



# Findon

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2016

The community newsletter  
For Findon,  
West Sussex

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# News

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## Switching On The Christmas Lights

The Findon Village Christmas lights will be switched on by Father Christmas on  
**Sunday 4th December at 5.30pm on Pond Green**

Come along and celebrate with Findon's School Choir, mulled wine, mince pies and carols.

Wishing all readers Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 3rd December

10.30 to 14.30

**Findon Village Hall**

Gift Ideas

Home Made Cakes & Preserves

Bumper Raffle

Local Charities

**Bar**

**Christmas Cafe**

(Serving Cakes Scones & Light Lunches)

Mulled Wine &  
Roasted Chestnuts  
in the Car Park



## Passing Time

In frequent use; "Where has the time gone?" a phrase I always believed to be generational. But now I hear the youngsters using it too! Could it be that we all are now that much busier? Certainly for me, last January seems a short time ago, and now propelled into the last month of the year. Once again it's time to get ready for all the festivity that comes toward the end of December.

Findon News now takes a month off to enjoy the seasons celebrations and will be back in February for another year of publication - albeit slightly altered.

Many will already know that "Along the Furlong" - the Church parish magazine for Findon, Clapham and Patching - is ceasing publication this month. Some of the content in "Along

the Furlong" was reproduced in Findon News, and we have agreed with Reverend Helena Buqué to include more of the church articles in the New Year.

I am very pleased to announce that two of the "Along the Furlong" production team - Hilary Langford and Monica Eastabrook - have agreed to join me with editorial duties for Findon News. Perhaps, for me, having assistance with the production of Findon News may slow the passing of time.

My thanks go to all contributors who have kept me busy putting together each edition throughout 2016, and to our advertisers who cover our publishing costs.

*With best wishes for  
Christmas and 2017*

*Nick*



## The Findon Village Hall Supporters' Club (The 200 Club)

The final major draw event was attended by about 50 members on 26th November. The winners were:

**6th prize (£25) 073 - C Buckland, 5th prize (£25) 176 – A O'Connor,  
4th prize (£50) 181 – P Roberts, 3rd prize (£100) 196 – P Clark,  
2nd prize (£200) 069 – N Bowen and 1st prize (£500) 085 M Short.**

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# Findon Parish Council Report – October 2016

## 2017/18 Village Precept

Findon has not increased its precept for the last 3 years, and has one of the lowest Band D costs in West Sussex. To illustrate, Findon's precept costs this financial year for a Band D household are £38.16/household. This compares to Angmering at £88.03, Arundel at £103.70, and £65.46 which is the overall average for council tax in towns and villages in the Arun District Council (ADC) council tax area.

However, the last year has seen a significant drop in our ability to fund village improvements and activities, and the Finance and Governance Committee wishes to give due notice that an increase is now needed, probably of the order of 10%-15%. This would increase our precept from £37,000 to about £41,000, still well below the costs for equivalent villages in the area.

To illustrate our needs :-

Our contribution from West Sussex County Council (WSCC) for verge/grass mowing has been reduced from £2700 to £1400, a nearly 50% drop, but we still have to keep the village tidy!

In the next few weeks we should assume ownership of Pond Green from ADC, (legal costs £700), and thereafter care for the Green and its surrounds ourselves, as ADC only cut the green spasmodically, and this area in the centre of the village deserves better care. Should we have spare funds or obtain grants we might then consider putting some children's play equipment on Pond Green.

The Traffic, Environment, People (TEP) Group continue to fine tune their ideas for a major refurbishment of the village square, and although both WSCC and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) appear to support the ideas and are willing to grant aid, there will be calls on FPC to fund part of the costs. ►

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The play area at Homewood needs expanding and modernising. Ed Wain has taken on the task of coordinating the plans, and is hoping to obtain grants from Tesco, but inevitably will need some funding from FPC.

By early December FPC should have co-opted another new councillor, and be back up to our full complement of 11 councillors. However, whenever we appoint new councillors they have to undergo councillor training courses, this cost has been built into the precept for 2017.

