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

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Findon Newsagency Announcement

Change of opening hours as from Sunday 26th February 2017
Personal circumstances dictate that we must reduce our trading hours.

We will be open as follows;

7:30am – 5:30pm Monday – Friday

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Unfortunately we will no longer be able to offer the home news delivery service.

We truly apologise for any inconvenience caused...We will still be offering the 'shop-save' service and will be happy to transfer over anyone previously receiving newspaper delivery. If you wish to transfer, then please speak to a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Dave and Gayle

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From the Rectory

The Christmas decorations are put away for another year, shops have Easter eggs on display, and hot cross buns are available all year round, so why does the Church observe different 'seasons' faithfully? Perhaps because it strives to be different... Everyone enjoys 'Christmas' as a time of exchanging gifts and greetings, of eating and drinking with friends and family (sometimes to excess), but how many of us actually stop to think why the celebration exists? Similarly, if you ask many children why we have Easter, they'll say it is so the 'Easter bunny' can bring them chocolate eggs!

The Christian Church remembers and gives thanks for the birth, the life and teaching, and the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These in turn give us the different Church Seasons.

Officially, the new year begins not on January 1st, but on Advent Sunday, as we once again look forward to celebrating the coming of the Son of God among us as a human being and, although the shops have moved on from Christmas, it ends officially at the Feast of Candlemas on 2nd February this year! We then have a few weeks before the Season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves for the greatest Festival of the Christian year, Easter.

This year, we are being encouraged to learn more about the Bible, and during Lent I will be following a study course put together by Chichester Diocese at the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons. We enjoy refreshments together as we chat and share ideas based on the material provided each week. Please let me know if you'd like to join in!

I appreciate that many of you do not worship regularly with us at our churches in the three villages, but I hope you still value the presence of each church as part of each village community.

The Friends of Clapham and Patching have been raising much needed funds to support the maintenance of these ancient buildings for 20 years now, and we have recently started a Friends of St John the Baptist Church in Findon, just waiting now to achieve Charity Status. I hope next month to be able to let you know about the launch event for this charity, and hope you will be encouraged to become a 'friend' too, to help us ensure that Findon Church also will be there for future generations to enjoy, both as a focus for worship and as an important architectural building in this village.

Look out for fun events in the future in Findon and in Clapham and Patching, and join in with the fun!

Every blessing,

Helena

200 Club

Recent £25 winners:

December - 106 (W Jenkins)

January - 157 (C Buque).

Please note that there are 4 numbers still unsold: 9, 140, 150 and 162.

Numbers are £20 each. Interested? Tel: Bob (873963) or Molly (872723).

Next draw – 13th February at 10.30 in Julia's Kitchen.

Findon Parish Council Report

The Finance & Governance Committee have decided that we can no longer sustain a zero increase in precept, as we have done for the last 3 years. Your council have so far absorbed several cost increases, where necessary dipping into reserves, which after the extensive refurbishment of the Wattle House in 2015 have dropped by 50%.

In the coming year we shall have to pay for the cutting of the grass verges in the village with a 40% reduction in the grant from West Sussex County Council (WSSCC), as well as look after the maintenance of Pond Green, which we will have 'bought' from Arun District Council (ADC) and will belong to the village.

The excellent plans by the Traffic, Environment, People (TEP) steering

group for redesigning and resurfacing the village square will mostly be paid for by grants from WSSCC and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA), but some of the consultancy fees will fall to the Parish Council and we have allowed some £14,000 in our budget for this work, mostly from reserves.

The continuing work to improve flooding issues will also require some funding, largely paid for by the Operation Watershed grants from WSSCC, but any shortfall in grants will fall to the Parish Council, and we have allowed £4,000 to cover this need.

Our Volunteer group continue to tidy the pathways and open spaces in the village, and need suitable equipment to help them continue, again we have put aside £1,000 to allow for this.

An increase in precept from £37,000 to £40,000 will mean an extra £3/annum per Band D household next year, which we hope all council tax payers will support as we strive to improve the village in so many ways.

Other News

The Findon Neighbourhood Plan was finally approved and 'made' by the Planning Committee of SDNPA on December 8th, and effectively becomes law so far as future planning decisions are concerned.

Both Simon Moore and John Barnett joined the council earlier in October and December, bringing the council back up to strength.

