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Hello members

The draw for November was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Hall on 13th November 2023. Here are the lucky winners:

1 st	2	Don Vernon
2 nd	80	Shelagh Trown
3 rd	127	Ben Parker

Congratulations to you all.

The next Coffee Morning is on 11th December 10.30 - 12.00 – do come along.

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



⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2023 Christmas services
 St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden

Fri 1 Dec | 3.45pm | Christingle
 With the church aglow with festive candlelight, make a Christingle and sing hymns. All materials provided. Refreshments 3.45pm, service begins 4pm.

Fri 15 Dec | 7pm | Nine lessons and carols
 Traditional service with mulled wine and mince pies to follow.

Fri 22 Dec | 6pm | Carols at the Pond
 Carol sheets provided, just bring a lantern or torch.

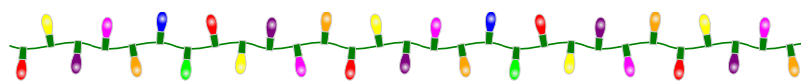
Sun 24 Dec | 2pm | Crib Service
 Come dressed as characters from the Nativity (yes, the grown-ups too!) and together all ages can recreate this epic story of hope as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Sun 24 Dec | 11.30pm | Midnight Mass

You're also welcome at regular services:

Sun 3 Dec	9.45am	Morning Prayer
Sun 10 Dec	11.15am	Family Communion
Sun 17 Dec	11.15am	Family Service

For queries, please contact Rev. David Chattell on 01256 389474



Thank You!



Huge thanks for the generosity of all the houses who took part in the Southlea Trick or Treat. The houses looked amazing and the children had a wonderful time!



theWI CLIDDESSEN

INSPIRING WOMEN

We held our Crafty Lunchers day on 31 October when we were all engrossed in making Christmas cards. Once again, Catherine brought along all her goodies with some sample cards she had made to give us inspiration. Julia kindly offered to be in charge in the kitchen whilst we were all busy making our cards. We later sat down to a delicious lunch and Ken and Eddie kindly manned the dishwasher afterwards. Many thanks to them and all the helpers for making it another successful day.



Liberty's cards

In November we had our morning at the Movies when we watched 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' a very enjoyable film set in the 1950s about a cleaning lady who longed to own a Christian Dior gown. The film starred Lesley Manville as the cleaning lady and I was very envious of the beautiful clothes they wore back then. We all appreciated the popcorn Julia made for us in its pretty cones and ice creams in the interval. A lovely way to spend a dismal November morning.

Next meeting Monday 18th December 10.30am
Christmas Social

We are also organising a wreath making morning for Monday 4th December from 9am to 1pm. If you want to book a place please see the attached poster for more details.

Diane Rampton

Contact :- dianelrampton@gmail.com

Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall



Yes, we now have table tennis available at Coffee Mornings at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall.

Please come along to have a natter and make new friends, browse the second-hand book stall, select some pretty stationery from Penny our stallholder, and of course enjoy a good cuppa and a slice of cake!

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

And, if you fancy, have a turn at table tennis. We have all the equipment you will need.

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

Our next dates are December 11th and January 8th 2024.

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)

Cliddesden WI

Everyone Welcome

Visitors £10

Christmas Workshop

Come and join our expert
make a wreath or table decoration

Monday 4th December 9am to 1pm
At Cliddesden Millennium Hall

Bring along:

- Your choice of base
- Lots of greenery (to share)
- Your choice of added decorations
- Scissors & Secateurs

We will provide

- Tutor
- Refreshments
- Wire

WI Members £6.50
Visitors £10
Please email
cliddesdenssec@hampshirewi.org.uk



THE 2023 CLIDDESSEN PANTOMIME

“A little wooden boy (who is not Pinocchio!)”



FRIDAY 8th & SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 8.00pm

Saturday 2.30pm Matinee

Doors open 30mins before the performance

Tickets are selling fast **and Saturday night is SOLD OUT** so get your seats for Friday or the Matinee as soon as you can. You don't want to miss out on the fun and laughter!

And you DEFINITELY don't want to miss out on seeing a whale in the Village Hall! You won't believe your eyes! And if you want to find out how to escape if, by any unforeseen chance, you happen to be swallowed by a whale, then you most CERTAINLY need to be at the most spectacular Panto that Cliddesden is putting on this year!

