



# Findon

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

Editorial team led by  
Nick Gore

# News

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## Switching On The Christmas Lights

The Findon Village Christmas lights will be switched on

**Sunday 3rd December**

**at 5.30pm on Pond Green**

Come along and celebrate  
with Findon's School Choir,  
mulled wine, mince pies and carols  
and meet Father Christmas  
with his helper.

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Wishing all readers  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year

# From My Chair

## Editor's Comments

The closure of our Post Office and Newsagency and the subsequent surge of the Findon Community to save "our shop and Post Office" must be the key news point of 2017. The new look shop along with an extensive variety of goods has certainly placed a smile on the faces of many village residents. What a fantastic effort by those who worked voluntarily for so many weeks to get this village 'asset' back. A huge amount of praise to all concerned.

The new Village website - [www.findonvillage.org](http://www.findonvillage.org) - appeared this year and has been a central source for keeping people informed of local news and events. Indeed, the frequent bulletins about the village shop that featured on the website proved essential in supplying everyone with the latest updates. Following on from this, many residents are now visiting the website on a daily basis to keep up to date with local activities.

Looking forward into the New Year we will see the first phase of activity as a result of the "Traffic, Environment & People" project. WSCC Highways start implementing traffic calming measures within the village. 20 mph speed restrictions, signage and other visual markers will hopefully end the current frantic rush of speeding traffic.

I am reminded that there are many people who do a huge amount of voluntary work within the community. From Parish Council and their own individual projects and working groups, Church groups, Village Hall Trust, Sheep Fair Committee and a whole host of clubs and charity work; there is an amazing local force who dedicate their spare time for the benefit of others. Your valued time is acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

At the end of 2016 the church magazine "Along the Furlong" ceased publication and Findon News now includes articles for the churches of Findon, Clapham and Patching. This has given Findon News increased readership.

Previous editorial team members of "Along the Furlong", Hilary Langford and Monica Eastabrook, have joined me this year in compiling Findon News. I am most grateful for their input and assistance enabling me to take a bit of a back seat at times! An enjoyable rest!

My usual thanks go to all who supply Findon News with articles, and our advertisers who maintain the availability of the free printed copy.

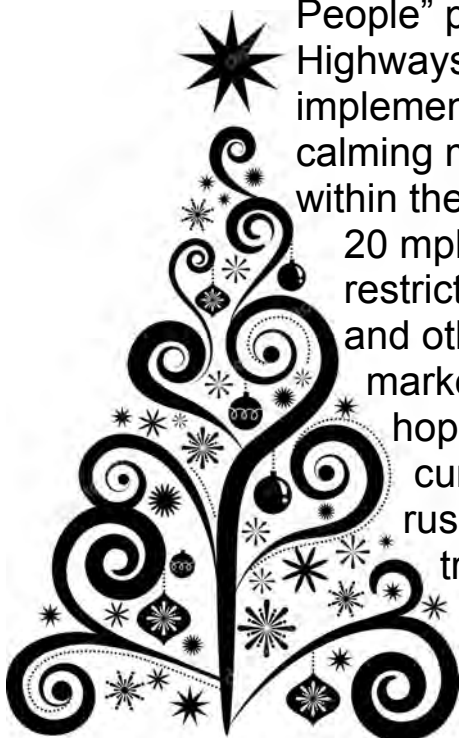
With the Village shop now operational the Findon News box has been reinstated. If you cannot email your correspondence then please post your articles through the Findon News box in the Village shop.

Don't forget that Findon News is not published in January.

Whatever your plans I hope you have an enjoyable Christmas.

Best wishes for 2018

*Nick*



## From the Rectory

Writing this, we have just had our Remembrance Sunday Service, with a packed church and prayers of thanksgiving as we looked back to remember with gratitude those whose dedication and service have made the freedom we enjoy possible. It was wonderful to see villagers from every generation gathering together to give thanks, to see rows of medals from the World War, including the Légion d'honneurs, awarded to Fitzroy Somerset earlier this year, to more recent Service medals from service across the world worn by one of our young Dads. We have so much to thank our armed forces, past and current, for!

