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Village Hall News

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Chairman's Report May 2024

This is my first report since taking over from Greg Mendelsohn and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg for undertaking this role for the last 15 years. He has done a sterling job during this time, and his are certainly big shoes to fill. Greg has kindly offered to assist the Trustees on a few issues going forward and we are grateful for his assistance on these.

It was with great sadness that the Trustees received the news of the passing of Mary Thomas who has taken such an active role in the village hall over the years, and will be fondly remembered for arranging coffee mornings, running a bookstall, supporting the Village Players as one of the "Friday Night" bar team! and numerous other fundraising events. Mary was also a very talented and knowledgeable artist and has run extremely popular art classes in the hall over many years.

Mary will be greatly missed in the community and we extend our sincere condolences to her family.

As was reported in the last Chairman's report, the new external doors to the hall have been installed and we have now received payment of the grant towards the

cost of these from Basingstoke & Deane Council. Particular thanks are due to Alex Conboy, Julie James, Jo Capehorn, Angie Fewster and Greg for their combined efforts in securing this significant grant.

The trustees have now commenced an exercise to develop a 5-year business plan for the village hall. This will deal with maintenance and replacement expenditure and will also give consideration to possible future enhancements to the hall and its facilities. We would, therefore, welcome suggestions from the local community on how the amenities / facilities provided by the hall, can be improved or developed within the plan period. To facilitate this, ideas can be emailed to suggestions@cliddesdenhall.org.uk, or left in the secure suggestions box located in the hall entrance. Submissions are requested before 31st May, so that they can be discussed at the next Trustees meeting in June. We look forward to hearing from you.

Les Smith, 17th April 2024

Hall Management Committee

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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 May 13th 2024.

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)

Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

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Hello from Claire!

I am sincerely hopeful that we have reached this point in the year without any fall of the dreaded white stuff! Personally speaking, my least favourite weather is snow – and so far, so good!

It does mean, however, that many of the benefits that a good cold snap would give us are lost.

Ticks are already rife, slugs and snails will be thriving, and the grass and weeds haven't really stopped growing at all.

As I write this there are 2 weeks until the end of April... who knows, I many yet be disappointed!

This month we are having a look at herb #4 – Thyme



Thyme
Thymus Vulgaris
family : Labiatae

An essential herb for a good bouquet garni, Thyme has a long and distinguished history. Associated with strength and happiness, in the Middle Ages a

high-ranked lady would embroider sprigs of rosemary on the clothes of knights going off to the crusades.

Favouring a dry, sunny spot with well-drained soil thyme can be raised from seed where it is to flower, although a quicker reward would come from dividing an old plant or taking cuttings in spring. A spreading, evergreen perennial its small mauve flowers are popular with bees and insects.

The leaves go well in all savoury dishes, especially veal, chicken and game, and in tomato based sauces.

Medicinally, thyme derives its use from the compound 'Thymol' which is a powerful antiseptic.

Use an infusion of the leaves as an antiseptic rinse for cuts, and drink for headaches, coughs, catarrh and asthma.

For clearing spots and pimples use oil of thyme.

Lemon thyme (Thymus x citriodorus) is one of only 3 of the over 50 different forms of thyme to be grown for culinary use. It has a milder flavour than garden thyme. In Parsley and Thyme stuffing it can be used to replace the grated lemon peel. Use in in fruit salads, jellies and baked custards.

Sprigs tied in a muslin cloth and added to the bath give off a lovely scent, and dried leaves can be used in pot pourri and herb cushions.

What's been happening?

March 28th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 730pm for 745 start

Well, it wasn't Terry, it was 'Mrs Terry' and it was much more than hardy shrubs!

The sheer variety of foxgloves that are available is astonishing, and so many lovely colours.

A well-attended evening, and I think the presentation could have gone on well into late evening given the chance. There were well grown, reasonably priced, plants to buy, as well as seeds and all the advice you could want to help them grow.

