



### Village Hall News

A Happy New Year to everyone – I do hope that despite the ongoing restrictions, you all managed to have a good Christmas break celebrating with family and friends. Let's keep our fingers crossed for 2022...

First off, a welcome return to our own brilliant Cliddesden Players with another great Panto – an update on 2004's classic "A Knight on the Tiles", originally penned and subsequently updated by Darren Capehorn. As news of increasing COVID infection rates again started to hit the news, we did wonder if we would make it but in the end we did and the Players performed to a less densely packed face-covered audience to great hilarity, mystery and suspense. I know there will be a separate write-up so I won't say any more except to offer my thanks on behalf of the Hall Trustees to the Players for such an enjoyable set of performances. Keep an eye out for photos on the Hall's Facebook page.

Whilst on the subject of restrictions – we are pleased to say that the Hall remains open at the time of writing, albeit with enhanced safety measures. Please keep in touch with the various groups who use the Hall for their own news and updates.

On a disappointing note – there were two car break-ins within two weeks in December on the public road that leads up to the Hall entrance. This was in broad daylight, so it appears that this was opportunist and similar break-ins were reported further afield. So, a reminder to everyone to never leave valuables on display in your car.

Looking forward, do you fancy being part of, or even organising, a working group to see how the Village could celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. The Hall is available for use for any celebrations on Thursday 2nd June and most of Friday 3rd June (there is already a long standing booking from 4pm). But it does need volunteers to step forward to make it happen. Or to put it another way – no volunteers, no party! To help, apparently there will be grants available from the Jubilee Celebration Fund to help Charities, community organisations and voluntary groups to celebrate this important milestone in national history. If you want to help, please send a mail to [jubilee@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:jubilee@cliddesdenhall.org.uk).

The 100 Club membership is due for renewal by the end of March. The 100 Club provides the Hall with a small but steady income to cover maintenance and is especially valued in the current climate. With this in mind, now is a very good time to join or increase your membership. It is only £12 per ticket per year with the monthly first prize currently being in the order of £40. Contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or [100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk) for further details.

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



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## 'A Knight on the Tiles'

The Cliddesden 2021 Panto went ahead! Oh, yes it did! December 10th and 11th brought a little normality to our lives and a reminder of what we have been missing over the past 18 months.

It was wonderful to see the Village Hall so beautifully decorated and festive, full of happy folk who wanted to have a good time. And I think they got it! Everyone was very sensible, abiding by the new rule of wearing masks indoors and being sensitive to others with social distancing as far as possible. The Hall had limited the audience numbers, had good ventilation, sanitisers and masks available and hopefully made the event as safe as they could.

The Saturday evening performance of "A Knight on the Tiles....recycled" sold out within a week and our other shows had audiences of 85 and 96. So many thanks to our wonderful audiences of friends, family and locals who supported us so well, we really appreciated your laughter, boos and cheers. As always, the Players had great fun at rehearsals and performing the shows and from all the messages we have received, it seems you all did, too!

We have to give a special thank you to Darren Capehorn for writing the script (or should I say 'recycling'), directing the shows (yes, there was a plan), acting (or scrabbling about a chimney), designing (oh, it's very simple; ah! Just adding something else; and..and..) and the brains behind building the set (it was great, wasn't it?).

Our other thank yous go to Sue Griffiths for her creative skills with the costumes and scenery; family members, who helped to build the set at home, then came along at setup and take down; all those who helped at the shows and everyone listed in the programme. We are so grateful and couldn't do it without you.

Our Christmas Hamper Raffles, very kindly organised by Sue, made a



staggering £340! So £170 each for the Village Hall and St Michael's Hospice. Fantastic! The donations to Basingstoke Foodbank in exchange for a Panto programme came to £164.56 from our generous audiences. And our total Panto profit which goes to the Hall was an amazing £2300.75, what a great result!

So there's little left to say apart from a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, stay well and safe, and see you (fingers crossed and restrictions permitting) at our Hall events next year. And definitely at the summer Play - 17th and 18th June - Save the Date Now!

Season's Greetings to you all from the Cliddesden Players.



## 100 Club

Hello members.

The draw for December was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 13th December 2021. Here are the lucky winners:

1st	15	Kathy Snook
2nd	96	Gill Palmer
3rd	413	Gary Phillips



Congratulations and best wishes for the New Year.

