

# A CALL FOR FOSTER CARERS

**BY COUNCILLOR JULIET HENDERSON**

Fostering Hampshire Children will be launching an 18-month campaign. Dedicated to discovering these new foster carers across the county in 2022 and 2023, the campaign works with local communities across Hampshire to galvanise local residents to help support vulnerable children who desperately need our help.

Fostering Hampshire Children, part of Hampshire County Council, is made up of a community of over 450 fostering households and 60 staff members. Based within Children's Services, we find and assess new foster carers for the children of Hampshire as well as support our current foster carers. To find out more about Children's services, visit our website.

Rated outstanding by Ofsted, Hampshire County Council provides ground-breaking support, quality training and competitive allowances through flexible and robust fostering opportunities for its community. Hampshire County Council is dedicated to making Hampshire an even better place for children and young people. Where all, including those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, have the best possible start in life and are supported by the whole community to succeed.

While we have been working hard to reduce the number of children coming into care through sector-leading transformation programmes, in Hampshire the gap between the number of children needing a loving home, and the number of Foster Carers available, continues to widen. *For every child we can find a home, there are others waiting.*

'In the UK, every 20 minutes another child comes into care needing a foster family. The majority of children are placed in care due to abuse or neglect.' (The Fostering Network, 2022).

Since 2018, the number of children in the care of Hampshire County Council has grown by over 200 and is still rising. Meanwhile, the number of fostering households in the county has plateaued. The numbers just aren't adding up anymore and the need for more Foster Carers is becoming increasingly urgent. We now need an additional 150 fostering households by the end of 2023.

Many of our Foster Carers are in their 50s, 60s or 70s. There's no upper age limit on fostering and these knowledgeable and experienced carers are providing loving homes for some of the county's most vulnerable children. Inevitably though, there will come a time when these carers are thinking about retirement and need to hand the baton over. As of March 2021, Foster Carers in their 20s and 30s accounted for 13% of all Foster Carers in England (National Statistics 'Fostering in England 2020-2021', 2021) although this number is increasing as more young people are realising, they too have the skills and values to change lives and we hope that continues!

If you look at the demographic of Foster Carers in England you could be forgiven for thinking you have to be white, over 50 and in a heterosexual relationship to take on the role. That simply isn't the case. You don't need to own your home or be in a long-term relationship. You do need to be over 21, but sexuality and ethnicity don't matter. You don't have to do it as a 'full-time job,' and you certainly don't need to be 'practically perfect in every way.' We're looking for ordinary people who want to help make positive changes within our community, across the county.

There are things you do need: a spare bedroom, patience, resilience, open-mindedness and positivity to name but a few. Fostering isn't always easy, there are challenges to overcome and difficult days, but it's also a chance to build new relationships, learn about other cultures and offer stability to a young person at the time it's needed most. The support and training opportunities provided by Hampshire County Council are excellent, and the peer-to-peer support networks are second to none.

Our Foster Carers are a wonderful group of people from a range of backgrounds, who come together to support each other through the bad times and the good.



*"Children deserve to feel safe. They deserve to be cared for. They deserve the opportunity to work towards achieving their potential. They deserve to be happy. They deserve to have a stable home."*

**CLIDDESSEN WI**

We had a very entertaining and amusing talk by Jackie Dimmock at our August meeting. Jackie is a retired police officer having served almost 30 years in the service. She now enjoys patchwork and quilting and has used her talents to create her story in miniature quilts. She recounted many of her experiences, some funny, some enlightening and very much reflecting how as a woman she was perceived by her male colleagues and the public back in the early 80s when she joined. Her talk illustrated how things have changed and moved on and her little quilts were very impressive. Everybody enjoyed her talk and can't wait for part two!

**Next meeting**                      **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**  
**Quizzes with Bacon or Sausage baps**

A hive of activity will be taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> September to ensure members enjoy an afternoon tea with guests to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WI in Cliddesden. This is quite an achievement for the village. The WI has brought people together for friendship, education and fun through some difficult times over the past century. Our hope is that it can continue into the future for those who enjoy it.

