

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council Newsletter

September 2011



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

**If you have any news or views you wish to share
please contact the Editor - details inside**

News from the Pews

I do hope that you have all had a good summer and I know that July and August are really hard work. It is great to hear the combines and see the grain carts going through the village.

Since the last magazine, we at Church have hosted the monthly Coffee & Chat mornings and an Armchair Travellers evening. John & Linda regaled us with tales and slides of their expedition to some of the newer countries in western Europe. Despite so many people being on holiday, we were pleased to welcome many people to these events.

The Coffee & Chat morning on the first Friday in September, is in support of Macmillian Cancer Support. Our very first Coffee & Chat last year was for this Charity and was a great success. PLEASE help us make this one a success too. Any help with baking or with items for the Bring & Buy Stall will be gratefully received. Bring items to me if you cannot come yourself.

Friday, September 16th is our next Armchair Traveller evening. This time Deborah and her daughter Kathryn, will tell us about their travels in South America. Kathryn has been there for a year and Deborah went to the Galapagos Islands. It will be a very good evening. Please join us for these events.

Early notice for Harvest Festival, the first weekend of October. Just a reminder of Monday p.m. Intercessions for friends and families who are ill or in need, and prayers for Peace and Justice 9.00am on Tuesday mornings. Both these sessions are very informal and all are very welcome.

Sue Hayhurst
Churchwarden

News from the Tower

These visitors are coming to ring at Campton during September:

Saturday, September 10, Rickmansworth ringers outing,
3.00pm to 3.45pm.

Saturday, September 17, Environment Agency ringers outing,
3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Sunday, September 25, peal attempt, Luton area ringers,
2.00pm to 5.00pm approx.

Whitbread Wanderbus Service to Shefford Health Centre on Tuesday afternoons

Route W16 started in July, offering a service on Tuesday afternoons linking the villages with Shefford Health Centre.

The times for the routes are:

	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
Shefford Health Centre	2.40 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	5.20 p.m.
Campton Church	2.54 p.m.	4.14 p.m.	5.34 p.m.
Greenway	2.55 p.m.	4.15 p.m.	5.35 p.m.
Shefford Health Centre	3.09 p.m.	4.29 p.m.	5.49 p.m.

Fare £1.50 single / Bus pass holders free

If you intend to travel back on the final run, please ensure your appointment gives you plenty of time, in case the doctor/nurse is delayed.

Campton WI

Campton and Chicksands WI have been having a very enjoyable year with everything from watching a sugarcraft demonstration, making our own pottery bird and visiting Stotfold Mill.

Our July speaker was Ian Burton who is a friend of a member who brought along his bagpipes, guitar and other musical instruments and gave us a very amusing evening of Wind, Words and some Wisdom and had us all singing along with him. He even gave us a rendition of the sky boat song on a band saw.

In August we went on a walk back to the nature reserve at Stotfold Mill followed by a buffet supper put on by Gerry at The White Hart pub.

In September we have the Garden Manager of Woburn Abbey coming along to talk to us about their magnificent gardens and we would like to invite all villagers to come along and join us at 7.30 p.m. on 14th September. You can pay £4 on the door or if any ladies would like to become members you would be very welcome.

Margaret Banfield

Events organiser - Campton WI

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

Safer Neighbourhood Team Report

Campton and Chicksands have recently been targeted in relation to theft of metal. This made crime statistics for the area rocket during the month of May and June. Thanks to excellent communication between local residents and Bedfordshire Police two individuals were arrested. One admitted to the majority of crime in the area and will be dealt with by the police and through the courts.

July and August have seen crime statistics significantly fall, but we continue to ask that you remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to control room on 01234 841212 or 999 in the event of an emergency.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team can also be contacted on 01234 842567 or SNT.SheffordStotfold&Arlesey@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk should you wish to discuss anything which concerns you as a local resident.

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

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Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

The next meeting of Campton & Chicksands Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 7th September in Campton Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend any meetings, and may discuss any local issues or concerns between 7.45 - 8 p.m. Only councillors may take part in the meeting and discussions after that time.

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council may appoint 7 councillors, and currently there are only 5. We are, therefore, looking for 2 more residents of Campton and Chicksands who would be willing to join the Parish Council. If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Deryck Irons, on 01234 268111 or Deryckirons@aol.com

Looking ahead to June 2012, when the Queen will be celebrating her Diamond Jubilee (60 years), we are asking whether Campton & Chicksands would like to arrange celebrations - there are two Bank Holidays on Monday 4th June and Tuesday 5th June. The official celebrations will be held in London, shown on TV, and also many local events will take place over the weekend, and we are suggesting that Campton & Chicksands celebrations could take place on Monday or Tuesday. What do you think? Have you got any good ideas? Would you like to help organise an event?

Suggestions received so far include a Flower Festival in the church and a traditional village fete on the recreation ground; a music festival taking place at the recreation ground, the church and village hall.

Come along to an informal village meeting in Campton Village Hall on Thursday 15th September, 7.30 p.m. to let us know your views and ideas.

Carol Sawyers

Chairman, Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

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Dates for your Diary

Friday, 2 nd September	10.00 am	Coffee & Chat All Saints Church
Wednesday, 7 th September	7.45 pm	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall
Wednesday, 14 th September	7.30 pm	WI Meeting Village Hall
Thursday, 15 th September	7.30 pm	Village Meeting Village Hall
Friday, 16 th September	7.30 pm	Armchair Travellers All Saints Church

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLERS

"Peru, Ecuador and a Little Bit More"

Deborah Maggs and Kathryn Hare will talk about
their recent travels in South America

at All Saints' Church, Campton

on Friday, 16th September

Doors open at 7.30pm - Talk starts at 8.00pm

Admission £5 including a glass of wine



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

*Campton & Chicksands Coffee & Chat
with Bring & Buy Stall*

Friday 2nd September

10.00 till 12.00

£1 & FREE REFILLS

*Hosted by All Saints' Church,
Rectory Road, Campton*