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Including the Church Parish of Findon,  
Clapham & Patching

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# News

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As one might expect given the time of the year, there is a lot happening in the life of the church this month. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April we celebrate Palm Sunday, the day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as a sign that he came in peace. The crowds waved palm branches and welcomed him as their king with shouts of 'Hosanna!'. We plan to walk in procession with a donkey at both of our main church services at Findon and Patching. Those joining us at Findon have the chance to fortify themselves with bacon butties at the Rectory at 9am before setting off. Folk at Patching are made of sterner stuff and need no such fortification! (Please see the website/Facebook for further details on where and when to meet.)

We will be marking Holy Week with service(s) each day (except Tuesday, as we have a diocesan service that day). Everyone is very welcome to join us in this annual opportunity to spend some time reflecting on our Lord's Passion. On Maundy Thursday we will commemorate the Last Supper with a Eucharist at 7pm. This is followed by what is called 'The Watch', a time of silent prayer in the darkened church, as we remember Jesus' prayer of anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, just

before his arrest.

On the first Good Friday Jesus died on the cross for love for us. This year, as in previous years, we will be holding a Messy Church session on Good Friday morning at the Rectory from 9.45am. We plan to finish in time to walk to Pond Green for a short service at 10:45am. We then mark the three hours that Jesus suffered on the cross before he died with a service of meditation, which takes place at noon at Findon Church and 2pm at Patching Church.

Jesus death, rather than being the end of the story, as the Jewish leaders and Romans will have hoped, was in fact only the beginning, and opens the way to eternal life for all of us. So we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Day with a dawn service at 6am. For those who will still be in bed at that time, there are later services at their usual times at both Findon and Patching Churches. Do come and join our celebration of this premier feast of the church.

We are looking forward to welcoming Helena back to the Parish after her three months sabbatical in Australia. She returns in the early hours of Palm Sunday, so if you bump into her early on in Holy Week she may be a little jetlagged and bleary-eyed! Finally, just to mention that we are urgently looking for someone who is good with figures to take on the role of honorary treasurer. See the separate notice for this.

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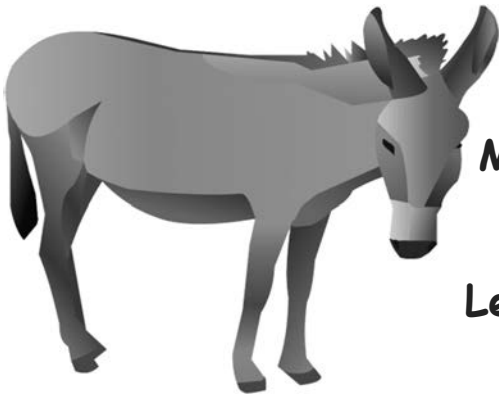
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**Palm Sunday 2nd April**

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to Findon Church for**

**the 10 am Worship and Praise service.**

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and lovely facials available. Plus Guess the Bunny's name.  
Buy your Easter treats and support the pets and people!

Entry £3 to include hot drink and cake or savoury.  
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Any good quality items for sale would be very much appreciated  
(but no clothes, books, electric items or DVD's please)

Look forward to seeing you there. Well behaved dogs welcome

**FINDON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION**  
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# **SPRING FLOWER SHOW**

**Findon Village Hall**



**2.00 pm**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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## Findon Village Tree News

We are really noticing the ravages of Ash Dieback disease now, extensive felling north of the village either side of the A24 has opened up swathes of the shelterbelts. West Sussex County council are bound to carry out this work to remove any chance of a dead tree falling onto the carriageway. Similar work is going on towards the top of Bost Hill opening up the road to view from the Gallops.

On a more positive note, we received a donation of saplings and three semi mature trees from Arun council and have planted one, a Field Maple, on the

junction of Cross Lane and Steep Lane. With the permission of the owner we also planted a range of native saplings on the exposed bank. The village volunteers did a great job of digging the considerable sized hole for the larger tree. We will also be planting on Pond Green and the north side of Nepcote Green to replace one which had to be felled due to disease.

Please consider planting trees in your gardens and land, there is a tree suitable for all places and they provide so much for years to come.