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**Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time**

**9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (MacMillan cake sale)**

**September**

**7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**(not 28<sup>th</sup> October for half term)**

**0 - 4 years old and their grown-ups**

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

**Cost: £2 donation per family**

**Contact:**

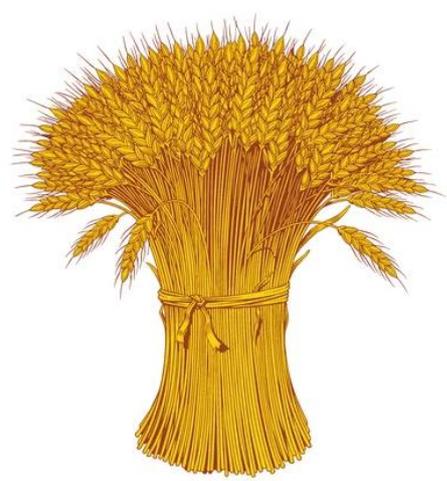
**Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833528040)**

**Claire Qualified teacher (07757498653)**

**Harvest Family Service**

**18 September at 11.15am**

**St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden**



Donations of non-perishables for the Basingstoke Food Bank would be very gratefully received. After the service there will be wine and nibbles as part of our harvest celebration.

**Children's Singing Group**

**Come along to meet new friends and learn fun songs to sing in a church service.**

**Rehearsals**  
 Begin Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
 3.45pm snack, 4-4.30 singing

**Harvest Service**  
 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 11.15

All at St Leonard's Church, Cliddesden  
 Contact: Claire Nunn 07757 498653

# BEGGARWOOD SURGERY NEWS

FROM THE PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP



## SURGERY UPDATE – August 2022

### Surgery

Blood tests have been temporarily suspended at Beggarwood due to staff resignations, however they will be reinstated in early September when a new nurse joins the team. Meanwhile patients are being asked to visit the hospital for these services, where patients have reported a well-organised and speedy service. Telephones have also been a recent problem with staff holidays and sickness. Staff from CGH have been drafted in to help with this, hopefully, temporary problem. We will be monitoring both these situations closely over the next month and welcome your feedback via our email address.

Following previous feedback from us at our August meeting with Operose we are led to understand that they intend to reorganise the staffing levels at all the surgeries in Basingstoke and they encouraged us to believe that this would result in a more reliable and positive experience for patients – time will tell.

### Maria Miller MP Meeting

The Health Update meeting called by Maria Miller MP, on Saturday 16th July, at the Beggarwood Community Centre was well attended by patients of both Beggarwood and the CGH surgeries as well as a strong representation from Operose who run our surgeries. The meeting reflected the growing concern from both sets of patients over the running of the surgeries with questions posed by attendees and answered by Operose. From the meeting we now have a list of serious concerns and we are in discussion with Operose on how they plan to address these issues.

### Dr.iQ

We are all being encouraged to use this new Operose app – Dr.iQ - available free for both iPhones and Android devices. Current feedback to us is mixed. What are your experiences using the app? Once again replies via our email address please.

### Any Complaints?

If you feel that you have not been dealt with correctly by the surgery, or perhaps not had a good experience in dealing with either the surgery or a member of staff, you can make a formal complaint. Please visit the CGH site as the Beggarwood site is still under construction. The web address is: <https://cghpartnership.co.uk/about-us/comments-and-complaints/>. Operose employs a full time Complaints Manager and so you should get a speedy response. If you feel after receiving the reply that it did not meet your expectations or did not correctly respond to you then you can then escalate the problem to the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), again via email: [NHCCG.COMPLAINTS@NHS.NET](mailto:NHCCG.COMPLAINTS@NHS.NET) or [NHCCG.ENQUIRIES@NHS.NET](mailto:NHCCG.ENQUIRIES@NHS.NET). The CCG will carry out its own investigation and report back to you. We would also welcome your feedback.

### 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. Suggestions for input might be:

- The ease of booking an appointment or call back
- The surgery waiting area environment
- Helpful suggestions for improvements within practice
- Feedback on the reception and medical staff

Once again, we stress this is for Non-Medical feedback as we are not medically trained and the email address will only be monitored on an irregular basis. If you have an urgent medical problem, please contact the surgery directly or ring 111.

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 feel you would like to get more involved, please use the aforementioned email address to register your interest and we will be happy to have you on board.

## NOTE OF THANKS

I'd like to place on record my thanks to the members of the Parish Council for initiating great changes to the village and road signage. In particular the "Welcome to Cliddesden, Gateway to the North Hampshire Downs" and use of the leaping deer as a symbol. I also notice that our new street sign incorporates the leaping deer as well. I would encourage everyone in the village to promote Cliddesden as the Gateway to the North Hampshire Downs whenever they get the opportunity. Raising the profile of the village and its potential as that gateway to other parts of the town might just help build brand awareness and help make that objective a reality.

