

Village Newsletter

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Village Hall News

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Chairman's report April 2025.

Considerable progress has been made, during the last month in the planning of the Hall refurbishment works scheduled to take place in August as detailed in my March Report.

An instruction has now been placed for the refurbishment of the Hall and Meeting Room floor, and I am delighted to record that the Parish Council has agreed to fund the full cost of these works. This contribution follows from last year's payment, by the Council, for the upgrade of the Fire Alarm system. On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their generous support.

Concept design work for the toilet refurbishment works is now complete and we expect that the cost of the

works will be confirmed by Easter.

Maintenance work has indicated that the roller shutter serving the bar area has reached the end of its operational life and requires replacement. This work will be undertaken in the next month or so, with an upgrade to power rather than a manually operated unit.

Landscaping works have now commenced to the right of the Hall entrance, which will accommodate the memorial garden for Mary Thomas. The Trustees would like to thank Marilyn Smith for her work on this and producing the super floral boxes located on the south patio. These clearly show that spring has arrived.

Finally, please remember to save the date to celebrate the Hall's 25th year of operation on Saturday 2nd August 2025. Further details to follow next month.

Les Smith, 18th March 2025 Hall Management Committee www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall LJSChairVH@outlook.com











April 14 th		
May 12 th		
June 9 th		
July 14 th		
August 11 th		
September 8 th		
October 13 th		
November 10 th		
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)

SERVICE TIMES
AT
ST. LEONARD'S
CLIDDESDEN

FRI 4TH APR 3.45PM EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

SUN 6TH APR 9.45AM MORNING PRAYER

SUN 13TH APR 11.15AM FAMILY COMMUNION

FRI 18TH APR 2PM GOOD FRIDAY AN HOUR AT THE CROSS

Sun 20th Apr 11.15am Easter Day Service
Sun 4th May 9.45am Morning Prayer

Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

Chairman: Seumas Foster Secretary: Marilyn Smith

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Lots of activity for gardeners, as seeds are germinating, and being moved on and potted up, ready to go out. It will still be too early for tender plants to risk a night out as frosts are still very likely.

However the perennials will be growing, new leaves as buds shooting, some shrubs will be flowering.

There are only 30 days in April, but in a garden, changes will happen very quickly during this month. For one, grass starts to grow and needs cutting!

The garden job with the greatest benefit is MULCHING, so if you have some left to do, do it sooner rather than later. Get your green fingers on some organic matter and use it.

The potatoes we ordered in January at the meeting with Alan Wilson have been delivered and I predict a lot of Kestrel on plates this autumn.

The Spring Show

The Daffodil, Cooking and Handicrafts Show

The Spring Show on April 6th is a date for your diary. The schedule is readily available, if you would like a copy, digital or paper, please ask any committee member or our secretary Marilyn Smith (willow.ms@btinternet.com).

Don't be shy, bring a flower along and enter a class, it's a relaxed day. Maybe make one of the recipes in the schedule, even if you don't win you get to eat the entry!

The Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be on May 11th, please come and get some plants and seedlings for yourself, and bring any of your own surplus along to help Society Funds

Seumas Foster



CLIDDESDEN

Jacqui Matthews, who is a certified Yoga instructor, joined us for our March meeting. She explained the origins of yoga and how we can control our breathing and muscle movements to stay strong. A term she uses is "use it or lose it", talking about "bungalow knees" where the muscles used to climb stairs become underused which leads to the person becoming more immobile.

The favourite part for most members was the Chocolate Meditation where we were taught to savour and enjoy small pieces of chocolate, whilst totally focused upon the taste.

Next month we will discuss the future of Cliddesden WI, sadly after 102 years, the group is at risk due to low membership.

