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# News

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## Well 'Freedom Day' came and went!

But it has been lovely to see some Findon events starting up again. The pictures below shows some of the spectators and action at the Stoolball tournament - see report page 15.

Findon Place put on an open air production of Blithe Spirit, the Village Hall groups are starting up again - see pages 28 and 29, and

singing will finally be allowed in our churches again.

Enjoy your summer.

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## From The Rectory

Summer weather at last! What a joy it was to spend most of yesterday on Nephote Green at the Stoolball Tournament, although our Youth Club Team lost their unbeaten record! Congratulations to the winners and runners up, and to all the teams who took part for their sportsmanlike and cheerful participation. It was wonderful to see so many of our village families enjoying themselves and there was enough shade for us all when not playing or umpiring. Huge thanks to the umpires and scorers, to Friends of Findon Church for the refreshments and above all to Richard and his team of helpers for organising the day. Of course, I mustn't forget to thank the Parish Council for allowing us to use the green for this village event. We're already looking forward to next year! After the isolation of the last 16 months it was fantastic to see village families out enjoying themselves together again!

Another highlight towards the end of July was the open air theatre production of 'Blithe Spirit' hosted by Caroline Hill at Findon Place. The acting was superb and it is such a lovely setting. We were blessed with lovely weather to enjoy our picnics before the performance and there were drinks available both then and during the interval. Again, it was wonderful to see so many villagers, as well as others, enjoying a live performance after months of lock-down.

Being a Parish Priest is varied, and I am often asked if it is difficult to take funerals. I always answer it is not, but rather a privilege to accompany people in what is such a difficult time for them. Last week I was able to inter the ashes of a very special Clapham couple, Vi

and Ernie Field, in a family plot in Clapham Churchyard, with family and friends present on what would have been their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Ernie and Vi were married in Clapham Church, lived in the Village and spent their last days well cared for in Clapham Lodge Care Home. Ernie was a couple of months off his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when he left us to join his beloved Vi. It is occasions like this that make me so thankful that I am the Vicar of these three lovely villages here, each of which has such a lovely 'family' feel to it, where generations have lived in the village and some continue to do so.

As I write, I am reflecting on what 'freedom day' means to you and me! Personally, I will continue to carry a mask and use it if in a crowded space or if asked to in a venue, and to maintain a reasonable distance from people outside my immediate circle. I hope and pray that everyone else will continue to think of those around them not just themselves as we learn to live with what is still a pandemic. Once enough of the population have been fully vaccinated, hopefully it will be something we have to live with like seasonal flu. In our churches, although masks will no longer be compulsory, we would still advise people to wear one while numbers of infections remain high and we will encourage people to be sensibly spaced apart. From now on, we are again able to sing in church – hooray! We will still continue to sing our last hymn outside while the weather holds as so many people have said they enjoy this!

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Colin and I wish all of you a healthy and restful summer, thinking especially of

our school staff and pupils at the end of a very challenging year.

Every Blessing, *Helena*

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## Cinnamon Trust Cream Tea and Sale

At the time of writing it looks very hopeful that most restrictions will be lifted on 19th July and if this is the case our **annual Cream Tea and Sale** will be back at Mike Solomon's lovely home **Kyle Cottage, 39 High Street, Findon.**

The date is

**Saturday 14th August at 2pm**

and the entry price will be  
**£4.00(children free)**

to include cream tea plus an extra cake or savoury. (Any more please put contributions in collection box).

There will lots of lovely items and goodies for sale plus a splendid raffle. Mike's garden is lovely and we hope for a fine day. We will have cover if it is wet! Well behaved dogs welcome.

If you have any good quality items (not too large and no clothes or CD's thank you) they

will be much appreciated as would any home made cakes or savouries. Please let me know if you are bringing these).

Thank you in advance for your support for this very deserving charity and we look forward to a sunny day and a much awaited get together on 14th August.

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## **Remembering Gladys (Lambourne)**

Many of you will have read stories of her life in the Findon News. She was born in Rose Cottage and lived in the village all her life (92 years). We heard many a story from her over the years – too many to put in the magazine. She was always laughing and saw the funny side to most things.

