



# Cliddesden

## Village Newsletter

Cliddesden Players' 2018 Pantomime:

# “Escape From The Chocolate Factory”

by Emily Galbraith

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm



Our Saturday night show has SOLD OUT!

So, get in touch for tickets to our Friday night or matinee shows – same panto, same jokes, same razzle-dazzle and, of course, the glorious 12 Days of Christmas finale!

The Players are busy learning lines, changing the script, making props and scenery, changing the script, finding costumes, changing the script (again, yes thank you, Darren) - and all the audience has to do is turn up, buy some food and drink, LAUGH and enjoy themselves! What a way to start the festive season.

Everyone is very welcome to come and join in the “Carols round the Tree” at 7.00pm on Saturday even if not attending that show.

Licensed Bar & hot refreshments available at evening shows with Matinee refreshments organised by the Brownies.



Tickets: Adults £9.00  
Children (U16) Friday & Matinee £2.00  
Please advise if a wheelchair user

Contact:

Angie on 01256 475848 or email [angie@fewster.me.uk](mailto:angie@fewster.me.uk)



## NOTES OF MEETING 6TH NOVEMBER

Present were four Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, guests Parish Tree Warden and PC Andy Reid. Apologies received from Lynda Plenty, Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell, County Cllr Anna McNair-Scott.

Next year we hope to welcome more Parish Residents at the meetings. It is an opportunity to contribute to decisions affecting the village.

### Summary points

1. Further discussion needed with Hampshire County Council (HCC) regarding road gullies apparently not being cleaned – Farleigh Road, Farleigh Hill and Church Lane.
2. Clearing out the Pond will be a major job; it may be that HCC contractors will undertake the work.
3. To consider providing a bench in the bus shelter.
4. There is general concern over vegetation encroaching on the highway. If you have a boundary hedge, trees or bushes, adjacent to the road, then it is your duty to maintain them so as not to obstruct the highway, junction sight lines or road signs.
5. The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing and the Open Day on 24th November is a significant milestone. The Steering Group is looking for assistance with several tasks.
6. The Southlea Meadow Appeal Hearing was held 9th and 10th of October at the Civic Offices. The Inspector heard representations on behalf of Thakeham Homes, the Local Planning Authority (BDBC), Residents and the Parish Council. Concerns were expressed that Planning Officers did not appear well-prepared to counter particular housing figures and calculations put forward by RPS (on behalf of Thakeham). Cllr Ruffell has set up a meeting 'to see whether lessons can be learned or misunderstandings can be explained'.
7. The PC will object to the additional house proposed on the Langdale site as significant overdevelopment. We will suggest the proposed new plot be planted with native species trees to respect the character of the area.
8. Moto application for J6 M3 expiry date has been extended to 31st January.
9. 'Will Hay Day' successful despite the weather, the Memorial Bench is sited outside the Village Hall.
10. The Parish Council has been asked to provide a Governor for the Village School. Lynda Plenty has agreed to take on this role.

Next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd January at 7.30pm and hope to see you there.

Seasons Greeting and a Happy New Year



## SOUTHLEA MEADOW APPEAL DISMISSED

Case Details	Planning Appeal (W)
Case Type	Planning Appeal (W)
Local Planning Authority	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Case Summary	Creation of 40 dwellings to include 24 private
Case Officer	Max Board
Procedure	Hearing
Status	Complete: Decision issued
Decision and Outcome	Dismissed <a href="#">Appeal Decision - 3197919.pdf</a>

**The Inspector's Report is available on the Planning Inspectorate – and Parish Council – websites.** Para 25. '...even if I were to conclude there is a shortfall in the five-year housing land supply on the scale suggested by the appellant, I consider the harm to the CA identified... provides the clear reasons referred to in paragraph 11(d)(i) of the Framework for refusing development. Furthermore, I consider the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.' (cont page 4...)

## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE DEVELOPER PROPOSALS

I am aware that some village residents are concerned over meetings held, by the Parish Council, with potential developers.

I therefore wish to set the record straight on what has happened to date.

Anyone, including developers, has the right to request a meeting with the Parish Council or attend a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council will listen to their proposals, but not advise or comment specifically on those proposals. Recently, presentations have been received from two local landowners, one related to the Mount land immediately behind the Jolly Farmer, and the other to Estate land behind Manor Farm buildings.

