

*The Cliddesden Players present*

# “Fair is Foul”



**Comedy thriller by  
Emily Golborn**



Friday 17th & Saturday 18th June  
8pm



Cliddesden Village Hall  
Licensed premises



Tickets: Adults £10 Under 16 £5

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

**SATURDAY 18TH JUNE**

*BBQ from 6pm £4*



The next Parish Council meeting is the AGM, Tuesday 3rd May 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room, all welcome.

CLIDDESSEN PARISHIONERS  
are warmly invited to the  
**ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**  
**FRIDAY 6TH MAY**

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

### AGENDA

- 7.30pm Welcome and Chairman's introduction
- 7.35pm Update from PCSO Andy Jones
- 7.45pm Review of past year
- 7.55pm Meet your Ward Councillor  
(subject to publication of election results)
- 8.05pm Progress of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan
- 8.15pm STaHND and Local Plan Update

### GREENING



### CAMPAIGN

8.25pm

#### GREENING CAMPAIGN

How much can the Village achieve working together to reduce its carbon footprint?  
Plus free expert advice available to everyone in the Parish on retrofit, rewilding and community wellbeing.

8.40pm **OPEN SESSION / Q & A ...**

*...thank you and close*

## LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS THURSDAY 5 MAY

Statement of persons nominated  
for election as Councillor for

### Basing & Upton Grey Ward

HOPGOOD Holly Samantha	2 Elderberry Bank Basingstoke	Labour
LILLEKER Richard Mark	Basingstoke & Deane	Liberal Democrat
MOYNIHAN Ann-Marie	Basingstoke & Deane	Hampshire Independent
TUCK Kate	99 The Street Old Basing	Conservative

## POLICE UPDATE FROM PCSO ANDY JONES

*Report of 19th April*

Police have recently raised the matter of metal theft and that a suspect had been identified... The suspect had been stopped by another constabulary and reported for driving offences. Police requested the suspect to attend the Police station to answer questions. Unfortunately he failed to arrive and it appears he is no longer in the country. This matter will await his return.

A resident of Nutley has reported a burglary believed to have occurred in the early hours of the 20th March. A quad bike and a lurcher dog have been stolen. Two more burglaries have occurred also in the early hours of the morning in the areas of Chilton Candover and Winslade. Again quad bikes have been targeted.

Please take every opportunity to harden security your local Officer is always willing to offer crime prevention advice.

On the 26th March, Police attended Berrydown Road in Axford after an incident involving a horse and a car. There is no fault to either party, significant damage was caused to the vehicle and the horse had to be euthanized due to its injuries.

6th April, further damage has been caused to the phone box on Bidden Road in Upton Grey, more glass planes have been smashed.

Unfortunately we have had two additional cars damaged by person(s) unknown on the 17th of April. Alas it comes as no surprise that it was a hot day and a weekend when it happened. Both cars had windows smashed and one had valuables removed from within – one was parked in Cliddesden and the other in Farleigh Wallop.

We are all feeling the pinch in relation to energy and other fuel bill hikes. Historically when the price of oil has increased the theft of the product also increases.

Theft of used cooking oil is on the increase nationwide and many of the rural pubs and restaurants have been targeted. Police have some lines of enquiry and work is going on in the background.

Two Basingstoke men who had a 'persistent disregard for the law' have been handed a prison sentence after fly-tipping household waste across Basingstoke. Lee Wainwright, of Schubert Road, was sentenced to 10 months at Winchester Crown Court on 5 April for six counts of fly-tipping between November 2019 and March 2020. James Christopher, of Pear Tree Way, was sentenced to nine months

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in prison at the same court for 10 counts of fly-tipping across the borough between February 2019 and July 2020, The court heard how the pair dumped waste from L&J Clearances and L&J vans.

On another note your local Beat Officer has signed up to abseil down the spinnaker tower in Portsmouth in aid of Sebastian's Actions Trust. This has been booked for June this year so fingers crossed and Covid allowing it should be a challenging day.

Andrew Jones is fundraising for Sebastian's Action Trust (justgiving.com)

## THE PRINCE'S TRUST

Do you know someone who is 16-25 years old and struggling to find employment? Not currently in work, education or training?



Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust Team Programme is a FREE 12-WEEK COURSE to provide all the experience need to find work and enter employment. The next course starts on the 9th May and they run from Basingstoke, Redbridge & Sandown Fire Stations.

If you are or know anyone that might be interested, please contact the Prince's Trust direct by either e-mail [Princes-Trust@HantsFire.gov.uk](mailto:Princes-Trust@HantsFire.gov.uk) or Text 'Team' to 07918 887897.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00466/FUL (Pending 21 Feb)

11 Woods Lane. Three detached dwellings with associated access and landscaping.

22/00220/HSE (Pending 03 Feb)

Tamburello, Farleigh Road. Erection of open store with external staircase to study/gym at first floor.

21/03638/RET (Refused 08 April ref DC of 06 April) Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane. Retention of a domestic outbuilding.

21/02118/FUL (Pending 23 June 2021)

Land at Millars Cottages. Detached 1.5 storey dwelling.

21/02056/FUL (Scheduled for

11 May DC (Development Control Committee) 7 Woods Lane. Two-bedroom bungalow with car parking.

21/01646/HSE (Pending 12 May 2021)

Swallick Cottage. Part single, part two story rear extension, new front porch, bay window, garage with accommodation above.

21/01321/RET (Refused 08 April, ref DC of 06 April) Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden.

## BDBC LOCAL PLAN UPDATE



### NEW HOUSING FIGURES (BDBC Full Council Meeting 24 March)

**'Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has agreed a motion by which it rejected the figure of 17,820 units in the Local Plan Update which had been calculated using the "Standard Method".**

'The Standard Method uses data which is 13 years out of date whereas up-to-date data from the 2021 Census is becoming available. This amounts to "exceptional circumstances"\* which would justify use of an alternative to the Standard Method. It is essential to identify a more robust and credible lower figure than that currently proposed.

'This can only be done without delay by using the Chelmer Housing Projection Model incorporating up-to-date 2021 Census figures without pausing the progress of the Local Plan Update. The Council resolves to request that Cabinet explores this model, informed by legal advice, to ensure that the Emerging Local Plan meets the legal tests of compliance and soundness when these tests are applied independently at Examination in Public in 2024 and subsequently by the Secretary of State.'

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

\* NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) para 61 says:

'61. To determine the minimum number of homes needed, strategic policies should be informed by a local housing need assessment, conducted using the standard method in national planning guidance – unless exceptional circumstances justify an alternative approach which also reflects current and future demographic trends and market signals.'

The 'Standard Methodology (introduced in 2018) – in addition to its demographic calculation – includes an 'affordability ratio' which can amount to a c33% uplift in housing numbers – supposedly to moderate high house prices. The model presumes unrealistically that an over supply will lead to developers reducing prices; in reality developers decline to build so compounding problems with the five-year land supply.

## CONSULTATION ON THE CREATION OF A NATURE RESERVE AT CRABTREE AND BLACKDAM PONDS.

[www.basingstoke.gov.uk/crabtree-black-dam-ponds-lnr-consult](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/crabtree-black-dam-ponds-lnr-consult)

Public Consultation on the 'declaration as Nature Reserve' for BDBC's site at Crabtree and Black Dam Ponds – from 4 April to Monday 16 May 2022.

This is in support of BDBC's Ecological Emergency declaration, and in line with the list of sites (agreed 2015) for possible Local Nature Reserve status.

## CANDIDATES FOR WARD ELECTION ON 5TH MAY:

**Holly Hopgood, Labour...** 'Having worked as a caseworker for an inner London MP, I have been driven by two things – the lack of affordable, decent housing, and child poverty. When younger I volunteered for a 'Home School refugee project' set up to help children with their homework. It was such an eye opener as to how challenging these children's lives were...' Re Upper Swallick, I would support the B/stoke Labour position of not being in favour of this proposal. Whatever features the planned development has are not going to compensate for losing the nature of Cliddesden or the key amenity of our local countryside. My children go to nursery in Cliddesden, and I chose it because I love the open spaces right on their doorstep.'