April 7th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall – SPRING SHOW

It never ceases to amaze me the number of different types of daffodils and tulips that we can grow, their many shades and shapes creating a vibrant splash of yellows, reds, and pinks as you enter the hall on show day.

And, as always, our members beat the odds and bring that joyous colour for all to see.

The craft sections show what phenomenal talent we have across our villages, and the domestic section, as always, has a range of recipes so that anyone can try something different.

Congratulations to our Cup Winners:



Sue Frupp

Beautifully crafted bead and wire flowers



Steve Bowcutt

Best in show for flowers



Darcey Carmichael

Such a lot of hard work, although Darcey did say mum helped with the glue gun because it was hot. A very sensible idea

Our other cup winners were: Domestic Section – Pat Gould, Highest overall points – Eddie and Di Rampton

Thank-you to everyone for all the effort you put in, we wouldn't have a show without you.

What's coming up?

Sunday May 12th – Cliddesden Millenium Hall 11am

The Plant Sale!

Our major fundraiser of the year.

Vegetable, herbs, annuals, perennials, and a good mix of everything in between.

All plants are grown and donated by our members, so if you are splitting down, thinning out, or have more plants that you can plant, donations are very welcome.

Or if you have a space to fill in a border, don't have the time to grow from seed, or are looking for something to try, pop along and see what's on offer.

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!

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 you can chat to any of the committee about joining.

See you soon
Happy gardening!
Claire

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INSPIRING WOMEN

CLIDDESSEN

On 9th April we held another Crafty Lunchers day which as usual was a big success and raised some funds for our WI. Everybody who comes really enjoys the day especially the lunch where members and non-members can get together and have a good chat. Many thanks must go to Catherine for organising everything to make the cards. Also to all the helpers in the kitchen, without them the event couldn't go ahead.

I was away for the April meeting but Julia kindly wrote the following for the newsletter in my absence:

'This month we are preparing for our AGM. The members discussed the future of Cliddesden WI, which will be 103 this year. We need more members, especially anyone who would like to get involved with the organisation of meetings and events. If you are interested please do contact our secretary Julia on cliddesdensc@hampshirewi.org.uk

This month members brought along items for show and tell. Pat Rampton showed us the amazing pictures she has made from her homemade rubber stamps. Muriel

brought along an apron she made at school over 70 years ago when she was 11. She remembered her sewing teacher Miss Knight and the expectation of tiny hand sewing which resulted in many hours of unpicking. Rosemary showed us Mrs Elsie Boxall's wedding dress and homemade white crocheted gloves which were beautiful. Julia brought along three wall hangings, one from a workshop in March and another partly completed which shows the stages to completion. Trish read us an anecdote from Joyce Grenfell where school children were choosing which flower they would like to be. Most children chose a rose but one pupil first chose a horse then a carrot - only to be told NO.' We would love to see you and you will have a very enjoyable time.

Next meeting Monday 20th May at 10.30am
AGM with cake!

We look forward to seeing everybody there.

Diane Rampton

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Betty 10/09/1930 – 28/02/2024

Betty was born in December 1930 in Bournemouth, an only child; her Father was a Taxi driver.

Fast forward to 1944, when Bournemouth started receiving Evacuees, one of them was Peggy Prosser and a lifelong friendship began. Betty, Peggy and another friend Mari, all attended Bournemouth Grammar School for girls. At 16 Betty left school to enrol on a secretarial course at Bournemouth College for 2 years. She successfully completed the course and her first office job was at a Builder's Merchant.

During their teenage years, the girls all attended an 'All Girls Youth Club' and this is where Betty developed her love for Amateur Dramatics. She trained with a 'Lamda' group and achieved a Gold Star certificate. In the confines of the youth club, the girls organised a dance and invited the boys from the 'All Boys Youth Club'. Betty met Eddie and in April 1955 they were married. Eddie's job as a Salesman for a building firm took them to Honiton in Devon for 4 years, with Betty working as a secretary in a Lace making company. They then returned to Portsmouth and eventually decided to follow Eddie's sisters to America. Betty continued with office work and Eddie in Insurance. After 4 years they returned to the UK and Eddie took advantage of the Government Grants to enrol on a teacher's training course. A year later Betty also enrolled to become a teacher. Betty taught shorthand and typing initially at 'The Shrubbery Girl's School' and then at the newly opened 'Cranbourne comprehensive school', where she remained until retirement.