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Findon Film Nights

Friday 17th February

Eddie the Eagle PG 13

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The council presented a Xmas hamper to Franciszek (Frankie) Kornicki on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Mr Kornicki is probably the last surviving Polish Spitfire pilot from World War 2, and lives in the Willows with his wife Pat, and we are privileged to have such a villager living here. I can recommend his autobiography, a great read, and titled "The Struggle", published by Stratus (ISBN 978-83-89450-80-7 [*available online through Amazon*]). See separate article on page 7.

The council next meets on March 6th, as always the public will be made most welcome.

Findon Village Shop

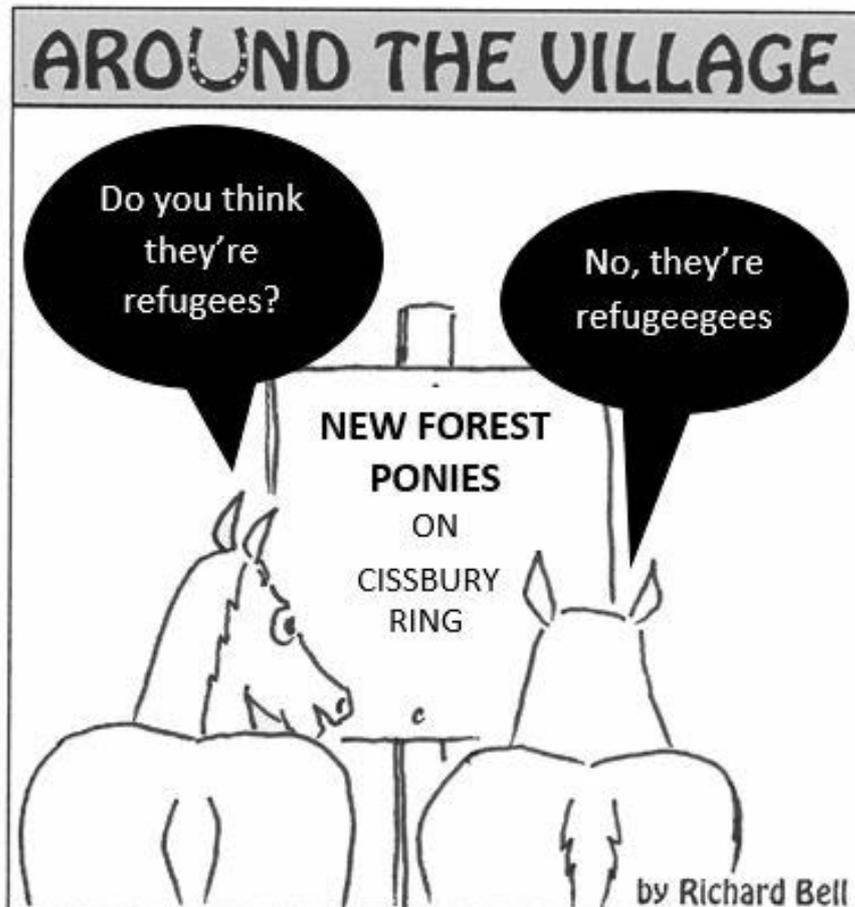
An announcement from Dave & Gayle Stewart (Owners of Findon Newsagency) about the reduction of services being provided is printed on the front page of this edition of Findon News (and posted on the Findon Village Website - www.findonvillage.org).

This is a sad blow for everyone in the village who rely on the delivery of newspapers. This will particularly affect those who will miss receiving their Sunday newspaper (with the shop totally closed on Sundays) or those who have an annual subscription to their favourite newspaper. Also there are many housebound villagers who will no longer be able to have a newspaper delivered without help from neighbours.

The shop and flat above have been 'For Sale' for some time, and we must earnestly hope that a buyer is soon found so that 'business as usual' can be restored.

We also hope that an enterprising business or villager might see an opportunity to provide a newspaper delivery when the village shop stops providing this service at the end of February.

Peter Goldsworthy
Chairman, FPC



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“100 and not out”

Findon resident Franciszek (known as Frank) Kornicki celebrated his 100th birthday on December 18th.

Born at Wereszyn in Poland, Frank went on to become a fighter pilot serving the Polish Air Force in Poland, France and Britain during the Second World War. Later Frank went on to serve in the Royal Air Force.

