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Findon News Articles

We always love to hear from our readers, but it has recently come to our notice that a few articles that have been emailed to us have not actually arrived.

They seem to have been sent but have not turned up, not even in 'spam'.

So if you send anything please note that we always send an acknowledgement, perhaps not immediately, but you should always eventually receive one. If you do not hear from us we have not received your article.

Many thanks for your all your support.

The Eds.

Sheep fair

I'm always amazed at how quickly and beautifully Nepcote Green is cleared up after the Sheep Fair.

You would never know that there had been thousands of people there just a couple of days previously.

So a heartfelt Thank You to all those volunteers who work so hard to achieve such a wonderful event.

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From The Rectory

I've just come from leading an act of Collective Worship about 'Community' at Clapham and Patching School. This is one of the core values of the school and is underpinned by the others (take a look at their website to find out more!) Their little school is a great example of community, working together, where all are valued and encouraged to be the best they can, based on Christian values. We are so lucky to have 2 great Primary school in this Parish!

This got me to thinking about the wider community and how blessed we are to live in Findon, Clapham or Patching, each village a wonderful and supportive community and each church congregation working well together and supporting one another. As I've said before, please do get in touch if you know of a neighbour who might need some support from our Pastoral Team at any time. We can't help if we don't know it is needed! As the evenings draw in and mornings are darker too, many of our older residents may be feeling lonely especially if living alone. Often a listening ear can make a huge difference to someone going through a bad patch and I am always so happy to hear from a person how one or more of the villagers has supported them when they needed it.

It has been a joy to have Laura here for four weeks and so interesting to learn about how students are prepared for ministry in the church in Austria and Germany. We've just had our last wedding of the year and Laura's stories about wedding customs in Austria made me smile. She's shared some of these with you in this month's magazine – I hope you enjoy them too! I will be sad to see her go in early October, but she has a degree in Theology to finish in Munich. Tilly will definitely miss her, as she's

taken her for a long walk every morning just after 6am, enjoying our beautiful countryside so different from the stunning mountains and lakes of Salzburg, her home area. We wish Laura every success with her studies and God's blessing for the future.

Sadly, Laura will miss our annual Pet Service, to be held in St John the Baptist Church at 3pm on Sunday 8th October (Animal Welfare Sunday) Do come and join us as we say thank you for our pets and enjoy some refreshments afterwards. All well behaved pets, large or small, are welcome with their families but be mindful of other visitors so we can all enjoy ourselves safely! You don't have to bring a pet, all are welcome.

We also look forward to our first Messy Church meeting this school year, from 3.30 on Tuesday October 3rd. We will be thinking about God's blessings, appropriately on the same day as the Findon School Harvest Thanksgiving. We will also start preparing for our Messy Christmas Tree for the Findon Christmas Tree Festival as it takes place the weekend before our December meeting, so we only have November to create our tree.

On 27th October at 10am, we have a Parish Walk, starting and ending at Findon Church, to enjoy some autumn colours (weather permitting!()) It is half-term, so we hope lots of families (and dogs) will join us. Lots to look forward to!

Every blessing, **Helena**

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Odd Wedding traditions in Austria

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Waking up the bride

Especially in Salzburg (where I come from), Tyrol and Styria it is quiet common to start the wedding celebrations rather early. In order to prevent the bride from oversleeping on her special day, she gets woken up in a rather unpleasant way. Starting in the early hours of the morning a group of people (traditionally single men) stand outside the house and start shooting with guns or firecrackers – as long as it is loud it is good. The loud noise is also supposed to chase away evil spirits. After the bride finally gets up they are having breakfast and the bride can start making herself ready for the official celebration.

Stealing the bride

'Stealing the bride' (in Austrian : 'Brautstehlen' or 'Brautverzah'n') is still one of the most popular wedding traditions in Austria. The reason for this odd tradition

lays in the tradition that in former times the bride is leaving her family on her wedding day and because of that her future husband is supposed to look after her then. In order to remind him of that important duty, the bride gets stolen from a group of wedding guests right after the ceremony. Nowadays they just bring her to another locality and drink and celebrate with her until the groom and his best man find her. It is not enough to just pay their drinking bill to get his bride back. The groom has to solve various tasks and riddles, sometimes he even has to sing and dance, which is really entertaining for the rest of the group.

