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Findon, West Sussex  
Including the Church Parish of  
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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## LIGHT UP THE SQUARE

Findon's Christmas lights are switching on  
Sunday 1 December

Celebrate on Pond Green at 5pm  
Sing along with the Findon School Choir  
Enjoy mulled wine and a mince pie and  
Meet Father Christmas and his Elf helper

The Findon News team  
would like to wish all our readers  
**A Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.**  
NB There will be no magazine in January

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## From the Rectory

Well, here we are at the start of another Advent, although the media have been bombarding us with ',,, weeks to go!' messages for what feels like months! I've been counting down the days and weeks too, as our daughter and family are flying in from Australia in mid-December. It will be wonderful to have the grandchildren staying for a month!

Advent is an important time in the Christian calendar, as it gives us time to think and take stock of where we are, in our busy lives. How much time do we allow for our faith to grow? Do we make time for prayer and reading, or is there always 'something more important' to do? Our God, fortunately, is patient; he will wait, and carry on waiting, until such time as each of us is ready to seek him out.

You should all have received a card from the Parish, if you live in one of the Villages, with details of what is happening in our 3 villages over the Christmas period. If you haven't, there are some at the back of each church. I hope to see all of you over the Christmas Tree Festival weekend – 7-8 December – don't forget to vote for your favourite tree. Thanks to all who have been working so hard for this Festival, especially Tessa and Lindy for organising the event and drafting in willing volunteers! Thanks also to the Friends of Findon Church for organising the refreshments for the event. We also

look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of our Carol events. There are donkeys coming to join our procession and singing in all 3 villages again this year. Thanks to the Wyatt family, we are holding a festive evening at Cissbury Barns on 23<sup>rd</sup> December starting the singing around 5.30pm, with refreshments available. Then there are the usual Seasonal Services in our churches too.

Our Diocese has a new Vision for the next 5 years, called the 4 'mores'; as Christians we are invited to become more open in our faith, more converted to Jesus Christ, more generous and more engaged. This vision will extend what has been achieved over the last 5 years as we've learnt more about 'knowing, loving and following' Jesus. Watch this space to find out more(!) and how you can get involved!

Next time I write, we will be in a new year, 2019 seems to have flown by! As we go into 2020, my prayer for us all is that we will have perfect (20/20!) vision for the year ahead, with ideas and plans that we can all contribute to together, to ensure the wonderful community spirit that is in our Parish, our 3 villages, continues to grow and flourish.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas Season, and every blessing for 2020,

Helena

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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
10.0am – 4.00pm**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
11.00am – 4.00pm**



St John the Baptist Church, Findon welcomes you to its seventh Christmas Tree Festival weekend. Come and admire the Christmas trees decorated by local organisations and businesses in this beautiful and ancient church. Enjoy homemade refreshments, purchase crafts, preserves and cakes and try your luck on the adult or children's tombola as well as voting for your favourite tree.

The Festival will close with a short service at 3.45pm on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec  
All welcome.

Admission and parking free –

Donations welcome towards the upkeep of Findon Church

St John the Baptist Church

(on the A24, just south of the Findon Village roundabout, BN14 0RF)

## **Polling Day Thursday 12th December**

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Graham Langford

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**Friday 11th Sept 2020**

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## **Light Lunch @1pm**

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## Findon Village Store News October

We have been busy getting the shop stocked and looking lovely for Christmas. We have the usual essential items but this year our buying team have been working really hard to source some very special items. Here's a taster of some of our Christmas food and drink goodies! Delicious luxury chocolate truffles from London based company Monty Bojangles, gluten-free mince pies, panettone (including a gin and lemon flavoured version!) Cadburys advent calendars, turkish delight, crystallised ginger, Christmas chutney, rhubarb gin liqueur, spiced rum liqueur, mulled fruit gin and toffee vodka. We also have paper chains and a 'make your own' gingerbread house to keep young minds occupied.

If you are stuck for gift ideas (other than the items just mentioned) the 'one for all' gift vouchers are available at the post office counter and can be used in over 130 UK high street stores.