In the mid 60's they bought 24 Southlea. They became involved with village life and Eddie became Parish Clerk ably assisted by his personal secretary Betty. They were keen to have acting opportunities and this saw the birth of 'The Cliddesden Players'. Through their great energy and drive they were responsible in obtaining grants and organising fund raising which eventually saw the building of Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. Betty was always on the look out to coerce people into helping with projects to do with the village hall, as she regularly walked their Poodle Minty.

They both became active members of St Leonard's church and Betty participated in the 'Hand Bells group' and the church choir and was also on the cleaning rota!

Betty and Eddie, with Peggy and Gordon holidayed annually in Spain, where they purchased a time share on a Golf course near Benidorm. They both loved sport and supported Bournemouth Football club for every home game as members.

Betty loved tennis and was an avid follower of Wimbledon and regularly attended, she was a huge fan of Djokovic.

Betty was an active member of the 'Cliddesden Ladies' group' and always insisted on bringing 'cheese and grapes' to the food evenings as cooking was not her greatest love! She was also a founder member of the Cliddesden 'Friday Night' club, participating in Table Tennis, where she could beat everyone!

My family have known Betty since we moved into the village 42 years ago. 35 years ago we invited Betty & Eddie to join us for Christmas and for 23 years they were both very much welcome guests to join our celebrations. They both were important guests at our children's weddings 10 years ago.

Avril Hudson 03/02/2024

Recollections of Betty Rapley

From Dave and Ali Stone

I can't recall exactly when we started Whist in the hall with Eddie and Betty. We met lots of lovely people. We didn't have to be good. Betty would do the 100 club and raffle over tea at half time. Eddie gave a lot of lifts. We used to drive a few ladies home afterwards. It must have been 23 years ago.

I used to come to the odd lunch and we ladies used to take a walk around the field. Good times.

From Gill and Ross

Betty and I had great fun playing the church handbells. We stood together and always had a giggle especially when making mistakes.

She also loved singing and belonged to the church choir.

When we visited her in one of the care homes where she was for a while, war-time songs were playing.... Vera Lynn, Max Bygrave etc, she sang along and was word perfect.

Betty always showed remarkable and gracious fortitude in the face of Eddie's relentless but generally good-natured and well-meaning humorous "put downs" of Betty and the following is something that I found so amusing that it was etched in my memory, word for word, and I have never forgotten it.

This was possibly in the early part of the new century, when Eddie and Betty were both in good health, around the time that the couple were getting used to being online and especially working out how to use email. I had wanted to speak to Eddie about something or other, but Betty said he was out on the golf- course, and she would ask him to get in touch.

A few hours later, I got this email from Eddie, which I have remembered verbatim to this day. It is in the form of a limerick that he had obviously just made up:

"I've been asked by my wife, dear old Bet,
To call you on the internet.
I cannot think why;
Is she baking a pie?
Now, that's something we all might regret".

Such an off-the-wall but highly risible comment, and I mentioned it to Betty soon after, who smiled her biggest traditional grin but with a look that said, "I'll get him for that, later".

It was all such good-natured mutual verbal sparring.

Betty Rapley

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Betty's friends who so kindly attended her funeral on 3rd April at St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden.

What a splendid turnout for her, around 75 people. We are sure she would have been very proud to know so many people gathered for her final departure. There was a lovely spread afterwards at Cliddesden Village Hall.

A huge thank you to you all who helped with this.

The collection in memory of her taken in the church amounted to just over £300, which we have split between St Leonard's Church and Beech Tree Care Home in Overton, where she resided for the last 5 years.

Very many thanks to you all.

Glynis and Stuart.