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### Ivy May Waller

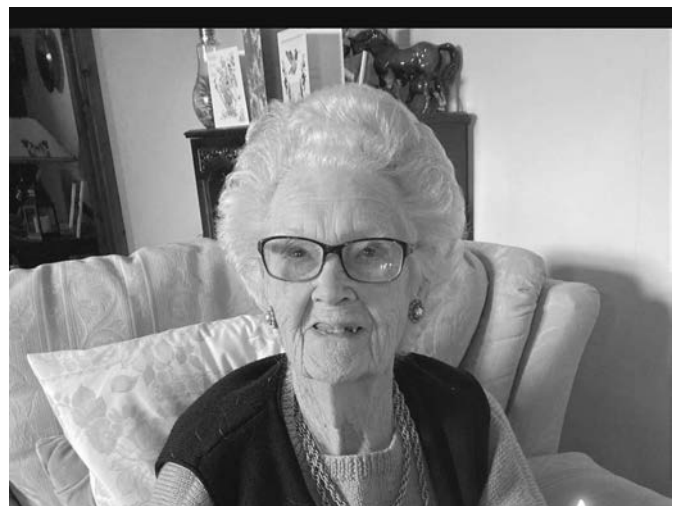
of Steepdown Cottage, Stable Lane

My Grandmother moved to the village with my grandfather in 1981.

She was many years ago landlady of the Royal Oak Pub Worthing.

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## Findon Village Store News

After what has felt like a long, cold winter, hopefully spring is upon us. The days are getting longer, daffodils are coming into bloom, and it's finally starting to get warmer. Hurrah! And not a moment too soon. Easter is fast approaching, a celebration of new life and hope, which might come as a surprise to some of you chocolate lovers! But, fear not! Look no further than Findon Village Store to indulge your craving. We stock eggs for every member of the family and every occasion (so long as it's Easter). Whether it's Peppa Pig, Hot Wheels, crème egg or smarties for the youngsters, or Thorntons or Lindt for that special person in your life, you can find it all here. I'm particularly taken by Galaxy's Enchanted egg. I could do with a bit of enchantment this year ... (couldn't we all?)

And our Easter stock doesn't stop at eggs. Whistlefish supply our Easter cards, which are creative and often a little bit different, as well as being very good value. We also have novelty Easter pasta shapes. Now there's a good way to entice those fussy eaters to eat up their pasta (unless of course it looks too good to eat – oh dear, I wish I hadn't thought of that!) But they are fun. We also have mini eggs, egg-topped chocolate cakes, iced Easter shortbreads, and Easter tarts. Mary Childs has made bunny and chick cosies for crème eggs, which have flown out of the shop (metaphorically speaking – the chicks can fly out but I've yet to see a flying bunny). Seriously, they have been very popular. We hope to have some more (Thank you, Mary, and pretty please). In the meantime, I

## Jean Burden

am reliably informed that there will be some on sale at the Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Village Hall, 10am to 12.30pm.

On the subject of food, our Ginger cakes containing plentiful chunks of stem ginger, sourced from Bramble, are highly sought after. Customers seem to be able to sniff out when they are delivered, and buy them in their droves. Did you know that Findon residents have an exceptionally good sense of smell? I didn't. You learn something new every day. We hope to have some more Ginger cakes in time for Easter, along with some Bramble traybakes.

Some customers have commented on the cream at the top of our new milk bottles. The milk is only pasteurised, which means it probably tastes better, and is easier to digest. The cream stays in its natural state. (As well as being pasteurised, supermarket milk is usually homogenised, when the fat particles are mixed and dispersed so that the cream does not separate.) Just give the bottle a good shake, and all is good – very good, in fact.

Sadly, prices are still increasing, and this month it's the turn of Royal Mail, which is increasing the price of its services, including stamps.

Unfortunately, we have no say in their pricing structure. If you can, stock up from your local Store/PO before 3<sup>rd</sup> April. While I'm on the subject of stamps, the deadline for the Stamp Swap scheme has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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So, if you have any old stamps hiding in dusty, forgotten corners, you're safe. You can still use them or swap them. Well, that's about it for this month. I was about to say how much I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Volunteers'

Meeting, but we'll have had it by the time you read this. So, instead, I'll say how much I enjoyed meeting you all recently, which I'm sure will be true, even if it isn't at the time of writing!



### A Little about Downsview Farm.

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*Pasteurisation* is a process of heating the milk to a specific temperature for a predefined length of time and then immediately cooled. This process slows spoilage. When you drink pasteurised milk, with the cream left in its natural state, your body can digest the cream and use the fat that's in the cream for energy and the nutrients that your body needs.

Also, when the cows go out in the spring on the fresh grass the milk has a sweeter taste.

