

STRANGE SOUNDS EMANATED FROM THE VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS ON A SATURDAY IN LATE JULY – WHAT WERE THEY?

The chink of glasses! Laughter! Chattering! Music! Applause! Sounds not heard for so long...



Nearly 60 villagers, friends and neighbours enjoyed a lovely afternoon of sunshine (it really did shine!) in the beautiful grounds of our Village Hall for a taste of normality at the **Village Hall Picnic** on 31st July.

It was so nice to relax, eat, drink and chat without any formal restrictions, with everyone bringing their own picnic, blanket or chairs, bubbly to beer, and a Village Hall treat of delicious, fruity Pimm's or juice as a thank-you for coming along. Although I don't think anyone needed any encouragement!

It was lovely to see young families, new and older residents and all those in-between, socialising and having a good time. Many thanks to Darren, Jo, Julie, and Sian for putting up the gazebo, bunting and decorations, and organising the drinks, creating a real garden party atmosphere.



And then the surprise of the afternoon!

Mike, our Cliddesden postman who retired last year, was greatly missed by everyone in the village. We all felt sad that we hadn't been able to say goodbye or give him his Christmas thank-you. So, Tracey Mathias and Carina Barker kindly offered to collect donations for a retirement gift so the village could say how grateful we were to him for being so conscientious, friendly, and helpful over the years.

A BIG thank you to Darren who delivered an extremely amusing and entertaining speech (as only Darren can) which said all that and more! It was lovely that Mike's family could be with him to watch the presentation. A cheque for £2,020 was handed over so he can buy whatever he likes, along with a personalised postman portrait by Darren and a Cliddesden jigsaw!

Mike was quite overcome, thanked everyone for being so generous and circulated and chatted for the whole afternoon. We will invite him and his family to future Cliddesden events, like plays and pantos, so if you were not able to come along and say goodbye you will hopefully bump into him again soon. He has sent a big thank-you card to the whole village which is on the Village Hall notice board for everyone to see.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and fingers crossed for the P... word in December! Oh, yes, we certainly hope so!



Christmas Fayre

RAISING MONEY FOR
CLIDDESSEN MILLENNIUM HALL &
LORDSFIELD SWIMMING CLUB

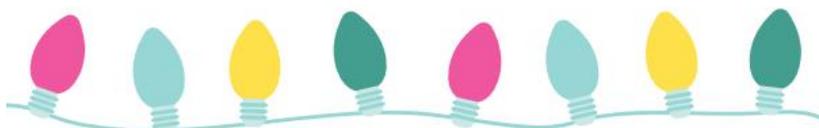


refreshments
christmas raffle
fun for all the family



CLIDDESSEN MILLENNIUM HALL
SUNDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2021
11AM-2PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STALL, PLEASE
CONTACT ALISON HOOD ON
07919 418551



LET'S MOVE... FREE Seated Exercise Session for the Elderly

Cliddesden Village Hall
Monday 27th September
10.30am

This free seated exercise class is organised by Basingstoke 'Home Instead'. This company is a home care service which also provides some local services in the community. Weekly exercise classes already take place in Whitchurch, Popley, Tadley and Sherborne St John. If there is the demand, they hope to run a regular class at Cliddesden Village Hall, so please come along, try it out, improve your health as well as having fun!

Have a look at the YouTube video in the link below to see what goes on.

Before a class, a brief pre-activity questionnaire is taken to ensure any physical problems are known about and can be taken into consideration.

This is what they say:

"Let's Move - Seated Exercise Sessions"

Let's Move is an exciting new opportunity for the elderly and anyone with mobility concerns to exercise in a safe, fun environment. We do seated exercises along to music, all designed to be safe, fun, and aimed at the older generation to improve fitness, memory, and wellbeing. It's free to attend and free refreshments will be provided.

As you get older, you might start to get aches and pains that you never had before, have less energy to go out, and become more vulnerable to falling. As a result, you may struggle to continue enjoying the simple pleasures that you used to take for granted - like playing with the grandchildren, walking to the shops, or keeping in touch with friends and neighbours.

