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

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Your Village Needs You!

Peter's recent collapse at the gym brought home to me how important it is to know what to do in such a situation. Peter's life was saved by the prompt actions of Hayley, the gym's HSE Manager, using CPR and, most importantly, a defibrillator.

In Findon we have a defibrillator in the centre of the Village. However, how many of us feel confident that we'd know what to do?

Fortunately Hayley has very kindly offered to come to Findon to show us exactly what we need to know.

I'd like to encourage as many people as possible to learn or, where applicable, refresh their skills. Everyone will be very welcome, from teenagers upwards.

The date for this training will be advised soon, depending on Village Hall availability.

Please phone me on 07743 371871 or email me at val.kirk@me.com as soon as possible so your name can be included on the list.

Remember, it could be YOUR life that is saved.

Val Kirk

Thank You

Just a quick note to say a sincere thank you to all those who wished me well during my recent spell as a guest of Worthing & Southampton hospitals. Your kind thoughts were very much appreciated.

As an aside, I can't praise the NHS, its staff & its expertise highly enough - although I'm hoping not to need their service again for many years to come!

Peter Kirk

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From the Rectory

Helena and I wish you a very happy and blessed Easter. As I write this article we are still in the depths of winter. Outside my window snow is blowing in the wind and is adding to the white carpet already lying on the ground. It's incredibly cold but also very beautiful. But even in the midst of winter we are looking forward to the promise of spring, with its abundance of flowers and new life. We know that the wintertime of death and decay will give way to the springtime of hope and the promise of warm summer days to come.

Easter is a bit like that. We follow our Lord through his passion in Holy Week. The cold and bitterness of his suffering on the cross is replaced by the immense and amazing joy of the resurrection. As Christians we are known as Easter people for Christ's resurrection is our guarantee that one day we too will pass through death to new life.

The exchange of Easter eggs is an ancient custom intended to symbolise this new life. An egg is like a tomb on the outside yet full of new life inside. At one-time painted chicken's eggs would have been given and received but I expect that like me you might prefer the chocolate version. Although chocolate bunnies or even dinosaurs may taste just as nice I rather think someone has missed the point.

As we wait in hope for the coming of Spring there are many signs that it is not

far off. Snowdrops with their delicate and beautiful flowers have been out in the churchyard for a while, and just lately daffodils are starting to make an appearance. In the same way, as a church we look with expectation for signs of new life in our communities and congregations.

In the Chichester Diocese we are in the year of prayer, so this Lent we have been focusing on our prayer lives and thinking about the importance of taking time to listen to what God is saying to us. God meets us in such a variety of ways, sometimes when we least expect it. It may be through the church services we attend, through reading the bible or looking at a piece of art, through the beauty of creation, but most especially through each other. We are all part of God's amazing creation and as such we bear the imprint of our creator.

The big message of Holy Week and Easter is that each of us is loved by God as a precious child, for who we are, with all our faults. Jesus' death is our gateway to new life and a fresh start. Although we may go through tough times in our lives God always promises to walk alongside us and will never abandon us.

Wishing you every blessing in this holy season,
Colin Cox (Curate)

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Councillor Vacancy

We continue to have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Anyone wishing to play an active role in helping to manage the affairs of the Village should please contact the Parish Clerk, Fiona MacLeod (phone number 877225) .

Potholes

Although a number have been filled in by West Sussex County Council in

recent weeks, potholes remain a problem in the Village and anyone who notices a pothole should report it using the WSCC website:
lovewestsussex.gov.uk

TEP

The TEP (Traffic, Environment and People) work starts 3rd April - please see below.

Robin Carr, Chairman, FPC

ROAD CLOSURES IN FINDON

3RD April – 6th April

Road works will be taking place as detailed below. They are part of the village enhancement scheme that is being implemented by WSCC Improvements to install high friction surface and road markings.