The Cliddesden Players' 2024 Summer Production

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th June 8pm

"The 13th Floor"

A comedy drama written by Emily Golborn



Set in the Reception foyer of the upmarket Grand Central Hotel, the slightly cynical Receptionist has to deal politely with all the myriad guests, especially rude and pretentious ones like Pamela Ferrét. When there is confusion over who is booked into the Penthouse Suite it leads to some unfortunate misunderstandings and embarrassing confrontations.

Very funny dialogue and increasingly awkward and complicated situations steer the action towards its uproarious conclusion as the Hotel Manager, Pierre Delacey, attempts to control the deteriorating situation as it slowly descends into farce.

Tickets (Box Office opens 20th May)

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)

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. For your convenience, we have a card payment machine available for larger refreshment transactions on the night. However, to limit charges we prefer to operate a CASH bar and refreshment service.

If you can help on the night with refreshments or the Door, or help with stage set-up the previous weekend, then please get in contact. We rely on volunteers to cover all these jobs and new faces would be most welcome and appreciated.

100 Club



Hello all 100 Club members.

Thank you for your support of Cliddesden Village Hall through your membership of the 100 Club and well done to all the lucky winners. If you have not yet confirmed and paid your subscription for 2024 please do so **PROMPTLY** so that we are able to include everyone in the draw and calculate prizes.

Membership is only £12.00 per year, per number, no limit per household.

For those of you with internet banking you can set up a standing order or make one off payments to the account details listed below. Please ensure that you email me when you make a payment so that these can be tracked.

Cheques should be made payable to `Cliddesden Village Hall`. You can hand them or cash to Angie Fewster, Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road; Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane or myself Rose Beevers at Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane. .

New members are always welcome – just fill in the form below or send the details requested in the form to 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

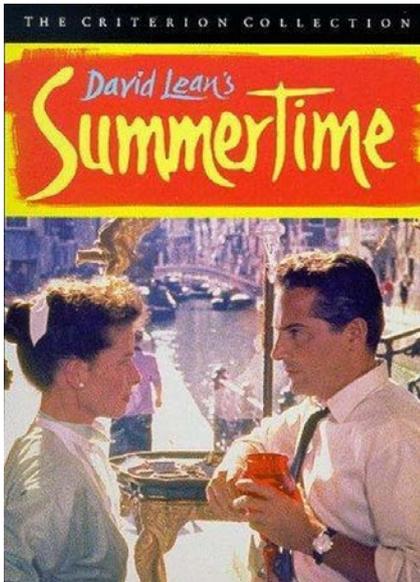
April’s draw will take place in May when we have confirmation of numbers

Thanks again for everyone’s support.

Rose Beevers 01256 475944, 100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL ‘100 CLUB’			
Registered by Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council for the purposes of Section 5 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976 Promoter: Rosemary Beevers, Church Farm Cottage Cliddesden, RG25 2JQ. <i>Registered Charity No 257526</i>			
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Please contact the 100 Club Secretary for a Standing Order Form if on-line set-up is not possible.			

<p>Social and Entertainment Club Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall <i>'You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening'</i></p>	
<p>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.</p>	



Thursday 9th May
Summertime
 1955, 100 minutes
 Certificate PG

Thursday 6th June
Living
 2022, 102 minutes
 Certificate 12



Unfortunately The Dig that I publicised as showing in May is a Netflix film which is not available on DVD, so I have had to omit it from the programme; a shame as it's a tale of Sutton Hoo which is about an archaeological discovery which caused a major re-think of ancient English history.

Summertime

Set in Venice, *Summertime* is a romantic comedy. The film was directed by David Lean who made the hugely successful *Lawrence of Arabia*, a completely different film which demonstrates what a good director he was. It stars Katharine Hepburn, in a film completely different from her usual style, and Rossano Brazzi. A truly magical film which I am sure will leave a lump in the throat of all romantics amongst us.

It's the story of a middle-aged woman on her summer vacation, enjoying her lifelong dream of a trip to Venice.

