



cliddesden

Village Newsletter



## ***VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN***

Please help keep our village beautiful and litter free!

**calling all LITTER BUSTERS!**

**Bring the kids!**

Meet at **10 am** at  
**CLIDDESSEN POND**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Bags and pickers supplied for litter collectors**

**Social distancing must be observed in line with Covid restrictions**

For more info, email Alison Mosson at [alison@abe.co.uk](mailto:alison@abe.co.uk)



THANK YOU!



## Village Hall News

The Hall traditionally holds its AGM in March and whilst we held it last year by Zoom, this year we are planning to hold it in person again – so the **Hall AGM will be held 7:30pm, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. As always, this is open to the public – please do come along to hear what is going on at the Hall.

What can the Hall do to improve its green credentials? Probably quite a bit but the upfront costs can be prohibitive. So, prompted by a scheme launched by Hampshire County Council offering grants to make community buildings more energy efficient, the Hall is looking at how it can reduce its energy consumption and its carbon footprint on three fronts: the installation of solar panels and energy storage bank; replacement of all our draughty doors; and the installation of LED lighting. It is still early days but we are hoping that our application for funding assistance will be successful and that we can push ahead with our plans. More news in future newsletters...

Each year, **Asda's** charity, the Asda Foundation, gives £1million to local communities through their **Green Token Giving**, supporting thousands of local good causes. After a pause due to Covid restrictions, the in-store token voting scheme is being relaunched and the Hall is very pleased to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries at our local Asda store in Brighton Hill. So next time you shop at Asda, remember to collect your token and we'd love it if you put it in the Cliddesden Village Hall box.

As reported last month, the Hall has a badminton court and equipment, a Cornilleau competition table tennis table and two folding snooker/pool tables that have not been used for a couple of years and are just gathering dust! So the Hall is looking for a volunteer to bring them back into use to bring people together, the whole point of the Hall. Friday afternoons and evenings are usually free at the Hall so how about you get a few friends, neighbours or family members together and start up an informal group where you can socialise or get some exercise. If exercise is not your thing then perhaps board games, cards, chess, play music, get some food in, entice a Hall Committee member to run a bar (we are licensed) or just have a laugh and chat together. If this is something you think you could organise then drop us a mail at [volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk).

Whilst on the subject of looking for volunteers, we are still very keen to welcome more people onto the Hall's management committee. It's just four meetings a year and after that how involved you get is really down to what skills you have and can bring to the team – at the moment it would be good to get a bit more safeguarding and technology skills onto the team. If you are interested and are looking for something to do in the village for the good of the village, then again drop us a mail at [volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk).

The **100 Club** membership, which provides the Hall with a small but steady income to cover maintenance, is due for renewal by the end of March. If you are in the 100 Club then please **renew** your membership soon and maybe even **increase** your holding. If you aren't a member now is a very good time to **join**. It is only £12 per ticket per year with the monthly first prize currently being in the order of £30. More information elsewhere in this newsletter or contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or [100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk) for further details.

Other ways to help the Hall fund raise includes **Give As You Live**, which donates to the Hall whenever you shop on-line at selected stores at no absolutely cost to you, and a similar scheme from the on-line retailer Amazon called **Amazon Smiles** which triggers donations from Amazon with all of your purchases at no cost to you. Just sign up for free at [www.giveasyoulive.com/join/cliddesdenhall](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/cliddesdenhall) or at [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select "Cliddesden Village Hall" as your charity.

And finally, an update on a new charitable giving scheme from Nectar, mentioned briefly last month. **Nectar** have linked up with crowdfunding platform provider Crowdfunder to create **Nectar Donate** which enables you to donate your Nectar points to UK charities at any time by simply logging on to Nectar via their app or on a PC and clicking on Crowdfunder or go straight to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/cliddesdenhall>.

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.