**Richard Lilleker, Liberal Democrat...** (Published info) 'Richard has lived in Old Basing for over 10 years and works locally as a dentist. His children attend a local school where he is a parent governor. He is passionate about preserving and protecting the environment.' The Liberal Democrat position in relation to Upper Swallick is opposed: 'recognising the need for more homes, but without detriment to existing residents... significant infrastructure deficits are not solvable.'

**Anna-Marie Moynihan, Hampshire Independents...** Anna-Marie's twitter comment @Hants\_ind\_party on Apr 20 says: 'Sewage is still being pumped into our rivers and streams. Overdevelopment is causing environmental disaster around Basingstoke.'

**Kate Tuck, Conservative...** 'A committed local campaigner – I will continue to defend our Ward from inappropriate, excessive, large scale development – A strong advocate for local green space valued by residents – I will speak up for nature, our chalk streams and our chalk downland, we must protect this for future generations – Zero tolerance on fly-tipping and I will work closely with County.'



## A New Local Transport Plan for Hampshire

Hampshire County Council is consulting on its Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) to 26 June <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan> (There is also a print version of the response form.)

The consultation documents are presented in concise and full versions. The two Rural Transport Policies can be found at page 31 of the short document and pages 99 to 103 of the longer one:

**Policy RT1 – Maintaining accessibility in rural areas, and providing realistic alternatives to reduce dependency on the private car**  
**Policy RT2 – Sustainable access to the countryside.**

### MESSAGE FROM COUNTY CLLR JULIET HENDERSON RE 20MPH PROPOSALS

'The County Council is asking for views on a draft Local Transport Plan. I would really encourage Parish Councils and residents to take part.

'If as the Plan suggests we are to encourage the appeal of walking, cycling we should have 20mph zones in rural villages and residential areas and I would encourage residents and the Parishes to make this point when they submit a response.

'In summary – the plan proposes transformational changes which:  
Shift away from planning for vehicles, towards planning for people and places – Reduce reliance on private car travel – Support economic development and regeneration – Meet national priorities to decarbonise the transport system – Promote active lifestyles.'

## TO STOP HOUSEHOLDS PAYING FOR DIY WASTE TO REDUCE FLY-TIPPING?

DEFRA CONSULTATION TO 4 JULY  
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/consultation-on-diy-waste-and-call-for-evidence/>



*Letter from Hants PCC Donna Jones:*

'The Government is consulting on plans to change rules that currently allow some Local Authorities to charge for DIY waste from households.

'This is a new move to tackle fly-tipping which is a crime, blights communities, poses a risk to public health and the environment, and costs up to £392 million a year.

'I support this change in government position. The cost of fly-tipping clear-ups to private landowners and councils is a huge amount of money and the issue is increasing every year.

'By removing the barriers to lawful free disposals at council waste centres, the criminality will be reduced. This is a sound move.'

Yours sincerely, Donna Jones,  
Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight

## THE BLUE LAMP TRUST

The 'Bobby Scheme' run by the Blue Lamp Trust provides free home security visits, long-life smoke alarms and advice to vulnerable residents in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, particularly the elderly and victims of burglary and domestic abuse.



A full crime prevention and fire safety survey is carried out by one of their specialist trained, police-vetted, fitters. They will provide both general and specific crime and fire prevention advice to improve resident home safety. When appropriate their fitters will fit items such as locks, spy-holes, door chains and smoke alarms, etc. This service is completely free.

The Bobby Scheme can also supply and fit police approved key safes for a small donation.

The Bobby Scheme is free to those who are vulnerable due to age (over 65), circumstance, disabled, or a victim of household crime.

Anyone can make a referral including individuals, friends, family, doctors, social workers, etc via the Blue Lamp Trust website –

<https://bluelamptrust.org.uk/bobby-scheme-landingpage/> - or by ringing 0300 777 0157.