We are very fortunate this year to once again have the beautiful Christmas cards depicting the front of

the shop which Helz Cuppleditch has kindly given her time to design for us, they are available for £1 each or a pack of 10 is £6.

Our professional florist Becky will be creating the beautiful Christmas wreaths this year, assisted by a team of willing and able volunteers! We would be very grateful for any donations of foliage (mainly evergreen please) which can be left at the shop.

The opening hours are as follows over the festive period;

24th December 7am-5pm

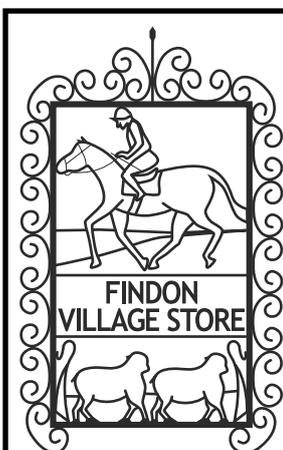
Christmas day-closed

31st December 7am-12 noon

1st January 7am-12 noon.

A kind Findon resident has offered to assist any of our customers who may struggle to get to the shop, especially during the winter months when the weather is bad. Please contact Angus at the shop if you need help in this regard. At the end of a successful year for our village store may I thank everyone involved for their support of this vital village asset, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

Jo O'Dell vice-chair/volunteer



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## Children in Need and the journey of a cake!....

About three weeks ago, whilst walking the dogs in the rain, the wonderful Gay Hibbs suggested we hold an event for Children in Need. She tentatively suggested afternoon tea, where tables and vintage china could be begged or borrowed to give the event a classy look, and before I knew it I was agreeing it would be a great idea! Yes, count me in. In Gay's inimitable style, and hoping to raise £500, posters were printed, tickets deposited at Peckhams, and plans were made to transform her home into a Claridges look alike, Pop up tea room.

In true Findon style, willing hands produced some of the finest fayre imaginable in the very best of tea rooms, served on exquisite bone china, with antique cake forks with crystal jars of Judy's homemade jam, scones and clotted cream. Gill Gostick made her best brownies and Sue Bell her magnificent meringues. Gay Holmes made delicious smoked salmon sandwiches, and Judy Stutchbury arranged a collection of fabulous goodies for a hamper raffle. So the Hibbs household was transformed into a bakery, as Gay began to cook. Oh and so did I...

On the day it was deemed necessary to maintain stocks of Gay's beautiful cakes by dispatching *Maisy Darling* to a carer, and needless to say *Reggie* was locked out of the kitchen. Messrs Hibbs, Holmes and Hollyhomes dressed in their finest black ties and maintained the front of house reception as well as back of house washing up room! The ticket price was £10 and for this a selection of savouries, beautiful cakes, scones with clotted cream, and pots of tea were available in abundance. So much so that cakes were sold at the end of the afternoon, making extra funds, as people bought a plateful of cakes for the weekend. Nearly £200 was collected on raffle tickets, and a further £50

on glasses of Prosecco. But it didn't end there.

Due to the generosity of those involved in the day, quite a few cakes remained. The journey had only just begun.

Later that evening, cakes were sold at the Findon Village film night, with a tasty morsel available following the wonderful burgers – with cake proceeds offered up to the Village Hall. Those cakes that were left over were frozen so they could later be used in Lambs Tails. Moving along into Sunday morning, there were still some cakes available, and these were purchased after the Sunday service. And with two whole trays of freezable cakes, placed on ice, the rest will be available at the Christmas Tree festival in a couple of weeks time!!

Personally, I can never look a cake in the face again – I am all caked out!!

Grateful thanks to everyone who came along to 23 Convent Gardens on

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and helped to make this such a splendid success. Especially to the wonderful Gay, without whom, none of this could have happened.

Finally, £1020 was raised and forwarded to Children in Need.

Thank you, Ann Hollyhomes





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## The Hall Farm, Rotherfield, Christmas 1851

The party is over, the food and drink consumed. The Mummers have performed. St George has killed the Turkish Knight and the Spanish Doctor has brought him back to life.

