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Bargain Hunt

As many of you know, Graham and I took part in BBC Bargain Hunt and have been busy filming the buying of our items from Epsom Racecourse Antique Fair, then the Auction of the items as part of the competition which was held on 4th March at Bellman's Auction Rooms in Billingshurst. We were lucky to have the knowledgeable David Harper as our Expert and the programme was hosted by the lovely Anita Manning. We bought 3 very varied items with our £300 budget and made profits on all three of our purchases which meant that we won the prized and sought after 'Golden Gavel'. You'll have to watch the programme (which is due to be televised early to mid- July) to find out if we were the winning team and also to discover how much profit we came home with in our pockets! We will let you know when it will be televised.

Meanwhile, we may be seen around the village sporting our Bargain Hunt fleeces - yes we got to take them home with us - and proudly wearing the Golden Gavels!



Julie Dunsmure, Cross Lane

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From the Rectory

Writing this as we begin the third week of Lent, it feels like a good opportunity to pause and consider the generosity of God to us here in our villages. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of Sussex, especially at this time of year when spring flowers are stunning and trees are just starting to come into leaf once more. Many folk locally and around the world are not so lucky.

Only yesterday, another stack of appeal envelopes arrived from Christian Aid, drawing my attention to the plight of people living in East Africa, where millions of people are at risk of starvation through prolonged drought conditions and ongoing conflict. Things we take for granted - food, clean water and medical treatment – just aren't available and many charities are working together to provide desperately needed food and water supplies. The UK government has pledged to match the first £5 million donated by the public, so if you feel moved to help, cheques made out to 'East Africa Crisis appeal' can be sent to Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL, online through caid.org.uk/eastafrica or via the Parish Office here in Findon if you prefer. Appeal envelopes are also in our churches.

Looking ahead, we will be welcoming a group of 15 German visitors from our Link Parish of Schney from 8th to 13th June and I hope many of you will get involved in the programme we'll be arranging for their stay, meeting them and getting to know them. If anyone has a spare bedroom and would be able to offer accommodation to a guest, I'd love to hear from you, as family illness has meant a couple of our host families have had to withdraw this time. It is a wonderful opportunity to develop a new friendship and as our country prepares to leave the EU it is good to deepen personal links with European neighbours, recognising how much we all have in common. We also have a lot of fun together, and while they're here, we will fix dates for our return visit to them some time in 2018. Everyone is welcome, so if you're interested, come along and join in with us in June. As I have 2 weddings on the Saturday of their stay, it would be good to have extra people to join in with whatever we plan. The group includes 5 teenagers, so it would be really good if some of the village youngsters had some ideas for that day! Let me know what you think.

Every blessing, Helena

Youth Club

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and Easter activities on the 6th

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volunteers and help, please
contact The Rectory.

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Findon Parish Council Report

SDNPA Housing Allocations for Findon

A Public Meeting will be scheduled during the last weeks of April to discuss the options available for objecting to the allocations recently announced by SDNPA for the sites known as 'Elm Rise' and Soldiers Field House.

We had hoped to have the meeting before Easter, but a number of parish councillors are otherwise committed on the only available pre-Easter date for the Village Hall, which is then not available until May. As a consequence we are hoping to use the school hall for the meeting, precise details to follow.

FPC along with many residents have already logged their opposition to the plans, and on both sites there are significant issues of landscape sensitivity, overdevelopment on the settlement boundary and traffic problems.

FPC will be organising a leaflet drop announcing the Public Meeting to all houses in the village and would welcome volunteer help in the manual distribution of 1000 leaflets. Please call the Clerk, Fiona Macleod on 01903-877225 or leave an e-mail note with your name and address on findonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Councillor Vacancy - Co-option

FPC are keen to fill the only vacancy on the council as soon as possible. If you are interested please register your details soonest with Fiona McLeod on 877225. Further information is available on the notice boards and FPC website (www.findon.arun.gov.uk).

Replacement of current Preschool Building

The first stage of fund raising for a new preschool building is now in place with a grant of £16500 from Arun DC. The grant will be ring fenced until the preschool committee are able to raise the balance needed for a new building. There is the possibility of a 'Big Society' grant through our County councillor Debbie Urquhart, who incidentally will be standing for re-election and who has served the village so well over many years.

Peter Goldsworthy
Chairman, FPC



Readers' Dogs

Published last year a series of articles featuring the canine partners of many Findon News readers proved very popular.

