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From the Rectory

Well, here we are heading towards midsummer, albeit at the end of this month; where do the weeks fly to? As our children and young people return to school from their half term break for the final weeks of this academic year, we have Findon Revels to look forward to on June 8th. If you haven't been before, do walk over to Pond Green to enjoy the procession and traditional country dancing by the pupils of our Village School, then follow them back to the school for Maypole dancing and stalls! It is a joy that this village tradition continues here in Findon – thank you to the dedicated staff who work with all the children as they learn their steps.

My role in the Parish is nothing if not varied! Towards the end of May, sadly Patching, one of the Clapham and Patching School guineapigs, died and I was asked to say a few words as she was laid to rest in the garden outside the school building. It was a beautiful sunny day and as her spirit is set free, her remains will feed the flowers and shrubs, as the cycle of life continues. It is so good for children to be able to experience death through a pet, helping to normalise this as a natural part of every life cycle. We are so fortunate to have two wonderful Primary Schools in our Parish!

We are so looking forward to hosting Graham Kendrick in Findon Church on June 15th. The tickets are now all sold.

but it is worth asking in the week before in case anyone is unable to attend at the last minute. He will be singing lots of well known songs, which we will be able to join in with, plus some newer songs we can enjoy listening to.

On Saturday 22nd June we have an open morning at Findon Church, with the opportunity to learn more about bellringing and even have a try yourself. Thanks to the Ringers for organising this. There will be refreshments available and also activities for families with children so I look forward to seeing you there then (more information on page 21)

Hopefully, the sunny weather we have today will continue for the half term break, especially as the Diocesan Youth Camp takes place at Plumpton over the last May Bank Holiday weekend. Dom and I will be visiting on Saturday and next year we hope to take a Youth Group to this event. Chris and I took young people there for a number of years before Covid and Dom is looking forward to building up our work with young people again. Look on the Diocesan Website (Chichester.anglican.org) for details of this year's camp, where you will also find information about a new Families Camp, to be held at Stedham (near Midhurst) 7-9 June!

Every blessing, Helena

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It is run by Dorothy Barber with a group of about 12 volunteers and is attended by between 30 – 40 people, mainly residents of Findon village but Dorothy has decided not to continue after this year and so currently the last lunch club will be held in November 2024.

Findon Village Hall Trust committee is currently exploring whether we can facilitate the lunch club continuing to run in 2025 as a service for village residents. If you are interested in being involved please get in touch with us.

We will need people interested in cooking for the lunch, putting out and laying up tables, taking the money and running the raffle, taking orders and serving up the food and helping to clear up at the end of the session.

Once we have heard from potential volunteers we plan to hold a meeting to discuss how we can run the lunch club from next year with everyone interested in helping out. Ideally we would like to recruit enough volunteers to operate a rota across the 10 sessions so responsibility is shared between a number of people.

Please email

bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or phone Elaine on 07598144802 if you are interested in helping out or want to know more.

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Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary
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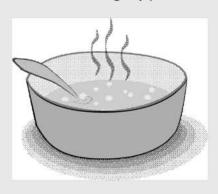
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Findon Sheep Fair & Village Festival 2023 and Plans for 2024

Findon is fortunate to have such a long and proud history. One aspect of this is the existence of the sheep fair.

Whilst fairs have been held in Findon since a Royal Charter of 1261, (over 750 years ago) Events associated with a large auction of sheep on Nepcote Green started around 250 years ago.

The current committee try to run the event in a way that respects this long history. For example, in 1940 the fair was moved by order of the War Office. It was transported by the traction engines of the Harris Fun-Fair to West Grinstead and their association with the Harris family continues today as they still run the fun fair to the show.

Up until 2001 the sheep fair was organised by auctioneers. Since the national foot and mouth epidemic the fair has been run by a committee of residents & volunteers. Whilst the show no longer involves auctions, a large variety of sheep are still shown together with country crafts, funfair, stalls and traditional country events, together with evening events and a service with the Salvation Army band on Sunday afternoon.

We always hope for sunny weather! although perhaps not as sunny as we encountered in 2023. The day proved to be the warmest day of the year even though it was the second Saturday in September! This kept crowds down and limited the time we could show sheep. Despite this we believe that across the three days of the fair weekend more than 7,000 people attended Nepcote Green with once again very good feedback from the public who attended.

- Friday night's barn dance was attended by approx 250 people.
- Saturday's daytime show was attended by an estimated 6000
- Saturday's evening music was attended by 850
- Sunday's Salvation Army band & service was supported by 100
- We are of course indebted to a number of people without whom the show couldn't take place. Significant contributions of support some from
- Parish Council
- Landowners who make space available for car parking
- Our sponsors
- Our volunteers (who number more than 100 largely Findon parishioners)
- Findon Valley scouts for traffic marshalling.