If you want to stay healthy and maintain your independence, it becomes even more important to remain active. Physical exercise can also help to improve your immune function, reduce your blood pressure, boost your metabolism, improve your balance and flexibility, and generally reduce the risk of serious conditions. As they say, "Use It or Lose It".

Let's Move will help you remain pain-free, independent, and healthy as you get older. We have participants with Parkinson's Disease, dementia, joint replacements and strokes, and some younger family members also join in.

In the interests of Covid security and to reserve a seat, please book in advance by emailing community.basingstoke@homeinstead.co.uk or calling Janet on 07540 975 094.

We'll supply sanitizer, masks or visor and a bottle of water free to participants and carers if wanted, and all staff are Covid trained. We sanitise everything including chairs and equipment before and after the session. Everyone is checked in and has their temperature taken.
And we'll provide lots of fun!

Want to see what the sessions are like? Sneak a peek here - this particular exercise is aerobic high intensity and helps with suppleness, raising the heart rate and improving circulation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CC-MliwKUqc>



FAREWELL DRINKS FOR PC ANDY REID ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY



Over 100 turned up from villages throughout his Beat to say farewell to PC Andy Reid on his retirement after 19 years as 'our copper'.

It was a case of third time lucky as weather and then COVID restrictions had thwarted previous planned occasions. After a particularly hot spell, it was the most perfect late July evening to celebrate on the cricket field outside The Candover Valley Club in Brown Candover.

The Earl of Portsmouth began the proceedings, reading a personally composed Citation then presented to Andy as a framed copy, beautifully calligraphed by Mrs Susie Deane from Ellisfield.

A few words of thanks were said by Jonathan Moseley before Mrs Effie Andreae presented Andy with an original 400+ year-old framed map of Hampshire showing some of the villages by name on his extensive Basingstoke Rural South Beat.

Mike Pratt then made an impromptu speech on behalf of the keepers and to much applause! Mark Wilson, NFU Mutual in Dummer, generously provided the refreshments, and the evening made for a very happy but also sad occasion. It was a most fitting send off for Andy and his wife Lynda as they head west and start a new chapter in their lives.

Jonathan Moseley, Chairman Candovers Parish Council



Dear Residents

I write to briefly take this opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the kind presents, wishes, cards etc that I received upon my recent retirement as your local Beat Constable. Both my wife and I were overwhelmed and we literally can not thank you all enough for your kindness.

Thank you also to everyone who came to my leaving event at Brown Candover Club on July 23rd, it was wonderful to see many local people.

I send my sincere best wishes to you all and again thank you for your kindness and indeed support over the years.

Andrew Reid



POLICING PAST

The Editors have asked if I can take a look into the past and show a brief view of policing within the area from the past. You will see how problems do not seem to have changed, but how society dealt with the offenders most certainly has.

As today, speeding was a problem on the main roads across the country. The Motor Car Act was passed in 1903 following the previous Locomotives on Highways Act of 1896, this Act had increased the speed limit for Motor Cars from 4 MPH in a rural area and 2 MPH in a town to 14 MPH.

This new Act allowed for a speed of 20 MPH on the roads and also brought in vehicle registration so every vehicle had to be registered with the County or Borough Council and a registration number plate was issued which had to be displayed at all time on the vehicle. All drivers also had to have a driving licence costing 5 shillings again from the County or Borough Council albeit they did not need to pass a driving test.

The Police enforced the speed limit by having a Constable usually wave a flag or making a gesture indicating to other officers further down the road when a car had passed him, another Constable further down the road would then push the button on a stop watch and the car would be stopped. The times would be calculated and if found that the distance covered was done in less time than it would take to drive the same distance but at 20 MPH, then the car had been driven above the speed limit. The speed would also be calculated and the driver reported for summons.

Today we have average speed cameras which work by recording your speed at two different points. They don't capture your speed in a single flash. Instead, they'll monitor your speed over a length of road. This is so people don't slow down just before they see a camera and then speed up again afterwards. They help to keep the traffic flowing steadily instead of stopping and starting.

