

MARY THOMAS (1942 – 2024): A LIFE OF ART, LOVE AND LAUGHTER



(We are enormously grateful to Alistair and Dominic Thomas for the historical content in this tribute.)

That St Leonard's Church was packed to capacity on 1st May for the funeral of our very dear friend and neighbour, Mary Thomas, who has died at the age of 82 after a short illness, was a testament to just how greatly she is respected, loved and sadly missed by her loving family and by all her friends in Cliddesden and the wider community, whose lives she touched with her warmth and generosity of spirit.

The mention of "Mary Thomas" to those who live here needs no explanation - everybody knew the nice lady who lived in Pensdell Cottage, which, to borrow a phrase from her beloved Cornwall, is the "first and last house in Cliddesden", depending on whether you are entering or leaving the village.

Born in Cornwall in 1942, Mary was a lifelong, staunch Cornishwoman, spending the happiest days of her childhood in the scenic village of St Agnes, on Cornwall's north coast, with her mother, Sissie, and older sister Jennifer (Jenny) with regular visits from her father, Morley, who worked away from home in Gloucester. The safe environment of the village gave Mary a life-long sense of community, independence and curiosity.

Gaining entrance to Truro Grammar School in 1953, her sense of fun and humour was a double-edged sword, enabling her to make friends easily while also causing her occasional detentions for giggling in class! Trips to the cinema with Jenny and an affinity for "The Goon Show" on radio kindled her love of films and comedy – she loved to laugh! (As, I think, we all know ...)

When the family moved to a house in Cambourne, Mary developed a love of gardening and her daily trip

on the train to Truro initiated another interest when she observed a lanky boy with frizzy black hair. When she was 20, and at teacher training college in London, she would meet that boy again during the Easter holidays. Godfrey Thomas was now a handsome young man with many desirable attributes ... not least, a Singer Le Mans sports car! An invitation to a party, certain in the knowledge that Godfrey would be attending, was the platform for Mary to meet him properly.

Despite the subsequent downgrade to an Austin Station Wagon (complete with fungus), it must have been love as, in 1966, they were married.

Their chosen careers (Mary an art teacher, Godfrey an accountant) took them on a nomadic married lifestyle, far from their beloved Cornwall, to Newcastle, the Netherlands, Woolhampton, near Newbury, and finally to Cliddesden in 1978, where Pensdell Cottage would become their permanent home. During this grand tour, they became blessed with two fine sons, Alistair and Dominic, which completed their family (see picture).



Mary taught art at two Berkshire prep schools but when that became unviable in 1983, she switched to teaching more mature students as part of the council's adult education programme.

Mary loved Cliddesden and it was the perfect place for her to raise her young family. She and Godfrey threw themselves into village life, helping to organise many activities, such as barn dances, the Horticultural Society shows, art tuition (on a voluntary basis) at Cliddesden Primary School, fireworks displays and local theatrical productions.

This last endeavour included Mary directing "Red Hot Cinders" at the old village hall in 1987 – a Christmas pantomime, whose racy title belied its child-friendly performance, with a cast of friends from the village,

which became a forerunner of what is now the highly regarded and popular Cliddesden Players.

As a result, both Mary and Godfrey became the stalwarts of village life that we all know so well, highly regarded by all and making many friends.

Always keen to learn new things, Mary took a degree course at Winchester School of Art in 1992, developing her love of art by exploring more abstract work with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the subject, but equally importantly making new friends. After graduation in 1996 the course friends would continue to meet regularly and put on exhibitions as the "Remarks" art group.

In 1996 the council cut back on adult education, so the entrepreneurial Mary started art tuition herself, first in nearby villages and latterly in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall (having portrayed the Old Village Hall – see picture), where she established her long-running Art Class, the many students from which displayed their artworks annually at Mary's Art Exhibition.



Art blossomed into a career and passion that would stay with her the rest of her days, attending residential art courses at West Dean with her sister, Jenny, and teaching right up until the day she was taken ill.

The run-down garden at Pensdell Cottage was the perfect project for Mary to exercise her love of gardening and, after over 40 years of work, it's now a sight to behold. Indeed, flowers from the garden were used by Pat Doel in the funeral arrangements (see picture).



The family's travelling lifestyle led into regular holidays in the 1980s, through much of the UK and France, and on Godfrey's retirement the couple pushed

their sense of adventure to include Australia, Fiji, California, China, Egypt, Greece and other destinations in Europe.

Sadly, in 2009, Mary's beloved Godfrey died, far too young, but despite the massive loss of her best friend and life partner, her independence and resilience shone through. With the support of friends and family, Mary continued to thrive in the village alone. She involved herself in many activities such as Church walks, the Cleresden Land project, the village Coffee Mornings (where she set up the secondhand book stall), becoming a trustee of Cliddesden Community Conservation Group (aka "3CG", established by her good friend Alison Mosson) and joining the fledgling village choir and handbells team that we formed. Reading, gardening, family history, jigsaws, frequent travelling with her sons and her friend/bridesmaid, Jill Mitchell (they also became regular barmaids at village plays), enjoying the company of the Tuesday lunch group and, of course, teaching her many art classes completed an astonishingly active lifestyle.