*Paul Beevers*

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM**

In the Millenium Hall. All welcome

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

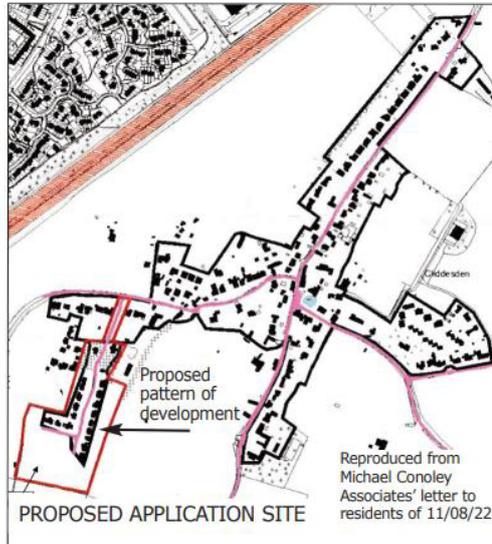
The Borough Council has confirmed that no election has been called and so the Parish Council is authorised to co-op a new Parish Councillor.

**PROPOSALS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

A proposal to build 28 houses behind Woods Lane has been detailed in a letter from Michael Conoley Associates (chartered architects) on behalf of the landowner. It has been posted to residents, and also to the Parish Council via the clerk. **Re: Proposed Residential Development at Land to the South of Myhaven, Woods Lane**

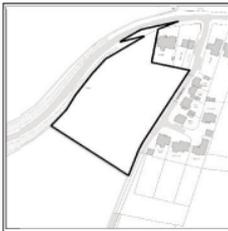
The communication says it is intended to be a 'personal letter to the residents of Cliddesden' but it has not been received by everyone. The letter explains that this is NOT a planning application at this stage, the intention is to give an insight into the proposals. It is 'anticipated a planning application will be submitted within the next month'.

There has been no prior consultation with the Parish Council or the Neighbourhood Plan team, but the letter advises that Hampshire Highways have been consulted, as has BDBC Planning via a pre-application enquiry.



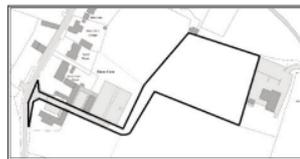
It has to be considered that this is one of several substantial development schemes for which landowners are seeking approval. You will know two Planning in Principle (PIP) applications are presently being considered by BDBC:

22/01551/PIP  
Land South of Woods Lane. Planning in Principle for up to nine dwellings



22/01550/PIP Land to Rear of Manor Farm. Planning in Principle for up to nine dwellings.

(DRAWINGS NOT TO SCALE)



The Parish Council will be discussing the proposals (insofar as they are described) at its next meeting on Tuesday 6th September, 7.30pm, in the Millenium Hall. Everyone is invited to attend to give their views.

If you are not able to attend, it would be much appreciated if you could send your thoughts in advance to help inform our discussion.

Please email [clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk)

The current BDBC Local Plan requires Cliddesden to provide 10 new homes in developments of five or more dwellings. (It is anticipated that the Draft Local Plan Update will increase this allocation to 20 new homes up to 2039, but the Draft document is not yet approved for consultation.)

**Noticeboard – THANK YOU**

To Rose and Paul Beevers for giving the pond noticeboard a bit of TLC and a good clean. It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that it will soon need replacing.



**REPORTING TO POLICE**

**Please report** any crime, antisocial behaviour or suspicious incident.

Policing is intelligence-led, officer's have wide areas to cover and rely on information from the public to build up a picture of what is happening.

**Online** This way you can report in your own time without waiting on the phone; also has the facility to upload photographs and other documents. To report any crime, ASB, suspicious incident – search Hampshire Constabulary reporting and this will take you to the link <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/>

**101** For non-emergency reporting, when nothing gained by immediate response.

**999** For when a crime or incident is happening now and immediate attendance is required.

**LOCAL PLAN UPDATE** Water Cycle Study and Site Selection



Basingstoke and Deane



Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan Update meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Discussion on the Water Cycle Study at the EPH (Economic Planning & Housing Committee) of Friday 2nd September
2. On Monday 5th September, the same Committee is due to consider Strategic Site allocation for greenfield sites to be developed up to 2039.
3. If all goes to plan, recommendations from these meetings will be considered by Cabinet at a new meeting date of Tuesday 27th Sept.