In both cases the Parish Council has said that the Village discusses future housing developments at the Parish Assembly. The Assembly has agreed that small scale developments in appropriate locations would best serve the Community in meeting the requirements of the BDBC Local Plan.

No other comments have been made other than to support developers' stated intent to hold Public Meetings to explain their proposals to the Village.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is not at this stage considering the subject of site selection.

BDBC has given to understand that while the Neighbourhood Plan is in preparation, applications for land outside the settlement boundary not complying with Policy SS6 (New Housing in the Countryside) are likely to be considered for refusal.

Alan Tyler, Chair of the Parish Council



# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPEN DAY 24TH NOVEMBER

A big 'thank you' to everyone who organised, presented, catered, and came to participate and contribute. At final count, the number of attendees was 85! (plus dogs). Information and data received will inform the first formal questionnaire to be delivered after the New Year.





## STAN STAPLETON (1923 - 2018)

The family of Cliddesden resident Stan Stapleton, who lived in Cliddesden for 61 years, is sad to announce his passing at the age of 95. The family fondly remembers visiting him in Cliddesden over the years, particularly when younger, with Stan walking them to the pond to feed the ducks.

He loved his swing band music on his 78rpm records, concerts in the Anvil, televised snooker, Doreen Ilsey's regular fruit crumbles, QPR and following speedway with his younger brother since before the war.

He was in the Boys' Brigade Band when younger. When called up to the Army, he was selected to play the euphonium in their band – they sent him to the London School of Music to study.

Stan worked at Aldermaston (AWRE) and never once divulged what he did there, though the children asked him all the time. And was only drunk once in his life... at his brother's wedding!

Local villagers fondly remember Stan, a very independent and private man with a fixed expression, although always ready to chat. Right up to recent days, he could be seen waiting for the local bus in his characteristic overcoat, flat cap and little canvas bag, using his bus pass to travel for miles all over Southern England... sometimes just to gather a selection of groceries for his dinner!

A real village character, Stan will be much missed by all those who knew him and we send our sincere condolences to his family. His funeral is on 11th December at 1.15pm at Basingstoke Crematorium and anyone who knew him is welcome.



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### Illustrating the importance of impact on Landscape Setting & Conservation Area

'13. The introduction of this number of dwellings laid out in an irregular pattern would result in an abrupt change to this part of the Village. Its suburban form would appear at odds with the more linear pattern which is characteristic of both the northern and southern ends of Farleigh Road. It would erode its rural character and even taking account of the site's topography, the contrasting, more suburban layout would be evident to both drivers and pedestrians when entering or leaving the village... and would have a significantly negative impact on the character and appearance of this part of the Village and the Conservation Area [CA].

'14. Furthermore, the Cliddesden Conservation Area Appraisal notes that the historic character of the CA is enhanced by its rural landscape setting and from the interrelationship between the buildings and the surrounding open spaces. I consider it would result in

the significant erosion of Cliddesden's rural setting which would detrimentally impact on the agricultural significance and character of the CA as a whole. This would be exacerbated by the site's prominent location at the village entrance.

'16. I find the proposed scheme would erode the linear pattern of development in this part of Cliddesden and would be harmful to landscape setting of the Village. Furthermore, it would result in the significant erosion of an important view of the wider landscape setting. This would be harmful to the character and appearance of the surrounding area and the CA as a whole.

'25. While I accept that circumstances relating to housing land supply are fluid and can change over even short periods, even if I were to conclude there is a shortfall in the five-year housing land supply on the scale suggested by the appellant, I consider the harm to the CA identified above provides the clear reasons referred to in para 11(d)(i) of the Framework [NPPF – National Planning Policy Framework] for refusing development. Furthermore, I consider the adverse impacts of granting permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits.

'26. Policy SS5 of the Local Plan... requires Cliddesden to deliver a minimum of 10 dwellings via mechanisms such as a Neighbourhood Plan. However, there is no robust evidence to indicate that Cliddesden would have difficulty meeting this requirement. In any event, I do not consider that such a shortfall would provide any meaningful support in favour of the proposal.'



