



# Findon

Community newsletter for  
Findon, West Sussex  
Including the Church Parish of Findon,  
Clapham & Patching

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# News

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## Findon Parish Council

It was a pleasure to see all the hard work by the Findon Sheep Fair Committee come to fruition and result in such an outstanding event, with strong attendance and, this year, blessed by pleasant weather.

Many thanks should also go to all those volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the day to deliver an event that rightly continues to attract so many compliments by visitors and media alike.

The application to South Downs National Park Authority for our bund on the North Verge continues to progress and it has been encouraging to see and hear of the increasing number of comments supporting the application. This measure is to ensure that the whole of Nepcote Green, now a conservation area, is robustly protected from further ingress and damage and fully in keeping with the landscape characteristics of this area.

FPC took the decision to leave the duckweed covering on Nepcote Pond in place, simply explaining the nature of this coverage and its natural but temporary nature. Our expert advice indicates that this coverage should dissipate later this year and although it may return next year

The Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner has recently launched a survey asking Sussex residents for their feedback on the policing service they receive. The survey can be accessed online and only takes a few minutes to complete. Please use the following link:  
**<https://forms.office.com/e/9f9hYFVAFA>**  
The closing date for the survey is 31/10/2024

Cllr Sean Smith, Chairman, Findon Parish Council ([findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk))

**See Pages 6 & 7 for further Sheep Fair report and pictures .....**

This magazine can also be read on-line on the following three websites:

**Findon Village News** : [www.findonvillagenews.org](http://www.findonvillagenews.org)

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## From the Rectory

As I have written here before, we are so lucky to live in this beautiful village of Findon, or in Clapham or Patching, our friendly Parish! Those of you who came to Findon Sheep Fair will know what a wonderful day it was, with perfect weather this year. It is a real showcase event for our village, but it would not be possible to run such an event without the large number of volunteers who work tirelessly not just on the day but for weeks (and some folk for months) beforehand. Similarly, our fantastic shop relies on a great team of volunteers to run, and Findon Litter Pickers and Robin's volunteer gentlemen keep Findon looking tidy and welcoming. Well done all our current volunteers!

But did you know there are many other opportunities to volunteer here in Findon? Our successful Primary School is looking for some new governors, as a couple have moved away due to new work commitments. Being a school Governor is really rewarding and the Diocese offers excellent free training. Do contact me or the School Office for more information.

Our churches are also heavily reliant on volunteers! There are lots of jobs in our churches too and more volunteers mean that each of you needs to do a job less often!

At Findon, and at Clapham and Patching, we have a fantastic group of Friends and **new members are always welcome**. I wrote about this last month too! Joining the Friends for a small annual fee (currently £10 per household although more is always welcome) gives advanced warning of fun fundraising events like quizzes and walks, events like the Sheep Fair where we usually have a stall, and occasional church and grounds tidy-up days, so you can plan

your diaries to include these. Both Friends groups are registered charities and raise much needed funds to help with the cost of maintaining our 3 beautiful ancient Grade 1 listed church buildings. Please consider joining one (or both!) of these groups. A small committee, annually elected, meets 4-6 times a year to plan events over light refreshments (tea/coffee and sometimes a glass of wine!) in a friendly atmosphere at one of our homes, and we would love to welcome some new faces and fresh ideas.

The AGM for Findon Friends will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November (Remembrance Sunday) at 3pm in St John the Baptist Church, with a cream tea and time to chat after the formal short meeting to elect officers for the coming year. Please put the date in the diary and join us! The Friends of Clapham and Patching hold their AGM at Clapham and Patching Village Hall with tea and cake on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. Again, new friends very welcome. If you have recently moved to live in one of our villages, do come along to get to know more people!

Thank you to everyone who does volunteer in the villages in whatever capacity, all you do is what makes our villages such a special place. A little time given freely in a busy life makes a huge difference!

We have a small group of friends coming from our link Lutheran Parish in Bavaria 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> October and are planning a programme for them while they are here. Please keep an eye on our website for more information and join us if you can. Thank you to the families who have offered to host this time.

