



### Village Hall News

Those of you who have been to the Hall recently will have spotted a good deal of activity now going on at the side of the Hall related to the build of our new storage building. It all started on time on 24th September and we are very pleased and excited that it is progressing so well. The groundworks and foundations are complete and the building work is now above ground as can be seen in the picture. It has also had its first inspection from the Local Planning Office and all is in order.

We appreciate the continuing patience of the regular groups whilst the build continues and would like to remind all Hall users to take extra care whilst on the Hall grounds during the build, keeping an eye out for heavy lorries and in particular keeping a close eye on the young and less able. Also, whilst we do seem to have some unseasonably good weather, any wet weather is going to increase the amount of mud left on the carpark, so please watch out for this and clean shoes on entry to the Hall so we can keep the internal floors up



to the condition we have become accustomed to.

Obviously this new facility comes at a cost, fortunately largely covered by a number of very generous grants from The Basingstoke & Deane Local Infrastructure Fund, The Veolia Environmental Trust and The Hampshire County Council Community Building Capital Fund. None the less, fund raising continues so that we can cover the costs of some of the internal works.

As previously reported, one of the fund-raising initiatives was to put new personalised tiles up in the Hall's lobby and we are very pleased to report that so far this has brought in approximately £700 with a few further orders pending. As previously, our thanks go to Tracey at Pots-to-Doodle-Do for producing the tiles at cost and to Eddie and Ken for putting them up.

Hot off the press is news of a very successful social event that has brought in another £700 or so – Cliddesden's first Skittles Night. Great fun was had by all ages and a fuller report can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. The Trustees thanks



go to Darren and Jo for organising it and to their team for making it such fun. Perhaps this can become an annual event?

Less related directly to the Hall but of interest to the village as a whole is news that the Will Hay Appreciation Society held its annual 'Will Hay Day' event at the Hall, marking 80 years since Hay's most well-known film 'Oh, Mr. Porter!'. For those of you who don't know, the film was described by The Times as being "a comic masterpiece of British cinema" and was about the fictional Buggleskelly Station, scene of a big train crash, all filmed at our own old railway station. The event went very well with the Society presenting a commemorative bench to the village, sited in the Hall grounds.

Finally, a date for your diaries – then next Cliddesden Panto will be held on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December. More information elsewhere.

As always, please visit the Hall's website, [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, photos and events at the Hall.



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# Christmas Fayre

REFRESHMENTS  
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
SANTA'S GROTTA  
ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL THE FAMILY  
Sunday 25th November 2018  
11am-2pm  
Cliddesden Millennium Hall

FREE ENTRY

PROCEEDS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN  
CLIDDESSEN MILLENNIUM HALL &  
LORDSFIELD SWIMMING CLUB

To book a stall, please call Alison Hood  
on 07919 4185 51

## 100 Club

Hello members

The draw for October was called at the Coffee Morning on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Here are the lucky winners:

1st 422 Hilda Small

2nd 69 Doreen Ilsley

3rd 160 Betty Rapley

Congratulations

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

*The Cliddesden Players present...*

The poster features a dark purple background with a radial pattern of lighter purple lines emanating from the center. In the center, there is a large, stylized illustration of a chocolate factory worker in a white uniform and hat, surrounded by various chocolate candies and pieces of chocolate. The title 'ESCAPE FROM THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY' is written in large, white, distressed, block letters, with 'ESCAPE' and 'FROM' on separate lines above 'THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY'.

# ESCAPE FROM THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Written by Emily Golborn

**Friday 7th / Saturday 8th December**  
**Cliddesden Village Hall**

Friday 7th 8.00pm (Doors 7.30pm) / Saturday 8th Matinee 2.30pm (Doors 2.00pm)  
Evening 8th Carols at 7.00pm (Doors 6.45pm) / Show 8.00pm

Tickets: Adults £9.00 / Children (2-16) £2 Friday & Matinee, £5 Saturday night  
Contact: Angie 01256 475848

Licensed bar available + hot refreshments at evening shows

**Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop &  
Ellisfield Horticultural Society**  
The three villages Gardening Club

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



Hello from Claire!

Hopefully you won't find your kitchen/conservatory/hallway inundated with pots from the garden, but certainly it's now time to start 'putting the garden to bed'. I must admit to being quietly chuffed, this year I've managed to reclaim 2/3's of a long-neglected vegetable patch, and it is dug, manured, and covered with weed suppressant ready for the spring. Only the last 1/3 to go!