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## A Plea for Helpers

The Players really need more helpers, ie non-actors, to come along on the weekend before a show to help to put up the stage, build the set, put up curtains and scenery and do a multitude of essential little jobs. Then on the Sunday following a show it all goes into reverse and has to be taken down and stored away!

This all takes a lot of energy, time and effort and we desperately need more volunteers to spread the workload.

Believe it or not, we have fun whilst we work - well, you can imagine the banter with that lot!

So if can spare a few hours for man-handling stage blocks and scenery into place, have woodwork, sewing or artistic



skills, are handy with power tools, a paintbrush or wall papering, or even making the tea, then you will be welcomed with open arms and a complimentary ticket to the show! What an offer!

Please see any of the Players to find out more, or contact Angie on 01256 475848 or email [angie@fewster.me.uk](mailto:angie@fewster.me.uk)

Thank you!



Parish Council

Cliddesden

**FIRST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 2022, TUES 4TH JANUARY**

7.30pm. Everyone very welcome, intending to be in the Village Hall, but please check beforehand if you plan to attend.

**NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****Ward Councillor Update**

Climate Change Toolkit As Portfolio Holder for Natural Environment & Climate Improvement, Cllr Mark Ruffell promoted the Climate Change Toolkit – see BDBC website [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/climate)

'It is important to think that combatting climate change is personal, to transform an individual basis what we do. This will help drive change at all levels up to Government policy. The Toolkit signposts to various levels of opportunities. Also interactive – if missing something, please email.

Local Plan Update Dealing with climate change via Planning requires design standards, policies on zero carbon homes and renewable energy. No further news on site selection, but housing policy now requires attention to climate and ecological emergencies. Land above Cliddesden has an important role in water supply; have to consider the impact of putting housing on top of an aquifer, interrupting natural percolation and introducing pollutants. Area already suffers periods of water stress, climate change adds further stress to the natural water cycle. On the other hand, too much water, increased rain intensity, leads to different problems – high water tables, localised flooding and overwhelming the sewage treatment system.

Housing figures are causing a real problem but preparations for the Local Plan Update continue to be based on 900 houses a year up to 2039.

**LPU Settlement Study** – Rural Settlements. The Parish Council (as many other rural parishes) has been advocating a policy change to allow 'windfall' developments of less than five houses (within or adjacent to the settlement boundary) to count toward a housing allocation. Also to recognise past housing delivery in setting new targets. These proposals are included in the Officers' Report to be considered by EPH (Economic Planning & Housing Committee) of 6th January.

**Pond and Drainage** – Pond clearing, in hope for the New Year. Thanks to Hants FWM for its engagement and professional advice re the pond outflow. The Parish Council has submitted a request to HCC for the grips and soakaways on Farleigh Hill and above Church Lane be again cleared this winter. They were cleared as part of HCC programme early February 2021 resulting in less runoff to the pond.

**Parish Lengthsman funding**

The recommendation from HCC's September Transport/Infrastructure Budget Decision Day was to stop funding as from end this financial year. This will now be delayed, due to opposition from County Councillors, but it seems HCC has determined not to continue funding in the longer term: 'In order to protect school crossing patrols and HWRCs (Household Waste Recycling Centres), these difficult decisions have been unavoidable. The only alternative would be to close care homes and evict elderly and disabled people which we are not prepared to do.' The Lengthman scheme will continue but will need Parish funding.

**SID** The Speed Indicator Device on Southlea has survived target practice. It took a hit, apparently from an air rifle, but dead centre so missed working parts and no damage to function. Reported to Police and logged with reference number.

**POLICE CONTACT DETAILS**

**Please continue to report all crime and suspicious incidents through the correct process:**

For non emergency online – report a crime/ASB to Hampshire Constabulary

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/> or tel 101.

Use 999 in cases of emergency.

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**'MORE POLICE, SAFER STREETS'**

Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has launched her Police and Crime Plan, *More Police Safer Streets*, which sets the strategic direction and priorities for policing across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the next three years. The full Plan can be read at [www.morepolicesaferstreets.com](http://www.morepolicesaferstreets.com). Please do not hesitate to contact the Commissioner with feedback or questions.

