

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

November 2018

COFFEE & CHAT

Friday, 2nd November
10am - noon
All Saint's Church,

'TRUGS & TROWELS'

GARDENING CLUB

Monday, 5th November
'Britain in Bloom'
Talk by John Crawley
7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 7th November : 7.30pm
Campton Village Hall

ARMISTICE CENTENARY EVENTS

at All Saint's Church, Campton
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CAMPTON COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, 25th November : 5pm
All Saint's Church, Campton

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

Saturday, 1st December
8pm - 11pm
All Saint's Church, Campton

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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The most recent meeting of the Parish Council was held on 3rd October 2018 in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council discussed the on-going examination of the Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Local Plan by the appointed Planning Inspector. The Parish Council are considering a representation to the Inspector with regards the HAS08 site allocation off Greenway and are currently awaiting details of the arrangements for examination hearings. Anyone wishing to find out more information about this stage of the Local Plan can do so by following the link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/examination.aspx>

The Parish Council will be arranging for the lower branches of trees near the A507 underpass to be trimmed back and CBC will be following up recent requests for cleaning off graffiti etc. A number of potholes have been repaired within the parish; however the road surface on Greenway remains very uneven and has been reported to CBC as requiring work.

Superfast Broadband roll-out was launched in Central Bedfordshire in 2014 to meet the high demand for faster fibre connections for homes and businesses in the region. Superfast has now reached more than 25,000 premises across the Central Bedfordshire's "hard-to-reach" localities that would not otherwise be able to get high speed broadband. This broadband programme will continue to deliver this important technology to rural locations and CBC is seeking to further increase coverage of superfast and ultrafast broadband; the aim is for 97.4% coverage by March 2019. As part of the superfast broadband project CBC are surveying residents, schools and businesses to see what their perception is of the current levels of broadband and what level of coverage they have; how frequently they access the internet; what devices they use and for what purposes; and to seek information on future needs and ambitions. The survey will run from 24th September until 30th November 2018 both via online questionnaires or paper copies, which may be collected from your local library or leisure centre.

The Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of having the public telephone box in Greenway removed. It was originally on the British Telecom (BT) list for removal; however CBC initially objected. There will be a review in February of the facility when the Parish Council will put forward its views again. In the meantime the Clerk has arranged for BT to come out and clean the telephone box.

Following on from the October Meeting there was some discussion of responses received by Council from CBC and others, regarding consultation on the planning application for the construction of a foul pumping station, manholes, gravity sewers and rising main pumping station at Chicksands Private.

The Parish Council briefly discussed the recent request for Sunday League football to be held on the Recreation Ground. The Council have approached the resident Saturday league team Shefford Town & Campton FC regarding this request. Once we have received feedback from the football club we will be consulting residents of the parish.

Royal Mail has contacted the Parish Council asking for us to advise residents of the dangers of Scam Mail. Scam Mail involves professional fraudsters sending convincing letters in an attempt to defraud individuals of money or other valuables. These mailings, which mostly originate from overseas, can include bogus competitions and fake prize draws. Should you be concerned that some mail you have received is Scam Mail, then you are advised to contact Royal Mail. You can contact them by telephone 08000113466, by mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL or by emailing scam.mail@royalmail.com.

The date for the next meeting is

Wednesday, 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Clerk to the Parish Council - Tammy Medley

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WW1 Commemorative Concert

Sunday 11th November at 3.00pm - All Saints Church, Campton

Free Concert to commemorate those from the village of

Campton who gave their lives to the Great War 100 years on. The Concert will include songs of the time, poetry, music and readings, all performed by local artists, together with a Remembrance floral display for the 11 men who died.

Refreshments will be served, any monies donated will go to Military Charities.

Anyone wishing to be involved in this Commemoration Concert, please contact:-

Joy Curtis - Tel: 01462 811798 or email: pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club

*"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take
time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."*

- Elizabeth Lawrence

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 5th November**
at **Campton Village Hall**, when we will be having a talk by
John Crawley - 'Britain in Bloom'

At our last meeting we enjoyed an informative talk on 'Wildlife in your Garden'
helping us to sort out our friends from our foes!

The 'Arrangement in a Pumpkin' competition was won by June Martin,
with Carolyn Cranswick a close runner-up.

Village Hall meetings start at 7.30pm and finish by 9.00pm

Admission £3 (or annual membership £24)

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

Christmas Table Decoration Demonstration & Workshop

& take decoration home

Saturday morning 8th December to start at 10am

Campton Village Hall

£20 per person

To book a place or for more details, please contact

June Martin 01462 816323 or Maggie Marsh 07989 082743

marsh.mam@googlemail.com

*Chat with friends and neighbours over
coffee and mince pies*

Fund raising for All Saints'

The Parish of Campton and Chicksands

Neighbourhood Plan Survey



Campton and Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan Update

A preliminary analysis of the Neighbourhood Plan survey has now taken place. Here is a brief summary of the responses we received:-

Homes

The majority of respondents currently live in a 3-4 bedroomed property. If residents were to move house, 48% would choose a 3-4 bedroomed house whereas 21% would prefer a bungalow.

