



CLIDDESSEN MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL

Reminders & dates

VILLAGE HALL AGM 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th March
Please join us, hear about what is going on, and maybe get involved.

100 Club

A reminder that 100 Club subscriptions are due by the end of March. There are a good number of new people in the village so if you are one of them, how about this easy way to connect with the Hall and stand a chance of winning in the monthly draw? Tickets cost only £1 per month with half the money raised going to the Hall and the remainder paid out monthly in the form of three prizes.

Go on – get one each and one for the dog! Contact Rose Beevers on 01256 475 944 or via 100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk to join, renew or increase your holding.

The Skittles evening is on 7th March, but as testimony to how enjoyable the last one was, this is now sold out!

The Cliddesden Players' summer play 12th and 13th June

As with the Christmas Panto, the summer play is always a great evening with the added attraction of a BBQ before the Saturday performance. Be ready to grab your tickets as soon as they are advertised as, like the Panto and Skittles, they always sell quickly.

On the subject of getting involved...

If you are interested in arranging any new clubs or events at the Hall just drop us a mail at events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

In addition the current clubs are always more than welcoming to new members so if any take your fancy then again contact us via events@cliddesdenhall.org.uk and we'll put you in touch.

Or if you are interested in becoming a Trustee and joining us and becoming part of the behind-the-scenes but important team then send a mail to volunteering@cliddesdenhall.org.uk.

Finally, remember to visit the Hall's website at www.cliddesdenhall.org.uk and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CliddesdenVillageHall for the latest news, photos and events at the Hall.

Greg Mendelsohn, Village Hall Management
Committeechair@cliddesdenhall.org.uk



Glyn Macey Thursday 13th Feb, Millennium Hall 7.45pm

Cornish artist Glyn Macey will give a painting demonstration and Q&A session in the Village Hall, evening of 13th February.

Glyn is painting his way around 3,000 miles of English coast and giving his time to visit art groups around the country to raise funds for Coastal Conservation.

A donation of £5, as the entry fee, is suggested which will be passed to the charity.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy an entertaining evening in the presence of a charismatic professional artist.



NEWSLETTER EDITORS are all volunteers and we share the monthly issues between us. Many hands make light work! The more we have on the team the easier it is for all of us. All that's needed is Word or any basic layout package, finished pages are sent to the printers as pdf. If you can help please contact any member of the Parish Council or email clerk.cliddesden@parish.hants.gov.uk

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Cliddesden Parish Council

Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3rd March 7.30pm
Village Hall meeting room. Hope to see you there.

NOTES FROM JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

All Parish Councillors in attendance together with PC Andy Reid and one member of the public. Apologies received from the Parish Clerk and Ward Cllr Mark Ruffell.

PC Andy Reid reported on incidents and crime since the last meeting. If you see anything suspicious please report it to directly to PC Reid.

Finance The Parish Precept for 2020/21 was agreed at £8,652. This is a 10% increase on last year and equates to £36.75 (a rise of £3.34) per band D household. (Bearing in mind it will be half this for a band A household and double for a band H.)

Taking into account the increase, Cliddesden's Precept remains comparatively low at a time when other funding sources are restricted. For example the Parish Council no longer receives a 'general grant' from BDBC.

The Neighbourhood Plan is funded from a Government grant via 'Locality' but additional funding sources will be needed to complete the Plan. As a backup, should such funding be not forthcoming, the Parish Council has agreed to support up to a limit of £4,000.

Cherry tree at the pond The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Mrs Caroline Gifford, Mark Gifford and Alison Mosson for the donation and planting of the Cherry Tree at the village pond in memory of Eddie Rapley.

Highways drainage & flooding

The Parish Council's has reported on flooding to Hampshire County Council, recognising that the remedial works required to improve drainage from the highway into the pond, along with dredging the pond, are beyond the resources of the Parish Council. It is believed that County as the

Local Flood Authority should undertake the work.

Neighbourhood Plan Building on the Questionnaire responses the Steering group is tackling the next 'Issues & Options' stage. This will be discussed at the May Parish Assembly with a further Open Day planned for later in the year.

