

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter

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**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 - details inside**

News from the Pews

Harvest Festival came to church early in October and we had such a happy time, the church looked beautiful. Our thanks to June and Maisie for the main displays. We are so lucky to have such talent in the village, who are also willing to help us - Thankyou ladies.

After the special Evensong service, 35 of us sat down to a lovely Supper. We all fitted in remarkably well, and the bumper apple crop ensured the high quality of the pies and crumbles. Thankyou to all who contributed.

We raised a goodly sum for the Bishop' Harvest Appeal by donation in lieu of a ticket. Donations are such a lovely labour-saving way of doing money things!!

On the Tuesday, with the church looking great still, we were delighted to welcome the children of our school for their service. If you have never sung about fluffy cauliflowers and beans in blanket beds, you have missed something great. Thankyou children and teachers. Also thankyou to the Parents for their generosity in providing such a quantity of tins and packets for Audrey and me to take to the Shelter for families having a hard time. They were so grateful. Then the peppers and onions were sold and the proceeds sent to Water Aid. Even the boughs of crab apples went to keep a few select pigs happy. Waste not!

The next Coffee and Chat is on 4th November and we will have a plate for donations towards 'Help for Heroes' charity. We hope to see many of you then.

While I am on about the Coffee & Chat, many of you will remember Bill Radley helping so willingly with the serving, washing-up and other 'many' tasks, well, I am so sorry to tell you that Bill died on 12th October. We send our love and prayers to Helen and all Bill's lovely family.

The Church will be open all day on Saturday, 5th November 2011. This is the weekend of our Patronal Day, All Saints Day. We are organising a Craft Day for then. ALSO it will be the Church annual Gift Day. Letters are to be delivered throughout the Parish explaining our on going need for the generosity of the parishoners to this beautiful building, and the stipend of the equally beautiful clergy!!

Christopher Strong is leading another of his Bible Study courses. This one is for Advent and will begin at Kiln Farm, Priory Road Thursday, 3rd November, 8.00 - 9.30 p.m. Please do join us preparing for Christmas - everyone is welcome but please phone Christopher first on 819274.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Thankyou so very much to all the Boxholders of the Society for helping us to achieve the great total of **£462.14** for 2011. This is not the best of times to be putting even the small change into little boxes, but because the times are hard our contribution is even more valuable - Thankyou.

If any one else would like a box for spare pennies please contact me on 811849.

Sue Hayhurst
Churchwarden

News from the Tower

White's of Appleton, Church Bellhangers, came to Campton in September. We estimate each bell will have been rung over half a million times since the new ring was installed at Easter 2007. Church bells are mechanical, there are no computers involved in ringing them, so any wear and tear needs to be monitored. Apart from some adjustments to the clapping of some of the bells, which will make them easier to ring, they were given a clean bill of health by White's.

These visitors are coming to ring at Campton during November;

Sunday, November 6,
Society of Cambridge Youths, peal attempt,
2pm to 5pm approx.

Saturday, November 19,
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, peal attempt,
3pm to 6pm approx.

Further information about the Parish, including its history, diary dates, travel information, local walks and much more, can be found on the Parish website - so why not visit www.camptonandchicksands.org.uk

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

HELP! Campton & Chicksands Parish Council is currently working with only 5 parish councillors. We are required to have 7 parish councillors representing the residents of Campton & Chicksands. That means we are desperately looking for 2 more residents willing to become parish councillors.

What does the parish council do? Firstly, it represents the views of residents in various consultations, such as planning, transport etc. Secondly, it ensures the parish maintenance and improvement, such as cutting grass verges, maintaining part of the churchyard, maintaining some of the street lights, chasing the Highways department to repair roads and footpaths, owns and maintains the Recreation Ground etc.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact any parish councillor, or the Clerk to the Parish Council, Deryck Irons on 01234 268111 or Deryckirons@aol.com

The parish councillors are: Carol Sawyers, Chairman
Reg Webb, Vice Chairman
Ian Andrews
Steve Curtis
Dan White

At the October parish council meeting PCSO Leigh Iddon gave a report on the changes to the structure of Bedfordshire Police, which means that the 'Safer Neighbourhood Teams' have become the Local Policing Teams, with 5 PCSOs working out of Biggleswade with one Police Sergeant. The Police Officers are working from Amptill Police Station. Our local PCSOs, Leigh and Gill can be reached on 01234 842567.

Carol Sawyers

Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

Campton Village Hall Management Committee

Collections for the 2011/12 100 Club will shortly be drawing to a close. It is intended that the first draws will take place in November, and will continue every other month. I would like to thank those people who have helped resource this year's collection. If you have not heard from a collector, but would like to join the 100 Club, then please do contact me directly to secure your 100 Club number.

There continues to be vacancies on the Committee and we really do need support from the community to secure and sustain the future of the Village Hall. The current size of the Committee does need to increase to enable the work required to support the Village Hall to be shared out in a more sustainable manner. The Committee meets every other month and it is a great opportunity to offer something back to the local community. If anyone would like more information about taking part please do contact me.

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Chair of the Committee

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Items for the next Newsletter should be submitted
to the Editor by the 15th November 2011

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Campton Lower School

The Autumn Term is progressing very well at Campton Lower School with children, parents and staff working together to ensure the best possible progress for all our learners.

Harvest Festival

The school celebrated Harvest Festival at 'All Saints' church in Campton on Tuesday 4th October. We all greatly enjoyed the service conducted by the Reverend Dean Henley and Mrs Audrey Brand in the beautifully decorated church.

The children donated tins and packets of food to be given to the Women's Refuge in Bedford and one family donated a marvellous harvest loaf.

Thank you to everyone who made Harvest Festival such an enjoyable occasion.

Shefford Library Visits

Years 2, 3 and 4 made separate class visits to Shefford Library. We hope many children will keep visiting the Library with their families throughout the rest of the year. We are extremely grateful to Library staff for spending an hour with each class.

Visit to the Intelligence Museum at Chicksands

Year 4 visited the Intelligence Museum at Chicksands recently as part of their Second World War studies in History. We were very impressed by the Museum volunteers to ensure the children understood the museum exhibits.

Campton Lower School aims to use local expertise to enhance learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. If you have any good ideas please contact us via the School Office - 01462 813359

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 2 nd November	7.45 pm	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
Thursday, 3 rd November	8.00 - 9.30 pm	Bible Study Course Kiln Farm, Priory Road
Friday, 4 th November	10.00 am - noon	Coffee & Chat 'Help for Heroes' All Saints Church
Saturday, 5 th November	All Day	Craft Day / Gift Day All Saints Church
Saturday, 12 th November	7.00 pm	Ladies' Pamper Evening Baby & Toddler Group Village Hall
Friday, 2 nd December	10.00 am - noon	Coffee & Chat 'Mince Pies & Brandy Butter' All Saints Church

Ladies' Pamper Evening



Saturday, 12th November 2011

7.00 pm

Campton Village Hall

Tickets in advance - £5 each with one free drink

Contact Marion : 01462 857957

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Soft drinks available, but bring your own wine!

Fund raising event organised by Campton Baby and Toddler Group