One was when she was still at home. Her mum bought a table at Northend and they pushed it along the bypass, then couldn't get it in the door, so the legs were chopped down a bit! It didn't last long as it took up so much room and ended up as firewood.

When the children came along they would often go on picnics. Glad would make a Shepherd's pie, and as the car engine was in the back of the car there was a ledge for the pie to keep warm so that they could eat something hot on their arrival.

Glad wrote in her diary every day. She liked writing to people and when she became ill would write to anyone she

could think of, and loved getting replies from them.

I've lived next to Glad and her family for over 50 years. We used to have Halloween parties in the dark in Bushrods Field (now Nightingales) or in her home, and she would make up stories. She would have a bag which we had to feel inside as the story was read. There were shrieks of laughter as some things were not very nice to touch!

Another time Glad did a Last Night of the Proms. We all had pots and pans to bang in time to the music. Sylvia, who lived the other side of Glad, joined in as well. Good times were had by all.

Sylvia also remembers when her kitchen curtains caught fire and Glad jumped the fence to come to her aid.

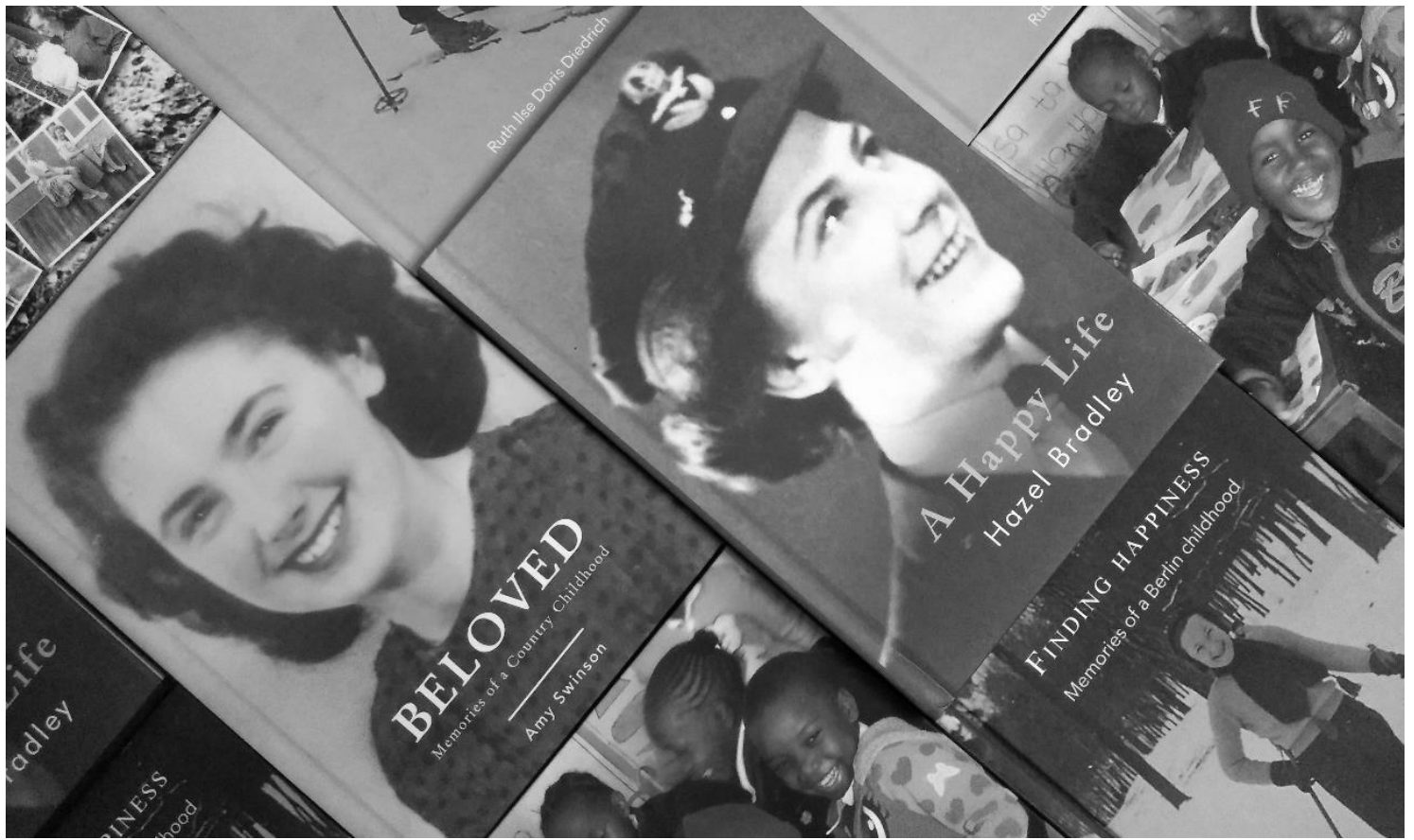
Glad also loved to knit and would make a pram blanket and teddy for my grandchildren and many others as they came along. She also knitted animals for her great grandson in Yorkshire who was reading a book with lots of animals in it. No pattern was needed as she could make things without.