There will be work in The Square, High Street, School Hill and Cross Lane. Emergency vehicle, residential and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

The restrictions will be in place Night-time only 20:00 - 06:00

The alternative routes for traffic will be signed via **Findon Bypass, School Hill, High Street, and Horsham Road.**

- The use of, (and parking on), **School Hill, Findon** from junction with **Findon Roundabout to junction with High Street** is temporarily prohibited from **03/04/2018 at 20:00 until 06/04/2018 at 06:00**
- The use of (and parking on) **Cross Lane, Findon** from junction with **A24 Findon By Pass to junction with Fox Lea** is temporarily prohibited

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- The use of (and parking on) **High Street, Findon** from junction with **A24 Findon By Pass to junction with Steep Close** is temporarily prohibited from **03/04/2018 at 20:00 until 06/04/2018 at 06:00**
- The use of (and parking on) **Horsham Road, Findon** from junction with **Horsham Road Southbound to junction with Old Cottages** is temporarily prohibited from **03/04/2018 at 20:00 until 06/04/2018 at 06:00**

Any queries about the closures please contact West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105

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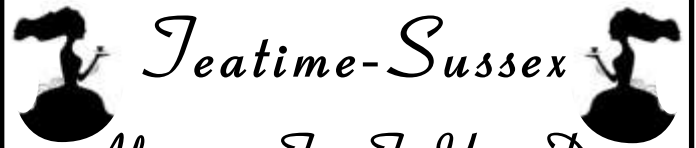
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With the recent spate of sheep being attacked by 'uncontrolled' dogs another problem that gets on people's nerves is the increasing scourge to our area of owners who don't clear up after their pets. Few things irritate people quite so much as the abandoned deposits produced by our furry friends!

You would think that it shouldn't be a problem. You own a dog, it eats, it does its business and you clean it up. Failing to do so is anti-social, smelly and can spread diseases.

The law is clear, says Keep Britain Tidy. "It is the responsibility of the dog owner or the person in charge of the dog to clear up any dog foul left by their dog."

And simply being oblivious - or pretending that you are - is not an excuse.

"The regulations state specifically, that being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having a suitable means of removing the faeces is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up after your dog."

There are also those that "bag it" but fail to "bin it" - just leaving the contents bagged but thrown by the wayside. A bizarre habit!

Leaving bags beside a bin or just throwing it out of your car window in the direction of a bin IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

In response to the increasing "foul" problem Arun District Council have requested local Dog Wardens to be more vigilant concerning the abuse.

Offenders can be fined up to £1,000 or issued with a £80 fixed penalty ticket.

Chances are that the 'criminal' owners among us are too ignorant to read this. Therefore leaving the responsible dog owners to find a solution.

ADC says you should report fouling problems by email -

cleansing@arun.gov.uk, or call 01903 737754. You can also use the eform on the ADC website to report dog fouling - www.arun.gov.uk/clean-streets

Apart from bringing back the 'stocks' to shame offenders, as usual it is caring members of the public that are left with clearing up after others who blatantly refuse to care.

If you can't pick it up, don't have a dog. A dog is supposed be man's best friend - let's keep it that way.



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The church may seem wealthy because of the tangible assets it has but it needs money to function.

The cost of running the churches comes from donations from individuals. Costs include clergy stipend and expenses, for those that work voluntarily, lighting and heating the churches, insurance of the buildings contents and personal liability, administration costs, printing, music license and organist fees. The weekly cost is £1,500.00

Whether or not you attend church you can contribute by donation or by regular giving. Whatever you can spare would be most welcome.

Monetary donations can be made in a number of ways;

Legacies.

Collections in services. For those who pay income tax, donations placed in a completed yellow envelope will enable gift aid.

Parish giving scheme. Completion of a non-incremental direct debit form enables collection of donations from the bank. There is an option for increments if wished. This scheme pays gift aid to the church regularly, removing the need to make an annual claim.

More information on the parish giving scheme is available from Ian Hollyhomes Tel: 01903 872475.