# NEW YEAR'S EVE



**After its success in 2015 and 2016 and following a year off to allow livers to recover, a New Year's Eve celebration is once again being planned in the village hall!**

**A rough guide to what the evening will entail:**

- **New Year's Eve Party** in the village hall, which will be decorated in full festive style, from 7.30pm until half midnight(ish)
- **Music** (a live DJ playing lots of tunes to dance to!)
- **A delicious buffet** (with a ploughman's theme)
- **A 'free' help-yourself bar** (beer, wine and soft drinks – you are welcome to bring your own spirits)
- **A dress code** of sequins, denim, feathers, tweed – whatever makes you feel good!

**Tickets will be priced at £25 per adult (anyone 18 years or older) and £1-per-year for under-18s (e.g. a 12-year-old pays £12), with any profit being split equally between the village hall and St Michael's Hospice.**

**So, if you, your friends and family would like to join us in welcoming 2019 then please email Andie ([andreaknight73@outlook.com](mailto:andreaknight73@outlook.com)) and Carina ([carineee@hotmail.com](mailto:carineee@hotmail.com)) with details of the number of tickets (adults and children) you would like.**

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

**Andie & Carina**

**P.S. To avoid a stressful Christmas we will make a call mid-December as to whether we need to cancel, based on ticket sales at that point. So, if you would like to join us please don't delay in letting us know!**





## Cliddesden Social & Entertainment Club

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DECEMBER FILM HAD TO BE RESCHEDULED TO 22 NOVEMBER. THEREFORE, THERE WILL BE NO FILM IN DECEMBER. MY APOLOGIES THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ANNOUNCE THIS IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF HILL AND DALE.**

**Thursday 3 January - "Ethel and Ernest" (2016)**

Certificate PG, 93 minutes

Raymond Briggs tribute to his parents' life together. A beautiful telling of a touching tale of the marriage of Briggs' parents from their first meeting to the end of their lives.

Directed by Roger Mainwood, Written and illustrated by Raymond Briggs in his unmistakable style.

Voiced by Jim Broadbent, Pam Ferris, Luke Treadaway, Brenda Blethyn, Roger Allam, and June Brown.

A wonderful little film

**Thursday 7 February - "Gran Torino" (2008)**

Certificate 15, 111 Minutes

*Gran Torino* is a drama film directed and co-produced by Clint Eastwood, who also starred in the film. This was Eastwood's first starring role since 2004's Million Dollar Baby. Eastwood's eldest son, Kyle, co-produced the score.

Eastwood plays a recently widowed Korean War veteran alienated from his family and angry at the world.

*Gran Torino* grossed nearly \$270 million worldwide against a budget of \$33M

A great film, demonstrating Eastwood's breadth of experience and skill in all areas of film-making even to the extent that Malpaso Productions, the company that Eastwood helped to found was involved in the production of the film. This is a long way from the Spaghetti Westerns that launched Clint Eastwood's film career.

You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening at the cinema without adverts, rusting crisp packets, buckets of smelly popcorn, and slurping coke cups.

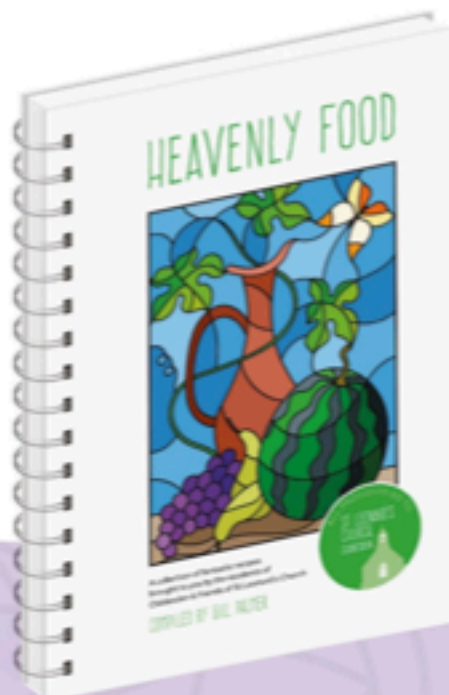
Screenings take place in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. The bar opens at 7:30pm (please don't arrive too early as we need time to set up the equipment), we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half-way through during which ice creams are available and the bar is open.

Subscription is only £2 per person per evening, with no membership fee. *Please do remember to pay at the bar.*

All our films are suggested by members; please suggest your own favourites or films that you missed and would still like to see.

