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Findon Sheep Fair 2026



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News from the Rectory

Autumn is understandably many people's favourite season here in the UK. We see nature in all its glory as the leaves on the trees turn to shades of russet, brown and gold, and the mornings feel crisp and fresh after the long and very hot summer. The car park at Findon Church is often strewn with horse chestnuts at this time of the year, which evoke childhood memories of playing conkers—though in today's 'elf and safety culture, you would probably need goggles, a helmet and gloves to play!

September has been a busy month in the life of the parish, the star of which was the annual Sheep Fair which included the much-loved Songs of Praise led by the Salvation Army band. We also celebrated our Harvest Festivals in each of our three churches. Other scheduled activities included a parish walk and an organ concert. We also saw the start of the new term at our two schools.

This month, on Sunday 4th we can look forward to Becca Lieu and her flute students leading the music at our Worship & Praise service in Findon Church. In the afternoon of that same Sunday, being the feast of St Francis, we once again hold our annual and very popular Blessing of Pets service at 3:30pm. We restart our Messy Church sessions on Tuesday 6th in Findon Village Hall. This is open to all primary school aged children and their parents

or carers, and includes lots of fun craft activities and a delicious tea. Given we are still very much in the harvest season our theme will be the beautiful world that God has created. There are a variety of views amongst Christians as to how God created the universe, but what we do agree on is that God willed creation into being through an outpouring of love, and continues to sustain our very existence. We are invited to share in God's creative love and to care for this beautiful planet which teems with life in all its forms. It is salutary to remember that the world existed billions of years before human beings appeared.

As most readers will probably be aware, our parish has been in vacancy, i.e. without an incumbent Vicar since January when Helena retired. Our bishops have requested we share a full-time Vicar with All Saints, Findon Valley, both parishes being assessed as requiring a roughly half-time post. To that end we are looking to closer working so that we may get to know each other better.

Although the world seems to be full of doom and gloom at present we can be assured that we are held in love as we are part of God's good creation, and there is joy to be found in the small things if we only take the time to stop and be present to the beauty we see all around us.

Rev Colin Cox, Associate Vicar.

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The Findon Relief in Sickness Fund is very much a local fund for local people.

The Fund's purpose is to help people in Findon

village who are sick, recovering from illness, disabled or infirm. To benefit from the fund, you must live within the parish boundaries of Findon village.

The Fund aims to help people when they are financially stretched. At the discretion of the trustees, the Fund can pay for items, services or facilities which help people to feel better or recover from their health problems.

The trustees also regularly donate to other local charities of benefit to Findon residents and individuals in need.

How is help provided?

Trustees meet at least twice a year to manage the fund and make donations. The donations are modest; £150 to each charity and in the order of £50 to £100 to individuals.

The Fund can be used to pay for items, services or facilities that a person

needs. This could include amongst many other things physiotherapy, foot care, outings and entertainment.

The Fund can also be used to support a person to live in their home. It can be used in a wide variety of

ways from heating, bedding, appliances, to medical equipment. It can also be used for cleaning, gardening, decorating and repairs.

What's the history of the Fund?

A member of the Findon District Nursing Association, Nurse Day, left money to start the Fund in the early 1970s. The Fund used to support working or retired Findon domiciliary nurses through the West Sussex County Nursing Benevolent Fund. The latter fund has closed, and Findon Relief in Sickness now supports people who live in Findon.

How do I apply for help?

If you or someone you know needs a donation, please apply in writing to the trustees via the village shop, addressed to Findon Relief in Sickness.

The recipient of any donation must live in the village of Findon.



Findon Relief In Sickness Fund

Findon Church Events

October

Sunday 4th, Family service 10am, with the band CornerStone,
Breakfast at 9.30am, Children's craft

Tuesday 6th - Messy Church 3.30pm at Village Hall

Now November - Findon Church Open Morning

The Church Open morning has been moved from Saturday October 10th to **Saturday November 7th**. Including Table Top sale - £10 per table - 10 am to 12 Please ring 07837 049547 to book a table.

Findon Tree Group Update

Another record breaking summer brought difficult growing conditions for gardens and young trees. High temperatures and no rain for months meant that keeping plants going took a lot of work. The younger the tree the more important to keep it watered and we were fortunate to have several individuals in the village who kept an eye on new plantings. A big thank you to everyone who helped, as a result of their efforts we lost very few of the saplings planted last spring. After two or three years these trees usually become well enough established to survive with minimal watering, in this exceptional summer even they needed attention.