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### Mustard Seed Shoe Boxes

After a year when the shoeboxes filled with gifts for underprivileged children in Moldova could not be taken to them due to the conflict in the Ukraine, I have now heard from Mustard Seed Missions that this year they can once again undertake their delivery. Due to the fighting in the Ukraine, and the additional need due to the refugees in Moldova, these boxes will be appreciated more than ever.

If you would like to take part in this scheme, choose whether you are collecting for a girl or a boy and the approximate age, 3-5 years, 6-11 years or 12-15 years. Some suggestions that would be enjoyed are colouring pencils, paper, toothbrush and toothpaste, flannel, soap, hat, scarf, gloves, a ball, playing cards, a doll, a cuddly toy (this is apparently welcomed even by the older boys), marbles, cars, hairbrush or comb, hair accessories, and so on. Also, sweets are a very special treat so they are welcome too. You will need an empty shoe box (boxes from mens shoes I find are best and most shoe shops will be happy to give them to you if they have them), wrap the lid and the

box separately in cheerful Christmas wrapping paper and pop a Christmas card in the box from you. Do not include your address or any personal details. Your box will be valued as much as its contents.

Mustard Seed do also ask that if you are able, a donation (and they suggest £5) would be welcome to help with the expense of taking them to Moldova. This is done in huge lorries driven overland.

The boxes are collected from me, usually in November, and taken back to their depot before being taken overland to Moldova for distribution. I will collect boxes from early October and more details will be available in Findon News September and October issues.

If you would like to know more, please visit Mustard Seed Missions website [www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk) where you can see pictures of children receiving their boxes.





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The Monday afternoon Tea sessions have been a great success with between 20 and 40 people turning up for almost every session. Informal discussions with the attendees suggests that winding up at the end of March would be sensible and we plan to restart in the Autumn. Meanwhile, thanks to those who came and gave informal performances, those who brought in home-made cakes and biscuits and, indeed, all those who have attended and created the lovely atmosphere that developed.

Film Nights of late have been packed and we have an Olivia Coleman film next month: Empire of Light. Don't forget that you can pre-book at [findonvillagehall.net](http://findonvillagehall.net) or go straight to the shop at <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/products>. We have also been lucky enough to have some extra volunteers on the events team which makes running these (and other events) rather easier!

Following the great success of the platinum jubilee party last year, we will be holding a similar event to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This will be held on 7th May with gates opening at 12:00 until 16:00 hrs. Once again entry will be free, we will have live music, a bbq, licensed bar, teas, coffees, ice creams and cakes for sale. There will also be a bouncy castle and other side shows all of which will be free of charge. So please come along and help us celebrate the coronation of our new King.

There are a couple of actions under way through which we are taking to try and enhance the usefulness of the hall to the community in general. The first is that we are planning to install a defibrillator in the porch of the hall so that it will be freely available at all times in case of need. We hope to get a grant to part fund it but will proceed even if this is not successful. We

## Roger Stone

are also working with both Findon Parish Council and Arun DC to set the hall up as a properly equipped Rest Centre in the event of a local emergency requiring people to be evacuated from their homes. This will require us to store a small amount of equipment and train some volunteers so that we are ready in the event of a problem.

Lambs tails seems now to be re-established with a core group of parent (or grandparents!) and children who attend regularly. Whilst this is not a large group, it is enough to justify carrying on in the longer term. As ever, we would be very happy to hear from anyone who wanted to volunteer to join the team as we don't really have enough people to provide holiday cover etc.

And then the ongoing saga of the extension.... Findon Village Hall Trust must extend their thanks to the Parish Council and especially Sean Hellet and Fiona Macleod who have been indefatigable in pursuing the Public Works loan that we need to fund the work. They understand that they have responded to every query and now expect a verdict within 2 or 3 weeks of your reading this article. Fingers crossed! If we get a favourable outcome, we would hope work can begin quite soon although we have missed our planned slot with the contractor.

Finally, we have realised that we can make a cost (and paperwork!) saving by extending our existing entertainments licence to include the sale of alcohol rather than applying for an individual, "TENS", licence on each occasion. We are therefore investigating this possibility and may make an application in the near future. Please note that the number of times we apply the licence will remain at or close to the level we have currently scheduled under the current system.

## St John the Baptist Primary School

Life goes on as ever at our lovely village school (just as it has for the last 150+ years). What we haven't done for a while is share our news with the community.