We run the event keeping costs as low as possible and continue to offer free access to the Saturday event. We do provision a rainy day fund (now also a hot day fund) and a small excess for replacement equipment etc.

Improvements for this year. We have held reviews with volunteers, sought input from villagers affected.

For 2023 we changed some aspects of the show from 2022; improving car parking and marshalling of traffic through the village – these worked well last year and we will be continuing these improvements for 2024. These included additional parking and safe walking access through a field gate to Nepcote green rather than along Nepcote Lane.





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This year's programme will include a return of the dancing sheep and the farmyard circus from 2023 that proved very popular.

Further improvements will also include improved areas of shading for animals and increased provision of loos!

The fair will take place on the second Saturday of September (14th September 2024).

For more information please look on https://findonsheepfair.org.uk/ where on our Ewetube page, old videos of the show are available from 1938, 1984 and more recent years.

Findon Village WI

At our May meeting we looked at this year's National Federation of WI Resolution: Dental Health Matters. The NFWI is calling on government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live. We had a presentation and discussion before we voted on the Resolution. With a slight amendment we voted for the motion which will now be taken forward to the National Meeting.

As Findon Village WI we also discussed ways in which we could support the Resolution locally. This was followed by a light-hearted quiz on teeth and mouth care.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13th June, when our speaker will be

Sara Clarke

Kevin Newman talking about Sussex food and drink over the centuries.

Our first fundraising initiative for 2024 will be our Afternoon Tea in Nepcote Hall on Friday 21st June 2024 – 2pm-4pm. This is in aid of our charity of the year, Findon Village community swimming pool. There will also be a Pre-loved Fashion Sale (see the separate poster), so if you are sorting out your summer clothes, put something aside to bring along.

Website – Take a look at our website. It has lots of news about our activities, sub-groups, and upcoming initiatives – Check it out.

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A BIG 'THANK YOU'!

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School had a lot to celebrate in May with the official opening of our new library. This has been a very welcome addition to the school and made perfect use out of an out of date ICT suite.

This bright, open space acts as a multi-purpose area, as it is used by children in the before and after school clubs. It is also used as an additional classroom for smaller year groups along with a much-needed intervention space.

The school has been extremely fortunate to have had a team of people who have actively raised money for the school including the PTA, who has worked extremely hard in organising key events such as a community firework display and the 'Summer Revels' to fund raise. The Headteacher, Jane Sharrock was joined by three members of the Village Shop Management Committee - Chairman Patrick Colville, Vice Chair Annie Whitchurch and the Company Secretary Richard Pratt - who donated money to the school. The school also had a guest local children's author David Fuller, who officially opened the library. 'Reading Ambassadors' greeted the visitors and talked about all of the wonderful reading opportunities they have in school.

At the start of the ceremony, Rev'd Helena Buquè gave the library and all who will use it, a lovely blessing.

Following the ceremony, David stayed behind to talk to each KS2 class about writing, and read some extracts from a couple of his books, including 'Alfie Jones' and his new book 'Chloe and the Comets'.

Sunday 2nd June
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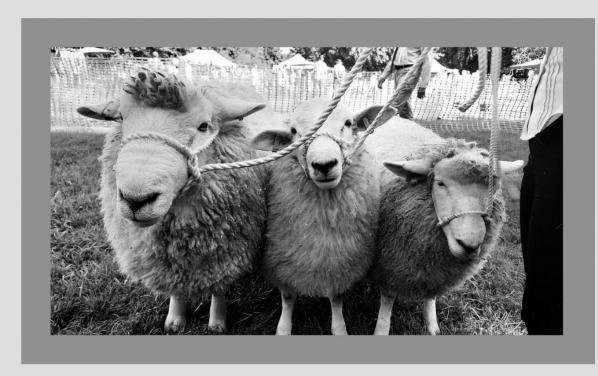


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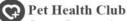
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This footpath as you will know is quite busy with walkers and cyclists.



200 Club

On Saturday the 11th May we had our Spring Grand draw and Social evening at the village hall. Many thanks to all who came along for the evening, special thanks to everyone who brought along food for the buffet table. Also thank you Cathrine and David, also my better half for selling raffle tickets and helping get things laid out. And not forgetting Richie, always willing to help setting up tables and chairs. I would also like to thank the Gun, Black Horse, Findon Manor and Peckham's for vouchers for our raffle.

Our Grand draw winners were, £500 no.157 C.Buque, £200 no.29 P.Onslow, £100 no.110 D.Whittington, £50 no.92 B.Goodrum, £25 no.173 M.Wickson, £25 no.107 P.Green.

