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Including the Church Parish of Findon,  
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# News

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FINDON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

## SPRING FLOWER SHOW



**Findon Village Hall**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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**The raffle will be drawn at 3.30pm**

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## From the Rectory

Wet and windy it is as I write this, at the start of Lent and looking ahead hoping for better weather soon! Lent is named from the old English word for spring and with the milder weather, the primroses are out early in Findon Churchyard, but the snowdrops and crocuses don't enjoy the wild weather we've been having. If you haven't been up to the church, do go in between showers – the flowers are lovely, especially the flowering cherry tree.

The first Sunday of the month at Findon Church is a chance to enjoy different styles of music as we invite groups of musicians and singers to help lead our worship. This month it is a joy to have the choir of St John the Baptist School coming to the 10am Service on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is part of the partnership between school, community and church and this year the school choir is particularly talented so do join us if you can! We are so lucky in this Parish to have strong links with both our Primary Schools and all three Villages benefit greatly from the church and community links, as do the pupils at the schools.

Through March there are a number of exciting things going on in the churches. Mothering Sunday is always the second Sunday of Lent and is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for all who have 'mothered' us through our lives. Mothering means caring for, and is not restricted to our biological mothers, although our parents usually are those whom we remember most as providing the love and support we all need in our childhood. Often misnamed 'Mother's Day', Mothering Sunday has a long history in this country, going back to the days when young people left home to

go into Service on big country estates or town houses at a young age. This Sunday was often the only opportunity they had annually to visit family and their 'Mother Church'. As a child, we celebrated both Mothering Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent) and Mother's Day (Finnish Äitien päivä: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May is commonly celebrated in Europe, acknowledging the part played by mothers with gifts of flower posies or chocolates. Use of the word Mothering allows us to give thanks for dads, grandparents and many others who have supported our lives. In church, we offer flowers as thanksgiving symbols, and often people will place these on a loved one's grave in thanksgiving and remembrance, in addition to children giving them to mum.

The following Sunday is called Passion Sunday in the church and marks the start of Holy Week, when we remember the last days of Jesus' life on earth. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday that week, there is the opportunity to walk the Way of the Cross in each of our churches in turn (details at the back of this magazine) through the Stations of the Cross. If you have never experienced this, why not try it this year? It is a prayerful and thought-provoking experience, giving time to thank God for all Jesus did for us on the cross. On Maundy Thursday this year, we will have a Communion Service in Findon Church at 7.30pm, followed by a bowl of soup and roll before the Watch of the Passion, which will be in the Lady Chapel as usual.

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Please sign up on the list (in all 3 churches) if you would like to join us for soup, so we know how much to prepare. On Palm Sunday the Findon Service starts later (at 10am) as we meet in the Rectory garden for bacon rolls then process through the Village to the church. Good Friday has an extra Messy Church event at the Rectory before we process to Pond Green and details of this and the later meditations can be found in the table at the back of Findon News. We are trialling the Easter early Service at 7.30am (instead of 6am) as the clocks change on Easter Sunday, in the hope that families might join us for bacon rolls after that Service before the main Family Service at 10am followed by the traditional Easter Egg

Hunt. The Easter Candle is blessed at the early Service and we welcome Jacob and Evie Thwaites with their family and friends as they are baptised at Findon in the 10am Service. It is wonderful to have baptisms in this Service as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and traditionally this was when families were baptised in the early Church.

Looking forward to seeing many of you over the month at these events!

Every blessing, *Helena*

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### Easter Lilies in Findon Church

This Easter we would like to decorate our parish church with lilies- a symbol of peace and hope. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, or for the health and well-being of a friend or your family, please copy or cut & fill out the slip and post it to **The Rectory, School Hill** with £5 donation **before Monday 25 March.**

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# Findon Parish Council Report

*Linda Martin - Chairman*

I am very pleased to announce that we have another councillor who has joined us following co-option at the FPC meeting on 22 January 2024, Mrs Lisa Kenna, and we are looking forward to working with her. There are still two vacancies for co-option and if you want to find out more information, please do get in touch with our Clerk, Fiona 01903 877225) or (Clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has finalised and approved the annual precept/budget which will help fund changes within the village during the course of the 2024/2025 financial year. The precept will be £58k (an increase of £2.63 per annum or £0.05 per week for a Band D equivalent household).