Julia Ross



Social and Entertainment Club

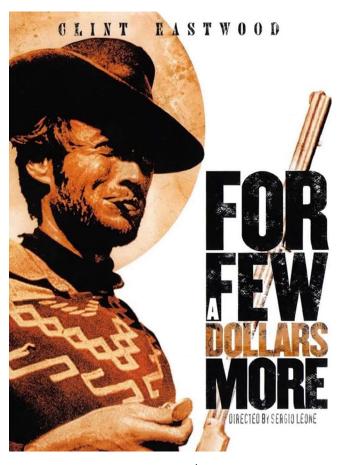
Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

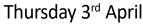
'You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening'

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.







For a Few Dollars More

1965, 126 minutes Certificate 15

A sequel to A Fistful of Dollars the tale of a quest to track down the notorious bandit El Indio by an unforgettable alliance between ruthless bounty hunters Clint Eastwood and Lee Van Cleef.

Starring Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef, Gian Maria Volonte, Mara Krup, Luigi Pistilli and Klaus Kinski



Thursday 1st May

The Italian Job

1969 version, 96 minutes Certificate PG

Charlie Croker is out of jail and on the make with an ingenious plan for the heist of the century. With his ace team of villains and 3 minis they set off to steal \$4m from under the noses of the Turin Polizei. The trouble is that the police and Mafia are on their tail.

Starring Michael Caine, Noel Coward, Benny Hill, Raf Vallone, Tony Beckley, Rossano Brazzi and Maggie Blye

Please come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends and neighbours as you like. We hope to see you there.

100 ClubWinners and Membership Renewal

The draw for March was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 10th March 2025. Here are the lucky winners. Congratulations

1st: 293 Monica Tilley

2nd: 62 Steve Bowcutt

3rd: 121 Avril Hudson

April is the start of the 2025/26 membership for the 100 Club and we are looking for new members to join and the renewal of existing membership.

There is no easier way to help with fundraising than joining the 100 Club, or increasing your "holding". More tickets sold mean more funds for the Hall and more prize money.

For people who are new to Cliddesden the 100 Club is a way to have a little flutter and help look after our lovely Millennium Village Hall. Each month half of

the proceeds are paid out as prize money; 1st prize 30% (currently £35), 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 5%. The remaining 50% goes to the Hall fund.

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

There are a variety of ways you can make payment - Electronic FundsTransfer, Standing Order, cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cliddesden Village Hall'. The easiest method is Electronic Funds Transfer or Standing Order and the Hall's

bank details are on the form below. You can hand cheques and cash, along with the form, to Angie Fewster at Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road, Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane, or Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane.

If for any reason you are an existing member and do not wish to continue to support the Village Hall via the 100 Club could you let me know and I will withdraw your number, otherwise your number will continue to run for 2025/26.

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

CLIDDESDEN VILLAGE HALL '100 CLUB'				
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No of memberships Tick here if new membership Amount £				
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I give permission for my name, address, telephone number and email address to be held by Cliddesden Village Hall 100 Club and used solely for the purpose of communicating with me with regards to the 100 Club				
Your bank details for electronic payment of winnings (optional)				
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SORT CODE: 30-90-53 ACCOUNT No.: 01452048				
REFERENCE: (your surname)				
Please contact the 100 Club Secretary for a Standing Order Form if on-line set-up is not possible.				







AGM & Social Evening 2025

Celebrating Spring with a round-up of the past year's activities

Shane King shares his incredible images of local wildlife that call our parishes home.

Some many of us have never seen!

TUESDAY 15th APRIL—7.30pm Cliddesden VILLAGE HALL EVERYONE WELCOME!



BAR
FREE BUFFET
RAFFLE





PARISH ASSEMBLY – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE TO FRIDAY 30 MAY

Next Parish Council meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 06 May, everyone welcome.

AN INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY NEW DATE FRIDAY 30 MAY 7.30pm

to be held in the Millennium hall **Doors open 7pm** refreshments available



The Annual Assembly is an opportunity to discuss issues relating to the Parish; to give feedback, raise questions, and suggest projects.

AGENDA ITEMS WILL INCLUDE

- Briefing and discussion with BDBC Council Leader, Cllr Paul Harvey, with focus on the Local Plan Update and on local impacts of Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation
- Open session for questions, further topics...