A late submission which missed publication was **PIPPA!**

Pippa is almost 9 years old and is a cross shi-tsu / schnauzer.

Pippa's was adopted by Mike & Mary Solomons in March 2014. Mary sadly passed away later that year and Mike now has Pippa as his constant companion.

"She loves human company and sitting on laps or close to you, and adores children", says Mike. "She is happy in anyone's home!" Pippa is very brave and will attempt to guard Mike when any large log comes racing up towards him! Mike says her bark is certainly worse than her bite as she has an undershot lower jaw!

Despite being rather fussy about some of the foods Mike has tried to tempt her with, she is very fit and enjoys really good health! She likes short walks and loves going onto Nephote Green where there are lots of 'nice' doggy smells!!!



Did your pooch miss out being featured? Send a picture and a short résumé about your canine friend to Findon News - findonnews@zoho.com (or hardcopy via the "Findon News" box in the Findon newsagency).

Findon Friends of St Barnabas House - Hospice

A really great Curry Night and Mini Auction was held at the Tajdar Restaurant on Tuesday 7th March, resulting in £630.00 being raised for the Hospice.

Our sincere gratitude to Ali and the Tajdar for their generous support and for having us back again!

Thanks too, to everyone who supported the evening!

NEXT EVENT: Fish & Chip and Quiz Evening on Tuesday 4th April at the Village House, Findon.

This very popular event is limited to 50 tickets at £13.50 each. There will be prizes and also a raffle.

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Mike Solomons
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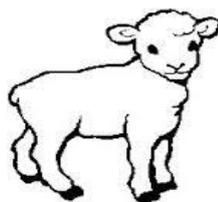
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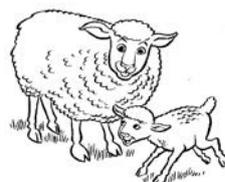
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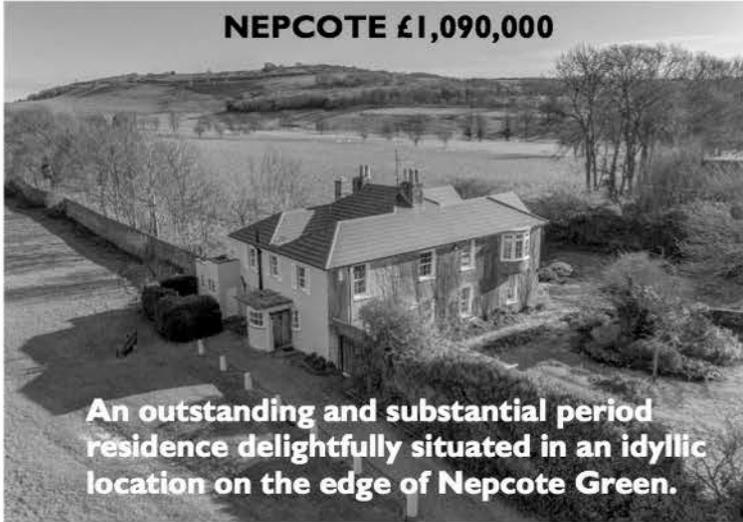
We have participated in this wonderful scheme for many years and will do so again this year so, if you would like to fill a shoebox with small gifts for a child living in the poorest of conditions, please contact Hilary on 872324 for more information.

Findon Educational Trust

The Trust would like to express their thanks to the local family who have recently made a generous donation of £100 to the Trust. We understand that the gift was made to acknowledge support that the Trust provided to the family when they needed it a while back. What a thoughtful and heartwarming gesture, which is much appreciated!

Jan Mackerell, on behalf of the Trustees

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In training for off road marathons I received their unexpected email with a place in the Brighton marathon in the middle of the 2 other off road marathons.

Some of your readers would have remembered my fundraising exploits a few years back, cycling the Southdown Way twice in one year for the Findon Swimming pool - raising funds for the Air source heat pump with an expert cycle team from the Findon Gentlemen's Cycling Club 2011. Time has passed by and 16 months ago I took up running. Mid life crisis you might say! 9 events later

I'm asking readers to donate to this essential community cause. The helicopter could even be flying to you whilst out the downs in any weather condition. The service operates in South East of England and shares their service on demand with London and

neighbouring regions.

You can make a donation on the Just Giving website - www.justgiving.com/Ed-Wain2

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If someone is happy to get a collection together I can pick that up too. My target is at least £1000 and readers will see on my donation page article the callout cost is £2000 each time the helicopter flies out to the rescue! 3 callouts a day £6000. £42k per week.....