You may have seen the recent press releases from West Sussex County Council regarding Operation Watershed. Findon received positive press regarding the works undertaken at The Quadrangle/A24. FPC had successfully submitted an application for this location and the costs were fully funded by Operation Watershed.

The planning application for the land at Elm Rise (SDNP/23/04993/FUL) was considered at the FPC Planning Committee meeting on 15 February 2024 and was well attended by residents. It was clear that the residents and the Planning Committee shared the same concerns regarding the application, and the lack of information and detail contained in the application. As a result, the Committee felt unable to either support or object and this will be reflected in the response to the SDNPA. The FPC response will be published on the SDNPA Public Access System

Simple Search (southdowns.gov.uk) FPC is a statutory consultee for Findon planning applications and consultations, however the decision maker for planning applications is the SDNPA.

With winter behind us, we can now all look forward to spring and hope for drier spring weather. There is always plenty of work to do in the garden I have found.

This month I want to highlight the work carried out by the Findon Wild Flower group who have done a sterling job in developing beds to encourage wild flowers back to the village. You may recall that this is a new project which has been backed by the Parish Council in conjunction with South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). It was certainly a challenge to name some of the varieties of wildflowers. Just to help you, a number of spring flowers have already been planted, ie, snowdrops, bluebells, primrose, violets and cowslips and it is hoped these will flower in the spring and summer of this year and/or next year. The feedback from residents has been very encouraging and the group are continuing to thrive. Sian Keating is the knowledgeable lady who leads the group and it is worth noting that the group was only established a year ago. There are eight volunteers who meet intermittently from spring through to autumn.

If you have a few hours free and want to join them, do please give this some thought and get in touch with our Clerk, Fiona, who will put you in touch. (Clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01903 877225)

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There will be a more detailed report on the work that has been undertaken and the future plans on our website.

Turning now to the pond restoration, works should commence the week commencing 11 March although this will depend on weather conditions. Do pop up to have a look at the work which will be ongoing during that week.

We have been advised by St John The Baptist School that following a successful Ofsted visit, the school has been given a 'Good' rating across all sectors of the school except for the Early Years provision which was judged by the Inspectors as 'Excellent'. I am sure you will join me in sending congratulations to the School and staff for all their hard work in achieving such a tremendous result.

Congratulations are also due to the Findon Village WI who recently celebrated their 50th 'birthday' with a celebratory cake and with music from the 1970's. Here's to the next 50!



**Sunday 3rd March 2024**

**Findon Church**

**Worship and Praise**

**St John the Baptist school  
choir**

**will lead the singing**

**time 10am**

**All are very welcome.**

**Refreshments**

**after the service.**

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The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was!

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

Looks like we're getting wild flowers as neighbours

They're wild? I'm furious



Hurrah! Spring is definitely around the corner, and we see signs of it everywhere: daffodils, lighter evenings, and birdsong. And, by the time you've read about all the ways in which the shop is 'springing' into spring, you'll be heading straight down there with a 'spring' in your step!

This March is full of Spring celebrations. First off will be Mother's Day. Many customers comment on the fantastic collection of cards we stock, and I'm sure our Mother's Day cards will be very popular. So don't leave it too late to pop in and buy yours. We'll also be selling pot plants, chocolates and other small gifts for you to give your mum.

Easter falls in March this year, and we have a wonderful selection of eggs. We have various varieties of Lindt and Lindor eggs, and, would you believe it, golf balls! Golf balls! Just as long as the chocolate golf ball isn't confused with a real one, I suppose it's ok. Chomping into a real one might not do your teeth any good! Thorntons, meanwhile, boast dinosaur, unicorn and bunny eggs! I assume they are all chocolate. Then there's Peppa Pig and Hey Duggie (whoever Duggie is) and even hot wheels eggs, and bags of eggs, perfect if you're planning an Easter egg hunt. You might think with all my drooling over chocolate that I've given up chocolate for Lent, but I can't even use that as an excuse. I'm just bemused by it all. Anyway, no more mention of chocolate, I promise!