Glad was a founder member of Findon Downs WI. She also belonged to the Friendship club (now soup & pud) and the Findon gardens Assoc, and regularly attended Film Nights. After these events we would sit in my car and put the world to rights, always laughing as she could find the funny side of everything.

She also loved Jumble Sales and would alter and unpick things she bought to remake them. Recycling was nothing new to her.

She was a great friend and neighbour and we will miss her so much.

*Chris & family*



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Gladys was well known for her cheerfulness as she cycled round the Village, always ready to help with the activities and functions that took place.

Gladys lived her whole life in the Village and wrote a diary recording all the changes and events that took place and how the Village has changed over her lifetime.

No doubt you have read her stories in this magazine.

She was a wonderful friend to many, she kept an eye on old folk, baked cakes, knitted for charity as well as for her family, shared dozens of recipes and was just one of the nicest people you could wish to meet.

Condolences to her family, and in the community she will be greatly missed

*Meg*





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It's Summer Party, BBQ and family time! At last we can meet for social occasions and you can trust your local shop to have everything you need for a great time. We have burgers, bangers and brioche, firelighters and fizz, coleslaw, charcoal and lots of cakes! You can also be reassured that, despite "Freedom Day" last month, a shared sense of responsibility has meant that many customers and staff still choose to wear masks and respect each other's space in the shop, reminding us that we are not fully out of the woods yet. Our excellent Health and Safety officer, Anne Colville, is ensuring that we continue closely to follow Government guidelines despite these being somewhat confusing at times!

Your village shop has indeed come through the unprecedented challenges of COVID with flying colours, thanks to the vision, dedication and commitment of our leaders, staff and volunteers, and the invaluable support of our customers. A remarkable achievement, and we hope shareholders will feel proud when they hear Steve Smith's report at the AGM in the Autumn.

Margaret, our Volunteer Coordinator, has been particularly busy over the past month tidying up our "Three Rings" Database in the aftermath of lockdown. The details of several people who had willingly responded to our urgent and varied needs, but who have now returned to work, have been removed from the (data protected) system and we owe each

and every one of them a huge vote of thanks. To those who were able to stay on we offer our deepest gratitude; their generous and repeated gifts of time, talents and humour have been invaluable. The database is now far more representative of our true position and the concurrent review led to a successful volunteer recruitment drive. We are delighted to report that new village resident, Sara, completed her training just in time for the holidays and has already covered one or two shifts very successfully – well done! Two more people have also stepped forward and should be learning the ropes this month; it will be great to have them on board. In addition, we are able to introduce a new teenager to the team; Grace will be on duty every other weekend and has already proved to be a bundle of efficient energy and charm. Do welcome them all if you happen to see them. If you are thinking of joining us please feel free to raise any questions with those on duty or of course with Margaret on 07917 124119.

Still on the subject of Volunteers, the long-awaited and oft-postponed Volunteers' Meeting has finally been fixed for Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It will be an opportunity not only for the sharing of ideas and information but also for celebrations and thanks as we move steadily towards an increasing return to normality. Fingers firmly crossed please, everyone!

