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Report of Public Meeting on 24th April 2017

The meeting in the School Hall started on time and with a maximum attendance of 130 villagers.

Cllr.Clive Ball outlined the history and efforts that had resulted in the Findon Neighbourhood Plan being 'made' in December 2016, following the referendum in November.

David Hutchison then posed his options for moving forward, which were :-

- A.** Concentrating all efforts on objecting to the allocations now proposed by SDNPA for the development of the sites at Elm Rise and Soldiers Field House, a total of 31 houses.
- B.** Doing nothing, allowing the allocations to go ahead, and accepting that the village was powerless to affect any change.
- C.** Forming a working group of concerned villagers who would revisit the current NP and attempt to amend the NP with alternate sites within the village that were acceptable to SDNPA and would result in the allocations for the preferred sites being dropped in favour of alternative sites. David detailed the 'Opportunities and Risks' involved with this approach.

The meeting was then thrown open to debate and questions from those attending.

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From the Rectory

Haven't we been fortunate with the weather so far this Spring? The Easter holidays were dry and sunny, with some unseasonably warm days to enjoy. Long may it last (though our gardens could do with some night-time showers now!) So, why do we celebrate Easter? Whether with an excess of chocolate or by singing resurrection hymns (or a combination of both!) this Festival is at the centre of our Christian faith, more important than Christmas.

The cross is the most recognised symbol of Christianity, yet was (and is) the cruellest way to put someone to death. For many people, the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus seem incomprehensible – as St. Paul puts it near the beginning of his first Letter to the Corinthians, “The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” How is it possible that a God who is love can allow such a thing to happen? Put simply, in the cross, we see God suffering with us, not observing from a safe distance, but in the pain and rejection. Jesus shows us that wherever there is suffering, God is there in the centre, loving us and giving us the strength to keep going.

The term for what Jesus did for you and for me is ‘atonement’ (at-one-ment) or

becoming just like us ‘at one’ with us as human beings, but in love not hate. There is no sense of retribution, but Jesus restores us into a right relationship with God and one another. He teaches by example that we should show forgiveness. Again, by breaking down the word, we can explore it! Forgive-ing is costly, it means letting go of past hurts, which can be so difficult. It does not ask us to forget, but to acknowledge the feelings of injustice or anger then let them go and move on in freedom. Harboured grudges only feeds the pain, and retaliating will just accelerate hurt on every side. Jesus shows us through the cross and resurrection that there is the possibility of new life and is offered freely to us all.

My Easter eggs are eaten (and enjoyed!) but the forgiving and loving needs constant work! As I continue to enjoy watching the Spring unfold around us here in the Villages and surrounding countryside, I feel blessed to be here and give thanks to God. The Easter Season continues until Pentecost; I look forward to celebrating the ‘birthday’ of the church with as many of you as are able to join me for breakfast and worship in Findon Village Hall on June 4th – there will be cake! Rev'd Nancy Ford will also be celebrating with the congregation at Clapham Church that day.

Every blessing, Helena

Youth Club

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Breakfast at Cafe Church

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of the month
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grown-ups welcome.

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It became clear that a sizeable majority of those attending were keen on supporting Option C, providing that enough dedicated volunteers were prepared to commit themselves to about 6 months of intensive work to research the impact that any amendment would have on the village.

This would then require the support of the Parish Council, residents affected by those living close to amended sites, as well as get the approval of both the Planning Officers of SDNPA and an appointed Independent Examiner, all within a very tight time frame.

The Chairman made it clear that there was little or no enthusiasm from FPC councillors for supporting any amendments to the currently approved plan, but would consider supporting the new working party if it could be shown that there were seriously compelling arguments for amending the current plan.

Any amendment plan would require FPC to approach SDNPA for funding to support consultancy fees printing costs and the cost of another referendum, but this could happen if sufficient volunteers were recruited from different communities across the village who would represent a cross section of village interests.

Without dedicated volunteers nothing will happen. Anyone interested should contact David Hutchison on **david.hutchison@btinternet.com**

Peter Goldsworthy
Chairman, FPC

Zip Wire Project

The childrens play area at the north end of the village is well used by little ones, but there is not much to entertain older children. There used to be a zip wire which was very popular but this had to be removed some time ago due to its condition. We have had a quote of £16,000 to replace the zip wire with an up-to-date version which conforms to modern safety standards. If we can raise this amount, Arun DC have undertaken to take responsibility for the ongoing maintenance in the future.