Colourful costumes, gags and groans, singing, music and 'The 12 Days of Christmas' to round off the show – what more could you ask for? See you there!

Box Office: Adults £10, Children (2-16) £5

Information on how to pay will be given when tickets are ordered.

No seats can be reserved without payment.

Contact: Jo Capehorn on 07528856157 or email events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk

Please advise if there are mobility difficulties or if a wheelchair user.

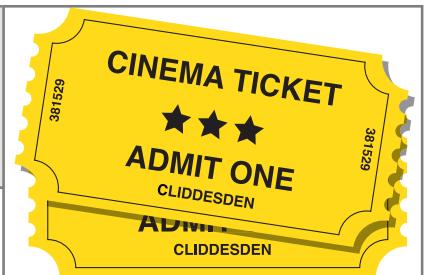
Note: Licensed Premises. To limit transaction charges, we prefer to operate a **CASH** bar and refreshment service. So please bring some real money with you!

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 ice creams and the bar are available. Admission is only £2 per person.



LITTLE WOMEN



Little Women

Little Women is a 2019 American coming-of-age period drama film written and directed by *Greta Gerwig* (who also directed and wrote *Barbie*).

It is the seventh film adaptation of the 1868 novel by Louisa May Alcott together with many more TV adaptations and plays, and even a ballet. It chronicles the lives of the March sisters — Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy — in Concord, Massachusetts, during the 19th century. It stars an ensemble cast.

Thursday 14th December
NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE
Little Women

2019, 135 minutes
Certificate U

Thursday 4th January
Belfast

2021, 97 minutes
Certificate 12

Greta Gerwig discovered she was pregnant the day before filming started but didn't tell anyone for fear of upsetting schedules. The film was screened for Sony Pictures executives three days before the birth of her son.

Belfast

Belfast is a 2021 British coming-of-age drama film written and directed by *Kenneth Branagh*, in which a boy's future in his home town hangs in the balance when violence breaks out.



The film stars *Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds, Colin Morgan* and *Jude Hill*. Branagh has described the film as his "most personal", and follows a young boy's childhood in Belfast, at the beginning of The Troubles in 1969.

Please come along no matter where you live, bring as many friends, neighbours, passing tramps as you wish.

Hope to see you there.

Ted Dowson
edward.dowson@btinternet.com

Village Hall News

cliddesdenhall.org.uk
facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall



A brief mention of this year's Cliddesden Christmas Pantomime to be held on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December – "A little Wooden Boy (who is NOT Pinocchio!)". Always very enjoyable and well attended, and at the time of writing, tickets for the Saturday evening performance have sold out but if you are quick then you may still be able to get tickets for Friday evening's performance or the Saturday matinee. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children (2-16) from Jo Capehorn on 07528 856157 or email events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk. Further details should be elsewhere in this newsletter.

The big announcement this month is that January will see the launch of our new website which is aimed at putting all our information at your fingertips, be they at your computer or on your tablet or phone. Initially the content and functionality will be much the same as our current site but we hope to develop this over time, particularly around the ability to make bookings. Our huge thanks go to Alastair Thomas who has maintained the current site in his own time over many, many years. More news on this next month.

Hot off the press is news that the Hall has been awarded a large grant to help us replace the four sets of double doors out of the main Hall, with the new doors being double glazed, draught proofed and, most importantly, with lowered thresholds to provide much better access for all. The replacement of these doors will complete our plan to reduce the Hall's carbon footprint, starting in 2022 with the installation of solar panels and then with the upgrading to LED lighting and replacement of other doors earlier this year. Thanks goes to Alex Conboy for leading the grant application, and more news next year when we know the dates for replacement.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that the Hall signage on the main approach road has disappeared. Fear not – not stolen, but simply slightly damaged when the 25 year old mountings failed. So it has been taken away for repair and we hope to remount it soon.

The usual reminder of a couple of easy ways of helping the Hall financially at no cost to you, particularly with Christmas shopping in mind:

- **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.
- **Nectar Donate** which enables you to donate your Nectar points by via their app or on a PC and clicking on Crowdfunder or go straight to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cliddesdenvillagehall>.

If you have not done so already, please sign up before you do any more on-line shopping in the run up to Christmas.

