

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter May 2017

PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Wednesday, 3rd May
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 5th May
10.00am - noon
All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 2nd June

VOTING on

Thursday, 4th May

Election of councillor to
Central Bedfordshire
for the Shefford ward
Campton Village Hall
7am - 10pm

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 8th May
Malcolm Willis will be discussing the
different types of soil in our gardens
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
published by the Parish Council

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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

This has been a busy month - a month of friendship, happiness and a touch of sorrow, ending with the Joy of Easter.

I made new friends when some of the boys from the Shefford Cub Pack came to do some work in the Churchyard, they did 3 bags of weeding as part of a Scouting badge. Thank you boys - you are always welcome!

The April Coffee and Chat (and Cake!) was in aid of Help for Heroes and with your generosity Malcolm sent £100 to the Charity.

Members of the three Churches have been meeting for a Lent study of Prayer held in Haynes, an informative, enjoyable hour once a week.

So we came to Mothering Sunday, posies of daffodils were given out at the service; thanks to Pat and Audrey for making up the posies.

The Lent Lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese was a very happy friendly occasion. Thanks to all the soup makers and to David who baked the bread. £255 has been sent to the D.E.C for their work helping the people of the Yemen and Sudan survive the famine.

On 3rd April the Church was full for the funeral of John Wade, we send his family and friends our love and prayers.

After the Palm Sunday Service, a Concert organised by Joy and Kathy was held in Church. It was such a lovely happy afternoon of light music played on piano, violin, guitar, flute and saxophone by students of Joy and Kathy and their friends. Tea and hot cross buns were then enjoyed by all. Donations were given and £100 was raised for the church.

As we entered Holy Week, services were held on different days at all three churches. We had an evening of quiet meditation & prayer, the friendship of the Agape Supper and Services of Vigil. On Good Friday we held a Workshop for the younger children - they made the Easter garden, cards and decorations for the Church; oh and chocolate crunchie egg nests!!!!. Thank you children for all your work and to all who helped with the morning.

On Easter Saturday the Church was transformed with beautiful flowers. Our thanks to June, Sally, Karen, Sandra and welcome to Elaine. In the evening the Benefice joined together here for the Service of lighting the new Pascal candle and first Communion.

It was lovely to see so many people in Church on Easter Sunday. The joyous Service was led by Christopher and finished as the flower adorned Cross was taken out and erected in the sunny Churchyard.

Sunday 23rd April is the date of the Church Annual Meeting, so this will be my last Pew News. It has been an honour to serve the Parish for the last seven years and I thank you all for your support. Please do continue to support Deborah and the new Churchwarden.

Thank you. **SUE HAYHURST**

Village Hall Management Committee

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 12th April. At this meeting the Chairman read out his Annual Report, which among other things highlighted the continuing improvements that have been made to the Village Hall over the past year. The Village Hall is run as a Charity and therefore relies on the efforts of volunteers for routine tasks, such as bookings, management and routine maintenance and of course the popular 100 Club Draw. Refurbishment works have been made, but there is still work to be done and therefore the continuing support from the community is still very much needed and greatly appreciated to help maintain this very important and vital building within our village.

100 Club Draw

The new subscription year has now started.

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to all of you who have joined again for another year. If you didn't get around to joining last month, fear not, it is not too late to participate in the remaining draws.....

Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details.

		April 2017	
1 st	£35	14	R. Judge
2 nd	£20	107	T. Humm
3 rd	£12	131	M. Tyler

"Congratulations to our winners this month"

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

On Wednesday 5th April the Parish Council held the Annual Parish Meeting. This was then followed by our regular monthly meeting.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the Chairman gave a report covering the last year and an overview of the on-going activities of the Parish Council.

There have been a number of councillor changes during the last year. He thanked former councillors Michael Chivers, Jeff Simmons and John Westgarth for their hard work and commitment to the Parish Council during their period of service. He also welcomed new councillor Mr Trevor Martin and Mr Paul Booton who is expected to join the Parish Council at this month's regular meeting. He went on to thank all the contributors and distributors of the monthly Parish Council Newsletter and in particular the editor Mrs Angela Baker. The Parish Council are very grateful to all those involved in making the Newsletter so informative. Finally he thanked Malcolm and Jackie Willis who maintain the flowerbeds in the centre of the village, these are always colourful and well kept.

An update was given on the Parish Council website, which continues to be well used. Residents can use the site to browse information on the Parish Council including meeting agendas & minutes, a "what's on" calendar, regulatory documentation and useful links to Central Bedfordshire Council and community websites.

A brief update was also given on "Campton United Charities". The charity trustees re-established "Bonfire Money" disbursements in November 2016 and are working to resolve historical issues with Charity registration.

CBC Councillor Tony Brown was unable to attend the meeting, but did provide a report that was read out by the Chairman. This included an update on the progress of the CBC Local Plan, the 5 year land supply for housing and results of a recent survey of Central Bedfordshire residents. The Draft Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire is currently expected to be published for consultation at the end of June 2017.

