

# Village Newsletter

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### **VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT!**





This popular annual quiz for teams of up to 6 people will be held at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.00 pm.** 

This is a fund-raising event with all proceeds going to St. Leonard's Church, Cliddesden.

Tickets, priced £15 per person, to include a hot meal and one glass of wine, beer or a soft drink from the licensed bar, will be limited and only on sale until **Saturday, 1**st **November**, available from:

Val Gofton-Salmond (07901 674531)

### See you there!

# North Hampshire Repair Cafe



# Coming to: Cliddesden Village Hall 25th October:10am till 1pm

Part of the RepairCafe.org global network.
Supported by HCC, BDBC, Hart Rotary & others



October 13th

November 10th

December 8th





Please come along to have a natter and make new friends, browse the second-hand book stall, and of course enjoy a good cuppa and a slice of cake!

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

We have table tennis available and all the equipment you will need if you fancy a game.

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

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)

# Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

Chairman: Seumas Foster tel: 07768443658 email: seumas@cropfosters.co.uk Secretary: Marilyn Smith tel: 462584 email: willow.ms@btinternet.com



#### September and October Update.

Autumn has arrived in all its colour and glory, and the garden is heading for the winter. The spring and summer flowers and vegetables are finishing, but there is plenty to do preparing for the spring.

There are no meetings between the Wildlife Gardening meeting on September 25th and the AGM at the end of November

**Bulbs** are our winter preference, indoor pots of daffodils and hyacinth are always on the go, and then tulips outside in the tubs replacing the summer flowers, which in our case were mostly salvias and begonias. The best show previously has been from a mix of daffodils which flower first, and then tulips which come through to join in the display with the daffodils, before becoming the star of the show themselves. The bulbs need to be bought in as soon as possible to get the colours and varieties you want.

Outside naturalised bulbs come and go, we leave bulbs for as long as possible to keep flowering, increased by planting the indoor bulbs outside after they have finished to bloom again next year. Some varieties do well outside, but others fade away. Snowdrops first, then some grape hyacinth, on sunny days crocus, and in April wild bluebells in the woods make the show around the area.

Lawns have struggled through the dry summer, and so cutting in the autumn should only be a gentle trim, and then only when the grass can take it, aiming to leave it quite long to go through the winter. When I see or hear of moss troubles in lawns, apart from obvious shaded areas and wet patches, leaving the grass a bit longer helps it compete the moss out, preventing spores from establishing.



#### The AGM Date for your diary.

The Society AGM and Social is due to take place on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Millennium Hall in Cliddesden, starting at 7.30pm, when the committee will give short reports on our activities in the Society during the past year, and members can bring forward ideas and suggestions for the future. The meeting is **mainly a Social evening** with refreshments so members can share gardening and other stories.

#### Seen in garden this year - Leaf Cutter bees.

In the folds of a garden umbrella Leaf Cutter Bees had been making cells for the larvae, using leaf circles cut from rose leaves. This is probably **Megachile centuncularis** as this species prefers roses. The rows of cells were fantastic constructions made by these solitary bees, each cell with an egg and a supply of pollen as food for the larvae when it hatches. It will overwinter in the cell and emerge next year.

The work involved is extraordinary, and all we can do is marvel at this wonderful insect.

Seumas Foster



# **Village Hall News**

#### cliddesdenhall.org.uk facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall



There's only a few days left for you to reserve your tickets for the Village Hall's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>! See the poster (back page) and accompanying article for further details.

We continue to receive compliments about the refurbishment of the Ladies' and Gent's toilets. The disabled toilet now looks rather shabby and old-fashioned in contrast, so that is our next project – to update that to the same high standard.

We hope to carry out this work with minimal disruption to hall users but apologise in advance for any inconvenience the work may cause.

Last month the Aluminium recycling network, of which we are part, raised £1,722.09, which is 2.3 tonnes of cans.

This year so far they have raised £10,000 and recycled 11 tonnes of cans for the Hampshire & I of W Air Ambulance.

This really is worthwhile, so please carry on bringing your aluminium cans to the wheelie bin at the back of the kitchen at the Village Hall.