Finally, the Hall's Trustees wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**.

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

Greg Mendelsohn

Village Hall Management Committee

chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk



Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

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 Secretary: Marilyn Smith, tel: 462584, email: willow.ms@btinternet.com



Hello from Claire!

Has to be a Christmas theme – so 5 facts about Holly

There are more than 200 different cultivated varieties of native holly.



Druids, Celts and Romans brought evergreens into their homes during winter, believing the plant's ability to keep its leaves was magical and assured the return of spring.

In Christianity, holly was adopted as a symbol of Christ's crown of thorns, the crimson berries a symbol of his

blood and the evergreen a metaphor for life and death.

Most hollies are either male or female and need the opposite sex nearby to produce fruit. There are many varieties of both in the holly wood in Dr Wilfrid Fox's arboretum at Winkworth in Surrey, but two confused specimens stand out.

When naming the festive sounding silver queen and golden king, with their creamy-white and yellow-tipped leaves, the plant breeders muddled the sexes. The queen is actually a male holly and the king is female.

The wood of the holly has been used by furniture makers for centuries. It is a dense and finely-textured

wood and was popular in decorative marquetry and inlay work, and as a white wood it can be easily stained.

As well as its variety of uses in furniture the logs burn hot and long, so it's a perfect fuel for the fire in cold weather.

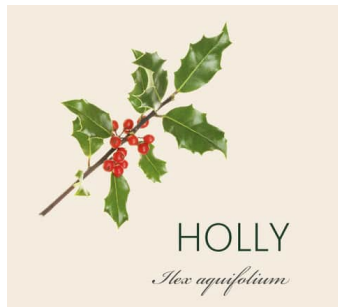
Over the centuries holly has also played a major part in garden design.

So bring in the holly, enjoy its rich green, vibrant red, and have a wonderful Christmas!

What's been happening?

AGM 30th November

Full Report in the next issue – however I expect we will have had a great social evening!



What's coming up?

Happy New Year !!!

January 19th – Preston Candover Village Hall

We are invited to join Preston Candover Horticultural Society for a quiz night – bring your best brains.

January 25th – Cliddesden Millennium Hall 745pm

The National Gardens Scheme

How it supports charities with a tour of Hampshire gardens that take part in the scheme.

New members are always welcome, whether you are a keen gardener, or can't tell your pansies from your petunias.

Email Seumas Foster at Seumas@cropfosters.co.uk

See you soon
Happy gardening!

Claire

VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER

This event, a fundraiser for St Leonard's Church, took place at Cliddesden Millennium Hall with tickets selling out quickly, resulting in 12 teams from Cliddesden and the surrounding area, each of up to 6 intrepid quizzers, taking on the various cerebral challenges set for them over a 3-hour evening.



The assembled quizzers

With 6 subject rounds ("General Knowledge", "History & Geography", "Entertainment & the Arts", "Sport", "Science & Maths" and "2023 – Month by Month"), the little grey cells were transported from current affairs back to school days, and how capably everybody took on this challenge, and with what fortitude! There were also two "Table Quizzes" involving

(a) identification of man-made structures, from small, detailed sections of their images, and (b) good old lateral thinking.

The final element was for teams to use their collective judgement regarding to which of the subject rounds they applied their "Joker", to double up their points on one

selected round.

I encountered no hostile challenges to the questions (always a huge relief for the Question Master!), so can only presume that everybody was happy with the level at which they were set

The quiz was interrupted at a suitable point for the distribution and consumption of a really yummy lasagne meal to a hungry gathering, prepared by a team of cooks under the very capable project management of Val Gofton-Salmond. I think, at the end, one portion remained - spot on!



The dinner queue

There was also a raffle, with prizes donated by several generous people, and a snap auction for a Christmas Tree that was suddenly produced on the evening, from her own garden, by Pat Doel!

The winning team, with 67%, was Hilary Marsh's "Marshy Grounds", so many congratulations to them.

Altogether, it was a very successful night, raising a net profit for St Leonard's Church of a magnificent £1,454 – nearly 50% up on last year's total.