As I am unable to give you today's updates, for some future issues I will look out past incidents I hope you will find of similar interest.

With all best wishes
Andrew Reid

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 7.30PM CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL



Everyone is most welcome. All our Ward Councillors have been invited to discuss their position on development in the area. If you plan to attend please advise any member of the Parish Council or email alanbtyler19@btinternet.com

We have also invited the new Hants Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, but don't know (as at going to press) if she will be able to attend.

'MORE POLICE, SAFER STREETS' POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

Donna says: 'I have launched a consultation on the priorities in my "More Police, Safer Streets" Police and Crime Plan. The priorities in this draft Plan have been developed based on what local residents have told me concerns them most, and what they want the police to be doing to make them safer. I would like to invite you to share your thoughts through the survey,' at:

<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90375152/Police-Crime-Plan-Survey>

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/02545/LDEO (Validated 02 August)
Cliddesden Down House, Farleigh Road.
Certificate for lawfulness for existing operation for single storey side extension.

21/01823/ROC (Validated 17 August)
Greenlands Nursery, 3A Hackwood Lane.
Variation of condition 1 of 20/01168/FUL (Erection of 3 detached dwellings) to allow alterations to Plot 1 to include accommodation in roof space.

21/02172/LDEU (Granted 23rd August)
Myhaven, Woods Lane. Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of 'Barn 2' as constructed in 2013.

21/02118/FUL (Pending, 23 June) Land adjacent to Millars Cottages, Station Road. Detached one and a half storey dwelling.

21/02056/FUL (Pending, 17 June)
7 Woods Lane. Erection of two bedroom bungalow with associated car parking.

21/01810/HSE (Withdrawn 29th July)
27 Southlea. Erection of detached garage / home office and new entrance gates.

21/01646/HSE (Pending, 12 May)
Swallick Cottage, Alton Road. Part single storey, part two story rear extension, new

front porch, bay window and detached garage with living accommodation above.

21/01591/PIP (Pending, 10 May) Little Acre, Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for a the a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 dwellings.

21/01321/RET (Pending, 14th April)
Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden land.

21/00931/FUL (Pending 16th March)
Newland Lodge, Woods Lane. Demolition of bungalow and erection of one four-bed dwelling. (Replacement for approved application 18/00116/FUL.)

21/00831/HSE (Pending 8th March)
4 Hackwood Lane. To add ground floor window to rear of annex and add first floor windows to rear and front of annex.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00330/21/TCA (Approved 5 August)
Cliddesden House, Farleigh Road. Conifer hedge: reduce height to approx 2.1m. 5 x Sycamore (one dead): fell.

T/00305/21/TCA (Approved 21 July) The Forge, Farleigh Road. Two Sycamore not yet mature (G1) - Fell as pushing wall over and overhanging roof of buildings.



Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Nature Partnership

Working together locally to secure nature's value

Board members include Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, Hampshire County Council, Natural England, Environment

Agency, Forestry Commission, Forestry England, New Forest National Park, South Downs National Park, Isle of Wight AONB, CLA (Country Land & Business Association), Southern Water. See <https://hantswightlnp.wordpress.com>

The Nature Recovery Network (NRN) 'A commitment in the Government's 25-year Environment Plan, the NRN is a national network... increasing, improving and joining up wildlife-rich places across England, stretching from cities to countryside, mountains to coast. It will contain sites designated for nature conservation and other wildlife-rich places where there is the potential to restore or create new wildlife habitat or form stepping stones to help wildlife populations grow and move. It will improve landscape resilience to climate change, providing natural solutions that reduce carbon and manage flood risk, sustain vital ecosystems, and enable us to enjoy and connect with nature.'

Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) 'To be established by the Environment Bill, LNRS will be a mandatory system of locally developed, spatial strategies for nature that identify opportunities and priorities for enhancing the natural environment in each area in England. They will map existing and potential habitat for wildlife and will agree local priorities for enhancing biodiversity. Collectively, LNRS will plan and map the NRN. See Part 6 (95-98) of the draft Environment Bill.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello from Claire!