**POLICING PRECEPT SURVEY**

Council tax contribution to support policing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Last chance to have your say. The survey closes on Monday 3rd January. <https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90403404/Police-Budget-2022-23>

**PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/21/3279572 Representations to Planning Inspectorate by 12th January 2022); 20/03197/PIP (Refused by DC Committee 10th March). Land Adjacent 14 Hackwood Lane. Permission in Principle for two dwellings. 21/03454/HSE (Pending 09 Nov 2021) 27 Southlea. Erection of garage and gates. 21/02799/FUL (Pending 26 August) Myhaven, Woods Lane. Conversion of existing barn to a four bedroom dwelling. 21/02545/LDEO and 21/02546/LBC (Granted 7th December and 14th Dec respectively) Cliddesden Down House. Certificate for lawfulness for existing operation for a single storey side extension. 21/01823/ROC (Granted DC of 8th Dec) Greenlands Nursery, Variation of condition 1 of 20/01168/FUL (3 detached dwellings) for accommodation in roof space at Plot 1. 21/02118/FUL (Pending 23 June) Land adjacent to Millars Cottages, Station Road. Detached 1.5 storey dwelling. 21/02056/FUL (Pending, 17 June) 7 Woods Lane. Erection of two bedroom bungalow with associated car parking. 21/01646/HSE (Pending 12 May) Swallick Cottage. Part single, part two storey rear extension, new front porch, bay window, garage with accommodation above. 21/01321/RET (Pending, 14th April) Faerie Meadows, 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden.

**PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS**

T/00568/21/TPO (Pending 04 Nov) Church Farm House. T4 Horse Chestnut: prune. T6 Lime: crown clean T7 Lime. T/00505/21/TCA (Approved 21st Dec) Church Farm House. T1, T2, T3 (Silver Birches) Reduce to previous reduction points; T5 (Sycamore) – Reduce Southern side over patio by max 1.5 metres.

**DUMMER J7 WAREHOUSING**

20/02162/OUT Appeal ref 3284753 Withdrawn. (BDBC refused DC of 7th April 2020) Land at Oakdown Farm, Dummer. Outline planning for demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings and related structures and construction of commercial and industrial units etc. All matters reserved except for access.

# GREENING CAMPAIGN

We all know about the need to reverse climate change – we all have ownership of the measures we can or have time to take to reduce our carbon footprint. So why this campaign?

The Greening Campaign was started in Petersfield by Terena Plowright who wanted to make a difference in her own community. 'The Greening Campaign' is now a Community Interest Group with copyright for the support packages and logo. The Campaign has been run in villages and towns across England, and so this is a tested 'blueprint' to make the administration of the project simple, but also each community is part of a now officially recognised process. The thing about starting the The Greening Campaign is that it's about making a collective community commitment. Which might seem inspirational? – or really not necessary?

According to the Greening Campaign... By running Phase 1 it will engage ALL the community. The community will feel involved, and this will result in larger numbers taking part in the following Phases.

THEN CAN THE CAMPAIGN MOVE ON 'TOGETHER' TO BIGGER CHANGES...



## PHASE 1 Engagement & behaviour change

Using the specialist pack, get everyone in your community to join together and make 5 significant changes to their lifestyle. Find out how much CO<sub>2</sub> you have all saved together!

<http://www.greening-campaign.org>



## PHASE 2 Three Pillars

Using the specialist support packs, work together in your community to protect your local environment, retrofit your homes, and support human health. From here you have the building blocks for a sustainable community.



## PHASE 3 Your sustainable community

Make a vision for your sustainable community. Work through the self-assessment toolkit and find your strengths & weaknesses. Then work on sections such as communication, carbon reduction, saving water, ecology, community energy, using the support we offer!



## PHASE 4 Adapting to a different climate

A Community Adaptation Toolkit which helps you evaluate the risks climate change will bring to your community. Understand climate, and understand weather. The Packs together lead you to possible solutions so your community can adapt and flourish.

## PHASE 1

The idea of Phase 1 is to answer 'What difference will it make if I change the way I live my life?'

Well this Campaign is about demonstrating (and quantifying) how much – collectively – small individual actions make the big difference.

'The power of the individual lies in the community. By acting together, your voice becomes an effective tool – an effective community response to an international problem – both in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> and also, your £s affecting what products are sold on the shelves.'

'10 people putting in renewable energy now, is not nearly as effective as 200 people conserving energy now and later replacing that with renewables. This is not meant to be an eco town running eco events. It is about small changes.'

So... Each Phase contains an Information Pack, on-line resources, videos, and supports you by email. You can sign-up to one Phase at a time... and having achieved, or be *en route* to achieving, Phase 1, the scheme brings access to a wider network of support.