Please make a diary date, hoping you can join us. Confirmation to clerk.cliddesden@gmail.com please to give an idea of numbers.

NOTES FROM THE MARCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present – Parish Councillors and clerk, plus Village Hall chairman and two members of public. To request more frequent attendance from Ward Councillors.

Devolution see following page, also www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/gov ernmentinhampshire/devolution

Combined Authorities do not replace their constituent councils which will continue to provide services in the same way (until the advent of Local Government Reorganisation).

Local Government Reorganisation see following page, also see www.basingstoke.gov.uk/future-councils

BDBC's preferred option includes a 'Northern Hampshire' Unitary with Hart & Rushmoor. The three district areas comprise c£400K population; BDBC population is c185K.

Highways and drainage HCC
Highways Engineer has confirmed
the grips/grip dishes alongside roads
above Cliddesden – designed to
catch and soak away surface water
runoff – are on Highways' three-year
clearing schedule. This despite
repeated requests to be more
frequent. To refer the question back
to County Cllr Juliet Henderson and
Cabinet member for Highways.

The grips due be cleared later this calender year; Lengthman scheduled in meantime to keep openings clear.

Noted – the wisdom of old system of dew points in fields – reportedly 97% of dew ponds have been filled in.

Station road verges – March cut to follow on from winter cut.

Footpath 1 beside Hooper's Mead – Encroaching hedges will again need cutting back; a minimum to clear the path as now into nesting season.

Damaged road signs – Church Lane at junction Station Road. The two fingerpost direction signs missing, and the utility sign (fire hydrant). To be reported on Hantsweb.

Hackwood Park listed building consent application for hotel and events venue noted.

Moto application for MSA at J6 – ongoing objections from National Highways, Environment Agency and on behalf of Winslade Parish Meeting.

Local Plan Update new timetable (Local Development Schedule)

Additional Reg 18 Consultation to comply with December 2024 NPPF Autumn/Winter 2025

Reg 19 Consultation on Submission Draft Plan Summer 2026

Submission to Secretary of State (Reg 22) Winter 2026

To await publication of new SHELAA – Strategic Housing & Economic Land availability assessment.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/00501/LBC (Validated 03 March) Manor Farmhouse. Replacement of four windows to South elevation.

24/02778/FUL (Pending 03 Dec) Land South Of Farleigh Road. Change of use of agricultural land to use for exercising of dogs, including perimeter fence, pathway, shelter and 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 arrangements) to amend the approved width of the access road.

24/02430/RET (Pending 12 Nov) 1 Chapel Walk. Change of use from garage to ancillary accommodation and external works (retrospective).

24/01393/TDC (For DC 14 May) Little Acre, Woods Lane. Application for Technical Details Consent for four new dwellings with parking, access and landscaping, in accordance with Permission in Principle 21/01591/PIP.

24/00617/RET (Pending 17 June) 1A Millars Cottages, Station Road. Revised parking arrangements and associated landscaping ref 20/00390/FUL (retrospective).

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H1705/D/24/**3354863** (Appeal in progress) 1 Chapel Walk. Rear garden walls and landscaping (retrospective).

APP/H1705/W/24/**3350216** (Appeal allowed 28 February) Greenlands Nursery. New dwelling to replace storage/workshop.

HACKWOOD PARK APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

25/00200/LBC (Validated 06 Feb 2025)
Hackwood House. Conversion of
Hackwood Park from residential use to
hotel and ancillary hotel use, including
conversion of Mansion House, erection of
extension to west, two new basements to
north and south and minor alterations.
Conversion of Stable Block to hotel rooms.
Erection of hotel bedroom buildings to
north and south of Stable Block and Car
Park and Energy Centre. Demolition of six
non-listed structures and replace with 12
hotel lodges. Construction of satellite
support building for BOH facilities, car
parking and decked visitors car park.

DEVOLUTION FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE SOLENT

The new regional authority – Combined County Authority of Hampshire and the Solent – with a Mayor to be elected in May 2026

Public consultation to Sunday 13 April

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation

The Mayor and constituent members will have governance of this region which has a population of over two million.