If you have not yet paid this years subscriptions, please could you do so either in cash to myself or any committee member, or if you prefer online, please contact me on 07748532798/01256381504 for the bank details. Thank-you

Because I always manage to find something to think about:

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. – **Doug Larson**

Gardening simply does not allow one to be mentally old, because too many hopes and dreams are yet to be realized. – **Allan Armitage**

THE SUMMER SHOW August 1st Cliddesden Millennium Hall

Yes, it happened!

Thank you to everyone who turned out, turned up, entered, and supported us – the show was immensely successful and the exhibits where wonderful, despite the rapidly changing weather we've been experiencing.

Congratulations to Diane and Eddy Rampton who had a fantastic show – winning 4 trophies across the fruit and vegetable, and flower sections.



Trophy	Engraving
Joseph Bone Cup	2021 D & E Rampton
Frankham Cup	2021 D & E Rampton
Harold Greenyer Challenge Cup	2021 D & E Rampton
Lay Challenge Cup	2021 D & E Rampton
Farleigh Wallop & Hurstbourne Priors Challenge Cup	2021 S Bowcutt
Barker Challenge Bowl	2021 R Beresford-Davies
E B Hooper Challenge Cup	2021 P Doel
Nita Abbott Challenge Cup	2021 P Gould
Elsie Prince Challenge Cup	2021 NOT AWARDED
Ivy Cannon Family Challenge Cup	2021 S Hudson
Countess Portsmouth Trophy	2021 NOT AWARDED

As always, these events only happen because of a lot of hard work before and after, so again, thanks to everyone who helped set-up, take down, make cakes, serve teas, do the raffle and generally get things done. And thank-you to Daria who took the photos as I couldn't be there on the day.

Looking forward to September

30th September – Cliddesden Millennium Hall – 7:45pm

REBOOKED FROM 8TH JULY Steve Oakes – 'Fish for Tea'

We have fortunately been able to rebook our speaker from the 8th July.

Steve is coming along to tell us about fish-eating birds, so look forward to some stunning pictures of these skilled anglers.

This will be our first face-to-face meeting in over 18 months – we will be so happy to see you!

Members entry £1, guests £2

Tea/coffee biscuits and raffle on the night

And, the last meeting of the year – AGM – Thursday 25th November 7:45pm

Cliddesden Millennium Hall

Members only.

Join us for a rundown of all the years activities (and non-activities), food, wine and a long overdue catch up.

Happy gardening!

Claire

CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10:30-NOON

Meet up with your friends and neighbours for a cup of tea or coffee, AND that very important slice of CAKE! Enjoy a catch-up and chat, browse the book and card stalls and there is a visiting speaker this month.

Visiting Speaker

Janet, from Basingstoke Home Instead, is coming to talk about their free community exercise classes and other events that they can put on eg. talks about identifying scam callers.

She will be running a free taster session of the exercise class at our hall 2 weeks later! Find out more on page two and come along on 13th to ask her any questions or book your place!



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INSPIRING WOMEN

CLIDDESSEN WI

It seems to be becoming a habit that I have to say our events have had to be cancelled. I'm sorry to say that the Crafty Lunchers day which was organised for 4th August had to be postponed because I was 'pinged' by the NHS track and trace app a couple of days before. I was told to self-isolate for 7 days as I had been in contact with somebody who had been tested positive for Covid. Who or where I have no idea but unfortunately there was no one available to take over the catering side of things.

We have rearranged the date to 31st August, and I sincerely hope that there are no more spanners in the works to prevent it going ahead then.

This month we enjoyed a superb wildlife slide show from Dave and Jenny Levy showcasing all the wildlife they have visiting their garden in Kempshott, as well as images from Kempshott Old Down and various sites in Hampshire. We enjoyed a family of hedgehogs munching through a plate of food, numerous birds, butterflies, beautiful moths, as well as foxes, snakes, and lizards. Dave only took up photography 8 years ago when he retired but he clearly has learnt a lot! We all had a very enjoyable evening.