## PHASE 2

Phase 2 offers three (funded) specialist advice sets:

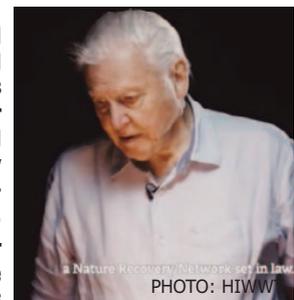
1. 'Rewilding package' supported by HIWWT
2. 'Retrofit' supported by the Sustainability Centre, and
3. on 'Health in Light of Climate Change'.

### 1. CREATING NATURE RECOVERY NETWORKS

<https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/nature-recovery-network>

**'A wildlife rich natural world is vital for our well being and survival. We need wild places to thrive. Yet many of our systems and laws have failed the natural world. We now live in on of the most nature-depleted places on the planet.'**

**'Nature urgently needs our help to recover, and it can be done. By joining up wild places and creating more across the UK we will improve our lives and help nature to flourish. Because everything works better when it's connected.'**



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## INSPIRING WOMEN

We are hoping to hold our December Christmas social meeting at the time of my writing this report.

Unfortunately Covid seems to be dominating our lives again with rapidly rising cases so at the moment it is still on – but watch this space! We have a couple of quizzes planned, a fun raffle with a difference, some carol singing, card exchange and of course – food. Fingers crossed it goes ahead.

**Next meeting: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am**  
**Andy Small, a fine art flower photographer will come along to speak about his work.**

## Social & Entertainment Club

**Thursday 6th January “Clockwise”**

**Thursday 3 February “Julie and Julia”, 2009, 123 mins, Cert 12**

Julie & Julia is a biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by Nora Ephron (When Harry met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle) starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams, The film contrasts the life of chef Julia Child in the early years of her culinary career with the life of young New Yorker Julie Powell, who aspires to cook all 524 recipes in a Childrens’ cookbook in 365 days, a challenge she described on her popular blog, which made her a published author.

Julie & Julia was Ephron's last film before her death in 2012.

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.

Unless otherwise stated, films start at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30.

Andy takes stunning photos of flowers, nature and landscapes exhibiting at RHS Wisley where he also holds course. It should be a super morning so please come along if you are interested.

We look forward to seeing you all and visitors are always welcome.

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## Let’s Move... with Home Instead

### Let’s Move....

Free Seated Exercise Sessions to music from 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Join us at Cliddesden Village Hall at 2pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The class will then be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

We can organize pop up sessions by arrangement. Please Contact: Home Instead Basingstoke Janet on 07540 975 094 or email

[Community.basingstoke@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:Community.basingstoke@homeinstead.co.uk)

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS – CALL or EMAIL TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE or book a pop up session**

# Cliddesden Primary School

## Harvest - Basingstoke Food Bank

We donated 76kg of tinned and packaged foods to the Basingstoke Foodbank. This is the equivalent of 183 meals. They were very appreciative as demand is greater during these challenging times.

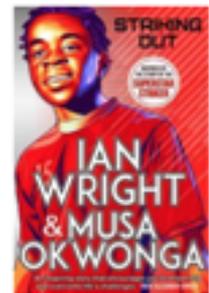


## Dodgeball Competition

Despite being in bubbles, we held an intra school Dodgeball competition. The children took part in their bubbles and points were awarded for their houses. Mr Davies, our Headteacher, could hear the excitement from his office and joined the children to see what was going on. Congratulations to Farleigh House who won the competition.

## Oak Class - Live stream with Ian Wright

Oak class took part in a live stream with ex Crystal Palace, Arsenal and England footballer Ian Wright. Ian has recently had a children's book published with co-author, Musa Okwonga. It was launched as part of Black History Month. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Ian talk about how he wrote the book based on personal experience and how he was inspired and encouraged by his teacher.



## Oak Class - Zoom meeting with MP Janil Rayawardena

Oak class had a live Zoom meeting with our MP, Ranil Jayawardena. The children had an opportunity to ask him questions about how the government are addressing climate change and homelessness. He also talked about his journey into politics.

## Wessex Rotary CIO Shoebox Scheme

In these challenging times, we were happy to pass over 16 filled shoeboxes to the Wessex Rotary CIO Shoebox Scheme. These shoeboxes will make their way to disadvantaged children in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania.



## Tag Rugby

Our Tag Rugby team had their first fixtures in The Georgian League. The league meets four times a year and the same schools play each other. Considering it was the first time the children had played for the school due to Covid restrictions they did amazingly well. We are currently in 3rd place with 9 more games to play.

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