More information about any services, donations or regular giving is also available from:

The churches of St John the Baptist, Findon, St Mary the Virgin, Clapham and St John the Divine, Rector, Helena Buqué and Curate Colin Cox who are based at The Rectory, School Hill, Findon, BN14 0TR Tel: 01903 873601 Email: findon.rectory@btinternet.com

You may not go to church but the church is always there for you.

Spring Concert Sunday 22nd April 3pm St John the Divine Church, Patching

A number of people have commented that Patching church is the only church amongst the three in the parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching not to

have a Book of Remembrance.

Opera star Vivien Repath, her choir, professional singers and musicians have offered to produce the concert to raise funds towards the purchase of a Remembrance Book and



also a Display Cabinet.

The Book of Remembrance will commemorate loved ones who have died recently, and those from past times.

All those interested in having their family recorded in the Remembrance Book, please contact Patching Church Warden – Kath Hutchinson 01903 – 871147.

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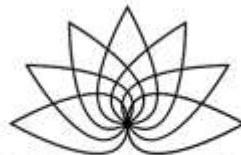
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Findon Village Store – April 2018

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As most of you may know our Shop Manager Auds Stapleton decided to step down. We were sorry to say goodbye as Auds did a sterling job getting the shop restored and equipped last summer between the beginning of August and it's opening late in October. We have already started the recruitment of a new Shop Manager, several applications are now to hand and interviewing will start soon, with the hopeful intention of having a successor in place in May.

On the Volunteer front there has been a seamless handover from Julie Leitch to Margaret Bamford, who has now succeeded Julie as Volunteer Coordinator, and will be working closely with Annie Whitchurch who is making great strides with her Training role for

volunteers. Both Margaret and Annie's roles are vital to ensure we are a volunteer led shop supported by our more experienced paid shop staff.

In the meantime Angus Charlton has joined the shop staff team. Many villagers will know him as he managed the Findon Manor Hotel for 19 years until joining Worthing Golf Club as Bar Manager. Angus holds a Personal Alcohol Licence, which will allow us to continue to sell alcohol, an important contributor to sales.

Most critically we are now in the final stages of re-negotiating our contract with the P.O. Ltd. Until now we have had to open the PO counter whenever the shop was open, an unreasonable amount of staff time and costs for little return. So in future the Post Office will only be open during the more normal times of 8.30-5.30 on weekdays, and mornings only on Saturday and perhaps Sundays.

A local villager, Helen, has also joined us on a locum basis to help man the PO counter when we are short of trained PO counter staff.

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Helen normally works as an experienced PO Supervisor elsewhere, but Findon is a little closer to home, so suits Helen well!

Shop opening times are also about to change by an hour on the 19th March, with the shop open for business from 7am -7pm Monday-Saturday, and mornings only on Sunday. Delivery of newspapers has now settled into a rhythm. We have a great team of delivery boys and girls, but could do

with a lot more demand for newspaper and magazines to be delivered. Just call the shop on W. 877110 if you'd like to have a delivery service.

Everyone at the shop wishes all readers a Happy Easter, and hope you will continue to offer your support as we make the changes outlined above.

Becky Fagan
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arrangements in hand.

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Findon Friends of St. Barnabas House.

A really great result of £1019.00 being raised for St Barnabas at the Curry Night and Mini Auction at the Tajdar Restaurant, Findon.

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Sincere thanks to all the helpers and those kind people who donated Auction items.

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Crime Report

Since the last edition of Findon News the following local incidents have been recorded:

Police 'incredibly frustrated' by more sheep attacks on Cissbury Ring

Further dog attacks on sheep at Cissbury Ring have been reported. Sergeant Tom Carter said: "Given all the publicity around these attacks I'm incensed that dog owners are still letting their pets run loose among livestock.

The most recent attack on Saturday March 10 caused injuries to a ewe that was so terrible the police wouldn't release photos of the incident. Although the sheep was still alive, its wounds were so severe that it was destroyed.