We started this month with another busy week of learning in school and our children have welcomed the slightly better weather. Three times a week, they get the opportunity to do a multi-skills session with our resident Premier Sports provider – Jamie - and this is so much more fun when we have warmer, drier weather. We have daffodils and snowdrops appearing in our Spiritual garden - it is becoming a beautiful calm place to sit and contemplate. This month we have had some unusual creatures in school – a snake, a tarantula and even a giant climbing cockroach! KS2 had a visit from 'Zoolab' linking to their topic – Rainforests.

School had a lovely day on Friday 3rd March celebrating World Book Day. Children were given a uniform-free day, being allowed to dress in their favourite literary characters. Our staff started the morning with an assembly, talking with the children about favourite books and where we enjoy reading them. The children had the opportunity to walk around the hall, showing off their costumes. This was brought to an end with some wonderful singing of 'Open a Book' by Rebecca Lawrence (wife of David Lawrence, who is the Young Voices O2 conductor.) The children were then given the choice to listen to a book read by a member of staff. One of the highlights of the day was children of all ages working together on a 'Bear Hunt' around the school, put together by our Year5/6 teacher, Mrs Stoner. It was

fantastic to see the older children supporting the younger pupils of our school. We finished the day with a reading of the whole school story, put together with contributions from every class. Many photos were taken throughout the day, which were shared with parents via the school's weekly newsletter, including some collages put together by Mrs Griffiths to commemorate the day. We would like to take this opportunity to again thank our parents for supporting the day, with the wonderful costumes the children came to school in, and to those parents who were able to come in and read with groups of children. It is very much appreciated.

The first week of March was rounded off nicely by a victory on the netball court against nearby Ferring School. Well done to our team and thanks to their coaches.

On Sunday 5th March our school choir attended a family service at church to provide the choral backdrop to an event to raise awareness of homelessness and the work of the Worthing-based 'Turning Tides' charity, who do so much good work throughout the county. The children's well rehearsed contributions did much to encourage a large congregation to 'sing up'. Well done to our school choir and their teacher, Mrs. Stoner.

Last week we welcomed children's author, David Fuller into school to talk to the children about story writing - a very informative and inspiring visit.

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In other news ..... and as school continues to thrive ..... we are blessed with a talented and hard working staff, led by our Head Teacher, Mrs. Sharrock, who will have been with us a year at Easter (where did that time go). Our school governing body recently underwent an external review of governance conducted by a representative from the education department at the Diocese of Chichester. One of its recommendations was more frequent communication with our surrounding community; a requirement that we are happy to comply with using article like this.

The School Council are pleased to announce that they have raised £164 for Comic Relief following school's participation in Red Nose .

There will be more educational initiatives undertaken during this coming year and we shall try and report these as they happen. In the meantime a date for the diary is the annual **School Revels** which this year takes place on **Saturday May 13th**, starting at Pond Green with traditional country dancing and processing to school to do our Maypole dances, followed by the very popular revels events that are so well run by our fabulous PTA.

**John Roche, Chair of Governors**

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### Findon Village Gardens Association

At the February meeting we had a talk by Clive Gravett on the history of lawnmowers, which was very interesting. We even discovered that someone invented a steam driven lawnmower - something for all rail the enthusiasts out there! Membership renewals started at a brisk pace and are ongoing.

April brings our Spring Flower Show to the village hall on 8<sup>th</sup> April and we look forward to a good display of competition entries of spring flowers, flower arranging, photography and cookery. At our regular monthly meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April our speaker will be Geoff Hawkins, who will be enlightening us on "Bugs – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly".

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## Findon Parish Council News

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has begun the process of creating a Community Resilience Plan, using a template created in association with West Sussex Association of Local Councils. The template is designed to allow Parish Councils to create a more flexible and tailored resilience plan that will suit local village needs. The main body of the plan will allow task and response responsibility allocation to council members and identified voluntary personnel in advance of a crisis. It will give tasks, equipment, people, skills, support and structure as well as a means for vulnerable residents to consider and request appropriate help and support in the event of a crisis. Even at this early stage, if you feel that you would be able to volunteer your services/skills in the event of an emergency, please contact the Clerk, Fiona MacLeod, with details. [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The plan to restore Nepcote Pond to its previous water filled state has gathered pace with initial funding secured from South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and approval that this process would enhance the status of the Conservation Area for that space. On that note, the recent meeting held by SDNPA Planning Committee on 9 March 2023 voted unanimously to confirm the Nepcote Conservation Area (CA) Order. The Nepcote CA is the first designated Order by the SDNPA and has come into immediate effect.