Traffic & Highways Both Speed Indicator devices are in place and working. Feedback on them would be welcomed.

The Parish Lengthsman will be asked to trim round the pond and clean the signs around the village.

The Parish Council is providing a priority list of footpaths for 2020 to be cut back by HCC Countryside Services. To note that HCC is responsible for clearing the 'walking surface' of public rights of way in the same way as they are for maintaining road surfaces. Landowners are responsible for cutting back encroaching hedges.

The Village Spring Clean is scheduled for Saturday 21st March. Please make a diary date.

The Bus Shelter roof is finished complete with guttering

Newsletter Our thanks for the offers of help received. More editors are needed please.

CountryWatch If you would like to receive regular updates please contact Simon Barker, who is now the local Neighbourhood Watch / CountyWatch co-ordinator

Portsmouth Estates Greta Iddeson is retiring as Estate manager. The Parish Council has sent a letter to the Estate in appreciation of the work she has carried out and seeking information on new arrangements.

Parish Assembly Friday 15th May, Village Hall 7pm for 7.30 with refreshments. An opportunity for information, discussion and to give your views. Please put the date in your diary.

PARISH TREE APPLICATIONS

T/00532/19/TCA (Withdrawn 18th Dec) The Jolly Farmer. To fell 2 Sycamore and 17 fruit trees. *The Parish Council objected as the trees contribute to the setting of the Conservation Area and the general wider amenity of the village. The BDBC Tree Officer requested the notice be withdrawn – 'at least until early summer 2020 when the trees will be in leaf and their collective health, vigour and vitality can be better assessed'.*

T/00483/19/TCA (Granted 28th Nov) Three Horseshoes, Woods Lane. Front garden by road – Crown lift Field Maple and Holly off garage roof to give 1 metres clearance. Rear garden – Lightly clip annual growth all round of one Yew. Fell saplings on north east wall by office window. Coppice one Hazel by front (east) corner of house.

PARISH PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/02634/FUL (Granted 17th Dec) The Jolly Farmer. Removal of rear garden decking and jumberella and erection of new pergola with new paving to replace decking.

19/02635/LBC (Granted 17th Dec) The Jolly Farmer. Removal of rear garden decking and jumberella and erection of new pergola style smoking solution with new paving to replace decking. Internal alteration and re-configuration of toilets to form 4x unisex WCs.

19/02774/FUL (Granted 2nd Dec) Greenlands Nursery, 3A Hackwood Lane. Erection of a three bedroom bungalow.

19/02068/FUL (reg 30 July) Woodland Adjacent To Audleys Close, Farleigh Road. Change of use of land [ancient woodland site] to forest school including the provision of associated parking. To be decided by Development Control Committee of 5th February.

DIARY DATES**February**

- 6 Film Night Village Hall
- 10 Coffee Morning Village Hall
- 13 Glyn Macey, Artist, VH
- 20 WI Bring & Share Supper
- 29 Alton Choral Soc, Alton Abbey

March

- 3 Parish Council meeting
- 7 Skittles evening 7.30pm
- 9 Coffee Morning Village Hall
- 24 Village Hall AGM
- 26 Hort Soc Fuchsia Talk VH

**REGULAR EVENTS
AT THE VILLAGE HALL****Zumba**

Mondays 7.30 to 8.30pm
maz.pennington@gmail.com

Coffee morning

The second Monday of most months 10.30am to 12pm.
Contact Gill on 359413

Brownies

Tuesdays 5 to 6.15pm term time. Sian Banks 333151

Art Classes

Tuesdays. 10am to 12noon
Wednesdays. 10am to 12
and 1pm to 3pm

Film Club

First Thursday each month
from 7.30pm

WI

Third Thursday of the month,
from 7.30-9.30pm.