During the war Frank flew both Hurricanes and Spitfires (as well as other aircraft). At the age of 26 in February 1943, he became the youngest squadron commander in the Polish Air Force when he took command of the 308 Polish Fighter Squadron.

For his wartime service, he was awarded the Silver Cross of the Virtuti Militari and the Cross of Valour.

Frank married Patience Williams in 1948 and they began a career as hotel managers for Symonds Brewery. In 1951, responding to an appeal by the RAF he was commissioned as a Flight Lieutenant and resumed flying.

One of the aircraft he flew, a Spitfire, is still flying in the colours of 317 Squadron. At the age of 93 in September 2010 Frank was reunited with his old aircraft at RAF Northolt on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Frank and Patience enjoy living in Findon, a village they found by accident.



Findon Parish Councillors Del Henty (left) and Peter Kirk (Right) congratulate Frank Kornicki on reaching “100 not out”

Looking for a property in High Salvington, a diversion sent them to Findon, and they haven't looked back.

Published in 2008 Frank's book, “The Struggle” is a very readable account of his interesting life. The book is available online from Amazon.

To mark Frank's birthday he received a visit from two Findon Parish Councillors (as pictured above) as well as the Polish Ambassador.

Frank requested that the following message be passed on to the residents of Findon;

“To all the kind people of Findon who noticed my score of 100 and not out, I say most sincerely thank you very much”.

Further information about Frank can be found on Wikipedia - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franciszek_Kornicki

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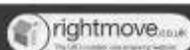


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News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

It is amazing how many emails we get a day from pet owners asking if we can take their cats, rabbits, or guinea-pigs - and recently, two turtles and a snake. Luckily we have telephone numbers for local Reptile Rescues.

At present all our guinea-pig cages and rabbit pens are full, and both catteries are bursting at the seams.

We find homes very quickly for the cats because we have many visitors every Sunday afternoons reserving cats. We prefer the cats go to peaceful homes without other cats, dogs or very young children. A lot of the cats are here having been bullied by other cats, who have been neglected, and elderly cats or strays. All needing loving homes.

We have never had this many Guinea-pigs and Rabbits. However, we do not rehome any Rabbits or Guinea-pigs during the cold weather unless they are going to be living inside.

Our volunteers often have favourites and offer to take Guinea-pigs, Rabbits or cats home to look after them. We know they probably won't be coming back again, but at least we know they have gone to a good home.

We had to break the ice on the horse trough and the hens water containers during the cold January mornings. Roll on Summer.

Stacey

Findon Friends of St. Barnabas House

Our Christmas 'Coffee and Mince Pies' morning, held on the last weekend of November 2016, was a great success with £610.00 being raised for the Hospice.

Our next event is the very popular 'Curry and Auction' evening which will be on **Tuesday 7th March** at the Tajdar Restaurant, in the village. As usual, numbers will be limited to 44 people, so, if you wish to go - please do book early!

Tickets will be £16.00 each - available from Monday 1st February - from Mike 877255 or Richie 877930.

We have another 'Fish & Chips & Quiz' evening planned for April in the Village House! Date is still to be confirmed. Watch this space!

Mike Solomons

Sweet Chestnut Blight

This disease is being highlighted by the Forestry Commission following recent outbreaks around the country.

Tree and woodland owners, plant traders and tree professionals should inspect their sweet chestnut trees frequently and report any suspicious symptoms to the Commission at www.forestry.gov.uk/treealert
In the case of plants moving in trade, to APHA's Plant Health & Seeds

Inspectorate (PHSI) - 01904 405138 or by email to planthealth.info@apha.gsi.gov.uk

Chestnut blight does not pose any risk to humans or livestock, and is only known to seriously affect sweet chestnut (*Castanea*) species.

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Tuesday 28 February

3.30-5.00pm

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A Gardener's View

Happy new year everybody! I hope you all had a lovely festive season, however as far as new year is concerned it's not something I feel overly excited about or celebrate. To me it is just another cold damp dark January day.

But before I come across too glum, on February 1st we celebrate Imbloc in our household. Imbloc is a pagan festival that celebrates the journey into spring and the lengthening of days.

What does this have to do with gardening? Well just about everything! As we pull ourselves out from the dark we can stop just thinking about gardening and now act!