House destructions

To prepare the wedding couple for the hard times in a marriage, some friends and relatives use that as excuse to invade the couples home on their wedding night, which is mostly spent in a hotel; the intruders 'change the decoration a bit' as some would say in a nice way. But the reality is that they bring chaos into the household. For instance: furniture gets dragged around, hay gets laid out all over the floor, mattresses get thrown out of the window, plants get planted in the sinks... there is no end to the criminal creativity of people. A rather unpleasant surprise to come home to, if you ask me. Especially after an exhausting wedding day, but traditions have to be celebrated as it seems here in Austria. Even the ridiculous ones. To prevent this moment of horror couples should look after their keys in the weeks before their wedding so that they do not get stolen or copied.

Laura



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The Big Quick Dip and Picnic

Findon Village WI, along with their friends and families, did the River Rother proud at the end of August when they undertook a 'wet and dry' litter pick of the area around the Cowdray Ruins in Midhurst. Whilst the land yielded very little litter, a significant amount of fast food packaging, along with bottles and cans, was removed from the river and its banks. Unexpected find of the day was a relatively new bike which was

under the water. As it was quite serviceable (but without brakes) it was taken to Durrington Community Cycle Project where it will be mended and reused.

This year the National Federation of WIs is campaigning for 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife'. Findon Village WI is delighted to have paid a small part in ensuring the health of the River Rother.



Lunch @ 1

The reports of our demise are greatly exaggerated!

In last month's Findon News Roger Stoner reported that we have decided that the time has come to retire. This announcement was made without any consultation with us, and is very premature.

We are indeed considering hanging up our ladles - sometime in the future. To this end we approached the Village Hall committee to ask if ours was a project they would consider eventually taking over as a community event. We had no further communication from them until this article appeared in the September edition.

We are NOT precipitously abandoning our lovely, loyal lunchers. It is heartening to read how much our lunches have been appreciated over the years. Indeed we have enjoyed cooking and serving them so we look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 26th September** and until further notice, every following last Tuesday of the month, for a lunch of freshly made soups and desserts, and the opportunity to meet up with friends and neighbours.

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Findon Village Store News

Jean Burden

Hasn't September been glorious! True to form, the best weather waited until the schools went back before making an appearance. The Sheep Fair probably coincided with the hottest day of the year. My word! It was so hot! I hope you visited the shop's stall, brilliantly situated in one of the few shady places on the Green. Wonderful planning, intentional or not! There was no excuse for not seeing the stall. Apart from it being the place everyone headed for to get out of the sun, the balloons, QAVS banners and admirably constructed shop sign made our stall look magnificent. Although there were a number of challenges – not least the scarcity of power sources and an unfamiliar till's tantrums (thank you so much, Helen, our wonderful deputy manager, for being on hand to patiently restore equilibrium) – committee members and volunteers demonstrated great resourcefulness and coped admirably. Despite the heat, we still sold as many Danish pastries and sausage rolls as ever, and, because of the heat, we sold huge volumes of iced coffee. Delicious, especially on the hottest day of the year. Nor did sales at the shop suffer because of the Sheep Fair – copious amounts of ice cream and soft drinks were sold throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way – it was a big success all round!

Talking of the hot weather we've been enjoying, a few of us may have been tempted to stay a bit longer in the cold store than usual. But I don't think any of us would want to outstay our welcome. I did read this month of an employee of a national chain who got locked in the

walk-in freezer for two and a half hours, before being discovered 'in a distressed state' (understatement of the year!) by a colleague. Fortunately, she was ok, but was treated for suspected hypothermia. The chain was fined for a health and safety offence – rightly so. But my reason for reporting the incident here is to say there is no chance of anyone getting locked in our cold store. Firstly, it's possible to get out if the door shuts behind you, and, secondly, you'd be missed! If a volunteer disappeared for any time while doing their shift, they'd be a search party straight away. The shop needs and notices every volunteer. So, no need to worry that that might happen to you. The other thing I need to say is that our committee works very hard to ensure that we are fully compliant with the latest health and safety regulations (no small task).