FPC has begun a village wide assessment of signage. The process will first establish a baseline of signage locations and content and then move to an audit of what is required and what may have expired, no longer required

or duplication. Our overall goal is to maintain the rural feel of Findon and ensure that signage does not detract from that.

A reminder of a date for your diary - the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held on Monday 17 April 2023 at 7pm in Findon Village Hall. This is not a meeting of the FPC and is an opportunity for parishioners and local organisations to get together and find out what has happened in the last twelve months and look forward to the future. The FPC Chairman will give an 'end of year' report on FPC activities and refreshments will be available. Please look out for yellow posters advertising the APM in the Notice Boards etc.

Finally, just a final reminder that elections will be held in May 2023 for Arun District Council (ADC) councillors and Arun parish and town council councillors. The Polling Day is Thursday 4 May 2023 so please look out for future details in the media, FPC Notice Boards, and the FPC and Community websites, particularly if you are interested in becoming a parish councillor. FPC currently has two vacancies for a parish councillor.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** The May 2023 elections will be the first to require Voter ID (if available) to be shown at the Polling Station – details of this and other election information can be found at Elections | Arun District Council. The Polling Station for Findon Parish is at the Findon Village Hall.

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## News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

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We still have lots of guinea-pigs, they are all so noisy when they see you come in to give them their breakfasts. Rabbits are quiet.

They all love cucumbers. I went into Tesco and was only allowed to buy three cucumbers, crazy. Guinea-pigs also like celery but the shelves were empty. Plenty of carrots but no greens. But the animals still had apples and carrots. And plenty of hay.

With the cold weather and hardly any markets or fetes to raise funds we have decided to raise money another way. We are compiling a PAWS Animal Sanctuary Book of Animal Poems. If you would like to write a poem and contribute it, please let it rhyme, a poem about any animal but it must be your own work, then send it to us. Once we have enough poems one of our volunteers who is an author will help us get it published.

Hopefully it will be a best seller!

from Stacey.

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## Findon Village WI

In March we celebrated our 49th birthday with cake and a glass of bubbly.

Erica Britcha, Chair of West Sussex Federation, joined us together with Chris Hodges, a trainee advisor, who gave us a fascinating, illustrated presentation on Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands.

This meeting was also our AGM and I stood down as president after five years and received a beautiful spring planter as a thank you. Our vice-president, Sara Clarke was voted on as my successor and all the committee are looking forward to working with Sara as our group goes from strength to strength. I have enjoyed my time as president of

this lovely WI and wish Sara all the best in her new role. Findon Village WI is in safe hands!

At our next meeting, **Thursday 13th April, 7.30pm**, Alan Kingshott, who was Chief Beefeater at the Tower of London, will tell us all about the Crown Jewels and their role in next month's coronation.

There will be a raffle and coffee, tea and cake for all.

Visitors are very welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

Paddy Winter - ex President

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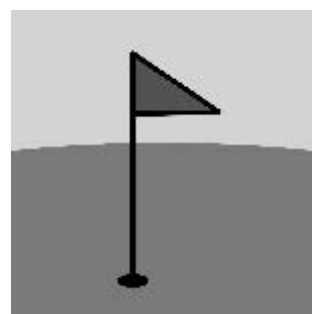
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## Friends of Findon Church Annual Golf Day

The Friends of Findon Church are making plans to hold their annual Golf day and details are

- \* Played at Hill Barn
- \* **Friday 19th May 2023**
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## Findon's Litter Picking Group

Our group has recently celebrated its first year of litter picking. You may remember seeing Robin Carr's advert on the front page of February 2022's Findon News asking for volunteers. He was quick as a flash to start a group, having bumped into me out litter-picking on my own on the High Street. As the rubbish had been building up, I was sure more people would be interested in keeping our village looking beautiful. Sure enough, 10 volunteers initially responded. A year on, we have 30 people registered in the group, which I'm now running with the help and support of my deputy, Philip Goddin, and Robin who has stayed on as a volunteer and who liaises for us with the parish council.

You've probably seen at least one of us out and about on our picking days, as we can't be missed in our high-vis jackets, tooled up with litter grabbers and hooped bin bags. Some kit was initially donated by Arun Council, but most has been paid for by our parish council.