Every blessing, *Helena*

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## A Tribute to Anne Brooks (from Helena)

With sadness, although most people will already know, Anne died early on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> August, peacefully in Pentland Nursing Home just too late to make an announcement in the busy September Findon News.

Anne often said she was born in Findon, although actually she was born in Worthing, but she did spend much of her early life in the village, her maternal grandparents living in Maxwells on the A24 on the Village/Valley border. She and her mother stayed there for the war years, their home in Portsmouth feeling too dangerous as a naval base. After a career in the Civil Service, specialising in Welfare Support for many years, Anne retired to 34 Cross Lane and immediately joined the church here, as well as many other village organisations, including taking a leading role in the afternoon WI. Her organisational skills were put to good use in so many village clubs and organisations over the years and she was a valued member of the church Council and served as Churchwarden for a period.

Anne was always ready to support and help anyone, with sound advice on how to access extra support from outside agencies if needed. She had a deep personal faith and was always ready to learn more. Study Groups were often held at her home, allowing Julie to take part easily. They both thoroughly enjoyed Messy Church!

Anne married late in life and was a great support to Julie, especially when Tom, Julie's father, died suddenly, caring for her and encouraging her to join in with many different activities, especially her singing which Julie loved! Anne's fear as she grew older was that she would die before Julie but thankfully this did not happen. However, after Julie had gone, Anne's own health rapidly declined. After a period in and out of hospital following falls, Anne reluctantly moved into a Care Home. After a couple of moves, Anne was happy in Pentlands, where the staff loved her stories!

Anne loved nature, keeping part of her back garden natural to encourage wildlife and always topping up her bird feeders. Watching her birds brought her joy as her mobility decreased and she spent more time in her armchair. Anne was so sad when her cats died, but was comforted by visits from her 'doggy friends' – there were always treats in the side pocket of her chair, and didn't the dogs know it! I knew the end was near when Chris and I visited her with Tilly and she didn't recognise a dog was there. She died 3 days later.

Personally, I will miss her friendship and the wonderful theological discussions we had together almost to the end of Anne's life. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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# Findon Sheep Fair 2024

This years Findon Sheep fair proved a great success. The weather was kind to us and with the sun shining crowds once again flocked to the show to enjoy the broad number of attractions on show. Over the course of the event we estimate that 8,000 people took part in the show.

The show that has its roots in a 750 year old charter for a fair and for 250 years has involved auctioning and showing sheep. Standing true to this history this years event involved 35 farms showing 233 sheep, a demonstration of the art of sheep shearing and spinning of wool, we also held a 'mock auction' of sheep and once again also welcomed back the very popular 'dancing sheep'. This years Supreme champion was Amy Howard with her Kerry Hill from North Chapel West Sussex

Wider events at the show included; 'Birds of Prey', Morris dancing, the Farmyard circus, Children' Circus skills, Punch and Judy, Nicola Miles dancing studio, Harris's Fairground, the ever popular tractor ride, vintage car display, pony rides and bee keepers. Several educative pitches were also provided including the history of Findon, south downs national park and Brinsbury college. In addition several local charities were able to raise funds by running stalls.

Across the course of the weekend we also held the ever popular evening barn dance, the Saturday night band and closed the festival with the Salvation Army Band Sunday service – these were all well attended and provided further opportunities to celebrate.

None of the above would be possible without the fantastic support we received from; local business, landowners, the Findon valley Scouts who manage the traffic, our sponsors, our suppliers, the Parish Council and villagers. We would like to thank all of these and also extend our gratitude to the army of volunteers who comprise 136 people giving freely of their time to allow the show to run. They all work tirelessly from Thursday to Sunday setting up , manning and clearing up after the show and we are truly grateful for this overwhelming support.