## CLIDDESSEN WI

Our February meeting was a games morning. After the storms of the previous few days our members had lots of stories to tell each other of their personal experiences so we were late starting our meeting. Nobody seemed to mind however and after the business of the meeting was finished we had a quiz brought in by Pat Doel. It was a quiz about sweets and a real trip down memory lane. We had to name sweets going back to our childhood from cryptic clues. After that teams had a go at different games including feely bags, frustration, bagatelle and scrabble.

**Next meeting** **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 10.30am**  
**Speaker: Lyn Hardy**  
**'Volunteering in a French Chateau'**

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

On a completely different subject I have been along to the seated exercise classes 'Let's Move' which are held in the village hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday afternoons at 2pm. Several WI members were also there along with others. We had a lot of fun, sang along to the music and had a workout suitable to shall I say 'more mature citizens'. The class is free and we finished up with a hot drink and a biscuit. I know Home Instead who runs the classes would like more people to come along so, if like me you are not as mobile as you once were, it's a good way to exercise those muscles to improve your health. It's a mixed class so gentlemen please don't feel left out you won't be alone!

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The Disability Forum  
Basingstoke & Deane

# Cuppa & Chat

**Monthly meeting with guest speakers!**

Open to Disabled people, family & carers

**Every 4th Friday of the month**  
**10:30 - 12:00**

Join us in person (Just turn up!)  
 The Orchard, RG21 4AF

or via Zoom (register in advance)  
[bddf.org.uk/cuppa-chat](http://bddf.org.uk/cuppa-chat)

**FREE session**  
**FREE drink & cake!**

If there is a barrier to you attending either in person or Zoom, let us know & we will support you!

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**BDDF** - Basingstoke & District Disability Forum – your local Disabled adult charity.

**Activities** all free and include walking groups (Thursdays); monthly in person Cuppa & Chat; monthly Chronic Pain Support Group meetings; and weekly mobility improving seated yoga (both online and face to face).

**Disability Awareness Day** will be held at Basingstoke’s Malls shopping centre on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. This event is an opportunity to gain information, support and advice on disability related subjects from local organisations, businesses and government departments.

**Do you have a disability related question and don’t know which way to turn?** BDDF have extensive signposting information. We can point you in the direction of the service or local organisation who will be able to help. We also offer 121 in person sessions to give us time to listen to and understand your needs so that we can better assist you.

**Scarecrow Trail** our 3<sup>rd</sup> family fun event will take place around Chineham, Sherfield Park and North Binfields on 28<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June. Buy a map and follow the trail to see wonderful historical themed scarecrows. Visit Christ Church, Chineham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May - there will also be a community café, face painting and raffle. On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at Sherfield Park Community Centre, other local charities will be joining us and plenty of fun activities.

**Volunteer opportunities** – we have two spaces on our Trustee Board and are looking for a signpost service assistant. If you care about making Basingstoke a more inclusive place for people affected by disability and want to offer support to Disabled people - if you have time to offer, consider joining us.

**Keep in touch** – As well as following BDDF on social media, or visiting our website at [www.bddf.org.uk](http://www.bddf.org.uk), you can sign up to be a free member to receive our regular newsletter detailing our latest events and services and invitations to members’ events.

## Disability Awareness Day

**Friday 1st April**

9am - 5pm  
 Castle Square  
 The Malls  
 Basingstoke



Information, support and advice on disability related subjects from local organisations, businesses and government departments.

Come along to find out about services & opportunities for people affected by any type of disability & how you can get involved!

For more information or to book a stall:

Email: [info@bddf.org.uk](mailto:info@bddf.org.uk)

Tel: 01256 423869



[www.bddf.org.uk](http://www.bddf.org.uk)



## Seated Yoga

Open to anyone affected by disability  
 All classes are FREE Pre-booking essential

**In person**

Wednesday's 12 - 12:45  
 Melrose Hall, Popley

**Or join us virtually via Zoom**

Wednesday's 13:10 - 13:40

Pre-register via our website  
 or use link in post

**To book**

Email: [info@bddf.org.uk](mailto:info@bddf.org.uk)

Call: 01256 423869



[www.bddf.org.uk/seated-yoga](http://www.bddf.org.uk/seated-yoga)

## Cliddesden Primary School

The spring term began with some disruption this year with a lot of our children and a few staff having to stay at home with Covid. I am very thankful to say that recovery was quick, nobody was seriously ill and things have calmed down now.