A big thank you to Gaby Shaw, who has been working at the shop but is now leaving to go to Portsmouth University. Congratulations! We have seen Gaby grow in both ability and confidence whilst she has been here, and we wish her all the best for her next step. And a big welcome to Ella Geal, who will be taking over Gaby's shift. Ella has already shown herself to be a reliable employee. We hope you are very happy working here.

Other shop news. We will of course be stocking extra bits and pieces for Hallowe'en at the end of the month – but please don't leave it until the end of the month to buy anything you might want, because we might well sell out, and we'd hate you to be disappointed.

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Sssh! My last piece of news is hush hush! The prices of first class and large stamps are going up on 2nd October. So, if you read this before 2nd, it might be good to buy any stamps for

Christmas cards and the like sooner rather than later. But Royal Mail might not want a rush on their stamps just before they increase the price, so don't tell them I told you!

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Christmas Lights in The Square

The Christmas lights are being installed on the weekend of 11th November (weather permitting) and will be **switched on** at

5.30 pm on 3rd December.

As in previous years we will be organising a fundraising raffle with lots of exciting prizes. Tickets will be on sale outside the Village Store on Saturday 11th November and also from Peckhams Butchers.

Please support the lights by buying a ticket!



PLEASE REMEMBER THIS DATE Saturday 18th November

Findon Friends of St.Barnabas are holding a **Family Winter Fair** in **Findon Village Hall. 10.00am -12.00**

We have plenty of tables with an assortment of things to buy, including homemade cards, beauty products, children's toys and Chalk Farm Flowers.

We also have a fire engine in the car park, for everyone to have a look at, and inside there will be some games for all family members to take part in.

There will also be a raffle along with refreshments...tea, coffee with a savoury or sweet item included in the £3 admission, children under 12 are free.

Findon Wildflower Group

We hope you've enjoyed the small areas of wildflowers that, to our delight, bloomed along the High Street embankment and at the top of Steep Lane as well as other areas of the village which were created by individual residents. We have received a lot of positive feedback from people who have enjoyed the colourful display of flowers throughout the summer (now sadly fading as Autumn approaches). We also planted Primroses, Snowdrops, Violas and Cowslip around the trees along the embankment which we hope will bloom in spring. At the heart of the project is our aim to, not only enhance the village with colourful displays of wildflowers, but to also provide nectar rich sources for pollinators and in turn encourage a greater diversity of birds and wildlife to the village and surrounding countryside.

This year was very much an experiment to see if wildflowers would establish themselves and whether the process we employed, would work, and to our delight and many of yours too, we were rewarded! Next year we will hopefully see the perennial wildflowers emerge and see if any of the annuals which dominated the beds this year, self-seed to grow again next year. We are working closely with the South Downs National Park (SDNP) and Findon Parish Council to develop the project and we successfully managed to secure a grant from SDNP and are in the process of planning the next phase of the

project which will start this autumn. We are looking to expand existing wildflower beds and create other wildflower areas in the village, starting with the circular roundabout at the top of Downsview Road.

Our small group of committed volunteers worked very hard this year to create the wildflower beds; removing turf, sowing seeds, and watering the beds when the weather was hot and dry, particularly in June. **We would very much welcome more volunteers to join us, in fact we need you!** We particularly need people who are willing to do some 'digging'/removing the turf and perhaps watering next year if the weather again, becomes hot and dry. 'Digging' would only be needed on occasional days, for a few hours, particularly in October/November and thereafter, possibly some weeding and watering to maintain the beds into next year. Even if you can only spare one or two days or the odd morning, we would be very grateful of your help!

This is an ongoing project as wildflowers take time and care to establish but it is our hope that, in a few years' time, wildflowers will become an established feature of the village, bringing colour and wildlife diversity to our community.