Of course, we want to keep Easter traditions going, and will stock simnel cake, a fruit cake layered with marzipan that dates back to medieval times.

Apparently domestic servants (often teenage girls) used to take one back to their families on Mother's Day, but now the cake is more associated with Easter. It's very delicious – you need to try it if you haven't already!

With Easter approaching, we start to think about warmer weather, and ice creams in particular! Our ice cream freezer will be waking from its hibernation and resuming its duty, hosting a wide selection of ice creams. I can mention several, such as solero or fruit lollies, but can't tell you about most of our varieties for fear of breaking my promise, so you'll just have to imagine them for yourselves!

I often wax lyrical about our wonderful Post Office. Where else would you find one that is open on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings? It provides an amazing service! I always use it to get money out – so much easier and safer than finding a cashpoint. And with Spring coming, and our thoughts turning to holidays, our friendly Post Office again lends a helping hand. As well as being able to buy euros over the counter, you can buy a Travel Money card. You can load up to 22 currencies (that would be some holiday!), pay no charges abroad, reload, and freeze if necessary, so it's safer than carrying cash. I will definitely get one.

We are very well supported by our team of volunteers, and look forward to our Volunteers' Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Nepcote room in the Village Hall, when our volunteers can hear more of how the shop is doing, and have an opportunity to meet each other.

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If anyone is thinking of joining our merry band of volunteers, we would love to see you at the meeting, where you can find out more about the roles and commitment. If there's anyone out there who would be prepared to join the cleaning team, you would be welcomed with very wide-open arms!

And, finally, our all-important Easter opening hours are as follows:

**Good Friday**     **29<sup>th</sup> March 06.30-18.00**  
**Easter Saturday** **30<sup>th</sup> March 06.30-19.00**  
**Easter Sunday**   **31<sup>st</sup> March 06.30-12.30**  
**Easter Monday**   **1<sup>st</sup> April 06.30-12.30**

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## **Cinnamon Trust**

*Maggie Martin*

As you all know we had a wonderfully successful result from the Christmas Fair and I promised to report on how it was spent. The Trust has taken on the care of several horses and ponies who are being cared for at their Sanctuary.

Our funds are being used to provide lovely warm stables for them and to build a hayloft for homegrown hay to be used instead of it having to be bought in. This will mean a great deal to these elderly pets and it is heartwarming to know how much your generosity is achieving. Never forget it is not just dogs!

Many thanks again to you all, and we look forward to a lovely Easter Fair.



## **Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair**



**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am - 12.30pm**  
Findon Village Hall

Entry £3 to include hot drink and sweet or savoury item  
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Children admitted free. Well behaved dogs welcome

New addition: Chalk Farm Flowers for your Easter flower arrangements

Guess the "Bunny" name

Grand raffle. lots of goodies, pet items and gifts for sale.

Maggie's pre-ordered Easter cakes at £8 each  
will be at Fair for collection. Please order by 15th March.

Good quality items(not books or clothes) for sale are very welcome

## **MORE ON FINDON SWIMMING POOL** **– HELP WILL SOON BE NEEDED!**

In last month's FN we advertised that we would soon be able to call a public meeting to discuss how the rebooted Findon Swimming Club will function once the pool reopens after its renovation. Unfortunately, we cannot yet advise a date for this meeting but will try to do so next month.

In the meantime, we can still appeal for help with all the tasks that will have to be undertaken so that the club can run successfully. To run the pool this summer we will need an army of volunteers to help out. Duties to be undertaken include daily water testing, general pool management/on-going maintenance and most importantly life-guarding at every swimming session. Training will be given for all of these roles, especially in First-Aid and pool operation. With enough volunteers the shared workload will be both easy and enjoyable.

**Findon has done this very successfully in the past – we now need to do it all again.** If you have been a volunteer in years gone by and now, quite understandably, feel that you have done your bit (and so its time for others to help), we would ask that you please still consider stepping forward to advise others on how this was done.