The Operation Watershed work in conjunction with WSCC has benefited Findon, with some major work in 2015/16 along Nepcote Lane. We are now applying for another grant to divert water coming down from Cissbury. As before we are expecting to contribute towards the cost. Last time the cost was £12,000, we got a grant of £9,000 and made up the difference from FPC Reserves. This time we will budget for a contribution of c.£2,000.

The total cost of the above will be more than a 10%-15% increase in our precept, but will mean that we can minimise the extent to which we have to dip into our much depleted reserves.

### **Christmas Foyre**

**Clapham & Patching Village Hall**  
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### **Findon Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**

The plan became part of Planning Law following the referendum on November 3rd, when over 400 residents turned out and voted by 93.3% to approve the adoption of the Findon NP. In spite of the referendum poll being held at the Black Horse rather than the usual venue of the Village Hall, this was a high turnout comparative to other NPs in West Sussex, and is a testament to the high interest that villagers take in the future of the village.

The 70 volunteers who helped Peter Kirk and his Steering Group Team in the 3 year period it took to complete will all be invited to a small celebration in the Village Hall early in the new year, with the Parish Council's gratitude for their hard work.

### **New Councillor**

We are hopeful that the Council will agree to co-opt John Barnett to the last remaining vacancy on the Council at the FPC meeting on December 5th. This would bring our strength back up to our full complement of 11 councillors.

John was for many years (2002-2010) a committee member of the Sheep Fair before work and family commitments

took precedence, and in the family tradition will succeed his brother Mike Barnett who served as both District and Parish Councillor in 2010-2013. John lives at St Francis Cottage in Soldier's Field Lane, has lived in the village for over 20 years, and is passionate about the future of the village.

Peter Goldsworthy  
Chairman, FPC



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## Home Improvements

General home repairs and odd jobs

Furniture assembly

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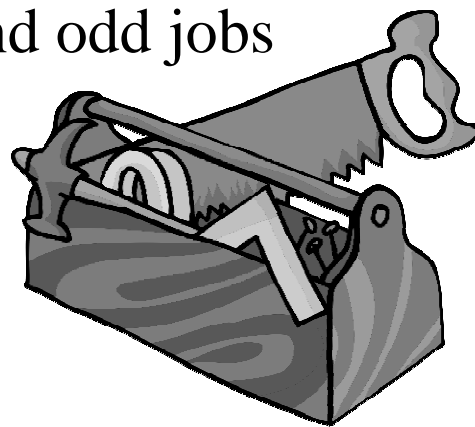
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Check out all the latest news and events in the village at [www.findonvillage.org](http://www.findonvillage.org)

The number of people accessing the website is gradually increasing, with an average of 30 a day at peak time. This is about normal for a relatively new site, with the figure expected to increase further.

Check out the "Events Calendar" for all the seasonal activities in the village. Please let us know if you have an event

that hasn't been brought to our attention.

The website has been running for nearly six months now, and in the new year we plan to make some additions (e.g. more photos, more news, more local walks and, time permitting, the development of a more concise village history).

However, is there something else you would like included on the website? If so we'd like to know.

As always, you can get in touch through the Contacts page on the website or via email at [findonwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:findonwebsite@gmail.com)

Richard Bell

### NEXT MESSY CHURCH

**Tuesday 6 December & 7 February**

(1st Tuesday of month - term-time)

**3.30pm - 5.45pm, Findon Village Hall**



All children and their grown-ups welcome, with a donation towards costs.

### Defibrillator Update

It is a year since the 1st Defibrillator was installed next to the entrance to the Antique shop in Findon square.

The Parish Council have been informed that the Ambulance group in the old Fire station have offered to Install a second

Defibrillator at their building.

Further updates will be given when it has been Installed.

Another training evening for first responders will be organised in the New Year.

Graham Langford

### Request for Corks

Popping open a few bottles over Christmas and New Year?