Jobs such as removing leaves from Hellebores to showcase the flowers, a final prune of Wisteria, a turning over of soil and removal of old garden debris that has been collecting over winter. You may well see a few early flowering spring bulbs and primroses.

In the greenhouse you can sow onions and start off some sweet peas if you forgot to do so in autumn.

Prune trees and shrubs that are deciduous but be careful not to prune any that will flower in spring. If it flowers before June DO NOT prune!

This may all seem very optimistic and the garden could well be under a foot of snow by the time you read this, but optimism is good when you're a gardener ...optimism and patience.

If you're looking for a spot of inspiration for the months to come I shall be talking on Friday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Findon Village Hall on behalf of the Findon Village Garden Association. I'll be talking about the trials and tribulations of instant gardening. I look forward to it and hope to see many of you down there.

Happy gardening and happy Imbloc!

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Veterinary Advice

With Valentine's Day coming I thought I'd make the tenuous link to hearts by covering heart disease in cats and dogs this month.

It is estimated that heart problems can affect up to 10% of dogs and cats in the UK. Some heart diseases may be present when the animal is born, but the majority develop in adulthood.

As in humans heart disease is any condition of the heart (or great blood vessels) which affects the way the heart works and affects the transportation of oxygen around the body. Congestive heart failure occurs when a diseased heart begins to lose its ability to pump enough blood to meet the needs of the body.

What to look out for:

Coughing, breathing difficulty or breathlessness, Reduced energy levels

and inability to exercise, Cyanosis (where the gums become blue in colour), Collapse or hind limb weakness, Ascites (fluid build-up in the abdomen).

Some heart diseases are mild and cause no symptoms during the animals lifetime.

Common types of acquired heart disease:

Degenerative Mitral Valve Disease (DMVD) is by far the most common acquired heart disease in dogs. This can affect any breed but is more commonly seen in the smaller dogs. The problem arises when the Mitral valve in the heart degenerates and changes shape over time. This valve becomes leaky and causes a heart murmur which can be heard when the heart beats. This sound may be detected by the vet at a routine examination and can be the first indication of a problem. ►

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Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is the most common acquired form of heart disease in cats. With this disease the heart muscle becomes thickened and prevents the heart relaxing, filling and pumping properly.

Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM), can be seen in both dogs and cats, although is more common in the dog. This is another disease of the heart muscle which results in thinning of the heart wall, and weakened pumping ability. DCM can be responsible for collapse and sudden death, especially in certain breeds such as the Dobermann Pinscher.

Congenital Heart Diseases (those present from birth) are seen less often, but may include malformations of valves or a failure of the closure of a blood vessel after birth.

How is heart disease diagnosed?

Often we hear a heart murmur at a routine visit and depending on the clinical signs we may advise the heart be investigated. Other times an animal may be distressed and we need to perform tests to identify the cause and rule in (or out) heart disease. These tests include X-rays, blood tests (to ensure there is no underlying reason making the heart work harder), blood pressure monitoring, electrocardiography (ECG- measuring the electrical activity within the heart) and Echocardiography (a form of ultrasound scanning).

The treatment options for heart disease very much depend on the diagnosis. The majority of acquired heart diseases are managed easily and effectively with medication, which will help to give a good quality of life for those animals with chronic heart disease.

Some congenital heart defects such as Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA) can be cured completely with 'keyhole' heart

surgery.

If you are concerned that your pet is showing signs that may indicate a heart problem then make an appointment with the vet.

As your pet ages routine blood tests and blood pressure checks at the nurse clinic are a great idea so that anything abnormal can be referred to the vet and dealt with before they cause a problem. All advice at our nurse clinics are free! Nails clips and microchipping are done at a reduced fee, and Nurse Clinics are also less hectic than a surgery appointment. So take advantage of their knowledge and feel free to ask them about any concerns about weight, diet, flea/worm treatment, medications etc etc!

Tania Parsons BVSc MRCVS
Crossways Veterinary Group

The Cinnamon Trust

Retired and living alone with your cat or dog? Often elderly folk don't think about leaving instructions for their pets should something terrible happen.

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You must safeguard your pets futures. If you register with national charity The Cinnamon Trust they will foster your pet if you went into hospital, or take care of you pet for the rest of your cat or dogs life if you die.