See you on 4th October to toast our Village Hall.

Angie

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## Cliddesden Village Hall's 25th Birthday Celebration!

There are still tickets left for you to join in the Village Hall's birthday celebrations on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

So come and dance the night away with the brilliant band – "**Sound Intentions**" – playing throughout the evening.

Check out https://soundintentions.band/home.

Or just sit, watch the dancing and enjoy a drink and chat with friends.

Tickets are £10 which includes a free drink and cake!

Available from Jo Capehorn on 07528 856157 or email events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

So grab some friends and neighbours together and reserve a table.

Doors & bar open at 7.30pm.

Trustees of Cliddesden Village Hall

# **100 Club**



Hello members

The draw for September was called at the coffee morning held at the Hall on 8th September 2025.

Here are the lucky winners:

1st David Brown 112

2<sup>nd</sup> Edward Rampton 94

3<sup>rd</sup> Ashley Beevers 425

Congratulations.

Next Coffee Morning 13<sup>th</sup> October - come along for coffee, cake and company. Try your hand at table tennis - all equipment provided.

Rose Beevers Tel: 475944 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

SERVICE TIMES
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SUN 5<sup>™</sup> OCT 9.45AM MORNING PRAYER

SUN 12TH OCT 11.15AM FAMILY COMMUNION

SUN 19TH OCT 11.15AM FAMILY SERVICE

# Open Studio 2025 for Cliddesden Art Group!!

Earlier this year a little idea began to grow in Pat Doel's artistic head.... an Art Exhibition should be held in memory of our very dear Art Teacher, Mary Thomas.

Mary, over many years, encouraged her students to show their work at an Art Exhibition that she planned and put together in our Millennium Village Hall.

Hampshire Open Studios is an annual art trail where the public can meet artists in their studios

and galleries.....or a village hall!!

This seemed like a very good way to organise our exhibition Pat thought, and she got to work!

This involved a tremendous amount of planning, good will, and hard graft. Many thanks to Pat Doel and Pat Rampton and other members of the Art Group, for bringing it all together.

Refreshments were planned with much cake baking to be done!

Over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August the Cliddesden Art Group showed their work in the lovely venue of Cliddesden Millennium Hall.

Some of Mary's own artwork was displayed ( see below) and we were joined by her sons, sister and other family members too.

Hooray. It was a success. Thank you to all who came and well done to everyone who took part.





#### **Social and Entertainment Club**

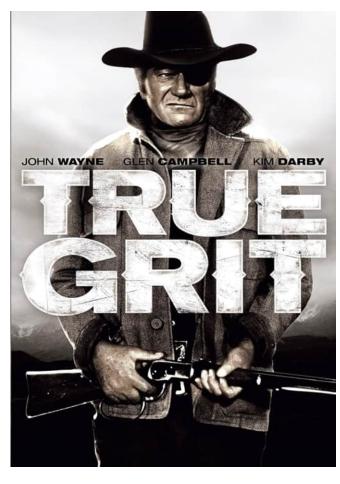
#### Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

'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 refreshments and drinks at the bar are available at very low prices.

Admission is only £2 per person. Please note we work on a cash only basis.







Farm girl Mattie Ross sets out to capture the man who murdered her father, Tom Chaney. She hires tough US Marshall 'Rooster' Cogburn. They are joined by Texas Ranger La Boeuf who wants to find the killer for his own purposes.

Starring John Wayne, Glen Campbell, Kim Darby, Robert Duvall, Dennis Hopper and Jeff Corey.



Thursday 6th November

#### **Wicked Little Letters**

2023, 100 minutes Certificate 15

This film is based on a true story. In 1920 Edith Swan (Olivia Colman), a devout Christian, becomes the target of hate mail, which causes great distress to her controlling father, Edward (Timothy Spall). He eventually goes to the police and their neighbour, a single mother and migrant, Rose (Jessie Buckley) is arrested.

Starring Olivia Colman, Timothy Spall, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasan, Joanna Scanlan, Gemma Jones and Malachi Kirby.

Everybody welcome from wherever you live. We hope to see you there. Our apologises for postponing September's film by one week to enable members to attend the demonstration at the Civic Offices against the development of Upper Swallick.



#### NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting date** 02 September. **Present** Parish Cllrs, Clerk, PCSO Andy Jones, four members of public.

Police report from PCSO Andy Jones. 'Small groups of car drivers have been gathering on the corner of Northgate and Hackwood Lanes. New drivers gathering to show off their skills which unfortunately not very good. I was there last night (01 Sept) and gained extra intelligence. They have been warned but have not heeded. Traffic officer, specialist in traffic offences, will attend in an unmarked vehicle and evidence will be gathered for prosecution. This will move them on, if they have cars and a driving license after we have dealt with them. Action is needed; experience tells us that when we keep warning and giving advice, nothing changes; they learn to disregard. Otherwise very little to report for Cliddesden.

'Very few reports of hare coursing, the ground has been too hard for dogs; will be softer with rains, so watch this space. Please continue to report citing Operation Galileo and emphasise this to the operator.'

BDBC Local Plan Update Spatial Strategy: Upper Swallick see pg 7. STaNHD (Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs) action group will be in receipt of professional advice. For everyone to consider the detail of this site; the opportunity to respond to BDBC will be the new Regulation 18 public consultation to be published before Christmas.

Comment from the Chairman: 'To fight this allocation. If unable to prevent it, then to fight to get the best outcome for Cliddesden.'

BDBC Local Plan Update Spatial Strategy: Settlement hierarchy and housing allocations Cliddesden – in the current Local Plan – has a housing allocation of 10, as yet unmet due to the criteria required by Policy SS5.

For the Local Plan Update, a further allocation of 20 is waived due to the impact of proposed Upper Swallick site. The existing 10 remain but the criteria will change... 'In response to feedback from communities, the 2024 Reg 18 Plan proposed that all windfall development within settlements with SPBs will be able to count towards these targets... and therefore it is envisaged that where the housing requirements are low these can be accommodated on small windfall sites within SPBs over the 15 year plan period.' (To bear in mind that the Settlement Boundary is tightly drawn; the changes to include all windfall sites does not cover sites outside and adjacent to the SPB.)

Neighbourhood Plan monitoring Every December BDBC, as the Local Planning Authority (LPA), publishes an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which sets out to assess the effectiveness of its planning policies over the previous year.

www.basingstoke.gov.uk/BD02

The document mostly focuses on the adopted BDBC Local Plan (2011-29) but Government guidance also encourages LPAs to monitor adopted Neighbourhood Plans. Thus the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan will be included in the AMR due to be published in December 2025.

**Next Parish Council meeting** Tuesday 04 November 7.30pm, all welcome.

#### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/02272/FUL (Validated 18 Sept) Mistral, Hackwood Lane. Erection of a detached dwelling (self build). 25/01995/LDEU (Pending 13 Aug) 14A Hackwood Lane. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use as a Class C3 dwelling.

**25/01468/FUL** (Pending 06 August) Land At Station Road. Erection of replacement mechanic workshop (B2 Industrial Use).

**25/01597/HSE** (Pending 10 July) Three Horseshoes, Woods Lane. Replace render on exterior walls with render insulation system; remove chimney stack; replace windows & doors; replace tarmac driveway with resin driveway.

**25/01476/OUT** (Pending 13 June) Land West Of Millars, Station Road. Outline application for four dwellings with some matters reserved (appearance and landscaping).

**25/01313/OUT** (Pending 27 May) Land North of Bramble Bank. Farleigh Road. Outline application, with all matters reserved save for access, for up to 17 dwellings with access, parking, drainage, open space, landscaping, infrastructure.

25/01198/HSE (Pending 14 May, amended description 08 August) Crockley House, Farleigh Road. Proposed rear extension to garage garden (part retrospective) and erection of gazebo to rear garden.

**25/00808/HSE** (Pending 31 March) Netherfield, Farleigh Road. Reconstruction of side extension, new external materials, new roof dormer, new car-port, widening driveway, alterations to doors, windows. Repairs to render, external redecoration and change colour of windows.

**24/02778/FUL** (Pending 03 Dec) Land South of Farleigh Road. Change of use of agricultural land to use for exercising dogs, including perimeter fence, pathway, shelter, vehicle access and parking.

