



Cliddesden

Village Newsletter

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are currently not holding live services in St. Leonard's church, but are continuing to have online services recorded each week, and these can be accessed easily through the benefice website:- <http://www.farleighcandoverandwield.org.uk>

Stephen Mourant posts the link to the services in a weekly letter to those on the church roll, plus on Cliddesden Chat Facebook page, Farleigh Parish Messy Church page, and elsewhere.

You may see people you know taking part in the services – we are trying to be creative! We are inserting a children's Bible Story most weeks in that service, and these will also be available on the benefice website as stand-alone 3 minute stories for children.

The church is still available for private prayer on Sundays, and baptisms, funerals and in urgent cases, weddings, may still be conducted, and Stephen and his colleague, Rev. David Chattell, are both available by e-mail or phone, and are happy to speak with you, and even to chat in your garden face to face – whatever is pastorally expedient. We hope we can have some open air services in late spring as well, when the weather is warmer and there is far less possibility of viral contact.

May God bless and help you in these difficult times.



The Village Phone Box

Our village phone box is the site for our defibrillator and is also used as a limited lending library for books. Unfortunately, it is being filled up with book donations. We try to clear it regularly but at the moment are being overrun. This makes it unsightly and could affect someone from accessing the defibrillator.

Can we ask that you do not leave books on the floor of the box.

Your Parish Council





Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society



Once again we find ourselves in lockdown – I hope you are all well and staying safe, and looking forward to a more positive 2021.

Our meetings are at the moment on hold, January's was cancelled and we are waiting to find out if we can go ahead with March, and even the Spring show. In light of this, and owing to the fact that we were unable to hold most off last years' events, the committee have voted to put subscriptions on hold until such

time as we can start up again. However, if you would like to pay subscriptions as normal please do so – as the cost of future speakers is always rising.

Travel abroad has been nigh on impossible for the last year, so we've not been able to enjoy the exotic flora of foreign climes. However, we have the most beautiful native wild flowers which have a history and mystery of their own.

For February I would like to reacquaint you with the humble dog violet, which should be raising its lovely head this month.

Common Names: Violet, pansy, heart's-ease, johnny-jump-up, love in idleness,

Botanical name: *Viola* Family: *Violaceae*

The violet is the forerunner of all our pansies.

According to Greek mythology the name 'viola' comes from Io, the young damsel whom Zeus loved but changed into a heifer to protect her from his jealous wife, Hera. Zeus gave Io a field of violets to eat, but Hera saw the tender white heifer with purple violets in her mouth, so beautiful it aroused her suspicions. She asked Zeus to give her the heifer, and out of spite tortured her so much Io jumped into the Ionian Sea. Zeus finally

promised not to look at Io again, and Hera turned her back into a girl. Violets were then, and later, linked with love.

The fairy spirit Puck employed their juice in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to make 'man or woman madly dote/ Upon the next live creature that it sees'.

In fact, the violet is one of the flowers most frequently referred to by Shakespeare – here are some.

Hamlet: From her fair and unpolluted flesh
May violets spring

Twelfth Night: Like the sweet sound,
That breathes upon a bank of violets.

Henry V: I think the king is but a man, as I
am: the violet smells to him as it doth to me: the
element shows to him as it doth to me.



What can we look forward to?

Hmmm – Well according to the super long-range forecast – NO SNOW! Which I for one am very thankful for.

Plenty of clearing/cutting back/weeding and preparation for another glorious year of gardening.

I hope we can get together again soon, until then

Happy gardening!

Claire

Message from Marilyn:

She has some Suttons seed catalogues. 50% discount on seeds and 15% on all other items. Please contact her on 01256 462584.



NEWSLETTER EDITORS
 Thanking Rachel Beresford Davies for being the *Newsletter's* one and only editor over recent months... work commitments mean a pool of new editors will be needed to establish a new rota system for the Spring onwards.
 Please let us know if you can help. Please contact Rachel, any member of the Parish Council or clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk

NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 5TH JANUARY

Remote meeting via Skype. Thanks to Chairman for hosting. Next scheduled meeting Tuesday 2nd March.

Present: all Parish councillors and clerk. Apologies received from PC Reid.

Highways and flood mitigation Hampshire Highways has a county-wide grip clearing programme running until the end of the financial year. The Parish Council has requested additions to the programme (though most of these are in Farleigh), see map adjacent. No dates scheduled but yellow scheme signs should appear on site when the work is imminent.

The Chairman has written to Cllr McNair-Scott requesting that she actively pursue with HCC the Parish Council's request (submitted via Highways) to clear the pond. The request has been forwarded to Operation Resilience but to date no schedule or funding commitment.

Pond bench Request received to relocate the pond bench. Following discussion, the Parish Council agreed unanimously that the current location is the most favourable for the benefit of the village as a whole.

Lengthsman tasks visit of 16th December.

1. Bus shelter: clean, clear of vegetation and leaves.
2. Strim around pond, hedge cut around footpath.
3. Clear silt and debris from gullies, road edges surrounding pond.
4. Clear grips into Southlea Meadow (noted no benefit in these grips being cleared by HCC, annual check from the Lengthsman is sufficient).