At the end of November, we had a routine inspection visit from Ofsted. Our aim at Cliddesden is to ensure all the children are both literate and numerate and leave the school as kind and responsible young citizens. I believe the report, which can be viewed on our school website reflects that vision and we are pleased with the outcome.

A few of the comments from the report that we would like to highlight are:

- *Pupils at Cliddesden Primary School are proud and happy learners. They love their school and enjoy its family feel.*
- *Everyone is included and kept safe at Cliddesden*
- *Leaders have developed a curriculum that is ambitious and broad.*
- *Pupils throughout the school read well because leaders have placed reading at the heart of the curriculum.*
- *The constant review of pupil's SEND provision and support is a strength of the school.*
- *Leaders and governors have made staff-wellbeing a high priority.*

As headteacher of Cliddesden Primary School this is my third Ofsted including the 'Covid impact' monitoring visit in December 2020, and it was, without doubt, the most intense. The new framework is arguably one of the toughest and therefore I am very pleased with the report and very proud of my staff and pupils.

Kenneth Davies, Headteacher



### Tag Rugby – Georgian League

Longparish	3	Cliddesden	2
Cliddesden	4	North Waltham	3
Cliddesden	3	Barton Stacey	3

On February 1<sup>st</sup> our Tag Rugby team travelled to Barton Stacey to play the next stages in the Georgian League. The team played very well and all the results were close. We now have to play the other three teams in League at two further meetings in March. We are currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and hope that we can finish higher with all to play for.

Kenneth Davies - Headteacher



### Art Club

KS1 has been very creative this term in the Cliddesden LUCA (Let Us Create Art) Club. We have been focusing on line and colour by using different media such as paint, pastels and printing.

We have painted colourful portraits, while looking at facial features and how to use line to represent these. We used line and shape in monochrome lino - printing and created our own versions of Kandinsky's circles.

We have some very exciting projects ahead of us. Painting cakes in Thiebaud style on canvas, mono printing and cyanotype artwork using natural materials.

It is so important for children to have a creative outlet during these challenging times.

Mignon Verwoerd, Art Club



### Dance Club

Dance Club is open to all children and every Tuesday morning starting at 8am the children begin with some fun, high energy warm up dances followed by some heart raiser exercises. We then move onto looking at key aspects of dance including the 5 actions of dance, levels, speed and formation. We use multiple up beat and fun songs along with being different characters

such as superheroes, animals and fairies to help us remember our new words. We also work on a routine which the children learn over 6 weeks. Each week we have so much fun and the children work super hard.

Coach Kayleigh



## Netball

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Cliddesden netball team played a home game against Kempshott Junior School. It was a brilliant game and the first the team have played together, although we lost 9-11 it was a fast paced well played game. Well done Cliddesden.

Anna Hussey, Netball Club

Please see our website if you would like more information about our school:  
[www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)

Paula Lavender

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## Welcome Booklet

At a recent Parish Council Meeting it was suggested that we update our Welcome Booklet.

Gill Palmer and Mary Thomas collected the information and Dave Brown added the finishing touches.

The final document will go to the Parish Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and then we can use it.

That is where you come in, we need to know when a new person moves into the village. So, if you have a new neighbour, please let either myself: [alanbtyler19@btinternet.com](mailto:alanbtyler19@btinternet.com) or the Parish Clerk: [clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk) know about it.



## NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

7.30pm Village Hall, everyone is very welcome to attend

### DIARY DATE – PARISH ASSEMBLY

Friday 6th May, 7 for 7.30pm  
Village Hall. Key topics:

- Progress of Neighbourhood Plan
- The Greening Campaign



### POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Please continue to report all crime and suspicious incidents to Hampshire Constabulary via the correct process:**

For non emergency –

**use the new QR code, tel 101 or log online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>**

Use 999 in cases of emergency.

PCSO Andy Jones B/stoke Rural South  
07775 542021 email: [andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andrew.jones.13301@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

### POND UPDATE

The contractor is due to return to remove more silt from around the edges of the pond and then the surrounds will be made good.

## A NEW WAY TO REPORT

HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY is pleased to be able to share a new QR code for members of the local community to report crimes, information and anti-social behaviour. Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera and select one of three options: 1. Report a crime; 2. Something you've seen or heard, or 3. Report anti-social behaviour. You can still report an incident via the website link, calling 101 (or 999 if it is an emergency). Hampshire Constabulary would like to thank members of the local community for reporting incidents to us as it helps us build a picture of what is happening in your district.



### PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00466/FUL (Validated 21 Feb)  
11 Woods Lane. Three detached dwellings with associated access and landscaping.

22/00220/HSE (Validated 03 Feb)  
Tamburello, Farleigh Road. Erection of open store with external staircase to study/gym at first floor.

21/03678/RET (Granted 9th February)  
5 Langdale Rise. Retention of open-sided, flat roofed, timber gazebo in rear garden.

21/03638/RET (To be decided by Development Control (DC) of 6th April)  
Faerie Meadow 14 Hackwood Lane. Retention of a domestic outbuilding.

21/02799/FUL (Pending 26 August)  
Myhaven, Woods Lane. Conversion of existing barn to a four bedroom dwelling.

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 story rear extension, new front porch, bay window, garage with accommodation above.

21/01321/RET (To be decided by DC of 6th April) Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden. Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/21/3279572 (Appeal Dismissed 8th Feb 2022);

20/03197/PIP (Refused 12th March 2021 (DC 10th March)). Land Adjacent Faerie Meadow 14 Hackwood Lane. Permission in Principle for two new dwellings.

### POLICE UPDATE FROM PCSO ANDY JONES

Officers are investigating a number of reports of thefts from motor vehicles and have arrested a man.

Between Wednesday, 26 January and Wednesday 2 February, a number of vehicles were broken into in areas between Burghclere and Beacon Hill. Various items including number plates, Apple AirPods, handbags and clothing were stolen.

On Saturday, 5 February, officers arrested a 47-year-old man from Havant on suspicion of the following offences:

- Theft from a motor vehicle in Whitchurch between Wednesday 26, January and Wednesday, 2 February
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Micheldever, Wed 26 January
- Theft from a motor vehicle in East Stratton, Thur 27 January
- Theft from a motor vehicle in Dummer on Friday 28 January
- Three x theft from a motor vehicle at Beacon Hill on Saturday, 29 January

Many other theft from vehicles that have occurred in the Upon Grey & Candovers Area – not to mention two other counties – are also being linked to the individual in question. As of the 15th February it was around 26 offences (but still potentially increasing) which are to be put before the suspect. He has been questioned by officers and released under investigation while enquiries continue.

INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL AND INFORMS WHERE WE PUT OUR RESOURCES AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind motorists to make sure you remove valuables from your vehicle and lock it. Make sure to physically check that doors and window are locked, especially if you have used the remote to lock the vehicle, then look inside again to make sure you've not left anything.

Further information and advice on how to keep your vehicle secure can be found on our website: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

PCSO Andy Jones, 16th Feb 2022

## HIGHWAYMEN IN AND AROUND BASINGSTOKE

Bob Clarke

*Courtesy of the Basingstoke Archaeological and Historical Society*

Back in the 18thC the area around Basingstoke provided rich pickings for highwaymen. Basingstoke was an important staging point on the Western Post Road as well as being a significant market town – where it was possible to see who was likely to be leaving the town with money. The town was surrounded by copses and woods from which to spring an ambush, and steep hills that coaches and horses could only climb at walking pace.