When asked whether Campton should be allowed to expand, 41% expressed an opinion that the village should not expand, 31% felt that an expansion of up to 5% was appropriate and 14% supported an expansion of up to 10%. There was very little support for expansion above 10%. The majority of respondents felt that traditional building methods should be used and there was support for bungalows, small semi-detached and starter homes.

When asked whether Chicksands should be allowed to expand, 36% of respondents felt that it should not expand, 18% supported up to 5% expansion and 14% up to 10%. There was very little support for expansion in excess of 10%. The majority of respondents felt that if development takes place it should be similar in pattern to the current housing (semi-detached and small rows of terraced houses) and constructed using traditional building methods.

In terms of the type of development, 65% of respondents felt infill of 1 or 2 houses was appropriate and 36% supported several small developments of up to 5 homes. Only a minority supported developments larger than 5 homes. Respondents felt strongly that any new housing should incorporate modern energy efficient technology, be restricted to two storeys and have plenty of off-street parking. Most respondents thought that the site of any new housing should retain the open space character of the neighbourhood, take into account the scale and design of surrounding buildings and similar materials used in construction.

Environment and Green Open Spaces

We asked you to identify key priorities in the neighbourhood.

Protection of access to open green spaces was seen as the top priority together with protection of natural habitat. Although the majority of respondents did not feel that more green spaces were needed there was strong support for protecting the green spaces we already have. Opinion was divided about whether improvements needed to be made to the current green spaces and what these improvements should be, but in the event of any new development accessible green space, provision of grass verges, hedgerows and homes with front gardens were seen as important.

Your favourite views were mainly seen from your own home or on walks around Campton village. The Glebe was the most popular view, together with the fields along Greenway and the green spaces in Chicksands.

Sandy Smith Nature Reserve is located in the parish, although only 40% of respondents have visited it, mainly because they were unaware of it or its location. *The reserve is managed by The Greensand Trust charity and further details can be found on their website (www.greensandtrust.org).*

Local Heritage

78% of respondents felt it very important to protect our local heritage, with the majority of you being knowledgeable about listed heritage. For those who want to know more, opportunities will be made available in due course. The listed buildings in Campton village and Chicksands Priory were seen to contribute to the character and heritage of the area, with the Church being the most prominent building. The estate cottages in Campton village were also seen as important and, once again, the Glebe was seen as a major feature of the Parish.

There was clear support for Campton village to be designated as a conservation area and many of you expressed an interest in knowing more about what this means.

Infrastructure and Community

The most regularly used facilities in the neighbourhood are the White Hart pub, Campton recreation ground and the Village Hall. 42% of respondents considered a second playground would be beneficial in Chicksands.

The Village Hall is used regularly by 44% of respondents. 73% of respondents felt they would use it more if there was a group that met their interests. Parking at and near the Hall was identified as an issue.

There was strong support for a Forest School in Campton Plantation and also for a picnic area by the river accessed via Mill Lane. Other facilities residents would most like to see included improved mobile phone reception, access to superfast fibre broadband and a community garden/orchard.

A Cinema Club, monthly Friday evening social with a quiz or competition, and educational courses and local history group were popular suggestions for additional activities in the neighbourhood. 94% of respondents said they read the Parish Council Newsletter.

We asked respondents about the replacement of the current sodium lamps on the streetlights in Campton. There was very little support for replacing the sodium lamps and using LED lamps instead, but the most popular choice was to replace the streetlamps to a more traditional style.

Transport and Movement

Unsurprisingly, the most frequently used means of transport is the car, then walking and the bicycle or train. 41% of respondents would use a bus service if this ran more frequently and 53% said they would use additional cycle routes if available, mainly to Arlesey station and local schools.

Concerns were expressed about speeding traffic through Campton and 55% of respondents said they would like electronic speed signs and changes to speed restrictions in the area, particularly by the school. Car parking was identified as a major problem mainly in the vicinity of the White Hart, Recreation Ground, Village Hall, School and the Church. The volume of traffic through the area and access onto the A507 from Greenway were major concerns and it was felt that these were all likely to increase should any development proceed. Additional concerns included the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing through Campton.

Business and Employment

The majority of respondents were in employment and this was mainly full-time. 77% of those employed or self-employed work outside the Parish.

Of the self-employed, 70% work from home mainly in financial or professional services or building services. Those running a small business mainly had less than 5 employees although some had more than 20. Very few businesses intend to expand their businesses within the next 20 years and only one respondent would like to expand within their current location. There was strong support for an annual business directory to be included in the Parish Council newsletter.

Pew News

All Saints was beautifully decorated for Harvest by June, Sally, Karen and other very talented flower arrangers, who also used donations of fruit and vegetables.

Thirty of us enjoyed a harvest lunch after our service on 7th October - lots of our food and all crumbles were home-cooked and much enjoyed. Thank you to all those who cooked and came along - we raised money for the Bishop's Appeal to 'Give Peas a Chance' helping those in the Far East.

We thank all those from Campton Lower School who donated food items at harvest - we have taken these to a women's refuge.