Now it's time to get the children home to bed. Ann Moon goes into the kitchen to light her lantern. (Ann is a 39 year old widow with four children from Treblers, the farm next door.) The host, Elizabeth Allcorn, says that her son Fred will see Ann home. (Fred is a 33 year old bachelor only interested in the farm and his prize Sussex cattle.) He has no choice but to agree.

'Just let me get my boots on and light my lantern'.

They go out the back door and pass the cattle sheds. Several pairs of yellow eyes are picked out by the lights. The youngest child, Lizz speaks up.

'Mr Allcorn is it true that the oxen pray to baby Jesus at midnight on Christmas eve?'

'Well I'm usually in bed by then unless I go to midnight mass'. He thought quickly. 'One thing I do know is that they are always practising.'

He kicked the wooden food trough with his boot and called out to the bullocks. One by one the dark red Sussex cattle rose to their feet. (Horses get up with their front legs straight, but cows get up on their elbows first. In this position they look as if they are praying.)

'Oh look at that', cried out the younger girls.

'But that is what they always ..' said their elder brother. Ann put a hand on his arm and stopped him.



'Yes, they are always practising' she said. 'Here George take my lantern for the girls, I can see by Mr Allcorn's'. Then she stumbled and clutched at Fred's sleeve. Only she knew whether it was by accident or design.

'Here, you had better take my arm.' said Fred. Which is what she wanted anyway. On the way they talked about stock and crops and all things farming. Which was unusual for Fred as he was shy with women.

When they reached Treblers, Fred was wondering how to say goodbye. Ann solved this by leaning forward and giving him a peck on the cheek. 'Thanks for a lovely evening'. Then she was gone. Fred's heart was beating a lot faster. How could a little kiss do that? Something had happened, but he could not figure out what. Anyway, he had agreed to look at her barley in the new year.

Ann married Fred 1<sup>st</sup> September 1852 and a little Fred, my great grandfather, arrived in January 1853. They should have known better at their age, surely.

(Frederick) Norman Allcorn

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## The Bells' Return

Our two ancient bells complete with smart new headstocks were returned to the church from the bellhangers on Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>. The event had been eagerly awaited by our bellringers who are looking forward to ringing the bells, especially the newly restored pair, at Findon once more.

Once again we are indebted to Richard Kennard of Puckamuck for the loan of his tractor and driver. It turned out to be much easier to transport the the bells from the lorry to the lychgate than the other way round.

The next task was to get the bells up the church path which according to many parishioners gets steeper each week. Luckily our four volunteer bellringers from Angmering were standing by to assist although they were somewhat disappointed when they realised that no



mechanisation was involved only man power. It was a surprise therefore to see how quickly they got the job done. Several villagers took advantage of the opportunity to view the bells while they were

still on the ground.

The final challenge was to raise the bells back up into their places in the tower. Firstly the wheels which had also been refurbished were hoisted up into the tower, the clappers followed and finally it was the turn of the bells. A vast length of chain was lowered into the ringing chamber, the first bell was attached and slowly the bell was winched up inch by inch. Once the bell

was in position in the tower the second bell made its ascent. Richard Bell was on hand once again to record the occasion.

We are very grateful to our four bellringing volunteers who worked with good humour in very cold conditions, only appearing infrequently for a hot drink to thaw themselves out.



Our thanks also go to those who have helped with the cost of the work, The Friends of the Church who have donated £5000, the bellringers who raised over £3,000 and four charities who have awarded us grants, Church Care, The Sharpe Collection Trust, Sussex Churches Bell Restoration Fund and The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

It has been a long process starting in 2017 and so we are all delighted to have our wonderful ancient bells back home.

