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100 Club



Hello members

The draw for June was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 12th June 2023. Here are the lucky winners:

1 st	82	Katie Barden
2 nd	186	Clive Whitehorn
3 rd	117	Freya Jones

Congratulations.

Next coffee morning 10th July - come along for good cakes and company.

Rose Beevers Tel: 475944

100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk



Teddy bear's picnic

Friday 7th July

12.30-2pm

St Leonard's Church

Load up your picnic hampers: pre-schoolers, teddies and their families are invited to enjoy a special teddy bear's picnic in the churchyard at St Leonard's.



In May we incorporated our AGM into our ordinary meeting and Pat Doel welcomed everybody to the hall. There were apologies from several members. Pat told us that nominations for the committee were complete. All three officers were standing down and Julia Ross has replaced Pauline as Secretary and Suzanne Sinclair has replaced me as Treasurer. Pauline read her very comprehensive report of our activities over the past year. It was so nice to reflect on all our meetings, which included the celebration of our 100th birthday – quite an achievement for the village. Her report was followed by the Treasurer's report where I presented the accounts for the year. The President, Pat, then read her report in which she thanked everybody for their work over the year including all the officers who were standing down and Margaret another Committee member. She wished us all well for the future.

As Pat was standing down as President Tricia gave her thanks on behalf of all of us for her hard work over the years especially as she had stepped in at a critical moment to take over the role. Without this action the group could well have folded.

All the reports were proposed and seconded and the AGM drew to a close.

The AGM was followed by tea, coffee and delicious cakes to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We taxed our brains with a quiz about the coronation during this interval.

We then got into the business of the Ordinary meeting. In this meeting we voted for and appointed Janet Fagg as our new President with Pat Rampton as Vice President and we wish them well in their roles. Various other matters were discussed including changing our Bank account. Our present bankers are now charging us for the account despite the fact we are a registered charity. Members agreed to the change and this is now well in hand. All in all a very busy meeting and we are now looking forward to the events of the coming year.

Next meeting **Monday 17th July 10.30am**
'Tales from the Green Room'
Speaker: Alan Grace

Please come along to these meetings if you are interested in our group or the subjects of the talks. You will be most welcome.

Diane Rampton Tel 01256 467533
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Village Hall News

cliddesdenhall.org.uk
facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall



Firstly, our thanks go to the **Cliddesden Players** for this year's Summer play "Home is Where Your Clothes Are" performed on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th June. Thanks also to the BBQ team for the delicious Saturday pre-play food. More on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the last few months we have put up a couple of plaques to commemorate the lives of two people who were keen supporters of the Hall and very generously donated funds to the Hall as part of their legacy:

- Firstly to **Bob Kew** whose generous donation was used to fund the complete rejuvenation of the large flower border in front of the Hall. This was something that was well overdue, and it is a very fitting use of Bob's legacy since he was always to be found at the Hall tending the gardens.
- Secondly to **Eddie Rapley** whose generous donation was used to fund the solar panel project. Eddie was a big part of both the old and current Hall, both directly as an early "Cliddesden Player", indirectly as Clerk to the Parish Council and as significant support to Betty Rapley, the Hall's long time Secretary.

The plaques, solar panels and front border will be a fitting tribute to these two very kind gentleman and reminder to future users of the Hall of their support and involvement.

On the subject of involvement with the Hall, we are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested and are looking for something to do in the village for the



good of the village, then again drop us a mail at volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

If you can't volunteer directly, then remember that you can help raise funds for the Hall indirectly via **Give As You Live** which donates to the Hall whenever you shop on-line at selected stores at no absolutely cost to you. Just sign up for free at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/cliddesdenhall. There is also the Nectar Donate scheme which enables you to donate your Nectar points to UK charities at any time by simply logging on to Nectar via their app or on a PC and clicking on Crowdfunder or go straight to crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cliddesdenvillagehall.

As always, remember to visit the Hall's website at www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk and Facebook page at facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall for the latest news.



Greg Mendelsohn

Village Hall Management Committee

chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk





The Cliddesden Players presented

“Home Is Where Your Clothes Are”



by Anthony Marriott & Bob Grant on 16th & 17th June at the Village Hall

This was a fast paced adult farce with mistaken identities, awkward confrontations and hectic misunderstandings and our audiences roared with laughter as the confusion increased.