When I went to Venice in the late 80's it was as it's shown here; spacious and un-crowded enough to enjoy. If you go now, you can't move for crowds from ocean-going cruises which ruin the magic of the whole place,

fortunately, they all leave for the evening on their boats leaving it to tourists like me!

If he still lives there, Franco Da Mosta will be the last local.

(Not 2nd May as previously billed owing to election.)

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.

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

Hope to see you there.

Ted Dowson

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SERVICE TIMES
AT
ST. LEONARD'S
CLIDDESSEN

SUN 5TH MAY 9.45AM
MORNING PRAYER

SUN 12TH MAY 11.15AM
FAMILY COMMUNION

SUN 19TH MAY 11.15AM
FAMILY SERVICE



NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGM)

Tuesday 07 May 7.30pm, Village Hall, all welcome

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Cliddesden Parish Council has a vacancy due to the resignation of Parish Councillor Simon Barker. Simon has served on the Parish Council for seven years and will be much missed. The Chairman very regretfully accepted Simon's resignation due to work commitments.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please get in touch, contact a Parish Councillor, or email clerk.cliddesden@gmail.com.

The Parish Council will be looking to co-opt a new Councillor at its AGM.

CLIDDESSEN PARISHIONERS

are warmly invited to the

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 10 MAY 7.30pm

to be held in the Millennium hall

Doors open 7pm refreshments available

This aims to be a short social event, with wine and snacks, and the opportunity to discuss issues relating to the Parish

The Parish Assembly is your opportunity to give feedback, raise questions and concerns, and suggest projects for next year

AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE

- Brief address from newly elected Ward Councillor
- **An update with Q&A from the organisers of the Cosmic Roots Festival planned for Thurs 05 to Sun 08 September** (camping to Monday 09)
- Traffic and speeding – referencing data from the Speed Indicator Devices – and HCC's new 20mph policy
- **Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan updates**
- Further topics, issues and questions.

Please make a diary date, hoping you can join us.

Confirmation you are coming would be helpful please, to give an idea of numbers for catering... clerk.cliddesden@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00698/HSE (Validated 26 March)
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. Planning for Rear Garden Walls and Landscaping, retrospective.

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

23/02326/FUL (Pending 13 Sept)
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 1no 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. Retention of public house and erection of 1x 4-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, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 dwellings following demolition of Newland Lodge.

DUMMER PLANNING APPLICATION

23/03120/FUL (Pending 19 Dec)
Land At Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road. Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings and related structures and construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) with ancillary offices and gatehouses, associated infrastructure works (incl parking and landscaping), and full details of site levels, access, drainage, tree retention and diversion of underground pipeline. The development will be phased and delivered across separate and self-contained plots. (321 public objections on BDBC website, 14 supporting.)



Plantlife's annual campaign calling all gardeners and green space managers not to mow during May – and provide a space for nature.

We've lost nearly 97% of flower rich meadows since the 1970s, and along with them vital food needed by pollinators like bees and butterflies. A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can lock away carbon below ground.

www.plantlife.org.uk/campaigns/nomowmay/
Please register your participation in the #NoMowMay Movement






IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS

www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/ www.lamplightofpeace.co.uk

From Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster

The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has witnessed.

In 1944 Operation Overlord saw 4,000 ships and landing craft set down 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

I hope your community will join us. We are asking communities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 06 June in celebration of the ‘light of peace’ that emerged from the darkness of war, and with an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.

Your event could be devoted to raising valuable funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers’ Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association.

It is our country’s opportunity to remember over 209,000 Allied casualties of Operation Overlord. This

includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy’s Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed.

We plan to light beacons on all five beaches to remember those who died or came home wounded. The statistics behind the operation, which eventually convinced the Nazi high command that their defeat was inevitable, are both shocking and awe inspiring.

German defence forces were drawn away from Normandy by distraction tactics as resources were secretly built up on the English coast. Nine million tonnes of supplies and equipment were shipped across the Atlantic and 1.4 million American servicemen arrived to join a substantial contingent of Canadian forces. By 1944 over two million troops from 12 countries were in Britain preparing for the invasion.