The LPU schedule published on the BDBC website presently shows Consultation on Draft LPU Plan (Regulation 18) to be Autumn/Winter 2022.

## PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/02308/RET (Validated 15 Aug)  
5 Langdale Rise. Installation of piers supporting security gates across access (retrospective).

22/02281/GPDE (Validated 12 Aug)  
Single storey rear extension (permitted development notification). Swallick Cottage, Alton Road.

22/02233/HSE (Validated 09 Aug)  
27 Southlea. Erection of home office / workshop / playroom. New access arrangement and new entrance gates.

22/02184/HSE (Validated 04 Aug)  
Farleigh Dene. Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Construction of new double garage with living accommodation over.

22/01551/PIP (Pending, 08 June) Land South of Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for up to nine dwellings.

22/01550/PIP (Pending, 08 June) Land to Rear of Manor Farm. Permission in Principle for up to nine dwellings.

22/00466/FUL (New drawings and amended description 21 July, Validated 21 Feb) 11 Woods Lane. Development of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and one detached dwelling with access and landscaping.

21/01646/HSE (Pending, 12 May 2021) Swallick Cottage. Part single, part two story rear extension, front porch, bay window, garage with accommodation above.

## PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00233/22/TCA (Pending, 21 June)  
Yew Tree Cottage, Farleigh Road.  
1x Eucalyptus: fell. 1x Norway maple: reduce by 5m, finished dimension 7m.  
1x Field maple: reduce to old pruning points. 1x Yew: cut back to boundary.

T/00225/22/TCA (Approved 03 Aug)  
Church Hill House, Church Lane. T1 Cherry adjacent to driveway: Crown reduce by 2-3m in height & spread.

## APPEALS

21/03638/RET (Appeal lodged)  
Faerie Meadows 14 Hackwood Lane. Retention of a domestic outbuilding.

21/01321/RET (Appeal lodged)  
Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden land.

## DUMMER, OAKDOWN FARM APPEAL

22/00667/FUL (Appeal lodged)  
Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings and related structures and proposed construction of commercial and industrial units etc.

## OLD BASING MSA M3 J6

20/03130/FUL and 17/03487/FUL  
Land Adjacent to Junction 6 M3 for Construction of a Motorway Service Area. Continue awaiting decision. Will be referred to Development Control.

## GUIDANCE FOR THE PUBLIC IF THEY COLLIDE WITH, OR COME ACROSS, AN INJURED DEER



**Police advice is that they should be the first to be contacted** and not

charities / animal welfare groups who do not have sufficient resources. The police can task vets and/or an organisation called UK Deer & Track who can humanely despatch the animal if required. Trying to contact other organisations can lead to delays and extend suffering.

The information below is taken from *Rural Times* (Aug 2021), the article is aimed at the New Forest but the process applies across the county, and nationally in terms of contacting the relevant police force or constabulary.

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/hampshire/advice/rural-times/rural-times-august-2021.pdf>

**To note PCSO Andy Jones' advice to call 999 for any incident happening in real time, units will deploy when they can**

### IF YOU SEE AN INJURED DEER ON THE ROADSIDE?

*Rural Times  
August 2021*

- Pull over at a safe place
- Call Hampshire Constabulary via 101
- Giving as precise a location as you can (eg via use of What3Words)
- Hampshire Constabulary will deal with the situation and have access to specialist officers
- Do not try to assist or move the deer as this can put you in danger.

### IF YOU HIT A DEER WHILE DRIVING, YOUR PRIORITIES IN THIS ORDER ARE

- Keep yourself and anyone with you as safe as you can
- Park your car in the safest place with hazard lights on
- Call an ambulance if required for any injuries to people
- Call Hampshire Constabulary via 999 immediately.

### IF A DEER HAS BEEN HIT & IS ALIVE & STILL VISIBLE AT ROADSIDE

- It is best not to approach, it may run across traffic causing another accident
- Do not move or handle live deer, this needs a trained specialist. Do not place it in your car
- Call Hampshire Constabulary via 999 immediately
- Giving as precise a location as you can (eg via use of What3Words)
- They will deal with the situation and have access to specialist officers.

Dorothy Ireland, Trustee/Director of British Deer Society (BDS) and Chairman of the Wessex branch of BDS, said: 'In Hampshire, there are about 40 humane animal dispatchers, who are volunteers, and are qualified and experienced in dealing with an injured deer or other large animal on the roadside...' For full advice and further information, please visit the British Deer Society website.