Her loss to the community is immense and, while time will heal, many villagers, friends and, of course, family are at a loss to know how to move forward without her ubiquitous input to the life of Cliddesden. The art class is thriving, as Mary would have wanted, changing its tuition to a mutual student gathering in her memory, and the secondhand book stall at Coffee Mornings continues, staffed on a rota basis.

But the happy memories remain, despite there being a Mary-shaped hole in this community that nobody will ever be able to fill.

God Bless you, Mary Thomas – your legacy of laughter and fun lives on!

Alistair, Dominic, Jenny and the wider family would like to express their thanks to Mary's friends for the wonderful attendance at her funeral (conducted very ably by Rev Ian Thacker), the considerable number of messages of support received and the collective donations totalling over £1,000, which have been

divided equally between St Leonard's Church and Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall, which was Mary's declared wish.

Ross & Gilly Palmer

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Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall



Yes, we now have table tennis available at Coffee Mornings at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall.

Please come along to have a natter and make new friends, browse the second-hand book stall, select some pretty stationery from Penny our stallholder, and of course enjoy a good cuppa and a slice of cake!

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

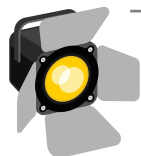
And, if you fancy, have a turn at table tennis. We have all the equipment you will need.

We meet on the second Monday morning of each month, from 10.30 – 12 noon.

Our next date is 10th June 2024.

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)

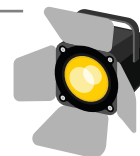


The Cliddesden Players' 2024 Summer Production

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th June 8pm

"The 13th Floor"

A black comedy written by Emily Golborn



As the paparazzi swarm outside the entrance of the Grand Central Hotel there is panic in the foyer as a suspected murder has occurred in the Penthouse Suite!

But that is not the only headache that the hotel manager is facing - the rock star, Ace Jaxon, has disappeared, an unhinged fan turns up, a guest is being very rude to staff, and the confusion of a 13th floor means the accidents and body count keep multiplying!

Tickets No physical tickets issued.

Advance payment is required for Play or BBQ – via cash, cheque or BACS (preferred option) with details given at time of booking.

Adults £10 Children (U16) £5
(Please advise if wheelchair user or mobility difficulties)

Saturday 29th BBQ 6.00 – 7.15pm (burger or hot dog + salads) £4 per serving. BBQ token to be issued at check-in desk. Please state on booking if vegetarian option required or any allergies. Special requests cannot be made on the day.

Contact: Angie on 01256 475848 or email events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

Licensed Premises. We prefer to operate a CASH bar and refreshment service.



Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

Chairman: Steve Bowcutt, tel: 324707, email: stephen.bowcut@btinternet.com
 Secretary: Marilyn Smith, tel: 462584, email: willow.ms@btinternet.com



Hello from Claire!

Can we really be half-way through the year! Time is passing so quickly, and summer is really here.

Sitting outside in the early morning the birds are filling the air with their joyous songs – whoever said the countryside is quiet should try listening at 5am, it's like a dozen choirs all raising their voices at the same time.

And the pleasure of a long, light evening spent weeding and deadheading, or simply smelling the roses in all their glory. At times like this our beautiful English home is the best place in the world to be.

This month we are having a look at herb #5 – Chamomile



Chamomile
 Botanical name:
 Matricaria chamomilla
 Family:
 Compositae

There are various varieties of this herb, from the diminutive 'Chamomile Lawn' which is used for its calming and sweetly scented aroma when walked on, to the regular chamomile that has so many medicinal and beauty purposes.

The flower heads are the useable part of this daisy-like flowers, so if you are going to use them a far few plants will be needed. Plant in a dry sunny position, mixing the small seeds with sand to get an even spread. Thin to 6" apart, and once the flowers have opened, and the petals turn back to bare the receptacle, it is time to pick them for drying.

Chamomile also grows well in containers, it will self-seed if some of the flowers are left on the plant, and this lets you enjoy the fragrance as well.

Make an infusion of the flowers as an herbal rinse for fair hair.

Mouthwash, a soothing eyebath, tea for stomach upsets and indigestion, a face wash to keep the skin soft and supple, and as a facial steam to clear a heavy head cold. Add a spoonful of honey and drink as a tonic or pick-me-up, or just drink as a tea to calm the nerves and reduce stress.

Add to pot pourris to allow that calming scent to fill your home.

The benefits of this small, unassuming, plant are many and it should be a firm contender for a place in any garden.