At first, our picking was a bit random, but a few months in, we had four designated routes that concentrated on the residential parts of the village. As the numbers in the group grew, we needed more routes, and we now have nine designated routes that cover the village and surrounds. They extend up and down both sides of the A24, to the Long Furlong layby, and up to Cissbury Ring. We have kept to a regular pick on the last Friday morning of the month, and more recently added a mid-month flexible pick for people who can't make the fixed session. Thanks go to Arun District Council's Cleansing Department who helpfully collect the rubbish a few

days after each session.

Being part of a voluntary group fulfils a social as well as purposeful need, so to celebrate our first anniversary we got together for a skittles night at The Black Horse. Besides several legs of skittles and a good meal, we had our litter pickers 'Oscars' where two prizes were awarded for finds while litter-picking in the last year. There were clear winners in both categories:

- **Most useful item** - Robin Carr won with a tree branch lopper, which was lost by the Wednesday working party about three years previously. Although a bit rusty, it was cleaned up, greased and put back into service with the working party. Found on the Black Route, which runs north up the A24 to the layby near Muntham Lane, on the crematorium side.

- **Most bizarre item** - Lyn Phippen and her step-mum Lyn with their pack of Waitrose organic lamb chops still in the packet and in date! Found on the Pink Route, which runs south down the A24 to the boundary of the village, on the garden centre side.

It's always a perk-me-up to find something useful or weird while you're out picking, as it makes a change from the usual coffee cups and lids, food packaging, and cans. We collect up to 30 bags of rubbish a month, plus other bulky bits of rubbish, such as tyres, buckets and bits of car. As Robin pointed out, we've collected enough rubbish to fill the length of The Black Horse skittle alley and some. All of the prizes given out were donated by local businesses or organisations including The Village House, Peckhams Butchers,

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and Findon Village Hall Events Team. We're also grateful to The Black Horse for supporting the event.

Do give us a wave if you see us out picking. We're not taking on any new volunteers for now, as we have enough people kitted out to do the work.

However, if you are interested in joining in the future, please get in touch with us (via [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk))

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**Chess Thomas**

(aka Head Womble 12)



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## Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)).

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

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Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.net](http://www.findonvillagehall.net).

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	9.15am <b>or</b> 3.15pm on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lambstails	Tuesday (not 18 <sup>th</sup> )	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	14.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	9.30am/ 10.30am /11.45am
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> )	18.30pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Parish Council Planning meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> April	19.00pm
Findon Garden Association	7 <sup>th</sup> April	19.30pm
Findon Village WI	13 <sup>th</sup> April	19.30pm
Parish Council Annual Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> April	19.00pm
Bead Magicians	18 <sup>th</sup> April	10am – 2.30pm
Meditation	20 <sup>th</sup> April	19.30pm
Tastevin	27 <sup>th</sup> April	19.00pm
Findon Garden Association	28 <sup>th</sup> April	19.30pm
Art Class	29 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am

### **Dates for your Diary and Future Events**

#### **April**

<b>Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> –</b>	Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair 10.00 – 12.30
<b>Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Flower Show 2.00pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm.
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Voter Outreach Session, Arun District Council - 14:00 - 16:00pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April –</b>	Film Night – Empire of Light – 6.30pm Tickets in advance from
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<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	The Origins of Movement Workshop – 10.30am – 15.30pm
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Your Life in Movement, Dance of Awareness -18:30-21:30pm

#### **May**

<b>Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Coronation Celebration Event 12.00pm – 16.00pm
<b>Friday May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm.
<b>Friday May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Film Night – details TBC – 6.30pm
<b>Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	200 Club

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## APRIL 2023

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.

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Palm Sunday	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Meet at Findon Rectory for Bacon Butties, then Walk through village with donkey to Church Worship & Praise at Findon with John & Barbara Taylor Eucharist at Patching (Meet at Dulaney House 9.45am for procession with donkey)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Monday of Holy Week	4.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Findon
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Wednesday of Holy Week	10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at Findon Stations of the Cross at Patching
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> Maundy Thursday	4.00pm 7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Clapham Eucharist and Watch at Findon
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> Good Friday	9.45am 10.45am 12.00noon 2.00pm	Messy Church at the Rectory, then Walk of Witness to Pond Green (Worship at Cross) Meditation at Findon Meditation at Patching
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Day	6.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Sunrise Service at Findon Eucharist at Findon Church Eucharist at Patching
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Parish Eucharist at Patching



**Next Messy Church - Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> May**  
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