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Village Hall News

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A Happy New Year to everyone – I hope that you all have managed to have a good Christmas break celebrating with family and friends.

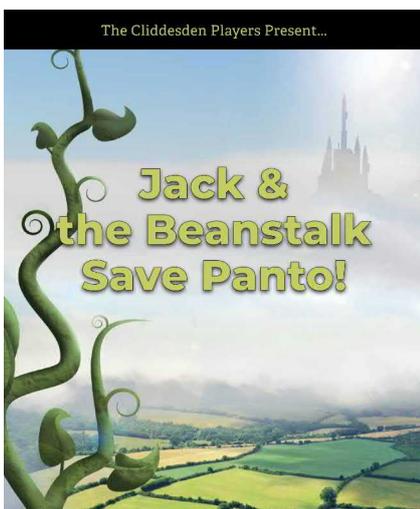
Thanks again to our brilliant **Cliddesden Players** with another great Panto – “Jack and the Beanstalk Save Panto!”. I know there will be a separate write-up so I won’t say any more except to offer my thanks on behalf of the Hall Trustees to the Players for such an enjoyable set of performances. Keep an eye out for photos on the Hall’s Facebook page.

The **100 Club** membership is due for renewal by the end of March. The 100 Club provides the Hall with a small but steady income to cover

maintenance and is especially valued in the current climate. With this in mind, now is a very good time to **join** or **increase** your membership. It is only £12 per ticket per year with the monthly first prize currently being in the order of £35-£40. Contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475944 or 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk for further details.

As always, remember to visit the Hall’s website at cliddesdenhall.org.uk and Facebook page at facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall for the latest news.

Greg Mendelsohn
 Village Hall Management Committee
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The Cliddesden Players Panto, 'Jack and the Beanstalk Save Panto', was a resounding success!

The Village Hall was filled with fun and laughter on 9th & 10th December as our audiences enjoyed the shows, booing the baddie, cheering the goodies, groaning at the jokes and giggling at the innuendos!

The Saturday evening performance sold out very quickly and our other shows had audiences of 100 -110, so many thanks to friends, family and locals who supported us so well.

As always, the Players had great fun at rehearsals and performing the shows and from all the messages we have received, it seems you all did, too!

We have to give a special **Thank you** to *Darren Capehorn* for writing the script, directing the shows, designing the set, as well as coming on stage as the back-end of a cow and a fluffy cloud!

Our other main **Thank you** goes to *Sue Griffiths* for her skill in hunting down hard-to-find costumes and props and then being the back stage manager making sure scene changes worked smoothly, the beanstalk grew and the characters flew up and down into the clouds - seamless (mostly)!!

Our Christmas Hamper Raffles, very kindly organised by Sue, made a staggering £603 split between the Village Hall and Sebastian's Action Trust.

The donations to Basingstoke Foodbank in exchange for a Panto programme came to £196.

The Panto profit from tickets, bar and refreshments was a huge £2,746.59!

Fantastic, what generous audiences.

So there's little left to say apart from a Happy New Year, stay well and safe, and see you at our Hall events next year. And definitely at the summer Play - 16th and 17th June 2023 - Save the Date Now!

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



3CG's latest project, kindly supported by our Parish Council, is to try to transform the grass verges along Station Road into ribbons of wildflowers 🌸 🌺 🌻 for pollinators 🐝 🦋 and create rich corridors for all kinds of wildlife to travel from area to area. At present grass and cow parsley dominate the sward so the addition of over 40 wildflower seed species should improve the diversity.

hand and carefully rolled into the exposed earth by Dave and his electric Citroën. All seed was collected locally throughout the spring and summer months and stored in paper sacks.

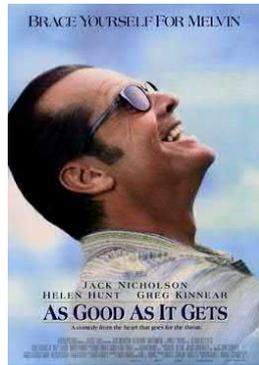
The verges were cut and scarified early December and the cuttings removed. Then the seed was sown by

As the Parish Council now has a cultivation licence we can maintain these verges sympathetically each year to encourage the plants to grow and naturally set seed. Some will flower late Spring, others may take a little longer! Keep your eyes open when walking through the lanes!