The Blue Lamp Trust (of which Hants Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney is a Trustee) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting and enhancing community safety throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight



## MOBILE PHONE LAW CHANGE COMES INTO EFFECT

**'The consequences of using a mobile phone while at the wheel can be catastrophic.'**

This is the message from Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police's joint operations Roads Policing Unit as [new law changes came into effect 25th March](#).

'The change sees the law expanded and mean you can receive an immediate fine of £200 and penalty points on your licence for the following offences while driving:

- Illuminating the screen
- Checking the time on your phone
- Checking notifications
- Unlocking the device
- Making, receiving, or rejecting a telephone or internet based call
- Sending, receiving or uploading a photo or video
- Utilising camera, video, or sound recording
- Drafting any text
- Accessing any stored data such as documents, books, audio files, photos, videos, films, playlists, notes or messages
- Accessing an app
- Accessing the internet

'There are just two exemptions to the law, allowing for a call to be made in an emergency where it is not practical to stop, and for contactless payment for a service provided at the time – for example, road tolls or drive-throughs – but the vehicle must be stationary.'

## *The Cliddesden Players'*

### **2022 Summer Production**

Friday 17th & Saturday 18th June 8pm

### **“Fair is Foul”**

A comedy drama by Emily Golborn

Join a theatre company back stage on its opening night, with all the nerves, bickering, jealousy and emotions bubbling up as ever more worrying and unlucky events occur!

But is it just bad luck or is there something more ominous going on?

Does the fact that it is an adaptation of the 'Scottish Play' make all the superstitions of the theatre more sinister?

As continual announcements delay the play's start, the action heads to its final mysterious denouement!

**TICKETS** (Box Office opens 16th May)

Advance payment is required, no physical tickets issued – via cash, cheque or BACS (preferred option) with details given at time of booking.

Adults £10 (Please advise if wheelchair user)

Children (U16) £5

### **SATURDAY 18TH BBQ 6 - 7.15PM**

Burger or hot dog + salads £4 per serving.

BBQ token to be issued at check-in desk.

Please state on booking if vegetarian option required or any allergies. Special requests cannot be made on the day.

Licensed Bar & light refreshments available at each performance.

### **IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE NIGHT**

with refreshments, the Door, or serving at the BBQ, or help with stage set-up the previous weekend, then please get in contact. We rely on volunteers to cover all these jobs and new faces would be most welcome and appreciated.



### **Let's Move... at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall**

**Free Seated Mobility Exercise Sessions to music from bygone eras for the elderly & disabled**

**Free Tea & Talk after Let's Move - or just come along for the free social Tea & Talk**

**Mondays (term time)**

**Lets Move  
2pm-3pm**

**Tea & Talk  
3pm-3.30pm**

**To Book Contact Janet by text: 07540 975 094  
email: [Community.basingstoke@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:Community.basingstoke@homeinstead.co.uk)**

**CLASS NUMBERS ARE RESTRICTED FOR HEALTH & SAFETY REASONS - PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT IN ADVANCE  
JUST BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE AND A SMILE!**

## Coffee Morning



Yes, we are trialling having table tennis available at Coffee Mornings at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. If this proves to be popular then we plan to make this a permanent feature.

Please come along to have a natter with 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 of course, have a turn at table tennis if you fancy! We have all the equipment you will need.



We meet on the second Monday mornings of each month, from 10.30 - 12 noon.

The next date will be **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of May**.

Hope to see you there, all ages welcome.

*Gill*

01256 359413

## Your Village Hall Needs You!

How often do you use the Village Hall? Do you come to any of the weekly or monthly clubs or groups? What about the fundraising events such as skittles, garden parties, the Christmas Panto and summer Play? But how often do you think about what must be involved in keeping the Hall in the excellent condition we expect and are used to?

As is often the case when things are going well, it isn't often that obvious that it does take a tremendous amount of the committee's time and energy, time they all give freely on a voluntary basis. And we do have a very stable committee made up of Trustees nominated by the various local organisations, general village representatives or co-opted.

Several of us in the key positions have been on the committee now for 10 or more years and feel that as we come out of the pandemic (with all the extra work that gave us) with the Hall back on an even keel, it is time to relinquish the reigns in favour of newer Trustees. The fear is that departure of these Trustees will have a big effect on the running of Hall if no replacements are found.

