Findon News

November 2026

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

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THE FINDON FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA IS BACK!

We're delighted to announce that the Findon Fireworks Extravaganza will be returning to our school on **Friday 13th November, from 5pm**!

This year promises to be bigger and better, with an extended fireworks display and a fantastic range of attractions for all the family to enjoy, including:

Mini funfair : Golf simulator
Pizza and burgers : Hot desserts
A wide selection of drinks
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And, of course, our amazing fireworks display!

Tickets are available via the QR codes on our posters.

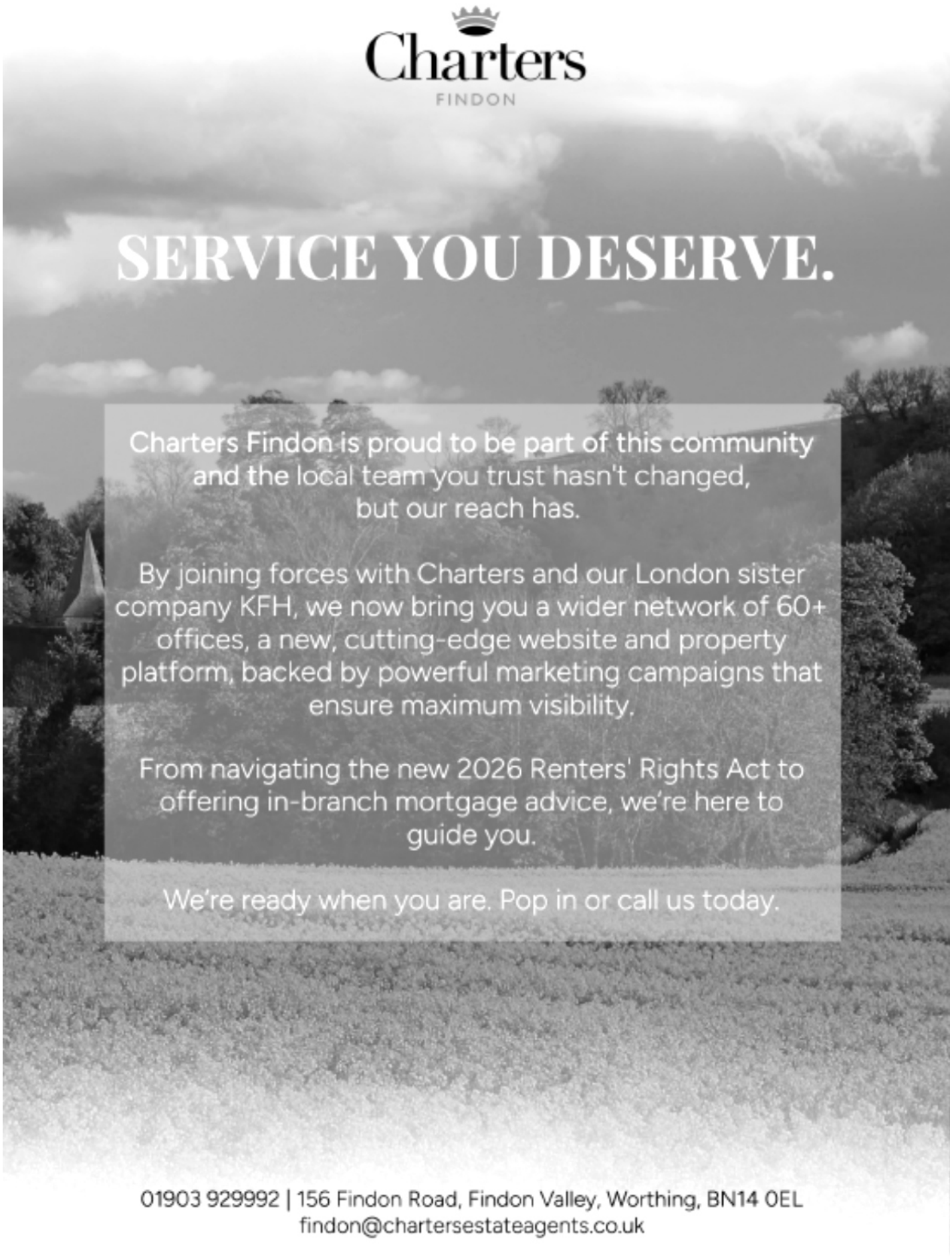
Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and friends along for an unforgettable evening of fun and entertainment!