We hope that you were able to participate in and enjoy the show. Our planning now starts for 2025! If any villager has recommendations or feedback on how to improve the show or address problems that the committee may not be aware of then please contact us through our website ....[findonsheepfair.org.uk](http://findonsheepfair.org.uk)





**Advance Notice  
A Sussex Calendar  
Candlemas 'till Christmas  
in Song and Verse  
8th November 2024, 7.30pm, Findon Church  
Fund Raising Concert  
with Folk Group 'Cotillion'.  
Tickets will be available from Peckhams Butchers**

**Sunday 6th October  
Findon Church  
Family Service 10am  
Music led by "Cornerstone"**



## Tree Group Update

The tree group has been very active over the last year, we have planted about 150 saplings around the village including a new hedge at the village hall. Caring for young trees already planted is important work, weeding and watering are essential for getting them established. This year has been cool and wet, not good for holidays but great for tree growth!

We have a small tree nursery beside the basketball court near the village hall and at present around 100 saplings lined out. Most trees planted in the last 5 years have been on Parish Council owned land and we are now looking for fresh sites in the village. If you have a space on your

property, garden, boundary or odd corner where a tree could go then I might be able to supply it. There are Oak, Rowan, Birch, Willow and a number of shrubs, Dogwood, Hazel and Viburnum lantana (Wayfaring tree) available.

Contact me at [hilandmat@talktalk.net](mailto:hilandmat@talktalk.net) if you think you have a suitable place for a tree.

On the whole the tree cover in Findon remains good. Ash Dieback has caused a lot of deaths but is currently not affecting all Ash with isolated good size trees still growing well – for the time being at least!

***Matthew Ward, Findon Village Tree Warden***

### **Carpet Bowls has restarted**

**Thursdays 2.00pm**

**In the Chanctonbury Hall**

**Findon Village Hall**

**But unless we get more members  
it will sadly have to close.**

**So do please come along  
and have a go**

**No experience required.**



### **Adult and Children's Book and**

**Jigsaw Sale**

**Findon Church**

**5th October**

**10.00 am**

Children's Activities -

Face Painting

Graffiti Painting

Coffee and cake



## Village Store News

Wasn't the Sheep Fair great this year – loads of visitors, perfect weather, and so much to see. The culmination of a true village effort, showcasing Findon at its best. The shop stall did an excellent trade; our sausage rolls and pastries were very popular, as was our wonderful coffee machine. Thank you to all those volunteers who served, and to all who visited our stall.

I promised to let you know the results of the survey we asked you to help with a few months ago. The results were overwhelmingly positive, confirming what an asset to the village the shop is, with great opening hours (Mon-Sat 7am-7pm) and Sun (7am -12pm). A number of you asked that we advertise the PO's services more, so, over the coming months, I'll be drip feeding that to you. If I did it all now, you might lose the will to live, which would be unfortunate. It particularly wouldn't look good on my cv.

For starters, the PO is open fantastic hours – Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5.30pm, Sat 8.30am – 5pm and Sun 8.30am – 12pm. Where else offers a service like that? You can withdraw cash – much safer and friendlier than a cash machine – and, you can take out odd amounts rather than being restricted to multiples of £10. I'll definitely be using that service – probably on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning! You can deposit cheques, which is handy, especially if, like me, you cannot get the bank to accept your photo of it when you try to use online banking. You can also deposit cash, and we can supply money bags. Pretty please - we would appreciate it if you could pay

## Jean Burden

cash into an account rather than exchanging it for notes.

The PO holds Euros in stock, so you can buy them instantly, whilst we can get other currencies for the next working day if you request them before midday. Or, there's a Travel Money card, but more about that next time.

As a community shop, we want to support projects in Findon as much as possible. We have been very pleased to be able to purchase the entire wish list of 80 books chosen by the children of St John's School, for their library. The school is thrilled, as are we.

On the subject of giving, I'd like to thank everyone who has brought empty egg boxes back to the shop in the past to help our supplier. Sadly, we are no longer able to return them for various reasons, so, please, no more egg boxes!

Finally, I have some important news to tell you. The price of First-Class stamps is going up again on 7<sup>th</sup> October – this time by 30p. The second rise this year, and we are not happy about it. So, we are warning you of their plans, so that you have a chance to get yourself to the PO before that date and stock up. No time to waste!