Sometime in late 1724, three highway robbers visited Basingstoke market. They saw which farmers were making most money and found out where their farms were. Having decided where their best returns would be, they left the market towards nightfall and hid themselves in a wood by a narrow lane near Ellisfield (possibly at White Hill just south of Ellisfield) to lie in wait for the farmers to return home. There they robbed several farmers and tied them up to prevent them warning others.

One of the robbers told the farmers they were waiting to rob the fat farmer with the grey horse. One of the farmers replied that he would not be easily robbed. So when the fat farmer came into view, instead of telling him to 'stand and deliver', they fired at him without warning. Despite apparently being a large target, they narrowly missed him and he got away. The three robbers were brothers George and Richard Cutler – who also used the surname Miller – and John Winter. They were responsible for a number of highway robberies in the south of the county. One report said that the Cutlers 'belong'd to a Gang that had been guilty of several Murders'. 'They had lived by the Highway many Years.'

Before the main road to London was diverted across Hook Common in the 1780s, it passed through Newnham. The steep slope of Crown Lane made it an ideal spot for highwaymen to ambush their victims. Early in the morning of 17 October 1728, three highwaymen, two with long guns and one with a long stick, robbed several coaches coming from the west at Newnham Hill. They took £8 14s from the passengers in the Exeter Coach. In November 1747 a 'well-mounted highwayman' robbed a draper of four guineas 'on the Hills between Basingstoke and Newnham' as he was returning to London from Andover, and two highwaymen robbed a Quaker on Newnham Hill in November 1750. It is not known how many other robberies took place on that spot that were never reported in the newspapers.

## DEADLINE REMOVED FOR RECORDING RIGHT OF WAY

Using historical evidence, it is possible to apply for long established paths – which are not official 'Rights of Way' – to be added to the 'definitive maps', giving them legal protection.

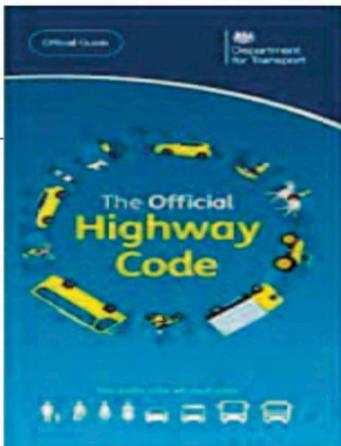
The Countryside and Rights of Way Act contained a provision that any pre-1949 paths must be recorded by 2026 in order to be legally recognised.

Government has removed the 2026 deadline, a move welcomed by the Open Space Society and the Ramblers which says it has identified 41,000 miles of missing 'Rights of Way' to be investigated and applied for in England as part of its 'Don't Lose Your Way' campaign. The Welsh government had previously repealed the cut-off date.

However DEFRA is also saying that 'The Government will take forward a package of measures in order to help enhance the way that rights of way are recorded and managed.'

'As well as repealing the 2026 cut-off the Government plans to introduce a "right to apply" for landowners to divert or extinguish rights of way in certain circumstances.'

The Open Spaces Society has said it is concerned about the right to apply and will be lobbying against it.



## OLDER DRIVERS FORUM

The Older Drivers Forum is running a free webinar on the new Highway Code, to include safe driving tips and Q&A. Two sessions running the same course – Thurs 10th March 2pm; Mon 14th March 7pm. (A zoom account not needed to join.)

Register for a place at <https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/>

## THE HIGHWAY CODE: EIGHT CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM 29TH JANUARY 2022

Rules for all types of road users have been updated in The Highway Code to improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

### 1. Hierarchy of road users

### 2. People crossing at junctions

'When people are crossing or waiting to cross the road at a junction, other traffic should give way.'