So this is a serious call for new volunteers, particularly people who would like to get really involved in the running of the Hall. Otherwise we run the risk of several Trustees



“retiring” over the next year with no-one to take over.

Please don't think that you have to have special skills or knowledge to become a Trustee. We are all ages, from all walks of life, with all our varying interests and skills proving invaluable to the team. If you are interested and are looking for something to do in the village for the good of the village, then drop us a mail at [volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk).

Greg Mendelsohn  
Village Hall Management Committee  
[facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall](https://www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall)





# 100 Club

Hello all 100 Club members.

Thank you for your support of Cliddesden Village Hall through your membership of the 100 Club and well done to all the lucky winners. If you have not yet confirmed and paid your subscription for 2022 please do so **PROMPTLY** so that we are able to include everyone in the draw and calculate prizes.

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

For those of you with internet banking you can set up a standing order or make one off payments to the account details listed below. Please ensure that you email me when you make a payment so that these can be tracked.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Cliddesden Village Hall'. You can hand them or cash to Angie Fewster, Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road; Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane or myself Rose Beevers at Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane.

New members are always welcome - just fill in the form below or send the details requested in the form to [100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

April's draw will take place in May when we have confirmation of numbers

Thanks again for everyone's support.

Rose Beevers 01256 475944,  
[100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100Club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)

<b>CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL '100 CLUB'</b>			
Registered by Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council for the purposes of Section 5 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act, 1976			
Promoter: Gregory Mendelsohn, 8 Southlea, Cliddesden, RG25 2JN. <i>Registered Charity No 257526</i>			
Name: _____			
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No of memberships	<input type="text"/>	Tick here if new membership	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I give permission for my name, address, telephone number and email address to be held by Cliddesden Village Hall 100 Club and used solely for the purpose of communicating with me with regards to the 100 Club		
Your bank details for electronic payment of winnings (optional)			
Account Number	<input type="text"/>	Sort Code	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>
Cliddesden Village Hall bank details for Electronic Funds Transfer or setting up a Standing Order on-line:			
ACCOUNT: CLIDDESSEN VILLAGE HALL			
BANK: LLOYDS TSB, WINCHESTER ST, BASINGSTOKE			
SORT CODE: 30-90-53 ACCOUNT No.: 01452048			
REFERENCE: (your surname)			
Please contact the 100 Club Secretary for a Standing Order Form if on-line set-up is not possible.			

Please return the above form to Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane, Cliddesden, RG25 2JQ

**ST LEONARD'S CLIDDESSEN:****WALK**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022WE WILL BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY WITH THE  
THEME AND FURTHER DETAILS!

Please contact John or Miche  
Donaldson on 475721  
Or [johnandmiche@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandmiche@yahoo.com)  
for more information

In aid of church funds

## Beggarwood Surgery Update April 2022

Two new doctors have joined the CGH team, a Dr Robinson and Dr Ambrose who will both come on board in the next few months. A receptionist is being sought for Beggarwood to fill a vacancy.

It was reported that during the last few weeks an occasion had arisen when Beggarwood surgery had reached a staff/patient capacity. Fortunately, CGH has a Duty Capacity Response Team, which enabled urgent patients from Beggarwood to be seen at Camrose. We asked if patients were more pleased just to be able to see a doctor or whether there were complaints about having to travel to Camrose. There

have been no complaints about the travel involved. We applauded the decision to open the response team at Camrose to Beggarwood patients. We also asked if people are being told why they are being asked to go to Camrose, and Operose confirmed that a clinician would explain the situation and advise patients about why they need to go there rather than being seen at Beggarwood.

We continue to receive good comments on face-to-face appointments being made available, even at short notice. Also, that the reception team at the surgery are being as helpful as they can in helping patients sort out the confusion that NHS England has caused with the integration of patient records and the inability for some patients to order prescriptions online.