## What3Words

What3Words app for precise locations in emergencies

Being able to give your precise location in an emergency can save vital time and lives.

Make sure you're prepared by downloading the free What3Words app so you can help us and other emergency services know exactly where the emergency is.

You download the free app at:

<https://app.what3words.com/emergency-preparedness>

For more information about using What3Words in an emergency, please visit: <https://what3words.com/news/emergency/three-words-for-a-faster-emergency-response>

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Very little going on during the summer months and hence very little news, so a brief glimpse at what goes on "behind the scenes".

We have a rolling four-year schedule for the redecoration of the Hall and this year it was the turn of the Hall exterior – all doors and fascias. We redecorated the kitchen and toilets the year before last (having missed last year due to Covid closures) and next year it is the back rooms and then the main hall and meeting room in 2024. This is just one of the activities that the committee manage and monitor to ensure that the Hall stays in tip-top condition, something regularly commented on by all our groups and hirers.

On top of this we noticed that the area where the tables are stored in the back room was getting damaged by the movement of the table trolleys. So, we have had the walls repaired and repainted before installing new Perspex wall protection to prevent future damage – the committee's thanks go to Rob and Julie for doing this.

Earlier in the year we replaced the very old thermostats and heating controllers with new, something well overdue as the old controllers were becoming very difficult to set and operate after 23 years of use. And this year we once again tested all the portable electrical equipment in the Hall (known as PAT testing), something that we required to do for legal and insurance reasons – the committee's thanks go to Andy for doing this once again.

As you can see there is a lot of work that goes into managing the Hall and not just within the committee. **So once again a call out for new volunteers.** We are very keen to welcome more people onto the Hall's management committee, particularly as we will probably be seeing some of our long-term members step down next year. It's 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. So if you are good at organising, or finance, or chairing, or have some technology skills, 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). Or even if you think you can help in other areas but don't want to be on the committee then please do get in touch.

As previously reported several people have asked about whether the Hall could hold another skittles evening after the huge success of these events back in October 2018 and March 2020. As we approach Autumn the Hall is looking for volunteers to organise and run this event. It's a great night, raises funds for the Hall and actually doesn't take much to put on. If you would like to help organise such an event then please drop us a mail at [volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk). Unfortunately, if we get no volunteers then we can't put on the event.

Finally, the usual reminder on ways to help raise funds for the Hall includes **Give As You Live** which donates to the Hall whenever you shop on-line at selected stores at absolutely no 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. There is also **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/cliddesdenvillagehall>. 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.

Greg Mendelsohn Village Hall Management Committee

[chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk](mailto:chair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk)



## Cliddesden Millenium Village Hall



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

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

The 100 club is also drawn here each month.

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

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

Dates for the remaining year are **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.**

Gill (01256 359413)

## 100 CLUB

Hello members,

The draw for August was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Here are the winners: **1<sup>st</sup> (170) Rachel Beresford-Davies 2<sup>nd</sup> (345) Sian Banks 3<sup>rd</sup> (100) Simon Hudson**

Congratulations!

Next Coffee Morning 12<sup>th</sup> September - come along for good cakes and company in our light, airy and well-ventilated hall. Get active with a game of table tennis.

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

# Cliddesden Primary School

## Summer Term



It has been another busy term at Cliddesden. We'd like to share with you some of the sporting events we have enjoyed along with some class trips and events.

### KS2 Girls Rugby Tournament

On the 17th June our Girls Tag Rugby team took part in a festival at Oakley Junior School. Twelve Basingstoke schools took part and there were two Leagues with the winner from each League playing in the final. Most of the team had played in our mixed team in The Georgian League earlier this year but two new members, Skyelah and Chloe from Year 4, made their debuts.

In our league we gained 19 points out of a maximum 25, beating Sherborne St John, Fairfields and St Mary's, drawing against Castle Hill and losing only to Oakley. This meant we finished a very respectable second in our league. We are very proud of our girls' performance considering we played some much larger schools and the weather was incredibly hot.

The winners of the two leagues, Oakley and North Waltham, played out a dramatic final sharing the winning trophy with a 9-9 draw.



### Oak Class – Theatre Trip and Workshop

Oak went to visit the Theatre Royal in Winchester to watch a performance of Bugsy Malone. The show was performed by Embley school, an independent school in Romsey.