The owner of the dog involved in a second incident acted responsibly and

admitted to the attack.

The public are requested to report any sightings of dogs attacking flocks to Sussex police by dialling 999.

Responsible dog owners who use a lead around livestock will encourage others to do the same.

The Police are still investigating the first attack and anyone with information is asked to report online or call 101 quoting serial 242 of 10/03.

You can report crime and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

Findon Parish Council Web site posts any recent local crime events <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

TAKE THE LEAD

After the two recent dog attacks on sheep, local farmers want to work with the public to ensure where there is live stock your dogs go on a lead. Over the weekend 2/3 March at various car parks around the Downs, Cissbury, Findon Valley, High Salvington, White ways Lodge and Saltdean, farmers took along some sheep and handed out flyers talking about how the public and the farmers can work together in helping to stop these dog attacks. As well as the farmers, the Police, the National Farmers Union, District councils and the media have all joined together to help get the message across.

We all like to walk in the countryside and it is the livestock that help to maintain the rolling downs and fields for all of us to enjoy.

Please take the Lead. Thank You



After take the Lead campaign over the weekend

2/3 March another two sheep were attacked on Sat 10th March at Cissbury and Washington. From a Nephote flock perspective I am very worried with our ewes up at Cissbury and with Lambing just around the corner. I have taken photo's and placed them on the notice board at Nephote Green. People need to see the injuries dogs have caused.

Graham Langford

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Potholes.

Few of you will have missed the state of the Villages roads, potholes abound everywhere. The Parish Council have been lobbying WSCC Highways endlessly, some holes have been attended to, others have not. Apparently there is a categorisation and prioritisation system which places main trunk roads higher than side roads unless you can lose an elephant in it. In our conversations with our local WSCC councillor she urges us to use WSCC's "Love West Sussex" website to report highways faults; including potholes. This can be found at <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/add>. I encourage all of you to use it whenever and wherever possible.

Loathed as I am to suggest a more compensatory approach WSCC do have a process for seeking compensation for ACTUAL financial loss or injury. This can be found at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/maintaining-roads-verges-and-pavements/road-and-roadside/highway-claims-for-injury-or-damage-to-property/>

As I say, I'm not a keen advocate of compensation and taking funds from an already cash strapped authority, ultimately its all of us that end up paying. However, it might help to focus WSCC's minds !

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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://findon.arun.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:

Removal of conservatory and construction of single-storey side extension.

Muthaiga Stable Lane Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/18/01238/HOUS

Retrospective consent for BBQ cabin to replace previous garden shed.

Greenview House Steep Lane Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/18/00985/HOUS

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear and side extension

5 Steep Lane Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/18/00944/HOUS

Single storey rear extension.

11 Steep Lane Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/18/00731/HOUS

Letter from a Resident

I read in the March edition of Findon News that the 2nd preferred allocation for housing is part of the paddock to the south of the garden centre. Have the planning committee viewed this plot I wonder? If this plan is to build at the back of The Quadrangle I suggest they think again.

This field has an historic drainage grid visible after rain and frost, and as this winter has been a wet one large areas of standing water are apparent. We have photos.

Wet grazing land will be available at, no doubt, huge expense to build what will be damp accommodation.

(Copies to South Downs National Park Authority & Findon Parish council Planning Com. 11 March 2018)

Remember when the village flooded some years ago in 2002; where did that water finally reach?...that very field and into our back gardens!

According to the Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan 4.2 titled Core Objectives clause 4;

"Ensure that new development does not increase flood risk within the boundary of the parish or within that of its immediate neighbours."

My question is; where will all that water go in future? And yes I do have a vested interest as my home is one of those that backs onto that land.