Tessa McCormick



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## Messy Church

At the end of 2019, and looking back over the year, our numbers have remained fairly stable with about twenty plus children (mainly aged between 5-11 years), plus the adults who have accompanied them, attending each session. We have covered many stories from the bible and made craft items related to those stories. When the children arrive after school they have a welcome biscuit and a drink and then they get stuck into the activities which usually includes a food related task, which they can eat later, and working with materials as diverse as clay, beads, card, papier mâché, stones, yarns, fabrics, etc. They are always keen and hardworking. Following the craft session we have a short service of story, song and prayer. We find the children very well informed and eager to participate. The afternoon ends with a shared meal and we are very grateful to our cooks for the fabulous food they have provided every month. In addition it has become the tradition to have a mini Messy Church on Good Friday, with hot cross buns, before we carry the cross along the High Street to Pond Green for a short service.



There will be no Messy Church in January but we're back on **4th February**, as usual on the first Tuesday of the month. All children accompanied by an adult are very welcome.



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## Live Nativity

Tuesday 17th December

Leaving Findon Village Hall at 6.15pm

Walking along the High Street  
to the Gun Inn

with donkey(s) and sheep



We would like people to dress up  
as Angels and Shepherds

# Findon Village Hall Trust Chairman's Report 2018/2019

January 2019. Chairman Angus Watts resigned. He reported that the building fund was exhausted, and work had ceased. New Chairman- Judith Davies was voted in as new Chairman by the Committee.

As no paperwork was handed over by previous Chair, I felt it necessary to understand the situation fully. I obtained:-

- \*Breakdown of Building costs.
- \* Copies of original supplier invoices obtained
- \*Meeting with Builders and Suppliers
- \*Survey of the existing building and extension, including existing hall floor.

## Plan of Action

As finances were low, it was vital that the existing hall must be brought up to an acceptable standard, so we could continue to let the Hall to regular organisations, and occasional hires.

As the existing Hall floor was found to be sound, and did not require a complete replacement. Three quotes were obtained, to extend the existing maple flooring. To finance this we accepted loans from local residents. This work was complete in March, and a full clean up, made the Hall attractive to prospective hirers once more.

Outside the building site was fenced off, the damaged lawn levelled and seeded by volunteers. Planters were donated, and flower beds planted.

## Finance

With the erratic closures the Hall suffered during the latter half of 2018, revenue suffered.

A budget review took place, which resulted in a price increase implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. A meeting with the Events Team to increase fund raising took place.

September 2019 – Revised terms with cleanings, resulting in a 50% decrease in charges

Revised Terms & Conditions of Hire -

## New Extension

Working with Findon Parish Council, we have an application with ACRES to raise the funds to complete this project.

The extension is approximately 85% complete. Quotations to complete the work have been obtained, and agreed with the Parish Council. A grant from AIRS will pay for 50% of the cost of fitting the new kitchen and flooring when the time comes.

Grant applications to several organisations are ongoing

The exterior paving will be financed by selling memorial paving slabs, which will pay for both the slabs and fitting costs.

Fund Raising has increased with the following events planned:

6 Film Nights

Dog Show

Oktoberfest

1950'2 Christmas in Findon

Lamb 2 Loom

Themed Quiz Night

Combined fundraiser with the Church -  
"Findon's Got Talent"

Our Events Team have gained a great deal of experience over the last few years, and we now have a very professional approach to our events, resulting in raised profits at our events.

## Conclusions

The Village Hall is once again fully operational.

We continue to work with the Parish Council and other organisations to raise the funds to complete the building project

On completion of the extension, we intend conducting a full marketing campaign to attract prospective hires.

Opening the new facility will increase overheads by an estimated 25%; however increase in revenue is estimated at 50% of existing income.

## Management Committee Officers

Judith Davies Chairman from January 2019.

Previous Chairman Angus Watts

Phil Clarke Treasurer

Christina Bedford Secretary from June 2019.

Previous Secretary David Gear

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

Last month we had a problem with a mole. He burrowed under our lawns, under paving stones and ended up further down into the horses' paddock. But the mole has not caused us any more problems since we put solar vibrating posts down the holes.

We think he has gone. We now need our paving stones all re-laid as they are all loose and wobble up and down when you walk on them. A builder is coming in to make them safe again. Do moles hibernate I wonder? Will he be back? Thank you for your suggestions how to make Moles go away such as mothballs etc...