We kindly ask all visitors to be considerate when parking around the village and to respect our local residents.

We look forward to welcoming you all for another fantastic Findon Fireworks Extravaganza!

Thank you for your support — we can't wait to see you there!

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News from the Rectory

Autumn is a truly wonderful time of the year. The scenery changes, and the leaves fall from the trees, in anticipation of the next season, the nights darken, crisper mornings, and the logs are gathered in readiness for winter fires.This is something I look forward to every year with my family, and it deepens my faith when I consider the enormity of God's plans and the sheer size of his responsibilities, with all life and the changing of seasons and what happens every year.

Throughout the seasons, it's important to remember to thank our Lord for the harvest, the warmer weather we have experienced this year, and all those who work tirelessly so that others may enjoy the food that we eat and drink, and a roof over our heads. With the many changes and problems going on in the world, I feel it is imperative to remember how lucky we are for the basic needs of life, which are provided to us by our Lord Jesus.

We have a number of events coming up at the church in the near future including Little Explorers every Tuesday afternoon at the Rectory from 3.30pm. This is a joyous gathering with the kids and parents from the local schools, with games for the kids and a cuppa for the parents and a chance to chat and meet other parents.

We have a men's supper at the Rectory on Wed 21st October in the evening. It is a chance for men to come along and have a chat, learn more about faith and have a meal and a drink. Donations welcome. Please email me for details at goodfoodonthemove.com@gmail.com

We have a family cafe style service on the first Sunday of every month with an opportunity for a croissant and cuppa, live music and a chance to chat with our church family. This starts at 10.00am, but breakfast from 9.30am. All are warmly invited. We also have Messy Church for primary school children on the first Tuesday of most months at the Village Hall, starting at around 3.30pm. Please come along if you would like to.

I'd like to personally invite anyone looking for friendship, faith, a cuppa, or even those just curious about our faith, to join us at our beautiful church, where you will be warmly welcomed. There are two other events happening both of which are featured in adverts in this magazine, organised by the Friends of St John the Baptist Church. We firstly have a Quiz night in the Village Hall with a Fish and Chip supper on the 21 st November, and a Carols by Candlelight on the 13th December in the Church, with a professional choir, mulled wine and mince pieces. Tickets available from Peckhams Butchers.

Finally, our thoughts and Prayers are with our recently retired Associate Vicar Colin Cox at this very sad time

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2pm - 4pm
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Mr. Richard Yelland - Former Head-Teacher at Findon School.

We are sorry to convey the sad news of the passing of our former Head Teacher, Richard Yelland. Richard was at our school for 20 years, retiring 5 years ago for health reasons.

He gave a tremendous amount to school, enriching not only the lives of every pupil with whom he came into contact, but also his staff, governors, parents and other members of our community. He will be remembered fondly as an inspirational teacher, a leader and valued friend. We know that many current pupils, their older siblings and friends will remember Mr. Yelland, as will many parents and others served by the school, both here in Findon and beyond.

We shall be conveying to his family the many kind tributes that have been paid to Richard, someone who performed his role faultlessly, with good humour and a kind nature. He will be missed by us all.

Wattle House

Thank you to everyone who attended the Wattle House Community Heritage Project presentation on 10 October 2026 and to those who have since shared their views and ideas.

The event provided an opportunity to present early proposals and hear residents' feedback. The project remains in the development stage as we continue work on the next phase of our National Lottery Heritage Fund application, and no final decisions have been made.

We were encouraged by the positive response and grateful for the thoughtful questions raised, particularly around parking, traffic and protecting the character of Nepcote Green. We would like to reassure residents that the Wattle House is intended as a community heritage project, not a large-scale tourist attraction, and that preserving the setting of both the building and the Green remains a key priority.

Community feedback is helping to shape our plans, and there will be further opportunities for consultation if the project progresses. In the meantime, updates will continue to be published on the Parish Council website. Findon - The Wattle House Project

The Wattle House Working Group





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Roads and Parking – October 2026 update

Cissbury Ring Road – Speed Reduction
Following the disappointing news that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) rejected our application to reduce the speed limit on Cissbury Ring Road, Findon Parish Council has installed four ‘Slow Down’ signs along the road. We hope these will encourage motorists and cyclists to be more mindful of their speed.

We intend to continue pressing WSCC on this issue and would welcome evidence of speeding or dangerous driving from residents, walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Please contact the Parish Council if you have anything to share.