Moving on, when you read this, Advent will have started, and with this, our preparation for Christmas. Just as we all get ready in our homes for Christmas, preparing special food, sending cards and greetings, buying and wrapping presents, so we also need to prepare our own hearts for the coming of Jesus. Without Jesus, there would be no 'Christmas'! I wonder what this means to you as you read.... On Advent Sunday, this year 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the Church of England begins a new year, changing from the Gospel of Matthew to Mark for many of the Sunday readings through the year. Our Diocesan Bishop, Martin Warner, has also declared this to be a Year of Prayer. There will be many extra opportunities through the year to try out different ways of praying (as well as those familiar to us) and I would encourage you all to get involved. Why not write a simple prayer and hang it on the Lady Chapel Altar during our Christmas Tree Festival?

So, what is prayer? If I asked you, I'd get many different responses, all of them valid! The simplest answer I believe is

that prayer is **communication**. Whether you believe in God or not, there are times when we ponder over things – whether the beauty of the natural world or what appears an insurmountable problem – and that pondering could be classed as prayer to someone or something outside our own selves, something greater than we are. As a Christian, for me prayer is communication with God. That means speaking to God and, more importantly, listening to him too. Reading the Gospels, we can see that Jesus often turned to his heavenly Father in prayer, seeking a quiet place where he could be alone; this may be how you like to pray too. Other people find being in a large crowd, praising and praying together, is uplifting. As I said, there are many answers to the question, 'What is prayer?' and many ways to pray. If you'd like a chat about prayer, please get in touch and we can meet up over a cup of coffee!

Returning to Advent preparations, as you carefully plan what presents to give to loved ones this year, have you considered giving a present to Jesus? It is his 'birthday' after all! If you are in a position to make a donation to church funds, it helps us maintain our outreach into the community, or you might consider making an extra donation to another charity. There are boxes at our supermarkets for people to donate to food banks, supporting families who struggle with making ends meet, or you might like to wrap a gift of toiletries, socks or gloves for a homeless person this Christmas. If these are left at the back of the church or in the Rectory porch, I will ensure they arrive with WCHP before Christmas.

Wishing you all a holy and prayerful Advent, a joyful Christmas and a peaceful new year in 2018.

Every blessing, Helena



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## Findon Community Shop and Post Office Update

The inaugural shareholders meeting was held at Cissbury barns late in November and was very well attended.

We heard from Helen and Dee about the shop finances and it was clear they have everything under control. Then there was an opportunity to ask questions which brought up a few good points. It became clear that there are still many villagers who don't realise the Post Office counter is open whenever the shop is open, this is actually a contractual requirement. This means we have banking services available from 6am-7pm Monday- Saturday and on Sunday mornings. You can pay cheques and cash into all of the major banks and withdraw cash like you can from any cash machine. There is no need to trawl down to the town just to go to the bank, you can do it right here in the village. We can also provide bureau de change services, Euros are kept in stock but all currencies are available to order. We sell gift cards, you can pay your utility bills, top up phone credit, the list goes on and on.

Just pop in and ask if there is anything you are unsure about.

There are also lots of people unaware that it is still possible to become a shareholder. We want the collective to be open to anyone who would like to feel invested in our shop. There may be new residents who just moved here and would like to join the project or existing villagers who find themselves able to invest and if so please contact Jan Vandavelde, Company Secretary, at [findoncommunityshop@gmail.com](mailto:findoncommunityshop@gmail.com).

