

Campton & Chicksands

Parish Council Newsletter

September 2018

HAVE YOU COMPLETED
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
PLAN SURVEY YET?



CONSULTATION SURVEY
CLOSES 27TH AUGUST

Welcome to the Campton & Chicksands Newsletter
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Editor, Angela Baker - details on back page

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would like to thank everyone who came along to the July consultation "Drop-In" events. These two sessions created much discussion and lots of comments were posted at the six stands covering Business & Employment, Community Infrastructure, Homes, Environment & Green Infrastructure, Transport & Movement and Local Heritage. Following the "Drop-In" sessions the Steering Group launched a major **public consultation survey** in early August. The outcomes of this comprehensive survey will be reflected in the policies and aspirations (non-policy actions) going forward to the future Campton & Chicksands Neighbourhood Plan. A paper copy of this important survey has been delivered to every household and business in the Parish, along with the name and contact details of a street co-ordinator. Paper copies of the survey have also been made available at JFC Chicksands.

The survey is available online and can be accessed via the Parish Council website, or by following the web link:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5JRVW38>

You can also open the survey on your smartphone or tablet by scanning the following QR code:-



Feedback from this consultation survey will be collated and analysed during the autumn and the Steering Group will provide updates on progress in future Newsletters. **To ensure the final Neighbourhood Plan truly represents the views, and addresses the needs of our community PLEASE try to find the time to complete this important survey.** The policies and aspirations documented in the final plan will have a real impact on "shaping where we live" until 2035. Please note that formal consultation ends on 27th August.

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

'TRUGS & TROWELS' Gardening Club



*"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful;
they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul."*

- Luther Burbank



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, 3rd September**
at **Campton Village Hall**, when we will be having a talk by
Joanna (owner of Baldock Flower Farm).

Last month we had a very informative talk by Mick Camp (Chair of Horticultural Society), sharing his many tips and methods for successful crops. A lot of his success is derived from using blight resistant seeds and good horse manure. Another tip was to stagger the planting of runner beans and to plant a fresh crop of new potatoes around the 8th July to enjoy them on Christmas Day!

Winners of the recent 'Trugs & Trowels' Competitions: -

Kath Donachie - Potato yield (1.635kg)

Carolyn Cranswick - Heaviest onion (0.19kg)

Maryika Wilding - Tallest sunflower (5'5")

Congratulations to all of you and well done to everyone who managed to grow anything in this drought!

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



Saturday 8th December
Christmas Table Decoration
Demonstration and Workshop
Campton Village Hall
details to follow

Campton & Chicksands Parish Council

As is usual the Parish Council did not hold a meeting in August with most business held over until the next meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall on 5th September with an earlier than usual start time of 7.15pm.

Since our last report the Parish Council has learned that Mr Richard (Dick) Hardwick has sadly passed away. Dick was Clerk to the Campton & Shefford Joint Burial Board, an important position in the community he had held for some years, and will be well known by many residents. Councillors from both Campton Parish Council & Shefford Town Council sit on the Joint Burial Board, which administers the day to day running and upkeep of the Cemetery on Campton Road. All were saddened by this news and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

During the summer break the Parish Council considered an opportunity to raise awareness of the Greensand Ridge and its associated river valleys. Campton & Chicksands are located within this special, and perhaps underappreciated, rural landscape. A local initiative called the Greensand Country Landscape Partnership, is developing a funding application to the National Lottery for signage promoting the "Greensand Country" at village gateways. The aim of the partnership is "to create a popular but sustainable area for visitors, businesses and residents, with high levels of interest in and awareness of its landscape, wildlife, history and culture". The Greensand Ridge is one of the few places in Central England where thin, sandy soils support lowland heathland, acid grassland with associated high levels of biodiversity. The ridge crosses Bedfordshire with brief sections in Buckinghamshire & Cambridgeshire and is a distinctive natural feature that rises from surrounding clay vales to give a landscape of gently rolling hills and small valleys, often heavily wooded and rich in wildlife.

The Parish Council have decided to support this venture and have applied for "Greensand Country" signage for the gateways to Campton and Chicksands to promote better recognition of the special rural area we live in.

**The date for the next meeting is
Wednesday, 5th September 2018 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall.**

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Pew News

I can't believe I'm already writing news for September!

We have been inspected recently by the Archdeacon's representative, who was happy that we are keeping the required records. In late August we will have the necessary 5-year Quinquennial look at all elements of the church building to ensure all is sound. Any faults found will need to be rectified, so this could be an expensive year!

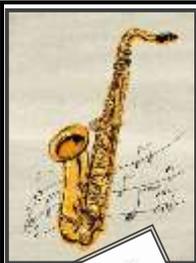
Our next coffee morning is on Friday 7th September at 10am - please join us. The atmosphere is very welcoming and as much coffee (or tea) as you can drink costs only the princely sum of £1.