Horticultural Society

Usually on the last Thursday of
each month. Contact Steve
Bowcutt 324707, Marilyn
Smith (Secretary) 462584

Pilates

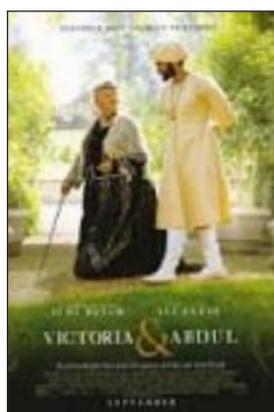
Friday 8.45 - 9.45am. All ages
& abilities welcome. Vicki
MacAndrew 07770 500663.

Farleigh Playgroup

Fridays 11-12 noon term time.
Contact Claire 477197
Melanie 07833 528040

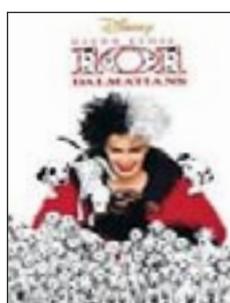
Ballet

Lisa Beaumont School of Ballet
contact 321217
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SOCIAL & ENTERTAINMENT CLUB**CLIDDESSEN MILLENNIUM VILLAGE HALL****Thursday 6 February
'Victoria and Abdul' (2017)**

111 minutes, certificate 12

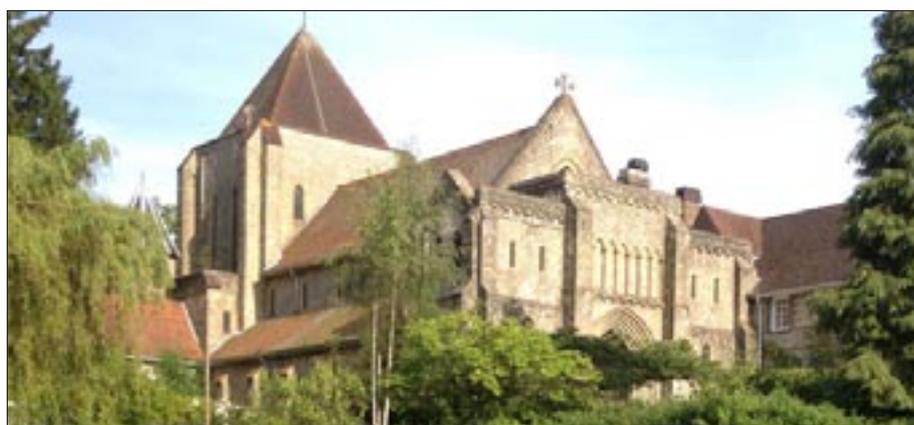
Victoria & Abdul is a 2017 biographical drama directed by Stephen Frears and written by Lee Hall. The film is about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria and her Indian Muslim servant Abdul Karim. It stars Judi Dench and Ali Fazal. The film was nominated in two categories at the Academy Awards, and Best Actress at the Golden Globe Awards. The film grossed over \$65 million worldwide.



For March we will be showing '101 Dalmatians', the 1996 version with Glenn Close.

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

**LENT CONCERT BY ALTON CHORAL SOCIETY
TO BE HELD IN ALTON ABBEY CHURCH**

The Choral Society will perform highlights from Duruflé's Requiem and other choral favourites.

**The Concert will be held on Saturday February 29th
and will start at 2.30pm, and be followed by Tea.**

Tickets £10 available from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey,
Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP

Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey".
Please include a SAE & a telephone number and/or email address
For more information please email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com

Events in 2020 will be important fund-raisers for the Friends as we plan to build an access ramp to the church to make this easier for the less active, and those within wheelchairs, also the church lighting is to be updated. Please do support us.



Police Update

Dear Residents

Before I write of 2019 crimes statistics, to date at the time of writing, we have had an assault reported at the Cliddesden Village Hall. However this was a private

party and will have no effect on the community.