Pending dry weather jobs – Signpost by pond still needs painting (should be black and white). Other metal signs can be painted (plus legs straightened).

Please add to the list... next visit 6th March.

Woods Lane signs – As agreed with Hants Safer Roads, new traffic warning signs with yellow backing boards have been installed in Woods Lane. Agreed that the yellow backing makes the sign stand out and more noticeable. The second phase of the works is to paint solid white lines to help steer drivers' eyes into the bend, plus a hatched section before the corner.

Village gateways – Proposal to install Gateway features on Cliddesden's three main entrance roads (as most used by through traffic) – on Farleigh Road (N), Woods Lane, and Farleigh Road (S). The Gateways draw attention to place and impression of arrival – to impress upon drivers the experience of entering a Village and the need for care. To be achieved via HCC's Community-funded initiative, consultation required.

Greening Campaign promoted by Lucy Martins, BDBC Climate Change Officer:

'GREENING CAMPAIGN – OPPORTUNITY FOR TOWNS AND PARISHES... 'You may be interested in information about this effective and low cost way to engage your residents on climate change. Many communities across England are getting involved in this campaign...'

Case study from Herriard who have completed Phase 1 is on the Parish Council website. Agreed that this may be a good project for the school to lead on.

Precept request for 2021/22 of £8,886 submitted to BDBC as agreed at November meeting.

HIGHWAYS AND FLOOD MITIGATION

The Parish Council has requested grips and soakaways to the south of Cliddesden (most in Farleigh Parish) be included in HCC's 2020/21 grip-clearing programme (as map below). No dates have been scheduled but yellow scheme signs on site should hopefully indicate men at work.

1. FARLEIGH HILL
 21 grips / soakaways east side
 Majority between Otters Nursery and top of Farleigh Hill. All need clearing (only 2 part functioning)
 5 grips / soakaways west side
 All top half hill, all need clearing
 ALL LAST CLEARED WITH DIGGER BY CLIDDSDEN PARISH LENGTHSMAN SUMMER 2017 WHEN THE ROAD WAS CLOSED FOR 'VERGING'
 (Though almost all in Farleigh Parish)
URGENT REQUEST FOR HIGHWAYS TO CLEAR. MOST IMPORTANT IS TO CLEAR MOUTHS OF GRIPS TO ENABLE ACCESS FOR WATER FROM THE ROAD

2. CORNER - JUNCTION HACKWOOD LANE / NORTHGATE LANE
 Previously large soakaway, replaced by security ditches
 One grip dug in from Northgate Lane.
REQUEST TO CLEAR. MORE GRIPS NEEDED

3. POTENTIAL for new large soakaway in wide verge opposite entrance to Village Hall
REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE PLEASE

4. SUGGESTED POTENTIAL for small soakaway in this section Hackwood Lane (high care not to mine banks)

PHOTO AND MAP SIMON 2017

'GRIPS': Channels cut through a grass verge (specifically for the purpose of draining water away from the highway).'

GRIP CLEARING – REF HCC HIGHWAYS WINCHESTER
 'If there is a requirement to clear water off the highway and there is no positive drainage to do so, Highways will maintain a grip over the required distance to a ditch. Or depending on the site, create a grip over this length. There are times where a grip has nowhere to outfall water, eg higher ground next to highway, and so there is no other option but to create a 'grip dish' [soakaway] that allows water to be held off the highway and dissipate naturally. There are always sites that are out of the ordinary that require managing differently but the above applies in most cases.'

VILLAGE GATEWAY PROPOSAL

The Parish Council is considering 'gateway' features on main entrance roads to the village (those receiving the most through traffic). So on Farleigh Road approaching Southlea, Farleigh Road by Manor Farm, and near the top of the hill on Woods Lane.

'Gateways' are intended as entrance features to indicate to drivers that the nature of the road is about to change. This may be at the approach to a village; where a speed limit changes; at the start of a traffic calming scheme, or ideally a combination of these. Department for Transport research suggests they are most effective when complimenting other speed reducing measures.

Their installation has to be part of a Hampshire County Council scheme and they must comply with HCC safety and design specification.

Subject to this – and available space – choice of design should best reinforce the 'sense of place' of the Village and how best to impress upon drivers that they are entering a village environment, and so should proceed with care and modify their speed accordingly.

The Parish Council is seeking your views. Please contact any member of the Parish Council or email clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk.

A message suggested for the sign is 'WELCOME TO CLIDDESSEN, GATEWAY TO THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE DOWNS'.



PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/03441/HSE (Pending 19 December) 4 Hackwood Lane. Single storey front and rear extensions and loft conversion to include raising of the roof with roof lights and juliet balcony to rear elevation.

20/03197/PIP (pending 19 Nov) Land adjacent to 14 Hackwood Lane. Permission in principle for two new dwellings.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00039/21/TCA (Validated 18 Jan 2021) Sussex House, Farleigh Road. Cypress located in rear garden. fell to ground level and stump grind roots. Low amenity value, blocking light and affecting beech hedging and plants. Re-plant with one standard Magnolia Stellata within 3m of Cypress position.