My gem of wisdom gleaned from the pages of Gardener's Magic and Other old Wives' Lore (Bridget Boland) is also about bringing plants indoors: 'Other beneficent herbs would be strewed over the rushes on the floors, along with such more practical things as pennyroyal (mentha pulegium) to deter fleas. If Queen Elizabeth I were coming on a Progress, the wise householder would be careful to strew much meadowsweet, which she was known to value above all, though possibly more for its scent than for its other virtues.'

Whether or not our own Queen Elizabeth II is as fond of meadowsweet I'm afraid I cannot comment. However, the meadows we saw pictured at our last lecture of the year were certainly very sweet.

**SEPTEMBER 26TH** – Ellisfield Memorial Hall – 745pm - 'Traverse of the Alps – 450 mile hike from Lake Geneva to Nice by Carol Watson.

Despite having a very low attendance we had a lovely evening with Carol. From previous experience we knew her talk would not only be informative, but also entertaining, and peppered with her own personal anecdotes about her adventures.

The Alps in Summer are stunningly beautiful, remarkably NOT covered in snow, and the variety of wild orchids and geraniums to name but two species, was incredible. With Carol's eye for photography we were treated to dramatic landscapes and views, as well as close ups of the flora.

This was our last lecture of the year, and a lovely way to round things off.

We sincerely hope to welcome Carol back again with one of her other talks.....possibly the Great Wall of China??

#### **WHAT'S COMING UP?**

**NOVEMBER 29TH** – Cliddesden Village Hall – 745pm  
AGM - Social Evening and Quiz

The AGM is for members only.

New members are welcome to come along and join on the night. Membership is £8 per household, per year. No entry charge for the AGM.

Wine/soft drinks and food available – donations please. Please let your local committee member know if you are attending by 14th November for catering purposes.

Bring your best gardening brains with you to the AGM this year! As well as the usual reports, messages, food, and wine, we're going to get you to think.

One of our committee members is stepping down, so there is a vacancy opening up. If you would like to be more involved in the organisation of the Horticultural Society let one of the committee know. Apart from the lectures and shows your commitment is to attend committee meetings approx. every 2 months.

For more information please contact either Marilyn (01256 462584) or Steve (01256 324707)

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## INSPIRING WOMEN

At our September meeting we were joined by members of Hatch Warren, Oakley and Kempshott WIs to help celebrate our 96th birthday. Our speaker was Hilary Strong who gave us a fascinating talk about her life working behind the scenes in the theatre and entertainment including being in charge of organising and running The Edinburgh Fringe for a number of years. She had met and worked with many famous names during her career. Hilary is now a director of the company Making Theatre Gaining Skills which helps a wide range of people who are unemployed due to disability, social isolation, mental health problems or learning difficulties to build their confidence and learn new skills.

After Hilary's talk we got down to the serious business of eating all the lovely food that our members brought along to celebrate our birthday meeting - washed down with some Pimms!

It was time for a good chat and catch up and we were pleased that some of our guests walked away with a raffle prize or two.

In October we had a 'Show and Tell' evening when Tricia Jones brought along all the pretty silver jewellery, including earrings and 2 pendants which she had made at Denman College. She explained the various methods she had used to create this beautiful jewellery including other items which I must not mention as they are destined for others. Shhh!

Pat Doel also gave us an insight into her course on Creative Writing she attended at

Denman and Tricia read the first couple of pages of the book she has written. I will look forward to reading it when it is published - it should be very good if the first part is anything to go by.

We enjoyed a Ploughman's supper whilst all this was going on followed by our pudding competition, Chocolate Gateau, Tiramisu, Mars Bar and Cherry Trifle and Lemon Cheesecake. All were delicious and it was a very close call to pick a winner which I'm almost embarrassed to say was me!

Next meeting                      15th November

A demonstration of  
Christmas Floral Arrangements by Pat Doel

If you would like to join us for the evening you are most welcome.

Diane Rampton

01256 467533

## Church Services for November

**Sunday 4th November: 9.45am :** Holy Communion (Common Worship).

**3.00pm** Bereavement Remembering Service at St Mary's Preston Candover

**Sunday 11th Nov 10.55am:** Remembrance Service at All Saints Dummer

**Sunday 18th Nov 11.15am:** Family Service

**Saturday 24th Nov 6.00pm:** Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sunday 2nd December 9.45am :** Holy Communion (Common Worship)

## Police Report

I start this month with an appeal for any information or witnesses regarding two house burglaries that occurred on 28th September between midnight and 6.30 am in Southlea, Cliddesden. Whilst it is very rare to have night time burglaries, there appears to be a similar pattern forming with houses broken into in both Whitchurch and Overton where premises have been found unlocked by the criminals.