School Hill – One-Way TRO
Despite strong community backing, WSCC has also decided not to proceed with the scheme to make School Hill one way. Unfortunately, in their assessment the evidence did not support the proposal, citing relatively low traffic speeds, light traffic volumes and no recorded injury accidents in the past five years.

Village Road Signs
We have raised concerns with WSCC about several road signs around the village that need repairing or replacing. WSCC has confirmed that these are on its list of works, subject to available funding.

Long Furlong Closure
The recent emergency closure of Long Furlong, caused by a burst water main, once again created significant traffic problems for Findon and surrounding villages. Unfortunately, it took several days to secure appropriate signage from WSCC to discourage drivers from using village roads as a cut-through. We are now exploring the possibility of having our own temporary signs that can be deployed quickly should similar incidents occur in future.

Nepcote – Traffic Speeds
We have been discussing with WSCC what measures might be available to reduce vehicle speeds through Nepcote. We will update residents as soon as we receive a response.

The Roads and Parking Group continues to work with WSCC and other agencies to improve road safety, address residents' concerns and minimise traffic disruption throughout Findon. Without evidence of accidents, speeding and anti-social driving, it can be difficult to build a strong case for future traffic safety measures. We therefore encourage residents to continue reporting general concerns to the Parish Council and other more serious incidents to the police on the non-emergency 101 number.

Operation Crackdown
Sussex Police has an online system for reporting called Operation Crackdown Operation Crackdown and we strongly advise residents to report incidents as this would highlight and evidence the issues. Please find further details elsewhere in this edition of Findon News.

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Village Shop News *Jean Burden*

I've talked before about the shop being at the heart of village life, the guardian of lost things, and the place we turn to when we need to know something. Well, it's been just that for me this month. Being a loyal Findonian, I went to the meeting discussing the future of our Wattle House. But when I got there, it was very obvious that either I'd got the wrong venue, the wrong date, or the wrong time. Both halls were a hive of activity, but not a 'sitting down for a meeting' sort of activity. Well, I knew exactly what to do; I've talked about it often enough; now it was time to put my words into action. And, of course, it was exactly the right thing to do. And I had a nice chat with our volunteers as a bonus!

I talk a lot about our wonderful Post Office. How lucky are we, to have a PO on our doorstep, and even open all day on Saturday and even Sunday morning! Well, we are now offering an EVRI service, so you can collect and drop off your packages here. Impressed? I hope so. We are constantly striving to make our excellent shop even better. Oh, and the Christmas stamps will go on sale on 3rd November. A traditional Nativity scene this year, I understand, getting back to the heart of Christmas.

Olivia, our newest employee, is settling in well. If you haven't met her yet, do pop in on a Saturday afternoon and see her. Apparently, she is studying criminology… Could come in useful! We have been really impressed by her enthusiasm. Go for it, Olivia!

Findon is a multi-talented village. We have always known it, and the shop is a prime example of people with different talents all pulling together, using their particular skill to benefit Findon. Which leads me to mention a couple of gaps. Firstly, our Secretary is standing down soon. It's a crucial role, and we are all very grateful to Richard Pratt for doing it so competently. Secondly, we are very keen to do the right thing for our employees, and from time to time could really benefit from a Human Resources consultant. If you have either of these skills and would be willing to help, please do let us know. We would be so grateful.

As a community shop, we try our best to serve Findon, and consider those around us. We are aware that some of our delivery drivers make some noise early in the morning, and that, particularly over the hot summer when we have had our windows open overnight, a few neighbours have been inconvenienced. We are so sorry. We are speaking to the businesses and drivers concerned, although it is very difficult to contact some. All we can say is how very sorry we are, and we are doing our utmost to ensure that nobody's sleep is disrupted by shop business.

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Entrance £4 including hot drink and sweet or savoury goodies!
Children under 12 admitted free and well behaved dogs welcome.

Buy your Christmas Wreath beautifully made by Nikky,
your carved wooden gifts from David of Men in Sheds,
your Tropic beauty products from Lorna and
stock up with Christmas Cards from Cinnamon Trust.
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sit down with a cuppa and cake!

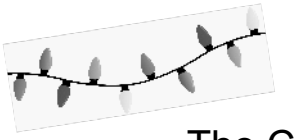
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If you have any good quality items (not books, clothes or electrical) you would like to donate please let me know by end November.