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The housing order is enforceable by trading standards; if anyone sees any keepers of poultry not housing their birds please contact West Sussex County Council without delay as their actions could pose a risk to other poultry.

Guidance on the housing order:

Feed your birds in an area where wild birds are not able to access the feed.

If your housed area is not large enough, deny access to wild birds by netting the area.

If your hens are inside, make sure you occupy the birds by giving them

something to peck and play with like a straw bale or cardboard.

Be sensible: If you have contact with other birds change your clothes and disinfect your footwear thoroughly.

Keep visitors to the birds at an absolute minimum.

Ensure you are on top of rodent control

Disinfectant foot baths with the correct concentration should be available and kept in suitable and lidded containers at suitable locations - site entrances and entry to poultry areas.

Under EU legislation birds that are compulsory housed under a Government Order can continue to be marketed as "free range" for a period of up to 12 weeks - this currently stands as 1 March 2017. From this date, if birds are still required to be housed then eggs and poultry meat cannot be sold as free range.

The Defra leaflet How to keep your birds safe from avian influenza (bird flu) can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

Rummage Sale

Findon Village Hall

Saturday, 18th February 2017

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Any items to be donated may be left outside the front entrance by 08.30am on the day.

Items in good condition such as books, clothing, handbags, shoes, children's items, ornaments, linen.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept electrical items or heavy machines of any kind.

This is a fund raising event for Findon Downs WI – we are a charity and your support will be very much appreciated.

NEXT MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 7 February & 7 March

(1st Tuesday of month - term-time)

3.30pm - 5.45pm, Findon Village Hall



All children and their grown-ups welcome, with a donation towards costs.

Findon Downs WI

The speaker at our January meeting was Tony Voice, recalling his stories of a retained firefighter.

Tony served 25 years at the Findon Fire station - now no longer. Among the many fires he attended was a barn fire at Patching, Warnes Hotel Worthing, Uppark House, and a fire at the Village School in 1992, which the team reached within 3 minutes!! In addition their role included pumping out flood water (on the By-Pass) and even incidents as far away as Billingshurst. They rescued two men from the top of a Telegraph Pole at Parham Gliding Club who were caught coming in too low to land. Attending Road Traffic Accidents was another aspect of their work; a fatal one on the By-Pass was particularly distressing. On

a lighter side the team involved themselves in many village activities. Taking their engine to village fetes was always an attraction (especially for the children), the Firemen performing their "Morris Men" routine, and taking part in the Old Time Music Halls. All of this was while Tony looked after his customers in Blackwell's the Butchers shop. Thank you Tony for a delightful afternoon.

Next meeting – Tuesday 14th February 2.30pm Findon Village Hall.

Speaker: Dylan Durant – "talk and tales of a chiropodist"

Exhibition: a snowdrop. Raffle.

On Saturday 18th February 10-11.30am we are holding a "Rummage Sale" with coffee etc., in aid of W.I. Funds.

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Findon Village WI

Our first meeting of the new year happened to fall on the evening of the first snowfall of the year!!! some very brave ladies ploughed their way along to the village hall where we held our fun auction which turned out to be a really good one.

The next meeting is Thursday 9th Feb and is "Colour me Gorgeous" with Michaela Wynne-Jones, The competition is a colourful picture or photo.

All welcome to join us.

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Findon's First Live Nativity

With two donkeys from East Clayton Farm, Washington, two sheep from the Nephote Flock, and a number of people dressed up as shepherds, we assembled in the Village Hall Car Park waiting to see how the first Nativity procession would develop.

Over 200 people joined the procession led by the Rev Helena Buque with Mary and Joseph and the donkey's not far behind.

The stewards did a grand job as the procession walked along the High Street before it stopped at the door of the Gun inn to ask if there was any room in the

Inn. Mary and Joseph were told no, but that they could go around to the stable at the back.

With the animals penned at one end of the stable, carol singing was led at the other end by Helena. Mulled wine and hot chocolate was supplied by the Gun Inn. A collection was taken and split between the East Clayton farm charity and the Worthing churches for the homeless.

A Big thank you to everybody who helped with this event

We would like to organise a procession again in Dec 2017

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Findon Village resident Dr David Dunkin has kindly submitted a series of articles on Archaeology relating to our local area.