What's been happening?

Sunday May 12th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall The Plant Sale!

The sun came out, and so did all the people in droves!

Luckily the tables were groaning with your plant donations – our grateful thanks to everyone who gave

pots and pots of lovingly grown tomatoes, brassicas, lilies, herbs, annuals.....well the list goes on.

The total raised was £365, our best ever sale, and these funds will be put back into the Society to enable us to book the speakers and visitors for the next year of meetings.

Thank-you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at those meetings!

What's coming up?

Thursday May 30th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – 730pm for refreshments, 745 start

Graham Bower – Japanese inspired garden elements

Rocks, water, plants and ornaments, asymmetry, enclosure, borrowed scenery, balance and symbolism – how do you unravel what could and would work for you?

If you would like to create more Zen, but don't know your feng shui from your sushi, we'll see you there.

Members £1, Guests £2. Donations to the refreshments please, and don't forget the raffle!

Look out for information regarding June garden visits – they will be emailed out to members so please do get in touch with Seumas Foster or any committee member if you would like to join and come along.

Thursday July 11th – mystery meeting! Cliddesden Millenium Hall

Due to the vagaries of life the speaker for this meeting is at this time unconfirmed.

Members will receive details via email as soon as this is resolved.....

August 4th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall

THE SUMMER SHOW

Yes, it's creeping round again.

Polish your potatoes, tie up your onions, and reveal your roses.

Flower arrangements, photographs, and, of course, tea & cake.

What more could you ask for on a Sunday afternoon,

Would you like to join us?

Keen gardeners, new planters, or 'haven't got a clue!' everyone will receive a warm welcome.

Come along and make new friends, get ideas for your own patch of heaven, and have fun.

Email Seumas Foster at Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk
 Or come along to one of our meetings as a guest, and chat to any of the committee about joining.

See you soon
 Happy gardening!
 Claire

Village Hall News

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Chairman's Report June 2024

With summer threatening to finally appear, we look forward to one of the highlights of the hall's calendar, the Cliddesden Players "Summer Play". This event takes place on the 28th-29th June, (see ticket details elsewhere in the newsletter). In addition to the rehearsals and line learning undertaken by the talented cast, a considerable amount of preparatory work is also needed in the hall. This involves stage building, redesigning, rebuilding etc.! and takes place over the preceding weekend 22nd / 23rd. If you can spare a few hours during this time to help with this activity, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact either me (07973 922560) or Darren Capehorn (07747 6279780) if you can be of assistance.

As I write, the future bookings for the hall remain steady, although some time slots are available. These

may be of interest to a club or social group looking for a suitable venue and any enquiries should be directed to Pat Rampton, our Lettings Secretary, as detailed on the website.

Finally, please note that we are approaching the end of the period for suggestions to be received concerning possible changes / developments to the village hall, as detailed in my last report. These can be submitted via the locked suggestions box in the hall foyer, or by emailing the form on the home page of the hall's website. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Have an enjoyable summer.

Les Smith, 17th April 2024

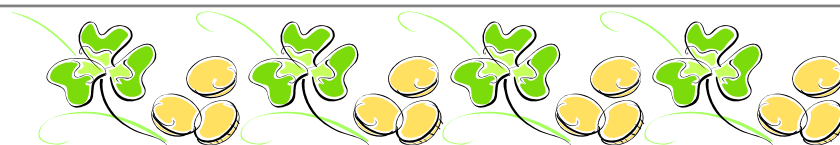
Hall Management Committee

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100 Club



Hello members

A big thank you to all who have continued with their membership and welcome to new members. The draw was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 13th May 2024. Here are the lucky winners:

April

1 st	Lisa Ewing	114
2 nd	Vlad Stolojan	155
3 rd	Ted Jones	118

May

1 st	Joseph Wolf	25
2 nd	Connor Doel	37
3 rd	Shelagh Trown	80

NEW MEMBERS are always welcome – contact me using the details below. Thanks again for everyone's support of the village hall. Next Coffee Morning 10th June – do come along.

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 INSPIRING WOMEN

CLIDDESSEN

This month was our AGM, although only 12 members attended, we all enjoyed remembering the activities of the year and the delicious cakes made by Pat, Diane and Tricia. Our President Janet Fagg thanked the committee for their support during the year and in particular Diane Rampton who has stepped down from the Committee after many years of dedication to the role. Julia Ross presented the annual secretarial report which recapped our many activities and speakers. Suzanne Sinclair

provided the Treasurer's report which highlighted the importance of the fund raising activities as subs alone do not cover the costs involved of running the meetings.

Next month our speaker is from The Dogs Trust on Monday 17th June.

If you are interested in joining our friendly WI please contact me at cliddesdensec@hamsphirewi.org.uk.