<p>Social and Entertainment Club</p> <p>Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall</p> <p><i>'You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening'</i></p>	
<p>The bar opens at 7.30pm and we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half way through during which ice creams and the bar are available. Admission is only £2 per person.</p>	

Thursday
5th January
As Good as it Gets
1997
147 minutes
Certificate 18



Thursday
2nd February
Florence Foster Jenkins
2016
110 minutes
Certificate PG



Romantic comedy-drama directed by James L. Brooks, The film stars Jack Nicholson as a misanthropic, bigoted, and obsessive-compulsive novelist, Helen Hunt as a single mother with a chronically ill son.

Took \$300 million at the box office on a \$50 million budget. 86% audience review score.

Nicholson and Hunt won the Academy Award for Best Actor and Best Actress.

Tragi-comic film directed by Stephen Frears (Dangerous Liaisons, The Lost King), It stars Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

It tells the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, an American Socialite who dreams of being an opera star. She became known, and mocked, for her flamboyant performance costumes and notably poor singing ability. One critic ranked her "the world's worst opera singer, no one, before or since, has succeeded in liberating themselves quite so completely from the shackles of musical notation."

Took \$300 million at the box office on a \$50 million budget.

Ranked 87% on Rotten Tomatoes

Ted Dowson

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This December we celebrated Christmas early, with our meeting being filled with quizzes and bonhomie. Then the members enjoyed a very enjoyable cold lunch with lots of savoury and sweet dishes to tempt the taste buds.

During the meeting, there were pledges of help from some members, to help our WI continue into 2023. Having celebrated our 100th anniversary in September, this is also a plea that to ensure Cliddesden WI's future, we also need new members.

So we would give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and see how we entertain our members.

The next meeting is on January 16th. at 10.30 am. With quizzes and snacks.

Pat Doel

<p>100 Club</p>	
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Hello members

The draw for December was called at the Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on 12th December 2022. Here are the lucky winners

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|-----------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1 st | 123 | Rosemary Mansbridge |
| 2 nd | 307 | John Lord |
| 3 rd | 92 | Lesley Randall |

Congratulations

Best wishes for the New Year.

Next Coffee Morning 9th January – do pop along.

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100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk*

Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop & Ellisfield Horticultural Society

The three villages Gardening Club

Chairman: Steve Bowcutt, tel: 324707, email: stephen.bowcut@btinternet.com
Secretary: Marilyn Smith, tel: 462584, email: willow.ms@btinternet.com



Horticultural Society News for January 2023

Hello from Claire!
Seasons greetings!

Thank-you for being a part of our gardening family this last year, we look forward to sharing all things green with you in the next.

What's coming up – full reports on everything in the New Year!

26th January - Cliddesden Millennium Hall,
All about bulbs.

New members are always welcome, whether you are a keen gardener, or can't tell your pansies from your petunias.

Subscription is £10 per household per year, please email Steve Bowcutt on stephen.bowcutt@outlook.com.

Happy gardening!

Claire

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11am-12noon Term Time

Happy New Year

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th January

and

3rd, 10th, (not 17th as half term), 24th February

0 - 4 year old and their grown-ups

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

Cost: £2 donation per family



Contact:

Melanie (07833 528040) Claire (07757 498653)



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.

The next coffee morning is:

Monday 9th January.

Hope to see you there, all ages are welcome.

Gill (01256 359413)



NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3rd JANUARY

7.30pm, Village Hall.

Everyone welcome

Michael Gove: 'PLACING LOCAL COMMUNITIES AT THE HEART OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM'

Considering recent planning reform announcements, Council Leader Simon Bound circulated a letter from Michael Gove (dated 5th Dec) giving 'a more detailed briefing of what we are expecting in the updated Levelling Up Bill'.