This is a significant amount of money to raise, so we are investigating if any form of grant may be available. But we are off to a good start with a generous donation of £1,000 from Findon Sheep Fair Committee. If anyone has a view on the proposal, has any suggestions or would like to help, please get in touch with Ed Wain (**07952 406 012**), Jan Mackerell (**07768 863 428**) or Clive Ball (**07516 488 725**).

200 Club

The winner of the April £25 draw was number 153 – R Currer-Briggs. The first major draw and Social for this year will be on Saturday 20th May.

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Charity Race Night

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To enable Mig to have more time raising his boys his family need to raise £200,000 for life extending treatment that's not available on the NHS.

To help out with their fundraising we are holding a **race night at Findon Village Hall on Friday June 9th** with a cash bar, BBQ and raffle.

Tickets will be available to buy at £5 each from Findon Newsagency, Peckhams Butchers and Julia's Kitchen.

Even if you are unable to attend and

would like to help in some small way you can always make a donation via the Meds4Miggy.com website or Facebook page.

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Our only goal is to secure the long-term existence of the church and its property for the enjoyment of future generations.

As with all historic buildings and especially places of worship built many hundreds of years ago, St John's is regularly in need of constant attention if the fabric - internally and externally, is to be properly maintained. The church PCC has ultimate responsibility but they need the support of the much wider community to supplement the donations received from the congregation which, in common with the vast majority of church congregations in this country, is sadly fairly small and dwindling, thus putting at risk the safe retention of these wonderful buildings and the legacy of the craftsmanship that created them.

Alongside weekly, monthly and annual running costs, churches typically suffer from exceptional or extraordinary costs on a regular basis; the only real exceptional aspect to them however is that they occur with constant frequency: One year it's the church roof the next year it's the boiler that needs replacing followed by a rewiring of the

ancient and condemned wiring! As you can well imagine, all and any of these require very substantial financial undertakings.

You can help us in this ongoing task by becoming a member of "The Friends" and be part of this very important, local and worthwhile cause to safeguard the future of our wonderful heritage. Membership and any donations or event sponsorship will greatly help defray these costs and ensure that those that come after us will likewise enjoy their heritage.

The Friends has an official launch date on Sunday 14 May at 12.00 noon.
when you are invited for
Cheese and Wine
at **Findon Place** (next to the church)

Come and hear all about joining The Friends, and talk to Priest-in-Charge, Reverend Helena Buqué, about her planned sponsored sky dive in the summer!

If you would like to attend please contact the parish office on (01903) 873601

or for more information contact
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Findon Village Gardens Association - Chris Young

The Findon Village Gardens Association Spring show on April 8th turned out to be a great day, the sun shone and we were pleased to see so many visitors enjoying not only the warmth of the sun but the lovely collection of flowers on display. Not just flowers but Floral arrangements, Photography and Cookery classes added to the interest. Entries in the show were up 10% on last year, the recent good weather had brought on the tulips but this was to the detriment of the narcissi entries which are nearing the end of the flowering period. It

seems we can never have both tulips and narcissi at the same time, it has to be one or the other but that's nature for you!

A big thank you to the winners who kindly donated their prize monies to Chestnut Tree House. Cup winners included Norman Allcorn, Sue and Richard Bell, Mo Bowen, Brenda Cox, Shirley Hobden, Graham Hobson, Mike Solomons and Bon Young. We look forward to seeing all our visitors again in the Summer when the Summer flower show is held on Saturday 5th August.



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Had a call from a lady in Findon Village who said she had a ferret in her garden, please could I come and get it. When I arrived the ferret had moved to the next garden, where the neighbour took a picture of it and sent it to her daughter who was on holiday in Helsinki. It was then on the move again and went to the next garden and then into the neighbour's kitchen where he was finally caught and put into a cat carrier.