The crime in this parish during 2019 was a slight reduction of one reported crime from 17 in 2018 to 16 in 2019. In our surrounding Parishes the reported crime rates was as below:

Parish	2018	2019
Ellisfield	5	17
Farleigh Wallop	5	4
Dummer	22	25
Cliddesden	17	16

It is important to stress that this is reported crime. Sadly a great deal of crime goes unreported, so the figures provided are only those using actual crime recording. For such reasons it is important that if you are a victim of ANY crime, you should reported it via 101 or if an emergency 999. We need to know as it may be part of a trend, linked with other crimes or particular criminals who may have just moved into an area or perhaps passing through, but we need to know.

Across the Candovers and Upton Grey ward which consists of 22 parishes, reported crime rose in 16 of them, five saw a reduction and one Parish, Nutley. saw no reported crime.

The largest recorded crimes figures were in Herriard where 17 more crimes were reported than in 2018, Ellisfield with 12, Preston Candover with 35 and Upton Grey with 12.

I am pleased to report that, at the time of writing, other than the assault above there no reported crimes have occurred this year within the area of this *Newsletter*.

Many thanks

Andrew REID, Local Constable

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CLIDDESSEN & FARLEIGH WALLOP EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Alison Mosson has resigned from the post of secretary of the Cliddesden & Farleigh Wallop Educational Trust.

Vicky Tibble has taken over the role with immediate effect so please would all applicants send their applications and all correspondence to:

Vicky Tibble, 14 Broadmere, Farleigh Wallop

Contact: by text to 07552 927692

email: Vicky.tibble@outlook.com

admin@portsmouthestates.co.uk

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Next meeting, 20th February

**Bring and share supper
With quizzes**

For our existing members can I remind you that subscriptions were due in January and if were unable to make that meeting could you please bring your payment along to the next meeting. Visitors from the village and surrounding villages and the town are always welcome to join us. We meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall..

Diane Rampton Tel 01256 467533

Our New Year started off superbly with an inspiring talk by Jackie Bowcutt on Linocut, a new hobby. Jackie explained the process used to make linocut designs and pictures and brought along all her equipment. After showing us how it is done, members were invited to have a go themselves. They all produced a lovely picture cut out by Jackie of the village pond complete with ducks and the village telephone box. Everybody who had a go was very pleased with their efforts.

Jackie had examples of her work on display which showed her many talents including some designs printed onto fabric which she then stitched and embellished. The evening was a really good start to our New Year. We welcomed Lyn as a new member and Julia came along as a visitor. We are hoping she decides to join us.

The craft group members are getting together to plan out what we are going to be doing this year. This will give us all a chance to talk about the things we would like to have a go at over the coming months.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Kath Hayward as a member. Kath is in her 90's now and is no longer able to come to our meetings. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well.

CLIDDESSEN, FARLEIGH WALLOP & ELLISFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Horticultural Society News for February

Hello from Claire!

I hope we're not wading through the snow, paddling in puddles, or frantically fleecing our tender plants.

With January having so mild, there's bound to be a trade-off before the Spring really kicks in



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Thursday 26th March
Cliddesden Millenium Hall

FUCHSIAS MY WAY – DEREK DEXTER

Derek is a member of the Wokingham Fuchsia Club, and since start to grow and show fuchsias in 1999 he has won many trophies from his 'hobby'.

With such a successful track record, and knowing how we have two fuchsia classes in the Summer Show, this evening will be well worth attending for anyone who wants to have a show-stopping entry this year!

Everyone is welcome to attend our lectures. Entry for members is £1, guests £2.

Tea & coffee are available on the night – donations please.

THREE VILLAGES GARDEN COMPETITION

The garden competition returns this year – judging takes place on **Monday 22nd June**. For entry please contact your local committee member.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE YEAR £8 per household. We are now able to offer you the option to pay online.

If you would like to change to online payment please contact me on 01256 381504 for the banking details.

Payments can also be made to your local committee member as usual.