Thank goodness November is over. The fireworks went on night after night upsetting our poor animals. Although we only had two hedgehogs brought in this year. Hopefully next year people will be able to buy the silent fireworks they now buy in other countries. We had so many reports from neighbours and local people in the village of the misery the fireworks caused dogs and cats each night.

With all the rain we have had so much mud we went to the Findon Garden Centre and bought giant bags of woodchips and spread it over the mud. It has solved the problem for now. The hens hate the rain, so we had the runs covered so they can stay dry for the winter.

We have had so many guinea-pigs arriving and we are kept so busy cleaning them out and feeding them every day.

We also have a lot of elderly cats needing homes, as usual.

from Stacey.

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### Love in a Box, Shoebox Appeal 2019

Hilary Langford

Once again, this year there has been a magnificent response to the Love in a Box appeal; shoeboxes filled with small gifts for children in Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. Over 120 have been filled and donated and each will ultimately be received by a child, who will even treasure the shoebox itself. Very many thanks again for your response to the appeal and hope you've enjoyed filling your box and will participate again in 2020.



If you would like to know more please call me on 872324.

## Findon Village Pre School News

As you can imagine this time of year is a very exciting time in the Preschool what with Halloween, Fireworks and now moving on to Christmas it is all go go go!!

Over the Halloween period the children's curiosity was sparked when we put an array of different types of pumpkins, squashes and Gourds around the Preschool. The children were looking at them through magnifying glasses and drawing and decorating on them. They found out about how they grow by looking at information books. It also inspired them to use their creative skills to paint some lovely pumpkin interpretations using a variety of media and materials. We read the enormous turnip which the children loved acting out and used different mathematical language for sizing such as heavy, light, enormous etc. When one of the Pumpkins fell on the floor and burst open the children were very intrigued to see what was inside so we cut them all open for them to explore the different textures and scents. This helped expand their descriptive language as they used words such as slimy, gooey, seeds, flesh etc. They used their fine motor skills to dig out the seeds and flesh with spoons.

Around fireworks the children were very animated about what they had seen and they used their critical thinking skills to recreate a bonfire with our loose parts eg planks of wood, crates branches etc. Some of the children found sticks and things to put on the end and pretended to toast marshmallows around it. We talked about safety and how to be careful around fires. Some of the children used their large physical skills to act out the different firework actions and noises eg crouching

down and jumping up and twirling around as they made loud bang sounds, whiz and whee noises.

Now we are busy practising our Christmas songs for our Nativity Play, we have some old favourites such as "Away in a Manger" and "Santa got stuck up the chimney" but also enjoy learning new ones too. The Preschool as always will be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at the church on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. This year we have asked the children and their families to make their own decoration at home for it. We have seen some lovely creations going on so far! Please do come along to have a look and support, last time we came a close 2<sup>nd</sup>!!

We will end the year on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> with our very festive Christmas party day. This is a fabulous day for the children. Apart from the usual party games and yummy party food we have some special visits from our old favourites..... Nolan the Elf comes to show us his magic tricks and funny jokes, then we have a magical visit from Father Christmas who comes with his own sleigh all the way from the North Pole! If we are lucky, we might also get a visit from Rudolph!

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

We reopen on the Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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# Findon Parish Council Report

The Findon Village Hall Trust has outstanding building work to complete their full update to the Village Hall, in particular to finish the smaller meeting room extension.

Findon Parish Council ( FPC) is working closely with the Trust to gain a Public Works Loan from central government. These funds would allow that work to be completed, creating an excellent and fit for purpose Village Hall for Findon.

In addition FPC has been very active on the planning front, reviewing both individual applications and those continuing discussions around the broader elements of village planning. Acting in its role as a statutory consultee, the FPC submits it's opinion to the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA ), the Planning Authority for all applications in the village. Should you have an interest in any application we would urge you to make your opinion known at the FPC Planning Meetings (details can be found on the FPC website <https://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> ) and also submit your comments on the SDNPA Public Access portal (<https://planningpublicaccess.southdow>

[ns.gov.uk/online-applications/](https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/))

Continuing on with SDNPA, we are delighted to say that following an application from FPC for improvements to the Homewood play area, we have just been awarded an allocation of funding of £31.5k, available for three years, as part of the 2018/19 Community Infrastructure Levy receipt. The Homewood play area is included in the FPC 3 year Strategic Plan, which will be available for your review and comment as part of a public consultation in the New Year.