I rang Ferret Rescue in Worthing and Patsy came and picked it up. In the meantime Sally in Helsinki put the photo taken in her Mum's garden on Facebook. By coincidence the ferret's owner had done the same asking for help to find 'Kevin'. I couldn't believe it when I turned on my computer that night and saw the photo of Kevin, a missing white ferret who by the way was very friendly and is always escaping and should be called Houdini! Next day I was asked if I would go to a place called Heavens Farm in Uckfield where they have lots of free range poultry and pets for children to see, I was asked to take away turkeys

called Bob and Doris because Bob kept chasing the children, I thought maybe he was just protecting Doris but the owner, who was ninety, said he couldn't cope with Bob's behaviour any longer. I was so glad I had asked Rod a friend, who judges turkeys at poultry shows, to come with me as Bob was huge!! Rod caught and loaded them up and we took them to their new home at The Old Gardens Animal Rescue Centre in Sidlesham where they have lots of turkeys.

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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.

Notification of intension to 1No Ash (T1) to remove deadwood over 25mm in diameter and remove rubbing and/or diseased and suspended branches where applicable Open for Comment

Fosters 30 Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SG Ref. No: SDNP/17/01943/TPO

Conversion of attic and installation of side and rear dormer windows and rooflight to front. Open for Comment

6 Downland Close Findon BN14 0UJ Ref. No: SDNP/17/01769/HOUS

Proposed rear extension

47 High Street Findon BN14 0ST Ref. No: SDNP/17/01637/HOUS

Notice of intention to raise canopy to 4metres, thin out canopy by 20%, reduce radial spread by 1metre average, remove dead/dying wood to 1 no. Horse Chestnut Tree in front garden.

Underhill Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR Ref. No: SDNP/17/01611/TPO

Discharge of condition no. 3 of planning consent SDNP/16/03273/FUL.

St John The Baptist Primary School School Hill Findon BN14 0TR

Ref. No: SDNP/17/01560/DCOND

Discharge of Condition 5 on planning consent SDNP/16/04955/FUL

Findon Village Hall High Street Findon Ref. No: SDNP/17/01444/DCOND

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Saturday, 24 June is the date for this annual event which is raising money for **PAWS Animal Sanctuary** and **Sussex Pet Rescue**. It will be held on The Gallops in Findon Valley starting from **12 noon** for owners to register their pet dogs in any of the seven classes to choose from and compete to become Best in Show. Entry per class per dog is £2. The **judging starts from 1pm promptly** and while this is going on, there are many 'fun' activities for everyone – with their pet dogs - to join in.

Choose from a '**Have A Go**' **agility course**, that's all about your dog running, walking and jumping via some obstacles, or '**Temptation Alley**', a new and highly popular game where your dog will be tempted by treats, toys and food whilst you call him back to you...the aim is for your dog to avoid temptation and come to you without picking up or eating anything en route! Each of these will be £2 entry per dog.

Other amazing activities include a children's zone, a prize tombola, 'count the balloons in a brand new Suzuki

car', a variety of stalls selling dog-related gifts, food and accessories, the presence of PAWS and Sussex Pet Rescue with other animal charities and the display stands of the businesses who are sponsoring different aspects of the Fun Dog Show.

The climax of the show will be the judging of the class winners to decide on '**Best in Show**' and '**Reserve Best in Show**'.

This is the **fourth annual Findon Valley Fun Dog Show**, with the 2017 event adding more fun entertainment for people and dogs alike! It's organised by a group of friends who are dog enthusiasts and have a passion to build the community spirit by inviting other like-minded pet owners to come along and enjoy a great summer afternoon while at the same time raise money for two local charities. They acknowledge the support of the Findon Valley Residents' Association alongside the many business sponsors.

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Archaeology of the Findon Area Pt IV

Archaeologist, and Findon resident, Dr David Dunkin concludes his series of articles covering archaeology in the area around Findon.

Part 4 The Archaeology of the Post-Roman and Historic Landscape

Part 3 was about the development in the parish of the partitioned farming landscape of the Later Bronze Age (c. 1,600 BC - 750 BC) and how this continued through the Iron Age and into the Roman period. In this the final part of the Findon story we look at the shaping of the landscape across the downland environment in our area for the past 1,500 years.

After the official withdrawal of the Roman occupation from Britain (410 AD) we enter a period in which the archaeology becomes elusive. The 5th to later 6th centuries AD (previously referred to as the 'Dark Ages') is when

the indigenous population were left to their own devices. The breakdown of the Roman infrastructure in Britain and its trading relations led to a period of self-sufficiency with a marked diminution in the export of agricultural produce. The population would have declined and it is probable that many of the fields in England (and in the Findon area) would have become overgrown and fallen out of use.