The Secretary of State's comments most relevant to the Local Plan Update process, and borough housing numbers, include:

'The current system does not provide the right homes in the right places, and at its worst risks imposing ever more stretching housing targets that are out of touch with reality... Accordingly, I will set out the following approach in the upcoming National Planning Policy Framework prospectus:

'First, while I will retain a method for calculating local housing need figures, I will consult on changes. I recognise that there is no truly "objective" way of calculating how many homes are needed in an area, but I do believe that the Plan-making process for housing has to start with a number. This number should, however, be an advisory starting point, a guide that is not mandatory. It will be up to local authorities, working with their communities, to determine how many homes can actually be built, taking into account what should be protected in each area.

'Through the Bill we are seeking to introduce a duty for all local councils to produce a Design Code covering the same area as the Local Plan, which will set simple clear minimum standards... such as height, form and density.

'For those areas that would like to bring forward their own method for assessing housing needs, I will be clear on the exceptional circumstances under which they may do so, for example where a case can be made for unusual demographic and geographic factors. This will be made clear in an updated National Planning Policy Framework and guidance to the Inspector.

'We will end the obligation on local authorities to maintain a rolling five-year supply of land for housing where their Plans are up-to-date.

'In addition, I want to recognise that some areas have historically overdelivered on housing – but they are not rewarded for this. My plan will allow Local Planning Authorities to take this into account when preparing a new Local Plan, lowering the number of houses they need to plan for.

'[For] those with Local Plans at an advanced stage of preparation... I will also put in place transitional arrangements. Where authorities are well-advanced in producing a new Plan, but the constraints which I have outlined mean that the amount of land to be released needs to be reassessed, I will give those places a two-year period to revise their Plan against the changes we propose and to get it adopted. And while they are doing this, we will also make sure that these places are less at risk from speculative development, by reducing the amount of land which they need to show is available on a rolling basis (from the current five years to four).'

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/03290/FUL (Validated 16 Dec)
Land South of Myhaven, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 new dwellings and demolition of Newland Lodge.

22/03187/HSE (Validated 25 Nov)
4 Langdale Rise. Installation of solar panels to flat roof and east-facing pitched roof.

22/02909/HSE (Pending 31 Oct)
Swallick Cottage, Alton Road. Part single, part two storey rear extension.

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

22/02233/HSE (Pending 09 Aug)
27 Southlea. Home workshop/office/playroom; new access, entrance gates.

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 (Pending 21 Feb)
11 Woods Lane. Development of one detached and pair of semi-detached dwellings with access and landscaping.

APPEALS

21/02118/FUL Land Adjacent to Millars Cottages, Station Road. Erection of one detached 1.5 storey dwelling.

Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/22/3302809 (start date 24 October).

21/01321/RET Faerie Meadow 14 Hackwood Lane. Change of use to residential garden.

Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/22/3302126 (start date 14 Sept – lead case).

21/03638/RET Faerie Meadow 14 Hackwood Lane. Retention of a domestic outbuilding.

Appeal ref APP/H1705/W/22/3302127 (start date 14 Sept – linked case).



Basingstoke and Deane

Addressing the December BDBC Cabinet meeting, the Council Leader said...

'It is important to put on record that we welcome the recent announcement by the Secretary of State for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, to put local decision-makers back in charge.

'We are currently going through the process of establishing our real local need for homes, and are pleased to see that constraints – like the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) – will now be recognised. The AONB in practice restricts development in about one third of the borough. I'm glad the Secretary of State supports our long-held belief that local people are best placed to decide on development in their area. We have 12 Neighbourhood Plans and are grateful to the Parish Councils who support this important activity that keeps localism alive. Central Government are right to put this emphasis back into the planning process.

'The devil will be in the detail... We of course await the detailed guidance which will assist us prepare for the vital processes of reviewing our need for homes, reviewing the sites, and implementing much needed new planning policies.'

HEDGES ADJACENT TO THE HIGHWAY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Please bear in mind that if you own a hedge which abuts the highway you are legally responsible for ensuring that it does not encroach onto the road or footpath.