*Annie Whitchurch*



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## Shepherding through the summer

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Many country shows have been cancelled for a second year including our own Findon Sheep Fair, but some are going ahead at the end of August and mid-September. These shows over the years have been a way of life for the farming community where they would meet up with friends. At the Findon Sheep fair over the centuries, shepherds used to get their work for the next year by meeting farmers on Nepcote Green.

The Nepcote flock generally go to 4/5 shows during the summer and this year for the very first time, we are going to the Edenbridge and Oxted show over the Bank holiday weekend 29/30 August. To be able to show sheep you need to halter train the lambs at an early age and this we have been working on since they were two weeks old. The halter is a rope around their neck and over the nose with no discomfort for the sheep or cattle if you are showing either of the farm animals.

Another show which are planned to visit is the West Grinstead Ploughing match on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> September and this year it will be held at **Priors Byne Farm, West Grinstead, West Sussex**. This is a very good day out for the whole family. As well as 50 plus tractors and horses ploughing, there are tractor trailer rides around the fields, competition's held in the barns, lots of stalls and sheep and cattle judging.

*Graham and Hilary  
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## Annual Findon Stoolball Tournament

The summer appears to have finally arrived and just in time for the Annual Stoolball Tournament that took place in blazing sunshine last Sunday.

Seven teams from Findon, Patching and Clapham took the field, lathered in sun cream and squinting from the blinding rays of sunshine, bidding to take the Findon Stoolball crown from reigning champions. The Youth Club had for as long as anyone can remember defended their title year on year.

If you have not played the game, you might mistakenly believe that it is relatively easy to master and played at a sedate pace, but you would be wrong. Its harder than it looks and after a few balls even the most laissez faire of competitors develop a steely focus and willingness to win they didn't know they still possessed.

That said the competition was played in a spirit fitting of a village get-together with the aim of cementing old relationships and creating new ones where many teams were made of people who had met for the first time that day.

In the end there had to be a winner and for the first time it was not the Youth Club, the team that more than any other showed great attitude and "sportsmanship". (That is a new word I made up for 2021). They will surely be back next year ready to take their title back.

Fittingly the final game between the Post Office and Untouchaballs was a winner takes all affair with both having won all their round robin games. This was a match of differing styles and strategies, pitting imperious batting technique against accurate bowling and

thoughtful field setting. In the end it was the fielding strategy that won the day for the Untouchaballs as they clinched the title by the narrowest of margins. The Post Office were however a force to be reckoned with and will certainly be joint favourites for next year.

Events like this are what makes Findon such a wonderful place to live but it would not be possible without the effort and support of the people we pass every day in the street. A huge thanks goes out to the Umpires: Steve Wills, Ian Watts and Elaine Dibben, it was hot out there for them. The scorers: David Geere, Bill Warrick and Geoff Parish who officiated with pinpoint accuracy. Ian Hollyhomes and the Friends of The Church team who provided much needed refreshments. The set-up team: Gill Gostick, Tim Fleming, John Welch, Chris Frost, Hugo Edwards, Ralph Edwards, Douglas Rigg and Rhys Evans, they only missed one rabbit hole. Fiona Macleod and the Council, Barry Meaney for the bats, Tessa McCormick for donating and presenting the trophy.

Finally, Graham Gostick and Graham Langford who were there at every part of the process. If you see any of these people out and about give them a wave.

*Richard Edwards*



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## From Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council (FPC) held its first full Council face to face meeting on 28 June 2021 in Findon Village Hall since the pandemic restrictions were relaxed. Following advice, the meeting carried a limited Agenda of essential business. We remain hopeful that following lifting of the COVID restrictions from 19 July we can hold a truly full meeting on Monday 9 August in the Village Hall.

Sean Hellett was co-opted at the meeting and we welcome Sean to the Council. This means that FPC now has a full complement of 11 councillors.

Parking and speeding are issues not only within the village but in villages everywhere. The village response to FPC's parking and speeding survey has been amazing (**324** responses from the **852** leaflets distributed to households which represents a response rate of **38%**) and a huge 'thank you' in appreciation is given to our community. The Working Group will now collate and analyse this information and publish its findings as soon as possible.

In addition, the Headmaster of the St John the Baptist School has kindly carried out a survey, which we provided, of the parents as we felt it important to have the parents perspective as to the problems they encounter. This has now been completed and once we have the results we can analyse their responses.