Of course, such an occasion does not just happen on its own and required the combined efforts of the aforementioned catering crew, including those who prepared the meal beforehand, the serving and bar staff (check out the queue in the pictures below, taken during the refreshment break), our diligent and pressured scorers (Gill Palmer and Rose Beevers), the ticket sellers, the table organisers, Annie & James (village hall caretakers) and, of course, all those 70+ good souls who came along to support and participate. My most grateful thanks go to all.



Food for thought – the winning team, "Marshy Grounds"

As an adjunct, I can only quote the words of Hannibal Smith (played by George Peppard), leader of "The 'A' Team", at the end of every 1980s episode – "I love it when a plan comes together!". (I just don't have a cigar to light up ...)

Ross Palmer
Question Master and Setter



Cliddesden Parish Council

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02863/HSE (Validated 20 Nov 2023) Swallick Cottage, Alton Road. Erection of a triple garage and creation of hardstanding / extension of drive (alternative scheme to that approved under: 23/01794/HSE).

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

23/02337/FUL (14 Sept, pending) Change of use of agricultural land to use for exercising of dogs including perimeter fence, pathway, shelter and associated parking and creation of access (sui generis)

23/02326/FUL (13 Sept, pending) Greenlands Nursery 3A, Hackwood Lane. Erection of 1no dwelling to replace existing redundant Nursery storage / workshop.

23/02291/RET (22 Sept, pending) 1A Millars Cottages, Station Road. Variation of condition 1 (plans) and 13 (parking) to match current arrangements; con 4 (landscaping) to reflect change in parking provision and con 6 (walls, fences, gates and hedges) to remove tarmac area of (erection of 1no dwelling).

23/02207/FUL (12 Sept, pending) Land at rear of 7 Woods Lane. Erection of a chalet bungalow (Class C3) and associated works (revision of previous consent 21/02056/FUL).

23/01794/HSE (Granted 21 Sept) Swallick Cottage, Alton Road. Erection of a double garage.

22/02233/HSE (09 Aug 22, pending) 27 Southlea. Home workshop, office, playroom; new access, entrance gates. (Scheduled for Development Control Committee of 10 Jan. Officer recommending approval following amendments.)

PLANNING APPEALS

23/00068/REF (APPEAL lodged 16 Nov 2023) Land South of Myhaven, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 new dwellings following demolition of Newland Lodge.

23/00062/REF (APPEAL lodged 23 Oct). Land to rear of Manor Farm, Farleigh Road. Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of up to nine dwellings.

APP/H1705/W/23/**3321532** (APPEAL in progress – BDBC 23/00023/REF) Land South of Woods Lane.

Permission in Principle for erection of up to nine dwellings.

APP/H1705/C/23/**3314607** (lead case) and **3314608** (APPEALS in progress – BDBC ref 23/00002/ENF & 23/00003/ENF) Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane. Appeal against enforcement notice re alleged change of use from agricultural land to residential.

TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00532/23/TCA (Validated 21 Nov) 18 Southlea. 1 no. Norway maple (purple variety) *Acer platanoides* var. previously crown reduced and pruned clear of overhead cables. Works to be undertaken: A crown reduction of approx 20% (2m) retaining the shape and habit of the species, as available given historical management.

T/00484/23/TPO (Validated 27 Oct) Church Farm House, Church Lane. Large Horse Chestnut: prune.

T/00456/23/TCA (16 Oct, pending) Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road. T1 Goat willow: fell. T2 Goat willow: leave.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Rescheduled from 07 November to **Tuesday 05 December** 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. Everyone welcome.

LOCAL PLAN MEETING

The planned 'Update' with Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey, and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Cllr Andy Konieczko, unfortunately had to be postponed at short notice.

A new date will be arranged as soon as possible, but likely to be in the New Year.

'MANYDOWN IS DONE'

Almost... The deal is agreed, paperwork to be finalised, all is on track to exchange in December.

BDBC Cabinet meeting of 13 November agreed to: 'Delegate authority to the Executive Director Corporate Services & Assets... to complete the purchase of Manydown North land.'

To begin development, the aim is for 'infrastructure first' to start next year, with reserved matters applications for the first houses expected late 2024 / early 2025.



Why is leaf litter so important for wildlife?

PHOTO from the Wildlife Trust website

FALLEN LEAVES – The epitome of autumn – carpets of colour underfoot and maybe the precursor for hours spent raking and clearing. If left to itself leaf litter provides warm, safe places to shelter from the elements, supporting a whole range of species, as diverse as butterflies, toads, maybe frogs – and hedgehogs – through the winter.