The running to the pool is done by the outside community via a constituted swimming club to facilitate access for all: doing the dual roles of providing pupil access to swimming during term-time **for all those at our school**, and public swimming sessions (and private

pool hire), during the summer holidays. The pool's operation is quite different to that of most other pools, although the standards that must be met are the same. The original club had some excellent admin systems in place to ensure a continuous stream of volunteers guaranteed coverage throughout the season. Garnering all of these skills will be one of the aims of our first public swimming pool club meeting.

During the last 18 months a great deal of hard work, fund-raising and renovation activity has got the pool close to reopening. Thanks to the help of local businesses and kind individual donations the pool walls and lining have been repaired and much of the plant restored. Everyone has done a tremendous job to get us to where we are today. The committee that manages the pool club is headed by local businessman and current-day school parent, Mick Dicker, MD of Raw Energy Pursuits, a company that organise local keep fit events and activities. **Please e-mail** Mick to register your interest and tell us how you can help: Email address is: [rawenergypursuits@gmail.com](mailto:rawenergypursuits@gmail.com)

**This is our community pool which needs the help of the community.**

Please consider volunteering some time and then come and join in to help run this popular local facility. Thank you.

***The Findon Swimming Club  
Committee.***

## Fund-raising Quiz - to help a former Findon School pupil undertake a Celebrity Trek for Breast Cancer Awareness

Melanie Smith, a former pupil at our school, now a mother of two, a secondary school teacher and part of a local Findon family, plans to undertake a **100km trek** in the Brecon Beacons to raise funds for the breast cancer awareness charity **CoppaFeel**. The first step to doing this involves a **charity quiz**.

Whilst going into training, trekking the local Downs as many times as she can over the next few months, Melanie will be working very hard to raise funds for CoppaFeel! Her biggest fundraising venture to-date is this "CoppaQuiz" which is being hosted at St Mary's Church Hall in Goring-by-sea on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** from 07.00. Ticket prices are £15 and include quiz entry; a fish and chip supper and a glass of wine and there will be a raffle as well with plenty of prizes that have been generously donated by local businesses and national companies. Therefore, please see this as an invitation to come along to an amazing evening in which you will be fed and watered, entertained, could win some fab prizes and can rest assured that it is all in aid of a really brilliant cause.

Having applied to do this, without really thinking that she had a hope of getting on the trek, Melanie was absolutely thrilled to learn that she will be one of 120 people trekking the Brecon Beacons alongside actress/author/podcaster, **Giovanna Fletcher**, and Strictly Come Dancing's **Amy Dowden**, and other not-yet-announced celebrities. And, even more important than this, she will be walking with many incredibly awe-inspiringly

strong women who have experienced, and are still experiencing, breast cancer.

Melanie was inspired to enter this event by her sister-in-law, Clare, and her bravery and strength following diagnosis of secondary breast cancer in her 40s. Melanie's grandmother also had breast cancer and her mum was a breast care nurse specialist at the breast unit at Worthing Hospital for over 15 years, so this is a cause that is very close to her heart. The importance of early detection and the impact that it can have on a prognosis cannot be emphasised enough. CoppaFeel! works to raise awareness particularly in young people and encourage them to check regularly and accurately so that they can get diagnosed early.

Tickets for the quiz can be purchased using the QR code below and if you can't make it but are keen to contribute, there is also a QR code that will take you directly to my JustGiving page.

Hope to see you on 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you cannot scan the codes below, please visit the web address also shown here:

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**8th March: Spring Watercolour Workshop** with Jo Dowers - £45

**27th April: The Leap Year Ball** in aid of Keep Me Breathing. £150. This one is truly special. A black tie ball - a Wiston drinks reception, followed by a fabulous three course dinner, including wine, a charity auction with some amazing prizes - fancy being in a Peter James book? Golf days, holidays, golf open tickets, music tickets, signed Brighton and Hove Shirt and much much more and to end the evening dancing in the Ballroom. Get your glad rags on and help us raise lots of money for this lovely little local charity!

**Bank Holiday Monday 6th May: Return of the Vintage Car Rally** on behalf of The Friends of St John the Baptist - a great fun day out, lots of interesting cars, bbq and tea tent. Free entry but donations appreciated!