MOTO OLD BASING [J6] APPLICATIONS

20/03130/FUL (Pending 04 Dec) Land at M3 Junction 6 from Junction 5 off Slip. Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke Motorway Service Area.

17/03487/FUL (Pending 2 Nov 2017) Land adjacent to Junction 6 M3, Construction of a new Motorway Service Area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive through coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

DUMMER [J7] APPLICATIONS

20/02586/FUL (Pending 28 Sept) Land At Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road, Dummer. Demolition of three dwellings, out-buildings and related structures and construction of a storage and distribution warehouse including mezzanine floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices (use class B1) within Plot 1 of the site, with associated infrastructure works including site access, parking provision, landscaping, site reprofiling, drainage works and diversion of underground pipeline.

20/02162/OUT (Pending 7 Aug) Land at Oakdown Farm, A30, Dummer. Outline planning application for the demolition of three dwellings, out-buildings and related structures and construction of commercial and industrial units including mezzanine floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices (use class B1), associated infrastructure works (including parking and landscaping), and full details of site levels, drainage and diversion of underground pipe-line. All matters reserved except for access arrangements.

NEW TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION

Hampshire's Local Transport Plan has set objectives, policies and strategy since 2001, last updated seven years ago.

Review is needed to consider the changed context of new technologies, the pandemic and increased focus on active lifestyles, and the challenges of climate change.

You are invited to influence the development of the emerging:

Vision What will our transport system look like in 2050?

Outcomes What are we trying to achieve in terms of climate change, economy, the environment and society?

Guiding Principles How we will change the way in which we plan and deliver transport?

This consultation only takes about 15 minutes to complete and is open until 28 February: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>

100 CLUB

Hello members: Due to present circumstances the draw was held at my house on 9th January 2021 monitored via Zoom video with the Beevers and James households. Here are the lucky winners:

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| 1st | 123 | Rosemary Mansbridge |
| 2nd | 307 | John Lord |
| 3rd | 144 | Caroline Gifford |

If you are not already a member of the 100 Club and fancy being a lucky winner please consider joining. It is an easy way of supporting our Village Hall while at the same time having a flutter. First prize is currently £37. Further details about joining as well as details for renewing subscriptions will appear in next month's newsletter.

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



Cliddesden Primary School

It has been a very unusual start to the spring term at Cliddesden Primary School. First, we heard from The Government that primary schools would remain open and then on the Monday evening came another announcement that there was a change of plans, and schools would close. We had to communicate with our parents and staff very promptly and also prepare for our new way of teaching via the internet.

The school has remained opened to the children of parents who are critical workers and those children who are deemed vulnerable. We have about 35% of our pupils on this list with around 30% in each day, as some are doing flexible or part time attendance. Each classroom is open and in use, and for break, lunchtimes and PE we have two bubbles EYFS/KS1 and KS2. Staff are in school.

I must take this opportunity to praise my staff. Not only are they constantly planning, preparing, recording, uploading, checking and delivering remote learning, they are also supervising and engaging the children that have returned to school under the criteria I mentioned. They are working as hard as ever and one must not forget we are in a very worrying time in terms of the pandemic in the south-east.

The children at home are enjoying and engaging in their remote learning and parents are doing their very best to support. This is a very new concept to both our teachers, children and parents. We are sure though, that our remote learning will evolve as everyone becomes more confident.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher



Basingstoke & District Disability Forum (BDDF) are excited to announce the dates for the next **Chineham and Sherfield Park Scarecrow Trail Summer 2021!** Last year's event was hugely popular and raised vital funds for BDDF. Noting we have taken the feedback onboard to run over a longer period. The event will take place over the first week of the school holidays, **24th to 30th July 2021**, with map sales available over the first weekend.

Please look out for details on our Facebook page on how to vote for this year's theme and how to sign up to be an entrant which will open later in the year.

We would welcome volunteers to help with the planning, organisation and execution of the event. Virtual meeting will take place on Thursday 18th February at 7pm. If you have skills to offer or time available to help us run this event, or simply a passion to get stuck in, please get in touch!

BDDF's services. Our weekly seated exercise for mobility and wellbeing; and Friday Teabreak club; are both free and take place online. Our Walking Club will resume once it is safe for us to do so; as will our courses to help

people use their personal IT devices. If you are interested in registering for any of these activities, please get in touch.

Disability Awareness Event. BDDF are preparing to host our annual Disability Information & Awareness Day virtually this year. If you are a charity who would like to be represented at this online event; or if you are a key speaker on issues affecting disabled people because of Covid_

Disability Signposting Services. Have a disability related issue or question? Don't know which way to turn? We will do our best to point you in the right direction, just let us know.

Get in touch & Keep up to date Please get in touch with regards to any of our updates via email info@bddf.org.uk or via Facebook Messenger.

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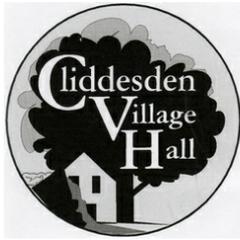
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From
Amanda,
Sarah, Ani &
the Trustees

A couple of snowy photos of The Drove (to fill a space!)





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