Hedgehogs use leaf litter to build their nests. They will spend the winter hibernating, surviving off their fat reserves. A few quiet spots in the garden for leaves and log piles can help nature support itself. Birds such as robins and sparrows will be encouraged to visit to forage for worms and bugs in the leaf layer. The RSPB says that: 'where you put the logs and leaves will affect the wildlife that uses it. Try different spots in your garden, with different sized and shaped piles.'

On hedgehog boxes, the Wildlife Trust says they 'can help increase suitable nesting spaces, but natural is always best' and 'research has shown that homemade boxes are preferred by hedgehogs to shop-bought ones' and 'if you do have a hedgehog box in your garden ensure you are providing suitable bedding, ideally fallen leaves'.

By Common Law, fallen leaves belong to whoever owns the land they fall on... It is unlawful to 'return' fallen leaves to someone else's land without their permission, including Highway land. It is unlawful to blow leaves from private land onto the Highway.

CLIDDESSEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan sets out a vision for the future of the Parish and the planning policies which will be used to help determine planning applications locally.

This document has been prepared with the help of the local community and has been sent to Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council who have confirmed it complies with the relevant legal requirements.

Before this can proceed to an independent examination, there needs to be a public consultation period (24/11/2023 - 12/1/2024) where the plan and all its associated documents can be reviewed and comments made.

The notice below shows where these documents can be viewed and how representations can be submitted should you wish to do so.

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Publication of the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan 2022-2039

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) (Regulation 16)

Cliddesden Parish Council as the qualifying body has prepared a neighbourhood development plan, entitled the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Development Plan 2022-2039, for their parish with the help of the local community. The neighbourhood plan sets out a vision for the future of the parish and planning policies which will be used to determine planning applications locally.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is satisfied that the submitted Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan complies with the relevant legal requirements and can therefore proceed to formal consultation and independent examination.

In accordance with the Regulations, the Borough Council is required to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents and invite comments.

Copies of the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement, Strategic Environment Assessment screening report and decision notice and Equalities Impact Assessment are available to view on the borough council's website: <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/CLIDNP>.

Hard copies are available for inspection at:

<p>Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Civic Offices London Road Basingstoke RG21 4AH (8:30-17:00 Mon – Thurs, 8:30-16:30 Fri)</p>	<p>Basingstoke Discovery Centre Festival Place Shopping Centre Basingstoke RG21 7LS (8:30-18:30 Mon – Fri, 8:30-16:30 Sat)</p>
<p>The Jolly Farmer Cliddesden, Farleigh Road, Basingstoke, RG25 2JL. Mon - Thu: 12pm - 23:00 pm; Fri - Sat: 12:00 - 23:30 pm; Sun: 12:00pm - 22:30 pm</p>	<p>By contacting Mark Gifford at the Parish Council via email m.gifford1@outlook.com or phone 07504104621</p>

The period for submission of representations will run from **Friday 24 November until 5pm on Friday 12 January 2024**. Representations should arrive no later than **5.00pm** on Friday 12 January 2024. All representations received will be available to view publicly.

Representations can be submitted using the council's online form, by email or by post.

Online at <http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/CLIDNP>
Or by e-mail to: local.plan@basingstoke.gov.uk
Or by post to: Planning Policy Team
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Civic Offices
London Road
Basingstoke
Hampshire
RG21 4AH

Please note that all representations received will be forwarded onto the Independent Examiner and respondents will be notified of the Local Planning Authority's decision under Regulation 19 in relation to whether or not plan will be adopted by the Local Planning Authority.

Cliddesden Primary School



Harvest Sale



We had lots of very kind and generous donations for our Harvest sale. The cakes, fruit and breads raised £170 and the money was donated to The Red Cross Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. Our Pupil Parliament felt that this would be a worthy cause with the current troubles and where aid is desperately needed for all those who are victims of the conflict. The non-perishable goods donated were taken to The Basingstoke Foodbank. We donated an amazing 111kg of food, the equivalent of 264 meals. Our Year 5 and 6 children supported the younger children with their purchases, helping them choose and count out the correct money. Well done to Arthur in Willow and Aiden in Oak for winning the pumpkins in the guess the weight competition.