### 3. Walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces

### 4. Cyclist positioning in the road

'To ride in the centre of their lane on quiet roads, in slower-moving traffic and at the approach to junctions or road narrowings • keeping at least 0.5 metres away from the kerb edge when riding on busy roads with vehicles moving faster than they are • Cyclists are asked to be aware of people driving behind them and allow them to overtake when it's safe to do so.'

### 5. Overtaking

'You may cross a double-white line (if the road is clear) to overtake someone cycling or riding a horse if they are travelling at 10mph or less • People cycling may pass slower-moving or stationary traffic on their right or left.'

### 6. Cyclists at junctions

'When turning into or out of a side road, cyclists should give way to people crossing or waiting to cross.'

### 7. Roundabouts

'Drivers and motorcyclists should give priority to cyclists on roundabouts.'

### 8. Parking, charging, leaving vehicles

'Ten sections of The Highway Code have been updated, with 50 rules being added or updated. You can find a summary of all the changes in The Highway Code updates list on GOV.UK.'

'You can – read the full updated version free of charge on GOV.UK; download The Highway Code iOS app (£3.49) which will be updated with all the changes in Spring 2022 (an Android version is being developed); pre-order an updated hard copy online (£4.99), or buy at most high street bookshops from April 2022; plus sign up to get email alerts when the rules change.'

# 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:

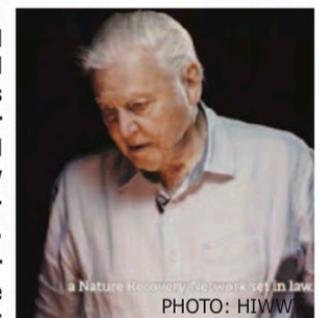
1. 'Rewilding package' supported by HIWWT
2. 'Retrofit' supported by the Sustainability Centre, and
3. on 'Health in Light of Climate Change'.

### 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.'**



a Nature Recovery Network set in law  
PHOTO: HIWWT  
**Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust**

Horticultural Society News for March 2022

Hello from Claire!

Sunshine, very little rain, light frosts, birds singing, grass (and weeds) still growing – have we missed a couple of months?????

All joking aside – the weather has been very pleasant, which means we'll probably be picking daffodils in the snow for the Spring Show, again!

The advantage of the early good weather is we can get out start prepping the garden for the coming growing season. Fallen leaves can be gathered and either added to the compost heap or taken to the recycle centre, roses pruned, and paths swept, weeded and neatly edged.

Remember to avoid walking on frosty grass as this damages the grass blades, and can cause brown footprints to appear, which will take some time to go.



### **Buzzing Around**

Keep a look out for resting bees!

At this time of year queen bees will make shorter journeys, and spend more time on the ground.

It doesn't necessarily mean they are exhausted and in need of feeding!

The 'Bumblebee Conservation Trust' has a very interesting article about the why's and wherefore's of feeding sugar water to bees – well worth reading!

### **What's Happened**

**Thursday 27th January 745pm**

**Cliddesden Millenium Hall**

Hampshire Nature in Trust – Mike Read

Thank-you to everyone who came along – it was wonderful to see so many friendly faces, instead of masks!

Mike's stunning photography took us on a journey around the wildlife trust reserves in Hampshire and on the Isle of Wight – and what a wonderful journey it was!

Month-by-month we meandered across so many different habitats, and learned a lot about how patient you have to be to catch the perfect shot.

There are 43 reserves listed on the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, so plenty to explore close to home.

### **What's coming up?**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 745pm - Cliddesden Millenium Hall**

***What have bees ever done for us? – Robin Dean***

Originally from South Africa, Robin is a second-generation bee-keeper. He manages the use of different bee species for crop pollination, and also is involved in eco toxicology studies.

Our evening meetings are open to all - £1 entry for members, £2 for guests, so please come along and bring a friend!

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Show - Cliddesden Millenium Hall**

staging 0920-1040 viewing from 2pm presentations 330pm

Entry is open to all members – cooks/gardeners/crafters and children.