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The annual FPC meeting was held on 13 May 2024 and I have been appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, with Cllr Sean Smith as Deputy Chairman.

Well here we are now approaching mid summer although it seems to have taken a while to reach this point. Gardening duties are in full swing and the restored pond on Nepcote Green will soon be showing off its colours with the wildflowers about to burst forth.

It seems we had an incursion at the pond with a solitary gnome taking up residence. However, I don't think we want a new colony for homeless gnomes and feel they are best suited to individual gardens where they can continue their guard duties. I am sure he has enjoyed his holiday checking out Findon, however time for him to pack his bag and return home. Perhaps his guardian would like to escort him back to his home! Two ducks have been spotted on the pond which just shows how nature soon finds out a place where they feel at home. At least the new residents, Donald and Daffy, can move out when they need a change of scenery.

Thank you to those residents who turned up at our Annual Parish Meeting on 22 April 2024. I was sorry not to be able to join you but I understand the evening was a success with our local groups each giving a brief talk and a splendid speech by our guest speaker, Maggie Martin, on the work of the Cinnamon Trust.

Potholes are still very much a hot topic and drivers are now acquiring new skills in trying to spot them and doing their best to avoid what are sometimes deep craters. West Sussex County Council are sending out their working gangs every day to try and repair as many as possible across the county. According to Andrew Griffith, our local MP, only 38% of residents have reported potholes. If you do spot them, (it's hard not to) please report them so they can be dealt with. Whilst photos are a useful tool in reporting the whereabouts, this is not always possible but a detailed description of the road and location would assist. Report a pothole online - West Sussex County Council.

Cllr Linda Martin

Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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With the warmer weather, more people are visiting Findon, either for a holiday, or whilst visiting relatives. Many of them find their way into the shop, and are frequently amazed that we fit so much stock into such a small space. Sometimes we can take our shop for granted – after all, it's now been seven years since the community of Findon gathered together to buy it at auction,

Jean Burden

and it's been going from strength to strength ever since. So it's great when visitors remind us of what a valuable asset it is. Personally, I think the Post Office is wonderful. Where else would you find one open on Sunday mornings? Incidentally, Arun district council have recognised that our shop is an Asset of Community Value, so that's something else to celebrate.

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Thank you!

Well, I'm loving the warmer weather, and am just off to the shop now to cool down with a soft drink and an ice cream. Enjoy our summer goodies, cakes and scones – and I'll speak to you again next month.

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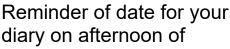


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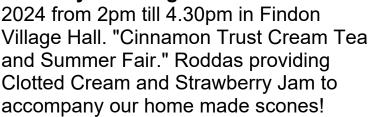
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Paws Animal Sanctuary

At last, the law has been passed that live animals will no longer be transported abroad in crowded hot lorries with no food and water. My friend Carla Lane with friends and hundreds of protestors used to line the road at night in Shoreham (along with the police) when the lorries loaded with sheep came through. People would lay in the road in front of the lorries, and often be arrested, others in trouble while trying to give the sheep water from water bottles.

I am reading a book called "It's A Dog's Life" by Noel Blackham, the story of a Birmingham Dog's Home, founded in 1792. (The Battersea Dog's Home came later in 1860). 1878 saw the introduction of a tax on owning a dog, which was to be a death sentence on many many dogs. The Dog Licence. when families couldn't afford most food, cost 7 shillings and 6 pence for every dog over six months and was to remain in force until 1986. The less well- off unable to pay the tax simply turned their dogs onto the streets. This led to an increase in an already unwanted stray dog situation causing much unnecessary suffering for the many hundreds of innocent animals. Cold statistics revealed that the majority of the rescued dogs had to be destroyed. Very few dog owners came to the home to claim a lost dog. Dogs not claimed after one week were offered for sale. after 3 weeks those unfortunate to remain unsold had to be killed. Such was the increasing numbers of strays there was neither space nor the money available to care for all the dogs. The financial situation was so grave it was barely possible to keep the dog home going. Each year, 3,000 dogs or more

passed through its doors. Soon a new crucially needed dog rescue home was opened.

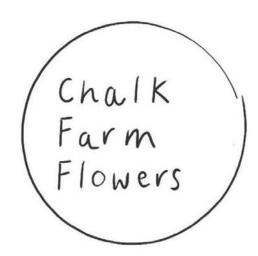
There is now a similar situation because so many vets have been taken over by Medivet an American company. The vet prices have increased so much we have calls from pet owners unable to afford to take their animals to a vet. There is no Blue Cross or PDSA in this area, so it is essential to have animals insured, including pet's teeth.