Ted Dowson





COMING SOON!

CLIDDESSEN'S COLLECTION OF CULINARY CREATIONS!

YOURS  
FOR ONLY **£7.50**

Heavenly Food is a brand new book of recipes, which have all been submitted by the residents of Cliddesden and friends of St Leonard's Church. This eclectic assortment of culinary preparations will be available to buy for £7.50 and all proceeds will go towards St Leonard's Church funds.

This fascinating collection of recipes is spiral-bound, which means it will lay flat on the kitchen counter while you cook up everything from light dishes and starters to delicious mains and yummy puddings, among many other things. Created by people you know and compiled by Cliddesden resident Gill Palmer, Heavenly Food is the perfect Christmas stocking filler... but with a very local touch!

The book will be available from 10th December and will be on sale on the following dates:

11am, 10 Dec - Coffee Morning, Cliddesden Millennium Hall.

9.30-11am, 16 Dec - St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden.

21 Dec - After the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, St Leonard's Church (service commences at 7.30pm).

Copies can also be obtained by calling/texting 07936 878 944 or by emailing [rockaxe@gmail.com](mailto:rockaxe@gmail.com)

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ST LEONARD'S CHURCH FUNDS



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
**7.30pm, with**  
**Cliddesden Community and**  
**Primary School Choirs**

**A collection will be taken during the service towards Church funds**

**Seasonal refreshment will be provided afterwards**

**CHRISTMAS AT ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDESSEN**

**Midnight Communion**  
**(first Communion of Christmas)**  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
**11.30pm**



**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop &  
Ellisfield Horticultural Society**  
The three villages Gardening Club

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Hello from Claire!

Christmas is once again upon us, and our gardens should be resting beneath a blanket of snow, snugly protected from the chill of the winter wind and frosts. However, if this year is anything like the last couple, we will still be cutting grass, pruning, and prepping the ground until Christmas Eve!

So, don't put your mowers away just yet.....

One of the plants we associate with Christmas is mistletoe, the beautiful parasite found growing at the tops of trees. From my lovely book 'Gardener's Magic and Other Old Wives' Lore' by Bridget Boland I have these offerings:

'When picking mistletoe, the time does not matter (which is just as well, as it may be difficult enough to climb the tree without having to do so in the dark); but you must sacrifice two bulls beneath first, use your golden knife or sickle, and drop the mistletoe down onto a white cloak stretched out below'

'Nowadays mistletoe is brought in only for kissing time at Christmas, but once it hung in every hall all the year round as a sign that guests greeted under it were safe in that house, a recognition of its power, known from Druidic times, to ensure peace and friendship'

While we may not go ahead and sacrifice bulls before we pick the mistletoe, the message of welcome, peace and friendship is one we should embrace, not just at Christmas, but all year round. Because, like our gardens, friendship and peace thrive with tender care and frequent attention.

#### What's been happening?

**NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> – Cliddesden Millennium Hall – 7.45pm: AGM Social Evening & Quiz**

Due to submission dates a full report of the AGM will feature in January's newsletter.

#### What's on the agenda?

Our first meeting of the New Year!

**JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup> - Cliddesden Millennium Hall – 7.45pm:**

***The Roses of Mottisfont Abbey* - Thomas Stone**

We can look forward to a fascinating talk from Mr Stone. He was born on Mottisfont Abbey and his father was Head Gardener there. With his wealth of experience, I'm sure we will all find something to grab our imagination.

Mottisfont Abbey is not too far away, for those of you who haven't been there, the address is: Mottisfont Abbey, Nr Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 0LP.

It is a National Trust property, and well worth a visit at any time of year. For the old English roses, the month recommended is June.





On a personal note, I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored me for the St Michaels Hospice Moonlight Walk on 13th October. It was a last-minute decision to take part, two days before the event, in fact I went to support a friend. We completed the 8 ½ mile walk in just under 3 hours, and I raised £185. Looking forward to taking part again next year – this time with more planning!

Have a wonderful Christmas, a fantastic New Year, and we look forward to seeing you in January 2019.

## 100 cLUB

Hello members



The draw for November was called at the Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on 12th November 2018.

Here are the lucky winners:

1st	186	Clive Whitehorn
2nd	142	Harry Stanley
3rd	228	Dawn <u>Mansbridge</u>

Congratulations to you all! Next Coffee Morning is on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Rose Beevers: Tel 475944 ([100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)).