**19th July: Open Air Opera** - La Traviata - one of Verdi's most popular works and a first for us - we can't wait to bring this lovely evening of music to Findon Place. Tickets £50/55

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**21st July: Open Garden** for the NGS - tickets booked via their website £7 each - well be serving tea and cake and of course scones! Come and join us for a wonder around the garden and a cream tea.

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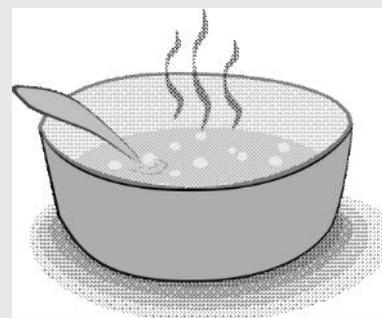


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On 21<sup>st</sup> February 1974 Findon Village WI was founded.

50 years on we celebrated our Golden Anniversary in style with cake and bubbles. We welcomed ladies from our neighbouring WI's and Erika Brichta, our West Sussex Federation Chair also joined us. Leila Tasher performed songs from the five decades, getting everyone up on their feet doing 'the Locomotion' around the hall. There was a special performance from '**Mamma Mud and the Mudettes**' and a raucous pass the parcel with forfeits! We all enjoyed a really fun night and look forward to our next celebration.



A table of member's memorabilia from 50 years ago included beautiful cards, some fabulous photographs (those 70's fashions), and cherished mementoes. We also had WI memorabilia from the last 50 years on show.

I hope you have all seen the fabulous celebratory topper on the Village Shop Post Box. Gay Hibbs and Gill Gostick really did us proud. Thank you so much. It was also featured in the Worthing Herald.

A great big thank you to Maggie Martin for our beautiful and very delicious birthday cake.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm which will be our AGM. We will have a chance to look back at last year and what we achieved. Members will be able to nominate and vote for their president for the coming year. There will be the usual refreshments and raffle. All visitors welcome.

**Website** – Take a look at our website. It has all the photographs from our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday event and a video of the performance by Mamma Mud and the Mudettes.

*Sara Clarke – President*

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Many thanks for the numerous cards, flowers and kind words and to those who attended his funeral

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The choir will also perform John Rutter's *The Music's Always There With You* and *Wherever You Are* by Paul Mealar.

There is a choice of two performances:

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm** Emmanuel URC, St Michael's Rd Worthing BN11 4SD

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 4.00pm** Emmanuel URC, St Michael's Rd Worthing BN11 4SD

The choir is supporting **Children on the Edge** as it's chosen charity for 2024 and will be raising funds to help with some of the world's most marginalised children. The charity is currently working with 20,000 children in Bangladesh, India, Uganda, Myanmar and Lebanon. There will be a bucket collection at both concerts.

Tickets cost £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children.

To reserve your tickets **ring 07710 812592.**

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## Village Hall News

A bit of a mixed month for the hall this time – a lot of good things but one unfortunate incident which will result in an insurance claim.

The good news is that the first sound absorption panels have been fitted in both halls. Nepcote, of course was in most need and has had quite a few panels fitted. This has made a dramatic difference and the reverberation performance is now acceptable – however, we are not quite satisfied and will be fitting two more 2m x 1 m panels which will, we expect, give us a very good result. Those panels will be in place by the time you read this. The connecting door between the halls has also been fitted with an acoustic seal which should reduce hall-to-hall significantly too. In Chanctonbury we fitted a smaller number of smaller panels in the reduced height section of the hall and this has made a significant difference in this area. However, the acoustic performance of this hall is still dependent on the “temporary” and rather scrappy stage curtains on the far wall. We are now investigating two possible solutions – replacing the curtains with new ones, purpose made for the application, or using more panels, covering a smaller area of the end wall but located at both ends of the hall. We need to understand which is the more cost effective and most functionally appropriate and discuss further within the Trust. We have also adjusted the lighting in Nepcote so that the glare has been significantly reduced. We will seek user feedback on the results as there are further improvements we can make but this will require hardware replacements.