Schedules are available as a paper copy, or via email – please contact your local committee member. Our Spring Show is a feast for the eyes, with all the spring flowers on display: the stomach, with delicious cakes to buy: and the nose, with all the wonderful entries in the domestic section! Visitors are welcome to come along from 2pm See you there

Happy gardening!

Claire

**\*\*Subscriptions for 2022 are now due, £10 per household.\*\***

***Please note increase in subscriptions.***

***Payment can be made in cash to your local committee member, or if you prefer to pay online, please contact me on 07748532798 or via email: [claire-cookie@hotmail.com](mailto:claire-cookie@hotmail.com) for the bank details. Thank-you***



## February News From St Leonard's

You may already have heard of the flood disaster at St Leonard's due to a burst water pipe, when a tap became detached from a water supply in the vestry.

This flooded the vestry, cellar, and much more seriously, the organ was damaged in the deluge.

Without the heroic action of Ross Palmer, Gill Palmer, Val Gofton Salmond, Ban Maunder and Eamonn Harding, it could have been even worse.

We have now to manage the insurance claim. To date, we have had quotes for the organ restoration of £11,500 + VAT and also a firm recommendation we have it cleaned in areas where it was not damaged at an extra £10,500 plus VAT. We may have to try to fund this ourselves via fund raising and grant applications, but we need to wait and see.

Replacement of the vestry floor is estimated at £1,200 but we fear there is further damage to the floorboards.

The insurance company has appointed a very helpful loss adjuster, and we will need to appoint an architect to oversee the work.

The first stage is to have the cellar, vestry and cupboard dried professionally, since we need a drying certificate before work can start. This is already underway.

We may also need permission from the Diocese before the work can start.

This means the vestry and organ will be out of action for maybe three months when the work starts, unlikely before summer at the earliest.

One thing we have learned and may be good advice for others – it is important to know where the main stopcock is because it took us a long time to find it in the church, not that it would have stopped the burst and subsequent damage.

## Beggarwood Surgery News from the PPG

(Patients Participation Group)

email : [beggarwood.surgeryppg@btinternet.com](mailto:beggarwood.surgeryppg@btinternet.com)

### **SURGERY UPDATE – February 2022**

Not a lot to report this month as it's early days since Operose/CGH has taken full responsibility for the running of our surgery. Early troubles have been reported in the merging of the NHS computer systems during the first couple of days causing a little disruption, but they seem to have been sorted by mid-week. Comments online have mainly been centred around hoping that Beggarwood continues to provide a level of service that we have come to expect over the last 2 years and does not slide down to the level seemingly being experienced with the rest of the Operose/CGH group in this area.

The staffing levels at Beggarwood remain stable and we have been reassured by Operose that they will not be diluting this by spreading the Beggarwood staff around the other surgeries. We have also been informed that we will continue to operate as a separate enterprise from the rest of the group and not have to share the systems that prevail in the other surgeries, in particular the telephone appointment system. We will continue monitoring this situation and working with Operose over the forthcoming months and years to ensure that we don't slip back into the kind of situation we had with the late Cedar group before NHUC took over. We will also maintain a close relationship with the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and our local councillors and MP to help us along the way.

### **Rumours**

It has been brought to our attention that an article published in one of the local Parish Magazines has mentioned that Operose may attempt to operate an American style medical insurance practice within Beggarwood. This is NOT the case and certainly outside of the scope of their contract with the NHS. Operose will continue to provide a full NHS service at Beggarwood and the CGH surgeries as with all the previous providers.

### **PPG email address**

To gather a wider patient view of Beggarwood Surgery we have decided to publish a **NON-MEDICAL** email address that will be viewed by the PPG team so that we can correlate your views into our regular meetings with the practice.

We are particularly interested in your views and experiences as we settle into our new provider's services, both good and bad. It is only with your input that we can provide relevant and constructive feedback to Operose over the running of the surgery. Any feedback we pass on to Operose during our monthly meetings will of course be confidential unless you tell us otherwise. Remember if we want a good consistent service from Operose, we must inform them what is good and what requires improvement.

