



# Findon

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Including the Church Parish of  
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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# News

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## Two Dog Attacks on Monday 14th and Sunday 20th January

Two dog attacks have taken place at Soldiers Field next to Convent Gardens on Monday 14th January and Sunday 20th January 2019.

On the Monday 14th one lamb was badly injured and another was so frightened it jumped through the top two bars of the fence and was missing for 36 hours. It was finally cornered in a garden in Nepcote Lane having been seen at the flats near the old Forge.

The second attack happened on Sunday evening 20th January and this time one lamb has died and the badly injured lamb on Monday was attacked again.

We believe the dog(s) could be local and on both occasions would have returned with blood on their fur.

We would like to ask the village for help to find the offending dog(s). Once a dog has attacked a sheep and tasted blood it is inevitable it/they will attack again and

possibly travel further afield. At this time of year it places not only ewes in lamb in danger but also people, especially children.

A farmer, seeing dogs worrying his animals, is legally permitted to shoot and destroy such dogs.

Please help to keep farm animals in local fields safe and also those people enjoying the walks in and around our village by reporting in confidence anything known about these attacks.

Please contact either Gerry on 07763 768428 or Graham on 07753 755889.

Our village has much history relating to sheep farming around the area, so if you can, please help in order that this tradition continues and there are no further incidences

Thank you - Graham Langford

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# HELP!

As you are aware there is a programme of works to extend and improve the Village Hall facility, where the work is well underway and the finishes are now being planned and ordered. The floor finish requires funding and has been costed out at approximately £8,000.

The Village Hall committee are inviting loans from the community and it is intended that these should be in tranches of £500, repayable no later than 31 January 2020 on an interest free basis. Should, for any reason, the Findon Village Hall Trust not be in a position to repay the loan by the said date, then it would be the intention to repay as soon as possible after 31 January 2020, but with interest accruing at 4% from 1 February 2020 to the date of repayment.

Findon Village Hall Trust, remain confident that repayment will be made within the forecast 12-month period.

**Loan Forms can be obtained from: David Gear, Secretary,  
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## From the Rectory (with dates for your diary)

Well, January is over and 2019 is on its way! Many things appear uncertain as I write, not least our political situation, but there is one thing we can all be completely certain of – that God loves and cares for each and every one of us, whether we are aware of his presence or not. Our Bishop, Martin, is encouraging all Christians to consider their personal vocation this year and as a starting point, Baptism cards were given out on our churches on Sunday 13th January. Our baptism, whether as an infant or later in life, is the point where we become members of Christ's family on earth, joined through the Holy Spirit with our brothers and sisters around the globe. It is encouraging that I've had a number of enquiries already this year about having children (and adults) christened. Baptismal promises are then affirmed at a Confirmation Service with prayer and laying on of hands by the Bishop. This year, the Deanery Confirmations will take place on Sunday 30th June in the evening. Do speak to me or Colin if this is something you'd like to explore further.

I wrote a little about vocation in the last edition of Findon News, so won't repeat myself here, but during Lent there is the opportunity to explore your calling and your relationship with Christ through the course designed by the Diocese. I am excited by the material, which includes personal stories from a wide range of people via u-tube about how knowing Jesus impacts on their lives. There will be groups running at the Rectory in

Findon and I'd love to see many of you joining us for this. The more people we have, the more interesting our discussion will be, with differing viewpoints and experience! One group will meet at 7.30pm on Wednesdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) the other on Friday afternoon at 3pm (beginning March 8th), with 5 weekly sessions altogether. If you've not done something like this before, why not give it a try and make some new friends at the same time! Please contact the Parish Office if you're interested, so we have an idea of numbers.

This year is also when every church renews its Electoral Roll. This happens every 6 years and even though your name may be on our current roll, you still need to fill in a new form please. Forms are available at the Rectory or at each of the 3 churches and should be returned to the Rectory or given to a Warden after a Service please. I would encourage you as villagers to join the electoral roll of the Parish as this entitles you to have a say in what happens at our churches. Our annual Church meeting (APCM) will be held in St John the Baptist Church, Findon, on Sunday 16th April straight after our Palm Sunday worship. This is where Churchwardens and PCC members are elected, and it would be wonderful to have some new people coming forward, offering to serve on the Parochial Church Council or as a Churchwarden.