## *Roger Stone*

Further good news is that the level of bookings for the new hall is very encouraging and we are seeing usage of both halls on most weekdays with frequent overlaps – so our increased capacity is being used already.

The defibrillator has been fitted, is wired up and ready for use – it is on the outside of the porch and clearly visible from the road.

The bad news is that we had a water pipe failure in the Chanctonbury kitchen - the armoured flexible hose supplying hot water to one of the sink taps perished and split when there was no-one in the hall. The leak carried on for an unknown period of up to 4 hours before a hirer arrived and raised the alarm (Thank you Enzo!). There was a LOT of water, flooding the entire kitchen and extending over the wooden floor of the hall over a roughly triangular patch 7m along the wall by the kitchen and around 4.5-5m across the hall. The damage is not immediately obvious if you simply walk into the hall and most hirers would barely notice – but the dance groups DO notice as the planks have “cupped” – turning up at the edges and the floor is no longer smooth and level plank to plank. The insurers have accepted the claim and we will have authorised the work before you read this. There will be a drying out period before work can start and Chanctonbury will have to be closed for several days while the work is done.

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## News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

*from Stacey*

Spring is here, snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, and tulips in my garden, so many bumble bees. My lavender and buddleia bushes always attract so many butterflies all summer, it's such a pleasure to have a garden.

We have had our usual daily phone calls from pet owners asking us to take their animals. An alarming amount because the vet bills have rocketed. We have so many animals, we cannot take any more. Last week we had a call from a dog walker who found a cardboard box abandoned in a playing field in Littlehampton with two beautiful healthy guinea-pigs inside. Then a girl working as a children's Nanny turned up with a hamster and a guinea-pig that the children had lost interest in. The friendly hamster we called Johnny Depp was

adopted immediately by one of our Volunteers.

I have been asking for animal poems to publish in a book and received so many from my friends. Two poems received today will be included in the book. Both with permission from friend Carol Gorden-Harper. Our Book will be on sale when published later in the year.

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### **The Rescued Cat.**

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sitting there beside me on the passenger seat!  
You peeped out of the window, there wasn't much to see,  
for it was very late at night, and so - you looked at me.  
You couldn't see me tremble or the panic in my eyes!  
For a cat in lap and not in trap, isn't very wise!  
I know you'd been telling me you didn't like the cage,  
and I was going to let you out - but not quite at this stage!  
I had a problem on my hands, of that there was no doubt,  
So I stopped my little van to try to sort it out.  
I couldn't reach my flashlight and hadn't got a phone.  
So there we sat, myself and cat, the two of us alone.  
I told her I was taking her to pastures very new,  
and if she'd travel properly we'd get there sooner, too.  
I gently picked her up and wriggled through a gap,  
and popped her in a carrier much safer than my lap.  
So, it was a happy ending for both of of us that night.  
But to this day, I couldn't say, who had the biggest fright!



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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.

### **Retrospective permission for front roller shutter and side access doors to existing garage**

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Ref. No: SDNP/24/00222/HOUS

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:

### **Proposed garage.**

46 High Street Findon West Sussex  
BN14 0SZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/00438/HOUS



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### **A Ginger Tom called Bover.**

Bover is a roamer, he took a while to get.  
He's had his operation, but he doesn't know it yet.  
Bover is a roamer from his head down to his toes  
so we put a collar on him to see how far he goes.  
He's been sighted in the North and spied on in the South,  
East and West are visited all by word of mouth.  
How can he go that far? we argued with a frown,  
and turn up large as life next day the other side of town!  
But have no doubt he gets there - and time and time again.  
He hasn't got a bus pass and doesn't go by train!  
He's gathered quite a fan club and is rather too well known.  
It seems a shame that he'll remain a loner on his own.  
He has a home to go to, with 'Welcome' on the mat.  
But old habits are hard to break for this old Alley cat.  
So, Bover comes and goes all day and struts his thing, as  
such.  
Will he ever settle down? I doubt it very much!