On D-Day, American, British and Canadian troops were augmented by personnel from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Rhodesia and Poland. Soon after midnight on 6th June, more than 180,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped into the invasion area, and Allied air crews flew 14,674 sorties to support the landings.

D-DAY 80 IS ORGANISED IN ASSOCIATION WITH

- The Royal Naval Association
 - ABF The Soldiers Charity
 - RAF Benevolent FUND
 - the Merchant Navy Association
 - the Normandy Memorial Trust
- with the participation of local communities, schools, organisations, pubs and other areas of the hospitality industry.

Tens of thousands of people will be taking part in events involving:

- D-Day 80 Proclamation
- Poem for Schools
- National Fish & Chip Day*
- International Tribute
- Lighting of Beacons
- Lighting Ships Lanterns in Pubs
- Pipers
- Town Criers.

*The biggest food awareness day of the year, National Fish and Chip Day, will be back in 2024 for its 9th year and we are delighted to be moving the day from its traditional Friday slot to Thursday 6th June 2024, in support of the D-Day 80 celebrations.



‘Lamp Light of Peace’ for individuals and organisations to engage with D-Day 80 on 6th June 2024

The lamp provides a simple and safe way to commemorate D-day 80, and then to reuse, for example lit at 11am on every Remembrance Sunday.

www.lamplightofpeace.co.uk

BDBC News release 10499, published 21 March 2024

MORE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ENERGY-SAVING HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Residents with a household income of up to £36,000 – living in inefficient homes without gas boilers – now can apply for free energy-saving measures from the Warmer Homes Consortium, of which BDBC is part.

The funding is from the Home Upgrade Grant, a government scheme that aims to help people that own or rent a home without gas central heating to make their property more energy efficient. Improvements that can be fully funded by the grant include insulation, heat pumps, solar panels and heating controls.

The scheme closes in November and grants are dealt with on a first-come first-served basis www.WarmerHomes.org.uk If you’d like to talk to someone first to find out more, please contact the Green Team www.basingstoke.gov.uk/green-team

Cliddesden Primary School



Our football team played their last league game this season against Park View. Going into the match both schools were top of the league on equal points with Cliddesden having a slightly better goal difference. However, this was our toughest game yet against a very strong side. Park View started well and were 2-0 up within a few minutes but we managed to equalise and then go 3-2 up in the first quarter.

At the end of the second quarter the score was 4-4 but in the end Park View proved too strong and finished the game winning 7-4. Our team played well and for a small school, coming second in the league was a significant achievement.



Also getting in on the action, on Friday the 8th March, 9 girls from years 3 and 4 took part in the Basingstoke School games football event at Power League. The weather was kind to us and we had perfect playing conditions. The girls were beyond enthusiastic and got involved with everything. During their rest sessions, they were desperate to get back on and turned their energy and enthusiasm into vocal support for their teammates. The event was non-competitive and no scores were kept. However, the growth in their confidence and skills makes me believe that we have the makings of a great future girl's football team! Well done to all the girls who took part.

The children enjoyed World Book Day. In Assembly they talked about their favourite books.

In Willow class our youngest children created their favourite characters by drawing around their own body and making them life-size. They also created a reading corner in the garden and played 'Guess Who' using book characters. They enjoyed sharing books, swapping them when the bell rang.

Beech class enjoyed a story based on each lesson. They had a Maths story about fractions, for Science it was a story about flowers and plants and they listened to a David Attenborough story describing a place in English. They also made bookmarks describing how to look after a plant.

Chestnut class competed in a character related quiz. They also created their own bookmarks and wrote character profiles. Meanwhile in Oak class, they worked



hard to identify characters using clues given and also participated in a book based scavenger hunt.

We recognise this event every year as reading is so important to a child's academic development and is a life skill that is essential to a successful future.





The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Every year on March 21st, World Down Syndrome Day is observed to create awareness about Down syndrome.