There has been great positivity towards the range of stock in the shop. Auds has worked really hard to try and select a

good broad range. One of the things that hasn't changed is the milk. We are continuing to support local farmer Charlie Hughes who has a herd and dairy over at Bury. Southview Farm is unusual in that the milk is pasteurised and bottled on site and we buy direct from the farm. There has been much talk in the media in recent years about the threat to farms caused by super markets refusing to pay a fair price for milk. In many instances the farmer is receiving less than the cost of producing the milk resulting in many farms going out of business. We feel it's really important to make an ethical choice to support a local farm, even if that results in paying a few more pence for milk. As a rural community we should be supporting those who are working hard to maintain the sustainability of agriculture. Charlie and his family have run the farm for three generations and he won Sussex farmer of the year 2016.

Should you find there is something missing in the shop then please pop a slip into the suggestions pot on the counter. We have been really grateful to those reminding us about products such as shoes laces, almond and soya milk and diabetic and gluten free products to name just a few, all of which are now in stock.

We will be holding a celebration and ribbon cutting to mark the **opening of the shop at 5pm on 3rd December** directly before the switching on of the Christmas lights on Pond Green. The shop will then be open for the evening celebrations until 6.30pm and I hope to see many of you there.

Rebecca Fagan, *Marketing & Public Relations, Findon Village Collective Ltd*

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## Christmas Lights Thank You

By the time this edition of Findon News reaches you the big switch on will have happened and, hopefully, you will have seen the Lights! The 'Light up The Square' Committee are pleased to tell you that we have invested in a completely new and extended set of modular, commercial grade lights.

These have been funded through support from the Parish Council and various Village organisations, together with fundraising activities organised by the Committee. We wish to particularly thank the following for their generous support and donations:

- Findon Sheep Fair Committee.
- Southern Crane Hire.
- Zebra Property Maintenance.
- Cissbury Barns.
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- 2, The Square, Antiques.
- The Sylvan Oak.
- Peckhams the Butchers.
- The Gun.
- The Village House.
- All of the property owners for letting us fix the lights to their buildings
- And to our volunteers who brave the wet and the cold to help put the lights up (and remove them).

Lastly thanks also go to everyone who bought raffle tickets. The draw takes place at 12:30 on 16<sup>th</sup> December outside Peckhams the Butchers. If you read this before the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec it is not too late to buy a tickets at the butchers for the chance to win:

1st prize: A luxury Christmas Hamper  
2nd prize: A Peckham's Turkey  
3rd prize: Port and Cheese

Again, thank you all, Happy Christmas and New Year.

The 'Light up The Square' Committee



## Concert

At Findon Church

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at 4.00pm



### *Rumours of Angels*

Graham Kendrik

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# FINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## Councillor resignation

We were very sorry to receive the resignation of Etta Wyatt as a Parish Councillor owing to other heavy commitments. We are most appreciative of her valued service over the last two and a half years.

We would like to fill this vacancy as soon as possible and anyone wishing to play an active role in managing the affairs of the Village should please contact the Parish Clerk Fiona Macleod (877225).

## New Councillor

We very much welcome John Wilson as a new Parish Councillor filling a previous vacancy. He has been a resident of Findon since 2010 and he will bring his community spirit and many skills to the Council at what continues to be a very busy time.

## Operation Watershed

After the recent successful completion of two road drainage schemes (the major one in Nepcote Lane next to Nepcote Green and the other at the bottom of Stable Lane) we are pursuing an application for further schemes in the Village with the aim of reducing flood risk.

## Christmas Lights

With Christmas fast approaching it is pleasing to report that with financial

support from the Parish Council and the Sheep Fair, a new set of lights have been purchased and the Team led by Corrine, Gez, Mike and Jan will be putting up the lights in the centre of the Village. There will be a grand switching on of the lights on Pond Green on Sunday 3rd December at 17.30 followed by carol singing by the pupils of St John the Baptist School.

## Remembrance Day

The Remembrance Day Service on 12th November at Findon Church proved particularly poignant with a long list of the names of the fallen in two World Wars and other conflicts read out from the Roll of Honour. For Findon the number was 52. For Clapham 13 and Patching 7. For Findon these included 2 families who each lost 3 members. What a devastating blow that must have been.