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## "Tiny" - The Local Emblem For The Cinnamon Trust

Many of you in the Village knew and loved our dear little Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, "Tiny" who sadly passed away on 30th October 2016 aged almost ten years.

Tiny was the local emblem for the Cinnamon Trust and attended all the fairs, dog shows and talks for the Trust in the Village, and further afield. She loved attending coffee mornings, in particular especially if sausage rolls were on offer! On one occasion I was collecting a cheque from Littlehampton Dog Training Club at their Christmas Party. All the dogs were behaving beautifully doing an obedience course where they had to ignore sausages and follow their owners to the end of the route. I was chatting and had Tiny on an extending lead - how embarrassing, she scoffed all the sausages!!!



Well, I hope she is now enjoying a Sausage Sizzle in Doggy Heaven and I thank all of you who have comforted John and myself in recent days and also all who have supported the Cinnamon Trust over the years. I intend to continue the work and look forward to seeing you at our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair.

Maggie and John Martin  
for the Cinnamon Trust

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# NOWELL!

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## Findon Swimming Pool

Findon Pool Committee would like to thank everyone who supported last month's Black Tie Dinner & Auction held at Cissbury House to celebrate Findon Pool's 50th Anniversary.

The stormy weather could not dampen everyone's high spirits and the auction, under Mike Solomon's expert gavel, raised a good £2,300 towards the pool's annual running costs. The top two items alone raised £1,060 (an Aston Martin for the weekend, and an apartment in the French Alps for a week), and the top bidding couple spent a wonderful £830!

There really was something for everyone and the following local businesses and individuals must be thanked for their generosity:

Ali at the Findon Tajdar, Bonetti's Dry Cleaning, Nathan Bushell at Tates Cars, Adam Collard at No. 2 The Square, Colour Nails, Tina Cook, artist Joe Doerr, Eva Farrar & the St John the Baptist Church Flower Team, Findon Beauty Lounge, Findon Flowers, Fontwell Race Course, Michael Griffiths, Aissa Groves at Ottie's Cakery, Sally & Lewis Harris at The Gun, Jeanne Hastings, Gerald Hibbs, Philip & Michele Hide, Hill Barn Golf Club, Paul & Amy Hills at The Village House, Michele Hordell Welton, Keen & Betts, Claire Kersley, Nick at Peckham's Butchers,



Gez Parton, John Roche and his Malaysian Tea Co, Sinan at The Sylvan Oak, Sean Smith, James Smithers the window cleaner, Mike 'Mr Moustache' Solomons, Steyning Leisure Centre, Jacqui Thomson.

Thanks also go to the very professional volunteer waitresses (including students from The Angmering School) and bar staff who generously gave their time (and managed to serve our delicious dinner in a very cosily laid out dining room!):

Karen Diaper, Kyla Dowling, Nancy Gilmour, Michelle Hide, Clare Hogan, Amelia Hordell-Welton, Izzy Jones, Lynne & Alice Martin and Linda Pelling.

Last but not least, we thank Etta & Geoffrey Wyatt and their team for helping us to us host the event in their lovely home. A great evening was had by all.

Jacqui Greaney  
Findon Pool Fundraiser

### Findon Pool 100 Club First Draw!

Saturday 10 December

10.00am, Julia's Kitchen

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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

After such a lovely long warm summer I cannot believe how cold it is at night. All our rescued cats have electrically heated beds and heat lamps in the rabbits and the guinea-pig's quarters. We offered to take in a local Pubs "Pets Corner" rabbits and guinea-pigs to keep them warm for the winter (as they were kept outside). We picked them up and put them in the Van. Within minutes the heavens opened and we experienced the worst downpour ever. Thank goodness we picked the little creatures up just in time, they would have been flooded and half drowned if they had stayed out in their pens in the pub garden.

One morning our lawns and paths were white with a very heavy frost, and the water in our horse trough was frozen solid. Fortunately we had turned the pond heater on and all the fish were crowded around the heater and pushing one another to get to the heat. we placed a bird peanut holder over the metal heater to stop the fish from burning their noses!