FPC is in the process of considering it's precept/budget for the 2020/21 financial year. This details those monies required from Arun District Council/central government to fund those works/upkeep/projects required for the village and as such represent part of the council tax levy for residents.

Finally we expect to have the additional defibrillator and external cabinet in place for the New Year, which will provide a valuable resource on Nepcote Green.

Happy Xmas and New Year from Findon Parish Council.

## Findon Parish Council Website

[www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## **Findon Downs WI November**

We met as usual in Findon Village Hall earlier this month and on this day, our AGM was held, resulting in the Committee remaining as well as the President.

After conducting the business of the day, we celebrated our 54th birthday with a birthday cake and chatted over a cup of tea, with some of our members remembering the days when the beautiful framed handmade picture of our village was presented to our Hall many years ago. During the course of the afternoon, the President had the difficult task of informing the members that the time had come for us to close our afternoon group and this

## **Jill Schiller**

time will be in December 2020. If anyone in the Village would like to re-form this WI, bearing in mind a President and Treasurer plus younger members would be required please contact me on 872483 to discuss this idea.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Meeting on the 10th of December at 2.30 pm

Entertainment: Findon School Choir - Carol Singing  
Christmas Tea.

Jill Schiller

President - Findon Downs WI

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## **Findon Village WI November**

Our November meeting was our AGM. All the current committee members are happy to continue and I was voted to remain president for another year. After listening to the financial report and a summary of last year's events Hazel outlined next year's programme. There is a lot to look forward to. We finished the evening with a quiz while enjoying homemade cakes with our tea and coffee

The next coffee morning at Dee Dee's is Thursday 12th December, from 10.30 all welcome.

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## **Paddy Winter**

Our next meeting is a ticketed event - our Christmas dinner, moved to 19th December because of the General Election.

Wishing all members past, present and future a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2020

Paddy Winter - President

Visit our website –

<https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite>  
for the latest information of our various groups or  
email [findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk)

## **'Worship & Praise' Service**

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## Findon Friends of St. Barnabas

Another successful evening of Fund-Raising our Annual 'Fish & Chip & Quiz Evening' at the Village House.

A total of £437.58 was achieved after expenses. (Meal cost & Quiz prizes).

Hearty thanks to Charlotte for selling all the tickets, Maggie for her superb cake, and Richie & Sue for looking after the Table Planning and the Raffle, and of course to Paul and Oliver for providing the Fish & Chips.

Admittedly, only a drop in the ocean of running cost of St. Barnabas Hospice (Over £7,000,000 per annum) but nevertheless a very worthwhile and entertaining event.

Next up - Mince Pie and Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd November.

Please note, we would be very grateful for items for selling on the gift table! And for raffle prizes too!

Thank you to everyone who supported us  
and well done 'Findon Friends of St Barnabas.'

*Mike Solomons*

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## Friends of Findon Church.

### Looking for new volunteers

Dear villagers of Findon,

As we approach the end of the year, it is a time of reflection and also to review our activities and fund raising efforts.

Last year the friends were absolutely delighted to help the Church with a donation of £10,000 which was used as part of the cost of the Stained glass window restoration in the Vestry. The Trustees would like to record their thanks and appreciation to you for your support as members and also for your generosity in helping with our fund raising ideas.

The sterling work and help by the Trustees have contributed and enabled the Friends to have another very successful year and once again a donation of £5,000 will be made as part of the project to re-furbish the Church Bells.

Thanks and appreciation to our current trustees, but we are aware that our constitution states that the Executive

Committee shall consist of the Honorary Officers, not less than 3 or more than 8 elected members, plus the 2 church wardens.