The actors remembered their lines (mostly), the bed stayed in one piece in spite of all the ‘action’ in, under and around it but the pay-phone did fall off the wall in spectacular fashion on the Friday night!

A huge ‘well done’ to Nick who must have lost half a stone in the sweltering heat dashing backwards and forwards across the stage AND remembering all those lines. The comedy relied heavily on the Players’ expert timing coming in and out of doors very rapidly, unaware of anyone else’s presence, and they nailed it! The adult humour was taken to a new level by Phoebe as Jaqueline from the Agency – what confidence and sass, go girl! What a performance!

Well done to the whole cast and their commitment to long rehearsals, plus to the stage crew and those in charge of lighting, sound, props and set – an awful lot of hard work and time goes into these productions but it is a great team effort.



So the sun shone, the Bar did a roaring trade, the Pimm’s and ice-creams were extremely welcome, just adding that touch of class which the Cliddesden Players are noted for!

We had a delicious Saturday BBQ organised by Sarina & Les, so many thanks to them for all their hard work and generosity. Many thanks must also go to all our other volunteer Helpers on the night, we couldn’t do it without you.

Our audience programme donations for St Michael’s Hospice totalled

£107 –thank you! I will know our overall event profit by the next newsletter. Remember, all profits go towards the maintenance of the Hall which is why support for this major fund raiser is so important.

Hope to see you at the Panto – 8th and 9th December – save the date now.

Enjoy the summer.

The Cliddesden Players.



Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

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Secretary: Marilyn Smith, tel: 462584, email: willow.ms@btinternet.com



Hello from Claire!

'The only thing I have to say – it's a good year for the roses'



Don't know why – certainly not from receiving any TLC from me!

I only wish the roses would do well, and the ground elder wouldn't.

And on the subject of roses – why is it so many new varieties have no scent? The beauty of a rose is only complimented by the headiness of its perfume, why interfere with perfection! Rant over.

What's been happening?

Thursday May 25th, 7.30 for 7.45 start – Kat Freeman "Help your plants thrive the natural way" Imperium Organics

I used this after meeting Kat at Newbury Garden Show last year, and saw amazing results despite being very erratic with the follow-up watering and feeds.

So, I bought some more after the meeting. And I can honestly say I'm shocked at what's happened.

I have one rose that didn't get planted out last season, poor thing left neglected in its small pot, not even enough soil to fill to the top. Gave it a good soak with Imperium 2 weeks ago – hasn't been watered other than rain before or after – and I've got 2 inches of new growth in 5 or 6 places. The parsley is doubled in size; sage/mint/gladioli – even the show fuchsia is growing now.

Am I going to be buying some more???? Absolutely.

If you missed out and would like to order:

www.imperiumorganics.co.uk
or 01279714970
or enquiries@imperiumorganics.co.uk

What's coming up?

13th June 6.30 pm

Garden Visit to Fairbank, Old Odiham Road, Alton, owned by Jane and Robin Lees (01420 866650)

Full report in next issue

Friday 21st July at 2.00pm - still time to book your place on this one!

Behind The Scenes at Hardy's Nursery

hardysplants.co.uk/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-hardy-perennial

A look behind the scenes at Hardy's Nursery, well known to us for the success they have had producing top quality cottage garden plants.

Hardy's Garden Plants, Priory Lane Nursery, Freefolk Priors, Whitchurch RG28 7FA

Sat Nav users - RG28 7NJ

Use the first car park which is signed Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants. This will take you to a large car park by our retail area. Refreshments included.

Book your place by emailing Seumas: seumas@cropfosters.co.uk

To help with costs there is a charge for the visits:

Hardy's Nursery: Members £5.00
Guests/Visitors £7.50

Please pay using BACS if possible. If you prefer to use cash please pay Steve Bowcutt or Seumas Foster:

BACS Details (this is a business acct)
Bank: Lloyds
A/C: Cliddesden Hort Soc
Sort Code: 30-90-53,
Acct No.: 01029579
Reference: your name and visits booked

Thursday 13th July

Cliddesden Millennium Hall
7.30 for refreshments before meeting

Hosta cuttings and Aeroponics
Johnathan Hogarth

'Mr. Jonathan Hogarth is a hosta fanatic. When he married, he and his wife bought a house which came

with just one hosta. His neighbour showed him how to look after it and that was the start of his fascination with hostas. Soon he was seeking out specialist nurseries and joined the British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society.