We worry about owners keeping their rabbits and guinea-pigs outside in this weather. It's dark by 4.30pm and the guinea-pigs need their hutches to be in a shed ideally with a greenhouse heater or heat lamp, and an electric light for feeding them in the evenings. Thankfully we bought a new hen house this year, so all the hens are out of draughts and tucked up at night on their perches or in the nest boxes. One hen was very poorly lying on the ground with her eyes closed. We feared the worst and put her in a box of hay inside in the warm. She was keeping her feet tightly curled and couldn't stand up. I read somewhere that

people with bad feet should soak their feet every day in a bowl of warm water and Epsom salts, so every day I soaked and rubbed her feet in the warm and Epsom salt water mix. After a week she could open and spread her toes and stand up. We bought a bottle of chicken remedy (Lifeguard) and vitamin drops to add to the drinking water which she immediately drank. She is now eating and drinking well and can walk a few wobbly steps. Everyone who comes in comments on how she is improving each day. One of Sheila's hens was limping so she also tried soaking her feet in the Epsom salts & warm water remedy. It worked like a miracle and she no longer limps!

### A Christmas Poem from Paws Animal Sanctuary



'Tis the night before Christmas  
and all through the towns,  
Cat and Dog homes are full,  
also rescues and pounds.



We sit here and wait and remember the days,  
we were treated so fondly,  
with our cute baby ways.

Once we were little but we grew and we grew,  
we are no longer young and no longer new.  
Out the back door we were thrown like the trash,  
no longer wanted, why were they so rash?

Put out in the garden, or, worse left to roam.  
Abandoned, unwanted, and out of a home.  
Or, they drop us off here and bid us goodbye,  
"Maybe, somebody else will give us a try".

Now here we all are, confused and alone,  
in a sanctuary with others all needing a home.  
Dogs, rabbits, guinea-pigs, cats young and old,  
safe now at PAWS, all brought in from the cold.

If you can't adopt us, no room at the inn,  
could you help with Vet's bills, or fill our food bin.  
Please, make a donation, help pay for the heat  
Or help buy us something for Christmas to eat.  
The people that care for us want us to live  
and, more of us will if more people give....

One of our rabbits went on a weeks trial to a new home to be with a lonely female rabbit who's boyfriend had died. The lady put the rabbits next to one another in separate pens before trying them together. But the female hated poor Ollie, and she beat him up and wouldn't have anything to do with him - so he was returned to us again. When he was let out he came running up to me. He is so happy to be back and is following me everywhere and wants stroking all the time. He was a house rabbit at one time so we don't shut him in and he jumps in and out of a hutch near the floor.

A ginger tabby cat arrived in a neglected condition. Unable to eat properly because of bad teeth, and sores along his back caused by fleas and all his coat matted underneath. We rushed him to the Vets who shaved the matted coat and removed seven teeth, and had to have his gums stitched. He is such a lovely friendly cat, purring all the time and now looking beautifully fluffy with white feet. He is so good and takes his antibiotic tablets without any fuss, and he loves his food.

Wishing you all and your pets a peaceful Christmas.

Stacey and Sheila

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## Veterinary Advice

December has come round very quickly! We have welcomed lots of new clients to the surgery over the past year and look forward to seeing more in the New Year.

Throughout December we will be holding a raffle with proceeds going to PAWS animal charity with a chance to win a hamper! Tickets will be available from the Findon surgery reception.

With the weather getting colder we see gritters out and about. While this makes conditions safer for us to walk and drive, the rock salt can be toxic to dogs if too much is ingested. So remember to clean paws after a walk.

Christmas time at a veterinary surgery always seems to be even more busy than usual - possibly because of all the extra temptations around for our pets to get hold of.