We have just heard that Nita Abbot, a former resident of Cliddesden and long serving member of our WI has sadly passed away at the age of 102. Nita was a truly inspirational lady who shared her knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm with everybody. From flower arranging to sewing and embroidery Nita was always on hand to teach us and encourage us to have a go. Our members who knew her are truly sorry to hear that she has died and send Georgina and her family our sincere condolences.

NEXT MEETING

OUR 99TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

'KNITTED COMFORTS FOR THE SERVICES FROM 1850 TO PRESENT DAY'

SPEAKER: JOYCE MEADER

Joyce gives a very entertaining talk which could have you in stitches! Come along and enjoy the party - and the food -if you are interested.

Diane Rampton Tel 01256 467533
Email dianelrampton@gmail.com

CLIDDESSEN SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT CLUB



Apologies for changing last month's film to "Somethings Gotta Give". We felt that it would be more upbeat than "JoJo Rabbit" which we will show as our next film.



THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER – JOJO RABBIT (2019, 104 MINUTES, CERTIFICATE 12A)

JoJo Rabbit shows the end of WWII from a German point of view. It's a touching comedy drama, written and directed by Taika Waititi, Roman Griffin Davis in the Title Role and Scarlett Johansson as his mother.

It won top prize at the Toronto International Film Festival and was chosen as one of the ten best films of 2019. At the 77th Golden Globe Awards it was nominated for Best Motion Picture.

THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER "THE GUARD" (2011, 92 MINUTES, CONTAINS VERY STRONG LANGUAGE, STRONG VIOLENCE, SEX REFERENCES AND DRUG USE)

An Irish buddy cop comedy film written and directed by John Michael McDonagh, starring Brendan Gleeson, Don Cheadle, Mark Strong and Liam Cunningham.

The film received critical acclaim and is the most successful independent Irish film of all time. It took \$21M at the box office against a budget of \$6M.

A quote from one critic: "Among the most purely entertaining films of the year, which cuts its laughter with a dose of Celtic melancholy. It still delivers action requirements - shoot-outs, revenges, daring deeds - and chances are, we'll be quoting lines from this forever."

All our films are suggested by members, so please suggest your own favourites, and do come along, you'll have a good evening at the cinema amongst friends. Film starts at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30.

Ted Dowson.



CHURCH SERVICES

At St. Leonard's unless stated otherwise

Sun 5 th Sep	9.45am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Sun 12 th Sep	11.15am	Family Communion (Common Worship)
Sun 19 th Sep	11.15am	Harvest Family Service
Sun 19 th Sep	4.00pm	Farewell Service for Stephen (Northington)
Sat 25 th Sep	6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sun 3 rd Oct	9.45am	Morning Prayer



YOU'RE INVITED!

FAMILY HARVEST SERVICE

Proceeds to Basingstoke Foodbank



St. Leonard's Churchyard, Cliddesden
(the service will be outside)

Sunday, 19th September, 11.15am – midday

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

After delays due to extended restrictions and doubts about the weather, our **Village Picnic** finally went ahead on Saturday 31st July. And, by all accounts, what a great afternoon! See the separate report in this newsletter.



We have now welcomed back all our **current groups and regular and local hirers**. These groups make the Hall more than just a building – in addition to valuable income for the Hall, they bring life to the Hall, enabling it to become a social hub of activities. So please check out and support these groups and see what they offer you (or even what you can offer them). In no specific order (well OK, alphabetically) they include Art, Ballet, Brownies, Coffee Morning, Farleigh Playgroup, Horticultural Society, Social & Entertainment Club (aka the Film Club), WI, Yoga and Zumba. Please contact these groups directly for further news and details.