The articles summarise the main points from a series of walks he made with fellow Findon residents last year. A further expedition is planned for 2017!

Born in Horsham, David has lived in Findon for over 30 years with his wife Frances. David resigned from an earlier career in Social Care to study Archaeology at University College London where he attained a BA (Hons). He later went on to complete his studies with a MA at Reading and gained his PhD in 2012.

David's studies have made him a specialist researcher in the British Bronze Age. His current research project (with colleague, and fellow Findon resident, Dr David Yates) is on the positioning of Bronze Age metalwork in the landscape.

Archaeology of the Findon Area

by Dr David Dunkin

Part 1: The Transition from Hunter Gatherer to Farmer

Findon is very fortunate to have such a wealth of archaeology on its doorstep. Evidence for the story of the transition from a hunter-gatherer society to a settled agricultural one was played out right here about 6,000 years ago.

Following the end of the last ice-age (about 10,000 years ago) small family groups of semi-nomadic and mobile hunter-gatherers moved around the landscape.

Family groups would have operated in a relatively unmodified landscape characterised by the 'wild wood' - the period known as the 'Mesolithic'.

The downland areas surrounding Findon would have contained greater depths of soil underlying this thick forest cover. Through this a series of trackways (now long gone) would have existed, which connected settlements and hunting areas.

The houses at this time were of an ephemeral nature and have left little archaeological trace, therefore little structural remains of where they lived can be found. . However, in their settlement and activity areas,

archaeologists do find (in some profusion) are very distinctive portable flint tool-kits made from very small points and cutting edge pieces (microliths). These small skilfully modified pieces of flint were hafted onto wooden handles and poles, using tree sap or resin, and primarily used as cutting and thrusting tools. These were ideally suited to hunting in a woodland environment, where stealth was a crucial attribute. In West Sussex (near Graffham) bluebell sap on the haft of a Mesolithic flint arrowhead has been identified as an adhesive in this context. Arrowheads, scrapers and other small cutting tools and adzes were all part of the Mesolithic tool-kit and this enabled the communities using them to be perfectly adapted to the environment they inhabited. Portability was an important factor.

A great numbers of 'microlithic' tools have been uncovered in the sandy sub-soils of the linear 'Greensand' ridge. This ridge runs parallel to the downland escarpment immediately to the north of Chanctonbury Ring - the southern edge of the Wealden area.



The slightly raised ridge runs through the Washington sand pits and Sullington Heath towards Storrington (to the west), and Buncton (adjacent to the old Roman 'Greensand Way' to the east). It has been identified as a much favoured area for Mesolithic hunter-gatherers.

The reason this habitat was a focus of activity at this time (c. 8,000 - 4,000 BC) is because the topography and sandy soils are usually less densely wooded and provided improved visibility - good opportunities for hunting. Equally important is the fact that the Greensand soils (Lower and Upper) geologically abut the Gault Clay. The contact between these soils produces a spring line, so the proximity of water in this locality provides essential resource for hunter-gatherers and animals alike. From these locations on the 'ridge' hunting forays would have been made south into the downland areas in the vicinity of Findon.

Somewhere around 4,000 BC there is a significant change in the archaeological record in Britain. Hunting and gathering increasingly begins to take on a lesser role as the cultivation of newly introduced crops (e.g. emmer and einkorn wheat, six-row barley) together with the rearing of imported domesticated livestock occurs for the first time - the onset of the farming revolution in Britain. Over time the introduction of farming (and the more settled life-style it brings) has a major impact on the landscape. This first farming period is called the 'Neolithic' and is dated to approximately 4,000 - 2,300 BC. Findon was centre stage for these new developments.

Around 8,000 BC in southern Turkey, northern Syria and Iraq the cultivation of wild grasses led to the establishment of cereal crops (or cultivars), the taming

and rearing of wild goats and the aurochs (wild bovine) resulted in the domestication of sheep and cattle. This region is known as 'the Fertile Crescent'. The spread of 'settled' agriculture took about 4,000 years to cross Europe before it reached our shores at the beginning of the Neolithic period i.e. c. 4,000 BC. These early domesticates must have been brought over by boat. The need to grow crops and rear animals in a farming context requires open space, and so began the first stages of opening up larger areas of the woodland canopy - a trajectory which would change the landscape forever; the flint axe becoming the tool of choice. It is at this time that we see a dramatic change in the character of the flint-tool kit as a more sedentary life-style made portability less of a factor.