Our next **coffee morning is on 2nd November at 10am**; as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink costs a mere £1. Malcolm Willis has asked for additional help with these monthly events or the number of them each year may well have to be reduced. Please let us know if you can help. **At 8pm on 2nd November Alan Regin gives his talk on the Bellringers who fell in WW1.**

Our annual **Gift Day takes place on Saturday 3rd November from 10-12noon**, we hope you'll come and see us in church that morning and will feel able to support us and all we do in Campton. All Saints must support itself and the Diocese and as you may imagine, costs are high and regular maintenance is required.

Events to commemorate the **centenary of the Armistice take place on 10th and 11th November**; please see back page for full details.

On **Saturday 24th November we'll be having a work party** with a coffee and doughnut break; we'd love to have your help.

There will be a **Campton Community Choir Concert in Church on Sunday 25th November at 5pm** - please join us.

We'd also very much welcome additional help with regular maintenance tasks, both inside All Saints and outside in the graveyard. If you might be able to help, please contact me - I've already received some offers, which are much appreciated; more helpers always welcome. Thank you.

Our musical evening on Friday 12th October was not very well attended, which was a great shame as the music was excellent.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sunday services at 11am - you will be warmly welcomed. Service details are on the church noticeboard or please contact Audrey Brand or me.

All best wishes, **DEBORAH MAGGS**, Churchwarden 07778 424408

ROCK 'IN THE AISLES

FEATURING.....



SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CAMPTON

8pm – 11pm

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC ROCK,
FEATURING THE VERY BEST OF 60's, 70's & 80's MUSIC
PERFORMED LIVE IN A CHURCH
LICENCED BAR

TICKETS £10

(available 3rd November onwards)

Contact: JOY tel: 01462 811798
or email: pianomadjoy@hotmail.co.uk

Campton and Chicksands Good Neighbour Group

Volunteers are all insured and DBS (formerly CRB) checked

If you need help from us phone 07971 854472

If your call is not answered please leave a message

News From The Tower

'Chris's corner'

In bell ringing we all aim to "strike" our bells well - i.e. as evenly as possible. This generates friendly rivalry with "striking contests" - competitions between two bands (groups) of ringers - to see whose ringing is the more even. In this area we have a league competition so we play "home and away" against other local towers. Last month it was the turn of the ringers from Cople to visit us at Campton to play a match. Both teams ring a short piece of about 5 min duration, judged by an impartial person who is out of sight of the ringing area so does not know which team rings first or second. On this occasion Campton won! Obviously the test pieces take up a small amount of our 90 min practice night, which gives a great opportunity for the teams to mix and ring together. After ringing, as usual, we popped over the road to The White Hart with our visiting ringers joining us, for a convivial drink and chat, usually not about bells and ringing!

Visiting ringers in November:

Friday November 2 - Peal attempt - in memory of the men of Campton who fell in the First and Second World Wars - 2pm to 5pm approx.

(Don't forget the talk by Alan Regin at 8pm on Friday, November 2nd!)

Sunday November 18 - Peal attempt - Society of Royal Cumberland Youths - 2pm to 5pm approx.

Interested in finding out more?

So if you fancy trying an activity that involves both physical activity and mental stimulation for all ages come along to All Saints, Campton on a Tuesday evening 7.30-9pm to check it out, or call me (**JOHN LOVELESS 07803 206161**) to find out more. Campton is **THE** place to learn to ring in this area.

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

		October 2018
1 st	£35	64 Mr. Dilley
2 nd	£20	168 A. Hardie
3 rd	£15	224 A. Maudlin

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



Commemorating the Centenary of the Armistice at All Saints Church, Campton

We are planning to mark this important anniversary in a number of different ways, and look forward to welcoming you to All Saints Church to some or all of the following events:-

FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

“We Will Remember Them – the Bellringers who Fell in the First World War”

Doors open at **7.30pm** (Talk starts at 8.00pm)

A talk by one of the world's best known bellringers, Alan Regin, about his work documenting the war records of the 1400 bellringers who died in the First World War, for which he was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours list. **Tickets: Adults £10; Children £5; including a drink.**

SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

“We Will Remember Them – the Young Men of Campton who Fell in the First World War”

Commemorative floral displays, information and photographs to honour each of the young men from our village who did not return after WW1, as well as those who returned safely home.

2.30–4.30pm : Free entry; Teas, coffees, soft drinks and cake will be on sale.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Special Service of Remembrance to mark the 100 years Anniversary of the Armistice: Starts promptly at **10.50am**

12.00–3.00pm, and after the concert until **5.00pm**

“We Will Remember Them - the Young Men of Campton who Fell in the First World War” Another opportunity to see the commemorative displays.

Free entry; Teas, coffees, soft drinks and cakes will be on sale.

12.00–1.00pm

“Ringing for Peace” Campton bells will be rung, together with bells all over the country, as a message of peace.

3.00–4.00pm

WW1 Commemorative Concert (See advertisement on page 3)

Songs of the time, poetry, music and readings, all performed by local artists.

Free entry; Donations to Military Charities gratefully accepted.

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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