He has been cultivating and caring for his diverse collection of miniature hostas ever since. His passion for these plants has seen him create what is now Hogarth Hostas. He shows his plants at many prestigious flower shows and he is chair of the Hosta Society. He is the UK National Collection Holder for Small and Miniature Hostas.

At the Hampton Court Flower Show last year he designed his display around the aeroponics 'cuttings' unit. The idea was well received by the RHS Judges who awarded it Gold and then gave it the further honour of being selected as the Best Exhibit in his section.*

*Taken from a write-up by another society. I think it safe to say we'll learn a lot from Mr Hogarth!

Sunday 6th August

Cliddesden Millennium Hall

SUMMER SHOW

Staging of exhibits 9.20-10.40

Open to the public from 2pm.
Presentations and raffle at 3.30pm.

Flowers, fruit, vegetables, flower arrangements, and, of course, lots of lovely cakes.

Come along and admire the beauty and bounty of our gardens.

Visitors are very welcome.

New members are always welcome, whether you are a keen gardener, or can't tell your pansies from your petunias.

To join Email Steve Bowcutt on stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com

See you at the next meeting.

Happy gardening!
Claire

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.



Mamma Mia! Here we go again

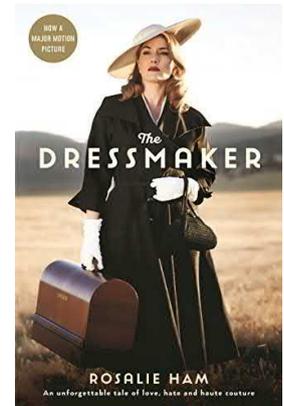
A jukebox musical romantic comedy film written and directed by *Ol Parker*. It is the sequel to the 2008 film *Mamma Mia!*, again using the music of ABBA. The film features an ensemble cast, including *Dominic Cooper, Amanda Seyfried, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Stellan Skarsgård, Lily James, Julie Walters, Andy García, Meryl Streep, and Cher*. Both a prequel and a sequel, the plot is set after the events of the previous film, and is intersected with flashbacks to Donna's youth in 1979, with some scenes from the two time periods mirroring each other. Rated 66% audience score on Rotten Tomatoes.

Thursday 6th July
Mamma Mia!
Here we go again
 2018, 114 minutes
 Certificate PG

The Dressmaker

An Australian comedy-drama film co-written and directed by *Jocelyn Moorhouse*. It stars *Kate Winslet* as the eponymous central character, a femme fatale who returns to a small Australian town to take care of her ailing, mentally unstable mother. The film explores the themes of revenge and creativity and was described by Moorhouse as "Clint Eastwood's *Unforgiven* with a sewing machine".

Ted Dowson



Thursday 3rd August
The Dressmaker
 2015, 118 minutes
 Certificate 15

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

7th and 14th July (end of term party)

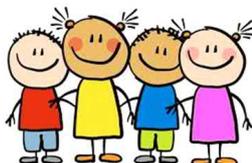
Happy Summer Holidays

9th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833 528040)
Claire Qualified teacher (07757 498653)

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



Come along, meet new friends,
 and learn new songs!

Our new term starts on Friday 9th June,
 then runs every Friday during term time

3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDSDEN



BASINGSTOKE & DEANE CONSULTATION

HAVE YOUR SAY ON HOW AND WHEN YOU ARE CONSULTED ON PLANNING MATTERS

News release 10386, published on 19th June 2023

Residents, businesses and interest groups are being invited to give their views on how they would like to be involved in the borough council's planning process.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is asking for feedback on its draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which explains how people can get involved in Local Planning Policy, Neighbourhood Planning and the planning application decision-making process.

The draft document highlights changes within planning legislation and new consultation and engagement methods, and covers everything from how to get involved in planning applications for house extensions to large-scale housing or business developments or policies on affordable housing.

It can be viewed online at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BD03 or printed copies of the draft Statement of Community Involvement can be read at the Council Offices and local libraries during their normal opening hours.