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A Gardener's View

Back in February I had the pleasure of talking in front of our wonderful garden association. I would like to thank everyone who came down. I feel truly humbled by all the positive comments and am proud to be part of such a green fingered village.

A few of the questions were addressed towards my new 'no dig' vegetable garden so if the association will have me I would love to come back at the end of the season and talk about the results of growing with this method.

I like April a lot, it feels to me that we have stepped out of the risky month of March with cold snaps and frost and now I can relax a bit more in the garden. It used to be that we could have frost up until mid May but in recent years that has been unlikely. In the vegetable garden I planted out the first of the salad crops as well as my onion sets. These were started off in trays in the green house as this gives them a better head start and they

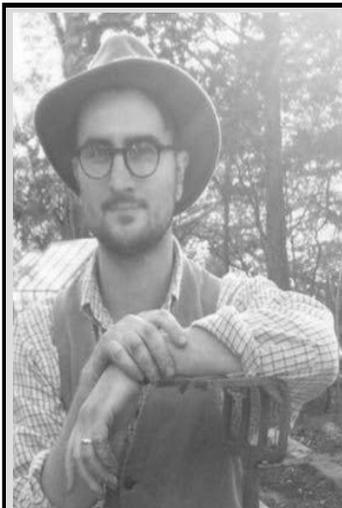
are less likely to be pulled up by the pigeons.

It's also a good time to sow hardy annuals direct into your soil to fill gaps in the border such as 'love in a mist', 'pot marigolds' and native wild flowers.

With the warm weather and April showers comes our age old enemy the slug. So take precautions in protecting the new shoots of your hostas, delphiniums, lupins and any other vulnerable plants. Tie in climbers ready for the season ahead and make sure you enjoy the cherry blossoms before they pass. I will be planting out my potato tubers at the weekend now that they have chitted well on the windowsill. How you harvest potatoes in a no dig garden is yet to be discovered....

Enjoy April, enjoy your gardens and enjoy (hopefully) some warmer days.

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Findon Village Garden Associations

Spring has arrived once again and therefore it must be time for the Garden Associations annual **Spring Flower show**. This will held in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm on **Saturday 8th April** and entry will be free but donations are always welcome.

We are hoping for record entries with 28 classes in the flower section, from – narcissi to hellebores and tulips to rhubarb. The floral art section includes arrangements entitled 'Mellow Yellow' and 'Floral Cocktail'. There are the usual cookery classes ranging from short bread fingers to jars of chutney while the photography classes include subjects entitled 'Legs' and 'Corners'! Not only are there the 43 classes to muse over but there's the usual cake stall, raffle and plant stall plus various refreshments to feed the body and soul!

Come and join us, we look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 8th April**.

Curry Nights

The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are

Thursday 27th April (Men)
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Findon Downs WI

Report of our March Meeting.

Mr Jim Cannon had a feast of stories when he described his "47 years of diving". Born in Portsmouth he joined the Navy aged 18 years where on H.M.S. Vanguard, his first job was cleaning the cutlery. Moving on to a Destroyer he had his first diving course, known as "Clearance Divers". They were involved in Bomb Disposal including in Iraq. Further terms of service were in Great Yarmouth and Gibraltar and on M.F.V. Vessels. On a lighter side the Navy were always invited to the Emsworth Water Carnival where a rocket fired landed among a resident's washing, burning a hole in her sheet – not very popular.

Jim left the Navy in 1958 and joined the Police. The Police Divers were called out to floods in Billingshurst 20 years ago where a desperate episode ended with one lady losing her life. For his part in that frightening and dangerous rescue, he was awarded the Queens Commendation for bravery. This was an afternoon full of unusual stories told with humour and detail by an excellent speaker.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 11th April
2.30pm Findon Village Hall
SPEAKER – Leslie Chamberlain –
Highdown Garden
Exhibition: An Easter Bonnet
Raffle – Sales Table
Visitors always welcome.

Poem from PAWS.

I have been here for ages, I need a new home.
It's not much fun here in a pen on my own.
Aren't you glad that you're not poor me,
left abandoned here at The PAWS Sanctuary.
My friend in the next pen, went with somebody nice.
On his way out he said "Take my advice!"
You have to be smart, you have to be clever,
or else you'll find yourself stuck here forever.
So Sundays when humans come here to view,
look sad and innocent and pitiful too,
rub round their legs and then raise a paw,
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Findon Village WI

Our birthday meeting on Thursday 9th March was really great fun. We all enjoyed a sociable evening with sweet & savoury canapés, glasses of fizz and we played bingo with our new bingo machine. Everyone got into "Eyes down for a full house" !!