Sheila Beadel, 35 The Quadrangle



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News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

A young Budgie was picked up from the snow in Haywards Heath outside a Bank. We were asked to take the Budgie who arrived in a cat carrier. We put word out with Vets and on Facebook "Have you lost your Budgie?" without success, so bought her a new cage. We put a photo of the Budgie on Facebook this week saying she was looking for a new home and we were inundated with offers. Never had such a response like that before. At the same time we took in an unwanted Chipmunk. We put the photo on Facebook saying he was looking for a new home. The Chipmunk is a rare white colour with cream stripes, looks like a small squirrel, but not one offer of a home so far, very disappointing.

Although it was bitterly cold with snow still around on Sunday we still had lots of visitors. One cat went on a weeks trial and three Guinea-pigs found new homes. (As long as Guinea Pigs are going to be kept inside in the warm for the winter we let them go to new homes.) One little boy was promised a Guinea-pig for his 10th Birthday, he was so excited and chose Rodney a Guinea-pig that couldn't live with another because he was such a bully. We have tried him with lots of single ones that arrive with the same result, he is so

naughty he chases and bullies them. The boy picked him up and cuddled him and sat down with him on his lap telling him he was going home with him (he is allowed to live in the boy's bedroom). He didn't look at any others, and we were delighted.

The other two Guinea-pigs were going together to a family who assured us they would be living in luxury in their utility room until they can go outside on the grass every day in the summer.

I am still unable to use my van. Every day I look at the carpets there are large rat droppings again. I have tried all remedies, humane traps, mothballs, 2 high pitch alarms and it is still getting in somewhere. All the wires have been chewed and are all over the floor each day. None of the lights work. The mechanic cannot rewire it until we get rid of the pesky rat.

from Stacey.

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To celebrate this year's Summer Fete, scheduled for 7th July, will be a special 1930's event.

Live music, with the return of Forever Frankie to help us to get "in the Mood" There will be Tea on the Lawn, Pimms Tent, and many stalls and side shows to entertain all age groups. The Events Team have promised 1930's dress. Why not join in?

The Events Team would love to hear from anyone who remembers this era. Please phone Judith on 07917821977.

The Italian Feast and Quiz was a great success. Those who attended enjoyed a four course Italian Meal, prepared on the premises. A Raffle, licensed bar, together with a special Italian Quiz and Music. This ensured a great night out for all who supported the event and who joined in with appropriate dress. A special appearance of the "Four Fivers" (the Three Tenors were unavailable!) was truly Amazing!!!!

Our last film Night of the season was the busiest yet. "Murder on the Orient Express" was showing. We served over 50 meals prior to the film starting, and the Bar, Raffle and Ice Cream stand were kept busy.

Our Events Team now number 14 members, who are as enthusiastic today as they were when we formed 4 years ago. We owe them our sincere thanks for all they do, providing the Village with all the entertainments.

LambTails, which we took over 3 years ago when West Sussex gave notice of their intention to close it, is now a popular venue for Mums and Dads to meet with their little ones. We have up to 40 little ones from 0 to 4 years, who happily enjoy the play sessions. The Café is open serving delicious snacks and home made cakes (popular with Mums and Dads).

Oktober Fest was again enthusiastically enjoyed by all who attended. As most of the guests decided to dress in appropriate costume, many were unrecognisable, but

all the Heidi's and Heinz's seemed to have a great time, and we thank them for their support. By request this will be an annual event.

Our sincere thanks to all who helped raise funds to improve facilities at the hall, and of course to provide the kitchen facilities for the new extension, and the purchase of chairs tables etc for the new Meeting Room.

The 4th Annual Fun Dog Show is scheduled for 28th July. We are fortunate this year to have Mary Gilbert judging the Event. Mary is a very experienced Groomer, and Handler, with a kind and gentle approach to all animals. The emphasis will be on fun for all.

Look out for posters for all F.V.H.T. Events.

Film Night Season resumes on 14th Sept. We will be showing "Finding Your Feet". The Village Hall is the "Hub" of our Village. Thank you to everyone who supports us.

Judith Davies Events Team

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Findon Village Gardens Association

Hopefully, by the time this edition is published, the weather will be warming up nicely in time for our annual Spring Flower Show. This will be held at 2pm on Saturday, 7th April 2018 in Findon Village Hall. Entry will be free but donations are always welcome.