Everyone has until 4pm on Friday 21 July to have their say – online at consult.basingstoke.gov.uk, by email at Local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk or by post to *Basingstoke & Deane Civic Offices, London Road*.

Cabinet Member for Planning & Infrastructure Cllr Andy Konieczko said:

'We want local people to have their say on planning matters. Our new draft Statement of Community Involvement sets out how you can get involved and how we're going to listen.'

'We hope local residents and businesses will give us their views during this consultation so that we can make sure that their feedback on planning decisions continues to be heard.'

Anyone looking for further information should contact a member of the BDBC Planning Policy Team on 01256 844844.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01325/HSE (Validated 26 May)
Bona Vista, Woods Lane. Granny annexe garden room.

23/00909/FUL (Pending 11 April)
Land At Greenlands Nursery, Hackwood Lane. One new bungalow.

23/00773/RET (Pending 04 April)
2 Coldharbour Cottages Woods Lane. Erection of new boundary treatments and hard and soft landscaping.

23/00772/FUL (Pending 31 March)
The Jolly Farmer. Retention of existing public house and erection of a four-bedroom detached dwelling (use Class C3) utilising the existing access, including associated parking and landscaping, and reconfiguration of the pub car park and beer garden.

22/03290/FUL (refused 26 May)
Land South of Myhaven, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 new dwellings and demolition of Newland Lodge.

22/02233/HSE (Pending 09 Aug 2022)
27 Southlea. Home workshop/office/playroom; new access, entrance gates.

APPEALS

23/00023/REF (Appeal lodged 04 May 2023) Land South Of Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for the erection of up to nine dwellings. (22/01551/PIP refused by BDBC 23 March.)

23/00002/ENF and **23/00003/ENF** APP/H1705/C/23/**3314607** (lead case) and **3314608** (Start date 9th February) Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane. Appeal against Enforcement notice relating to alleged change of use of the land from agricultural to residential together with associated paraphernalia.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 4th July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, all welcome.



CLIDDESSEN'S JOLLY FARMER

Mehmet and Nui serve authentic Thai Cuisine plus a choice of traditional British pub main meals, a Sunday lunch menu, deserts and sandwiches.

thejollyfarmercliddesden.co.uk/menu

Nui is meticulous in sourcing her ingredients – from local suppliers where possible, from specialist markets, and directly from her sources in Thailand.

The pub opening hours are:

Mon to Thurs	12noon to 11pm
Fri and Sat	12noon to 11.30pm
Sunday	12noon to 10.30pm

Kitchen opening hours are:

Monday	closed
Tues to Sat	lunchtime – 12 noon to 2.30pm evening – 5pm to 9.30pm
Sunday	12 noon to 4pm

To reserve a table, please call 01256 358288

APPLICATION FOR NEW PREMISES LICENSE

Premises – Cosmic Roots Music and Arts Festival
Kingsmore Copse, Northgate Lane, Ellisfield

Applicant – Harry Jay at Cut Shapes, Throw Polygons Ltd

THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL 'Cosmic Roots is an annual music and arts festival that has taken place successfully three times in North Norfolk and is looking to relocate to Kingsmore Copse for 2023 and beyond. Music and dance, art installations with light shows, workshops and yoga along with fine street food and local refreshments.

'The event takes place once a year for a four-day period around the second weekend of September. The festival is proposing the following licensable activities:

'**Films** – Thursday 14:00-02:00, Friday 11:00-05:00, Saturday 11:00-06:00, Sunday 11:00-23:59.