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Well, the big news for us this time is that, at the time of writing, we are just waiting for the builders to give us the date for the handover. It seems that the Village Hall extension saga has lasted forever but completion is now imminent! Many of the regular hirers have had a preview and the feedback on our new rates has been generally very positive, especially as those who are able to move to the new extension will actually pay less than they did for the main hall. We have also agreed that there will be a 20% discount for individual hirers living in the parish as a thank you for supporting the public works loan.

Of course, we would be delighted to talk to people who are interested in new bookings, both one off and regular, now that we have more capacity. Given that some hirers are switching to the smaller hall we will also have slots available in the bigger room.

There is still plenty to do before we are fully up and running but the sound system so kindly sponsored by the Village Shop is installed, new tables have been purchased and we will transfer some of the chairs from the existing hall into the extension at least for the moment – we very rarely need

all the chairs at once! The kitchen is under way but will not be ready before we start using the hall. We hope that the kitchen will have been installed before the end of November.

I must also confess that I got rather ahead of myself with respect to Light Lunches last month and managed to publish Dorothy Barber's news before I should have. This was entirely my error and I do apologise to Dorothy for the embarrassment caused. Any change to the current arrangements will not be until well into next year. Of course, the Trust is still just as keen to see the light lunches carry and I am pleased that we have had some expressions of interest as well as more notice than I had thought – however, we still need more so please do let us know.

On a similar subject, we plan to restart the Tea, Chat and biscuits sessions in October (despite the unseasonably warm weather) – the only issue being the precise timing of the new hall availability – keep an eye open for posters. We will see you there!

We have also just submitted our Premises Licence application (as mentioned a few issues ago) and we hope this will be proceeding in the next month.

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Stopping the Clock Chiming

I'm writing concerning the passage about "Stopping the School Clock chiming" My family have lived next to the School playing field for the last 45 years and have never found the chiming of the clock disturbing.

Wouldn't it have been good practice for the council to ask others within ear shot of the chimes if they found them disturbing, then acted on the majority, rather than one person.

The chimes remind us that we live in a village, with history. It seems an upsetting way to celebrate 150 years of the school to give it the expense of having the clock reset.

Syd Thomas Findon High Street

I read with concern about the Findon resident who has asked for the School clock chimes to now start at 9am in the morning, having currently been chiming at 7am.

The school and the clock have been part of this village for many many years and personally the clock chiming at 7 am is not early in my opinion.

New people who move to any village must thoroughly investigate their surroundings before moving and not then want to change something that is part of the character of the village once they have arrived in the village.

Name can be supplied.



The Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair will be held in the Village Hall

on Saturday 9th December 2023

from 10am till 12.30pm.



You will hopefully be able to do some Christmas shopping there with lots of gifts, cards and goodies available to buy whilst you enjoy our festive treats. This will include treats and presents for your furry friends.

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Findon Sheep Fair 2023

The Findon Sheep Fair Committee would like to express our grateful thanks to everybody who helped to make the 2023 Sheep Fair a wonderful occasion again this year.

There were over 100 volunteers during the period from Thursday through to Sunday and without their help we would be unable to put on a show of this size. A big thank you to all involved.

We would like to thank the village residents for their understanding to ensure this tradition is maintained for years to come. We had good reports from within the village of traffic movements throughout the day and the new measures put in place to help with this situation appeared to work very well.

The two new attractions, the Farmyard Circus and the Camels, and all the other regular events and activities were much enjoyed, as were the two dances, which were well attended, and the Harris Funfair.

Also, we would like to thank all our sponsors, without whose backing it would be hard to provide the same quality of support, classes and judging throughout the show.

Due to the extreme heat experienced at the end of the week, the decision was made to let the farms leave earlier at lunch time, and this was very much appreciated by the farmers and acknowledged by the public in general.

Every year it is necessary to have the approval from Defra to have farm animals on

Nepcote Green, and we follow their instructions and guidelines to ensure the welfare of the animals is at the forefront of our decision making.