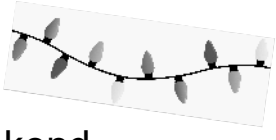
Looking forward to seeing you on the day and don't forget we take card payments now as well as cash for this wonderful charity which is unique in that it helps both people and pets.

"Still time to order one of my small Christmas cakes.
£8 each please contact me by 15th November."

Best regards
Maggie, John and " Rosie"



Christmas Lights in The Square



The Christmas lights are being installed on the weekend of 14th November and will be switched on at 5.30 pm on 6th December.
We hope everyone will come and join us for the festivities, including mince pies, mulled wine and carols.

Our special guest will be Father Christmas and his Elf helper.
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Findon Village residents aged over 18 years are cordially invited to attend

Date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Time: 8.30pm

Venue: Nepcote Hall

FINDON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Friday 27th November 7:30pm
Findon Village Hall

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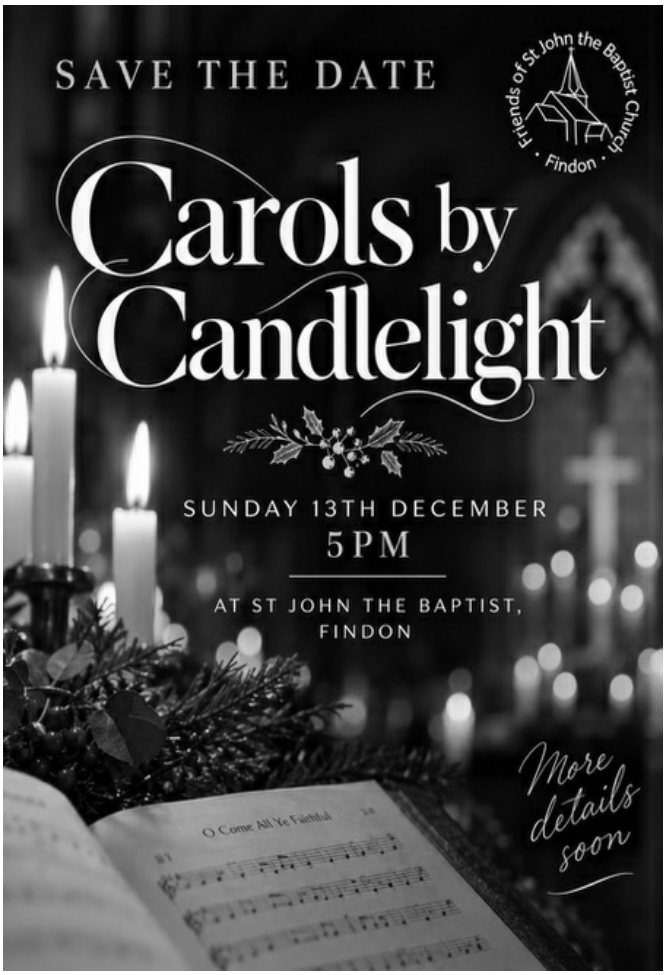
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What constitutes anti-social driving? The phrase 'anti-social driving/riding' can cover many different behaviours on the road which may include:

- Speeding by individuals
- Using a mobile phone at the wheel
- Not wearing a seat belt
- Careless/aggressive driving

What information will you need to make a report online ?

The vehicle's make, model and licence plate number.

The location of the incident – the more information you can give, the better.

Any more information about the driver/rider – rough age and gender.

You will be asked for your contact details at the end of the form. These will help us keep you up to date and give us the opportunity to contact you again should we need any more information.

You will not be identified if the offending driver/rider is contacted.

It is important to note that Operation Crackdown should NOT be used for emergency situations (such as drink-driving) – these should be reported via the 999 emergency number.

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Paws Animal Sanctuary

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We have lost a lot of our old large goldfish that we have had for years because two herons have discovered our pond. It's a large pond with a bridge. The pond urgently needs attention we found a leak when my daughter cut all the foliage down around the pond and we had another fountain coming from a pump. The experts are coming to clean out the pond next week so we are being forced to put nets across to keep the herons off.

We are being asked almost every week to take unwanted pets. The vets have trebled their prices and owners cannot afford the new prices. When I was a kid I used to take my pets to the PDSA and put a coin in the box. Our vet bills are frightening. One guineapig recently arrived with a badly swollen eye; he had to have his eye removed costing £400. Another had a huge cyst on his back that burst, he is still under treatment and had antibiotics but still has a large wound that he won't leave it alone and has to wear a fabric collar. We try our very best but sadly some have needed treatment for too long and we cannot save them. A dear friendly little guineapig arrived with her neck badly swollen. She was eating but sadly died in her sleep.