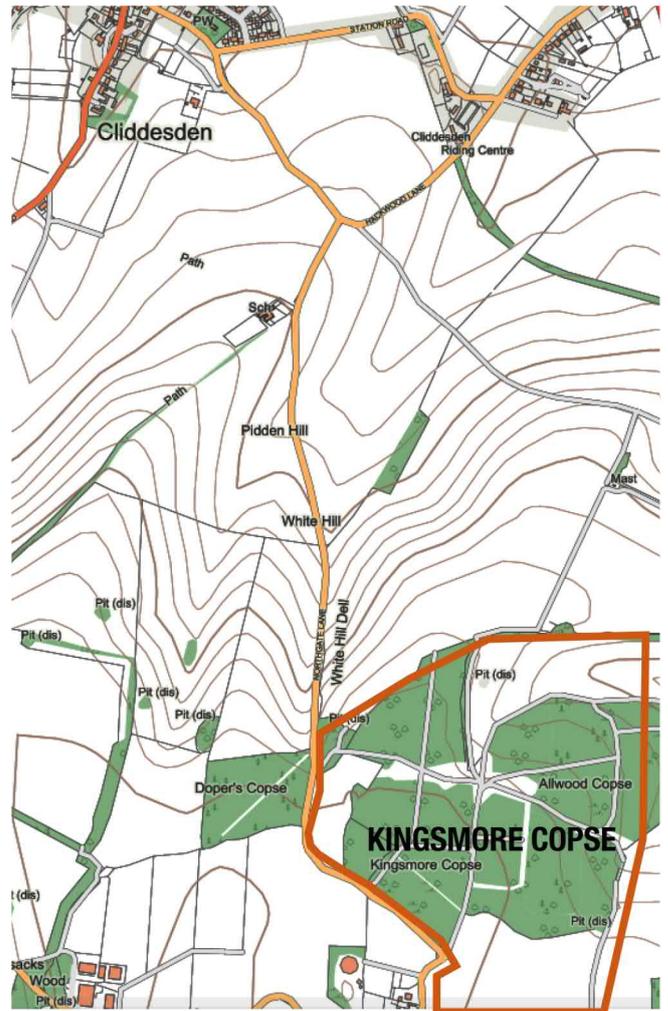
'**A listening stage** which may host educational talks, yoga classes and film screenings... day and/or night.

'**Live music** Thursday 14:00-02:00, Friday 11:00-05:00, Saturday 11:00-06:00, Sunday 11:00-23:59. May be played across two stages over the weekend.

'**Recorded music** Thursday 14:00-02:00, Friday 11:00-05:00, Saturday 11:00-06:00, Sunday 11:00-23:59. Also across two stages over the weekend.

'**Dance** - Thursday 14:00 – 02:00, Friday 11:00 – 05:00, Saturday 11:00 – 06:00, Sunday 11:00 – 23:59. Dance performances may be programmed at any time/day during the music live/recorded hours.

'**Late night refreshment** Thursday 14:00-02:00, Friday 11:00-05:00, Saturday 11:00-06:00, Sunday 11:00-23:59. Fine street food and refreshments. Temporary structures will accommodate this.



continued...

'**Supply of alcohol** - Thursday 14:00-02:00, Friday 11:00-05:00, Saturday 11:00-06:00, Sunday 11:00-23:59, on the premises.'

DELIVERY AND REMOVAL, construction and dismantling of all the temporary structures before and after the event will need to be considered.

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING

As per the Licensing Act 2003, this application was submitted to the Basingstoke & Deane Licensing Team and subject to a 28-day consultation period, now ended. Due to local objections, and concerns raised by Parish Councils including Cliddesden (supported by County and Ward Councillors), the application will be considered by Licensing Sub-committee Hearing at the Civic Offices on the morning of Tuesday 4th July.

In preparation for the hearing, the sub-committee members will have read all the evidence submitted. The hearing will not consider new information other than in response to queries raised, but will give all interested parties the opportunity to question and seek clarification on any issue. The Parish Council will be represented at the hearing and has requested to speak. The Sub-committee will reach its decision within five days of the hearing (and often on the same day). The decision will be communicated to all the parties as soon as it is made.

A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION will take place outside the council offices from 9.30am 4th July ahead of the Licensing Hearing scheduled to start at 10am. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Maps courtesy of Parish Online. (Labels indicative only)



JUNE REPORT FROM
COUNTY COUNCILLOR
JULIET HENDERSON

Cost of living support HCC has £14.2 of additional funding to help households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices.

The funding extends Government's Household Support Fund (HSF) until the end of March 2024. Details of how to seek support can be found at the [connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org.uk) website.

Fostering HCC is encouraging residents to consider fostering an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child – to be a positive and enabling presence to support them to access education, stability in everyday life and to become settled into a new culture and country. Please see www.hants.gov.uk/uasc.