We marked Down Syndrome awareness with Rock your Socks Day. Wearing our funkiest socks symbolised the uniqueness of every chromosome - each one valuable and one-of-a-kind. Mrs Nye, whose daughter Abi used to attend the school, came in and did a special assembly for the children which involved using Makaton symbols to accompany a song.

Willow had an action-packed Pirate day to finish their exciting unit on exploration. The children enthusiastically took to their roles and joined in with a wide range of activities. They learnt all about the not-so-glamorous side of a Pirate's life and were fascinated by the more gory details! The children particularly enjoyed the sensory experience of delving into water beads to discover hidden objects. They showed great creativity in decorating their cutlass' and designing a Pirate's hat!



What an incredible time the Year 5 and 6 children had on their 5 day residential. We visited the Osmington Bay centre overlooking the bay of Weymouth. The weather was a little unsettled to start but it didn't dampen our spirits and it brightened up as the week went on. There is always an element of nerves before a trip like this but all of the children demonstrated our school values incredibly well and showed amazing

resilience and growth mindset. They all had their own personal challenges and succeeded admirably, pushing themselves to improve and overcome fears. We enjoyed many activities such as abseiling, archery, fencing, rifle shooting and many more but a firm favourite was definitely the giant swing. There are lots of photos to enjoy on our website.



Our brave musicians enjoyed performing to family, friends and their peers at their end of term Rock2theBeat concert.

Watching the children grow in confidence with each performance is a delight to watch.

Their performances can be seen on our website.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been mastering the recorder in their music lessons this term and our Year 5 and 6 children the violin. Both instruments were new to most children and they developed their skills to be able to perform to an audience made up of family, friends and their peers.



They all looked beautiful dancing in the sunlight and the winners were:

To find out more about our school, please visit our website:
cliddesden.hants.sch.uk.

Paula Lavender

Place	Keystage 1	Chestnut Class	Oak Class
1 st	Hazel-Olivia	Lily	Seren
2 nd	Florence	Olivia	Rosi
3 rd		Silvie	Amelia
Highly commended		Sophie	

Friends of Cliddesden - Easter Sale Bake

What a fantastic after school event. There were lots of yummy Easter treats on offer all very kindly donated by family and friends. It proved to be a great success and enjoyed by all.



We are delighted to announce that we made an amazing £182.50 in total!

These events continue to help enrich each and every child's educational experience at Cliddesden.

Daffodil Competition

Our thanks to Cliddesden Horticultural Society for donating daffodil bulbs to our Gardening Club which is organised by Annie Houstoun.

The children planted and nurtured their bulbs and they were judged by the CHS.

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May (not 31st as it is the half term break)
7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th June

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:
Melanie Qualified in early years (07833 528040)
Claire Qualified teacher (07757 498653)

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



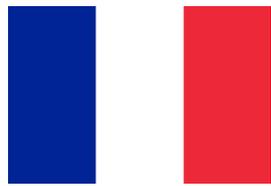
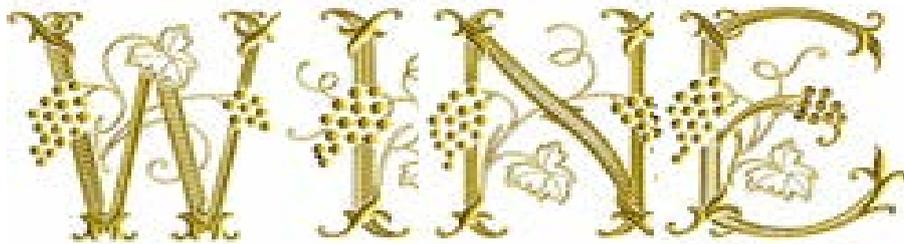
Join in the fun!

Every Friday during term time

3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing.

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDSDEN

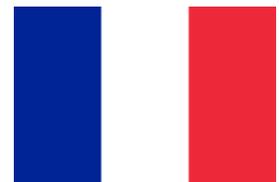
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PPG Web Site Development

We have continued to develop and add to our web site to help point towards Self Help support services available to all patients. The surgery has been very supportive and encouraging about our efforts and has now directed patients to our site from their own web pages. If you haven't visited the site and you are in need of support or think you may need guidance on a variety of health issues, please take a look, as the services offered are widespread and comprehensive. If you think we have missed something, please bring it to our attention via the email address above and we will be pleased to include it.