Councils and development mitigators often plant larger, semi mature trees, these have really struggled this year often not getting watered at all.

Extensive roadside tree planting beside the A27 near Shoreham looks doubtful to survive. The community orchard and tree nursery have come through well, there's even a few apples. It's good to see people regularly visiting to enjoy this village amenity.

As ever we are looking for sites to plant trees on either by us or anyone who has space for them. Here's hoping for a wet winter and a kinder summer next year!

Matthew Ward, Findon Village Tree Warden

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Findon Sheep Fair

This year's Findon Sheep Fair was a great success attracting approximately 8,000 visitors on the day. Special attractions in the main arena included a Camel demonstration, an impressive display from the birds of prey from



Hawking About and a Dog and Sheep show. Outside of the arena there was a Medieval Village, Archery, a Mobile Belfry, Punch & Judy, Morris Dancing,

Pony Rides, Vintage Cars and much much more.

"We had another outstanding day, hope to see you again next year"

The Harris Brothers Old Tyme Amusements who have supported the Sheep Fair for many years, provided day and evening rides and attractions to suit all ages.

Other evening entertainment was a success. The Friday Barn Dance is increasing in popularity year on year and



the Party on the Green on Saturday was a sell-out as usual.

There was a notable increase in the number of visitors making

their way to the fair on foot, and the Findon Valley Scouts as ever did a great

job managing the car parks. The cycle racks were also well used.

"I Love Ewe Findon Sheep Fair!"

As always the Sheep Judging competition was well represented with approximately 250 sheep from 24



different breeds taking part. There was a first appearance from Boreray sheep, a rare breed

originating from the west coast of Scotland. This year the Supreme Championship went to a Kerry Hill breed from a farm in Uckfield.

After the presentations to the winners of the sheep sections in the main arena, there was a further presentation to Graham Langford who is standing down from the committee after 20 years dedication to the Sheep Fair. It was thanks mainly to Graham that the Sheep Fair was able to recover from the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001 which prevented the possibility of future auctions in Findon.

"This was a terrific event. I have traded and attended the Fair for well over 20 years now and enjoyed this year's more than any other"

Finally, it takes a lot of work to put on an event of this size and The Sheep Fair is very fortunate in having a great team of volunteers. That together with the invaluable support of our generous sponsors keeps the show on the road.

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Hello everyone and believe it or not preparations for Christmas are underway! Can I remind you of date for your diaries of 5th



December, 10am till 12.30pm Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair in Village Hall. Price kept at £4 to include hot drink and sweet or savoury goody! Children under 12 admitted free and well behaved dogs welcome. We will have all the usual gifts, goodies and raffle plus Nikki's beautiful wreathes, David's Men in Sheds lovely carved items and Lorna's great range of beauty products and services. We will have Christmas cards and gifts for you to get started on your Christmas shopping.

Before all this I am taking orders for my small Christmas Cakes, price kept at £8 each. Please let me have your orders by mid November at the latest.

Good quality items for sale or raffle very welcome but no books, cds or electrical items thank you. (from mid November to 1st December please).

Thanks to everyone for your continued support. It is great to know that Findon has contributed so much to the wonderful organisation which is the Cinnamon Trust. The number of animals and people helped continues to grow and it's great to know that we have helped with making a new sanctuary possible.

If anyone is free to help on the day of the event please let me know as some of our usual team will be unavailable.

best regards to you all
from **Maggie, John and "Rosie."**
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Unfortunately JB Gill has cancelled this event. Anyone who bought tickets from the village shop can return them for a refund.

Sheep Fair 2026



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Last month I told you about the first podcast featuring the history of the shop. Well, I'm pleased to say that we have now reached over 100 'views', or whatever you call it when someone listens to something rather than watching. If you haven't listened yet, where have you been? And don't forget to listen out for the deliberate mistake!

Well, this month is all about 'Looking Forward' and 'Looking Back'. I thought of breaking with tradition and starting with the 'Looking Forward', just to surprise you all, but decided to approach the subject in the conventional manner to avoid confusion.

So, 'Looking Back' first. The Sheep Fair was a great success. Sian's attractive 'A' board, together with our QSVS (Queen's Award for Voluntary Service) banner, drew visitors to our stall, and the hot meat and vegan sausage rolls sold like, er, hot sausage rolls! The greetings cards and coffee machine were likewise in great demand. A big thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up and ensured that both the shop and the stall were manned at all times – no mean feat! It was so good, in fact, that we have even started planning for next year!