### Regular weekly events at the Village Hall

#### *Art Classes*

Tuesdays – 12pm and 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesdays – 10-12pm and 1-3pm

#### *ATWAS Drama Group* for

8-15 year olds

Fridays – 4-5.30pm

[maz.pennington@gmanl.com](mailto:maz.pennington@gmanl.com) for details

#### *Brownies*

Tuesdays 5-6.15pm

#### *Coffee Morning*

2nd Monday of each month 10.30am-12pm

#### *Plaudrons*

### St Leonard's Church Services for December

#### *Sunday 2 December*

9.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship)

4.00pm Farleigh Benefice Christingle Service (All Saints Dinner)

#### *Sunday 9 December*

11.15am Family Communion (Common Worship)

#### *Sunday 16 December*

11.15am Family Service & baptism

#### *Friday 21 December*

7.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols with the Cliddesden Community Choir

#### *Sunday 23 December*

## BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB OCTOBER 2018



World Sight Day was our major preoccupation this month. Thanks to The Malls management, who provided us with the space and the marquee outside Boots we had a really successful day. We had over 35 visitors to the stand who had come along to talk to us about their particular problems, and an enormous number of spectacles and lenses were collected for recycling to the 3<sup>rd</sup> World. Many thanks to all who participated.

Sight and its associated problems and their causes have been at the heart of Lionism since its inception in 1917. Blindness is a terrible affliction which is why Lions Clubs International has programmes across the world designed to combat this scourge wherever it can. I can do no better than invite you to visit the Lions International page of our website [www.basingstokelions.org.uk](http://www.basingstokelions.org.uk) You'll be astounded.

The main purpose of any Lions Club is to serve its local community to the best of its ability. Last month I gave you an idea of how our Club tries to meet its remit. Our twin Club in Alençon is much larger and has been known to organize lorry loads of shelters, clothing and food to assist people living in dire conditions, particularly in the wake of the demise of the old Soviet Union. Australian Clubs around Sydney have provided very welcome beach shelters and barbecues. The members of an Auckland club I visited were the same sort of good time Charlies as us, putting on events and "sizzling sausages" to support their community. But further up the North Island in New Zealand I visited the Opononi and Districts Lions Club. Not only did they run events, but they ran the library, the tourist information office and the fire brigade. They were also actively helping local families with problems. All the club members got involved. And that is one common thread I have found in all my experiences - good spirited willingness to take on challenges and muck in to get things done. So, in the immortal words of the great Delia Smith "Let's be baxia' you!" We can't continue our service without more members.

Almost as important is money, and our Fundraisers (that's pretty much everyone) are on the job as usual. Between now and Christmas they'll be out and about at a variety of locations making cash collections to support our donations to areas of need and to spread a little joy. And as soon as the festive season is over, we're back into concerts and quizzes. The programme so far is:

- 16<sup>th</sup> February: The Apollo Big Band at QMC
- 06<sup>th</sup> April: Quiz Night at the Millennium Hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> April: ABBA Sensation at QMC
- 20<sup>th</sup> July: Moscow Drug Club at QMC
- 21<sup>st</sup> September: Ali Mak Rhythm and Blues band at the Royal British Legion
- 16<sup>th</sup> November: Quiz Night at the Millennium Hall

*If we 'aint shakin' da booty we're shakin' da brains! Join us!*

Full details will appear on our website in due course.

Finally our members would like to congratulate the Chairman of Helping Hands for the Blind, David Chatten-Smith, on his nomination as one of the finalists in the Groundwork Community Awards - really well deserved! We'd also like to congratulate all those involved in the production of "Popley Matters", a high quality Community Magazine now up to its 200<sup>th</sup> edition.





## CLIDDESSEN PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Year 5/6 - Rugby League

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team continues to do well in the Norman League. The second meeting of the teams took place with Chalk Ridge Primary hosting. Cliddesden beat St John's 3-2, Chalk Ridge 3-1 and drew 2-2 with Hatch Warren. With a break until March due to the dark winter evenings, Cliddesden sit currently at the top of the league.



