

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter May 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 2nd May
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall



PLEASE HELP PROTECT
THE GRASS VERGES
IN THE VILLAGE BY
NOT PARKING ON THEM
THANK YOU

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 4th May : 10.00am - noon
All Saints Church, Campton
The following Coffee & Chat
will be on Friday, 1st June

CAMPTON QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 11th May
7.00pm : All Saints Church
(see back page for more details)

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 14th May
'A talk by Bruce Liddle from Newbury Farm Plants'
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

Well it seems as if we have finally moved into spring, though as I write it's pouring with rain again! Lovely new gambolling lambs have appeared in Priory Road and there are plenty of daffodils in Campton, so it must be spring here now. We've heard much about crime and violence recently, but those lambs, I think, are in the best kind of gang - running round and enjoying life, but without doing harm to each other or anyone else.

We enjoyed your company during our Easter services. Sue Hayhurst created a beautiful Easter garden for church and has now, as you will know, moved over to Gloucestershire to be near her family. She has already been visited by Campton friends, has mowed her lawn and started settling in. We thank all our flower arrangers who did marvellous work decorating All Saints so beautifully for Easter; the church looked marvellous.

24 church friends and neighbours sat down to a Lent Lunch meal of homemade soup, bread and cheese after church on 18th March. We raised £120 for St. Mungo's, a charity for homeless and needy people. Thank you to everyone who cooked or washed up! It was such a lovely chatty friendly event. We received a visit from U3A who were expertly hosted by Audrey, Stan and Lyn.

At our family service on the 4th Sunday our youngest bellringers practised their new skills, and this will become a more regular feature to help them develop their talents.

I'm pleased to report that the April Coffee and Chat morning raised £200 for Help4Heroes - an excellent result despite a lower attendance. Malcolm Willis and his band of merry helpers always do a brilliant job hosting these enjoyable and very good value mornings.

Please join us for our next coffee morning on 4th May from 10 to 12. You'll receive a warm welcome, with as much coffee as you can drink for £1. There will also be a fundraising quiz in May, our first 'Friday at All Saints' event.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will have taken place after the church service on 22nd April. Please consider joining our PCC - we would welcome your help, as Linda will not be standing again as Churchwarden.

We invite you to join us for Sunday services at 11.00 - details are on the church noticeboard or please contact me or Audrey.

All best wishes,

DEBORAH MAGGS, Churchwarden 07778 424408

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 14th May** at **Campton Village Hall**

A talk by **Bruce Liddle** a local Bedfordshire nursery owner from **Newbury Farm Plants** on the **best plants to suit your needs.**

Last month Inge McConnell gave a very interesting talk on **Warden Abbey Community Vineyard** and its historic roots. If you want to get involved, details can be found at www.wardenvineyard.org.uk. If you wish to try their white wine

and sparkling wine, our nearest stockist is **Cambridge Wine** in **Amphill.**

I do hope you have planted your onions and potatoes for the next competition.

It is the perfect time for splitting perennials and why not save some to bring along for the share and swap table.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

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

Free Horse Manure in Campton

Bring your own bags, wheelbarrow or trailer.

To arrange loading contact: Sue on 01462 813208 or 07719799846

Village Hall Management Committee

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th April.

Over the past year refurbishment work at the hall has included new gutters and upvc soffits, the heating boiler changed and a

new floor covering laid in the kitchen. The Village Hall is run as a Charity and therefore relies on the efforts of volunteers for taking hire bookings, hall management, routine maintenance and of course the popular 100 Club Draw, which still remains our main fund raising event. A big "Thank You" to all of you who joined the 100 Club this year, your support is very much needed and greatly appreciated to help us maintain this very important and vital building within our village, for everyone to enjoy.

Donating to the Need Project

If anyone would like to donate items for our local Foodbank in Shefford there is a box in All Saints Church which is emptied regularly.

A list of suitable items can be found here:

<http://www.theneedproject.co.uk/items.php>

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The Parish Council held their 2018 Annual Parish Meeting on Wed 4th April. This meeting was then followed by the regular April meeting of the Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a statutory event to which all residents are invited. The Chairman, Councillor Charles Ash, updated attending residents on the work of the Parish Council over the past year, providing details of roles and responsibilities of the Parish Councillors & Clerk. He outlined the broad involvement the Parish Council has within the community, including responsibilities regarding Campton Village grass cutting, planning application review and maintenance of the Recreation Ground and other Parish amenities. He indicated that the Parish Council have updated important council documentation and improved process management. The Parish Council has made considered and detailed representations at both draft stages of the Central Bedfordshire Council Local Plan; encouraging parish residents to "have a say" on the plan at both stages. Furthermore the Parish Council have taken steps to initiate the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan which, once adopted, will give residents a real voice in shaping the future of the parish. In all it has been a busy year for the Parish Council.

He gave special thanks to John Westgarth for his continued inspections of the Recreation Ground play area, Malcolm and Jackie Willis for the upkeep of the village flower bed and Sue Hayhurst for all her work within the village over many years. He also thanked Angela Baker for her editorial work on the monthly newsletter, along with all of those who contribute to the newsletter and assist with its distribution. He also went on to thank the residents and volunteers involved with the Good Neighbour Group, Trugs and Trowels Gardening Club, Speed Watch, All Saints Coffee Mornings and to all the other people who help locally.

Brief updates were given on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee and Campton United Charities. A more detailed report was given by Councillor Willis on the early stages and recent progress of the Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan. For more information see the Neighbourhood Plan report in this newsletter.