I found this rather topical piece in 'Old Wives Lore For Gardeners' by Maureen & Bridget Boland (1977)

BRACKEN FOR FUCHSIAS

'In the light soil of our warm and sheltered little valley we leave even tender fuchsias outdoors all the winter, so far without disaster, but we always over them with mounds of bracken against the frosts. An Old Wife seeing this one autumn was shocked. She said that there was nothing better to dig in under fuchsias when planting them than chopped green bracken, which would encourage the roots to go down; but that they had such a passion for it that they would tend towards the surface if bracken was laid there, suffering accordingly in a hot, dry season.

'We now compromise, supplying bracken at both ends.'

Maybe Derek can confirm this at his talk?

Happy gardening.
Claire

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

What's been happening?

Thursday 28th November at Cliddesden Millenium Hall

AGM.

The AGM was well attended, with much delicious food and drink consumed after the serious part of the evening.

Congratulations to Seamus & Debbie Foster who won the quiz.

Thank-you to everyone who came along.

Spring Flowers of Italy

Thursday January 30th
Cliddesden Millenium Hall

We welcomed back Carol Watson with the Spring Flowers of Italy for our first lecture of the year.

Full report in the next issue.

BASINGSTOKE LIONS CLUB INVITES YOU TO THEIR 'LENNIE LOVE-IN'!

WHAT TO DO AT HALF-TERM??

On Saturday 22 February between 9am and 4pm, Lennie, the loved and loving Basingstoke Lions Club's mascot, will be residing in and around his 'lair' in Old Basing Mall, along with some of his friends from the Club.

Usually only seen by chance at a fête, fayre or supermarket, where he may be cheerily relieving you of any very welcome donation to the many causes the Club supports, this is a day when a gentle hug, cuddle or 'hi-five' would be very likely (but he'd still relieve you of those donations should you feel the urge to offer!).

In addition, children can become 'Little Lions', as the renowned local face-painter Kiri will, between hours of 11am and 3pm - and for a small fee - send them away with leonine faces!

AND to the lucky first 30 children to the 'lair', Lennie will happily give a free 'Colour-it-yourself' Lion facemask (one per child).

AND/OR you might like to take home a photographic memento of your visit - just step into our huge Lion picture, alone or with a friend, pass one of us your camera/phone and we'll do the rest. Or we'll take the photo for you and send it on.

AND -yet more - anyone and everyone can purchase as many raffle tickets as they wish to win the most adorable cutesy lion cub cuddly toy, which is very definitely looking to find its own 'lair' in someone's home.

AND for the grown-ups? Come and learn a little about the work of our amazing organisation, in existence for over 100 years and the largest voluntary service in the world with 1.4 million members. Its history in Basingstoke spans 52 of those years, during when it has collected and thus donated over £500,000, of which around 90% has been spent to support the local community and the balance has gone to support international disaster relief efforts in the wake of earthquakes and storms.

What's more, as the above might indicate, we've had such fun doing it that we personally pay the costs of the Club so that everything we raise for charity goes to Charity. We look forward to seeing you!

Half-term - Saturday, 22 February 2020, 9am-4pm



Come along and meet

'Lennie'

from the

The Basingstoke Lions Club

in his 'lair'!



Become a  **with Kiri, our face painter!** *(image is representative only)*



Get a free 'Colour-it-Yourself'  **- available to the first 30 children**



Step into our Lion picture and take away your own photo !



And this little chap needs a home  **- win the raffle and he's yours!**

Find it all at

Lennie's Lair

Old Basing Mall (outside Boots), Basingstoke

Farleigh Parish Playgroup



Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall

Friday Mornings 11-12 Term Time

February: 7th, 14th (not 21st) 28th. March: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

April 3rd (not Easter) 24th.

0 - 4 year olds and their grown-ups.

**Join us for an hour of fun activities,
sensory play, songs and stories.**

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

Cost: £2 per family



Contact:

Melanie Previous Pre-school Head (07833-528040)

Claire Qualified teacher (01256-477197)



100 CLUB

Hello members

The draw for January was called at the Coffee Morning at the Village Hall on 13th January 2020.