Findon lies at the centre of the greatest, earliest and most extensive grouping of early Neolithic flint-mines in the British Isles. The four hills which flank Findon - Cissbury Ring, Church Hill, Blackpatch and Harrow Hill - are 'peppered' with mines and are still seen as substantial depressions today. Their high points on the Upper Chalk reflect that the best quality flint was being sought for this new industry.

A red deer antler tine (a tool used to lever out the flint) came from a gallery in the Church Hill complex was radiocarbon dated to c 4,340 BC. This is the earliest date from a major flint mining complex in Britain and places Findon at the centre of the earliest industrial activity in the country!

Next month, part 2 will look at the evidence from the flint-mines and how the landscape around Findon was changed prior to the construction of the Iron-Age hillfort on Cissbury Ring.

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Findon Planning Applications

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

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates. Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC web site regularly to view notices, and meeting details. Any enquiries should be addressed to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225, email findonparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

Notification of intension to 3No. Lime Trees (1, 2, 3) removal of overhanging branches to numbers 10 and 11 Covent Gardens

2 Summerfields Findon BN14 0TU
Ref. No: SDNP/17/00204/TPO

Notification of intension to trim/remove around 5no saplings - Holly, Sycamore and Ash (1) adjacent to footpath in woodland area. To remove leaning sapling (2) adjacent to footpath close to garages. 1No. Hornbeam (3) reduce and reshape. 1No. Leylandii (4) remove northern most trunk and reduce 3 spidly spegments by 2-3 metres.

Woodland and Footpath Behind Convent Gardens Findon
Ref. No: SDNP/17/00107/TPO

Proposed works to Beech Tree in rear garden: Raise canopy to obtain 2.5m clearance, reduce radial spread by upto 2m, reduce northern stem by 3m height and continue long term weight reduction removing 25% of growth from stem. No branches over 15cm diameter to be removed.

12 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ
Ref. No: SDNP/17/00108/TPO

Alterations to ground floor, first floor and attic space.

The White House Steep Lane Findon
BN14 0UE Ref. No: SDNP/17/00050/PRE

Erection of a detached dwelling alongside existing house

1 Maxwell Cottages Findon Road Findon
BN14 0RA Ref. No: SDNP/16/06280/PRE

Single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof light, designed with materials to match existing. Brick and blockwork wall construction with concrete copings, white painted rendered finish with exposed brickwork around windows and door, uPVC double-glazed windows and door, aluminium profile double-glazed lantern roof light, GRP flat roof finish.

Pebble Cottage 54 High Street Findon
BN14 0SZ Ref. No: SDNP/16/06252/LDP

Non-Material Amendment to Planning Permission SDNP/15/03769/FUL to widen the Proposed Extension.

Sylvan Oak Restaurant The Square Findon
BN14 0TE Ref. No: SDNP/16/06067/NMA

Erection of a New 4 Bedroom Detached House

Highbene Findon Bypass Findon BN14 0TP
Ref. No: SDNP/16/06044/OUT

Planning continued on next page ►

Erection of a Ground Floor Rear Extension.

5 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ Ref. No: SDNP/16/05956/HOUS

Replace existing glazed conservatory roof with light weight insulated tiled roof to match existing main house roof.

3 High Street Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0TA Ref. No: SDNP/16/05890/LDP

Findon School Reunion

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Notices

The Baptism of Oliver Keen took place on Sunday 8th January 2017.

R.I.P: Dorothy Groves on 7th December 2016, Doreen Burden on 9th December 2016, Dorothea Greenhill on 23rd December 2016, Anne Gardner on 3rd January 2017, John Moppett funeral on 24th January 2017 and Mervyn Jones (family from Patching).

Report from the Parochial Church Council

At a meeting on November 22nd, the following matters were reported:

There had been some complimentary feedback about the Remembrance Sunday service.

Some baptism books are to be purchased to give to families.

In view of the closure of "Along the Furlong" magazine, a welcome pack for newcomers will be produced.

PCC supported Rev. Buque's

proposal for a diocesan representative to address us about giving, since the year's finances are likely to be in deficit; this is mainly due to the reduction in income from regular donations via direct debit and collections at services. Sadly, also because of the death of a number of generous benefactors.