Outgrowing hedges can be a particular problem on narrow roads where people commonly walk, and at junctions where sight lines are affected.



HEDGES FOR WILDLIFE

The RSPB recommends late winter cuts for berry bearing hedgerows in order to allow wildlife to consume what is a vital food resource for them. Rather than cut all sides of the hedge each year, cutting on a rotation scheme of some description to suit the hedge in question is a much preferred option for wildlife as it provides a richer crop of fruit which helps them through the autumn and winter and provide better nesting habitat.

The RSPB book Gardening for Wildlife (Adrian Thomas) says: 'Many hedges, bushes and trees will be harbouring insects and their eggs throughout the winter, or will bear all kinds of fruit. These can mean the difference between life and death for many resident birds and winter visitors.'

'Even some berries like Firethorn, which are less popular with the birds, will be used as late as February, once the more sought-after berries have already been taken.'

'If you can wait until late winter to do the pruning, when plants are dormant anyway, you can give your garden wildlife the best chance at making the most of all that good food before things start coming to life again in the spring.'

See also

rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/gardening-for-wildlife

NOTES ON HIGHWAYS, TREES AND HEDGES, AND LAND OWNERSHIP

'THE HIGHWAY' DEFINITIONS

Meaning of 'highway' at common law 'A highway is a way over which there exists a public right of passage, that is to say 'a right for all Her Majesty's subjects at all seasons of the year freely and at their will to pass and repass without "without let or hindrance".'

A highway may be dedicated, subject to certain restrictions or obstructions; and it may be limited to a recognised class of traffic. The right to 'pass and repass' is a form of legal right known as an easement.

Highways Act 1935 'Though the term highway is popularly used to refer to roads, its legal definition covers any public road, track or path. Historically, a highway, which was also referred to as "the King's highway", was defined as a public passage for the use of the sovereign and all his or her subjects. The Highway Act 1835 defines highways as "all Roads, Bridges (not being County Bridges), Carriageways, Cartways, Horseways, Bridleways, Footways, Causeways, Churchways and Pavements".'

nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/public-rights-of-way

Grass verges 'Lanes and rural roads often have wide grass verges but these are as much part of the highway as the Tarmac.'

mogersdrewett.com/hedges-verges-boundaries

MAINTENANCE OF ROADSIDE HEDGES AND TREES

The responsibility for hedges and trees is that of the landowner.

The Highways Act 1980, Section 154 – Cutting or felling etc. trees etc. that overhang or are a danger to roads or footpaths.

'(1) Where a hedge, tree or shrub overhangs a highway or any other road or footpath to which the public has access, so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, or obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers of vehicles or the light from a public lamp, or overhangs a highway so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of horse-riders, a competent authority may, by notice either to the owner of the hedge, tree or shrub or to the occupier of the land on which it is growing, require him within 14 days from the date of service of the notice so to lop or cut it as to remove the cause of the danger, obstruction or interference.'

'For the purposes of this section

"hedge, tree or shrub" includes vegetation of any description.

'competent authorities'... [includes] a local highway authority.'

LAND OWNERSHIP

'Roads, Pavements and Verges' according to Land Registry

'As a general rule Land Registry title plans do not show roads, pavements or grass verges outside of a building or parcel of land. However, there is a legal presumption in common law that the property fronting onto the road includes ownership of the paving, grass verge and road to the mid-point thereof. This presumption can be rebutted by evidence to the contrary. Such evidence, where it exists, is usually found within the title register or deeds to the property.

'It is the case that all non-private roads have been adopted by the local authority, who enter into an agreement and bond with the developer or builder of the property. This means that the local authority maintain the surface of the paving, grass verge and road, but so far as ownership of the sub-surface is concerned the owner of the abutting house or land (called the "frontager") is in actuality the owner of it.