Once again, we stress this is for Non-Medical feedback.

The email address is : [beggarwood.surgeryppg@btinternet.com](mailto:beggarwood.surgeryppg@btinternet.com)

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Finally, we are always looking for new members to join our PPG and so if you would like to join please use the aforementioned email address to register your interest and we will be happy to have you on board.

## 100 Club Winners and Membership Renewal

The draw for February was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Here are the lucky winners. Congratulations to:

1<sup>st</sup>: 55 Violet Atkinson

2<sup>nd</sup>: 102 Freya Hardman

3<sup>rd</sup>: 306 Joshua Mendelsohn

We are now approaching the start of the 2022/23 membership for the 100 Club and are looking for new members to join and the renewal of existing membership.

There is no easier way to help with fundraising than joining the 100 Club, or increasing your "holding". More tickets sold mean more funds for the Hall and more prize money.

For people who are new to Cliddesden the 100 Club is a way to have a little flutter and help look after our lovely Millennium Village Hall. Each month half of proceeds are paid out as prize money; 1st prize 30% (currently £37), 2nd prize 15%, 3rd prize 5%. The remaining 50% goes to the Hall fund.

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

There are a variety of ways you can make payment - Electronic Funds Transfer, Standing Order, cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'Cliddesden Village Hall'. The easiest method is Electronic Funds Transfer or Standing Order and the Hall's bank details are on the form below. You can hand cheques and cash, along with the form, to Angie Fewster at Ridgewood House, Farleigh Road, Julie James at Leaview House, 10 Hackwood Lane, or Rose Beevers, Church Farm Cottage, Church Lane.

If for any reason you are an existing member and do not wish to continue to support the Village Hall via the 100 Club could you let me know and I will withdraw your number, otherwise your

number will continue to run for 2022/23.

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

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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

## Stroll & Roll

**Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30**

**Fully accessible walking group**  
**Open to anyone with a disability**  
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**Cliddesden Social and Entertainment Club**  
**AKA The Film Club**

**Thursday 3 March “Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society”, 2018, 124 mins, Cert 12**



An historical romantic drama directed by [Mike Newell](#) (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Donny Brasco*). The film stars [Lily James](#) and [Michiel Huisman](#). Set in 1946, the plot follows a London-based writer who exchanges letters with a resident on the island of [Guernsey](#), which had been under [German occupation](#) during [World War II](#).

One review said “offers delightful comfort food for fans of period drama”

The film grossed \$15.7 million worldwide and received positive reviews from critics.

**Thursday 7th April “84, Charing Cross Road, 1987, 124 min, Cert U**



Directed by [David Jones](#), who worked mostly in the theatre. It stars [Anne Bancroft](#), [Anthony Hopkins](#) and [Judi Dench](#). Produced by Bancroft's husband, [Mel Brooks](#). The screenplay by [Hugh Whitmore](#) is taken from a compilation of letters between Helen [Hanff](#) and [Frank Doel](#) dating from 1949 to 1968. [Anthony Hopkins](#) play the role in his usual understated way.

The film got positive reviews from critics, as well as receiving numerous industry awards and nominations. Bancroft won the [BAFTA Award](#) for Best Actress for her portrayal of Helen [Hanff](#). Additionally, Judy Dench was nominated for the [BAFTA Award](#) for Best Supporting Actress, Hugh [Whitmore](#) for Best Adapted Screenplay. Judy Dench said that [84 Charing Cross Road](#) is one of her favourite films in which she has appeared. The film has become something of a cult classic among [bibliophiles](#).

The film has something of the atmosphere of *Shadowlands* also with Anthony Hopkins.

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.

Films start at 8pm, bar opens at 7:30.

My thanks to those faithful people who help with each evening

Hope to see you in March,

Ted [Dowson](#)

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