The new Authority will have a seat on the Council of Regions and Nations; will have access to long term strategic funding; will have strategic responsibility for – transport and local infrastructure; housing and strategic planning; economic development and regeneration; environment and climate change; skills and employment support; health and public service reform; public safety, eg Police & Crime Commissioner functions, fire and rescue authority functions.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION (LGR)

THE CURRENT TWO-TIER SYSTEM WITHIN HANTS COUNTY COUNCIL AREA



County Council responsibilities include (not exclusively) education, social services, libraries, trading standards, public transport, highways, waste disposal and recycling – for the whole County area



District and Borough Councils' responsibilities within their own authority areas include planning and building control, housing, street cleaning, waste and recycling collection, licensing, leisure facilities, etc

THE CURRENT UNITARY COUNCILS

Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council and the Isle of Wight Council are each separate Unitary authorities within their own right, outside the area of HCC.



The Unitary Authorities are responsible for delivering all services within their area

PROPOSALS FOR LGR

Government requires that all existing Councils within Hampshire and the Solent be reorganised into Unitary Councils; the existing two-tier system will be abolished and existing smaller unitaries (in most cases) will be expected to join with other councils. Government preference is for unitaries of c50K population.

Not all 15 Councils in Hants & Solent are as yet in agreement re unitary arrangements and so, for Government's deadline for initial proposals of 21 March, they have submitted a joint 'interim plan' to this effect, with 'guiding principles' including on financial viability. Except everyone is in agreement that the Isle of Wight should remain an independent single Unitary.

It seems likely there will be three or four mainland Unitaries and that BDBC will be with Hart with Rushmoor in a 'Northern Hampshire' Unitary. Whether a fourth council will join?

TIMESCALES

- 26 Sept 2025 (request for extension to 28 Nov 2025) for full proposal to Government on Hants unitary organisation.
- May 2027 Shadow elections for new Unitary Councils.
- May 2028 New Unitary Councils take over.

Cliddesden Primary School



What an incredible day we all had celebrating World Book Day:

Willow Class - Mrs Nicholson



Willow Class came to school as characters from Zog by Julia Donaldson.

We started the day with a drama workshop from PERFORM. This was great fun and we went deep sea diving, spotting sea creatures and finding a pearl thief too.

Then we looked at lots of books by Julia Donaldson and noticed that the illustrator was the same, and the stories all rhymed. We enjoyed drawing ourselves as book characters and sharing them with each other.

The children then started to prepare for a tournament in the afternoon. We made strong shields, and went to sword school. We learnt all about the different jobs in a castle and decided which ones were needed for a tournament. An excellent clip about jousting helped us decide.

After lunch, the children enjoyed sharing their characters in assembly and looking at all our school's book heroes and favourite books.

After assembly, we prepared for the joust. Horses were stabled and fed, drinks prepared by the cooks and gardener for the Royals, and the knights warmed up. Everyone had a go at jousting and marshalling too. It was great fun.

We had a great day and took our book tokens home, looking forward to finding a new book to share with our families.

Beech Class - Mrs Robinson

Beech class had a brilliant time today. We showcased some amazingly creative costumes from a wide range of books.



We enjoyed the shared reading with Oak class and our drama session.

Chestnut Class - Mrs Hussey



Chestnut Class had a great World Book Day, we had joining us, amongst others a Gangster Granny, a wardrobe, a World War 2 solider, a Demi-God and 2 children who had been turned into mice!

We started the day with a National literacy Footy/Booky quiz which we all thoroughly enjoyed and had great fun trying to find the answers. We were also lucky enough to join the World Book Day live lesson which taught us how to design an inviting book corner. We had a fantastic time doing a buddy read with Willow Class and all really enjoyed sharing our books with the younger children.

After an enjoyable whole school assembly, we watched Willow class compete in a jousting tournament from Zog and the Flying Doctors.