We have two beautiful, friendly kittens now ready to go to a new home, temporary names of Pea and Pod. They must go together as they are inseparable, all day they play together, eat together and sleep together. They were born in April and were only two days old when they arrived as a family of Seven. They are both wormed, innoculated, microchipped, and neutered costing us £400 for each cat. So we now have to ask for a donation of at least £100 for each cat to help us cover some of the new expensive Vet Bills.

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Worship and Praise



Sunday 1st November
10.00am

Findon Church

With the Worthing Salvation Army
Talk by Turning Tides

Breakfast at 9-30 am
Messy Church craft session

All welcome

200 Club

The monthly 200 Club £25 draw was held on 12th October, congratulations to the winner, Jane Proudlock, ball number 132.

Tickets are on sale at £10/head at the Village Shop and Peckhams to members, for the Autumn Quiz and Grand Draw to be held on 14th November at Findon Village Hall.

A big thank you to members who have already renewed their membership. It would be appreciated if those who have yet to renew could pay their £25/ball number as soon as possible.

Findon Place

Findon Place is getting ready to welcome the festive season with a wonderful programme of events throughout November and December, offering everything from creative workshops and comedy to wine tasting and indulgent afternoon tea.

The celebrations begin on **28 November** with Next Stop Comedy bringing an evening of laughter to Findon Place. Doors open at 6pm, with tickets priced at £20.
On **3 December**, guests can enjoy a festive watercolour workshop with Jo Dowers at 10am (£45), followed by an evening of Christmas wreath making with Sam Ward of Magic Flowers and Gifts at 7pm (£65).
4 December brings a wine tasting quiz night hosted by Hennings Wine, promising plenty of fun and friendly competition (£38), with optional grazing boards available.
Creative activities continue on **5 December** with a lino printing workshop led by Amy from Cult Milk (£45), while the ever-popular **Festive Afternoon Tea** returns on **6 December**, offering delicious cakes, homemade scones and seasonal treats by the fire (£35).
On 10 December, guests can try traditional Indian block printing with Sarita Prints Joy (£45), creating beautiful handmade gifts and decorations. The festive programme also includes a candle-making workshop with Ursula from Wax and Willow (£55), perfect for creating thoughtful Christmas gifts.

With events taking place in the beautiful surroundings of Findon Place, there are plenty of opportunities to gather with friends, learn a new skill and enjoy a little Christmas magic.

Places are limited for many events, and early booking is recommended. Further information and tickets are available through the Findon Place website.

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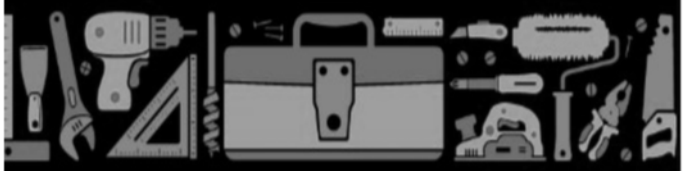
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Findon Village Hall Trust

What's on at the Hall

FVHT AGM – We are holding our AGM on November 12th in Nepcote Hall. Do come along to hear about the activities at the hall and tell us what you think. See separate poster for more details.

Embroidery and Textile Art Classes.
From January 2027 we have a new craft workshop starting run by local Textile Artist and Tutor Esther Collins. She will be running a range of exciting workshops covering activities such as gelli printing, hand embroidery, textile art and more. Esther is an experienced and well established tutor, who has been teaching workshops and courses from her workshop in Storrington and throughout West Sussex, for many years. Workshops will run monthly on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am - 1.30pm and will cost £60 - £65. Workshops are suitable for all levels of ability and include most materials, plus tea, coffee and biscuits. The first workshop in January will be Gelli Printing Birds and Botanicals on Tuesday 26th January. Esther will also be running a monthly Creative Textiles Group on Thursdays and Fridays, which is for ongoing members only. Please contact Esther for more details, or to register your interest. For more details and to book your place, please visit Esther's website:
https://www.esthercollins.co.uk/book-online, have a look at her Instagram account https://www.instagram.com/esthercollins5679/ or phone her on 07884 078172.