Here are the lucky winners

1st	39	Bob Kew
2nd	375	Annie Tuberfield
3rd	320	Nat Mendelsohn

Congratulations

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 £35. Further details about joining as well as details for renewing subscriptions will appear in next month's newsletter. A big thank you to the members who have already renewed their membership – it makes my job so much easier when people offer the money.

Rose Beevers Tel 475 944
100club@cliddesdenhall.org.uk



Basingstoke
and Deane

Councillors' briefing

Update from Cllr Tristan Robinson
Cabinet Member for Homes and Families

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE 'OWN HOME LOAN'

I'm pleased to update you that BDBC's equity loan scheme to help people get on the housing ladder launched on Friday 24 January 2020.

Using £580,000 of Council money allocated to provide affordable housing, 'Own Home Loan' aims to support young people to buy a home with deposits of up to £30,000 per application.

It is available to single people, couples and those with children who are on the housing register, with those who have been on the register for the longest time given priority. Priority will also be given to those applicants under the age of 35. The key difference to other loan schemes and a major local benefit is that it enables people to buy existing homes and not just new-build homes.

People wishing to apply must:

- Be living or working in Basingstoke and Deane and registered on the Council's housing register
- Have a household income under £50,000
- Be the first home that you have bought and your only home
- Be able to provide a 5% deposit
- Pass an external financial assessment.

The deadline for applications is Friday 20 March 2020.
See www.basingstoke.gov.uk/own-home-loan



CHURCH SERVICES ST LEONARD'S

Sunday 2nd February 9.45am

4th Sunday before Lent (Candlemas)

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Sunday 9th February 11.15am

Family Communion led by the fellowship group

Sunday 16th February 11.15am

Family Service

Saturday 22nd February 6pm

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Sunday 1st March 9.45am

1st Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

SAMARITANS

BASINGSTOKE

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Samaritans Mission

Samaritans is available 24 hours a day to provide confidential emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which may lead to suicide.

Samaritans Vision is for a society in which:

Fewer people die by suicide;

People are able to explore their feelings;

People are able to acknowledge and respect the feelings of others.

Samaritans Values are based on these beliefs:

The importance of having the opportunity to explore difficult feelings;

That being listened to, in confidence, and accepted without prejudice, can alleviate despair and suicidal feelings;

That everyone has the right to make fundamental decisions about their own life, including the decision to die by suicide.

BEING A SAMARITAN VOLUNTEER

Before writing the reference we have requested as a Prospective Volunteer you may like to consider the following summary of the essential qualities of being a Samaritan:-

Reliability

Samaritans is available 24 hours a day and Samaritan volunteers are people who are prepared to commit time to carry out Listening Duties with callers for an agreed number of hours a year, which will generally include some night duties.

Confidentiality

Samaritans must retain caller confidentiality and be trusted

never to reveal information about callers outside the branch other than where the law demands it.

Honesty

Samaritans must be honest with the callers, other volunteers and themselves and not promise callers they will do things they cannot ensure are carried out.

Emotionally Supportive

Samaritans use their listening skills, recognise the needs of callers and respond appropriately.

Samaritans will not impose their own convictions or influence callers in regard to politics, philosophy or religion.

Selection & Training

Samaritans aim to provide a consistent service to callers using agreed guidelines which volunteers are expected to follow at all times whilst on duty.

Samaritans volunteers are subject to a police record check, selected and specially trained.



An Auction of Promises

In Aid of Facilities and the Upkeep of St. Leonard's Church Cliddesden

Saturday 30th May 2020 from 7.30pm

Cliddesden Millenium Village Hall

Tickets £10 each to include food. Licensed bar on the night

We'll have a dedicated auctioneer and a live and silent auction on the night

There are lots of ways to be part of the event:

- Make a pledge to be auctioned
- Companies can also pledge
- Be part of the night and bid
- Advertise in the catalogue

This is a great way to raise much needed funds for the local church whilst enjoying a fantastic evening. It's also an effective way to advertise local businesses and services through donations, pledges or advertising.

For more information contact:

John Donaldson 475721

Eamonn Harding 475985

Val Gofton-Salmond 474425

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY!