Former Serviceman present at the Service included one in his 90's who fought in Normandy in WW2 and had recently received the Légion d'Honneur and another from a younger generation who saw service in Bosnia. Wreaths were laid at the Memorial in the Churchyard.

Our liberty today owes so much to all of them.

Robin Carr, *Chairman, FPC*

## Breakfast at Cafe Church

3<sup>rd</sup> December

& 7<sup>th</sup> January

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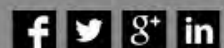
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## Progress on the Updated Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Following on from our progress report last month the Working Group are now inviting everyone in the parish to take part in a second ranking survey consultation on the available and deliverable sites that can be considered for housing in the Draft Updated Neighbourhood Plan.

The ranking survey form will be very similar to the one that many people completed in late August/early September, but this time will include the Wyevale site, which the owner has put forward as a housing allocation site in association with a new, replacement garden centre.

Remember the updated Neighbourhood Plan is for the period up to 2035 so there would be no immediate plans to undertake any redevelopment of the Wyevale site for up to eight years and any proposals would definitely include a modern garden centre as well as some housing. The housing requirement for Findon would also remain at around 30 dwellings between now and 2035 so the inclusion of a further site to rank in a second survey does not involve any increase in the number of dwellings for Findon.

As before ranking forms will be delivered to every household in the parish and you will have the opportunity to rank your preferences either by handing in the form at the Community Store/Post Office or electronically via the survey monkey web portal. Illustrative proposals for the Wyevale site will be available to view on the Findon Parish Council website and the Findon Village website.

This second ranking consultation will run during the first two weeks in December. Every person in the parish can complete a ranking form, all we would ask is that under 16 year olds add 'under 16' at the end of the form. Additional forms will be available at the Community Store/Post Office and of course individual family members can each complete an electronic form.

Last time we had a really good response from more than 25% of the population (of all ages) and 33% of households, hopefully we can reach that level of response again. It will very much help the Working Group when they come to finalise the draft Updated Neighbourhood Plan at the end of the year, the preferences of the community for the location of future housing will carry a lot of weight in the final version of the Updated Plan.

Updated Neighbourhood Plan Working Group  
22 Nov 2017

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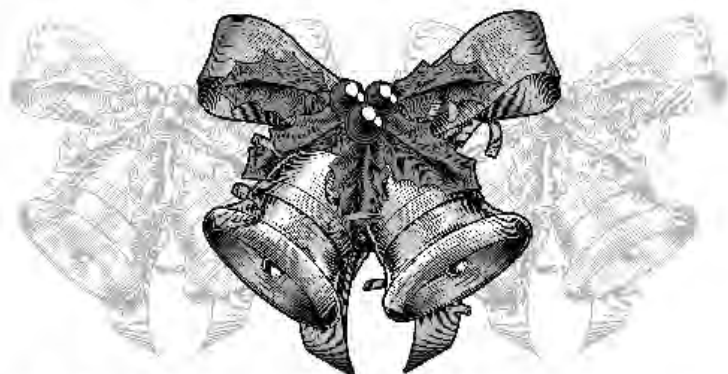
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## Crime Report

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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  
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## Love in a Box

This year once again, very many thanks to all those who have filled a shoebox for the Love in a Box appeal by the Mustard Seed Relief Mission. This year, from our parish, we have sent 151 boxes for the appeal which will in due course be taken to Moldova, believed to be the poorest European country. The boxes will be received by children who have very little and it is very likely that the box will be their only present this Christmas. Not only will the gifts inside the box be enjoyed but the shoebox itself will also be treasured. To learn more about MSRM do visit their website on [www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk) and see photos of the children opening their boxes and learn of other projects MSRM are involved with. Then, why not start collecting small gifts to fill a box for next year!