The later 6th century AD saw the establishment of the Anglo-Saxon period when peoples from Saxony and the Frisian coastline came to our area of southern England. ►

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Throughout the long period from the 5th to the 10th century AD there is no definitive archaeological evidence of occupation and settlement in the parish of Findon. However, excavations on Cissbury Ring in the 1930's uncovered evidence for re-use of the Iron Age hillfort in the late Saxon period and the possibility of a mint existing here in the 11th century.

During the Saxon period there are what archaeologists call 'multiple-estates' in Sussex. Some of these were centred and positioned along the scarp slope of the South Downs at places like Washington. These extended in a linear fashion across the Wealden area to the north and may have (in the case of Washington) continued across our own downland area to the south of Chanctonbury. These strips of land or territories were used for seasonal pasturage and for pannage in the woodland for pigs. The earliest and closest known Anglo-Saxon settlement to Findon (with strong archaeological evidence) is the extensive pagan high status cemetery on Highdown Hill. The settlement for this 6th century burial ground probably lies in the vicinity of nearby Ferring and Goring - possibly supported by the Saxon place-name suffix of *ingas*.

By the Late Saxon period (10th/11th c. AD) Sussex had been divided into administrative units known as 'Rapes'. Findon came under the jurisdiction of the 'Rape of Bramber' and following the Norman invasion (1066 AD) was held by the powerful Norman overlord William de Braose. We know from the

architecture of St John the Baptist Church, Findon and the Domesday Book of 1086 AD, that the church at Findon was in existence in the 11th c. at the time of transition - a period archaeologists call the Saxo-Norman. The Domesday Book also indicates that the total population of the village was contained within 58 households - comprising 29 villagers, 23 smallholders and 6 slaves - said to be a large village for Sussex at this time; suggesting the village was already well-established at the time of the Norman invasion. Because the vast majority of people in the Anglo-Saxon period farmed and lived in dispersed communities and holdings across the West Sussex landscape the origins of most villages in this part of Sussex usually date from the Medieval period.

The open-field system common to many areas in England and organised by a feudal village-based overlord, did not operate to any great extent in our area during the Anglo-Saxon period.

The importance of Findon in the 10th/11th c. suggests the presence of a masonry church and it is probable that the first lord of the manor of the parish dates from this time. Furthermore, the status of the mother church at Steyning (see below) and the elusive port of St Cuthmans on the nearby Adur would have contributed to the burgeoning of Findon during the Saxo-Norman period.

The north aisle of St John the Baptist is the area occupied by the Late Saxon church and remnants of this may be discerned (with the 'eye of faith') in the exterior west gable wall. The arcade wall inside the church containing the early Medieval wall paintings, was knocked through when the south chancel was constructed and incorporated into the later Norman church.

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It is highly probable that Findon Place next to the east side of the church would have been the site of the original 10th/11th century Manor House and occupied by the lord of the manor. The present house and the earliest elements of it was certainly the manorial seat by at least the later Medieval period. The church at Findon would have come under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the late Saxon Minster Church at Steyning. The first lords of the manor at Findon must therefore date at the latest from this period (10th/11th c.).

However, given the present archaeological evidence (and cognisant of our discussion above) it would be unwise to date the origins of the village to earlier than the 10th c. AD.

The field to the west of the A24 Findon bypass and immediately opposite St John the Baptist Church has provided evidence for medieval pottery and

rubbish remains - in particular oyster shell. In the Medieval period water may have been accessible along the line of the bypass within the valley when the water table would have been higher prior to modern abstraction. Early medieval villages are usually clustered in close proximity to the church and manor house so it is fairly certain that the focus of the early village lies here. The field would have contained house platforms and roadways with a possible track/road entering the site from the north-west, still just visible.

The factors which led to the conjectural abandonment (or shrinkage) of the village are not known. However, the strong probability is that two events of the 14th c. AD were the major contributory causes:

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Secondly, in 1348 AD the 'Black Death' (the plague) was introduced into southern Britain, leading to the death of up to 50% of the population within four years.