**24/02689/RET** (Pending 25 Nov) Appleyard, Woods Lane. Variation of Condition 1 (plans) of 20/01098/FUL (four new dwellings with associated parking and access) to amend the approved width of the access road.

**24/00617/RET** (Pending 17 June 2024, consultation reopened to 07 October) 1A Millars Cottages, Station Road. Revised parking and landscaping, ref 20/00390/FUL (retrospective).

#### APPEAL IN PROGRESS

APP/H1705/W/25/**3371018** (Start date 18 August) Land North of Woods. PIP for four detached single dwellings and associated access.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - MAJORITY PROPOSAL TO GOVERNMENT

A four-mainland unitary proposal including a North Hampshire Unitary comprising BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor continues to be supported by the majority of Councils who have now approved and submitted (for Government deadline of 26 Sept) a joint proposal entitled: Close enough to be local, big enough to stay strong.'

Option 1 is favoured: Government will consult later this year.

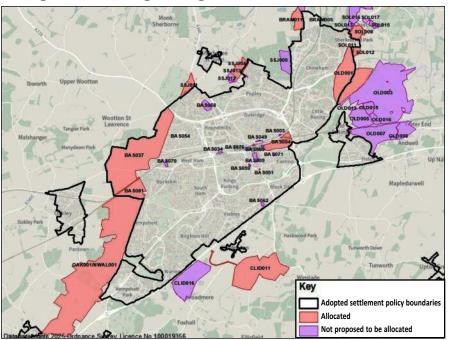


### LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

BDBC published the first draft of its Spatial Strategy for the new Local Plan as part of the *Pubic Reports Pack* for Environment and Infrastructure Committee meeting of Thursday 04 September

https://democracy.basingstoke.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=2756&x=1

# Map showing sites promoted for development in and around Basingstoke including Strategic Sites



As the map above, 'Upper Swallick' has been resubmitted as a smaller site CLID011, but with the additional CLID016 'Land South of Hatch Warren'

The Environment and Infrastructure Committee meeting of Thursday 04 September was BDBC's first public debate on the new Spatial Strategy. Portfolio holder Cllr Andy Konieczko introduced the paper: 'it is fair to say this is a meeting none of us wanted to hold about a draft Spatial Strategy none of us wanted to produce'.

The new Spatial Strategy is a direct response to Government's imposed housing numbers – for Basingstoke & Deane an increase from 830 new homes per annum to 1,150.

On behalf of Cliddesden, Cllr Kate Tuck requested – if there has be housing development south of M3 – to look again at these sites. It seems Upper Swallick scores less favourably against criteria for development than Land South of Hatch Warren, yet finds itself allocated within the Plan. From Cliddesden's perspective, damage to the village setting and landscape is so much greater by choosing Upper Swallick. The request is to look at what seems to be an inconsistent application of criteria.

Planning Policy Manager responded that Land South of Hatch Warren appears quite a big site but is quoted for 800 units so the yield significantly less. Because of where it sits right next to the M3, is impacted heavily by noise, thus can only put houses on a small part of it. Quite different to Upper Swallick where looking at a Garden Village which will be more self sustaining. A matter of how would this smaller site be sustainable development, how would residents be able to access facilities? That is the key difference between the two. Cllr Tuck asked if there is confidence that housing sites can be delivered from a statutory utility services perspective? Has BDBC received confirmation from these authorities that the overall level of development in the borough can be supported? Is BDBC using specialist engineering consultants to assist in assessing these infrastructure needs? And what measures are proposed if some sites become technically or financially unviable and Government housing numbers cannot be met? Planning Policy Manager responded that many of these issues are caught up by the Infrastructure Development Plan; a lot more information will be published with Reg 18 consultation. But these conversations have been going on, and will continue to as the Plan develops. Water issues will be captured in the Water Cycle Study

(WCS); work undertaken so far has identified there are issues in terms of supply and treatment works.