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

We'd 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 - all offers much appreciated..... Thank you.

As I mentioned last month RF₂ will be Rock 'in the Aisles on 1st December - we hope you can join us, as this gig is always very popular.

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



Friday Night is Campton Music Night!

Friday 12th October

7.30pm

(Doors open at 7.15pm)

All Saints' Church, Campton

Tickets £5, under 16-year olds free

**Funds raised to be split between
All Saints' Church & Bedfordshire World Scout Jamboree Contingent**

**Luton
Concert
Band**

**Local talented
Musicians
& Performers**

News From The Tower

Local progress in August.....

Just as we left for a sweltering week in Burgundy in early August someone said "how about if we do something special for Charlotte and Henry, maybe a couple of 'firsts', while you're away?" Our previous attempts to fix 'something special' for them in the summer had turned out to be good intentions only, as finding a date when we were all around seemed impossible. Anyway a week into our holiday we were pleased to see two quarter peals successfully rung and featured on (the imaginatively named) Bellboard website, one for Henry and one for Charlotte. There had to be two, both were not available on a common date so it was one each! A great surprise. Thanks to Chris for fixing and our friends from elsewhere in the area for helping out in our absence; teamwork in action.

Our younger, less experienced ringers are making good progress - one is already ringing regularly on Sundays. We are also continuing ringing during the summer - no summer break here!

Visiting ringers in September:

Friday Sept 14 - Peal attempt - Bedfordshire Association - 2 - 5pm approx

 Ringing 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

ADVANCE NOTICE

Alan Regin, the world's most enthusiastic bellringer, was awarded his MBE in the 2017/8 New Year Honours List, for services to campanology and its heritage.

With Armistice Day, 11th November 2018, commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1, just days away, Alan will be giving a talk about his research into the 1400 bellringers who died in World War 1, each of whom have their own fascinating story – and much more!

**Please join us at All Saints Church, Campton, for Alan's talk
on Friday evening, 2nd November : 7.30 for 8.00pm**

John Loveless

New Bus Launch for Wanderbus – 17th July 2018



The Mayors of Stotfold & Shefford, along with Councillors from local Town & Parish Councils and Trustees from several charitable organisations that provided financial support, were at Mount Pleasant Golf Club with the Wanderbus Committee and several of the volunteer drivers, for the formal launch of their new bus.

Reverend Roni Goodman, of Meppershall Parish, gave a speech and offered a prayer before pressing the 'open' button to bring the new bus into full service.

Wanderbus, based in Meppershall, provides fixed route Community Bus Services to all residents of the villages around Stotfold and Shefford. Run entirely by volunteers, they operate two Orion 16-seater buses providing services to the local villages where CBC contracted bus operators either offer infrequent services, unsuitable timings or no service at all.

In existence since 1989, Wanderbus is open to all passengers and accepts cash fares and concessionary travel passes in the same way as the main bus services.

They provide services to Baldock, Bedford, Biggleswade, Hitchin, Letchworth, Milton Keynes, St Neots & Welwyn Garden City.

For timetable information visit www.wanderbus.org.uk or call 0300-123-3023

Village Hall 100 Club Draw

In participating in the 100 Club Draw, you are providing vital support for the continuing upkeep of Campton Village Hall..... **THANK YOU**

Please contact Malcolm Willis 812747 for details.

August 2018		
1 st	£35	10 Mr. & Mrs. Barton
2 nd	£20	22 M. Westgarth
3 rd	£15	25 L. Savoury

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

'TRUGS & TROWELS' GARDENING CLUB	Monday, 3rd September 7.30pm Campton Village Hall	Talk by Joanna (Owner of Baldock Flower Farm)
CAMPTON & CHICKSANDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING	Wednesday, 5th September	7.15pm Campton Village Hall
COFFEE & CHAT	Friday, 7th September 10am - noon All Saints' Church, Campton	IN AID OF MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT 'BAKE OR BUY A CAKE'

AND LOOKING AHEAD.....

CAMPTON MUSIC NIGHT	Friday, 12th October 7.30pm All Saints' Church, Campton	Fund Raiser for All Saints' Church and World Scout Jamboree
TALK BY ALAN REGIN	Friday, 2nd November 8.00pm All Saints' Church, Campton	Commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI; stories behind some of the bellringers who died in the war.
RF₂ ROCK 'IN THE AISLES	Saturday, 1st December All Saints' Church, Campton	Fund Raiser for All Saints' Church
CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS	Saturday, 8th December Campton Village Hall	Demonstration and Workshop

Items for the next Newsletter must be submitted
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