The next meeting on Thursday 13th April is with our guest speaker Sue Gillings. She will be talking to us about Amberley Chalkpit Museum - what is there and what goes on during the year.

The competition is "A loved vintage item".

All visitors are welcome to join us. The meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm-9.30pm

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Archaeology of the Findon Area Pt III

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

Part III - The Late Prehistoric and Roman Landscape

Part II saw how from the beginning of the Later Bronze Age period (c. 1,600-800 BC). During this time the Chalk Downs around Findon were bounded by rectangular field-systems, droveways and settlements containing 'roundhouses', in particular on Park Brow near Cissbury. The emphasis of farming is likely to have focused on cattle and sheep.

In our next period, the Iron Age (c. 750 BC-43 AD), we see a re-organisation of the partitioned landscape with an emphasis on cereal production, although cattle and sheep raising still continued.

Somewhere around 350 BC in southern England a class of earthwork enclosure known as the 'Developed Hill-fort' was constructed. These large enclosures became important central places in Iron-Age society and may be the first evidence of tribal groupings in southern Britain. Perhaps the most elaborate and famous of these 'Developed' Hill-forts is

Maiden Castle in Dorset. However, Cissbury Iron-Age hill-fort also falls into this class of monument with its impressive bank and ditch encloses of about 24 hectares (c. 60 acres).

Other than the flint mines there are no major excavations within the interior of Cissbury Iron-Age hillfort, but we do have some idea what may have existed at this site in the Iron-Age.

Data from other excavated hill-forts that indicate the probability of settlements (with roundhouses up to 10/12 m in diameter) within the enclosure of organised 'roads'. These roundhouses would have been used for craft activities such as pottery and weaving as well as domestic usage. However, and most importantly, there would be discrete and separate areas containing large underground silos or pits for the storage of seed corn. This would have ensured the continuation of cereal production from season to season and on a scale not hitherto seen.

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Alongside these there may be what archaeologists call 4-post structures which represent raised granaries (also for the storage of cereal grain). Cissbury hillfort would have been serviced and maintained by satellite settlements - perhaps under chieftain control - and spread across the downs surrounding the fort. As a central place it would have also served as a communal market centre for stock and other goods, and perhaps fairs where (for example) brides could have been sought. Direct evidence for settlement continuity through the Iron-Age and into the Roman period close to Cissbury exists on the excavated multi-period site at Park Brow.

Disposal of the dead in the Iron-Age generally has a low archaeological visibility but fragments of human bone is found within the large storage pits. The secondary use of the grain silos as 'rubbish' pits has been found and some of the disposed material included human remains in what archaeologists call 'structured deposits'. This is not summary disposal of the dead. The treatment of bones would have been accompanied by ceremony and respect. The practice of exposure of the dead on a raised platform was undertaken in the Iron-Age and the raised granaries are thought to have been used for this. The proximity of storage pits and raised granaries is therefore an important association in Iron-Age archaeology, and a scenario which can be envisaged on Cissbury.

At the end of the Iron-Age (100 BC – 43 AD) the names of the Iron-Age tribes of that time are identified from the writings of Roman commentators (such as the historian Tacitus).

Findon parish is situated within the pro-Roman Iron-Age tribal region of the

Atrebates whose initial tribal capital was at Silchester. Cissbury hillfort was abandoned as a defended enclosure at this time and its role during the period of cross channel trade with the Roman world prior to invasion is unknown. However, we do know that the interior of the hillfort was under cultivation during the Roman period. An embanked Roman field-system in the south-east quadrant of the enclosure is visible on the ground today - later day ploughing regimes leaving it intact.

A Late Iron-Age settlement which continues through the Romano-British period exists at Muntham Court, in a field north of the Long Furlong road adjacent to Findon Cricket Club. This is an important site in the parish as it straddles the Late Iron Age/Roman periods and provides further evidence of continued farming settlements in the area. Fortunately, its surface anomalies (the 'humps & bumps') are preserved as the site has not been ploughed in the post-war period.