'It is the practice of Land Registry to outline on the title plan in red ink the property owned, but to exclude therefrom the fronting pavement, grass verge and road. The only way to be sure who the owner is (whether the road is adopted or not) is to search by plan; usually the title plan for the property itself. . as a result of the Land Registry identifying the land from the documents you provided.'

landregistry-titledeeds.co.uk/frequently-asked-questions/information/map-search-land-with-no-address.asp

OAKDOWN FARM J7 WAREHOUSING APPEAL DISMISSED

Inquiry held on 18-21 October, site visit 21 October
Decision date: 15 December 2022

Extracts from the Inspectors' report

8. The main issues are:

- Effect of the proposed development on landscape character and appearance of the area; and
- whether or not the scheme includes infrastructure necessary, directly required, and related in scale and kind, to the proposed development.

12. [Character and appearance relates] to the site's landscape context, the setting of Basingstoke, its natural and cultural heritage, and the landscape and visual effects of the scheme.

13. At a local level the site lies within the Dummer and Popham Down [Landscape Character Assessment] LCA17.

15 LCA17 identifies a unifying element of this landscape as the dry valley within which the appeal site lies.

16. Although the site lies between the A30 and the M3 which have altered its field pattern, originally derived from the Parliamentary enclosures, it still maintains landscape features characteristic of the LCA17. These include mature tree belts particularly along the road corridors and at its north eastern edge, hedgerows along field boundaries and an undulating topography.

17. When viewed from the north and south the site is seen as an integral part of the surrounding landscape.



29. If allowed, the appeal scheme would sit as an outlier within LCA17, distinct from its open and arable character. It would have adverse impacts on the approach to and from the town.

32. ...Whilst the site does not lie in a valued landscape, the significance of the scheme's landscape effects are derived from its scale, massing and the extent of ground works required which introduce a form of development at variance with its established pattern.

34. These changes would have the greatest impacts on LCA17 and the site's 'Open Downs' character.

63. The greatest impacts would be for users of the network of footpaths and for residents of Dummer with rear gardens and windows facing the site. The scheme would adversely impact on the area's dark skies.

79. The appeal scheme would adversely impact on the landscape character and appearance of the area and conflicts with Policies EM1 and EP1(g). The appeal scheme does not adhere to the principles underpinning the adopted SPD [Supplementary Planning Document] relating to the integration of landscape with development.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT



Candovers Oakley and Overton Division
December 2022

1. Local government underfunding

Rob Humby, the leader of Hampshire County Council, has called on the Government to take urgent action to address the financial crisis facing upper tier local government over the next few years. A letter from Cllr Humby, and the Kent County Council Leader, Cllr Roger Gough – to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State – outlines the need for Government's immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within the next year or so.

Cllr Humby commented that: 'Both Hampshire and Kent are high-performing, financially well-run and long respected County Councils. However, we face budget deficits over the next few years of a scale that has never been seen before, but not of our own doing. Our budgets are now at breaking point. We have gone as far as we can to close the budget gaps... and there is nowhere left to go in future without severely impacting some of the most vulnerable in our society.'

The two leaders' request includes more annual funding to keep up with growing demand for adults and children social care services, or legislative changes to reduce the demands on these services; fully funding the social care reforms and more money for growth in special educational needs; as well as greater freedom and flexibility around setting council tax and charging for services, alongside legislative changes to help local government help itself.

2. Winter support Using its latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions, HCC will be investing more than £7 million in a wide variety of schemes and initiatives targeting households facing hardship, between now and March 2023. Details can be found on the website or by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk

hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities

3. Minerals and Waste Plan Update consultation

Hampshire's five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure an adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as protecting the local environment and address the impacts of climate change. The consultation asks for comment on local sites identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan. The consultation will close at 5pm on Tuesday 31 January.

hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update

4. Boundary Commission review of constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England have published their revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries.

boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/south-east

Best wishes for the New Year, Juliet
County Cllr Juliet Henderson

OPEN CONSULTATION – LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION BILL: REFORMS TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

PUBLISHED 22 DECEMBER 2022

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy

This consultation on proposals to update the National Planning Policy Framework is open until 2nd March.