We are looking forward to our enthusiastic club members producing many entries in all of the classes. Among many others, the flower and plant classes include narcissi, tulips and houseplants. The floral art classes invite entrants' interpretations of "Box of Delights" and "Milking It"; together with home-grown and foliage classes. The cookery classes, as usual, will provide difficult decisions for the judges when they come to taste cakes, scones and marmalade. The photography classes include "Sheds of Grey" and "Wildlife" as subjects. We look forward to welcoming you to enjoy the competition entries; visit the plant and cake stalls; buy a raffle ticket or two and treat yourself to a cup of tea and a cake. Come along on Saturday 7th April for a floral treat!.

My name is Terry PATRICK and I am the brother of Jo PAGE, who many of you will know. On Sunday 4th March I collapsed, due to dehydration, at the bottom of Stable Lane. We would like to thank all the kind people who came to our assistance. We are so grateful for your help and concern. I am now fully fit and, no doubt, will see you around the village. Thank You all
Terry PATRICK & Jo PAGE

Findon Village WI

Our March meeting was our birthday meeting – Findon Village WI is 44 years old.

We celebrated with an hour of singing led by Wendy Wassels. Wendy got us singing in harmonies – What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor and Swing Low Sweet Chariot (to name just two) were sung with gusto and sounded amazing. We then enjoyed a buffet and glass of Preseco and a chance to taste the delicious citrus drizzle cakes baked by some of our members.

A good time was had by both our members and our visitors for the other Cissbury WI groups.

As 8th March was International Woman's Day our competition tale was titled

'An Inspirational Woman'. This was won by Wendy who brought in a five pound note to represent our queen.

Our next meeting is Thursday 12th April. Jane Fowler is giving a talk and demonstration on Stained Glass Craftwork.

Our competition is a favourite or unusual vase

Have a look at our new website – <https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite> or find us on Facebook...

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R.I.P. Michael Hogan

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My dear Mick was born in a little cottage in Nepcote. Although his mother, Eva, was left a widow early in Micks life (his father Patrick was a jockey), Mick always said he had a very happy childhood.

His mum brought up 4 children on her own with little money but lots of love.

Mick's playground was Nepcote Green and Cissbury Ring.

Mick enjoyed his time at the Village School and had many tales to tell about his behaviour!!

Worthing High School came next and then into the racing world at the Vale Stables run by Captain Harry Davison. It was there that a 16 year old girl came to work and walked into his life.

We married four years later in 1962 and had a small reception at The Gun Inn, before leaving on honeymoon and returning for the Grand National - won by Kilmore.

Mick's brother Paddy was a big influence on his racing life but even

Paddy couldn't stop Mick's weight gain and so he joined the Police Force and rode a big grey Police Horse called "Jumbo" over the downs at Eastbourne.

We returned to Worthing in 1968 with our two little boys, Mark and Neil.

Mick was a "proper copper" for many years and loved his work and the "Hogan's Hero's" that he worked with.

On retirement Mick enjoyed walking our dog Jess on his beloved Green, finding a seat and telling anyone who stopped to listen to a "good story" - but not if you were short of time!!

Mick has been my life for so long, he adored his amazing sons, his lovely daughters-in-law and his eight wonderful grandchildren.

God bless you Mick.

Sue xxxx

Cremation at Findon Crematorium on Wednesday April 4th at 11 am.

Everyone welcome and to join the family afterwards at The Gun Inn to celebrate Mick's life.

Findon Downs WI

March Meeting

Speaker - The Campbell Singers

The Campbell Singers Group gave us a delightful afternoon of popular songs and show tunes with a selection of songs from My Fair Lady and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers and many others. The Group acted along with the tunes which made it even more enjoyable with one member on the keyboard and two ladies and two gentlemen singing. Usually a bigger group would sing at the evening W.I.s as some

members were working during the day.