Alternatively, residents can join the Council's **Innovation Volunteers Service**, which supports children, young people and families to overcome challenges. Details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/innovationvolunteers

Rural verge cutting Hampshire Highways' seasonal grass cutting programme is underway. This can be an emotive subject for many, especially in the nesting season. The department works closely with the conservation charity, Plantlife UK, to ensure that their work promotes biodiversity; in particular, they try to avoid cutting grass at ecologically important times, and particularly at sensitive sites. For safety reasons there are some locations where roadside grass still needs to be mown to maintain visibility and sight lines, for example at junctions and on approaches to roundabouts.

See www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/grasscutting



www.plantlife.org.uk/let-it-bloom-june-no-mow-may-is-over-whats-next

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON BUDGET PROPOSALS

www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The County Council is asking residents' views on ways to help the Authority prepare its budgets over the next two years to April 2025. County faces difficult decisions in the face of rising costs, higher demand for local services and years of underfunding by central Government

Council Leader, Councillor Rob Humby, said that: 'Hampshire County Council has a strong reputation for making the most of taxpayers' money... Despite all our efficiency measures and having no alternative but to increase Council Tax to the maximum we're allowed this year – it still won't be enough in years to come. There will still be a £132 million gap in our budget by 2025/2026, and by law we must set a balanced budget. This means some really difficult decisions will need to be made.

'We're now consulting on ideas as to how we can balance the books and would like to hear people's views for how we can continue to make the most of the public's money.'

The budget consultation presents a range of options which might involve

- **Introducing and increasing charges for some services**
- **Lobbying central Government for legislative change**
- **Generating additional income**
- **Using the County Council's reserves**
- **Reducing and changing services**
- **Increasing Council Tax**
- **Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire**

It also invites feedback about the potential impacts of these options, and alternative proposals for how the required savings can be made.

Councillor Humby added: 'We would like to hear from as many people in Hampshire as possible – from residents, businesses, schools, universities, community and voluntary groups, and our partners, to help us understand and consider the potential impact of any changes proposed. The views submitted through this consultation will be collated and used to shape savings proposals that will be considered in the autumn. No prior decisions have been made regarding the proposals. Decisions relating to specific services will be subject to further, more detailed, consultation.'

Please take part via the online response form on the consultation webpage where there is also a full information pack on the proposals.

www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

The consultation is closes on 11:59pm on 23 July 2023



**NO MOW MAY IS OVER,
WHAT'S NEXT?**

By not mowing through May you have rekindled your wildflowers and thrown a much-needed lifeline to your pollinators. Now you have an opportunity to design your wildflower landscape. Grassland wildlife comes in different flavours and you could incorporate these different elements into your plan.

You might need to keep paths and recreation areas mown short but perhaps you could frame these functional areas with a flowering lawn mown once every four to eight weeks. This allows common, low-growing wild flowers to regrow and reflower throughout the summer while you maintain a shorter, neater height. Picture a carpet of red and white clovers, golden trefoils, puddles of blue selfheal and the white froth of yarrow. You will find that even in the fiercest droughts, the wildflowers will stay green and keep flowering.

Let it grow... If you are feeling bolder you might trial leaving some of your open space unmown for longer. By mowing only twice a year outside of April to July you could recreate the effect of a traditional hay meadow. It holds more value for wildlife as when left undisturbed for longer, wildflowers and grasses can support the lifecycles of invertebrates that depend upon them.

CLIDDESSEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER

Friends of Cliddesden School Association (Charity Number 1041400)



SUMMER FETE

On Saturday 8th July 2023

From 12noon to 3pm

At Cliddesden Primary School

Entry - £1 per adult - children go free!

Our main fundraising event for the school is our Summer Fete and BBQ with plenty of stalls and fun activities for the whole family!



Come along and join the fun..

Contact friendsofcliddesden@gmail.com for more information.

Cliddesden Primary School



Our wonderful Year 6 children took their SATs tests. As you may well have read in the media, the tests were controversially very challenging this year. However, our children demonstrated the school value of resilience and tried their very best. They were focused and didn't show any stress.

We rewarded them with a tasty cooked breakfast every day and after the final test the children had an afternoon of bowling at The Hollywood Bowl.