'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'

In a first read of the online Consultation Document, it seems the wider objective is to prioritise house building, and to strengthen this position within the NPPF.

Chapter 2 discusses Policy Objectives in the LURB Bill – for good design and place making, securing infrastructure, more engagement with communities, better environmental outcomes, empowering communities to shape their neighbourhood... 'ALL THIS IS NEEDED TO DELIVER MORE HOMES...'

Excerpts below from the online Consultation proposals:

2.4. 'The Government remains committed to its manifesto commitment of 300,000 homes a year by the mid-2020s and is clear that every Local Planning Authority having a Local Plan in place is the best way of achieving this.'

4.1. 'This chapter is seeking your views on potential changes to the Framework and Planning Practice Guidance that will support our objective of a planning system that delivers the new homes we need....'

4.2. 'We propose making small additions to paras 1 and 7 of the existing Framework (the Introduction and Chapter 2 on Achieving Sustainable Development). These changes are intended to signal that **providing for necessary development** that is integrated with local infrastructure is a **core purpose of the planning system...**'

'...THE FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE REVISED TO BE CLEARER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR THE HOMES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED.'

Re the housing numbers calculation

There is no proposal for change to Government's 'standard method' for assessing housing need. The 'affordability uplift' in the calculation is not mentioned, the intention continues to use outdated census figures until 2024.

'4.16 The Government does not propose changes to the standard method formula or the data inputs to it through this consultation... The Government continues to use these data to provide stability, consistency and certainty to Local Planning Authorities. Once we have considered the implications of new 2021 Census-based household projections, planned to be published by the Office for National Statistics in 2024, the Government will review the approach to assessing housing need...'

4.8. 'Local authorities will be expected to continue to use local housing need, assessed through the Standard Method, to inform the preparation of their Plans; although the ability to use an alternative approach where there are exceptional circumstances that can be justified will be retained.'

Re exceptional circumstances

4.8 cont... 'We will, though, make clearer in the Framework that the outcome of the Standard Method is an advisory starting-point to inform Plan-making – a guide that is not mandatory – and also propose to give more explicit indications in planning guidance of the types of local characteristics which may justify the use of an alternative method, such as islands with a high percentage of elderly residents, or university towns with an above-average proportion of students.'

'We would welcome views on the sort of demographic and geographic factors which could be used to demonstrate these exceptional circumstances in practice.'

Para 4.9 makes three specific proposals for circumstances in which 'exceptional circumstances' will be considered:

1. Where building at unacceptably high densities is the only way to meet need in full.
2. Where building on Green Belt land is the only way of meeting need.
3. Past housing delivery. This considers only where local planning authorities have 'delivered more homes than were planned for **during the preceding Plan period.... [and] if permissions that have been granted exceed the provision made in the existing plan...**'

On the five-year housing land supply

The Consultation has potential for positive suggestions, including in Chapter 3 on 'Reforming the five-year housing land supply' and 'Boosting status of Neighbourhood Plans'.

'3.4. We propose to remove the requirement for local authorities with an up-to-date Plan (which in this case means where the housing requirement as set out in strategic policies is less than five years old), to demonstrate continually a deliverable five-year housing land supply. [Also] 3.5...we propose removing five-year housing land supply buffers from National Planning Policy in the future, [and] 3.7 We propose bringing our position on oversupply in line with that on undersupply, when calculating a five-year housing land supply.'

Re transitional arrangements

BDBC will not benefit from the lower land supply requirement until its Reg 18 (Draft Plan) Consultation.

4.17. 'Authorities can begin planning in line with these changes, should they be implemented following public consultation, in Spring 2023... For the purposes of decision-making, where emerging Local Plans have been submitted for examination or where they have been subject to a Regulation 18 or 19 consultation – which included both a policies map and proposed allocations towards meeting housing need – those authorities will benefit from a reduced requirement... a four-year supply of land for housing, instead of the usual five.'

The Parish Council will consider in more detail and awaits a response from BDBC. Further info in February Newsletter.