We were fortunate enough to watch their final dress rehearsal and afterwards we discussed the performance with Liam Gifford, who is the Young People's Producer for the theatre. It was fantastic to be able to sit up in the circle - we were able to see the musicians in the pit and we could also see the theatre technicians operate the lights. We are very grateful to the Embley school for allowing us to see their show - they had clearly worked very hard to learn their lines, songs, and dances.

On Thursday, Liam came to the school and helped us to think about our own performance skills. We worked on projection, line delivery, emphasis and exaggeration and use of space. We are going to use these improved skills in our own rehearsals for our end of year show!



### Sports Day

We held our annual Sports Day and it was great to be back at Brighton Hill and wonderful to be able to allow parents to attend once again. We had the perfect weather for the event and the day went very well.

The event began with a parade of the houses and then the children took part in skills-based activities.

The main event was the track races which all the children (and parents!) did their very best in. Once the scores had been added up we announced the positions. Farleigh finished in first place with Ellisfield second, Hackwood third and Winslade fourth. Well done to Farleigh for winning our Sports Day for the first time.



## Commonwealth Games

Nine of our KS2 children attended The Hampshire School Games Commonwealth Sport and Physical Activities Festival at the University Leisure centre in Winchester. This event was for children who are less likely to engage in inter school sports events or clubs. It gave them a chance to try out new sports such as Boccia in a less competitive environment. The event was very well organised and a lot of fun was had by all.

The children who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were thrilled to be given their own School Games t-shirt which they wore for PE on Friday.



## Chestnut Class – Field Study

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Chestnut Class were explorers for the day!

We started our day on the field where we went on a 'worm' hunt.

There were different coloured pieces of wool hidden in the bushes and one by one, we had to run and collect one. We realised that the red and white ones were collected first and the black and green ones last or left behind. We discussed that this is because the darker colours were more camouflaged.

Afterwards, we ventured to the Quiet Garden to make some music. Using body percussion and natural materials around, we created a piece of music which sounded like a thunderstorm. Each group did a fantastic job and all the pieces of music sounded like different storms.

Once the rain dried up, we went on an adventure around the drove. On our walk, we collected sticks, leaves and rocks for our afternoon activities. We also made some bark and leaf rubbings while admiring the amazing view!

After lunch we headed back to the field for some outdoor activities. Our first activity was den building, our second was natural weaving, the third was making a bug hotel and our final activity was using airdrying clay to make pots.



## Rock 2 the Beat



The Junior Beatles enjoyed performing 'Come Together' and Double Trouble performed '7 Nation Army' to our Year 3 children which left some of them very excited about joining next year.

It was a joy to be in the audience to see how well they had all progressed on their chosen instruments.



## KS1 – Trip to Oceanarium

Our KS1 children had an educational visit to Bournemouth where they visited The Oceanarium, the beach and the gardens.

They enjoyed touring the Oceanarium and finding out many facts about the animals. We also found out lots of information about animals and their habitats.

In class the children have been learning about features of towns and beaches and it was fun to explore these areas to see if we could identify any.

We experimented on the beach to find out if it was easier to draw pictures in the dry or wet sand. We collected pebbles, shells and seaweed to decorate these.



## Foundation Stage – Trip to Wellington Country Park

Foundation Stage pupils had a lovely day out at Wellington Country Park where they got to see some farm animals and explore the woods to find dinosaurs.

Following this visit they had a visit from a tractor which was stationed on our playground.



## Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

Our football team took part in a competition arranged with three other local schools at St John's. The 7-a-side was an enjoyable event and one we will repeat annually.

Our team played exceptionally well and came runners up in the competition. The winners were Chalk Ridge. We drew all our games and finished in joint place with Hatch Warren Juniors. Second place had to be decided on a penalty shoot out which we won 3-1. Eli made some great saves throughout the matches and repeated this in the shoot-out.

We are very proud of all the team and they have medals to show their achievement.



## Summer Fete

Saturday 9th July saw the return of our annual Family Summer fete and BBQ after a 2 years absence due to covid.

There were old skool games (hook a duck, lucky dip, splat the rat), beat the goalie, meet and groom a pony and many other fun stalls. We had over 130 people come and enjoy the fun in the glorious sunshine. The support we had from our visitors was amazing and we thank everyone who came, helped and of course the event organisers who made it happen. The Basingstoke Mayor came and officially opened our summer fete, he reshuffled his schedule to make it! We managed to raise an amazing £1728.