These catastrophic events led to the total abandonment of many villages across England and the remains of these are often investigated by archaeologists who refer to them as 'Deserted Medieval Villages' (DMV's). There is a good example of a DMV near Findon on the Chalk at Upper Barpham. Findon and its church however, survived and the village focus transferred to the east side of the valley in the vicinity of 'The Square'. These conjectural events at Findon are corroborated by the fact that there was no lord of the manor in residence between the late 14th and 7th C.

Over the centuries of the Medieval period the cultivation and use of the downland landscape across the parish must have suffered periods of low usage and abandonment. This would have been in synchrony with the events just mentioned. There is no physical evidence of the open field system being used in the parish, and the narrow 'strip' fields as they are known would have obliterated earlier aspects of landscape usage. The fact that in living memory much earlier field-systems of the late prehistoric/Roman periods could be seen across the parish, further supports this notion. Also land enclosures at Findon Place and elsewhere in the parish would have preserved the

landscape. In the Parish of Findon enclosure of common land and individual plots are likely to have occurred from an early date (possibly from the 12th c. AD). However, the vast majority of Enclosure Acts were a response to the Industrial Revolution with the main period of parliamentary enclosure dates to approximately 1760-1840. The fields and boundaries we see today largely stem from this period. As a result of the 2nd World War many fields were enlarged in order to increase arable food production for the war effort; boundaries were removed and ploughed up, resulting in the loss of chalk grassland with its emphasis on sheep pasture. The annual Findon Sheep Fair is an echo of the living past and provides an important continuity.

What we see today in the parish are visible traces of the past in which our downland environment has altered in response to changing cultural needs through time.

In the four articles I have attempted to chart some of the changes that have occurred over the past 9,000 years in the vicinity of Findon. The emphasis has been on archaeology therefore omitting some detail of the historic landscape. For those interested in learning more of the history in our area should consult: Findon British History Online, the Findon Community websites and Findon Neighbourhood Plan for greater detail.

Dr David Dunkin

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*My grateful thanks to David for his detailed articles over the past four months. I know that many have appreciated his look into the archaeology that accounts for our local area.*

*All previous parts of David's articles are available to read in back editions of Findon News. These can be found on the Findon Village Community website [www.findonvillage.org](http://www.findonvillage.org) Ed.*

## **A Talk on Sir Richard Hunter**

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Patching in 1835)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm  
Patching Church (BN13 3XF)

The speaker will be Canadian scholar Kristina Guiguet, who was a classical singer best known for her interpretation of the role of Madame Giry in the Phantom of the Opera in New York before she turned to academic history. She has published and presented frequently on the social and political implications of nineteenth century musical life at British and Canadian conferences. She currently works as a policy analyst for the Canadian government.

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# CRIME REPORT APRIL

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## Beech Road, Findon

A property was broken into between 6.50pm and 11.35pm on 15 April 2017 and jewellery stolen - quote Serial 1302 of 15/04.

*If you have information concerning these crimes please call 101.*

## Wonga Data Breach

Wonga has confirmed a data breach involving 250,000 accounts. The incident is now being investigated by the police and has been reported to the Financial Conduct Authority.

Wonga has **updated their website with further information** and confirmed that they are contacting those affected and are taking steps to protect them, but there are some things you can do to keep your information secure.

**<http://www.wonga.com/help/incident-faq>**

## Law Abiding Citizen Alert

Fraudsters are sending out a high volume of phishing emails, pretending to come from various email addresses, which have been compromised.

The subject line contains the recipient's name. The emails include an attachment – a '.dot' file usually titled with the recipient's name. This attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain.

## Protect Yourself:

Having up-to-date virus protection is essential; however it will not always prevent your device(s) from becoming infected. Please consider the following actions:

Don't click on links or open any attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages: If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication (you can find out how by searching the internet for relevant advice for your email provider).

- Do not enable macros in downloads; enabling macros will allow Trojan/malware to be installed onto your device.
- Install software updates as soon as they become available.
- Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It is important that the device you back up to is not connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that as well.
- If you think your bank details have been compromised, you should contact your bank **immediately**.

If you have been affected, report it to Action Fraud by calling **0300 123 2040**, or visit **[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**.

You can report other crime and incidents 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.