Oak Class - Mrs Montgomerie



Oak Class enjoyed taking part in the Great Footy/Booky quiz along with hundreds of other schools across the UK. We wore our cosy clothes and love listening and sharing our stories with younger children. We also were challenged to create a story using emojis and as few words as possible.

Our Year 3 and 4 girls football team did us really proud at an event at Brighton Hill Power League. The event was to encourage girls playing football and was represented by many of the primary and junior schools



enter the girls' league next year.

in Basingstoke. Although it was classed as noncompetitive we always like to celebrate when we do well. Our girls played 8 games which they won 5, drew 2 and lost only 1. They thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and representing the school. We hope to keep this going and

Quad kids is a fun team competition that we do with the whole school. The activities are: long jump, javelin, long run and sprints.

This amazing team game makes you fit and includes everyone. You score points for your team and get a higher score for being 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th. In Quad Kids you learn how to believe in yourself and be proud of what you achieve. This year's winners were:



1st – Winslade, 2nd – Hackwood, 3rd – Ellisfield, 4th – Farleigh

By: Sarah, Charlotte and Margot.

To find out more about our school please visit the school website: Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk.

Paula Lavender

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



Come along, meet new friends, and learn new Songs

We meet every Friday during term time 3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

 4^{th} April (closed during the Easter school holidays) 25^{th} April $2^{nd},\ 9^{th},\ 16^{th}$ and 23^{rd} May (closed on 30^{th} for half term)

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

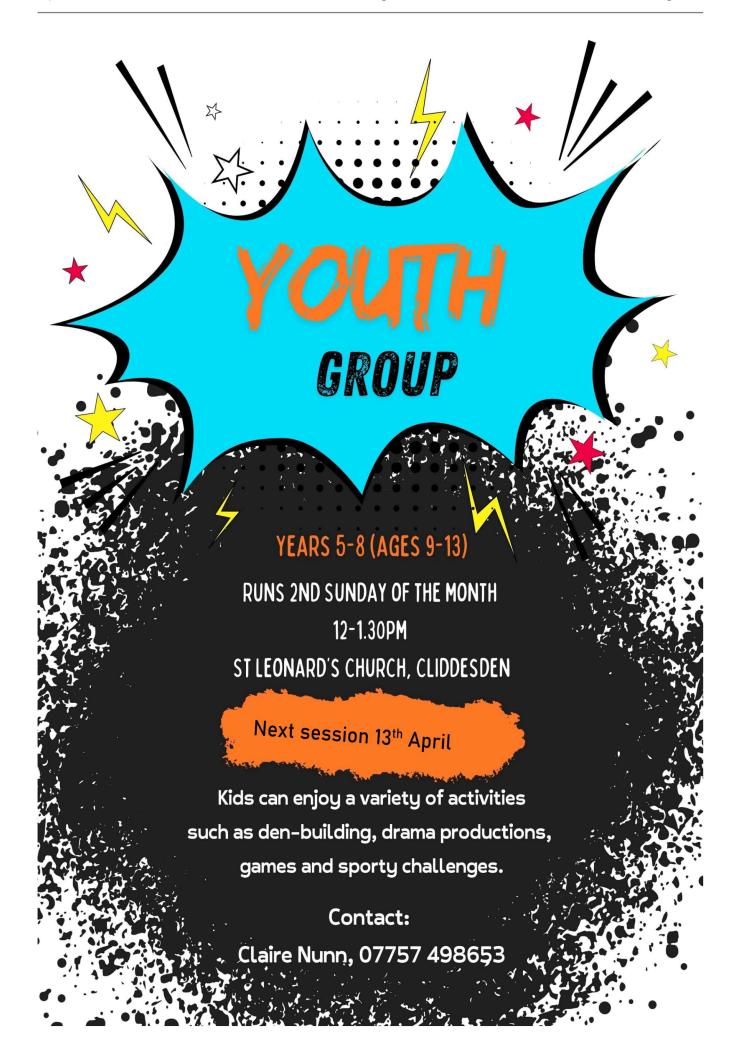
Cost: £3 donation per family

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