Like Cissbury the Muntham Court site is of national significance. The site was excavated in the 1950's revealing an extensive settlement containing house structures, remnant field boundaries, sunken trackways and a circular shrine/temple site. In an adjacent field to the south an associated well 76.2m deep was also excavated. This has been described as a ritual shaft. The shrine and the well have produced votive material. The retrieval of a bronze plaque of a boar (known as the 'Muntham Boar') from the temple site within the settlement was of particular importance. In the 1990's excavations of a Romano-British settlement within the parish at North Farm, Washington, uncovered a solid bronze figurine, also of a boar. ►

Following the 1987 storm rescue excavations at Chanctonbury Ring in 1990/1 recovered a considerable quantity of pig bone & teeth from the entrance portal of a polygonal shrine. All of the three sites are intervisible and this associative evidence strongly suggests a 'cult of the boar' existed in this area at the time. The figurines and animal remains must be regarded as 'structured' deposits and are an important facet in the study of late prehistoric/Roman religious practices. A second Roman temple - of a class known as Romano-Celtic - also exists as an independent structure within Chanctonbury Ring.

A Romanised building may have existed close to Findon Place where Roman pottery and tile has been recorded. Similar discoveries near Tolmare Pond close to Muntham also suggests a former Roman presence. Furthermore, it has been conjectured that a Roman pottery production centre remains to be

discovered in the vicinity of Clapham and Patching where suitable clay soils are present.

All of the Roman evidence from the Findon area demonstrates the continuity of settlement and farming from the Neolithic period.

The level of Roman archaeology in the vicinity of Findon is just part of the much wider presence of farmed occupation recorded in southern England for this period. As an example the southern Sussex coastal plain has evidence for contiguous Roman farms and villas which extends from Brighton to Littlehampton and beyond.

Next month in the final article of this series we will look at the evidence for the Anglo-Saxon period in the parish, the beginnings of Findon, and how we arrived at the landscape we see today. St John's Parish Church, Findon will be an important part of the narrative.

Findon Village Website

There have been several road closures over the past month or so. Please ensure you check the website Noticeboard regularly for the latest on closures. We are usually notified well in advance.

Two further additions to the Business Directory this month, one for an ironing service and one from a lady who can provide hairdressing in the comfort of your own home.

Our first Lost and Found item has been reported. If anyone has lost a car key (found at the gallops), please go to the Post Office - it may be yours.

Finally with the Spring colours brightening up the village please let us have any photos you'd be happy to share through our Pictures page .

As always, you can get in touch through the Contacts page on the website or via email at findonwebsite@gmail.com

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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 web site (<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 web site regularly to view notices, and meeting details. Any enquiries should be addressed to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225, email findonparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

Prior Notification for proposed new fertiliser and grain store

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Ref. No: SDNP/17/01075/APNB |

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Pebble Cottage 54 High Street Findon BN14 0SZ
Ref. No: SDNP/17/00923/HOUS |

Puns for Educated Minds!!

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.

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Another Rescue rang to ask if we could help out by taking nine Guinea-pigs. They were taking ducks, geese, hens, bantams and cockerels from an elderly man who has health problems. We agreed but being already full with Rabbits and Guinea-pigs we didn't know where we were going to put them all. With a lot of swapping animals around we managed to fit them all in. Two are blind but they are all fine. We spent days cutting nails and grooming them all.

A little limping kitten was found in Littlehampton. We were told it didn't belong to anyone and had been around for over a week meowing at all the neighbours' doors. It was late at night but I asked the lady to put it in a box and bring it in. The kitten was starving and her little leg was bent back to front. I rang the Vet for an emergency appointment next morning. The tiny kitten was X-rayed and must have been in agony because the poor little thing had a badly fractured shoulder. She had to have a plate put in her shoulder. We feared she might lose her leg, but I

insisted no matter what the cost we would pay to save the leg. She came home in a special sweet little green babygrow to protect the stitches and because she had a pain patch on her back. Within days she was walking on it and today she was playing, and she has grown so quickly too.

Last night on our way back from collecting a van full of hay Sheila spotted a cat in the bushes dangerously close to the A24, miles from any houses. We had so many cars behind us we couldn't stop, we had to pull off at the first exit to travel miles to go back again. Sheila said "We have to go back, or I won't be able to sleep tonight!" I had my eyes on the road and didn't see the cat, and thought maybe it was a carrier bag, but we went back, we crawled along at 5 miles an hour with the hazards flashing. Sheila kept saying we've gone too far and then she spotted the cat again. She had to carefully get out of the van and try to coax the cat not to run away. They both disappeared into the bushes and then Sheila appeared with the cat in her arms. What a heroine! I really thought she would come back empty handed. Sheila was covered in loose cat fur. We put the stray tabby cat in a pen with food and water and she was purring, but today she is hissing and spitting and hates all of us! Not at all grateful!