The regular updates from Central Bedfordshire Councillors were handled during the Annual Parish Meeting. The Central Bedfordshire Council Consultation for the new waste contract is still on-going. All residents are urged to go on-line and look at the various suggestions that have been put forward and have your

say. The consultation document is available on the CBC website or in the libraries. If you would like a paper copy delivered to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, I will be happy to arrange this for you.

Visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/bin-changes for more information.

You may have seen that the new Community Defibrillator has now been installed outside the Village Hall and is fully functional. Defibrillator training is taking place towards the end of April. We also expect that the Hearing Loop System will be repaired and made fully functional in the coming weeks. We hope that this facility, once re-instated, will be a real benefit to village hall users and the community as a whole.

**The date for the next meeting of the Parish Council is
Wednesday, 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has now held two meetings.

The minutes can be found on the Campton and Chicksands Parish Council website: <https://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

There are also focus groups meeting monthly to work on the six themes of the Plan: Community Infrastructure, Homes, Local Heritage, Environment & Green Space, Transport & Movement and Business & Employment.

We are in need of more residents to join these groups, **particularly** from Chicksands and JFC Chicksands. The Plan will shape the future of your area during the next 20 years, so it's important your views are heard.

If you can spare just a few hours a month to help us, please use the Contact Form on our website to get in touch, using the link below:

<https://www.bedsparishes.gov.uk/campton-and-chicksands-parish-council/forms/contact-the-parish-council/>

ENJOY THE BLUEBELLS IN CHICKSANDS WOOD

(Access via Appley Corner, Nr. Haynes)

These peaceful woods offer lots of flora and fauna with pretty bluebells in the spring and a variety of woodland birds.

Are you aware these woods are right on your doorstep?





Volunteers Wanted

The Royal British Legion is currently recruiting for volunteer caseworkers across Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire. Case workers play a vital role in enabling the Legion to deliver our Welfare services, and are often the only person who will meet with our beneficiaries face to face. The role involves visiting Service personnel, reservists, veterans and their families in their home, and completing our application for assistance. Case workers also write a narrative report and complete an outcome star covering six areas of need; Finances, Well-being, Health, Housing, Activities and Social Life. After completing their report, case workers make recommendations to a paid member of staff, a Case Officer, as to what kind of assistance may be required. This can include financial grants, referrals to internal specialists (debts, benefits, War Pension/Armed Forced Compensation Scheme, mental health, independent living, criminal justice etc.), referral to external and statutory services and referrals to internal services (break centres, care homes, adventure breaks etc.). After a volunteer is finished with a case, they are able see all the actions taken with a case through our online Case Management System (CMS).

Full training is provided, and expenses are covered, including travel up to 45p per mile. All of our volunteer caseworkers are DBS checked.

We are looking to recruit people with good social skills, who are able to drive to visit the clients' homes, and who are comfortable using a computer.

If you are interested in the role, or would like some more information, please contact us on 0333 011 4480 or VolCoordSEM@britishlegion.org.uk

News From The Tower

Visiting ringers in May:

Mon, May 14 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association - 10am-1pm approx.

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**

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



Calling all budding gardeners! Allotment plots available in Meppershall

Interested in taking on a plot?
Contact Paul Carne on 07736 311441 or the Clerk on clerk@meppershall.org | 07930 813808 for a viewing.

Meppershall Parish Council has different sized allotments available to rent. Plots are located at Wry Close (in the centre of Meppershall behind the Sugarloaf public house). The annual cost of a plot depends on the size, but at present is between £15 to £40. Water is currently free but note that there are no toilets on site!

Why have an allotment?

- ✓ Home-grown food is cheaper
- ✓ Grow your own for more flavour and freshness
- ✓ Enjoy the outdoor life and fresh air
- ✓ Stay healthy and take gentle exercise
- ✓ Simply relax and enjoy



Everybody is welcome. No special skills are required and remember there are no gardening mistakes, only experiments.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		April 2018
1 st	£35	168 A. Hardie
2 nd	£20	16 S. Lamb
3 rd	£15	58 K. Holland

The new subscription year has now started, but if you didn't get around to joining, fear not, it is not too late
Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details

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, we will return your call on the same day. For all car journeys a contribution of 45p/mile should be paid to the driver.



World Scout Jamboree 2019

Just to introduce myself, I'm Lily, a Campton resident and a member of the Shefford Scout Group. I have been selected to be part of the Bedfordshire Contingent to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in 2019.

The World Scout Jamboree is held every four years; in 2019 it is going to be held in West Virginia, America and it will be a fantastic international adventure.

The Jamboree will be hosted jointly by Boy Scouts of America, Scouts of Canada and the Scout Association of Mexico. We will gain experience and new skills as well as understanding new cultures as there will be 40,000 scouts from 150 different countries attending.

To make it fair that any selected Scout can attend, we must fund-raise our places, as you can imagine this is a big challenge. So far, my fund-raising activities have been three cake sales, marmalade making, bag packing at supermarkets and a sponsored hundred days of no cake, sweets, chocolate, pudding (not even an Easter Egg), which I have just successfully completed.

I hope to hold some fund-raising events in Campton over the next twelve months and look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you, Lily

Campton Quiz Night

Friday 11th May

7pm at All Saints' Church

Maximum six in a team

(team numbers can be made up on the night)

£12 per team - all ages welcome

Raffle

Bring your own refreshments and nibbles

Proceeds to All Saints' Church and Lily's funds
for the 24th World Scout Jamboree



Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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