Julia Ross



NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM MAY 2024

Present: all Parish Councillors, the clerk and five members of the public. Alan Tyler was re-elected as Chairman for the next 12 months; Bob Randall from Cleresden Rise was co-opted as new Parish Councillor.

Neighbourhood Watch and Policing Simon Barker will continue as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator. Cliddesden has in the past been fortunate in benefiting from the excellent services of Estate security, alongside (previously) PC Andy Reid and now PCSO Andy Jones. Concerns raised about the school being particularly vulnerable to unwanted activity in long evenings, school holidays. To continue to urge residents to report any crime or suspicious behaviour directly to the police via the website or calling 101; to call 999 for any live incident requiring an immediate response.

Local election results Conservatives 16; Labour 11; Liberal Democrats 11 B&D Independents 10; Independent 3; Greens 2; Women's Equality Party 1. BDBC continues with a joint administration of Independents and Liberals supported by Labour. Congratulations to our new Ward Councillor Sheena Grassi (Independent), elected for a four-year term.

Hants Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones re-elected, four-year term.

Cliddesden's Neighbourhood Plan has been through Examination, incurring some suggested modifications, notably the withdrawal of the Valued Landscape Policy as this did not accord with BDBC's recently published landscape study. The Examiner was complimentary about the Plan as a whole. Credit to work done by all and the excellent consultant support.

MOTO application (ongoing) for a motorway service area at Junction 6 of the M3. The case officer's screening report dated 09 April 2024 confirmed that 'an Environmental Statement is required'. Noted that this will require considerable outlay by the applicant both in time and expense.

Newsletter – Noted that the *Newsletter* does not take paid advertising.

Year end accounts and AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) agreed and signed in preparation for internal and external audit.

Parish Councillor lead roles Alan Tyler – Planning; Mark Gifford – Neighbourhood Plan, Defibrillator, Village upkeep; Alison Mosson – Natural environment, Tree Warden; Dave Rudge – Speed Indicator Device, Village upkeep; Bob Randall – Finance, Village Hall Committee representative.

Pond pathway Installation of new path scheduled for fourth week of May.

HCC's Parish-funded 20mph policy Parish Councils can now request 20mph speed limits for specific roads or areas but have to cover all costs including a £10K traffic order, all County's design, installation and licence costs, cost of new signage and a commuted sum for signage upkeep; cost potentially up to £20K. The Parish Council has in the past requested that Woods Lane be made 20mph; it is the only road in Cliddesden likely to be eligible. The question is whether it will make a meaningful difference to justify the outlay. Agreed that extending the 30mph from the village to the M3 would have greater benefit, to further investigate possibilities before consulting.

Speed Indicator Device A resident's proposal for SID signs with the smiley and grumpy faces. Discussion: It was a conscious decision at the time to purchase the smaller, lighter signs. The smiley face signs or those which flash up a message are larger, heavier; and so take more and heavier batteries. Agreed to reconsider when the present signs need to be replaced.

Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 02 July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room, everyone is welcome.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00944/HSE (Validated 23 April) Jasmine Cottage, Cleresden Rise. Replace existing garage extension and new rear garage extension

24/00698/HSE (Granted 20 May) Old School House, Farleigh Road. Erection of an open car port.

24/00267/RET (Pending 12 Feb) 1 Chapel Walk. Erection of a porch and rear dormer (retrospective).

24/00248/HSE (Pending 05 Feb) 5 Langdale Rise. Single storey flat roof garden room, plus landscaping.

24/00218/RET (Pending 05 Feb) 1 Chapel Walk. Rear Garden Walls and Landscaping, retrospective.

23/02733/HSE (Pending 31 Oct) 1 Chapel Walk. Loft conversion and insertion of windows.

23/02326/FUL (Refuse 13 May) Greenlands Nursery, 3A Hackwood Lane. One new dwelling to replace redundant Nursery store/workshop.

23/02291/RET (Pending 22 Sept) 1A Millars Cottages, Station Road. Variation of condition 1 (plans) and 13 (parking) to match current arrangement; con 4 (landscaping) to reflect change in parking provision, and condition 6 (walls, fences, gates and hedges) to remove tarmac area of (erection of 1 no dwelling).

TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00179/24/TCA (Validated 03 April) Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane. Fell 1 Goat willow.

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/W/24/3337500 APPEAL IN PROGRESS The Jolly Farmer. Erection of a four-bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3) using existing access, plus parking and reconfiguration of pub car park and beer garden.

APP/H1705/W/23/3333310 APPEAL IN PROGRESS Land South of Myhaven. Erection of 28 dwellings, demolition of Newland Lodge.

DUMMER PLANNING APPLICATION

23/03120/FUL (Pending 19 Dec) Land At Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road. Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings etc and construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) with ancillary offices and gatehouses, infrastructure works incl parking, landscaping, access, drainage, tree retention etc.



PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL FIVE-YEAR PLAN

See Parish Assembly report Please respond... either via the Village Hall website, (at the bottom of the home page is a form to fill in and submit), or there is a 'suggestions box' in the Village Hall, or email suggestions@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

NOTES FROM THE PARISH ASSEMBLY



CLIDDESSEN ASSEMBLY 2024, FRIDAY 10 MAY

The Chairman welcomed 35 residents from Cliddesden and Ellisfield, plus Parish Councillors, County Councillor Juliet Henderson, BDBC Council Leader Councillor Paul Harvey, Ward Councillor Sheena Grassi.

PCSO Andy Jones sent his apologies and his report which indicated low crime figures for Cliddesden. The Chairman noted that, in the context of the recent retirement of Estate security, the Parish Council has requested Andy to particularly keep an eye on the vicinity of the school; he will do what he can but has a lot of area to cover. It is for everyone to be particularly vigilant and to take the trouble to report to the Police any crime or suspicious behaviour. To stress the importance of reporting every incident, even if seems no action will be taken. Only if need is demonstrated will police resources be allocated.

County Councillor Juliet Henderson is looking to host a Round Table meeting on rural crime. Local byways (BOATs – byways open to all traffic) have become a magnet for unlawful use including trespass, criminal damage, poaching (hares killed with lead shot).

Supported by Parish Councils and landowners, Juliet is engaging with HCC Countryside Services – who are as it fortunately happens reviewing their Policies – to request they rethink their strategy on seasonal (winter month) closures of the byways to motorised traffic.

Juliet is County Councillor for the Candover and Oakley Division; she sits on the Families Advisory Panel, and is vice chair for the Children and Young People Select Committee. She is also appointed County representative to Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the North Wessex Downs AONB Council of Partners.

Also passionate about improving road safety by reducing speeding, Juliet is sure there are locations where a 20mph limit will work. Due to County budgets, Parishes will have to fund this themselves, eg from developer contributions, and will need to show community support.

Ward Cllr Sheena Grassi introduced herself as our newly elected Ward Councillor; also an Old Basing & Lychpit Parish Councillor. She began the journey towards borough councillor four years ago when engaging with a community initiative to buy back an area of green space for the Lychpit community. Sheena is passionate about open space and the environment.

Council leader Councillor Paul Harvey spoke of a challenging first year for the joint Independent/Liberal administration which has gained seats in the elections. One focus has been on recruiting officers to put back a full team into planning; also for the Green Team, biodiversity team and grounds maintenance.

The BDBC Local Plan Update (LPU) has gone through the Regulation 18 consultation and moving towards Reg 19. Over c3K representations received, a vast increase on previous LPU consultations; have to respond to all these.

‘There will be responses and we will be clear how we deal with the level of growth required within the law as it stands.’ We are also testing the law – have engaged two sets of KC consultants and put direct questions to

the housing minister; his written response that: ‘You will determine your housing needs by the standard method.’

For Manydown, still looking to the start of 2025 for the first house-building. It will be Infrastructure first, also the Country Park is being delivered; then will be providing parcels of land for developers. Not wanting conveyor belt development, looking for quality. The paperwork is 99% there. [Evident this continues not to be straightforward.]

Re Upper Swallick: There will be changes on the back of the consultation, but Upper Swallick is not seen to be part of this. ‘Cliddesden won’t be surprised by the Local Plan Update Reg 19 consultation in this regard.’

Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Mark Gifford recalled ‘At a meeting like this in 2018, several people put their hand up...’ Now we just about have a Plan in place. No Neighbourhood Plan goes through examination without some recommendations for change, ours no exception; but the Examiner’s report says our Plan is acceptable, and she praised the Plan and the way it was done.

For most policies the changes were minor, all was within the spirit of what was required. For Environmental policies, these always been the most difficult. The Local Gap policy a great success; the Local Greenspace policy also, most spaces put forward for protection survived examination, including Southlea Meadow. The Valued Landscape policy was seen to conflict with BDBC’s own recently published study, leaving us no option to withdraw our policy. (To be revisited in future updates.)

We heard just today that the Plan has been accepted by BDBC and is set to go to public Referendum which we think will be in June. This will be a yes/no vote. Will urge everyone to vote. We think we have captured the spirit of Cliddesden, think the Plan will make a difference.

What the Neighbourhood Plan can do is influence what is built, housing mix and design, and protect some valued spaces; it could have allocated sites for housing, but we chose not to do that. It can’t stop development; it has to comply with Local and National Planning policy.

To say massive thanks to all participants.