All six of the last cats we took in needed to be neutered, wormed, and flea'd, inoculated and microchipped. The inoculations need two injections with a three-week gap in between. By the time they have the second inoculation most of the cats are reserved. Luckily two of the latest cats here are neutered and up to date with inoculations so can be rehomed. One was given to us because the owner has a new baby. The other cat was not allowed to go to new home, a care home.

Two pretty Pekin hens were given to us recently because they have stopped laying eggs. We have a problem because they have started bullying our silkies and much worse our old blind hen, so we will have to find a new home for the two bullies. We like all the hens to be out all day on the lawn where they are happiest.

Some of the guineapigs have gone to new homes, but we are asked every week to take in more and more rabbits. This week a rabbit breeder died and we have been advertising lots of Rex and other rare breed rabbits needing homes for the lady caring for the rabbits.

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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).

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning
Committee meetings are scheduled
monthly to consult on planning
applications received from the South
Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).
Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received
from the SDNPA are displayed on the
Notice Boards outside the newsagents and
the Village Hall, and published on the FPC
website (http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)
along with the schedule of Committee
meeting dates.

Licence Application Notification - Arun District Council (119620) - Premises Licence.

Findon Vale Garden Centre Rogers Farm and adjacent Land, Rogers Lane, Findon, West Sussex, BN14 0RE. Ref. No: SDNP/24/01848/LIC



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 Under The Electronics Code Regulations 2003 To Utilise Permitted Development Rights. Installation of upgrades at Telecommunication Base Station at Findon, High Salvington Reservoir, West Hill, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 3BY.

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Village Hall Diary June 2024

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or visit www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall. Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net.

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Circle Dancing	Monday (5 th and 17 th)	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (18 th only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Udanceuk	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	16.30pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday (26 th only)	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30 / 10.30
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Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday (not 14 th)	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 16 th)	Chanctonbury	18.30pm
Monthly	Date Hall	Time	
Messy Church	4 th June	Chanctonbury	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	13 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Parish Council Full Mtg	17 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	18 th June	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Meditation	20 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Dance of Awareness	21 st June	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Tastevin	22 nd June	Chanctonbury	12.00pm
Light Lunch	25 th June	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	28 th June	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	29 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

June Dates

Friday June 21^{st} – Findon Village WI Cream Tea and Fashion Swap – Nepcote Hall 2-4pm Saturday June 29^{th} – Summer Fun Day at the Village Hall – further details in Findon News

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING JUNE 2024

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday, and Morning Prayer every Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.

Sunday 2 nd June	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
First Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Worship & Praise at Findon with Salvation Army
	10.00am	Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 9 th June	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Clapham
Second Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
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Sunday 16 th June	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
Third Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
	10.00am	Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 23 rd June	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Patching
Fourth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 30 th June	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
Fifth Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Parish Eucharist at Clapham

Mess

Next Messy Church -Tuesday 4th June

3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food! Lambs Tails - Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers.

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Nepcote Hall, Findon Village Hall.

Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com

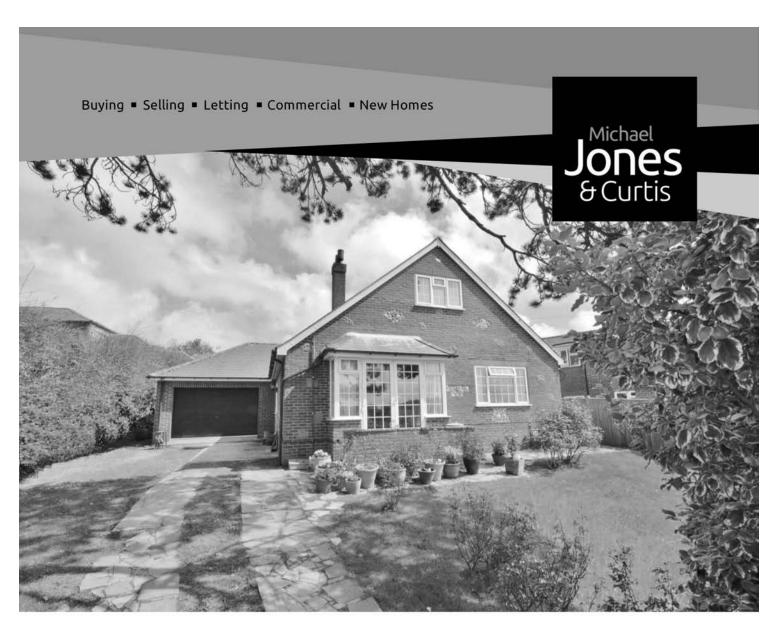
Baptisms:

5th May – Arthur Hills

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