And now 'Looking Forward'. One young lady is very definitely spreading her wings. Ella has worked in the shop for the last three years on a Saturday afternoon. She has now decided to embark on a flight attendant course with Wizz Air. So she'll be flying high

soon! Anyway, I'm sure working in the shop will have given her a flying start to her career. One of her jobs was to clean the chandelier, which elicited lots of comments from customers.

Remember the 'Only Fools and Horses' chandelier sketch? We wish you all the best for the future, Ella, but we will miss you.

Later this month we will celebrate Hallowe'en. We'll be stocking bags of spooky sweets and all sorts of goodies, if you're thinking of holding a party.

And so to Christmas. I've put it off for as long as possible. It might be future tense to you, but Angus and Helen, our manager and deputy, had to place their orders during the heatwaves in July and August! The stock will start arriving soon, but we refuse to be like some shops that display Christmas stock as the children go back to school in September.

Talking of Christmas, you may be starting to think about what to give loved ones. If you are, you could consider buying a share in the shop. The price is currently prohibitively expensive for many, but I'm giving you advance notice that we are actively exploring ways to make them affordable for everyone. Watch this space! The shop increases footfall to Findon, and in some ways is the hub of the village, showcasing Findon's friendly, welcoming character. Which will help maintain our village's popularity, and increase house prices. Buying a share is, therefore, actually a sound financial investment!

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Worship and Praise service - Findon Church

For those of you who are not regular or even occasional churchgoers, you might not be aware of the service that is held on the first Sunday of each month at our beautiful St John the Baptist Church.

“Worship and Praise” is a more relaxed, family service with a variety of visiting musicians or singers each month, a children’s activity/craft table and light refreshments before the service.

I had the pleasure of attending this service on Sunday 6th September and I would like to thank the dedicated group of people who worked so hard to put this service together (especially as we currently have no vicar). From people leading the prayers and readings, operating the AV system, welcoming people at the door, supporting the children’s activity, leading the service and organising refreshments - everyone was so welcoming.

The music and singing from Hope Rising was uplifting, the children enjoyed making little harvest mice and the refreshments before the service in the pop up style cafe were most welcome. There was a real sense of community and it was lovely chatting to both familiar and new faces.

Whether you come with family, friends, or on your own, you are guaranteed a friendly welcome. Whether you’ve been to church many times or are simply curious to see what it’s like, come along. It’s a chance for all ages to gather and worship together.

Next Worship and Praise

Date: Sunday 4th October

Venue: St John the Baptist Church, Findon

Refreshments from: 9.30am

Service starts: 10.00am

Gill Gostick

The sun shone brightly for the **2026 Sheep Fair & the Friends of St John the Baptist Church** were up early setting up our Refreshment Stall offering delicious cakes, homemade sausage rolls and cheese scones, along with hot & cold

drinks. An extra attraction is that we have tables and chairs with a view of the arena so people appreciate a spot to sit down and enjoy the atmosphere. By mid-afternoon we had sold out of everything.

We raised nearly £1500 for keeping our beautiful church maintained for the future, so well done to all who helped and thank you to those who came and spent their money.

It costs a lot to get specialist firms to work on our Grade 1 listed building; this year ancient leaking gutters have been replaced with cast iron ones and

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Findon Village WI

We were entertained by Ian Worley in September. Ian, an ocean sailor, recounted his experiences back in 1968/69 when he took his wife, their six month daughter and his younger sister on a journey from Chichester to the Caribbean. They encountered storms aplenty. a collision with whales and a nasty encounter with a very large shark, all whilst enjoying the happy chortles of a baby, whose only problem was the sharks eating her nappies!

We had a very successful day at the Sheep Fair, selling all our cakes and savouries and most of our jams and chutneys. We took over £500. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our stall - we couldn't do it without you.

Our next meeting is **8th October, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**

We will be welcoming Isabella Josie, an award-winning milliner, who will be giving us an insight into the world of luxury, handcrafted hats.

Our competition is 'A Fabulous Fascinator'.

There will be a raffle and coffee, tea and cake for all.

Visitors are very welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

Paddy Winter

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Findon Village Hall Trust

What's on at the Hall

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Womens only personal trainer
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@midwifeptworthing@gmail.com for more information.

FVHT Events

Our film nights are back in October and November with The Devil Wears Prada 2 on October 23rd so hope to see you there.