Similarly, there has been helpful and constructive comment from the consultation on Homewood Play area renovation. Using this feedback, a design brief and tender document has

been created by Arun District Council and will soon go to contractors to re-start the process.

The West Sussex County Council (WSCC) proposal to install a cycle lane from Findon to Findon Valley was presented recently, and support for a cycle lane was already in our Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal, which has government funding, is for a shared path (pedestrians and cyclists) of some 3 metres width. A segregated set of paths is very difficult on the current footprint and would command a very much larger budget and FPC regard this proposal as a good development for the village. We hope you can support it.

A period of public consultation runs from 19 July to 15 August 2021. As part of this consultation on-line access for residents within the WSCC website will be available at A24 Findon Valley / Your Voice West Sussex and information circulated via shop posters and cards to local households.

Finally, I am sure many of you will have noticed the height of the vegetation growth in the central reservation of the A24 from the Black Horse to Cross Lane Nepcote. This created safety issues with lack of visibility at the junctions. After escalation to WSCC Highways and the subsequent involvement of WSCC Cllr Deborah Urquhart, the cutting back scheduled for 19/20 July will allow for safe crossing of the junctions. FPC would like to thank Cllr Urquhart for her support.

*Cllr Sean Smith, Chairman*

# How to buy an Off-Market property

Are you struggling to find your dream home? With properties being snapped up weeks, sometimes days after going to market, back-to-back viewings and the risk of being outbid at the last minute, finding a property for a reasonable price that meets your requirements is becoming more and more difficult in this challenging market.

If you're considering moving and know what you're looking to buy, then this article is perfect for you. We can help you to approach homeowners who haven't listed their house for sale, negotiate a sale price, agree terms of a sale and manage the logistics of the transaction for you.

You will also learn why pre-market properties are better and how to find your dream home.

## 5 steps to buying an Off-Market property

### Step 1: Narrow down your search

Deciding where you want to live, what type of property you're looking for and how much you're willing to spend is the first step in refining your search and finding the perfect house. Begin by narrowing down your search to 3 streets or your favourite postcode area this will allow you to focus on a smaller area and not become overwhelmed by endless possibilities.

### Step 2: Ensure you are proceedable

The last thing you want is to find the perfect property, agree a purchase price, and not be able to proceed due to your own circumstances restricting the process. Getting your ducks in a row is vital, including arranging finance, preparing to sell, or selecting a solicitor.

### Step 3: Get help

Identifying a market leading estate agent in your local area who can help you cut through the noise and do the hard work for you, might be beneficial. There will be a lot of work required to contact homeowners, arrange viewings, negotiate a price, and manage the sale from exchange to completion.

Established estate agents should have sophisticated systems in place which provide them access to properties not yet on the market. Market leading agents will also take on the most property, therefore giving you more options.

### Step 4: Be flexible

The process of buying a property can take up a lot of your time, even with an Estate Agent supporting you through the process. Being available for viewings, telephone negotiations and keeping in constant contact will help to streamline the whole process.

### Step 5: Do your research

Knowing exactly what you're buying and ensuring that you are paying the right price is crucial. Take into consideration the price of recently sold properties in the area, the quality of the property, the age and size of the property and any future development or renovation potential.

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## Findon Village WI

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Everyone had a very enjoyable, relaxing and creative time

Our next meeting is at the Village

Hall, **12<sup>th</sup> August 2.30**. We will be enjoying a cream tea after an audience with Lady Crabtree. It will be so good to get together again.



Please email me if you would like to know more about our WI

Paddy Winter

Findon Village WI President

Findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

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## Findon Village Gardens Association

Sadly, the committee has once again come to the decision that it would be sensible **to cancel the summer flower show**, which was due to be held on **7th August**. We are however, still alive and kicking and will be restarting meetings at some stage, when we feel that it is safe to do so. In the meantime, enjoy your gardens in this glorious weather (at the time of writing).