Cliddesden Primary School

It may now seem like a distant memory, but we wanted to share with our local community all the extra curricular activities we get to enjoy alongside our busy curriculum. Last term was a term of visits, a residential, musical performances and of course Christmas.



Oak Class had a wonderful time on their residential at Marchant's Hill PGL. They took part in a range of outdoor activities that helped their resilience, teamwork, determination and physical skills.

They also got to enjoy a visit to the QMC Science Centre to further their learning about Space. The children made models of why we only see one side of the moon and found out more about the constellations that can be seen from Earth.

They also used some practical models to help learn about the phases of the moon and the length of shadows of objects on Earth.



Our Year 1 and 2 children performed their first music concert of the year, and what an amazing job. They treated the audience to some brilliant samba playing and singing. The concert started with a toe-tapping samba song, 'Arriba!' with both year groups playing together. The children showed great control on

their instruments and had memorised their rhythms perfectly.

They also played and sang a special song - 'The Cliddesden Samba', and one which the children helped compose, called 'At the Beach'. A fantastic end to a term of Samba.



A great reception for all our bands at the termly Rocksteady Music concert which included lots of audience participation. A great mixture of songs including Cheerleader, Living on a Prayer, Song 2, High Hopes and Happier. Once again, it was so exciting to see how these children are progressing.



Oak Class has been learning how to play the guitar. They learnt the names of the 6 strings using a mnemonic: Every American Duck Gives Big Eggs. As well as learning simple rhythm patterns that they could pluck, they also learnt to play simple chords by pressing their keys on the frets at the top. At the end of the term, they gave a short concert to their parents, using these skills to accompany their own singing.



Christmas is always incredibly busy at school and this year was no different. Our choir was a credit to our school as they entertained shoppers at Tesco with a half hour repertoire of Christmas songs and carols in aid of the Tesco Xmas Toy Bank Appeal.

Anna and Zach from West End in Schools entertained us with their fabulous performance of Beauty and the Beast. We joined Beauty on her brave journey to a mysterious castle, hidden deep in an enchanted forest. We shared enchanted castle life with Beauty and the Beast and we helped them learn the true meaning of friendship and fun in this re-imagined tale where both Beauty and the Beast are trapped in his castle along with Marcelle the feather duster.



Yet another well attended Salvation Army Carol concert. We are extremely fortunate to have The Salvation Army brass band entertaining us each year at what is an incredibly busy time of year for them. We were treated to traditional Christmas carols, the school choir performed beautifully and we all tucked into sausage rolls and mince pies. We raised £177 for The Salvation Army, which they will use to help those less fortunate at this time of year.



We supported Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day and raised an incredible £155 and thanks to 'Friends' the children enjoyed Secret Santa, which is always a firm favourite with the children. The children were able to choose whom they would like to buy presents for and with the hall laden with gifts, there was endless choice. As always, the upper school children helped the younger ones select their purchases. Not only does this give independence to choose their own gifts, it is an early opportunity to handle 'real' money. Once they had made their purchases, the children went to a wrapping station for the final touches.

Friends also transformed our Allsorts Room into a magical Santa's Grotto. The children looked in wonder and amazement as they received their gifts from Santa himself.



We are incredibly proud of the performance of The Nativity by our Foundation Stage and KS1 children.

We snuggled up by the fire and saw the story of the very first Christmas come to life as Mum and Dad read it to the children on an exciting Christmas

Eve. Retold was the miraculous story of the birth of Jesus, the baby king. We met bossy Caesar and his census-takers, the angels, the shepherds and joined the kings on their journey as they followed the star and arrived with wonder and awe to the stable.

The children had lots of lines and songs to learn which they did with enthusiasm and it was lovely to see some family and friends in the audience singing along to.



Our festivities ended with a fun-filled Christmas Lunch with festive music, crackers, party hats and of course, cracker jokes. Family and friends joined us at the end of the day to sing carols old and new accompanied by Sylvia Raine on the piano.

For more information and stories, please visit our website:
Cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

Paula Lavender

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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