Community Events

Afternoon Teas will be restarting on Monday **October 19th** in Nepcote Hall from **2pm – 3.30pm**. These sessions are held weekly until Easter 2027. These are drop in sessions where unlimited teas and coffees are served

Elaine Dibben

together with biscuits for **just £1**.

Anyone is welcome to pop in – dogs are welcome so it's a good stop off point for a cuppa and a chat when you are out and about as the days get more autumnal.

A special event will be held on Monday when Age UK will be joining us to host a **Musical Bingo** session. More about this next month.

Lunch @1 will be held on **Tuesday October 27th** with 2 courses + tea and coffee served for just £6. See our poster for this month's menu. If you are on grandparent duties this month children's meals are just £2. Well behaved dogs are always welcome.

If you have any questions do contact Elaine on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net



Findon Parish Council

Well, what a wonderful day for the 2026 Sheep Fair !! Our thanks as ever go to all the volunteers and the Sheep Fair Committee who work so hard to ensure this iconic event continues to be such a success. Parish Councillors were in the Wattle House talking to villagers and visitors about the history of the Wattle House and its future. Thanks goes to local historian Bob Fell for his display in the building.

Watch out for the flyers coming through your doors requesting your support for the Wattle House Community Heritage project and the event taking place on 10 October 2026 between 12-2pm in the Chanctonbury Hall.

The first Findon Big Fill event took place on 6 September prior to the Sheep Fair setting up. All the children who attended were from the St John the Baptist School and the Parish Council sponsored their goody bags. The aim was to create a new community event to support the Sheep Fair, get more families involved, raise awareness, and build community spirit. Tasks included locating rabbit holes and scrapes, then filling the holes with soil to make them level. Overall, it was a lovely day and full of community spirit.

A very positive update on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) grant application – the Parish Council was awarded £4000.00 for the 'A Winning Goal for Nepcote' application last month by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The application was for a new goalpost etc and associated works on Nepcote Green to replace the existing structure. Whilst on the subject of CIL, don't

forget the Call for Ideas regarding potential funding applications as detailed in the September edition of Findon News. [Findon - Findon News Magazine](#)

You will see a poster produced by the Parish Council for Every Call Counts. To coin the phrase 'it does what it says on the tin' the information you can provide is vital to getting antisocial behaviour etc evidenced and recorded with Sussex Police. If Sussex Police have no record of incidents, then they have nothing to prioritise for appropriate action. The poster will also be placed in the Notice Boards and published on the Council and Community websites.

Fiona MacLeod

Clerk to Findon Parish Council

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Quality Street

Dear Findon News, The piece by Bob Fell about Quality Street (Southview Road) stirred some memories. We lived in Southview Road for 34 years, and when we arrived in 1967 it was still not surfaced, but that happened the next year. If you take the sharp right turn to the top of the hill, there is a terrace of three houses which are in line with Northview Terrace. We bought the most westerly and called it Quantock because we spent three years in Somerset milking a herd of cows on contract and this gave us the money for the deposit. We could see the hills from our windows. The entrance for these houses was to be from Nepcote Lane, but it was changed to Cross Lane. The services, especially gas, still used

Northview Terrace. This caused confusion with vans and even an ambulance trying to access from Nepcote Lane. This settled down after a year or so.

Then the council decided to number all the houses in Findon. We had a letter saying you are now No. 11 Northview Terrace. I wrote back pointing out that the access was in Southview Road and please could we have a number in this road. The answer was that it was too late to change it and we should continue to use Quantock. So that is why May Cottage, Hill Top and Quantock are not numbered. That is, if no one has changed their names. Just a little bit of Findon history while I am still here to record it.

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200 Club

The 200 Club September draw was held on 7th September. Congratulations to the lucky winner - ball number 171, Graham Gostick.

Sadly, summer has now gone and the evenings are drawing in... but we have the 200 Club Autumn Grand draw social evening to look forward to! The event will take place on Saturday 14th November at Findon Village Hall commencing 7pm. We are planning a fun night to include a sandwich supper, the ever-popular general knowledge quiz set by Steve Sharp, a raffle and card bingo. Following the quiz the Grand Draw will be held with prizes ranging from £500 to £25.

Entry is by pre-purchased ticket costing £10pp to include a light buffet. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles for the table, but please NO DRINKS as the Village Hall Committee will be running their licenced bar. The Village Shop and Peckhams the Butchers have kindly agreed to sell the tickets.