Morse code

On Wednesday 23rd May, Chestnut was lucky enough to have Mr Wood present an interactive workshop on Morse code. We learnt all about how Morse code was invented and how it has been used over the years. We looked at how Morse Code was used on the Titanic and why the distress signal was not received quickly enough to help. The class



Our Year 2 children letting off steam and enjoying fun and games on the field following their SATs tests.



decoded their own messages and were able to send messages on a replica morse code machine. The afternoon was very interesting and informative.

Titanic Story

On Monday 5th June, Chestnut Class visited the SeaCity Museum in Southampton. When we arrived, we had a guided tour of the Titanic Story exhibition. We impressed the tour guide with our knowledge of the Titanic and also learnt lots of new facts.

After the tour, we took part in a workshop where we rotated around



four stations. We had the opportunity to look at and hold artefacts from the Titanic, trying to guess what each one was and what it was used for. Secondly, we had the challenge of deciding who we would put on the lifeboats, making sure the woman and children were on first and there was a crew member to row. After that, we learnt more morse code and looked at a replica morse code machine, before coding our own messages. Finally, we investigated how many leaking compartments it takes to sink a ship using a pipette and an icecube tray.

At the end of our workshop, four of us dressed up as people from the Titanic (2nd Officer Charles Lightoller, Ida Strauss, Shawneena and Fred Fleet) as we learned about their journey.

After lunch, we had a self-guided tour around the two exhibitions of the museum: Southampton's Titanic Story, our history topic and Gateway to the World, our Geography topic. While looking around the exhibitions, we had to find specific artefacts and people in order to answer questions.

We had a fantastic day sharing our existing knowledge and learning new facts.

Amazing animals Manaus

As part of our Amazing Animals learning theme, the children in Willow class dressed up as explorers and travelled to Manaus! The classroom was transformed into an aeroplane ready to fly the children to Manaus in Brazil.



The children had packed their rucksacks full of useful things ready for their flight.

As the children arrived at Gatwick airport, they were greeted by British Airways flight attendants. They were guided through to a scanner to check their backpacks. Pushing the tray through the scanner was fun! Next, the children had to walk through the metal detector to check for any metal objects. Sometimes it went beep and the children looked for metal bits on their coats as the flight attendants scanned them again.

At Passport control, the class had the passports they had made, checked and stamped. The children were shown to the Departure lounge where they relaxed with some holiday magazines!

Our flight to Manaus was then announced and seat numbers were called. The children checked their number then went onboard to match their ticket to a seat.

After our safety checks, we set off, watching the pilot in the cockpit and the ground get further away. It was very noisy and the children had to pop their ears once we reached the clouds and higher!

There was time for inflight food and drink served by the air stewards.

Once the plane had landed and the seatbelt signs were turned off, the children went to Arrivals to meet their guide. They shared their backpack contents with the guide who helped them decide if they were going to be useful.

Now the children were ready to explore. They spotted and counted many animals. The binoculars were the most useful item in their backpacks.

After a camp lunch, the guide helped the children find and draw some of the animals.

The children had a great experience and we hope this will inspire the children in the next few weeks to find out more about these amazing animals.

Cricket workshops



Neil from Chance to Shine Cricket came into school to run cricket workshops with the children from Years 1 to 6. On a lovely sunny day, perfect for cricket, the children learnt a variety of cricket skills. The Year 5s even got to test their bowling speeds with a speed gun. Well done to Aiden who achieved a bowling speed of 40mph! Our cricket team will be taking part in the district competition in June. We are hoping for another Cliddesden sporting success.

Tag rugby

Our Tag Rugby team travelled to Overton Rugby Club to take part in The Rams Head festival. Victors in the Norman League earlier this year, they qualified to play against the top teams from the other seven leagues across Basingstoke and north Hampshire.

The team started well with victories against Sherborne St John, Ecchinswell and Longparish. We then lost narrowly to Great Binfields, drew against Hurstborne Tarrant and were beaten by Oakley and Castle Hill, finishing in 5th place overall. This wasn't a disappointment though, as we knew the competition would be tough. Oakley once again were the overall winners.



A special mention goes to Tyler who throughout all the competitions, scored the most tries for Cliddesden. His speed and agility are exceptional.

At the end we were awarded the cup for winning the Norman League for the first time since 2018. It was a special day as it marked Roger Filbey's last competition. Roger has been organising the leagues and festivals for countless years and will be missed. We thank him for his dedication. We hope to continue a league next year with other local schools.

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