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I have now received news of how our Cream Tea/Summer Fair funds are to be spent and thought you would like to know. The pets at Poldarves

Sanctuary in Cornwall are nearly all there because they are too old to be rehomed with volunteers. They have come from all over the country when owners have passed away or gone into care. Their comfort is therefore paramount. New nonslip floors are being installed plus a new kitchen for preparation of their special food. Every improvement will be made with the pets' comfort in mind and our funds are helping this to be completed. I am really looking forward to seeing all this during my Cornish Holiday.

*Maggie Martin*

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## **The Fabulous Findon Ladies - raising money for our village.**

Founded in November of 2023, by Katie and Maxine - The Fabulous Findon Ladies Club was originally set up to meet like minded ladies, and support local business through less busy times during the week.

Meeting on a monthly basis, Katie and Maxine have arranged a variety of events over the last year, from meals at Tajdar and Sylvan Oak, to a BBQ at Findon Manor, skittles at The Black Horse and a Quiz at The Gun. As word spread about the group, numbers grew and it now has over 100 members from across the village and from all age groups!

When the group hit the 100 members milestone, Katie and Maxine decided it was time to use their new found force of village ladies to hold a charity event, with the aim to raise money for their village.

After much deliberation it was decided on the following two charities to support via funds raised at the event:

### **Findon Village Hall Trust - Charity No. 231098**

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### **Findon Relief in Sickness Fund - Charity No. 255478**

Unfamiliar to many, this fund was set up by the District Nursing Association specifically for residents of Findon Parish and has been running since at least 1971. The aim of the fund is to support local residents

when they are sick, convalescent, disabled or infirm. The fund can be used to provide or pay for items, services or facilities that will help people feel better or help them to recover.

With the amazing support of Sally, the event was held at The Gun on 31st August. Hosting a variety of local stall holders, activities for young and old and a fantastic raffle - with all locally donated prizes.

Katie proposed a target of £1000 to raise, but being the first event of its kind, none of the ladies knew how successful it would be. The weather was kind, and as the event opened at 12pm, crowds of villagers and others from afar came to support. The event wasn't just busy, it thrived! And with a lot of hard work, donations and support, the ladies managed to pull off a very successful first event!

The Fabulous Findon Ladies raised an outstanding £1880 in just one afternoon. And both Katie and Maxine want to offer a heartfelt thank you to each and every person who helped, donated, and supported the event. The funds were split between the two very grateful charities and are already making a difference.

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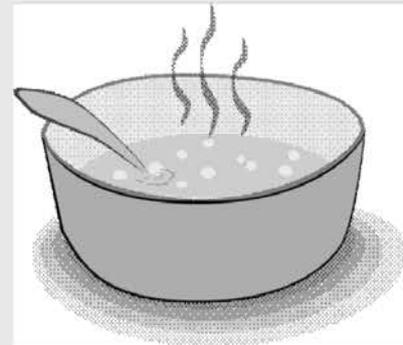
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## Findon Village WI

We welcomed Carrie Cort from Sussex Green Living ([sussexgreenliving.org.uk](http://sussexgreenliving.org.uk)) to our September meeting. Her talk provoked much discussion. Their philosophy is 'Positive ways to make green living and working the norm'. She encouraged us all to think about our consumption of materials, particularly packaging, to repair and recycle as much as possible and pressurize supermarkets to cut down on packaging. She told us how SGL had instigated many Repair Cafes in the area, including one in Worthing at 34 Mill Road (last Saturday of each month 10am – 4pm) where you can take items to be repaired instead of dumping them. See their website for details.

Our stall at the Sheep Fair was very successful raising over £500. A big thank you to our ladies for crafting, baking, setting up and running the

stall, and to all of you who came to say hello.

For those of you who entered the Name the Sheep Competition: Gay Hibb's fabulous sheep was called **MURDOCK** in acknowledgement of 'Murdoch's Crazy Eyes', the band playing on Saturday Night. It was won by Tracy, a lady from Washington, who was delighted.