Mrs. Gill Gostick has been approved as a Foundation Governor at St. John the Baptist school.

Missing Person Identified

The picture (right) submitted by Valerie Martin was originally included in November's edition of Findon News, but lacked one name.

Following its publication Bob Fell from Ashington informs Findon News that the unidentified lady was Phillis Tugwell who lived in Northview Terrace, Findon.

Bob says that Phillis worked throughout the war for Browns in the greengrocers shop at the bottom of Stable Lane.

The photograph shows a gathering in 1901 outside the original Findon Village Post Office (later to become Wintons). Pictured L to R are: Cissie; Ruth; "Patch" the dog; Phyllis; Winnie; Enid; Sissie; Jack and Eric Terranean; Edna Wilks; **Phillis Tugwell** and Dorothy Terranean.



Thank you Bob for passing on this information.

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Sussex Police Crime Report

Sheep Attacks & Power Tools Being Stolen

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Sheep in a field near to Cissbury Ring have been attacked by a dog. The sheep had their faces ripped off and a pregnant ewe had to be destroyed. The dog was secured and the owner traced.

If you witness anyone walking loose dogs in fields of livestock or see a loose dog in a field of sheep, if possible take a photograph then call Sussex Police on 101 to report the issue and then send the photograph(s) to the police.

Power tools such as chainsaws, strimmer's and hedge cutters seem to be rich pickings. They are easily disposed of at car boot sales etc. Where possible try and leave these items in your house and not in work vans overnight.

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Protect yourself by always checking the email address is exactly the same as the genuine contact. Verify the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work. Check the email for spelling and grammar - errors can indicate that the email is not genuine. Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using payments by credit card or PayPal which offer protection and an avenue for recompense.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

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

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

Light up the Square PLUS

Many thanks again to everyone who supported the 'switch on' back in December – the organising committee were delighted that so many people turned out to enjoy the occasion.

We are already planning this year's event, which is likely to take place on Sunday 3 December. We are investing in new lights, so it should be a brighter

affair, and also contemplating a small Christmas themed Market around the Pond Green area before the big moment when Father Christmas arrives.

If you would be interested in having a stall between 16:00 and 18:00 please call Jan on 07768 863 428 or Corrine on 07882 328 370 for more details. Or email to janmack@hotmail.com

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	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
Sunday 19th Feb	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church
	9.30am	Family Communion, Findon Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Patching Church
Sunday 26th Feb	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham Church
	10.00am	Family Service, Patching Church
Sunday 5th March	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church
	10.00am	Family Service at Village Hall
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church

- ◇ **Light Lunch @ 1** The next Light Lunch @ 1 will be on Tuesday 28th February at Findon Village Hall. Please note that the charge for this is now £5 per person.
- ◇ **Curry Nights** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are:
Thursday 23rd February (Men) and Monday 6 Feb (Ladies) at 7.30pm.
- ◇ **Messy Church** Tuesday 7 February 3.30-5.45pm, Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.
- ◇ **Youth Event** We are joining with All Saints, Findon Valley, for pizza and pancakes at the Findon Rectory on Friday 24th February 5pm – 7pm for ages 12+.
- ◇ **Pancake Party** Tuesday 28 February 3.30-5.00pm, Findon Church. Come and join Helena for some Shrove Tuesday pancake fun.
- ◇ **Ash Wednesday** You are invited to the Ash Wednesday Eucharist on 1st March, Findon Church at 7.00pm.
- ◇ **Lent Course** This year's five-week Lent course, to start on Wednesdays 8th March at 2.30pm at The Rectory. (more details to follow)

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Carpet Bowls	Monday	14:30
Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	20:00
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Street Dance	Thursday	15:45
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00
Cissbury Players	Wednesday	20:00

Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	13 th & 27 th	19:10

Monthly	Date	Time
Auction	3 rd	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	21 st	09:00
Rummikub	1 st	15:00
Downs WI	14 th	14:30
Family Church Service	5 th	09:30
Gardens Association	24 th	19:30
Messy Church	7 th	15:30
Village WI	9 th	19:30

Committee Room	Date	Time
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00

Other Events	Date	Time
Art Class	4 th	09:00
Meditation	16 th	19:30
Film Night	17 th	19:00
Quiz & Mexican	4 th March	19:00

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