I can remember my first Christmas on call. I was working in mixed practice in Shropshire and spent a straight 72 hours awake performing surgery. This included a caesarean on dairy cows in the early

hours of the morning in a leaky barn surrounded by snow, and fixing a broken leg on a stray cat who one of the nurses took on with the new name of Santa.

Last Christmas at the surgery here was fairly busy - dogs eating boxes of chocolates, and bones from roast lamb, cats eating tinsel etc. We also had a critically ill dog (who I had performed intestinal surgery on the day before) who thoroughly enjoyed her roast turkey on Christmas day!

Remember that if you do have any concerns over the Christmas period and you feel your pet needs urgent attention then we are available 24/7 over the Christmas and New year period.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our clients from everybody at Crossways

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At our AGM meeting on 10th November we had a good turn out of ladies. We read our yearly reports and the same committee was voted back in for another year along with two new ladies, Rita and Paddy who have kindly joined the committee.

In our social time we were treated to various slices of homemade fruit cakes that some ladies had made and brought along (including the recipes) for us to try

- maybe some of us might try to bake the same ones at home!!

Our next meeting is Thursday 8th December. This is by ticket only as we are having outside caterers providing the food.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month, in the Village Hall from 7.30pm. All visitors welcomed.

Enquires: findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk  
Facebook: findonvillagewi

## Findon Downs WI

A mainly business meeting in November, there was much to take in at our Annual Meeting as we heard reports of the past year from the Secretary and Treasurer. The President thanked the committee for their continuing help and support and the members for their support too at our monthly meetings and the various social events. An interesting and varied

programme was presented for the coming year. We were celebrating our 61st Birthday, and with a Christmas party to look forward to next month, we enjoyed a selection of simply delicious cup cakes with our cup of tea.

Next Meeting - Tuesday December 13th at 2.30pm in Findon Village Hall  
Christopher Beaumont "Have I Got Tunes For You"  
Christmas Tea.

## Family Favourites

### Abbey Biscuits

- 5 oz. butter or margarine
- 5 oz. caster sugar
- 5 oz. plain flour
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon bicarb
- 1 teaspoon golden syrup
- 4 oz. porridge oats

Cream fat & sugar, add milk, bicarb & syrup finally the oats.

Roll into small balls & place on greased baking tray.  
Bake in oven  
reg 2 approx 25 mins. until golden brown.

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**Sunday 18th December**



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**Christmas Day Drinks**

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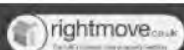


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## FINDON'S WINTER SNOW of Long Ago By Valerie Martin



Here's some portrayals of snowy scenes. Hopefully some you will not have previously seen....

Pictured left is the original Black Horse on the left hand side of the High Street (looking northwards) way back in the early 1900's.

The view in the snow on the right is in the early 1900's. Looking South from Chanctonbury Ring over the hamlet of Buddington (now long gone) and to Cissbury Ring. A track winds through the trees past Upper Buddington Farm - and cottages (with well), now covered in undergrowth. I explored the area back in 2003 and could only find a few remaining foundations.



Some of the Buddington children headed southwards on foot each day for their education at School Hill in Findon. Sometimes in the winter, due to the dark or mist, they were late and got the cane. The teacher was aware of the distance they had to travel across the downland and fields but this did not stop them children being punished.

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To help the pupils get to school on time (and back home at night in the mist or dark) one of the concerned and thoughtful Buddington fathers laid beacons of large lumps of chalk along the way to guide them.