Currently we, just, meet the constitution requirement, but definitely feel that 1 or maybe 2 more would be very helpful and in the event of any current members leaving, the need for replacements would be essential.

It would also be so helpful and good to get some new committee members with different and stimulating ideas. If you would like to join us and have an enthusiastic outlook and novel ideas, please contact our secretary,

Mr. Ian Watts :-

E Mail [ianwatts1954@yahoo.com](mailto:ianwatts1954@yahoo.com) or  
Tel 07710 158047.

With thanks and best wishes,

Gerald Hibbs (Chairman of the Friends)  
Tel 01903 872563



### Curry Nights -

All welcome

The next Curry Nights at  
**The Tajdar Restaurant**

**Ladies** - Monday 2 December @ 7.00pm

**Please note** there is no ladies curry night in January so we meet as usual Monday 2nd December and then Monday 3rd February.

**Men - Please note** there is no men's curry night in December  
Next curry night is  
Thursday 31 January @ 7.15pm

### 50 years in the Village Shop

Julian Harwood was presented with a Brighton Football club shirt for completing 50 years service at the Post office.

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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://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 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:

### Single storey side extension with pitched roof

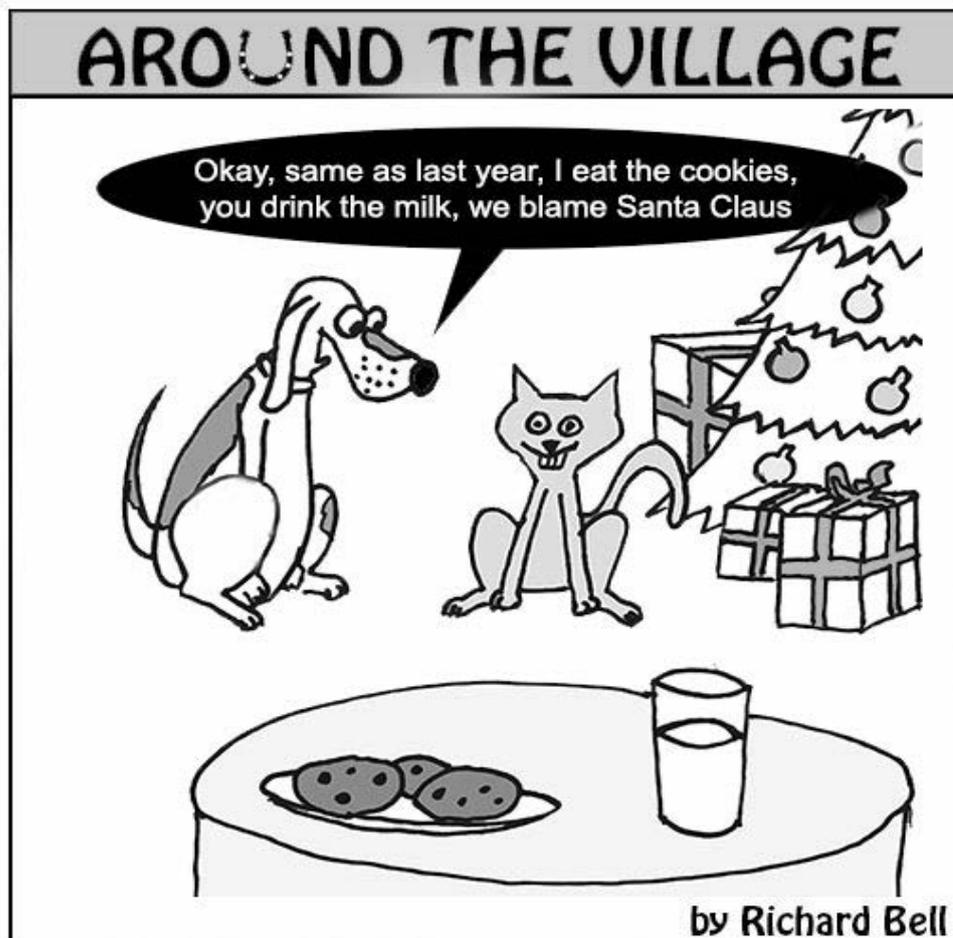
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Ref. No: SDNP/19/05184/HOUS