### Year 1-6 - Dodgeball Competition

Our Year 1-6 children enjoyed competing for their house team in an ultimate dodgeball competition. Classes were divided into teams and using 3 dodge balls had to try to get the opposing players out by: hitting a player below their shoulder, knocking the ball from an opposing players hands when they try to block a throw with their ball, catching a ball thrown by an opponent before it touched the ground or after it has hit a player but before it touches the ground or finally, forcing a player to move outside the boundaries of the court.

Foundation Stage also gained points for their houses by taking part in a throwing competition. The children worked in their house teams and had to get as many bean bags in the targets as possible.

The matches were competitive but all players showed great sporting values we have come to expect. Congratulations to the overall winners, Farleigh House.

### Chestnut Class - Superheroes Day

On Thursday the 18th of October, Chestnut Class had a Superhero Day. They all dressed up for the event and really enjoyed coming into school as their favourite superhero characters. They were also treated to a superhero talk from an ex head teacher Simon Cushing. They were all engaged and enjoyed learning about different comic heroes, comic books and toys. A particular favourite was the life size Batman model, which Simon keeps in his living room!



Simon explained that as a child he disliked reading but this changed once he discovered comic books about Superheroes. Simon shared his large and varied comic collection with us; the children were fascinated to hear about the characters in Marvel and DC comics and how ideas for the back stories were often copied and repeated time and again.

The whole day, especially Simon's visit, really inspired the children to start some creative writing knowing that even DC and Marvel 'magpie' ideas from others! Simon has also kindly lent us a variety of books, toys and pictures to decorate Chestnut classroom and inspire creativity!

### Shoobox Appeal

Some children made a shoobox donation to The Rotary Appeal. The gifts will be distributed to children who are less fortunate than ourselves throughout Eastern Europe.



### Author – Emma Carroll



On Tuesday 6th November, Year 5 went to visit Whitchurch Primary school, to meet Emma Carroll. Emma is an author of children's books and she was going to talk to us about how she got her ideas for writing her latest book – *Secrets of a Sun King*. History gives Emma many ideas for her stories, and *Secrets of a Sun King* was written using her experiences when she went travelling in Egypt. She shared some of the background research that she had to do to make her story sound like it could have happened.

It takes Emma about a year to write a book – after getting her first idea, she has to do lots of research before she can write a first draft. Once the draft has been written, it will go back and forth to an editor, who helps her make improvements, until finally the book is published.

Emma lives in Somerset with her husband and two terriers. She works in her study and says that her terriers can sometimes be helpful because they make her take a break. However, she also says that having a large mug of tea is important!

We also learnt that before becoming a full-time author, Emma Carroll was a secondary school English teacher. She has also worked as a news reporter, an avocado picker and the person who punches holes into flax paper.

At the end of her talk, Emma answered some questions from the children. She told us that she thought it was just as important for girls to read books about male characters as it was for boys to read books about female characters – she usually has a male and female character in her stories. She also said that it was important that the girls in her stories did brave and exciting things, and that the boys showed their sensitive side.

Many of us bought her books and got her autograph after her talk. We are enjoying reading them and next term we will use *Letters from the Lighthouse* to help us learn more about our World War II topic.



#### Willow Parent Workshop – Diwali

We invited our parents to come and help us celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light - Diwali.

In the morning we tidied and cleaned and made Barfi to share with our parents. We learned about how to celebrate with Jessica (on cheebies). She showed us all the things her family does at Diwali.

In the afternoon we had an activity card to help us make some special decorations ready to celebrate Diwali.

We made splatter fireworks – Diwali celebrates light winning over dark so Hindus celebrate with bright fireworks.

We tried making Rangoli - These patterns are made to welcome the Goddess Lakshmi into people's houses. She brings luck into the house. We tried chalk patterns on the patio and rice patterns inside.



Everyone made and put up a Diwali card in the home corner to send to our families. Hindus use bright decorations inside and outside. We made Kandil lanterns. They looked amazing. The Diya lights looked very bright and helped to light the way home for Rama and Sita.

Our Mehndi patterns were made by drawing around our hand and making beautiful Mehndi patterns on it to make us feel special at Diwali.

Everyone celebrated this Hindu festival together and learnt the story of Rama and Sita using puppets.

#### Beech Parent Workshop – Lantern Making

As part of our topic, On a Beam of Light, we have been studying Florence Nightingale. We learnt that she would carry a lantern and visit wounded soldiers in the hospital at night. She would talk to them and by the light of her lantern, help them to write letters home.