Sheep are exposed on the downland and mountains to extreme weather, and quite often there is little shade available. With the gazebos, parasols and tarpaulins over the pens, there was possibly more shade on the green than some sheep have in their fields. The sheep wool acts as an insulator against the cold, the wet and the heat and as we explained during the day on the public address system, the sheep pant faster in the warm conditions to also help them keep cool. We had a qualified farm vet in attendance at the show and they were very pleased with the plans we had put in place.

We have organised a volunteer feed back meeting where we note points of how we can improve the show for the following year.

The date of the 2024 Sheep Fair is Saturday 14th September.

Thank you

Findon Sheep Fair Committee





What's happening at Findon Place this Autumn...

Our wedding season is drawing to a close and it's time for us to indulge in something for ourselves! Come and learn a new skill, or get more practice in something you already know and love. We've also got some lovely events to look forward to - a Festive Afternoon Tea and Wine Tasting - so bring some friends and come and join us!

18th November: Festive Brush Lettering with Helen Wallace £50

18th November: Festive Calligraphy with Helen Wallace - make your own crackers! £50

19th November: Basketweaving with Catherine Beaumont - £95 SOLD OUT

26th November: Lino Printing - beginners welcome as well as those who might have tried this before - come and make your own Christmas Cards for friends and family. £45 per person with all material and refreshments provided.

30th November: Winter Watercolours with Jo Dowers £45

1st December: Wine Tasting with South Downs Wines £40

5th December: Festive Afternoon Tea £25

7th December: Luxury Wreath Making - in our Ballroom and everything that you need to make your very own door wreath will be provided £75 per person with all materials and refreshments.

Places are limited so please don't delay in booking - make a date to get yourselves into the Christmas swing of things.

All tickets can be purchased via www.ticketsource.co.uk/findonplace

Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for other courses.

Catherine will be back on March 9th for another day course in basketweaving - tickets are now available for this too and makes an ideal Mother's Day treat!



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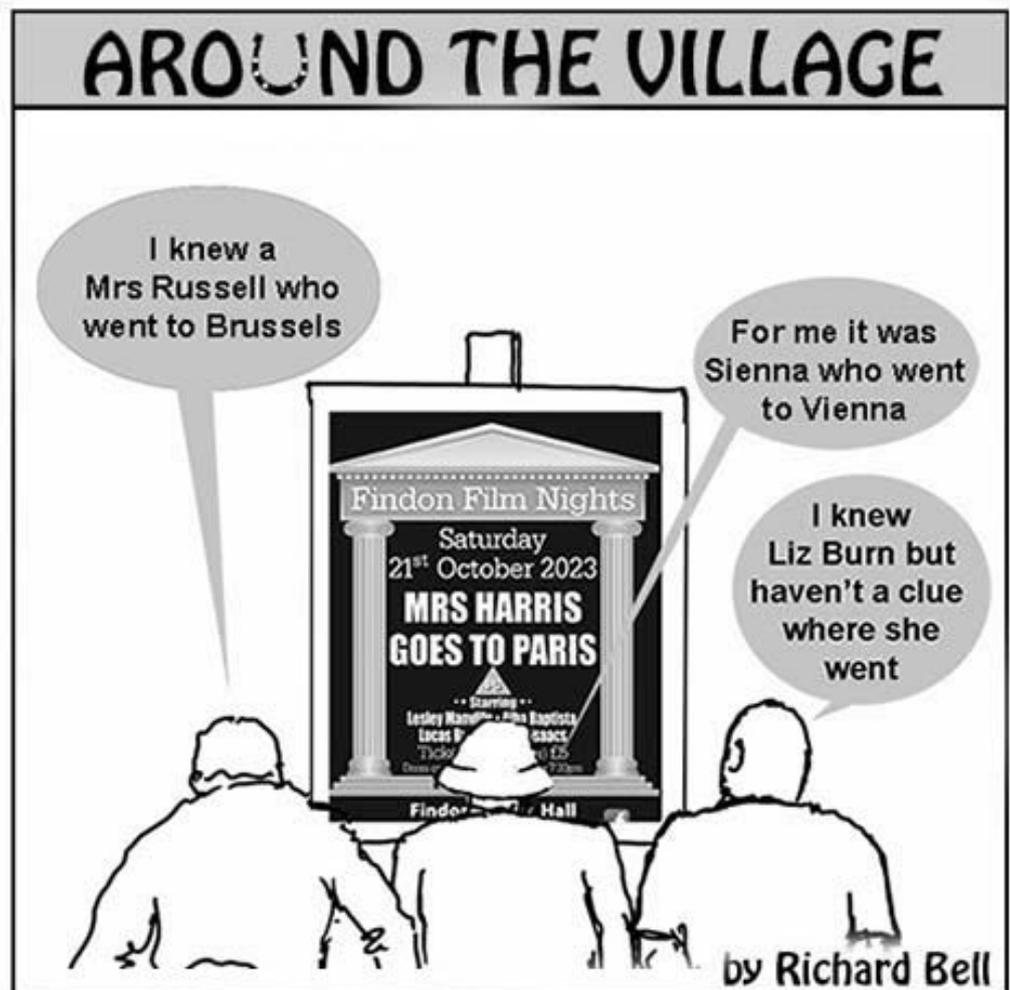
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Findon Parish Council News