I ask anyone in Cliddesden if you have any CCTV if you can please check it for the appropriate times above and see if there is anything suspicious. We know the burglar(s) walked around various homes that night checking doors and windows. If he/they called on you can you please give me a call direct.

Partly for this reason I wish to inform all residents that in consequence of the recent spate of burglary crimes across our area that on **Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7 pm** I will be holding a **'Crime Prevention Evening' at the Village Hall in Preston Candover** for residents all across our area. This is the third event and follows extremely successful evenings at Mapledurwell and Herriard. The agenda will include practical advice and literature on all aspects of home security, security of outbuildings, sheds / garages, locks, alarms, lighting, foliage etc. All things you can do to make life difficult for intruders and criminals.

A representative from Hampshire Trading Standards will also be attending providing advice and literature on protection against scams, nuisance calls, cold callers to your home, protection from door step criminals and measures to protect the vulnerable within our communities. To also include your rights after purchasing goods, and registered tradesmen that have been vetted and can be trusted to do your work. Please do come and learn more on how to help protect your home and property.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Preston Candover Parish Council who will be supplying free tea and coffee and the Village

Hall Committee for the use of the hall. Many thanks and hope to see as many as possible on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We have also had a ewe sheep mauled by a dog off the byway between Cliddesden and Swallick between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2018, sadly the ewe had to be destroyed as a result of the injuries received. I again ask all dog owners when near any livestock to please put your dog on a lead, frequently I here "*my dog wouldn't chase sheep*". Sadly it may. This ewe suffered considerably before having to be put down, please don't take the risk. Please also be aware that if a dog is caught in the act of livestock worrying on farm land it can be shot on sight. The owner of the sheep told me that there is considerable fall out from this as she was a pedigree animal (estimate £300 to replace). The ewe is however, irreplaceable as the owner has now lost this blood line and they try and run a closed flock, reducing the chances of bringing disease into the flock. The owner cannot therefore just bring in one 'random' ewe into the flock! The ewe was at the peak of her breeding age and the owner has also lost the value of her lambs which were also Pedigree. The owner only had the four Hampshire ewes which took a considerable time to find. There are also additional costs such as veterinary fees as well as the loss and distress caused to both the ewe and her owners.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 two men in a silver Ford Transit Connect (the Escort van size van for those that remember Escorts), registration LO12 T\*\* was cold calling in Preston Candover offering to do garden work. A resident paid a lot of money for work to be done. I urge all residents please **do not employ** door to door cold calling salesmen to do work for you, please contact Hampshire Trading Standards who have professional tradesmen THAT HAVE BEEN VETTED, we know are honest and do work to a high standard for the correct price.

Many thanks as always, and if you can assist within any crime with information please do give me a call direct.

Andrew REID, Local Constable  
Tel: 01256.389050, Mob 07768.776844  
andrew.reid@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

**Don't miss out on THE Festive event of the season..... the Singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas! And just before that**

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**The 2018 Cliddesden Players' Pantomime: 'Escape from the Chocolate Factory! ' Friday 7<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

This year's exciting, hilarious, heart-warming panto is written by our talented Director, Emily Golborn, and takes us on a return journey to Willy Wonka's magical Chocolate Factory. Meet up with some of the original characters – Verruca Salt, Mike Teevee, Augustus Gloop, Charlie Bucket and, of course, Willy Wonka himself.

Marvel at the unbelievable sights, sounds and amazing smells of the factory. Yes, unbelievable!

As always, the Cliddesden Panto will dazzle you with its special effects, wonderful costumes, corny jokes, innuendoes and crossing dressing.

But back to the plot –

Why has Charlie gone back? Is he still as warm hearted as ever and are the other children still greedy and spoilt or have they learnt their lesson? Is Willy Wonka as kind and caring as he at first appears? And is love in the air or is it only the smell of chocolate? Will it all come to a sticky end?

Our fame has now spread beyond the boundaries of the parish so tickets sell faster

than hot mince pies, so reserve your seats quickly and join in the fun and laughter!

Evening shows at 8.00pm with Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

"Carols round the Tree" 7.00pm Saturday only.

Licensed Bar & hot refreshments available at evening shows + mulled wine on Saturday evening!

Matinee refreshments organised by the Brownies.

**Tickets:** Adults £9.00, Children (U16) Friday & Matinee £2 Saturday evening £5

Please advise if a wheelchair user.