Health Focus

High Blood Pressure is a leading cause of premature death. It puts strain on the heart and blood vessels which, in the long term, can lead to life-threatening conditions. The NHS wants more people over 40 to get a blood pressure check, saying there are millions who do not realise they have dangerously high levels. Often, there are no warning symptoms, and it is thought about a third of cases are undiagnosed, that is 4.2 million people in England alone. Take action now and check your blood pressure for free at surgeries or a pharmacy. There is an area to take your own readings in every surgery waiting room and you can submit the readings through DR iQ or hand them on a record slip to the receptionist for a Practitioner to review and add to your medical record. If the Practitioner has concerns you will be contacted to make an appointment. High Blood Pressure is easily treated in most cases.

Calling All Carers

Many Carers will be supporting a loved one and will not think of themselves as being a carer. 1 in 8 adults provide unpaid care for family and friends, whether round-the-clock or for a few hours a week. Caring is important but it can be tough. As a patient group we recognise the vital role that carers have and want to ensure they receive the right level of support they need to continue to care. We have produced a comprehensive summary of support available and have highlighted our Top Tips, amongst which are how to get a Needs Assessment for the carer and the cared for person and who the carer should register with for extra support when they need it. Visit 'Carers Advice' from our Self Help index on the PPG website.

Our Health And Wellbeing Self Help resource now has a Helpline 0808 2787987. Citizens Advice Basingstoke are collaborating with the PPG and have agreed to support access for those who cannot do so in another way.

The following request for volunteers is from a local support group. Can you help or perhaps you were unaware of this resource and would like to find out more?

Volunteer opportunity for Autism Hampshire in Basingstoke

We're looking for friendly volunteers to make a difference at our Serendipity Community Group in Basingstoke. We need organised and passionate individuals who want to support and facilitate the community groups for autistic adults. Our groups are designed to help autistic adults to meet in a welcoming and non-judgemental setting. We need caring volunteers to make this happen.

The Basingstoke group runs once a month on a Monday from 1:30pm - 3:30pm. Full training for the role will be provided with a three-month induction period and then regular quarterly training sessions. More information about the community groups is available on our website here:

<https://autismhampshire.org.uk/how-we-can-help/serendipity-social-groups>

Patient Transport and Gardening Services.

Basingstoke NeighbourCare as well as offering lifts to older people with limited mobility, also offer a local handy person and gardening service. Due to overwhelming demand to tidy up older people's gardens so they can enjoy them more now spring is here, they need an extra gardener. Remuneration is offered. Please call 01256 423857 or email:

handyperson.gardening.service@neighbourcare.com

May is Coeliac Awareness Month

In the UK, 500,000 people are estimated to be living with undiagnosed coeliac disease. That's far too many people suffering from a range of confusing and diverse symptoms like stomach pain, anaemia, diarrhoea and other gut problems, nausea and vomiting, extreme tiredness, and more. The toll of undiagnosed coeliac disease is more than just physical: it can really affect your mental health.

<https://www.coeliac.org.uk/local-groups/north-hampshire>

Patient Feedback

Whilst acknowledging that the surgery still has some way to go to fulfil everyone's expectations, the general feedback from patients is that things are improving and that the influx of new permanent Doctors and reception staff has made a difference. Further evidence of this are the glowing reports on Google review pages concerning the surgery: *cgh partnership - Google Search*

CGHB Surgery Update

Get vaccinated against measles

The MMR vaccine can prevent measles. It also protects you from mumps and rubella. The MMR vaccine is offered to all children in the UK. 2 doses can give lifelong protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. If your child has not had their first or second MMR vaccine, please call the surgery to book an appointment. For more information on measles and the MMR vaccine, please visit the *NHS website*.

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: <https://cghpartnership.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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