Time once again to put the deck chairs away until they are required next summer. I hope those who came along to the Sheep Fair enjoyed the day. It was certainly a very warm day - a heatwave at the start of autumn which was as enjoyable as it was unexpected. How the Farmyard Circus did their acrobatic routine in the heat was a sight to behold. Thank you to those of you who came to the Parish Council stall to say hello to myself and fellow Councillors - it was good to meet you all. Thanks must also go to the Sheep Fair Committee and their band of dedicated volunteers who seemed to be around the ground giving guidance and help where needed. The Parish Council is used to being thought of as the font of all knowledge so it came as no surprise when we were asked - where were the bins; did we make the announcements; did we know where the village store was, to name but three queries. All good fun!

The talk of the village has been the suspension of the school clock chimes. Just to provide some background information, one resident made a formal complaint to Arun District Council (ADC) and because of that, their Environmental Technical Officer has had to follow due process. To continue

to allow the chimes to ring would be a technical breach which could result in legal enforcement. As you may know, the Parish Council lead the project for the clock to be renovated on behalf of the Village and the School in 2014 and indeed, we pay for the clock to be serviced each year. We were as surprised as the residents that such a complaint had been made. Residents attended our full Council meeting on 11th September and I was also approached at the Sheep Fair and it was very clear, that there is a strong feeling of gross unfairness that one person can have the power to stop what is essentially a fundamental part of the fabric of village life here. The Clerk has sent a letter to ADC reflecting the views of FPC and residents and asked for the Technical Officer to visit the village and hear the chimes for himself and also to listen to the views of the residents. If any resident also has views on this matter, please email ADC Cllr Paul Bicknell (Ward Councillor for Findon Village) at cllr.paul.bicknell@arun.gov.uk

Cllr Linda Martin

Chairman, Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council Website
www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Findon Village Gardens Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday, 27th October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Neil Hulme whose talk will be about "Sublime Sussex Wildlife". Neil is returning to us this year, after his very interesting talk last year about the rewilding of the Knepp Estate.

Everyone is welcome to meetings.
We meet on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
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Riparian Ditches – its that time of the year again.....

Autumn is rapidly approaching and the leaves will soon start to fall.

If you are a property owner and have a watercourse running through, adjoining, or below it, then the chances are it is your responsibility to maintain it. A watercourse is any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows (such as a river, brook, ditch or stream, or piped or in a culvert). Properly maintained watercourses help keep land and roads well-drained, control surface water, and allow water to escape more efficiently –

all the reasons they exist in the first place.

Owners' responsibilities include clearing any debris, managing vegetation in the watercourse, and clearing obstructions.

West Sussex County Council has a useful leaflet on ditch management and this can be viewed using the following link -

Ditch The Problem (westsussex.gov.uk)

Fiona MacLeod

Clerk to Findon Parish Council

Findon Village WI

Our September meeting saw artist Rachel Cowell talk about her life's passion for creative art. She graduated with a degree in Three-Dimensional Design and over the years her art has evolved using different mediums. In 2009 she set up the Ginger Moo Gallery in Crawley using art to bring people together, engage with communities and enhance lives. Through showcasing local talent and delivering workshops, Rachel has been able to forge partnerships with local business, schools, and the community. The second part of the evening was given over to our ladies' creative talent, drawing a variety of leaves using pencils and chalks.