## CLIDDESSEN WI

For our March meeting Lyn Hardy from Dummer came along and told us about her adventures volunteering in French Chateaux. I must say I think she is a very brave woman having travelled to France using public transport from door to door especially given the unreliability of some of the modes of transport. She told us about several of her different stays and although I'm sure she had a great time to me it appeared that she had to work extremely hard for her rewards. On the plus side she has made many friends and I'm sure she can't wait for her next adventure.

Our April craft meeting was a big success and everybody enjoyed themselves delving into Catherine's Aladdin's box of goodies to make their cards. It is always a happy day where everybody can catch up and have a chat over lunch afterwards and then go home with their creations. A big



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## INSPIRING WOMEN

'Thank you' to Pauline, Pat D, Margaret and Tricia for their help in the kitchen and Ken & Eddie for putting out and stacking away all the tables and chairs and washing up after lunch. And of course a huge 'Thank you' to Catherine without whom the day would not be possible.

**Next meeting: Thursday 19 May at 7.30pm  
AGM with nibbles**

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS AN EVENING  
MEETING**

Our WI Advisor, Alison Woolford will be coming along for the AGM this year and we hope to see all our members there if possible.

*Diane Rampton*  
[dianerampton@gmail.com](mailto:dianerampton@gmail.com)  
01256 467533



## Hello from Claire!

The English will never be stuck for a conversation about the weather. Snow/sun/hail/snow and sun again, all in the space of an hour! Hasn't stopped the grass growing though. Be thankful for what we have, and celebrate it, because there are so many in the world who 'have-not'.

*As the light creeps in, and the night fades away, step outside to welcome the day. Open your ears, breathe in the fresh air, let your heart and mind fill with the freshness that's there.*

*The song of the birds is loud in the tree, songs of hope, love and freedom, for you and for me. Feel blessed we can hear them, feel joy all day long.*

*For there is wonder and innocence, in the dawning birds' song.*

## What's been happening?

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: *What have bees ever done for us?* - Robin Dean

Thank-you to everyone who came along, despite the threat of snow, and the bitterly cold wind, to what was a really interesting evening. It was lovely to welcome friends old and new. Robin brought home just how important the relationship between bees, the environment, and our own agriculture, is.

Who could imagine thousands of bee colonies taking road trips across America just to ensure they are in the right place, at the right time, to pollinate the trees and crops!



And honey is just 'honey' right?

Apparently not - it can be diluted with cornstarch, artificially

synthesised with chemicals - oh allsorts of nasties! I've already been and bought some real honey, in the honeycomb, from The Honesty Café in Dummer.

Not content with one event, this week we had two!

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Show** Just for once I didn't have to pick daffodils in the snow - but it was a close call! Unfortunately the weather, and rodent activity, played havoc with

the tulips, which was reflected in the low number of entries in those classes. Saying that - oh my, the daffodils did look stunning!

Our grateful thanks to everyone who takes part in the show, it's a traditional way of showing off your skills, not just in horticulture, but also cooking and handicrafts.

This year saw some of our younger members, who have now grown up past the childrens classes, braving the domestic section - well done to Ollie and Genna.



Congratulations to our trophy winners:  
**E & D Rampton** - Shurgold Cup for highest number of points in horticultural section  
**S & A Hudson** - Bill Richards Cup for best exhibit in Horticultural section

**P Gould** - Blyth Cup for highest number of points in Domestic section  
**L Inker** - Challenge Cup for best exhibit in Handicraft section



And a big thank-you to Ann and the children at Cliddesden Primary School. They grew daffodils and our chairman, Steve Bowcutt, had the pleasure of a visit to the school to do the judging.

Well done everyone!



## What's coming up?

### Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale - Cliddesden Millenium Hall 1pm

Vegetables, annuals, perennials, herbs - you name it, our members grow it!

Our biggest fundraising event of the year, please come along and bag a bargain!

Open to everyone, so let your friends and neighbours know.

The plants are grown and donated by the committee, members and friends of the society - if you have a few spare pots of something they will be most welcome. You can also pick up handy growing and cultivation tips on the way round.



### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Cliddesden Millenium Hall 745pm

Vegetable Gardening - Geoff Hawkins  
Now you've bought your vegetable plants - how are you going to make the most of them? Geoff hails from Alton, just down the road, and has 35 years' experience as Head Gardener at Mill Court.