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We are particularly looking for someone willing to take on the duties of Churchwarden at Findon this year. To be eligible, you need to be on the Electoral Roll and a communicant member of the church. Having been a Warden myself (for 7 years!) in another Parish, I can testify to what a rewarding role this is. It does involve a commitment of time, but this can be negotiated! Wardens are also trustees of the church, since it is a registered charity, and trustees of the Friends of that particular church, another charity. In my mind, the most important thing to have is enthusiasm, and preferably some understanding of buildings, since this forms a large part of the Warden's responsibilities – caring for and arranging the maintenance of our ancient and beautiful churches. Another responsibility is looking after the well-being of your Parish Clergy, making sure they don't work too hard!! Wardens

are elected annually, 2 at Findon and one each at Clapham and Patching, and it is helpful (although not essential) if you live in the village. In addition to PCC meetings, I usually meet with wardens about 3 times a year. Please come and talk to me if you'd like to know more about being a Warden, or a PCC member; if you have a vocation. an interest in building work and ancient buildings, this may well be for you!

This month I'm also trialling an idea that came to me in the middle of the night (as the best ones often do!) by offering a meeting place at the Rectory for our 'teens' to meet up for a chat, bringing any questions – big or small - about life. I'll be in the house, with another adult for safeguarding reasons, but it will be their agenda, their 'space' and I'll only take part if they want me to.

Lots of dates for you to note, looking forward to chatting with you!

Every blessing, Helena

## ***My Space***



*A new opportunity for teenagers to meet up  
and chat over refreshments*



*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February*

*5.30pm at Findon Rectory, School Hill*

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## Village Store News

Christmas was a very busy and rewarding time for the shop, thanks in no small part to Becky Fagan's creativity and hard work to make the shop look fabulous and be stocked with great Christmas treats. Thanks very much too to all the volunteers that helped on the Christmas Wreath production line she led and which proved to be very popular. Staff and shop volunteers rose admirably to the challenge of the busiest period of trading since the shop opened.

Also making a significant contribution to the Christmas sales were the Findon Village Store Christmas cards, created by local artist and volunteer, Helen Cuppleditch.

January is traditionally a quiet month which gives us a little time to look to the forthcoming year and start planning for future events, the first of which will be Valentines Day. Once again we will be offering fresh flowers, which we can deliver locally free of charge. You can add chocolates, wine or any other shop item you like.

We are also hoping to start a general delivery service to villagers by using the 'good neighbour scheme'. The scheme is a community initiative operated by volunteers, the aim is to provide a service to the less mobile members of our community. Naturally we will need a small group of volunteers to operate this service, which will involve

## Jo O'Dell, Volunteer/Committee Member

delivering items and dealing with cash payments. It's a role that takes up just a few minutes a week but potentially has a really positive impact for the recipients. Please contact Jo O'Dell if you would like to volunteer as a member of the 'delivery team' [joannaodell@yahoo.com](mailto:joannaodell@yahoo.com) or 07921 999067.

Our newspaper deliveries have now been resumed for 1 year. Some of the previous delivery customers have returned, unfortunately not to the level that we had hoped for to make it a sustainable venture. It costs from just 40p per day to have your newspaper or magazine delivered - well worth the money on those cold winter mornings! Please try to support the shop by using this excellent service.

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**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**

**at 7.00pm**

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This event has always proved to be great fun, with great food and a great evening of socialising and fund-raising!

Because of space, we can only seat 50 guests, so your early application for tickets is advised!

**Tickets will be £17.50 each**

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**and Richie 01903 877930**

Please note, drinks are not included in the ticket price and there are no ticket sales on the evening of the event at the door!

*We look forward to seeing you and your friends there!*

Despite light showers and cool temperature, there were over 70 people who came to enjoy the Coffee and Mince Pie Morning in aid of St. Barnabas, held on Saturday 24th November at Molly Stooks's home, 2 Fox Lea, Findon.

Not only mince pies, but sandwiches, home made sausage rolls and a great variety of home made cakes were also available for guests to consume.

A very successful raffle, a splendid gift table and guess the weight of the cake (made by Maggie Martin) and bottle tombola, resulted in the magnificent sum of £850.00 for the Hospice. Sincere and grateful thanks to Molly for the use of her lovely home and to the wonderful Committee and other friends who generously gave food and time to help make the morning so successful.

Mike Solomons, Chairman,  
Findon Friends of St. Barnabas

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## Letter from Jennifer Wakeford (Mitchell)

*Follow up to the Findon school photo of circa 1945 published in the December edition of Findon News*

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In the December Findon News you enclosed a photo of schoolchildren. I also have this photograph which was taken on "Empire Day" and we were all dressed up in different country clothes etc.

Unfortunately I am on the left hand side but have been cut off the photo, I was an Australian girl.

My brother Colin is also in the photo. He was a knight standing in the back row. In the front row is Anne Knight as Amy Johnson. She moved from Findon when she was 10 years old to Oxfordshire and I am still in touch with her after all these years.