Rachel judged our efforts, with Lorna Jones and Sue Stones' drawings chosen as competition winners.

Our stall at the Sheep Fair was a success, taking just over £300 which was amazing given the unbelievably hot weather. A huge thank you to all our ladies who baked, helped on the stall, or braved the heat to drop by during the day.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 7.30pm, when we will

Sara Clarke - President

have a talk and a performance from the Orpheus Centre: a specialist college in Surrey developing independent skills through performing and visual arts to make improvements to young disabled adults' lives.

Our competition will be theatre memorabilia.

There will be tea, coffee, homemade cake, and a raffle.

Visitors would be most welcome – drop us an email or just come along - we look forward to seeing you.

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

Our next project is making poppies to adorn the memorial and Green. If there are any knitters or crocheters out there, the patterns were in last month's Findon News.

Sara Clarke – President

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News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

The phones have never been this busy, so many people wanting me to take dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea-pigs, even fish. Recently a lonely goat, a 23year old horse and a noisy cockerel. I also receive so many emails, I have 440 waiting for me to read. Some are just advertisements, many are messages from pet owners with long stories why they need to give up their animals. I can only take in so many, all our pens are full, as quick as we find homes for them all, the pens are full again.

I agreed to take in a mummy cat with five four-week-old kittens. The owner said they were leaving the country. They



were on waiting lists of other Rescues but running out of time. They are beautiful.

Usually when they arrive kittens are covered in fleas, but

these are so healthy flea free, full of life. Two are like cream ragdolls, one black and white like Mum and the other two stripey black but will probably be black. Of course, the two cream kittens were immediately reserved.

A Landlord in Brighton rang to say his tenants had moved leaving two gerbils behind. Sadly one Gerbil died so he asked us to take the surviving one. When he arrived he was in a tiny cage. We keep the small pets in large glass fish tanks so they have lots of space to run round. We named him Charlie and

put him in his new home. He was so excited running around climbing and investigating houses and tunnels. He is out all day, eating well, keeping very busy, not like the hamsters and fancy mice who stay in their beds and sleep all day.

We don't have to keep collecting full charity boxes any longer because most shops with our boxes tell us most customers pay for their shopping with cards, and not many people have loose change.

We no longer go to fetes and sales because the stalls cost too much and you can't rely on the weather. It is such hard work loading and unloading books and bric-a-brac and putting up a gazebo and laying out the tables. Instead, to raise funds I am collecting animal poems from everyone I know to put in a book. I have lots of animal poems I have written over the years, it's trying to find the time to finally have it ready for the publishers. If anyone would like to be included in the book, it must be your own work and it must rhyme. Please put your name at the end, and on the back giving your permission for me to use your poem. Hopefully we can sell the book and raise lots of money,

At the moment we are busy organising the 2024 Calendar. We have 1000 printed every year with pictures every month of all our animals.

We send them out at Christmas to all our members. Last year the postage cost so much, and the postage has just gone up again!

It costs £5 a year to become a Member of PAWS. Members receive regular newsletters and a free calendar at Christmas.

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A lovely 6 year old black and white female cat called Socks was given to us because the family dog died. The children were so upset Daddy went and bought the children a new puppy. Socks hated the puppy and continually attacked the puppy and upset the whole family. So the decision was made.

It will soon be pitch black at four o'clock. Oh, how I wish they would leave the clocks alone.

from **Stacey**.

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Please contact Graham Langford for a form,
email: fishponds185@tiscali.co.uk

There's several other ways you could support our Christmas Tree Festival this year. You may have some new, unwanted presents lying around at home, or things you thought you would use but have never got around to it. Anything that could be a prize in our very popular Instant Raffle would be fantastic.

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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.