Cllr Konieczko noted that this new WCS was commissioned to evidence what providers need to do to sustain the level of housing growth we've been asked to provide. The first draft should be ready in time for Reg 18. Ultimately if this shows a water infrastructure deficit, then a case to go back to Government to say 'we can't deliver these housing numbers and here is the clear evidence why'. All have concerns about infrastructure delivery, but have to come up with very robust evidence to make a case. BDBC's Head of Planning provided a recap and then outlined the Draft Local Plan process going forward... 'Council undertook a full draft (Reg 18) planning consultation in early 2024, before the Dec 2024 NPPF and higher housing figures. National policy requires we meet the new figures in full, which means it's been necessary to carry out an additional call for sites and consider how we might meet that target.

'That has led us to propose a new Reg 18 consultation focussed on the new Spatial Strategy – which sets out what type of development will take place and where – and the details of proposed sites to be allocated for new homes and employment space.

'Committee this evening is considering the strategy and sites allocated, and recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet will consider recommendations and providing they agree to the 'focussed' Reg 18 consultation, this will be published later this year supported by evidence documents published alongside it.

[NOTE] 'Comments received from the previous (2024) Reg 18 consultation on all other sections of the Plan and Planning Policy remain under consideration. Following the new focussed Reg 18 consultation, all comments will be brought together to inform changes to be made for the Reg 19 Draft Plan due to be published for consultation mid 2026. Reg 19 only considers whether the Draft Plan is sound and legally compliant.'

Cllr Konieczko made it clear that have just over a year to get this Plan submitted to Inspector. If miss Dec 2026 deadline for submission will be required to navigate a new planning system. No-one knows details of this but everyone expects it to give local authorities even less of a say over the local plan making process.

# Cliddesden Primary School



As the long summer days draw to a close, we are delighted to welcome back all our children, families, and staff for the start of a brand new school year.

A very special welcome goes out to our new EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children and their families, who are beginning their school journey with us. Starting school is a big milestone, and we are so proud to see our youngest pupils already settling in with big smiles and curious minds.

The new academic year is always an exciting time – full of fresh starts, new friendships, and opportunities to grow and learn together. Our classrooms are buzzing once again with laughter, creativity, and the joyful sound of children reuniting with friends and teachers.

We look forward to another happy, productive year, full of enriching experiences for all our pupils – from our tiniest learners in EYFS to our oldest role models at the top of the school.



Willow Class - EYFS and Year 1



Beech Class - Year 1 and Year 2



Chestnut Class - Year 3 and Year 4



Oak Class - Year 5 and Year 6

#### Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

We have spaces available in our EYFS setting. If you are interested in applying or would like more information, please contact the school office directly — they will be happy to assist you with the application process or

arrange a visit. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community!

Please enquire for spaces in other year groups - Tel: 01256 321571 or email: adminoffice@cliddesden. hants.sch.uk







Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

Welcome to playgroup!

 $3^{rd},\ 10^{th},\ 17^{th}$  and  $24^{th}$  October (closed on  $31^{st}$  for half term)  $7^{th},\ 14^{th},\ 21^{st},\ 28^{th}$  November

0 - 4 year old and their grown-ups. A warm welcome awaits you and we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time

Cost: £3 donation per family

Contact:

Melanie: Qualified in early years (07833 528040)

Claire: Qualified teacher (07757 498653)





WORLD SIGHT DAY



need YOUR glasses!

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Take your old specs to the

# Basingstoke Lions Thursday 9th October

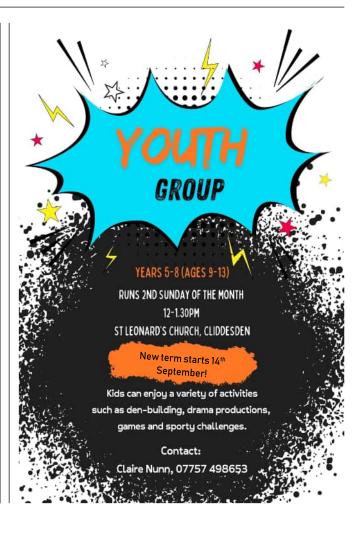
Central Square, Basingstoke --- 9am-3pm

**Morrisons** 

6th - 12th October



We can find a home for them!





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