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

## Regular weekly events at the Village Hall

### Art Classes

Tuesdays - 12pm and 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesdays - 10-12pm and 1-3pm

**ATWAS Drama Group** for 8-15 year olds

Fridays - 4.5.30pm

[maz.pennington@gmail.com](mailto:maz.pennington@gmail.com) for further details

### Brownies

Tuesdays 5-6.15pm

### Coffee Morning

2nd Monday of each month 10.30-12pm

### Zumba

Mondays - 7.00-8.00 (7.45-8.45 from Jan 2019)

Wednesdays - 7.30-8.30

## Cliddesden Bowled Over With Its First Skittles Evening

Saturday 13th October saw the Village Hall transformed into a sporting venue for a skittles evening – organised by Jo and Darren Capehorn, and ably supported by a host of ‘games ambassadors’ in the shape of Mark Capehorn, Nicola Begent, Sue Griffiths, Simon Pennington, Andy Fewster and Julie James.

The event attracted 17 teams of four athletes each competing for the honour of being crowned team champions – an honour which eventually went to the four-person ‘Taste The Rainbow’ team, who left their best to last, ‘stealing’ victory in the last round. In truth that team comprising Mark and Thomas Barden, and Chris and Mia Sandle, summed up the beauty of an event in which age and/or experience were no benefit or handicap. I won’t guess at their age-spread, but will say that Thomas and Mia had the highest individual scores in that team!

We had a few examples of villagers failing to hit even one of the nine skittles with their three balls. However, they got so much ‘stick’ on the night that I won’t name and shame them here – but suffice to say Tracy’s pots (-to-doodle-do) are quite safe if Mike decides to start throwing wooden balls at them!

In addition to the team event we had a prize for the best individual score, shared between Katie James (of the confusingly named ‘And In Last Place’ team) and David Tilley (of the ‘Woods Lane Warriors’ team). The evening was closed off with an all-in game of ‘killer’, which was (eventually) won by Carina Barker’s dad, Alan! Who says this village doesn’t welcome outsiders?

The ticket, drink and food sales have resulted in a £704 profit – a really fantastic result, which will help enormously with kitting out the inside of the new storage facility at the Hall.

All in all a great and fun event for bringing the village out in force, and based on feedback received it may

well make a return next year – if only to ensure that two failed pantomime dames don’t get to hold onto the prestigious title of ‘Cliddesden Skittles Champions’.

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## Southlea Meadow Planning Appeal Hearing: An Update

The Public Hearing held to consider the Appeal lodged by Thakeham Homes, in respect of their rejected planning application to construct 40 houses, has taken place at the Council offices.

The Appeal Hearing extended over two days (9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> October) and included a site visit by the Inspector, accompanied by the interested parties, at the end of the second day. The views of the village, expressed by the residents in their letters of objection, were presented by the Parish Council and specialist Planning and Flooding Consultants appointed to speak on our behalf. In addition further representations were made by local residents attending the Hearing.

The Planning Inspector has now retired to consider the submissions made by Basingstoke District Council, the Village team and by Thakeham Homes and a decision is expected in approximately 6-8 weeks’ time.

Thanks are due to everyone who attended the Hearing, contributed to the fund raising effort and submitted letters of objection to the Inspector.

The Hearing illustrated the importance the development of the Neighbourhood plan will have in determining the village’s future.

**Social and Entertainment Club**  
**Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall**  
*'You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening!'*

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.



**Thursday 1 November** - *"The Anderson Tapes"* (1971)

Certificate 15, 95 minutes

***The Anderson Tapes*** is an American crime caper directed by Sidney Lumet, starring Sean Connery and featuring Dyan Cannon, The screenplay was written by Frank Pierson, scored by Quincy Jones and marks the feature film debut of Christopher Walken.

The film has comic aspects which work without reducing the suspense of a crime thriller.

**Thursday 6 December** - *"Going in Style"* (2017)

Certificate 12, 94 minutes

A comedy heist film starring Directed by Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin, Matt Dillon, Ann-Margret, Christopher Lloyd

***Going in Style*** is a 2017 American heist comedy film directed by Zach Braff and written by Theodore Melfi. The Three main stars team up as lifelong friends in this remake of 1979 heist comedy film of the same name.

Starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Alan Arkin, Joey King, Matt Dillon, Christopher Lloyd, Ann-Margret and John Ortiz, and follows a trio of retirees after their pensions are cancelled.

It received mixed reviews from critics and grossed \$84 million worldwide against its \$25 million budget.