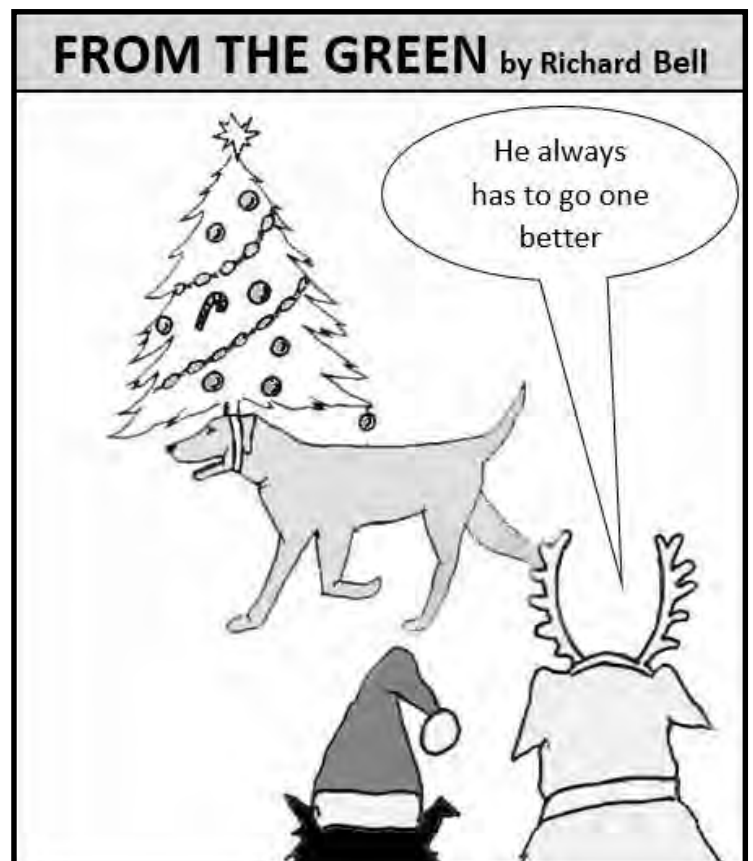


Pictured above is the bakery and the Forge in Nepcote Lane (looking west) in the snow - early 1900s.

Finally (below) I take you into nearby Worthing just prior to Christmas eighty-four years ago. The picture depicts a flower seller in South Street on Christmas Eve back in 1932.



Further depictions of past Christmases can be seen on Valerie Martin's website..... [www.findonvillage.com](http://www.findonvillage.com)



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## A Gardener's View

Well here we are at the end of another year. And thank you so much to all my customers that have made my job the best job there is, with many a cup of tea drunk and biscuits consumed I look forward to spring.

As for December I would not expect much to be going on in the garden but it has been so mild I have yet to truly wrap up warm for winter and the long johns still remain in hibernation.

Most garden work now is just keeping it tidy and getting into the best position for Spring. If you have deciduous trees (that's trees that lose their leaves in Winter) now is the best time to be pruning as all the energy is in the roots. This also means you can plant bare root trees and shrubs now as they will put all their energy into producing a good and

healthy root run before growth kicks in come Spring.

If you're planning on having a real Christmas tree this year remember to keep it watered. This is not just for trees with roots but also if you have one without. Treat your tree like you would a cut flower. Most Christmas tree stands have a well for holding water so keep this topped up as it will draw up the water through the trunk.

If you don't want it to lose its needles so quickly then don't stick it next to the radiator. The cooler you keep your tree the better it looks and the longer it will last.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and I'll be back in the new year. Spring is on its way!!

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## Are you ready for winter ?

There's no way of telling what the weather might be like this winter – but you can make sure you are as prepared as possible for every eventuality.

There are some simple things that we can all do to prepare for winter and the weather it might bring:

Check on vulnerable or elderly family and neighbours – they may need your support in bad weather;

Don't use water to clear snow and ice as it will refreeze and become more dangerous;

In severe conditions, don't travel unless you have to, and make sure your vehicle is ready for cold weather and wintry conditions;

Be prepared – keep a supply of provisions in case of bad weather;

Mobile phones (charged !) and social

media such as Facebook and Twitter are easy ways to keep in touch during severe weather events.

Residents can find out more about how to cope in snow and ice conditions from the the West Sussex County Council (WSCC) web site -

[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) - navigate to fire-emergencies-and-crime > dealing-with-extreme-weather > dealing-with-heavy-snow-and-ice.