Our next meeting is **Thursday 10th October , 7.30pm**. Our speaker is Rob Goldsmith – Titanic - one man's journey

Visitors are very welcome - we look forward to seeing you

Email [findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk)

Website

<https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/my-site>

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Findon Friends of St Barnabas are holding  
a **Christmas Family Fun Morning**

at Findon Village Hall.

On **Saturday 23rd November**

There will be games for the children including...

Guess Teddy's Name, Play you Cards Right

Festive Drop, Lucky Dip.....and more.

We have some stalls including Dee Dee's,

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There will be Refreshments and light bites.



# FINNDON VILLAGE HALL

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## St John the Baptist CE School Findon

Just like every other school in the country our local primary has a Governing body that oversees the running of everything to do with our children's education and welfare. We have a governing board comprising of staff, parents and representatives from various parts of our local and church communities.

To help administer this we are looking to employ a (very) part time CLERK TO GOVERNORS to work on a casual contract, for a few hours during term time only. There is a small salary starting at £12.18 per hour (currently under review) but usually clerks undertake this role as much for the enjoyment of the role and a desire to be a part of something very interesting that is integral to our community.

We are looking to appoint a Clerk to Governors with outstanding personal, organisational and skills (and with sufficient computing ability). Hours per week will be variable, approx. 80 hours per academic year, as they are reliant on the number of meetings arranged and any additional related work required.

The post involves record keeping, preparation of and circulating agendas and associated paperwork, attending meetings and taking minutes, liaising with Governors and working with the Chair in managing the smooth and efficient running of the Governing Body. Part of the position involves learning about governance and being able to answer questions for the governing body on governance. Therefore full training will be given.

We would need the successful candidate to:

- Have strong organisational and administrative skills
- Have experience of taking minutes at meetings, assimilating key information and preparing letters
- Have good ICT skills, including Microsoft Word and Excel
- Possess good basic literacy and numeracy skills (to GCSE level or above)
- Have excellent interpersonal skills and be keen to work as part of a team
- Maintain Confidentiality
- Advise the Governing Body on constitutional matters and ensure the continuity of Governing Body business.

St John the Baptist C E School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. All appointments are subject to pre-employment checks, including references, qualifications, health and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service with barred lists check. In accordance with KCSIE 2024, the school reserve the right to research shortlisted candidates on social media platforms and the internet. Finally, West Sussex County Council is an equal opportunities employer.

To find out more about our school please visit the web site or call the school 01903 873072.

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**John Roche**

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Well it's been a busy (and expensive) month at the hall! Firstly, the flood damage to the Chanctonbury floor has been repaired and we are delighted with the quality of the job that has been done – we have also been re-imbursed by the insurers which is something of a relief.... But there has been a lot of other activity as well, the sound proofing modifications to the wall between the halls have been completed and have made a significant improvement to the sound transmission between the halls. We still have to make the changes to the doors but that is also in hand. We have also made lightning progress on the Chanctonbury toilets – in the end we were offered a deal to do them all at once and they are done and dusted. We have gone for tiled floors rather than the hospital type flooring that was there before so these should last for a Very Long Time! We should also offer a considerable vote of thanks to the Fabulous Findon Ladies group – who organised an event at The Gun which raised £940 towards the cost of the toilet repairs and the same again for another local charity – a fantastic effort.

Finally, we have got the new thermostats fitted but they are not talking to the booking software yet – we will get that sorted out asap!

We have started cutting up the old hoardings piled near the bin and have been disposing of them piece meal over the last weeks.

We are keen to add volunteers to the events team ([events@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:events@findonvillagehall.net)) and to the gardening and maintenance teams. Richie Line has done a superb job with both teams over many years but has now decided to retire which leaves a big hole. He has our enduring thanks for

everything he has done. The gardening team in particular has shrunk over the years and we need reinforcements to lighten the load. The maintenance team always needs people with those scarce do-it-yourself skills that are enough to complete a great deal of the work in the Hall. To express interest please contact me on [chair@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:chair@findonvillagehall.net) .