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:

Crown reduction of G1 by up to 3m; crown thin of remaining crown by up to 15%; removal of epicormic growth to crown break on the 3 Limes; removal of 1 stem from the Field Maple, to balance 2 Summerfields Findon West Sussex BN14 0TU

Ref. No: SDNP/23/03565/TPO

Construction of 2no. new semidetached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping on land to the east of The Vale House

Land East of Findon Road Findon West Sussex

Ref. No: SDNP/23/03278/FUL

Single-storey extensions to North and South elevations. Dormer works. Front entrance works. Related works as part of scheme

Le Manor Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RH

Ref. No: SDNP/23/03097/HOUS

Non-material amendment to planning approval SDNP/19/02919/FUL for a change in approved materials for windows and doors

Soldiers Field Stables Soldiers Field Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0SH

Ref. No: SDNP/23/03003/NMA

Erection of a single storey rear extension

Cherston 19 Cross Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0UQ

Ref. No: SDNP/23/02733/LDP

The removal of existing 15m monopole and the installation of a new replacement 22.5m high lattice mast, Telecommunications Mast 2 West Hill

Findon Road Findon West Sussex

Ref. No: SDNP/23/02702/FUL

Loft conversion with rear dormer and front roof lights

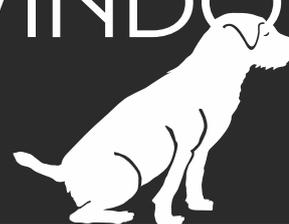
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***Please note activities will start in the Small Hall once the work is completed. See Village Hall website for updates.**

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Small/ Main	10:30am
Drop In Afternoon Tea	Monday (starting on 2 nd * or 9 th)	Small / Main	14.00pm – 16.00pm
Circle Dancing	Monday (2 nd , 16 th , 30 th)	Main	14.00 – 16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Main	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Small	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Small	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Main	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Main	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	Main	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Main	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	TBC	9.30 / 10.30/11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Main	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Main	10:00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday	Small	4.45pm
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (3 rd and 17 th)	Main	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Findon Village WI	12 th October	Main	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	17 th October	Main	10am – 2.30pm
Meditation	19 th October	TBC	19.30pm
Dance of Awareness Workshop	20 October	Main	18.45 pm
Full Parish Council meeting	23 rd October	Small	19.00pm
Light Lunch	26 th October	Main	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning meeting	26 th October	Small	19.00pm
Findon Garden Association	29 th October	Main	19.30pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd*, 16th, and 30th October - Drop In Afternoons - Small Hall 2pm – 4pm

Monday 9th and 23th October - Drop In Afternoons- Main hall – 2pm – 4pm

Friday October 13th ; Bright Lights Comedy Night featuring Terry Alderton

www.eventbrite.co.uk%2Fe%2Fbright-lights-comedy-terry-alderton-live-at-the-apollo-tickets

Wed October 25th ; Findon Village Shop Shareholders' AGM

Saturday October 21st; Film Night – Mrs Harris Goes to Paris – 6.30pm. Tickets in advance from <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

NOVEMBER

Monday Drop In Afternoon Teas – Small Hall - 14.00pm – 16.00pm

Friday November 10th; Bright Lights Comedy Night - 8pm

Saturday November 25th; FVHT Film Night – details to follow

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OCTOBER 2023

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**,
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Sunday 1st October 17 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Cornerstone Singers Harvest Festival at Patching
Sunday 8th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 3.00pm	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon Pet Service at Findon
Sunday 15th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 22nd October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 29th October Last Sunday of Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Parish Eucharist at Clapham

 <p>Messy Church - Starts again <u>Tuesday 3rd October</u> 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!</p>	<p>Lambs Tails - Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. (3rd Tues of the month at 11.00am in Findon Church). Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com</p>
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Home Group

The next meeting is **Monday 9th Oct. at 7pm**. Meetings are fortnightly and are an opportunity to make friends, support each other and grow in faith. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Walk 27th October at 10am starting and ending at Findon Church, we hope lots of families (and dogs) will join us.

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23rd September – Sebastian Weller and Charlotte Scott

Baptisms:

3rd September – Dexter Williamson
3rd September – Otis Williamson

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