His wealth of information about vegetable gardening will be welcomed by all, and I'm sure he will be able to answer those knotty problems - like 'Why do my parsnips end up looking like gargoyles?' and 'How do I get my potatoes to produce more than 3 or 4 spuds per plant?'

Guests are welcome to attend our meetings - entry is £2 for guests, £1 for members  
Tea/coffee and biscuits available at the end, and there's a raffle.

Happy gardening!



*The Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Pre-submission (Regulation 14) Consultation is now closed. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this*

*consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan team will now carefully consider the comments received and decide on the next steps as we progress the Neighbourhood Plan.*

*Thank you.*

*Cliddesden Parish Council and Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Team.*

**WANTED** : Person to take over the Basingstoke Gazette column for Cliddesden. All that's required is to write a brief overview of what is or has been happening in the village - news about upcoming events, dates for the diary, or if a slow news week, what the ducks are up to! Most of the information needed can easily be found in the newsletter or on the noticeboard at the pond or village hall.

If you've been thinking about getting more involved in the village and can spare ten/fifteen minutes or so a week, then this is for you. Please contact me for more information - Rachel Beresford-Davies, [rachelbd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachelbd@hotmail.co.uk), 07815 900593. Don't be shy!

# Cliddesden Primary School

Despite the challenges that continue to dominate with Covid, it's been an incredibly positive half term for our school. A half term full of trips, sports, visits, music and awareness.



## **PGL**

Oak Class had a wonderful residential visit to PGL in Osmington Bay, Dorset. They were blessed with warm dry weather which made the activities even more fun. Mrs

Montgomery and her team were very impressed with the resilience and independence that the children showed. The centre and its staff were so well organised and accommodating, ensuring that every child had a really enjoyable and memorable time. During the week, they took part in a range of outdoor activities that tested their endurance, resilience, courage, skills and gross and fine motor skills such as abseiling, archery, climbing and rifle shooting.

## **Tag Rugby**

On Monday 14 March we travelled to Longparish for the third round of The Georgian League. Cliddesden managed to win all three of their games with some exceptional play, particularly from Tyler who once again increased his try scoring.

With one more round left on the 29th, there was all to play for as Cliddesden had 31 points, just behind North Waltham and Longparish who both had 33 points.

On Thursday 17 March we played a friendly against Hatch Warren Juniors. This was in order to give every child who comes to the tag rugby club a chance to play for the school. It was a longer game and we were able to operate rolling substitutions so everyone had time playing. We won the match 10-8 but I awarded a bonus try to Hatch Warren for fair play. Our coach, Ocin Erwee, has done a fantastic job in getting the best out of our players.

On the 29 March our tag rugby team played in the final stage of the Georgian



League at Brighton Hill. We went into the stage two points behind the joint leaders North Waltham and Longparish. We started well, beating Barton Stacey convincingly 4 tries to 1. However, against North Waltham we couldn't sustain the same form and were defeated 1-4. Our final game against Longparish was close but the visitors edged passed us by one try. North Waltham won all their games and were crowned champions. Cliddesden finished a respectable third place out of four.



## **Basingstoke Schools High 5s Netball Final**

Our Netball Team took part in The Basingstoke Schools High 5s Netball Final at

Russell Howard Park. The finals involved twelve teams, the first and second placed teams in each of the six leagues.

The twelve schools were grouped into two further leagues at the finals. We finished second in our League beating Bramley, St Mary's and Oakley Juniors, drawing against Oakridge and losing to Whitchurch. This then put us into the final four. We were drawn against the other group winners St John's who beat us 2-0. Our final game was against Whitchurch who did a double over us.

However, we finished in 4th place which is an amazing achievement considering how many teams started back in the autumn term. We also won a trophy for being the highest placed small school. Mrs Hussey is very proud of her team and they

## **Rock2theBeat Music Performance**

We all had a thoroughly enjoyable time watching the two Rock2theBeat music performances. It was great to see the children perform with such confidence and their progress was clear to everyone watching.



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