There have been one or two instances of people getting locked in the hall car park recently so we have updated the signage to reflect the fact that the car park is locked between bookings. This is because we have been specifically recommended to do so for security reasons. Hall volunteers always make every attempt to find the drivers and give them an opportunity to leave but we can't expect hirers to spend time doing this. We require our hirers to lock the barrier.

The first film night of the season went very well which was pleasing and the next date will be 18<sup>th</sup> October – but it will be a “race night” just like we had for one Friday last year. A Fish and Chip supper will be included in the price of £15 – but places are limited so it will be better to buy tickets in advance! They will be available on-line on the Village Hall Website [www.findonvillagehall.net](http://www.findonvillagehall.net), from the shop or from Peckhams.

We will also be re-starting our Tea and Biscuit drop ins this month, starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing well into the New Year – as is now “traditional”. This will be the same as ever, 50p for as much tea or coffee as you can drink and another 50p if you want biscuits to go with it. We would probably welcome the odd volunteer to help with some of these afternoons too!

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

I hope everybody enjoyed this year's Findon Sheep Fair as much as I did. So much more to enjoy and see this year, it was very exhausting following the crowds. But what a nice change this year being able to find somewhere to sit, the bales of straw were such a good idea, everyone agreed a very welcome discovery for tired feet. I love the fudge stall, I always look for that. I wasn't disappointed, always so many flavours to choose from. I chose Apple, Ginger, and Rum and Raisin. What a treat, made my day.

I couldn't resist buying two scarves, one with cats on, the other with bees, from a lovely stall selling animal goods.

I also bought a beautifully illustrated children's book about the Findon Sheep Fair called "George Goes to Findon", By Mollie Tomalin ( publ.BCFC).

I kept meeting so many friends and people I knew, all with happy smiling faces. What a lovely day out it was.

My feet really suffered that evening, putting animals to bed for the night.

We were asked to take in a very frightened stray tom cat. Alas, trying to catch him resulted in the poor lady who had been feeding him for ages being bitten, having to go to A&E for treatment, and a Tetanus injection.

Our Volunteer David from Billy Bear's Rescue had volunteered to help catch him to bring him in. He also received a nasty bite. We were told the cat was limping and had a problem eating.

The vet came in, after putting the cat in a carrying cage realised he was in pain and gave him a pain relief injection and a course of antibiotics.

We put the crushed pills in scrambled eggs and chicken every day. One of our volunteers (our cat whisperer) Ara has been visiting the cat, now named Steve every day. He hid at first, hissing at anyone going near his pen, eventually coming out for Ara when she sat on the floor talking to him. Each day he improved, he stopped hissing.

One of our Volunteers Emma hadn't been here on a Sunday evening for three weeks (she plays cricket and had end of season important matches). She arrived happy to be back and went in every cat pen giving each of the cats and kittens a cuddle. Nobody had time to warn her about Steve! When I looked, she was holding Steve in her arms, kissing him, and he was rubbing his face against hers. What an unbelievable shock we had! Although Emma always picks the fierce cockerel up and walks around with him in her arms. Everyone is frightened of him. We have a very badly behaved naughty pony, but Emma has no fear of him, and he is always very nice to her.

I am so lucky to have so many reliable, loyal Volunteers who turn up and help every week, year in year out, rain or shine.

*from Stacey.*

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Additional suggestions can be found on the leaflet. (See below)

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and our three Churches  
Shoeboxes may be available from  
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If you would like to make a donation towards the costly delivery expenses, rather than filling a box, or would like further information, please call 07899 990748 and leave a message.

The boxes are taken to a central depot in Eastbourne of a small Christian charity

## MUSTARD SEED RELIEF MISSIONS

Last year the boxes were driven across Europe to Moldova, the poorest European country, and distributed to underprivileged children in orphanages, schools and hospitals. In addition Moldova, along with many other European countries, will be providing refuge for those who have fled from the conflict next door in Ukraine. It is likely these boxes will be the only presents the children will receive.

Wrap your box in cheerful Christmas wrapping paper, (please wrap the lid and box separately), place the contents inside & if you wish include a donation for its delivery, which is very costly.  
(Instructions on leaflet)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Mustard Seed Website [www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk) and to see a video of children receiving their boxes.