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*Animal Agents*: the Summer Reading Challenge starts in your local library on Saturday 15 July. It's free for all families to take part and you can collect fun rewards as you read books through the holidays. Best of all, children are free to read whatever books they like!

After registering for the challenge children will be rewarded with a special Animal Agents wristband. Children then collect clues about the mystery as they read books through the summer, coming back to the library to tell us what

they've read. Special stickers – some 'scratch and sniff' – will help you solve the mystery. Children will be able to crack the crime after they've read six books and we'll award them with a special Animal Agents certificate and medal.

The Summer Reading Challenge is free and an easy way to make sure children enjoy reading during the long summer holiday. Children can choose and borrow any books they like and your local library has a great selection waiting for you - from picture books for pre-schoolers, stories and comic books for older children and information books about every topic - the choice is yours!

Animal Agents is free and you only need a library card to register - and if you don't have one yet we can give you one of those for free too. To find out more, visit your local library or [www.westsussex.gov.uk/SRC](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/SRC)

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## Lambing in 2017 - Nepcote Flock - Graham Langford

Lambing this year has been a joyous occasion carried out in warmer weather than in previous years. Lambs began arriving a few days earlier than their due date. The warm weather allowed us to keep mums and their new born outside in the yard until evening when they are then penned inside for at least two nights so bonding of the new family takes place. The ewes have managed their young very well. One new mum bleated for 24 hours as if to tell the world how clever she was.

Watching the flock from early in the morning to late at night, the full moon

has lit the skies and the sun rises have been fantastic. There has been plenty of wildlife too with buzzards and red kites flying overhead, badgers and foxes scampering across the roads and is topped only by the barn owls we've seen.

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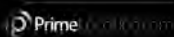


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## How Did I Become a Bellringer? - Barbara Harbut

Back in the 1950s I was being prepared for confirmation on a Monday evening at St Andrews Church at Tarring over an 8 week period, and each week towards the end of the session there was always mutterings and movements at the back of the church. One of these evenings, together with a friend we decided to see what was going on, only to see people going through a small arch door and up steps to what I learned was a ringing chamber. Having spoken to a couple of the lads we were encouraged to join them one evening and watch people pulling on ropes making the bells ring.

Being the person I am I decided to have a go and so began my career as a Church Bellringer.

I was taught to ring by a local ringer Dorothy Saunders b

ut I also remember a couple of other Tarring ringers, June Clements and Barry Cowper. I still communicate with Dorothy at Christmas time, although she doesn't ring now, she lives in Brentwood in Essex but she used to live north of Findon Village, but I have lost touch with June. However, a couple of years ago I met up with Barry again when he visited Findon church with a ringing team. Much reminiscing went on.

I joined Findon Tower after a short break in the early 80s where I have been Tower Captain since February 1983 and, although I moved to Storrington four and a half years ago, I still hold that role at Findon. I have recently been awarded a certificate of 50 years membership of our Association.

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## Findon Downs Wi Report of April Meeting

Speaker: Leslie Chamberlain – Highdown Gardens.

Without realising the history behind this delightful garden and house, Sir Frederick Stern began the garden in 1909. After his marriage in 1919, he and Lady Sybil Stern lived in Highdown Towers which was the Dower House to Goring Hall. While creating the gardens, Sir Frederick also sponsored well known plant hunters visiting countries such as China, and subsequently discovered plants of those countries flourished at Highdown. Sir Frederick died in 1967 and his wife in 1972 after which Worthing Borough Council took over the house and garden. The house is

now a Hotel and the gardens, beautifully maintained by a team of gardeners are open to the public with interest to enjoy all the year.

The nearby Tea Rooms provide welcome refreshment after a wander in delightful surroundings.

Thank you Leslie for reviving memories of past visits.

**Next Meeting:** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm – Findon Village Hall.

**Resolutions:** which will be discussed and voted upon prior to the NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall in June.

**Exhibition:** A favourite Brooch

**Raffle: Sales Table:**

All visitors welcome.