Winter is a magical time, with cold, crisp mornings and chilly starlit evenings.
Although it is often a tough time for birds and animals, there are lots of things we can do – and avoid doing – to help them out.

Some mammals (hedgehogs, dormice and bats) hibernate, drastically dropping their heartbeat and body temperature to reduce the need for food while it is scarce. Others (mice, badgers, foxes and the rest) put on weight in autumn, then hunker down and minimise activity when the weather is bad. Both groups need plenty of food in autumn, and both are appreciators of debris.

Sweep fallen leaves, fashioned into shelters, particularly at the base of hedges. Piles of rotting logs and stems will house insects and grubs to eat. You have full licence to ignore untidiness!



Hedgehogs, in particular, will appreciate a cosy place to hibernate.

No such hibernating luck for birds, which need to find sources of food and water all through winter. They need the most help of all wildlife, and a dependably stocked bird table can save many lives.

Provide high-fat foods: sunflower seeds, suet balls, peanuts in feeders, and niger seed for finches and siskins. Clean feeders regularly to avoid spreading disease.



Provide a bird bath and refresh water regularly.

Clean out nesting boxes now to get them ready for spring and so they can be used for roosting on cold nights.



The main hazard for winter pond life is a full freeze of the surface, which dramatically reduces oxygen levels in the water beneath. Float a ball in your pond, which will keep the water around it moving and help prevent freezing in all but the lowest temperatures. If the entire surface does freeze over, boil a saucepan of water and hold it on the ice to melt a hole. Make log piles and stack clay tiles in sunny spots near your pond, for overwintering frogs and toads.

Caring for our wildlife during the year will help ensure they thrive and continue to delight us.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year!



Robins, blackbirds and thrushes love fruit. There is plenty around now, but freeze windfalls and you will have a source of fruit to throw out on the lawn in late winter. Water is particularly hard to come by when temperatures drop, and if birds can't clean their feathers they become less waterproof and less able to keep warm.

Alison Mosson



Cliddesden Primary School



At the time of writing, we have just started to enjoy some of our Christmas festivities. Monday 5th December saw the return of a much loved Christmas tradition to Cliddesden Primary School. For the first time since December 2019 we welcomed the Salvation Army to school for an evening of carols and much fun was had by all. Staff, parents and children joined together in song accompanied by the rousing music of the Salvation Army's brass band.

In addition to the traditional 'Christmas Cracker' jokes, we were treated to a magic show by Major Ron M Smith who delighted and confounded us all in equal measure as he used his talents to show us the real magic of Christmas. Captain Jonathan Pitts explained the story of Christ's birth and, during the interval, we all enjoyed some non-alcoholic mulled wine (Mr Davies own recipe) and mince pies.

As part of the evening a collection was taken and we were proud to have raised £120 for the Salvation Army's work for those in need.



OH WHAT A NIGHT!!! What a great time we had at the Christmas disco. Think it is safe to say all the children had a great time, lots of laughter, dancing and smiley faces all round.

We are now looking forward to our spring disco.



In other news...

The whole school were treated to a visit from the Zamble African Dance Company. On a cold, windy November day, a taste of the African sun shone down on Cliddesden! Gaspard Sweetie taught each class an African Dance and Nii Amoah accompanied him on the Djembe. The dances required good coordination and lots of energy, and all the children participated fully with smiles on their faces. It was great to learn new dance techniques and experience West African culture.

After the workshops we all gathered in the Hall and each class performed their dance routine. Staff were then asked to perform, at the delight of the children. It was amazing to see how much they had learned in just one workshop.



On Friday 18th November 2022, we held a Be Bright, Be Seen day to raise awareness of the importance to being visible to others when we are using the roads. The children came to school dressed in their brightest and most reflective clothing and, as part of the day, also raised £100 for Children in Need. We were also very lucky to be visited by PCSOs Andy and Steph

who spoke to the children about the importance of being seen, cycle safety and explained how they keep safe in their work as well.