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I still have my records from that time. If any budding naturalist would like to have them give me a ring on 873177.  
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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

We have had so many baby birds and injured pigeons needing to go to the wildlife hospitals. Luckily Angela, one of our volunteers, goes past the Wildlife Aid Hospital in Leatherhead on her way home on Sundays. She often takes one or two pigeons in each week. Last week we were given a tiny baby robin. I rang Emma at the Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital in Sidlesham to ask what I should feed it on. She said to put it in a cardboard box and take it straight over. There was some sort of car festival going on, the roads were so busy, bumper to bumper all the way there and back. Luckily the baby robin was still alive when we reached Brent Lodge.

That evening I told the lady who was treating Elvis the Pony with her acupuncture machine how long we had sat in traffic (all day) to take a baby bird to the wildlife hospital. She asked me why we went all that way when there is a wildlife rescue just down the road. It's called Sompting Wildlife Rescue. It's a charity run by two vet nurses from Coastways Vets in Hove. Such good news, why didn't anyone tell us before.

We are just as busy with so many animals but the messages every day are from people asking us to take even more, mainly rabbits and guinea-pigs and today another mini-pig! It has grown too big for the owners back garden.

I feel so sorry for rabbits kept in rabbit hutches this hot weather. They are like ovens. People ring me asking what to do when their rabbits get fly-strike. It's too late for the poor rabbit, they die being eaten by maggots. They should ban all rabbit hutches, rabbits will use a litter tray if given one. They should be kept in a shed of their own with a run on

the lawn in the summer. Rabbits have got to be the most neglected of all pets.

I have just spent hours this evening with a torch searching for an escaped tortoise. If we don't put a heavy weight on top of the pen out on the lawn she is out and in hiding. She saw her chance when somebody forgot to put the weight on this morning. It wasn't me!

from Stacey.

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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:

### **Detached garage building with habitable space at first floor (demolish existing shed)**

Campbell House Stable Lane BN14 0RR  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03648/HOUS

### **Single storey rear extension**

9 Fox Lea Findon BN14 0XB  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03590/LDP

### **Works to the eastern most section of the north paddock boundary wall and**

### **its attached gate pier, to remedy damage caused by a falling tree**

Findon Place Horsham Road BN14 0RF  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03569/LIS

### **Works to the eastern most section of the north paddock boundary wall and its attached gate pier, to remedy damage caused by a falling tree**

Findon Place Horsham Road BN14 0RF  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03568/FUL

### **Conversion of existing attic space to 2 habitable bedrooms & bathroom, including installation of 7 x rooflights to pitched roof and window at first floor gable end**

10 Beech Road Findon BN14 0UN  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03508/LDP

### **Alterations, extension and remodelling of existing residential dwelling, including erection of detached garage building**

The Pigeon House Muntham Farm  
Horsham Road Findon Worthing West  
Sussex BN14 0RQ  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03481/HOUS

### **External alterations and log burner with external flue**

10 Beech Road Findon BN14 0UN  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/0 3439/HOUS

### **Removal of existing balcony balustrade and replacement with pitched roof in keeping with main house, erection of a single storey flat roof infill extension, hip to gable roof alteration, and proposed new door, windows and rooflights to rear elevation.**

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## ‘In the Heights’ - review

Musical films that border the line between film excellence and faithful adaptations are hard to come by, some do not even fit both criteria. This year we seem to have been blessed with three highly-anticipated musical films, this film, the remake of West Side Story being released in December, and La La Land writer’s Dear Evan Hansen. In the Heights is an adaptation of smash-hit Hamilton’s creator Lin-Manuel Miranda’s epic musical that is a staple in contemporary musical theatre. Anthony Ramos stars in the film adaptation as Usnavi, an owner of a bodega in Washington Heights, wanting to sell up and move back to his childhood home in the Dominican Republic. It even got a West-End transfer I was fortunate enough to see when I was a budding musical theatre student trying to sing Cabaret in my spare time.

In the Heights is an excellent translation from the Broadway-style bringing eccentricity and a sense of grandeur to the cinematic language that demands a more intimate look at the character’s emotions and interactions. The cinematography by Alice Brooks is exciting and colourful, but really knows when it is appropriate to let a moment breathe. The use of colour and texture in the set design oozes the spirit of the community, celebrating Latin-American culture, traditions, and heritage. The actors understand this spirit and explode in vitality and joy that enraptures you. Whilst the cast lacks in household names, it more than

## Directed by Jon M. Chu

makes up for it in the talent. Everyone in this film performed their heart out, and it shows.