We also learnt that Guy Fawkes was found in the cellars under the Houses of Parliament carrying a lantern to guide the way.

In Literacy we have been reading 'Are you tired, Little Bear?' Big Bear used all different sizes of lantern to shed light in Little Bear's room.

At our workshop, we thoroughly enjoyed sharing this story with our family and friends and had so much fun designing and creating our own lanterns.

### **Armistice Day – we remembered...**

Willow Class created a stunning poppy piece of artwork whilst KS2 children wrote some beautiful poems.

Poppies and other remembrance items were sold and each class filled a poppy with coins.

Assembly was held, observing 2 minutes silence with our guest, Mr Connolly, Chairman of The Royal British Legion, Basingstoke and Deane Branch.



To find out more about our school, please visit our website: [Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)

Paula Lavender

## **The Village Poppy Appeal Collection**

Well done Cliddesden, once again, your generosity is outstanding! The total donated was £497:51, slightly down on previous years but other outlets were selling the Poppies well before the official start date, hence a few houses told me that they had already made a donation

However I am sure you will all appreciate the effort that our 2 'Collectors' Simon Barker, and may I say myself, put in the time spent knocking on doors. As usual there were a few houses where there was no one at home in but unfortunately we did not have the time to call back.

Next year Simon has 'volunteered' to take up the village organising reins so hopefully I can still come out and assist, I've forgotten how many years I have enjoyed calling on you.

Thank you all once again, it was a real pleasure in seeing you, and such a lovely welcome was given to us both!

**Tony Trown**







## POLICE UPDATE

Dear Residents,

I am seeking information regarding an incident that occurred between 12 noon and 1pm on Tuesday 20th

November when three men were seen at the water reservoir in Cliddesden. A water board official went to the site and challenged the men as they walked away. A high powered air rifle was fired in his direction and his van was struck by an object. I ask if anyone was in this area between these times and saw these men or any suspicious vehicle to please give me a call direct – all calls treated in strictest confidence.

I also wish to make you aware of two house burglaries in not-too-far-away Oakley. In one the home owner's car was stolen. In the second the burglar(s) pushed an object through the letter box enabling them to pull the door handle which opened the door! This type of entry is preventable. Place an inside cover over the letter box, lock the door so even with the handle it will not open – or just take the handle off and turn it around so it opens the opposite way to normal.

On many plastic external doors the letter box is in line or not far from the lock and handle, so please be aware that some burglars can push their arm through a letter box to open the door. Some have actually devised a tool for this purpose. Other things I have known used include a fishing rod used to 'catch' keys left on the unit etc in the hallway.

As Christmas is approaching at an alarming speed I wish to remind all residents to please take extra care with the security of your homes and property.

In Herriard two cars were broken into on the night of Sunday 11th November. Thieves used an electronic device to open secure cars and steal property from within. Please take all valuables out of cars, we had a similar crime in Brown Candover recently.

I wish to thank everyone who attended the Crime Prevention Evening at Preston Candover and hope you gained something from it. If you were unable to attend but would like information to help protect your home and property then please give me a call direct.

In the February *Newsletter*, I will provide a breakdown of the crime for 2018 within your Parish. At the time of writing in November, crime across the whole area is slightly down. This may be due to an increased awareness that, while we do live in a wonderful area, we are susceptible to crime due to our proximity to a large urban expanse and a good motorway network.

I wish you and your families a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Please don't drink and drive and remember you may still be over the legal limit in the morning from the night before. The Police annual drink-drive campaign will be starting soon and morning-after drivers will also be targeted.

Happy Christmas and thank you for your support.

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### Farleigh Parish Playgroup



### Cliddesden Millennium Village Hub

#### Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

December: 14<sup>th</sup>, with a visit from PC. (This is the only session in December)

January 11th, 18th, 25th and February 1st 2019

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups!

Join us for an hour of fun activities, sensory play, songs and stories.

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

Cost: £2 per family

Contact:

Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833-528040)

Claire Qualified teacher (01256-477197)



### Children's Christmas at St. Leonard's Church, Cliddesden

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve, 2.00pm

#### Crib Service

Children are encouraged to come dressed as a character from the Nativity and take part in the service.

Contact Claire Nunn 477197

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