The afternoon ended with one of Vera Lynn's songs We'll Meet Again which we all joined in with.

Next Meeting-Tuesday 10th April
2.30pm

Speaker - Diana Marangos -
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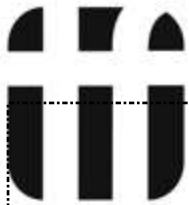
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Service Rota for Clapham & Patching Churches - April 2018

DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSOR
1st April Easter Day	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Kath Hutchinson	Acts 10:34-43 Mark 16:1-8	Pauline Prior/John Hammond
8th April	Patching 8am Holy Communion	Nancy Ford	Pauline Prior	Acts4:32-35 John 20:19-end	Dorothy Barber
15th April	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Helena Buque	Kath Hutchinson	Acts3:12-19 Luke 24:36b-48	Dan Banting/John Haskey
22nd April	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buque		Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	Dorothy Barber
	Patching 10am Family Service	Colin Cox		as above	Children
29th April	Clapham Parish Eucharist 10am Followed by APCM	Helena Buque	TBA	Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8	Ian Swales/John Haskey



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Evening will be complete by about 10.30pm.

Please reserve your seat or table (tables of six)
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(BLUEBELL?) WALK IN THE WOODS FOLLOWED BY TEA Sunday 29th April 2018

Meet by Patching Church before 2.15pm. Setting off soon after.
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to admire the views, note the flora and fauna and take photographs.



After either the 3.0 km (no stiles) or the 5.4 km walk, we will rendezvous at Patching Church
for tea & cake (included in the price) (N.B. no toilet facilities)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THIS EVENT, SO BRING YOUR (WELL BEHAVED) DOGS
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(not suitable for pushchairs). The longer route includes stiles and, potentially, mud!

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Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - April 2018

Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others

Sunday 1st April	06:00am	Dawn Service Findon Church
Easter Day	09:30am	Sung Eucharist Findon Church
	10:00am	Sung Eucharist Clapham Church
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Sunday 8th	08:00am	Eucharist Patching Church
	09:30am	Sung Eucharist Findon Church
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Sunday 15th	08:00am	Eucharist Findon Church
	09:30am	Family Communion Findon Church
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Sunday 22nd	10:00am	Sung Eucharist Patching Church
	08:00am	Eucharist Clapham Church
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Sunday 29th	09:30am	Sung Eucharist Findon Church
	10:00am	Family Service Patching Church
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Sunday 6th May	10:00am	5th Parish Eucharist at Clapham Church
	08:00am	Eucharist Findon Church
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Sunday 6th May	09:15am	Breakfast, followed by
	10:00am	Findon Village Hall Family Service
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	10:00:00	Sung Eucharist Clapham Church

Deaths: Norman Wilkins, Michael Hogan and Muriel Kent.

Afternoon Plus – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheet.

Light Lunch @1pm Last Tuesday of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

Curry Nights. Findon Tajdar curry nights are 1st Monday of the month (Ladies), and last Thursday of the month (Men) at 7.30pm.

Youth Club Every Thurs, with different themes every week. Term-time only. Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

Messy Church 1st Tuesday of the month (1st May). Term-time only. 3.30pm – 5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

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Weekly	Day	Time
Carpet Bowls	Monday	14:30
Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday(except 2 nd)	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00 – 13:00
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30
Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	9 th /23 rd	19:10
Pilates	10 th /24 th	09.20
Monthly	Date	Time
Auction	13 th	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	17 th	09:00
Downs WI	10 th , 24 th	14:30
Family Church Service	1 st	09:30
Gardens Association	17 th , 27 th	19.00
Village WI	12 th	19:30, 18:45
Meditation	16 th	19:30
Strictly Dancing	8 th	18.30
Committee Room	Date	Time
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00
Other Events	Date	Time
Lamb to Loom	21 st	09.00
Tastevin	26 th	19:00
Gardens Association		
Other bookings	5 th , 6-7 th	09.00, 13.00

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