The changes they made from the musical make sense to keep the flow of the film, unlike most musical films that ignore the source material’s interval and hope the audience does not notice the awkward pause where there should be a safety curtain. They made a key decision to add in scenes about Sonny (Usnavi’s young cousin), not being able to go to college because he is the son of an undocumented immigrant. Whilst additions like these can sometimes scream as audience pandering or as a way to make the film less song heavy, these scenes added to the overall embedded subtext of gentrification and a community that is not respected. This film does not shy away from the economic struggles Latin-Americans face, but still strives to show how wonderful a world this eroding community is, and the importance of chosen and biological family.

In the Heights is still in select cinemas.

*Carrie Morrison*, Your local film nerd



## Findon Village Hall Status update

The big news this month is, of course, the relaxation of regulations on activities within the hall. The Trust committee have consulted the current regular users and discussed the feedback and our options. Both the users and the committee are keen to move forward but to be cautious.

We have decided that it makes sense for the individual groups to consider their specific activities in terms of aerosol generation, social distancing etc. and to use their own, activity specific, risk assessments in order to specify the maximum number of people admitted to their sessions. We will continue to expect risk assessments to be in place.

We are maintaining the current requirement for covid cleaning between sessions but reducing the bureaucracy that went with it. All the other measures, such as masks, the one way system, hand sanitising, ventilation etc. we recommend are continued and the signage will remain. However, we recognise that the individual groups are free to exercise their own discretion over these matters.

Clearly, we will also be able to accept some new bookings and, perhaps, resume some more of the established regulars who have not been able to return until now. The limits on numbers for these bookings will also be relaxed. We very much hope that more people will be able to enjoy the hall's facilities more often!

Other news includes the fact that Apex Roofing have completed the roof repairs and made a beautiful job of it. We appreciate their generosity very much.

The new website is progressing a little more slowly than hoped but we will get there – all ideas for things you would like to see on the website welcome (and anyone with web skills – you know where to find us!). One change from current practice that I should mention is that, rather than publish FVHT minutes on notice boards inside and outside the hall, in future, they will appear (and be archived) on the website.

Take care and let's hope we will be seeing more and more of each other in the hall in months to come

*Roger Stone*

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# Village Hall Diary August 2021

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From July 19<sup>th</sup> 2021 government restrictions have been lifted so organisers of our regular activities will be making their own decisions about class sizes and their expectations of participants. Precautionary sanitising and cleaning measures will still be in place. Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes– their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.com](http://www.findonvillagehall.com)

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	9.30am & 10.30am
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Findon Village WI	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	14.00pm – 17.00pm
Bead Magicians	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	10am – 3pm
Meditation	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	19.30pm

## Future Events

**Sunday August 22nd** – Summer BBQ - further details to come on the village hall website and Facebook page

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021** - Film Nights resume and then monthly on Friday evenings until March 2022

Village Hall Coffee Morning – postponed to the Autumn

These activities have confirmed their restart dates as follows:

Lambstails –	September – date TBC
Tastevin –	2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Findon Garden Association –	24 <sup>th</sup> September
Art Class –	25 <sup>th</sup> September
Light Lunch –	28 <sup>th</sup> September
Messy Church -	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October

Further information will be provided on dates for the following activities on the village hall website and in future editions of the Findon News when available:

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at <b>Patching</b> Worship and Praise at Findon
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at <b>Clapham</b> Said Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at Findon Patronal Festival at <b>Clapham</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at <b>Patching</b> Said Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Said Eucharist at Clapham

June/July Funerals:

28<sup>th</sup> June Winifred Warnes

1<sup>st</sup> July Richard Currer-Briggs; 14<sup>th</sup> July Margot Scopes;

16<sup>th</sup> ashes of Ernest and Violet Field at Clapham

*Helena and Colin wish everyone a safe and  
healthy summer holiday (if you are able to get away!)*



*Stay well and remember to care for vulnerable neighbours*

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