Eco Award



In the spring and summer terms last year, the ECO Team were involved in a project run by SATRO. A number of schools in Hampshire and Surrey were set the challenge of reducing the amount of electrical energy used in school. We are very proud that Cliddesden won all three

awards for saving the most energy. Our solar panels helped considerably but also the ECO Teams' work on promoting saving energy in school by turning lights, display screens and computers off when not being used and items such as photocopiers being turned off at the end of the day and at weekends. Carl Webb from SATRO came back to school for a special assembly to present the awards to the ECO Team members.

Cliddesden 3 vs Kempshott Juniors 2



Cliddesden's football team took part in their first fixture of a local school's league in November against Kempshott Junior School.

It was an excellent game with both school's showing skill and determination.

In the first half Kempshott scored two goals and a half time motivational talk was required. We changed a few positions and tactics which worked well. In the second half we pulled back two goals within the first few minutes and finished with a third with just minutes to go. The final result was 3-2 to Cliddesden. Well done to all the team and to hat-trick hero Matthew for scoring all our goals.

We next face North Waltham in December; Chiltern and Park View next term.

Oak Class visit Winchester Science Centre



Oak Class went to visit the Winchester Science Centre to complement our learning in Science about Space.

We first went to the amazing planetarium, which projected lights onto the ceiling. It showed us that our galaxy is part of many within the universe. We saw the whole Solar System and loads of moons. We learnt that Saturn and Jupiter are both gas giants, and Neptune and Uranus are both ice giants. We also learnt that there are

over 2 billion galaxies in our universe. As we looked up into the night sky, we had a glance at all of our constellations. We saw ones like the big dipper and the great bear. Looking at all the stars and planets, you started to notice that space is bigger than you think. It felt like you were floating in space as if we had a space suit on. Many of the planets, such as Neptune (the god of the sea), are named after Roman gods and goddesses. We thought that it was spectacular to see our Solar System in a matter of minutes. As we made our way back to Earth, we headed outside into the rest of the Science centre.

Downstairs, there was a space suit that you could go inside for pictures. We went in to the small big room, which was really fun. On our way around, we saw wobbly mirrors that made you tall and small. There was also a game where you would roll balls around but they would slowly lose momentum and fall through the middle: this represented a black hole sucking in stars. There was a balloon which was in a chamber and you could change the air pressure. This meant that you could get rid of all the air in the balloon. Further along, there was a little Mars rover that you could control through a keypad and it was put on a Mars-like terrain. There was a globe that could be switched to different planets and you could search the surface for any cool spots or storms on that planet. There was also a pumpable rocket where you pumped air inside to launch it in the air. This demonstrated how fuel amounts matter. There was a table on which there were multiple cans and you



could feel the effect of gravity on each of the planets. Collectively, we enjoyed the black hole ball game and the little big room most of all.

Upstairs, we went all around the whole exhibit and found a lot of interesting things. We were able to build Lego structures in ten minutes and when the ten minutes was up, the table we built them on shook. We learned that a pyramid shape is better than a square. Also, there was this interesting plastic bottle inside a water tube. You had to press a button to make the bubbles to go up and it dragged the bottle down. Next, there was a metal wire: you needed to get a straw and put it in the wire and bite it and cover your ears. Then you would feel the vibrations through your teeth to your ears and hear the twang noise.

To finish our day, we had a rocket workshop, led by the staff of Winchester Science Centre. We enjoyed designing our rockets and we realized the lighter they are, the better they fly. We had to shake the bottles for them to launch properly. The rockets were made in bottles and had methylated spirits in them to help it launch. There was Velcro on the bottle so we could stick accessories onto it. Most of us didn't stick much on it so it could go further. After we made them, we watched the instructor light the vapour of the methylated spirits and they flew across the room.

We all had an amazing day – it was a brilliant place to visit and we would love to go again!

Written by the children of Oak Class.

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

Paula Lavender

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

1st and 8th (Christmas party and visit from SC) December - Happy Christmas
12th, 19th, 26th January - Happy New Year

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups

A warm welcome awaits you - we look forward to you joining us for a fun and happy time

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

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

CHILDREN'S SINGING GROUP



Come along, meet new friends,
and learn Christmas songs!