At the regular monthly meeting the Parish Council discussed potential "improvement projects" within the Parish. In the coming months the Parish Council are looking to identify projects that would benefit the locality and residents. Currently under consideration are street lighting, pedestrian

safety, speed limits, recreation ground equipment and provision of a defibrillator. We will be looking at potential benefits, consultation, and costs and funding options ahead of budgeting in the autumn. The Parish Council are also to re-consider the need to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

If you would like the Parish Council to consider any other projects that you feel are important locally, then please do email your suggestion to the clerk or come along to a meeting to discuss your idea with the councillors. This is your village and we would love to hear your ideas.

Please remember that you can contact me at 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 3rd May 2017
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Did you know?

Your Parish Council website has details of all 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 "What's On" calendar, news on planning applications & links to other community & local service websites.

You can also read this newsletter online!

Visit the website at...

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

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

In 2016 an average of 88 individuals visited this website each month and over 2000 visits were recorded in total.

So why not visit the website soon to find out more.

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

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in May:

Sunday May 14 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association -
1.30pm to 5pm approx.

Sunday May 28 - Bedfordshire Young Ringers practice - 2pm to 4pm

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**

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*"The world's favourite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale*

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 8th May**
(**NOT** the 1st May, due to this being a Bank Holiday)
at **Campton Village Hall**

Malcolm Willis will be discussing the different types of soil we
encounter in our gardens and some of the ways we can improve/help them.

Everyone is invited to bring along their own garden soil sample
to do a simple 'ph' test.

*(Samples only need to be about a teaspoon full, taken from about 4-6ins from the top.
Scrap away the surface layer first to avoid contamination and use a clean trowel
and wear gloves for the same reason.)*

Everyone Welcome

Meetings start at 7.30pm : Admission £1.50

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

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

BUS SERVICE CHANGES

From Tuesday, 2nd May 2017

Grant Palmer's Service 200 will be operating a revised timetable providing a regular two hourly service between Silsoe and Flitwick Railway Station.

Biggleswade - Clophill - Flitwick						200	
Grant Palmer							
Mondays to Saturdays						Commencing 2nd May 2017	
						NS	NS
Biggleswade Bus Station	...	0839	1039	1235	1439	1635	
Broom The Green		0846	1046	1242	1446	1642	
Southill Memorial	...			1248		1648	
Southill White Horse PH	...			1248		1648	
Stanford The Crescent	...	0950	1050	1250	1450	1650	
Clifton All Saints Church	...	0853	1053	1253	1453	1653	
Shefford High Street	...	0900	1100	1300	1500	1700	
Campton Church	...	0905	1105	1305	1505	1705	
Chicksands Council Offices	...	0907	1107	1307	1507	1707	
Clophill Rising Sun	...	0913	1113	1313	1513	1713	
Clophill The Green	...	0916	1116	1316	1516	1716	
Silsoe Mander Farm Road	0721	0921	1121	1321	1521	1721	
Wardhedges Jolly Coopers PH	0724	0924	1124	1324	1524	1724	
Flitton Church	0726	0926	1126	1326	1526	1726	
Pulloxhill Cross Keys	0729	0929	1129	1329	1529	1729	
Greenfield School Lane	0732	0932	1132	1332	1532	1732	
Flitwick Post Office	0736	0936	1136	1336	1536	1736	
Flitwick - Clophill - Biggleswade						200	
Grant Palmer							
Mondays to Saturdays						Commencing 2nd May 2017	
						NS	NS
Flitwick Post Office	0725	0925	1125	1325	1525	1740	
Greenfield School Lane	0729	0929	1129	1329	1529	1744	
Pulloxhill Cross Keys	0732	0932	1132	1332	1532	1747	
Flitton Church	0735	0935	1135	1335	1535	1750	
Wardhedges Jolly Coopers PH	0737	0937	1137	1337	1537	1752	
Silsoe Mander Farm Road	0739	0939	1139	1339	1539	1754	
Clophill The Green	0744	0944	1144	1344	1544	...	
Clophill Rising Sun	0747	0947	1147	1347	1547	...	
Chicksands Council Offices	0753	0953	1153	1353	1553	...	
Campton Church	0755	0955	1155	1355	1555	...	
Shefford High Street	0800	1000	1200	1400	1600	...	
Clifton All Saints Church	0807	1007	1207	1407	1607	...	
Stanford The Crescent	0810	1010	1210	1410	1610	...	
Southill White Horse PH	0812	1012				...	
Southill Memorial	0814	1014				...	
Broom The Green	0818	1018	1212	1412	1612	...	
Biggleswade Bus Station	0825	1025	1219	1419	1619	...	
NOTES: NS - Not Saturdays							
No service on Sundays or Public Holidays							



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

CPRE Bedfordshire, a local countryside charity, celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. To mark this, the charity is running a photography competition open to all, to build a picture of Bedfordshire's much-loved countryside and green spaces, and glimpse how these are changing.

The theme is: Bedfordshire - A Changing Landscape.

Entrants are encouraged to consider the ways that Bedfordshire's landscape, countryside and green spaces can be seen to change, throughout the year and over time, through natural or human factors. We hope people will be inspired by the theme and that we get entries from across Bedfordshire.

The competition is free and open to all –
first prize - £100, second prize - £50 M&S vouchers.

The deadline for entries is 16th October 2017.

Full details about how to enter can be found on www.cprebeds.org.uk

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.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
to the Editor, Angela Baker by the 15th May 2017

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