Whilst thinking about the current groups, do you have any **ideas** of how the Hall can expand its range of groups and regular events, what improvements the Hall could benefit from, and how the Hall can get involved in the village at large? Some ideas: lunches, tea dances, short mat bowls, card games, special interest groups, singing, etc. A request to everyone to think about what you would like to see in terms of clubs, groups, events, and improvements to the Hall or beyond. And, importantly, what skills you have that you could offer to get these ideas off the ground. Mail your suggestions and offers of help to ideas@cliddesdenhall.org.uk – big or small, one-off event, short term project or long-term club or group.

Another call for people who would like to join the Hall's management committee as '**Village Representatives**' and take an active role in managing the Hall and safeguarding its future, or are willing to help the Hall in other ways – please send an email to volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

A reminder of two easy ways of helping the Hall financially at no cost to you:

- **Give As You Live** which donates to the Hall whenever you shop on-line at over 4,200 top on-line stores – just sign up for free at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/cliddesdenhall.
- **Amazon Smiles** which also donates to the Hall whenever you purchase anything through Amazon – sign up for free at smile.amazon.co.uk and select "Cliddesden Village Hall" as your charity.

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



Greg Mendelsohn
Village Hall Management Committee
chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

100 CLUB



Hello members,

The draw for August was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Hall on 9th August 2021. Here are the winners:

1st 88 Ross Palmer

2nd 354 Andy Fewster

3rd 20 Paul Beevers

Congratulations!

Next Coffee Morning 13th September - come along for good cakes and company in our light, airy and well-ventilated hall. Guest speaker this month see advert for details.

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

BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB

AUGUST 2021



Unable like various to have communed together for many a long month, the Basingstoke Lions Club made their July 2021 'Handover to new Officers' event count!

As guests in the lovely garden of our outgoing Lion President Tony Bamberger after his sterling successive years of service in the role, we saw in the incomer (though hardly a **newcomer**) in the form of Rex Sinden – and we've lost count how many times he's been President! As usual we combined the event with the presentation of our 'Lion of the Year', this year to Anousjka Selders, our social media guru, Welfare Committee Chairperson and, through the past months of the vaccination programme, a regular volunteer at the local centre. Also issued was a Membership award to Annie Vicars, but importantly we honoured 2 long-serving members with the highest award to any Lion, the 'Melvin Jones Fellowship Award', he having founded the organisation in 1917. Recipients were retired Lion Barry Morgan and, as he was at the time of 'Handover', **EX** Lion Philip Wilson, 'ex' because, having hung up his leonine hat in a moment of May madness feeling that after 33 years he had no more to give, 4 weeks later he found that 'more' and rescinded the resignation! Had clearly missed us – as we had him!

And on the 'Business' side, we've continued to respond to the welfare appeals from various in the community, will stage our annual Swimathon in October, have planned more of our popular quizzes, and will be at the upcoming Transport Festival, the Treacle Fayre and Yateley Fayre (each with our putting game), meaning 'Lennie' gets to leave his own Lockdown Lair! This he (she??) did for the first time at a recent Saturday market - in 27 degrees! The sympathy vote from the public resulted in £17 in the bucket – every coin very welcome.

Just would've been nicer for 'Lennie' if the pipe on the Camelback watercarrier, between body and costume and operated by a cord to the left paw, had actually met the level of, and thus reached down INTO, the water supply – it didn't!

Fancy being a part of this fun?

Contact Annie Vicars -
av@mypostoffice.co.uk
www.basingstokelions.org.uk



Pic.1 – from l – r: Annie Vicars, Mr./Mrs. Barry Morgan, Tony Bamberger, Anousjka Selders, Mr./Mrs. Philip Wilson



Pic.2 – from l – r: Rex Sinden, 'Lennie', Denise Moon

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Gliddesden Millennium Village Hall

WE ARE BACK! Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

Happy summer holidays to you all - we meet again on

10th, 17th, 24th September

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

Due to Covid-19 we are following government guidelines. If we cannot meet in the Hall, we will have a country walk. Please FB or phone for more info.