Village Hall Committee chairman Les Smith thanked Greg Mendelsohn, chairman for the past 18 years. Going forward, the management team is looking to put together a business plan for the next five years. This is a Parish amenity, it is for residents to say how they would like to see its future. Looking for comments on the very smallest of issues to blue sky thinking, on what we have and what would make it more advantageous for the community and as a venue. Please comment, via the Village Hall website, the ‘suggestions box’ in the Village Hall or email suggestions@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

Festival organisers discussed their Plans to manage noise and transport. BDBC Environmental Health have undertaken background noise studies all this month at all times of day and night and weekends. There will be noise monitors throughout the area; can facilitate noise readers in your property; can request a live data feed; this will be monitored and goes directly to Licensing to ensure levels kept within requirements of the Licence.

The Traffic Management Plan* has been devised working with traffic consultant, with Hampshire Highways and with the school. Past experience says that people come for the weekend and don’t leave the site. Concerns were raised regarding narrow lanes, the one-way system and in particular the proposed route of the shuttle buses.

* Please contact the Clerk for a copy of the Traffic Plan.



Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan 2022 - 2039

The examiner's report on the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2039 was received on 18 January 2024. This recommended that the Plan should proceed to referendum subject to a number of proposed modifications.

The modifications are required to ensure that the Plan meets the basic conditions set out in legislation. The examiner also recommended that the area for the referendum should be based on the designated neighbourhood area which the Plan relates to.

In accordance with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the proposed modifications have been accepted by the borough council and the Plan will now proceed to referendum.

A copy of the submission neighbourhood plan (including supporting documents), the examiner's report and the council's Regulation 18 decision statement can be viewed on the council's website at:

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/CLIDNP>

Hard copies of the examiner's report and decision statement can also be viewed at:

- The Borough Council offices (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH); and
- Basingstoke Discovery Centre.

The borough council will now make arrangements for the referendum, which is expected to take place in June.

If you have any questions please contact the Planning Policy Team on Local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk



From Councillor Sheena Grassi:

Thank you for your Election support.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for your support in Voting for me in the Election on Thursday 2nd of May 2024.

It was an amazing result with 1,564 votes from all over the ward of Basing and Upton Grey.

I would also like to thank everyone for the tremendous help over the last few months.

I consider It a huge honour to represent this amazing Ward and shall fight hard for all our community at all times.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Phone 07561 060596 or email :- Cllr.Sheena.Grassi@basingstoke.gov.uk

**SERVICE TIMES
AT
ST. LEONARD'S
CLIDDESSEN**

**SUN 2ND JUNE 9.45AM
MORNING PRAYER**

**SUN 9TH JUNE 11.15AM
FAMILY COMMUNION**

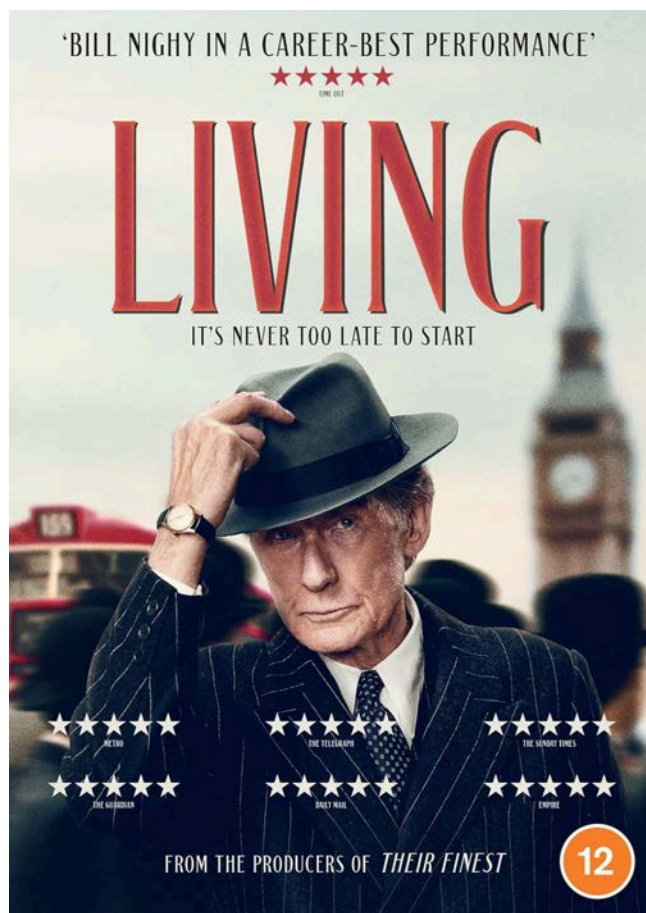
**SUN 16TH JUNE 11.15AM
FAMILY SERVICE**

Social and Entertainment Club

Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

'You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening'

The bar opens at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half way through during which ice creams and the bar are available. Admission is only £2 per person.



Thursday 6th June

Living

2022, 102 minutes

Certificate 12

Living

Living is a 2022 British film directed by Oliver Hermanus adapted from the 1952 Japanese film *Ikiru* directed by Akira Kurosawa (Seven Samurai).