Throughout the autumn term, I have been delighted to teach the 'ukulele' to the year 1, 2, 5 and 6 children at Cliddesden Primary School.

The children's progress in their learning has been incredible! We have covered the following areas, with years 1 and 2 completing the first 7 steps and the years 5 and 6 learning them all:

1. learning where the ukulele originally comes from and what the word 'ukulele' actually means
2. learning the names of the different parts of the ukulele
3. learning the names of the strings
4. learning how to create different sounds on the ukulele (strumming, plucking, tapping)
5. learning how to strum using our thumb and first finger
6. playing simple melodies using open strings and plucking skills
7. playing ostinatos on open strings
8. learning how to play chords by pressing strings in the right places
9. playing and singing rounds using one or two chords
10. playing and singing songs using two or three chords
11. playing and singing along to the 'Corn Song', keeping time with the video as well as remembering when to change strings
12. learning how to perform to a high standard as a whole class

Parents and carers were able to attend the end of term ukulele concert which showcased the learning and beautiful music of all the children involved.

Mark Halls, (Hampshire Music Service teacher).



Sporting successes...

Cliddesden took part in the Basingstoke Schools Year 5/6 Basketball competition at The Vyne School for the first time.

Seven schools took part and the competition started with group stages. In our group we first drew with Bishopswood with 3 baskets each. After gaining our confidence and momentum we thrashed Merton by 7 baskets to 0. Our final group game was against Fairfields who we beat 4 baskets to 2.

This took us into a semi-final game with Marnel. It was a tougher

game but we managed to overcome our opponents by 3 baskets.

Then it was the final. We had to face reigning champions St Mary's. They were a tough team and overpowered us on the court, deservedly beating us.

Getting to the final was a great achievement by the children and they were awarded silver medals and we also won a trophy for the best placed small school. Well done to the Cliddesden Basketball Team.



We visited South View Juniors on a cold and foggy afternoon for the second stage of The Norman League. We beat all our opponents and currently sit top of the league. The season takes a break now until March but we will continue training and hopefully getting even stronger!



On Wednesday 23 November, our netball team travelled to Kempshott Junior School to play their first match in this year's league. The children were full of nerves as they stepped onto the court, this would prove to be unfounded. We played seven 5 minute games with an overall resounding win of 21-2. They played well as a team and were gracious winners. Now onto our next game playing for a chance in the semi finals at Russell Howard Park in March.

To find out more about our school, please visit our website: Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

Paula Lavender



Wondering how to bring some sparkle into the New Year?

Book you and your family tickets to the Basingstoke Gang Show returning to The Haymarket for its 28th vibrant variety show in February.

The gang have been working incredibly hard since early September with each of the 66 cast members attending over 200 hours of rehearsals, a total of 13,000 hours across the cast of 8 to 20 year olds. That's a lot of time creating expectations which are deeply valued, learning skills for

life, making new friendships and getting ready to put on an award winning variety show!

With a production of classic to contemporary performances showcasing the very best of local talent in the Scout & Guide associations; you can expect to be delighted by the 16 acts lasting 2.5 hours. 43 years since the first show went on stage at the Haymarket theatre in Basingstoke. Basingstoke Gang Show is recognised as the longest lasting show that performs in our community. Where we have entertained and brought joy, laughter and happiness to 84,000 people!

The power of volunteering is central to the success of our show, with 77 adults who volunteer to help. Over 15,000 hours of volunteers time is invested in many activities such as creating 500 costumes, but most important is to

support and inspire the children and young adults in our amazing cast.

Interested? Book your tickets now to experience this feel-good family show at The Haymarket.

Dates are Thursday 9th to Saturday 18th February 2023, excluding Sunday 12th. Matinee performances are also on Saturday 11th and 18th February.

Ticket prices: Adults £22.00, Children £15.00. Last night (Saturday 18th) all seats £24.

Group Booking Discount buy 10 or more tickets and get £1 off each ticket if booked by 15th January 2023. One discount only, per booking.

Book tickets here: anvilarts.org.uk/whats-on/event/basingstoke-gang-show

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