## Clapham & Patching Church Rota May 2017

| DATE                 | SERVICE                         | PRIEST       | LAYMOC          | READINGS                        | READERS / INTERCESS        |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7th May<br>Easter 4  | Clapham 10am<br>Sung Eucharist  | Helena Buqué | Kath Hutchinson | Acts2: 42-end<br>John 10:1-10   | John Croft/John<br>Hammond |
| 14th May<br>Easter 5 | Patching 8am<br>Eucharist       | Helena Buqué | Pauline Prior   | Acts 7:55-end<br>John 14: 1-14  | Pauline<br>Prior           |
| 21st May<br>Easter 6 | Patching 10am<br>Sung Eucharist | Helena Buqué | Kath Hutchinson | Acts 17: 22-31<br>John 14:15-21 | Dan<br>Banting/TBA         |
| 28th May<br>Easter 7 | Clapham 8am<br>Eucharist        | Helena Buqué |                 | Acts1: 6-14<br>John 17:1-11     | Dorothy<br>Barber          |
|                      | Patching 10am<br>Family Service | TBA          |                 | As above                        | Children                   |

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## Everyone Welcome

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|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | 8.00am  | Eucharist, Findon Church        |
|                                   | 09.15am | Breakfast                       |
|                                   | 10.00am | Village Hall Family Service     |
|                                   | 10.00am | Eucharist, Clapham Church       |
| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> | 8.00am  | Eucharist, Patching Church      |
|                                   | 9.30am  | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church   |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> | 08.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church        |
|                                   | 09.30am | Family Communion, Findon        |
|                                   | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist, Patching Church |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> | 8.00am  | Eucharist, Clapham Church       |
|                                   | 09.30am | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church   |
|                                   | 10.00am | Family Service, Patching Church |

**Weddings for May** - Miss Rose Setten and Mr Pablo Strong.

**Baptisms for May** - James Piper.

**Coffee Plus** - 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** - last Tues of the month, Findon Village Hall. £5.  
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**Curry Nights** - The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 1st Monday of the month, 1st May (Ladies) and last Thursday of the month, 25th May (Men) at 7.30pm.

**Youth club** - Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time). Ages 12+, 5pm till 7.00pm at The Rectory,

**Findon.Messy Church** - 1st Tuesday of the month 3.30-5.45pm,  
Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

**Christmas Tree Festival** - planning has started already! We would love to have some volunteers and help, please contact The Rectory. We are now collecting prizes for our tombola stall. These can be left at The Rectory on School Hill, or there are donation boxes in all 3 churches.

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## Findon Village WI

Our meeting on 13th April was very good, our guest speaker came from Amberley Chalk Pit Museum and it was thoroughly informative and very interesting.

The next meeting on Thursday 11th May is when we will be discussing and voting for the resolutions that we would like to take to the WI AGM in June. We have Yvonne Price joining us, who is

West Sussex Federations Chairman. It is an easy meeting and a very sociable evening.

Guests are very welcome. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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| <b>Weekly</b>          | <b>Day</b>                          | <b>Time</b>                                                 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carpet Bowls           | Monday                              | 14:30                                                       |
| Lambstails (Term Time) | Thursday                            | 10:00 – 12:00 (not on 4 <sup>th</sup> May due to elections) |
| Line Dancing           | Wednesday                           | 09:45                                                       |
| Danceaholics           | Sunday                              | 19:30                                                       |
| Just Yoga              | Monday                              | 10:30                                                       |
| You Yoga               | Tuesday                             | 19:00                                                       |
| Cissbury Players       | Wednesday                           | 20:00                                                       |
| <b>Fortnightly</b>     | <b>Date</b>                         | <b>Time</b>                                                 |
| Circle Dancing         | 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 19:10                                                       |
| <b>Monthly</b>         | <b>Date</b>                         | <b>Time</b>                                                 |
| Auction                | 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | 18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6pm)             |
| Bead Magicians         | 16 <sup>th</sup>                    | 09:00                                                       |
| Rummikub               | 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> | 14:00                                                       |
| Downs WI               | 9 <sup>th</sup>                     | 14:30                                                       |
| Family Church Service  | 7 <sup>th</sup>                     | 09:30                                                       |
| Gardens Association    | 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | 19:30                                                       |
| Messy Church           | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | 09:00                                                       |
| Village WI             | 11 <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>                                                 |
| Art Class              | 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | 09:00                                                       |
| 200 Club               | 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | 18:00                                                       |
| Meditation             | 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | 19:30                                                       |



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