Hilary Langford



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# Live Nativity Tuesday 19th December

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We would like as many children and adults in the village to dress up as Shepherds and Angels and walk behind the donkey's (from East Clayton Farm) and sheep (from the Nepcote Flock).

The procession will stop at the Gun and Joseph will ask if there is any room at the Inn. Carol singing will be in the garden of the Gun where the animals will be penned in the shelter.

**It would be lovely if you could join us.**



Kian and Liliias  
as Joseph and Mary

## 200 Club Report for year to November 2017

The final draw of the year to November 2017 took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The 6 major prizes were as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> (£25) number 138 - A. Hiron, 5<sup>th</sup> (£25) 144 - N. Gore, 4<sup>th</sup> (£50) 152 - G. Goddard, 3<sup>rd</sup> (£100) 9 - P. Hills, 2<sup>nd</sup> (£200) 170 - D. Holt and the top prize (£500) to C. Young number 175. A cheque for £2100 was presented to the chair of the Village Hall Trust. There are a just six numbers available for the year commencing December 2017. Please contact Bob Eastabrook (01903 873963) if you are interested. The first monthly draw for the new year will take place in Julia's Kitchen at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Bob Eastabrook (Hon. Secretary, Findon Village Hall Supporters' Club).

## Franke Kornicki

A Findon resident and celebrated 2<sup>nd</sup> World War pilot died this month.

Franke and his wife Patience recently moved to a care home in Worthing as it became more difficult for him, a centenarian, to help look after his wife. They particularly felt the closure of the village shop. The picture shows him pointing to that day's money raised towards the purchase of our new community shop.

If you would like to read more about his time during the war please use the following link

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## Findon Friends of St Barnabas

The Fish and Chip and Quiz Night that took place on Tuesday 24th October at the Village House, was a great success.

Sincere thanks to our Host and Quizmaster Paul and all the wonderful staff at the Village House.

Heartfelt thanks too, for all the efforts of our excellent Cake Maker Maggie Martin, - our Raffle Organisers, Michael and Elaine Chard, - and the hard work of Richie and Sue Line for 'setting up' the evening.

We raised the splendid sum of £527.00 for St Barnabas .

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the evening.

Please put the date of Tuesday 6th March 2018 in your diaries - that is the proposed date for the 'Curry Night and Mini Auction' at the Tajdar Restaurant in Findon.

Mike Solomons, Co-ordinator for F.F.of St.B



## Curry Nights



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## Would you pay more to support policing in Sussex?

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne writes: “This year, we have seen police officers and staff nationally, along with other emergency services, respond with skill and bravery as they play their part in the substantial security effort around the recent terror attacks which have hit the UK. In response, the Government is increasing the money it spends on tackling terrorism, including an amount for policing.

“Further investment is also working to tackle the national threat of cyber crime, which is affecting businesses and individuals across the country. With the new frontline for policing increasingly becoming our front rooms and children’s bedrooms – where crimes are being committed down the phone line and behind screens – we have to recognise that the policing we see is not necessarily all the policing we get to keep us safe.

“I know that residents support Sussex Police in preparing for threats like terrorism and cyber crime but I’m also aware that issues closer to home, such as anti-social behaviour, are affecting local people.

“In previous years, the Chief Constable has asked for my help to raise more funds to invest in specific areas of policing, including public protection, community investigation and armed response. Thanks to the money you’ve already contributed through your council tax, Sussex Police has been able to build its capacity and capabilities in these areas, and others, to deliver a more effective and efficient service to the public.

“Now we need your help to sustain this service. All public services have to find

significant financial savings and Sussex Police is no exception. The force has already saved £70m since 2010 and the Chief Constable’s Local Policing Plan is working towards delivering further savings over the next four years.

“I know the changes Sussex Police has made to its policing model are taking some getting used to but it’s vital that the force reshapes its neighbourhood policing teams to meet the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century policing.

“The Chief Constable and I are continuing to work together to drive further reform and substantial progress has already been made through collaboration with local and regional partners and through investment in mobile technology.