FVHT Events

Our last film night for this year is on November 20th is the recent film of Wuthering Heights starring Margo Robbie so we hope to see you there. Doors open at 6.30pm for a start at 7.30pm.

Community Events run by FVHT
Monday Afternoon Teas restarted in October in Nepcote Hall from 2.00pm – 3.30pm and will be held weekly until Easter 2027. These are drop in sessions where unlimited teas and coffees are served 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 November 7th when Age UK will be joining us to host a Musical Bingo session – see poster for more details.

Lunch @1 will be held on Tuesday November 25th with 2 courses + tea and coffee served for just £6 with children's meals being just £2. Well behaved dogs are always welcome. The WI will be our cooks for this month and there will be a Christmas feel to the day as it will be our last lunch in 2026. The WI will be putting up the Christmas decorations in the hall the day before and the Monarchs Way Singers will be coming along to sing some seasonal songs.

Men in Sheds – new recruits are needed!
"We are a small group who meet up for approximately 2 hours each Tuesday and Thursday morning between 10.00am and midday. No experience is needed we don't tackle anything too complicated. The movement was first formed in Australia to help men recently

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retired who miss the banter of the workplace and talking to others. Coffee and Biscuits are also consumed while we sort the world's problems out. We meet at the village hall sheds located to the left of the hall. Just turn up or call me on 07483267608. If you are interested and would like to know more email alanwadhams49@gmail.com or give him a ring.

If you have any questions about whats going on in the hall do contact Elaine on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net

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GARDENING and other TITBITS

Catherine York

I recently came across an article I wrote in June 1997; 30 years ago. It could easily have been written within the last 2 or 3 years, proving that the pattern of weather is ever-changeable, and would appear to be quite normal!

Sun, Wind and Rain

One thing you can say for the British weather, it is never boring. In January, March and April, I remember lovely hot summer days and worried about another year of drought.

Then the rain came and I was delighted, well at first anyway. The first storm we had, we all stood at the windows watching the heavy rain pelting down and the thunder and lightning in the distance. We were like Africans; looking out onto our first ever snowfall. Five weeks later and the novelty had worn off. After the rain, came the winds and one day I arrived home from work to find two of my standard roses hanging over our next-door neighbour's garden at a 75-degree angle. I was convinced the roses had not rooted properly because the year they were planted I did it in the non-stop rainy-season and added dry Irish Moss Peat to wet heavy- clay to turn the soil into something more manageable to work with. It reminded me of adding flour to the mixture of eggs and butter when baking a cake. I proceeded to dig them out and found that they were extremely well rooted, so much so that I hurt my back trying to free the roots. It was the stakes which had rotted two-thirds of the way down. Anyway, they are out now and it is probably for the best as their thorns were lethal and I always worried about people catching their eyes when getting out of the car at the side of them.

Now, we have new small ornamental standard tree to replace them. Salix Integra Hakuro Nishiki with a slightly weeping habit and new semi-evergreen leaves of shrimp-pink turning to white and eventually mottled-green. As I arrive home after a hard day's work, I am welcomed by the sight of this graceful tree with its foliage lit up in the evening sun.

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Findon Village WI

We had a great night at our October meeting when we welcomed **Isabella Josie from Sussex Hats in Arundel** to talk to us about — you guessed it — hats!

Isabella is a milliner and hat maker and gave us a fascinating insight into the history of hats, different styles and how fashions have changed over the years. But this wasn't just a case of sitting and listening — Isabella arrived with dozens of hats for us to look at and, more importantly, try on!

From pillboxes and Panamas to top hats and everything in between, it didn't take much encouragement before we were all trying them on and deciding which styles suited us best. My personal favourite? Definitely the fedora!

One interesting fact of the night was one I certainly didn't know: the **RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)** was founded in 1889 in response to the Victorian fashion for decorating hats with bird feathers and plumage. Who knew an evening about millinery could also include a little bit of ornithology!

Our members also showed their generosity by bringing along donations for the **Turning Tides Harvest Festival appeal**, with a wonderful collection of items from their wish list to support local people experiencing homelessness. A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

It's been another busy month away from our main meeting too. Members enjoyed a social evening at the Black Horse skittle alley, our two book clubs met for their monthly discussions and our Crafty Ladies turned their talents to making earrings. There's always something going on!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING…

November is looking just as busy as we begin the countdown to Christmas. Our November meeting will be a decidedly crafty affair as we make the Christmas decorations for the Village Hall, ready to add some festive sparkle for Lunch @ 1pm on Tuesday 24th November.