The 1979 Original seems to have been a much darker and more serious look at old age.

**You'll be sure of a warm welcome and a great evening at the cinema without adverts, rustling crisp packets, buckets of smelly popcorn, and slurping coke cups.**

Screenings take place in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall. The bar opens at 7:30pm (please don't arrive too early as we need time to set up the equipment), we start at 8pm. There is an intermission half-way through during which ice creams are available and the bar is open.

Subscription is only £2 per person per evening, with no membership fee. *Please do remember to pay at the bar.*

All our films are suggested by members; please suggest your own favourites or films that you missed and would still like to see.

*Ted Dowson*

## CLIDDESSEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

So here we are, the start of a new academic year at Cliddesden Primary School and all the children have settled in well to their classes. A sporty start to the year and not only is it noticeable how many events we are now entering but for such a small cohort, we compete well and have seen many successes over the past year. What is most noticeable is how the children play as a team and support and encourage each other showing the true ethos of our school.

### Year 4/5 Football Tournament



Our Under 10s football team (Years 4 and 5) took part in a Basingstoke schools football tournament. It was the first time that they had played for the school and we

are very proud that they reached the quarter finals.

### Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Friday 28th September our Year 5 and 6 football team took part in the annual 'Small Schools' football tournament at Wide



Lane, Southampton. Schools with less than 150 pupils on roll from around the county took part.

We played 9 games in total, each lasting 8 minutes. Overall we finished 6th in the group out of 10 teams. In each game we showed determination and left the tournament with our heads high.



### Year 5/6 Tag Rugby League

Our Year 5/6 rugby team had a great start to the first stage of the Norman Tag Rugby League. They played two

games at Hatch Warren Juniors who hosted the first meet. Both our games were close and we are aware that the competition is of a high standard this year.



### Oak Class visit SEARCH

On Wednesday 19th of September, Oak class visited SEARCH in Gosport. SEARCH

is a natural museum about extinct animals and our natural world. Oak studied the animals and insects as well as rocks. They explored a fossil exhibit with a fun quiz about dinosaurs that lived at Gosport millions of years ago! By Quinn

### KS1 and Year 3 Drama Workshop

Basingstoke Perform came to Cliddesden at the end of September for a free Drama workshop. The children "took part in a Perform drama, dance and singing workshop - a unique mix of activities designed to bring out every child's true potential."

### Harvest Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated food products for 'Harvest Celebration' this year.



The Year 6 pupils set up stalls to sell the bread, fruit and cakes in our 'Harvest Sale' whilst the Year 5 children helped our younger children with their shopping. All tins and packet foods were taken to the food bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The sale raised a pleasing £159.42 which we will give to the charity 'Farm Africa'.



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

*Paula Lavender*

## Facebook Group

We all want a better future for our countryside and the people who live in it.

The Government is pushing for ever more housing and development but **Neighbourhood Plans** offer a means to manage or at least influence / shape this development at a local level. Local people know best what local needs are and how they can be met. A key component of the new approach to planning is the **Neighbourhood Plan**. **This new type of plan means that local communities can come together to shape the future of their area.**

Our Village Design Statement (2004) is a guide and we will use this as a basis for the **Neighbourhood Plan** which will provide a powerful opportunity for you to have more influence on how the place in which you live and work will change over time. Your local knowledge, and your sense of what needs to be protected and what needs to change, can really make a difference. **We're holding an Open Day at the village hall on 24 November.**

**It is essential that everyone makes their views known and the steering group wishes to engage with as**

**many people as possible to reflect desired outcomes and keep them updated on progress.**



### **Hence the creation of the CLIDDESSEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FACEBOOK GROUP**

Social media is just one of the ways in which we can engage with you and give out ongoing important information and notices so please join our Face-Book group and share your opinions and ideas.

There are certain stages we must go through – consultation with residents, submission, independent examination, referendum and adoption. If the referendum supports our **Neighbourhood Plan**, then B&DBC must adopt it as part of the overall development plan (which includes the Local Development Plan). Once adopted, policies from the **Neighbourhood Plan** will be taken into account when planning applications are determined. **So you can see how important this is!**

NP Steering Group members: Mark Gifford, Brian Karley, Alison Mosson and Su Turner



# HAVE YOUR SAY!

HELP SHAPE the FUTURE of  
YOUR VILLAGE

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN "OPEN DAY"

*in the VILLAGE HALL*

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**11am until 3pm**

**Cliddesden needs your views –  
please drop in for coffee and share them  
with us!**



Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group