Findon Parish Council has produced a Winter Management Plan in conjunction with WSCC and details can be found on the Parish Council web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) or by contacting the Clerk, Fiona MacLeod, on 01903 877225.

For additional advice, you can also visit [www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/get-ready-for-winter](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/barometer/get-ready-for-winter)



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# Sussex Police Crime Report

## No Crime Reported This Month

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Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home;

When you go out in the evening, always leave a light on in a room that cannot be looked into from the road;

Fit security lighting – either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or infrared activated lighting that draws attention to movement.

### Daily security tips

Keep all wallets, purses, credit cards, house and car keys out of sight and out of reach;

If you leave your house empty, even if you are only in the garden, lock all doors and windows;

An intruder alarm can be an effective deterrent against burglars – see professional advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs;

Make it a habit to mark your valuables by using your postcode and house number or name;

Register your property at [www.immobilise.co](http://www.immobilise.co) It's free of charge and can increase your chances of being reunited with your property.

### Operation Signature

Operation Signature is a campaign by Sussex Police to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud within Sussex. Increasingly, fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

Sussex Police have produced the third edition of The Little Book of Big Scams which explains ways in which the public can protect themselves from fraud and other scams. The booklet can be downloaded at <http://sussex.police.uk/media/1162/1-lbbs.pdf>

If you have been a victim of fraud you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via the following link <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

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

please check the web site for recent events or latest alerts at <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

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## Consultation on Sussex Police Precept

Residents can now take part in Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) Katy Bourne's consultation for the Sussex Police Precept 2017/18. This proposes to increase the police element of council tax rise by around £5 per household to fund over 100 new police officers and specialist staff. The consultation will also include public engagements across Sussex and closes in January 2017. The PCC will then present her recommendations on whether to propose a rise in the precept to the Police and Crime Panel in January.

The consultation can be found at <https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/priorities/budget>



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

**Proposed ground floor extension, change of fenestration and alterations to existing roof and attic. Open for Comment**

The White House Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UE Ref. No: SDNP/16/05707/HOUS

**Erection of a Detached Garage Serving Dwelling Under Construction. Open for Comment**

Site Adj The Leighs Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UE Ref. No: SDNP/16/05516/HOUS

**Erection of a Conservatory and Three Rooflights in Dwelling Under Construction. Open for Comment**

Site Adj The Leighs Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UE Ref. No: SDNP/16/05515/HOUS

**Removal of condition 1 and variation of condition 9 on planning consent SDNP/14/02189/FUL Open for Comment**

Cissbury Nepcote Nepcote Findon BN14 0SR Ref. No: SDNP/16/05393/CND

**Variation of condition 4 on planning consent SDNP/15/06392/FUL Open for Comment**

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**Erect 9 New Homes Accessed from Nightingales Plus Additional Parking for Residents to and a New Rear Access to No. 14 The Oval.**

Land North of Nightingales Horsham Road Findon Ref. No: SDNP/16/05241/PRE

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**Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consider planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The SDNPA is the planning authority for Findon and FPC is a statutory consultee on such matters. Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed in the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>). Green Planning Committee Agendas are also displayed in the FPC Notice Boards and published on the FPC web site 3 clear working days before each meeting. The schedule of Committee meeting dates is also available to view at these locations and on the web site. Due to the publication deadline for the Findon Village News, receipt of the PCLs from SDNPA, and the scheduled meeting dates of the Committee, there may be instances where an application has already been considered by the Committee by the time an edition of the News has been published. Residents are asked to check the Notice Boards and web site regularly to view Parish Consultation Letter notices, scheduled/additional/cancelled meeting details, and Committee Agendas. FPC Planning Committee meetings are held in Findon Village Hall at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome to attend the Committee meetings and take part in the Public Question Time agenda item.

The next two meetings are:

**08 December - Committee Room**  
**7th February 2017 - Committee Room**

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If you enjoyed filling your box, why not start collecting bits and pieces to put away for a box next year.

For any information please ring Hilary on 872324.