Set in 1953 London, it depicts a bureaucrat in the county Public Works department (played by Bill Nighy) in which a staid, emotionally withdrawn local government official receives news which compels him to rethink his outlook on life.

The Lost King

The Lost King is a 2022 biographical film directed by Stephen Frears.



Thursday 4th July

The Lost King

2022, 108 minutes

Certificate 12A

It's the true story of the search for the grave of Richard III under a car park in Leicester, initiated by Philippa Langley (played by Sally Hawkins) to find King Richard III's remains, and her treatment by the University of Leicester in claiming credit for the discovery. Also starring, Steve Coogan and Harry Lloyd.

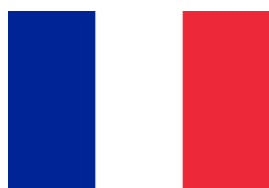
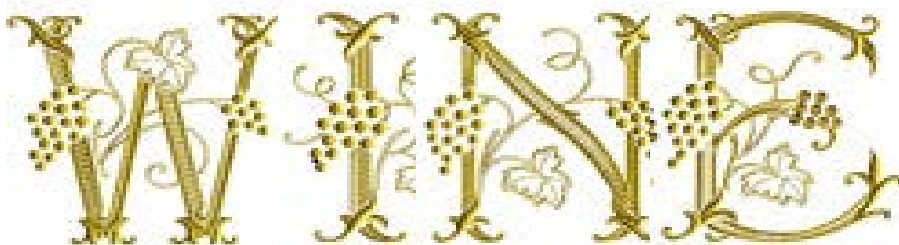
The film is a suitable replacement for "The Dig" which we were unable to show.

Please come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends and neighbours as you like.

Hope to see you there.

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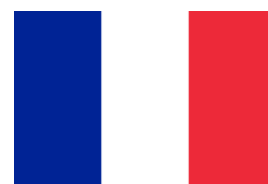
ST LEONARD'S CLIDDESSEN:



WALK



6th July 2024



IN CELEBRATION OF FRANCE HOSTING THE
OLYMPICS

WITH WELCOMING HOSTS ACROSS THE
VILLAGE

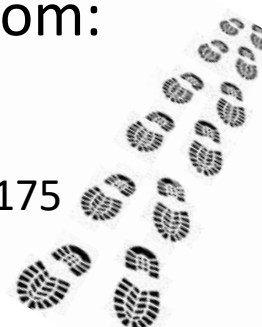
FROM 7.30 PM UNTIL LATE (12ish)

Tickets £12 each available from:



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In aid of church funds

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Friday 28th June, 11am-12.30pm
St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden



Join us in the beautiful churchyard for craft, songs and cake.
Bring your own picnic and don't forget your Teddy Bear!

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

In June, we are open on 7th & 14th, on 28th a Teddy Bears picnic.
Closed on 21st June

5th & 12th July - it is our end of summer term party

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

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CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



Join in the fun!

Learn new songs and meet new friends.
Every Friday during term time.
3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDESSEN

Cliddesden Primary School



The Northern Lights lit up the skies over Cliddesden Primary School
(coloured photo can be seen on the home page of our website)



Photo: courtesy of Mrs Rebbettes

**We have a few spaces for our September 2024 Reception intake.
We also have spaces in Year 2 and Year 5 for September 2024.
Please phone or email school to enquire.**

Penny Challenge: We have a winner of our Penny Challenge...

HACKWOOD House with 842 points.

Each house could gain points by adding 1p and 2p coins to their house jar. However, other houses were able to secretly deposit silver coins into their opponents house

jar at any time, making them lose a point!

Each house did very well and all deserve a round of applause.

The final total raised = £140.57. Those pennies really do add up!



Congratulations to our Tag Rugby Team for winning The Norman League for the second consecutive year. This is an outstanding achievement considering the size of our school and is testament to the high profile of sport at Cliddesden. We entered the final meeting of the league with an 18-point lead over the other schools and were until this point unbeaten. However, at QMC this week the standard of the other teams had improved and although beating St John's and Hatch Warren, we drew against Kempshott Jnrs and suffered our first defeat in the league to North Waltham. This was enough though, to win the league by an impressive 70 points, 12 clear of runners up Kempshott. In June we will be taking part in the Basingstoke Schools Tag Festival where we will face some very stiff competition from a larger group of schools. We will be working with the squad to try and retain our dominance and improve on our weaknesses in time for the event.

Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their SATs. They all worked incredibly hard and focused well.

To make sure we made the week as supportive and as pleasant as possible for the children, we started each day with a special breakfast and ended the week with a fun trip out. We began the afternoon at Knights Realm Adventure Golf. Despite the weather forecast saying to expect showers, they held off for us. In three groups of five, the children navigated the course overcoming the obstacles in the way to complete it. This was followed by a picnic in the park and then onto Hollywood Bowl.