## Graduation Assembly

Our Year 6 children enjoyed sharing their Cliddesden memories with family and friends at their Graduation Assembly. They all received their graduation certificates, leavers hoodies and Yearbook.

We wish Year 6 all the best for their next journey in their education and hope that the future will be bright for these children, and that they remember to keep with them the values they learned at Cliddesden. We will miss them all.



## Oak Class - Journey back to the dawn of time in "Rock Bottom"

Meet The Cobblestones, just an ordinary Stone Age family of cave folk living on Stoney Street, Rock Bottom! But when cave boy inventor Bobby Cobblestone hatches his very first good idea, he's whisked off to work for none other than the beautiful celebrity Lady Lava! Unfortunately, BC is soon up to his neanderthal neck in trouble when he discovers his new boss hides a dark secret that will rock Rock Bottom to its foundations. With mysterious monsters terrorising the town and a volatile volcano ready to blow its top, can BC become a little boulder and hatch a plan to save his family, his friends and his very own precious Rock Bottom? Only time will tell... you can see the performance by Oak Class in July Events on our website.



**To find out more about our school, please visit our website:  
[cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)**

# CLIDDESSEN SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT CLUB

## AKA THE FILM CLUB



Thursday 1 September "Downton Abbey"  
2019, 122 mins, Certificate U

\*\*\* Not to be confused with the recent 2022 release which has an entirely different plot line and, I suspect, will be the last of the film episodes.

A historical drama film written by Julian Fellowes, series creator and writer of the television series and directed by Michael Engler. It continues the storyline from the TV series, with many of the original cast. The film, set in 1927, depicts a royal visit to the Crawley family's stately home in Yorkshire.

It received generally positive reviews from critics and grossed \$194 million worldwide. Rotten Tomatoes critic's score 84%.



Thursday 6 October "Green Book", 2018, 130 Minutes, Certificate 12A

Biographical comedy-drama directed by Peter Farrelly. Starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali, the film is inspired by the true story of a 1962 tour of the Deep South by African-American pianist Don Shirley and Italian-American bouncer Frank "Tony Lip" Vallelonga, who served as Shirley's driver and bodyguard. Written by Farrelly alongside Lip's son Nick Vallelonga, the film is based on interviews with Lip and Shirley, as well as letters Lip wrote to his then-wife.

The film is named after "The Negro Motorist Green Book", a guidebook for African-American travellers published from 1936 to 1966.

The film grossed \$321 million worldwide. The film received positive reviews from critics, with praise for the performances of Mortensen and Ali, although it also drew some criticism of its depiction of both race and Shirley.

Green Book received numerous awards and nominations, including Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor (for Ali). Critics' Score 72% on Rotten Tomatoes.

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## WILDFIRES *from Rural Times July 2022*

If you see a fire in the countryside:

- Get to safety and contact the Fire Service immediately by dialling 999
- Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water
- Give a map reference if possible, otherwise give a landmark such as a farm or pub to help locate the fire
- Download the What3Words app on your phone to help us pinpoint incidents

*Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service*

*Basingstoke & Deane News Release*

## BDBC COST OF LIVING ASSISTANCE FUND



Approved by borough councillors in July, the Cost of Living Assistance Fund is open to households in the borough struggling to pay bills, with grants available to help pay for food and energy costs.

One-off grants are available for:

- up to £1,000 for those on a household income of between £0 and £15,000
- up to £500 for those on a household income of between £15,001 and £20,000
- up to £200 for those on a household income of between £20,001 and £25,000.

A maximum of 25% of the grant can be used to buy food, with payments made through vouchers or a Post Office payout code which allows cash to be withdrawn at a Post Office branch. The remainder is for support with energy costs. These payments can be made directly to the supplier or paid through a Post Office payout code.

Residents living in the borough can apply, either at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/costofliving)

or call 01256 844844 and speak to the benefits team to arrange a telephone or in-person appointment.

## CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT LOCAL CYCLING & WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Consultation ends on 4th September



The draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has been devised jointly by HCC, Sustrans (charity facilitating walking & cycling) and BDBC.

Search on 'Have Your Say Today - Basingstoke and Deane LCWIP - Commonplace'.  
<https://basingstokelcwip.commonplace.is/>



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON 20MPH SPEED LIMITS ACROSS HAMPSHIRE

The survey is open to 12 September:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport-schemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>

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