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<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.30am	Sung Eucharist
<b>Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.15pm	Nativity Procession, Village Hall to The Gun for Carols round the Coals & refreshments
<b>Sunday Dec 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	Eucharist Family Communion 9 Lessons & Carols
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	3.30pm 11.30pm	Crib Service & Christingle Midnight Eucharist
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at <b>CLAPHAM CHURCH</b> <b>(No Christmas morning at Findon)</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	9.30am	Sung Eucharist at Findon Church <i>followed by New Year's Day Walk</i> (No Village Hall Service)
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	8.00am 9.30am	Eucharist, Findon Church Family Communion, Findon Church
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	9.30am	Fifth Sunday Parish Eucharist, Findon Church
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church Family Service at Village Hall <i>+ breakfast from 9.15am</i>

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- ❖ 1st Sunday of month, 9.15am breakfast and 10.00am Family Service in Findon Village Hall
- ❖ 1st Tuesday of month during term time, 3.30-5.45pm, Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
- ❖ Last Tuesday of month, Light Lunch @ 1pm, Findon Village Hall. Soup & a pudding with friends for £4.00

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## Refugee Donations

Following the successful collection of donations for refugees earlier in the year there will be another one in the New Year.

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## From Findon Rectory:

Thank you to all volunteers who helped deliver parish Christmas cards to every house in the village. These cards, giving details of all December events and services, are also available at the church, Julia's Kitchen, and at the butchers & newsagents.

Also a very big thank you to everyone who helped with the Findon church and church yard clear-ups last month, including the Findon Bell Tower. A great illustration of how 'many hands make light work'!

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## Findon Rectory Administrative Assistant Retires

Jacqui Greaney is retiring as Administrative Assistant at Findon Rectory after more than nine years in the role. Now that her daughters are both at secondary school she is moving on to a job with more hours.

Jacqui says that she will very much miss supporting Helena's work in the heart of the village community, and has very

much enjoyed her time with three different vicars, two interregnums and five Rectory dogs!

She will still play an active role in church activities, including helping out on the organ when needed. Jacqui's replacement is Mrs Dawn Mann from Angmering. Dawn's working hours will be confirmed in the New Year.

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|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Carpet Bowls           | Monday     | 14:30                       |
| Lambstails (Term Time) | Thursday   | 10:00 – 12:00               |
| Line Dancing           | Wednesday  | 09:45                       |
| Danceaholics           | Sunday     | 20:00                       |
| Just Yoga              | Monday     | 10:30                       |
| Street Dance           | Thursday   | 15:45                       |
| You Yoga               | Tuesday    | 19:00                       |
| Cissbury Players       | Wednesday  | 20:00 (recommences January) |

| <b>Fortnightly</b> | <b>Date</b>                                                            | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Circle Dancing     | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec<br>16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan | 19:10       |

| <b>Monthly</b>        | <b>Date</b>                                              | <b>Time</b> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Auction               | 2/12 & 6/1<br>(goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) | 18:00       |
| Bead Magicians        | 20/12 & 17/1                                             | 09:00       |
| Canasta Club          | 31/1                                                     | 15:00       |
| Downs WI              | 13/12 & 10/1                                             | 14:30       |
| Family Church Service | 4/12 & 8/1                                               | 09:30       |
| Gardens Association   | 9/12 & 27/1                                              | 19:30       |
| Messy Church          | 6/12 & 3/1                                               | 15:30       |
| Village WI            | 8/12 & 12/1                                              | 19:30       |

| <b>Committee Room</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Village WI Darts      | Mondays     | 14:00       |

| <b>Other Events</b> | <b>Date</b>                   | <b>Time</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Film Night          | Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | 19:00       |
| Christmas Fayre     | Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec  | 10:30       |
| Marsden Dancing     | Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 10:00       |
| Meditation          | Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 19:30       |
| Nativity Procession | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | 18:00       |
| Film Night          | Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | 19:00       |
| Meditation          | Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 19:30       |
| Tastevin            | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 19:00       |

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