“I want to help Sussex Police explore and identify all opportunities for investment. That is why I have carried out a review of the amount of money Sussex Police holds in its reserves and released £15m to reduce the impact of reductions in police officer numbers. I’ve done this because I recognise the scale of the impact that these changes are having on the police and the public, and I remain committed to investing in local policing.

“I am also seeking further sources of external funding, including contributions from new building developments that lead to increased demand on local services. I – and other Police & Crime Commissioners – continue to negotiate with the Government for more funding for policing, as well as asking for the removal of the current ‘cap’ on the police precept.

“Please take a minute to complete my online survey to tell me whether you would be prepared to pay more, through your council tax, for policing in Sussex.”

You can find all the information at  
[www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/public-consultations](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/public-consultations)  
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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

This morning a lady and her daughter, walking their dogs at Cissbury Ring, picked up an injured dove. They kindly brought it in to PAWS. I treated the injured wing and put the dove in a hutch in the warm with food and water. The next visitor said "Oh I see you have a Turtle Dove!" I looked up Turtle Doves to see if we have in fact got a Turtle Dove. But it should have a pinkish head and orange and brown scalloped wing markings underneath with a zebra striped thumb mark on the nape. Ours had none of these markings so we have an ordinary dove. The sad thing is that Turtle Doves are probably now extinct because they Winter in sub-Saharan Africa where they are hunted as sport being shot as they try to return to the UK. The birds are then under habitat pressure here in breeding grounds in the summer returning to farms that no longer provide seed rich plants for the doves to feed on. The shy summer visitor was a favourite of Chaucer who praised the bird for its lasting pair bonding. In 2002 the UK was down to fewer than 1,000 pairs! With extinction a real possibility, this is nothing short of a wildlife disaster. The RSPB were alarmed by its uncontrollable decline. So, the Turtle Dove's place in The Twelve Days of Christmas Carol may soon be obsolete. How sad. The little Shitzu (that kept biting everyone) that we found a home for last month has settled in very happily. The new lady owner is a carer to William an elderly gentleman with dementia. She told us not only is he a very well behaved happy little dog but that he loves William who is his favourite ! On Sunday we were asked to take a rabbit who's owner had died. The rabbit was terrified. We were told he was

never picked up. He was matted over every part of his body with nails so long they were curled under his feet. He is very old also blind in one eye. It took hours to cut all the matts and tangles out. We cut his nails and put him in a nice big pen covered in hay. He didn't have a name so we have called him Kevin. All the Volunteers are so happy to see how happy he is. He hops and thumps and loves his food, and loves to be picked up and groomed.

All our surplus goldfish have now gone to new ponds. The baby ones were collected in buckets by local residents. Also some of the big ones were given away. We try not to have too many goldfish but they insist in breeding every year.

Stacey

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## News from Findon Valley

### 2018 Findon Valley Calendar

Thanks to the sponsorship from Curtis & Son Estate Agents and Keen & Betts Vehicle Servicing/Repairs/MOT Centre the new 2018 Findon Valley calendar is ready for sale. For £5 you can buy a beautiful calendar illustrating the photographic talent of local residents. *Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will be donated to Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.* Calendars are available at the Post Office and Curtis & Son in King's Parade and Keen & Betts at Jet fuel station by the Offington roundabout.

### FVRA Arts & Crafts Groups

Organised by the Findon Valley Residents' Association, both groups are well attended, with a wide variety of skills. If you want to see what they do, before trying for yourself, you're welcome to come along! Findon Valley Free Church is the location for both groups and entry is only £2 per session, from 2-4pm. The Crafts Group takes place every Saturday and the Arts

Group every Monday. If you have any materials you wish to donate for either group, please call Maureen Denton, FVRA Arts & Crafts Event Officer on 01903 872004.

### Lime Tree Surgery Patients' Group

There will be an inaugural meeting for the newly formed group on Monday, 4 December 1-2pm to be held in waiting room 3. Everyone is welcome.

