consultation we will review the draft policies and make changes where needed in response to feedback. It was very encouraging that there was strong support for all the work accomplished so far.

The Greensand Trust are also making good progress with the Green Infrastructure (GI) Plan and the possibility of including some additional Green Open Spaces for designation will be explored from the suggestions made at the consultation. It is anticipated that the GI Plan will be completed at the end of March.

We intend to provide further opportunities for you to give your views on the policies and Draft Plan. A summary document will be circulated in a future newsletter and you will be able to contact us through the Parish Council website once further details are ready to be released.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed by Central Bedfordshire Council before this is sent to external stakeholders for comment. Once their feedback has been gathered and responded to, the final Plan can be prepared.

Pew News

We are once more very grateful to Kathy Taylor, who wrote and presented another fundraising quiz at church on 8 February. It was all based around the letters of the alphabet apart from one round, which really made us think about how important it is to read instructions carefully! The winning team of Linda, Audrey and Mary did just that and that's why they won. A big thank you to all who came to support us.

Our fundraising efforts this year are being approached on a more regular and organised basis, as we are really keen to ensure the future of All Saints. This newsletter contains details of the next few events. We hope we can count on your support for these and other opportunities to join us; we look forward to welcoming you.

On Friday, 8 March we have a new Armchair Traveller talk about Zambia and a charity which works there to support and provide education for young people - Baraka; I'll be presenting that. Please do join us - no vaccinations needed! Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Details of our Easter services will soon be published and we draw your attention to an Easter meditation, a quiet time for reflection, which takes place in church at 7pm on the Monday of Holy Week, April 15.

The Campton Community Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 7.45pm; please contact Kathy Taylor on 01462 816108 for any enquiries.

Our coffee mornings continue to be very popular - it's always lovely to be able to meet friends there. Our next takes place on March 1 at 10am, with as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink for a mere £1. Malcolm Willis is now seeking a volunteer to take over these monthly events. Please let us know if you can help.

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.

With all best wishes, **DEBORAH MAGGS**, Churchwarden 07778 424408

Forthcoming All Saints Fund Raising & Social Events:-

Friday, 12th April - Armchair Traveller 'Iran' : Linda Garton

Friday, 10th May - Armchair Traveller 'Finland' : Clare Simon

Sunday, 19th May - Concert : Peregrine Recorder Orchestra

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot
and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light,
and winter in the shade."*

- Charles Dickens (Great Expectations)

Our next meeting will be on

Monday, 4th March

at Campton Village Hall

**We will be welcoming Johanna from the Baldock Flower Farm,
who will be giving us a talk on the work that goes on there.**

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

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in March:

Friday March 8 - Peal attempt, Ely Diocesan Association

- 10am-1pm approx.

Sunday March 17 - Peal attempt, Bedfordshire Association ringers

- 2pm to 5pm approx.

'Chris's Corner'

At Campton we are very fortunate to have regular "visitors" who join us on our Tuesday Practice Night. These are ringers who have their own commitments on a Sunday, but ring at other places during the week.

So who are they? Well, we welcome Beth and Peter who come along most weeks - they live in Shefford but ring at Arlesey. They are so "addicted to ringing" that they also visit other towers during the week. Russell & Shaun, both of whom ring at Clifton, also make regular appearances! If for any reason there are not enough ringers available on a Tuesday for the regular practice at Henlow to go ahead, those who are around also come and join us.

You see, we are a very friendly bunch, so why not come to All Saints one Tuesday evening from 7.30pm, meet us, and see what ringing is all about?

JOHN LOVELESS

Armchair Traveller

'Zambia'

with Deborah Maggs & Judy Howlett



at All Saints Church, Campton

Friday, 8th March

7.15 for 7.30pm start

Tickets £7.50
(including a glass of wine)
Students free

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATE



Kerbside **GARDEN WASTE** collection was suspended across Central Bedfordshire over the winter months.

This will resume from Monday, 4th March 2019.

Therefore the first Garden Waste Collection for **Chicksands** will be on **Wednesday, 6th March 2019** and for **Campton Wednesday, 13th March 2019.**

Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers are all insured and DBS (formerly CRB) checked.

If you need help from us phone 07971 854472

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted to the Editor, Angela Baker **no later than 15th March 2019**

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