We meet every Friday during term time

3.45pm snack, 4-4.30pm singing

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLIDDSDEN

Camrose, Gilles, Hackwood & Beggarwood Surgeries Patient Participation Group

Email: cghb.surgeryppg@btinternet.com Website: www.cghpartnership.co.uk

Feedback from patients

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the new short on-line survey about how we all feel about the medical attention we receive and the administration of the surgeries. Response has been limited but by and large it would appear that we are broadly satisfied with the service we receive from both the administration of the practice and the medical team. Obviously, not all comments are complementary and we intend working with the surgery to suggest ways in which they can improve the service to us, their patients.

CGHB Web Site Development

A new and improved CGHB web site is being developed by the central Operose team to include all surgeries operated by CGHB. This will obviously include removing the old Beggarwood web site although that has now been re-directed to the existing CGH site. The PPG will have a dedicated area within the new site. We are also working closely with the Operose team to ensure the new site will conform to all NHS standards and is easily accessible from all electronic devices and containing all pertinent information for CGHB patients. Remember you also have access to our own independent web site at : www.cghppg.co.uk. Links to this PPG only site will appear on the new CGHB site for ease of reference.

Surgery Services Explained

An interesting link here from the ICB on YouTube explaining the different services available at GP practices and who does what within practices. Well worth a look: - *NHS Launches Campaign To Tell Patients About the Support Available at GP Practices - YouTube*

Surgery Update From CGHB

Flu and Covid Inoculations

CGHB reported that the surgeries have concentrated on flu and covid vaccinations as requested in a push from central government to do as much as possible by end October. 6500 flu and 5500 Covid injections have been carried out with some additional support from Health Hub.

They also reported to the weekly meeting with Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB), which feeds into Regional and National program, that it was not helpful that some invitations were sent from the practice and some centrally causing some confusion to patients. CGHB are about halfway through delivering the joint rollout program in the first four weeks and are not planning any more large Saturday inoculation programs.

Call and Appointment Wait Times

The Practice Regional Manager reported that call waiting times have improved but are not yet where they want them to be, with an average telephone wait time of 27 minutes. There are four full time vacancies for which they were interviewing and this should help with call wait times. Eight new members of reception team have joined in last few weeks with varied reasons for the new vacancies. Routine appointments are at four weeks, although 76% are seen within two weeks.

Dr.iQ

Dr IQ backlog has been cleared and it is only shut down when doctors are taken off to see patients, the aim being to keep Dr.iQ open to 5pm before shutdown. However, numbers are already rising.

Complaints

For Beggarwood and CGHB complaints, please visit the CGHB web site to register your dissatisfaction. The web address is <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>. CGHB employ a full time Patient Experience Manager and so you should get a speedy response and certainly an acknowledgement within 3 working days. If you are not satisfied with the way they have dealt with your complaint, you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman to review your case on 0345 015 4033 or via their website: www.ombudsman.org.uk.

Community Health Update

Shaping the future of Buckskin & South Ham

The PPG has been contacted by Sovereign Housing Group (SNG) to help them spread the word about a new project they are heading to improve the areas of South Ham and Buckskin. Below is an extract from one of their Press Releases.

“The SNG team is looking to work with you. There are different ways that you can get in touch and get involved. We would like to hear about your experience of living or working in the area by 15 December 2023, so that we can look at options for change with you next year, when there will be more opportunities to get involved. Please visit our website:

<https://shapingthefuture.commonplace.is/>

Come to a listening event

To start to gather your views, we'll be holding some local drop in events. You will find more details about these on a special website and on local noticeboards.

The first two events will be:

- Tuesday 14th November, 2-7pm, Ridgeway Community Centre, Blackdown Close, Buckskin RG22 5BW
- Thursday 16th November, 2-7pm, St Andrew's Methodist Church, Western Way, South Ham RG22 6ER”

Hospital Update

Maria Miller MP is hosting a Community Chat on November 18th at 10am at Hatch Warren Community Centre, where teams from Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Integrated Care Board will be presenting important updates on the process for the new hospital for Basingstoke.

This will be an important meeting where the process of starting the public consultation for the new hospital will be discussed.

Please register to attend and share the link to any interested groups.

<https://NewHospitalForBasingstoke.eventbrite.co.uk>

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