[www.OperationCrackdown.org](http://www.OperationCrackdown.org)

You can read more about the FVRA by visiting [www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)

### Next Messy Church

5<sup>th</sup> December

& 6<sup>th</sup> February

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NO MESSY

CHURCH JANUARY



## Findon Village

# Christmas Tree Festival

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 4pm

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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://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:

**Notification of intension to 1No. Ash (T1) to sectional fell and leave a low drilled stump** Fosters 30 Nephote Lane Findon BN14 0SG.

**Non Material Amendment on planning consent SDNP/16/04439/HOUS to enclose entrance porch, change gable feature from tile hung to painted rendered infill to timber frame.**

Southover Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR.

**Notice of intention to Tree works to Group of Beech trees in rear garden. Raise canopies to 5 metres, thin canopies by 15-20%, cut back to obtain 2 metres clearance from building**

Seven Beeches 23 School Hill Findon BN14 0TR.

**Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4 on planning consent SDNP/15/03769/FUL** Sylvan Oak Restaurant The Square Findon BN14 0TE.

**Orangery to rear elevation**

Preseli House Soldiers Field Lane Findon BN14 0SH.

**Installation of 2 CCTV camera's on pole for security of 28 houses in Convent Gardens.**

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### Findon Downs WI

November is the month when we celebrate our Birthday and this year we celebrated 62 years of our WI with some of the founder members being present. Delicious cupcakes were served with tea and then the business of electing a New President and Committee was conducted by a WI Adviser, Mrs M. Watteau. The result was that the existing President was re-elected plus the existing Committee and we welcomed Mrs Emily Brown plus Mrs B Seiler . Pam, our Treasurer for several years, was thanked for her excellent handling of our financial affairs and we wished her all the very best for her future.

Competition cups were won by Mrs Christine Cooke in 1<sup>st</sup> place and Mrs Hilary Moran came 2<sup>nd</sup> with Mrs Pauline Roberts.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.30pm in the Village Hall. This is our Christmas Meeting with refreshments & Musical Entertainment.

### Findon Village WI

On Thursday 9th November we had our AGM. Our yearly report along with with our annual financial report was read out. We then voted in a new president and committee. Members brought along items they had hand-made throughout the year and it showed what a skilful group we have. Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th December where we will have our Christmas meal. This is a ticket only evening.

We have a table at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 16th December in the village hall. We will be on the stage, selling the usual cakes and biscuits, along with gluten free items, and some beautiful handmade Christmas bags.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the village hall @ 7.30pm. All visitors welcome. Find us on facebook....Findon Village WI Enquiries..findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

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DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSORS
3rd December Advent 1	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Isaiah 64:1-9 Mark 13:24-end	Sian Smith/ John Hammond
10th December Advent 2	Patching 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8	Dorothy Barber
17th December Advent 3	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Roger Walker	Kath Hutchinson	1 Thess 5:1-11 Matt 25:14-30	Mary Best / John Haskey
24 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4 Christmas Eve	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Ezekiel 34:11- 16,20-24 Matt 25:31-46	
	Patching Family Communion 10am	Helena Buqué		As above	Children

## January 2018

DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSORS
7 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Roger Walker	Kath Hutchinson	Isaiah 60:1-6 Matt4:1-12	Helen Butchart / John Hammond
14 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	Patching 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		1 Sam 3:1-10, John1:43-end	Dorothy Barber
21 <sup>st</sup> January Epiphany 3	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Rev 19:6-10 John 2:1-11	Brenda Yates/ John Haskey
28 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 4	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Deut 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28	Dorothy Barber
	Patching Family Service 10am	Colin Cox		As above	Children

# Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches December 2017



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Sunday 3rd	08.00am	<b>Findon Church</b> Eucharist
	09.15am	<b>Findon Village Hall</b> Breakfast
	10.00am	followed by Family Service
	10.00am	<b>Clapham Church</b> Sung Eucharist
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Taizé Service for Advent <b>Findon Church</b>
Sunday 10th	08.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Eucharist
	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Sung Eucharist
	<b>3.45pm</b>	Reflective service at end of Tree festival <b>Findon</b>
Sunday 17th	08.00am	<b>Findon Church</b> Eucharist
	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Family Communion
	10.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Sung Eucharist
	<b>5.00pm</b>	9 Lessons & Carols <b>Findon Church</b>
Monday 18th	<b>6.30pm</b>	Carols around the Coals <b>Patching Church</b>
Tuesday 19th	<b>6.15pm</b>	Nativity Procession
Wednesday 20th	<b>6.00pm</b>	Carols at Clapham Lodge
Friday 22nd	<b>7.30pm</b>	'Christmas Bells' concert at <b>Patching Church</b>
Sunday 24th	08.00am	<b>Clapham Church</b> Eucharist
	10.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Family Service
	<b>3.00pm</b>	Crib Service with Christingle at <b>Findon Church</b>
	<b>11.00pm</b>	Midnight Mass of the Nativity at <b>Findon Church</b>
Monday 25th	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Family Communion
Sunday 31st	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Parish Eucharist

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**Deaths:** Dennis Henry Plumb. Maureen Fullalove passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> October.  
Paul Moffat passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Baptism:** Erin Jude-Scott was Baptised at Findon Church on the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Christmas Tree Festival at Findon Church:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 6pm and  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 4pm.

**Afternoon Plus** – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office.

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** there is **NO** Lunch in December

**Curry Nights** The next Ladies Findon Tajdar Curry Nights is 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, there is **NO** Mens Curry Night in December

**Youth club** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (5<sup>th</sup> December). **TERM TIME ONLY**. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.



# Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches January 2018



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

Sunday 7th	08.00am	<b>Findon Church</b> Eucharist
	09.15am	<b>Findon Village Hall</b> Breakfast
	10.00am	followed by Family Service
	10.00am	<b>Clapham Church</b> Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14th	08.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Eucharist
	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21st	08.00am	<b>Findon Church</b> Eucharist
	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Family Communion
	10.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Family Service
Sunday 28th	08.00am	<b>Clapham Church</b> Eucharist
	09.30am	<b>Findon Church</b> Sung Eucharist
	10.00am	<b>Patching Church</b> Family Service
February	8.00am	<b>Findon Church</b> Eucharist
Sunday 4th	09.15am	<b>Findon Village Hall</b> Breakfast
	10.00am	followed by Family Service
	10.00am	<b>Clapham Church</b> Sung Eucharist

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**Afternoon Plus** – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office.

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018, the last Tues of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome

**Curry Nights** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 1st Monday of the month, 8<sup>th</sup> January (Ladies) and last Thursday of the month, 25<sup>th</sup> January (Men) at 7.30pm.

**Youth club** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church** 1st Tuesday of the month (**6th February**). **TERM TIME ONLY**. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

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<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Carpet Bowls	Monday (except 25 <sup>th</sup> )	14:30
Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday (except 27 <sup>th</sup> )	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday (except 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> )	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday (4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> only)	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday (except 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 – 13:00
You Yoga	Tuesday (except 26 <sup>th</sup> )	19:00
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30

<b>Fortnightly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Circle Dancing	11 <sup>th</sup> only	19:10

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Auction	15 <sup>th</sup>	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	19 <sup>th</sup>	09:00
Downs WI	13 <sup>th</sup>	14:30
Family Church Service	3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:30
Gardens Association (Christmas party)	8 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Messy Church	5 <sup>th</sup>	15.30
Village WI	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Meditation	18 <sup>th</sup>	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>
FVHT Christmas Fair	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12:00
Film Night	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	18:30 (Doors Open)

**The Village Hall website**  
provides contact and booking details as well as listings of forthcoming events  
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