We are also approaching the new financial year for membership renewals. The purpose of the club is to raise funds towards the maintenance and upkeep of Findon Village Hall. Over the past few decades while the cost of running the hall has increased substantially, we have not raised the membership subscription. It has therefore been decided to increase the subscription by £5 to £25 to partially offset the increased costs of running and maintaining the hall. Monthly and Grand draw prizes will also increase

in line with the subscription increase. The subscription is due at the beginning of November and can those members who have chosen to pay by standing order please instruct their bank to pay the increased amount of £25.

We do have a waiting list for new members and if any current members wish to give up their ball number please contact me direct.

Further details of the Autumn Grand Draw and membership renewal will be provided in the Autumn newsletter which will be sent out shortly."

Tony Brimyard
200 Club Secretary

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Childhood Memories *by Catherine York*

Ten-Pound Poms:

My mum and dad married during WW11 and after the war, our family became Ten-Pound Poms and emigrated to Australia. Unfortunately, my mum could not bear the heat nor the insects and it took us three years to save up enough money to buy a passage home again, on the ship called the SS Stratheden in 1954. There were now five of us and my sister Ruth was born in Australia. The two memories I have of that journey are the fact that I was incredibly seasick and we were given water biscuits or ship's biscuits as they were called, every morning to combat the seasickness. The journey home took a full 6 weeks and my most vivid memory is of a man wearing a fez, sitting cross-legged on the ground and charming a cobra snake out of a wicker basket with a been flute. The heat and the cacophony of sounds were phenomenal.

When we returned to England, we rented a newly built council house in Bradford with a huge field in front of it and on Bonfire night all the neighbours joined-in and my mum taught me how to make home-made delicious toffee.

Large family:

In 1966, we joined the affluent society when my grandfather died and my mother received her inheritance. He owned the shop at Thackley Corner and mum gave me some money for clothes. Mostly, we wore hand-me-downs but I became a 'mod' and bought a three-quarter-length dark-green leather coat and went dancing in it at the Top 20 Club in Idle, where Ruth and I saw The Spencer Davis Group perform live on stage, with Stevie Winwood singing

"Keep on Running." It was akin to the Cavern Club in Liverpool.

We also purchased new furniture for the living room. At 16 years, I was the eldest and tasked with opening the door to the furniture men. I enquired if I could stay and watch. "Of course, you can duck," they replied and I sat on the sofa at the end nearest to the door. The two men went out to bring in the cabinets and I asked for them to be placed on either side of the fireplace as per mum's instructions. When they came back, Ruth had joined me on the sofa and they nodded an "Hello," to her. Off they went again to bring in the table. Veronica was keen to see what was going on and sat next to Ruth. They nodded "Hello," and smiled at each other; amused at how children love to watch. They returned to the van for the chairs and were amazed to discover our younger brother Greg sitting next to Veronica. They proceeded to collect the remaining chairs. When Sheelagh, one of the twins, plonked herself down next to Greg; they stopped work in mid-flow and when Clare, the other twin, tried to squeeze in too, one of the men said; "There are lots of you aren't there?" and Clare, always the extrovert, proudly announced, "Yes, seven!" She was the one who, aged 7, flew down the stairs behind me, dressed in her nightie, as I opened the door to my new 22-year-old boyfriend. She tucked her head under my arm, looked directly at him and asked, "Are you going to marry our Catherine?" I went puce and he just gulped. As we drove away in his small dark-green van, we caught sight of them all standing in a line, waving from the upstairs bedroom window.



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Paws Animal Sanctuary

Time flies so fast. The September Findon Sheep Fair has been and gone. Luckily it didn't rain this year.

It has started to get dark earlier already. I am not looking forward to pitch black evenings putting all the animals to bed, especially in the cold weather.

We have been busy rehoming cats and kittens. We only have two black male kittens left that need to go together. They play together all day. We rehome kittens in pairs so they will not be lonely in their new homes.

We have been picking and eating cherry tomatoes every day for the whole summer. We also had lots of carrots, (all the animals loved the carrot tops), also beetroots, and this year we had bunches of grapes. My daughter does all the gardening and has transformed the whole Sanctuary, flower beds, pruning all the trees and bushes.

I watched a gardening programme on TV and they recommended if you have a bad memory, get confused, or suffer

from depression you should grow a herb called rosemary and pick some and smell it regularly to make you feel better. So, we went to The Findon Vale Garden Centre today and bought some rosemary plants. We couldn't believe they have small rosemary plants, three for only £6. I have a really bad memory so I will be testing the rosemary to see if it works.