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Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	8.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	BCP Communion at Patching Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church Closing Worship for Christmas Tree Festival and Re-commissioning of Church Bells
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 3.00pm	BCP Holy Communion at Findon Church Family Communion at Findon Church Sung Eucharist at Patching Church Nine Lessons and Carols at Findon Church
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December Advent 4	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	BCP Communion at Clapham Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church Family Service at Patching Church Carols and Readings at Patching Church
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	10.00am 3.00pm 11.30pm	Eucharist at Findon Church Crib/Christingle Service at Findon Church Midnight Mass at Findon Church
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	08.00am 09.00am	Holy Communion at Findon Church Sung Eucharist at Patching Church
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1	9.30am	Sung Eucharist at Findon Church

**Baptisms – November:** Maximus Dearnley, Reginald Harmshaw-Tarling

**Weddings – November:** David Reece and Helen Cross

**Messy Church** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month . TERM TIME ONLY. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.



**Youth Club** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (TERM TIME ONLY). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Curry Nights** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are  
2<sup>nd</sup> December (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, ladies) at 7.00pm and  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 (last Thursday of the month, men) at 7.30pm.  
(No men's meeting in December and no ladies meeting in January)

**Quiet Time in Findon Church.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (9<sup>th</sup> December) at 6pm.

**Afternoon Plus** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (19<sup>th</sup> December) at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office. (No meeting in August).

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** last Tues of the month. No meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you in January. Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion at Findon Church Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church Worship and Praise Service at Findon Church
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Communion at Patching Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion at Findon Church Family Communion at Findon Church Sung Eucharist at Patching Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Communion at Clapham Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church Family Service at Patching Church

**Weddings** – December: Matthew McLean and Josie Taylor

**Messy Church** No Messy Church this month; we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

**Youth Club** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (TERM TIME ONLY). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Curry Nights** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 4<sup>th</sup> February (1st Monday of the month, ladies) at 7.00pm and 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. (last Thursday of the month, men) at 7.30pm. (No ladies meeting in January)

**Quiet Time in Findon Church.** None in January, we meet again 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm

**Afternoon Plus** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (18<sup>th</sup> January) at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office. (No meeting in August).

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** - last Tuesday of the month. We look forward to seeing you on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

### **Other Celebrations in Findon, Clapham and Patching Villages:**

Sat 30 November	10.00am	Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair, Findon Church
Sat 7 December	10 – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival, Findon Church
Sun 8 December	11 – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival, Findon Church
Mon 16 December	6.15pm	Patching Carols around the Coals
Tues 17 December	6.15pm	Nativity Procession from Findon Vill. Hall to The Gun Inn
Wed 18 December	6.00pm	Carols at Clapham Lodge, then walk to Clapham Church
Sun 22 December	6.00pm	Carols and Seasonal Readings at Patching Church
Mon 23 December	5.30pm	Carols at Cissbury Barns, with refreshments
Sun 5 January 2020	3.00pm	‘Follow the Star’ concert at Clapham Church

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**NB. Booking times quoted are NOT necessarily the event start time**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Carpet Bowls	Monday	14:30
Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday (except 12 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesdays (except 25 <sup>th</sup> )	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday (except 27 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 – 11:30
You Yoga	Tuesday	18:45
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday (except 25 <sup>th</sup> )	19:30
Paracise	Wednesday (except 25 <sup>th</sup> )	14:00
<b>Fortnightly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Circle Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>	19:10
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bead Magicians	17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00
Downs WI	n/a	13:45
Gardens Association	27 <sup>th</sup>	18:30
Messy Church	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15:30
Village WI	19 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Meditation	n/a	19:30
Tastevin	n/a	19:00
Light Lunch	n/a	12:00
200 Club	n/a	18:30
Committee Room		
N/A		
<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
FVHT Xmas Party	14 <sup>th</sup>	19:30

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