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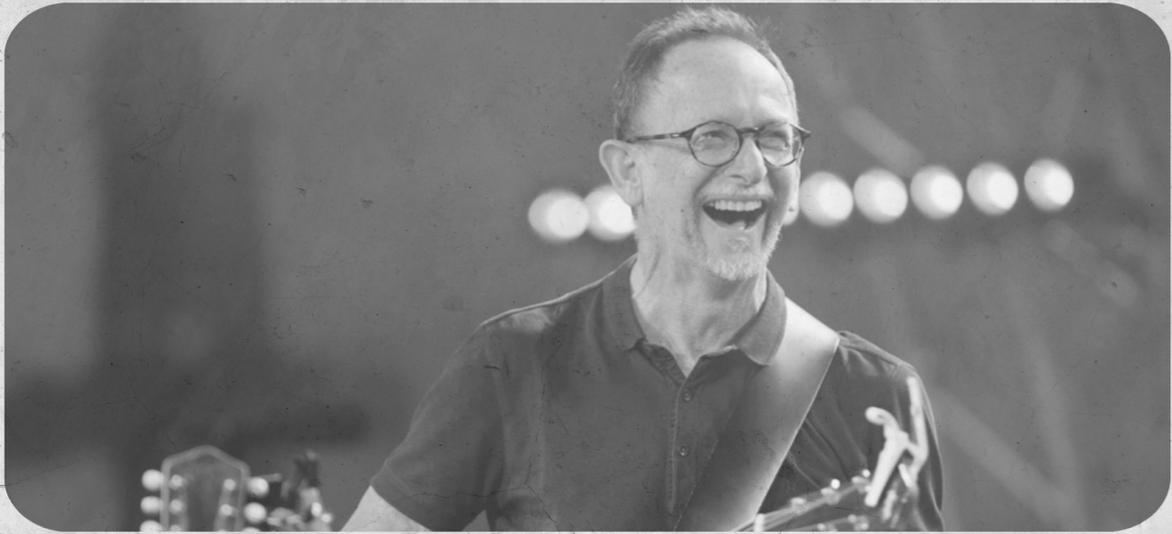
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### Village Hall Diary March 2024

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<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Drop In Afternoon Tea	Monday	Nepcote	14.00pm – 16.00pm
Circle Dancing	Monday (4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (19 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30 / 10.30/11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday (not 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
	Friday ( 8 <sup>th</sup> only )	Nepcote	16.45pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Chanctonbury	15.30pm
Art Class	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Nepcote	9.00am
Findon Village WI	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	14 <sup>th</sup> March	Nepcote	19.30pm
Parish Council Full Mtg	18 <sup>th</sup> March	Nepcote	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	19 <sup>th</sup> March	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Meditation	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	26 <sup>th</sup> March	Chanctonbury	12.45pm

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

**Every Monday - Drop In Afternoon Teas - Nepcote Hall- 14.00pm - 16.00pm**

**Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> Bright Lights Comedy Night** Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.00pm

**Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> FVHT Film Night - 6.30pm. One Life starring Anthony Hopkins** Tickets in advance from <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair 10am**

#### **April Dates**

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> - Spring Flower Show - Chanctonbury Hall – 2pm**

**Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> - Bright Lights Comedy Night** Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.00pm

**Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> - FVHT Film Night - 6.30pm. Film TBC**

**PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING**  
**MARCH 2024**

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> Third Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Findon School Choir Eucharist at Patching
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am <b>10.00am</b>	Traditional Communion at Patching Meet at Findon Rectory for Bacon Butties, then walk through village with donkey to Church Eucharist at Findon
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> Monday of Holy Week	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Findon
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> Tuesday of Holy Week	10.00am 3.00pm	Eucharist at Findon Stations of the Cross at Clapham
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Wednesday of Holy Week	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Patching
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Eucharist, with Watch of the Passion, at Findon <i>Soup and roll offered after Eucharist</i>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Good Friday	9.45am 11.00am 12 Noon 2.30pm	Messy Church at Rectory, then walk to Pond Green for a short worship Meditation at Findon Meditation at Clapham
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Easter Day	8.00am  <b>10.00am</b> 10.00am	Blessing of Paschal Candle and Holy Communion, <i>followed by bacon roll and coffee</i> Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham



Next **Messy Church** –

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

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