If you have a compost heap or are preparing your garden for next spring we always have horse manure ready bagged in our drive, FREE to collectors.

The tortoises will soon be going into hibernation.

I am so pleased we have two hedgehogs this year living in the garden.

Stacey

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Compassion UK

Recently at one of our family services at St. John the Baptist Church, we welcomed Ian Coldrick who spoke about an organisation called Compassion UK. Afterwards I looked up the definition of the word compassion "*Compassion is a deep awareness of the suffering of others combined with a strong urge to help them. It means to "suffer together" and turns feelings of care into kind actions.*"

Compassion UK is an inspirational organisation which is both child centred and church focused and the leaflets Ian left with us said quite simply: "*Jesus leads, we move*".

This organisation has been operating for over 70 years, in 29 countries where children are born into and grow up in extreme poverty, without any of the practical things that we take for granted for our own children: an adequate diet, a decent education, health care and the chance to become all that they are capable of being and contribute to their communities. Helping a child now doesn't just help *them* - the impact will be felt for generations to come and communities will become transformed. In short it is seeing the effects of

extreme poverty and for all of us to be given the opportunity to do something about it.

After Ian's presentation a group of us felt that as a church we should be able to support at least one of these children. To sponsor one child is **£32** per month. So what we needed was for 32 members of our lovely congregation to be prepared to give just £1 per month (that is less than 4p per day) and together we could change a child's life.

Three months later, I am delighted to say that the response has meant that we will now be able to sponsor two children, a boy and a girl in different countries. We will write to these young people and I am sure they'll respond. And what a lovely opportunity this will be for our own young people to be able to read a letter from one of our very own sponsored children and reply, telling them of their own lives here in Findon and how they absolutely know Jesus loves them too.

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be part of this.

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Pub Quiz Night at the Village House

Thursday 29th October

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meetings will be held on the same evening as full Council meetings and starting at 7pm. The new dates to the end of the year are 14 September, 19 October, and 30 November 2026.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee.

Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

T1 - Lime Tree - Remove limbs T2 - Sycamore Tree - Remove lower limb

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Ref. No:

SDNP/26/03619/TPO

T1 - Horse chestnut - fell to stump

7 Convent Gardens Findon
West Sussex BN14 0RZ

Ref. No:

SDNP/26/03442/TPO

Erection of proposed residential summer house

Findon Court Findon Road
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Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Soccer Tots	Monday	Chanctonbury	9.45am
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (20 th only)	Nepcote	9.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	9.30am
Pilates	Wednesday	Nepcote	10.45am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Circuit Training	Thursday	Nepcote	17.30pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Baby Steps Dance Group	Saturday (19 th & 26 th)	Nepcote	9.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Messy Church	6 th October	Chanctonbury	15.45pm
Findon Village WI	8 th October	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Art Workshop	17 th October	Chanctonbury	10.00am
WI Crafty Ladies	19 th October	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	19 th October	Nepcote	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	20 th October	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Lunch @ 1	27 th October	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Findon Garden Association	30 th October	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

Dates for Your Diary in October t

Wattle House consultation Saturday 10th October Chanctonbury 12.00 – 14.00pm
 FVHT Film Night – Friday 23rd October – The Devil Wears Prada 2- Chanctonbury – 6.30 for 7.30pm
 Lunch@1 - Tuesday 27th October – Chanctonbury 12.45 for 1pm

Dates for your Diary in November

200 Club – Saturday 14th November - Chanctonbury –7pm
 FVHT Film Night -Friday 20th November TBC
 Friends of Findon Church – Saturday 21st November Chanctonbury – 7pm
 Lunch@1 – Tuesday 24th November Chanctonbury 12.45pm for 1pm

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OCTOBER 2026

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Sunday 4 th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 3.30pm	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton) Worship & Praise in Findon Church with 'Cornerstone' Eucharist in Patching Church Blessing of Pets Service in Findon Church
Sunday 11 th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev. Zachary Allen) Eucharist in Findon Church (Ven. John Barton)
Sunday 18 th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Chris Skilton) Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer) Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 25 th October Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker) Eucharist in Findon Church

FAMILY EVENTS:



Next Messy Church – Tuesday 6th October – 3.30pm in Findon Village Hall
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Funeral	1 st September – Kathleen Stubbs
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