The children were a credit to our school and they demonstrated our school ethos and values throughout the week.





Camrose, Gilles, Hackwood & Beggarwood Patient Participation Group

Website: <https://cghppg.weebly.com> Email: cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com

Sale of Operose

The basic message is nothing is going to change in the running of the practice in the foreseeable future. The picture of the ownership of the practice is a little muddled but briefly, the CGHB surgeries are run by six partners/ doctors all working within the practice. It is they who hold the General Medical Services (GMS) contract with the NHS England Integrated Care Board (ICB) to provide primary care to CGHB patients. **This will not change.** A few years ago, the partners asked Operose to provide back-office services because the practice was in danger of being closed. Operose was then owned by Centene, a US company that has now sold its business to Healthcare Resourcing Group (HCRG). The local ICB representatives are involved in a due diligence process to ensure that HCRG are a proper business to undertake the responsibilities of Operose within CGHB and a number of other surgeries within the UK. With the help of our local MP, Maria Miller, we have arranged to meet with HCRG and a meeting has been scheduled for 9th May. The Chairman of HCRG, Stephen Collier, knows the Basingstoke area and will attend the meeting. We feel that this is a positive thing. Dr Anna Reed, GP partner will be in attendance and the PPG has asked if possibly another partner could join us too.

One of the questions to be asked is "When will the role of Practice Manager be filled?" The current situation is that the Practice Manager of CGHB was promoted to Operose Regional Manager and currently tries to fulfil both roles at present. This of course, is not ideal. We understand that there have been a few applicants for the vacant Practice Manager post but they lack the necessary experience to handle four surgeries in one Practice.

PPG Web Site Development

The site continues to grow and attract attention from a number of agencies. It has been chosen by Hampshire County Council's Live Longer Better campaign to provide the local information people over 60's need to live more healthily.

Part of a countywide campaign they focus on four areas Be Active, Stay Steady, Keep Connected, and Control Hydration and Continence. Details of this can be found on our website.

Health Focus

Visit our 'SELF REFERRAL ROUTES' webpage to get faster treatment and reduce demand for assessment appointments: Examples

Physiotherapy 'PHIO'.

Around 30% of the population suffer with an MSK (musculoskeletal - muscle, bone or joint) condition. Phio offers a modern, simple yet highly effective solution for these patients providing a quick and accessible tool to advise and guide on to the required pathway of care.

Insomnia - Sleep Issues.

Can't sleep? - There's now a **free** online clinical approved treatment proven to be more effective than sleeping pills NHS funded and self referred.

In Growing Toe Nail

There is a direct link to the NHS self referral form for faster treatment.

Basingstoke Leg Club - Support needed.

The Basingstoke Leg Club was created to relieve suffering from leg ulcers and associated conditions, through the implementation of an award winning model that motivates and empowers patients to take ownership of their care, alleviate their suffering and reduce the stigma attached to their condition. The Club and Cafe is run on Friday mornings by volunteers and access is by clinical referral. Treatment at the club is provided by medical staff from the practice. Due to a change in circumstances a Chairperson and Treasurer are now needed for the club. More information and contact details are on the Leg Club page linked from the FOOT AND LEG CARE webpage.

National Patient Participation Week 31st May – 6th June

National Patient Participation Week is a significant event that focuses on the importance of patient engagement, communication, and involvement in healthcare decision-making. This dedicated week serves as a platform to recognize the pivotal role patients play in shaping their own healthcare experiences and to promote collaborative relationships between patients, healthcare providers, and communities. In this article, we explore the essence of National Patient Participation Week, its history, and how individuals can actively participate in this empowering initiative. Click here for further details - [National Patient Participation Week / PPG Awareness Week 2024 - Awareness Days Events Calendar 2024](#)

CGHB Surgery Update

From ICB

They would love to know how many people in Hampshire and Isle of Wight use the NHS App, as well as how they use it, or if not - why not? If you are over 16 and registered with any GP practice across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, ICB would love it if you could take a few minutes to tell us what you think. The survey is completely anonymous but there are options to leave contact details if you would like to share more information about your experiences, or if you would like to be part of a focus group.

Here is the link -

survey.ntropydata.co.uk/surveys/DPNHSAPP2024

Comments, Feedback & Complaints

The surgery welcomes feedback from patients and strives to learn from us in helping them deliver a first class service. If you do have reason to complain about a service or anything related to the surgery this matter is completely confidential. It will not impact your relationship with the surgery. For Beggarwood and CGHB complaints, please visit the CGHB web site to register your dissatisfaction. The web address is :-

cgpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints
CGHB employ a full time Patient Experience Manager and so you should get a speedy response and certainly an acknowledgement within 3 working days. If you are not satisfied with the way they have dealt with your complaint, you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to review your case on 0345 015 4033 or via their website:

www.ombudsman.org.uk.

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