And if you haven't been to Lunch @ 1pm before, this could be the month to give it a try, as the WI ladies are the designated cooks! We will be dishing up a choice of two homemade soups and three puddings.

We'll also be holding our annual **Defibrillator & CPR training session** — a really worthwhile opportunity for members to learn or refresh potentially life-saving skills.

Finally, we're delighted that three more ladies have recently joined us, taking our membership to 53! A very warm welcome to our newest members.

As always, visitors are very welcome. If you've been thinking about giving the WI a try, why not pop along? There'll be **tea, cake, friendly faces and a good chat.**

We'd love to see you!

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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).

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 to benefit from resource and cost efficiencies future Planning Committee 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 - Beech - Rear Garden - Crown reduction of height and spread by 3 metres.
27 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ
Ref. No: SDNP/26/03950/TPO

Discharge of Conditions 7 (Hard and Soft Landscape) 8 (Boundary Treatments) 9 (Detailed drawings) 13 (DNS) - SDNP/23/04993/FUL
Land at Elm Rise Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/26/03918/

T1 - Horse Chestnut - Dead wood and crown clean. Reduce all lower limbs by 2/3 meters
The Haven 46 Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SL
Ref. No: SDNP/26/04016/TPO

Discharge of conditions 3 (Management Plan) and 7 (Window details) for SDNP/26/00305/FUL.
Nepcote Chapel Nepcote Findon BN14 0SD
Ref. No: SDNP/26/03802/DCOND



Village Hall Diary November 2026

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or visit 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.

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Soccer Tots	Monday	Chanctonbury	09.45am
Monday Afternoon Drop In	Monday	Nepcote	14.00pm
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	09.15am
	Tuesday (17th only)	Nepcote	09.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	09.30am
Pilates	Wednesday	Nepcote	10.45am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	09.30am
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	Nepcote	09.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday (15th,22th,29th)	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Messy Church	3rd November	Chanctonbury	15.45pm
Tastevin	5th November	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Sound Bath	8th November	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Findon Village WI	12th November	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
WI Crafty Ladies	16th November	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	17th November	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Lunch @ 1	24th November	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Findon Garden Association	27th November	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

Dates for your Diary in November

Age UK Musical Bingo – Monday 7th November - Nepcote – 1.45pm for 2pm start
FVHT AGM – Thursday 12th November - Nepcote Hall – 8pm
200 Club – Saturday 14th November - Chanctonbury –7pm
FVHT Film Night -Friday 20th November – Chanctonbury – 6.30pm doors open for 7.30pm start
Wuthering Heights (2026) starring Margo Robbie.
St Barnabas Coffee Morning Saturday 21st November – Chanctonbury – 10.am
Friends of Findon Church Quiz – Saturday 21st November Chanctonbury – 7pm
Lunch@1 – Tuesday 24th November Chanctonbury 12.45pm for 1pm

Dates for Your Diary in December

Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair – 5th December – Chanctonbury – 10am
Friends of Findon Church Quiz – Saturday 21st November Chanctonbury – 7pm
Lunch@1 – Tuesday 24th November Chanctonbury 12.45pm for 1pm



PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING NOVEMBER 2026

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday.

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am 03.00pm	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev Zachary Allen) Worship & Praise in Findon Church with the Salvation Army Band) Eucharist in Patching Church (Rev Bill Meyer) All Souls' Service in Findon Church (Rev Helena Buqué)
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church (Rev Zachary Allen) Eucharist with act of Remembrance in Findon Church (Rev Helena Buqué)
Sunday 15th November Safeguarding Sunday (Second Sunday before Advent)	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am 03.00pm	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev Bill Meyer) Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev Bill Meyer) Eucharist in Clapham Church (Rev Felix Smith) Friends of St John the Baptist Church AGM
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev Roger Walker) Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev David Mumford)
Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday	08.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev Chris Skilton) Parish Eucharist in Clapham Church

FAMILY EVENTS:

Next **Messy Church** – Tuesday 3rd November – 3.30pm in Findon Village Hall
All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food

Saturday 14th November, 10.30am – **Family Walk**
Starting at Clapham Church and walking to Patching Church. We will be stopping off for tea and biscuits and then returning to Clapham Church. All very welcome!

Lambs Tails now has a new name! **'Explorers'**
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