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

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833-528040)

Claire Qualified teacher (01256-477197)

Cliddesden Primary School

Summer Term



The end of term finally came. We said goodbye to another Year 6 cohort and wished them well for their next step in life. The last week of Summer Term was busy for these children. On the Monday, we were able to have an outdoor graduation assembly and a picnic on Tuesday evening. The children all had an exhausting but fun day out at The Gordon Brown Centre on Wednesday and the whole school delighted in watching the Oak Class end of year performance.

We will miss this fantastic group of children who throughout their time at Cliddesden have remained great role models and pupils to be very proud of.



Graduation Assembly

Year 6 Graduation assembly took place on the school field, parents were invited to watch each child receive their graduation certificate, yearbook and a T-shirt signed by their classmates. Mr Davies spoke of the Year 6's resilience and how well they adapted to home learning without it affecting their learning. Each child read out one of their lasting memories of Cliddesden before singing their leavers song.

Gordon Brown Centre

Year 6 went to Gordon Brown to celebrate their time at Cliddesden. Excitement was high as we boarded the bus for the first school trip in over a year. We headed straight into the woods for laser tag, split into two teams they battled for two hours before lunch. After lunch, it was the low ropes where they had to make their way around the course without setting foot on the ground. Many had difficulty staying on the low ropes especially when a sudden hurricane came through, Mrs Montgomerie and Mrs Hussey made the ropes shake. It was a fantastic day with a fantastic group of children.



Oak Class – Pirates of the Curry Bean



Anchors away and set sail for a swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas in this piratical musical that's sure to shake your booty! Young twins Jack & Liza Periwinkle yearn for adventure, so imagine their joy at discovering a real-life treasure map! But when the infamous Redbeard and his pungent Pirates of the Curry Bean steal the map and kidnap their mother, the race is on to rescue her, reclaim the map and find the treasure! Accompanied by their faithful cat Fiddlesticks, the twins join a mad admiral and his crazy crew on a voyage of adventure that takes them from Old London

Docks to the mysterious island of Lumbago in the sea of Sciatica! Will they be first to find the treasure chest, or is a surprise awaiting them that's even better than gold? With colourful characters, sparkling songs, and a witty script as sharp as a cutlass, this show is dripping with piratical style! Why not watch the children perform this musical adventure. This can be found in July Events on our school website.

Sports Day

On Friday 16th July we had our Sports Day on our school field. In the morning KS1 took part in activities and in the afternoon KS2. There was a mixture of skills-based activities and track races.

Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising a wonderful day of sporting prowess.

Special thanks to Mrs Montgomerie for producing a video of highlights which you can find on our school website.



We hope you have enjoyed our school contribution over the past academic year, and we look forward to sharing our news with you in 2021-2022.

Paula Lavender



I look back on a particularly challenging academic year for all our school community. September brought the full reopening of school and with it a very differently organised system in school. The children all adapted to the changes ever so quickly and carried on being the fantastic learners that they are.

As Christmas approached things got more complex and worrying for everybody but we soldiered on in the uncertainty of what the spring term would be like. The January lockdown was announced and again the school 'closed'. I use this term in inverted commas as we didn't close. The children of key workers and those deemed vulnerable still attended and we had about 25% of the children on a daily basis, some attending full time and others on certain days.

The other children engaged in their learning at home and the teachers took on planning for blended learning, teaching at school and preparing online lessons. We all found Google Classroom very useful and for most children it worked well. Parents were fantastic in helping and encouraging their children to work at home. We know how challenging this can be.

We have had a very productive late spring and full summer term and even though so many restrictions are still in place, we have managed to have educational visits, a sports day and lots of creative learning.

I would like to thank all my staff for being fantastic over the last year and adapting their practice to meet the needs of all our children; they have gone above and beyond. I also thank our Governing Body for their work this year.

I sincerely thank parents for putting up with so much change and uncertainty this year but continuing to give the school their full support.

I am so thankful that we are one of very few schools nationwide that have not had to close any bubbles this year so far. It may in part be down to luck, but I also believe that it is down to our school's meticulous planning and risk mitigation, and most of all, down to parents being careful and keeping themselves and their children safe. I hope we can continue to keep CV19 away over the next term.



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