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By registering with UK Power Networks' Priority Services Register you will be given a priority 24 hour phone number for communication, receive extra information and regular updates during any power cut. In the event of a longer power cut you could receive hot food, hot drinks and hot water, mobile phone charging and more. Those who rely on power to run medical equipment, such as dialysis or breathing apparatus, would also receive additional help.

More information can be found online at www.ukpowernetworks/priority and it's quick to register by completing a short questionnaire. If you have family or friends, particularly those who are not online and who meet the criteria, you can register on their behalf if they are happy for you to do so.

Neighbourhood Watch urges everybody who is eligible, to sign up to UK Power Networks Priority Services Register, to ensure that they receive free extra help in the event of a power cut. You can go

online and search for UK Power Networks Priority Services Register.

West Sussex Police Missing Person's Team launch Hotel Watch Scheme

The West Sussex Police Division has its own dedicated Missing Person's Team which deals with missing people, absentees and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) cases across the county.

Working with an established Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) it helps identify and protect those who repeatedly run away or go missing.

In addition to working with partners, Sussex Police values the support and information that members of the public and businesses can bring to help those in need. Evidence suggests that a number of adults and children who go missing use hotels during their period of absence. This is why West Sussex Missing Person's Team are launching a 'Hotel Watch' scheme, to establish a robust information sharing platform with hotels across West Sussex.

This scheme will allow members to share relevant messages quickly and to ensure staff in this service industry are able to spot the signs of CSE so they can pass their concerns on to police. Inspector Roy Hodder who leads the Missing Person's Team said: "Watch schemes are an important resource for police. The valuable information shared by hotels can help us respond quickly to situations where vulnerable people may be at risk and also to reduce crime.

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The Hotel Watch scheme encourages hotels to sign up to the Sussex Police ‘In the Know’ messaging system which

will allow officers to send targeted messages out to them. For more information and to sign up go to <https://sussex.police.uk/advice/protect-your-business/hotel-watch/>

You can report other crime and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline. If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

Findon Parish Council Web site - please check our web site for recent events or latest alerts at <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

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9th April Palm Sunday	Patching 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué	Pauline Prior	Isa 50: 1-11 Matt 27:11-54	Dorothy Barber
16th April Easter Day	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 19-end	Marigold Somerset
	Patching 10am SE	Richard Bromfield	Kath Hutchinson	Acts 4:5-12 John 10: 11-18	Helen Butchart/ John Haskey
23rd April Easter 2	Patching 10am Family Service	Helena Buque		Acts 2; 14a 22-32 John 20:19-end	Children
30th April Easter 3	Findon 9.30 Parish Eucharist	Helena Buque	Mary Childs	Acts 2: 14a,36-41 Luke 24 13-35	Claire Kersley/ Helen Butchart

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<u>Holy week</u>		
Monday 10th April	7.00pm	Meditation and Compline, Findon
Tuesday 11th	7.00pm	Meditation and Compline, Findon
Wednesday 12th	10.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church
	7.00pm	Meditation and Compline, Findon
Maundy Thursday 13th	07.00pm	Agape Supper and Vigil, Findon Church
Good Friday 14th	09.30am	Messy Church, Village Hall Findon
	10.30am	Pond Green service
	12.00pm	Hour at the Cross, Findon
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross, Patching
Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday	06.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church
	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham Church
	09.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
	10.00am	R Bromfield, Patching Church
Sunday 23rd April	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham Church
	09.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
	10.00am	Family Service, Patching Church
Sunday 30th April	09.30	Parish Eucharist, Findon Church
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Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00
Cissbury Players	Wednesday	20:00

Fortnightly

	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	10 th & 24 th	19:10

Monthly

	Date	Time
Auction	14 th	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	18 th	09:00
Rummikub	12 th and 26 th	14:00
Downs WI	11 th	14:30
Family Church Service	3 rd	09:30
Gardens Association	28 th	19:30
Messy Church	14 th	09:00
Village WI	13 th	19:30

Committee Room

	Date	Time
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00

Other Events

	Date	Time
Art Class	15 th	09:00
Meditation	27 th	19:30
Garden Association Flower Show	8 th	14:00
Cissbury Players Production	20 th -22 nd	19:15
Tastevin	25 th	19:30
Lamb to Loom Coffee Morning	29 th	10:00

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