## 200 Club

The Winner of the September 200 club draw was number 97 Mike Roffey.

I also want to tell all our members that we want to change the **grand draw** format to a **Fish and Chip Supper** at **£12** per head.

We will need to sell tickets for the event so that we know how many are coming and to make sure we cover our expenses.

I do hope you are able to come along.

I will of course do the usual quiz and raffle etc.

Any questions please contact me Alan Wadhams on our email address: [findon200club@gmail.com](mailto:findon200club@gmail.com)

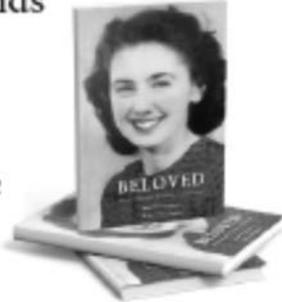
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## Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)).

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.



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:

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**4m by 4m Rear West extension to form new kitchen/diner with pitched roof and glazed gable end. New raised flat roof to small side North projection with new window to Front East elevation.**

9 Beech Road Findon West Sussex  
BN14 0UR  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03757/HOUS

**New entrance gates and walls. Single storey plant room to front elevation of main house**

The Pigeon House Muntham Farm  
Horsham Road Findon West Sussex  
BN14 0RQ  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03621/HOUS |

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## Overgrown Vegetation.

Please can anyone with hedging, trees or bushes facing onto the pavement or adjacent to their properties please check on overgrown vegetation. This can cause an obstruction to pedestrians, buggy users, and horse riders and unchecked brambles can cause nasty scratches to peoples faces. There is a balance to be struck between providing a hospitable environment for wildlife, and keeping footpaths and pavements accessible.

You can report any seriously overgrown vegetation to the Highways Department at West Sussex County Council online using the following link [Trees, hedges, weeds and grass - West Sussex County Council](#)

Thank you from Fiona MacLeod, Clerk to Findon Parish Council



### Village Hall Diary October 2024

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on [bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net) or visit [www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall](http://www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall). Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.net](http://www.findonvillagehall.net).

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Afternoon Tea Drop In	Monday(14 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Afternoon Tea Drop In	Monday (21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	14.00pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (15 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Udanceuk	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	16.30pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday(Not 16 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> only)	Chanctonbury	9.30 / 10.30 /11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday (not 6 <sup>th</sup> or 13 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	10.00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
Danceaholics	Sunday ( Not 13 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Chanctonbury	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	10 <sup>th</sup> October	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Art Class Workshop	12 <sup>th</sup> October	Nepcote	9.00am
Findon Village WI Crafty Ladies	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Nepcote	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Meditation	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Nepcote	19.30pm
Parish Council Full Mtg	21 <sup>st</sup> October	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	25 <sup>th</sup> October	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	29 <sup>th</sup> October	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Nepcote	19.30pm

#### **Dates for your Diary and Future Events**

**Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>** Bright Lights Comedy Night Live At The Apollo Star and Mock The Week Star, Simon Evans PLUS Britain's Got Talent Star, Stefano Paolini - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/simon-evans-stefano-paolini-tv-comic-special-tickets-1006392144997?>

**Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>** FVHT Race Night -- Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm. <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

#### **November Dates**

**Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup>** FVHT Quiz Night - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm. <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## OCTOBER 2024

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.  
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 and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Cornerstone Eucharist at Patching
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon

### Advance Notice! – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

We celebrate **All Saints** at Findon and Patching Churches in our morning worship at **10am** and **All Souls** in our special service in Findon Church at **3pm**. Everyone welcome!



**Next Messy Church -**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall  
 All children welcome with an accompanying  
 adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

**Lambs Tails - Parent & Toddler Group** for babies,  
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#### Weddings:

28<sup>th</sup> September – Hugh Wyatt & Helena Pratt

#### Baptisms:

1<sup>st</sup> September – Grace Pollard  
 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Monty Callis  
 29<sup>th</sup> September – Ophelia Coles

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