I moved from Findon a year ago due to ill health.

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Findon village preschool has been providing education and childcare to children of the village and surrounding areas for over 40 years.

Our building at present was a café from Bognor seafront. The village people over 35 years ago flat packed it and re assembled it where it sits now behind the village hall .

The building has seen better days although lots of fantastic activities and learning still goes on there!

We are looking to raise funds to refurbish our building making it warmer,

The cost of the build will be about £80,000 we have already raised just over £20,000 and are hoping for support from the local businesses and people from the local area to be able to make our dream a reality bringing the spirit of the community together.

If you feel you could help us with funds or by supplying materials please contact Kim Fessey to find out more on 07762906911.

If you would like to come along to see what we have on offer please contact us.

Kim Fessey

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## The Neglected Rabbit.

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that doesn't let me hop around  
so small, it hurts my back.

Will you think of me tomorrow  
When you go to work or school  
with a lovely lunch packed in your bag  
cos, I get hungry too.

Will you think of me just sometimes  
please? My hutch, it smells so bad.  
I'd love some water in my bowl  
and some hay... I'd be so glad.

Will you think of me when  
the sun shines bright  
and the weather is so hot,  
But, I can't get cool, the heat is cruel,  
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Will you think of me when  
the north wind blows  
and my hutch floor turns to ice,  
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tucked under your quilt so nice.

Will you think of me? Please think of me  
I'm helpless, at your mercy  
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The Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair was held this year in our lovely Parish Church thanks to the kindness of Helena the Vicar. It was a great success and despite the very wet and cold weather everyone had a wonderful time. The results raised were incredible and I was able to send a cheque for £1,250 to the Trust. I received a thank you letter detailing how the money would be spent. This includes a therapeutic veterinary laser to help the elderly pets at the two sanctuaries and a new garden for the cats at Hillside.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day and before in every other way including baking, knitting, sewing and donating. You are all stars! I don't want to single anyone out as everybody did so much

but I feel I must mention Colin the curate. He was so patient and helpful and donated so much of his time especially on the very cold Friday whilst we prepared the Church.

It was a wonderful occasion and I hope we can do something similar next Christmas. The community feel was huge and the fact that so many people and animals will benefit makes it even better.

Well done to all - look out for our next events and if you would like to know more about the Cinnamon Trust please contact me.

Maggie Martin 01903 874173/07544 572702

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## Scam Warning

Findon News has heard from a number of local residents who have recently fallen foul of scam phone calls and have been cajoled into letting fraudulent people know their bank details and gain remote access to their computer.

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You can enter in teams of up to four people or come along on your own and we will team you up.

The event will start at 9.00am with a breakfast, safety briefing, warm-up, and full instructions. The first squad will then kick off at 10.30am. The event, which includes a break for lunch, will run until 3pm.

Registration costs just £125 per player. This price includes all clays, cartridges, personal protective equipment, breakfast rolls on arrival, unlimited tea and coffee, and lunch.

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## IT'S 20 ! (Mph)

Last year a 20mph scheme was introduced into the Village. This was in response to a majority of Villagers asking for it in the early stages of the Findon Neighbourhood planning process. It was also driven by an incident where a mother was "clipped" by a passing vehicle on School Hill.

It seems as if this 20mph limit goes unrecognized or disregarded.

In the last two week my family have two incidents where drivers have failed to adhere to the limit. The first, in the

## Clive Ball

Village Square was a Range Rover who, despite calls to slow down, sped up the Horsham Road, then turned round and came back to rudely demand why they had been shouted at. When I tried to explain why I had called after them I was met by a rude response. They then pointedly sped off.

The second incident was far more serious. On Friday 4th Jan my wife and son were walking down Nephote Lane when an Audi SUV came speeding towards them. My son gestured with his hand for the driver to reduce his speed.

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He did not. My son repeated the action and as the driver went past my son the car's wing mirror hit his hand. The driver then stopped in the middle of the road, got out of his car and started accusing my son of damaging his vehicle, was going to get the police, and started demanding who they were and where did they live. This terrified my wife. My son pointed out that the driver was speeding: "I was doing 30mph" was the reply. My son pointed out he had stopped his car beside a 20mph sign which failed to have any impact. The driver then started to follow my son and wife, taking photos

with an iPad. This went on for 20-30mins. His behaviour was intimidating, threatening and bullying. Other villagers also witnessed this event. It has been reported to the Police and to the Parish Council.

These are just two instances. Using Nepcote Lane daily I frequently witness speeds in excess of 20mph. These are not boy racer drivers. Most tend to be drivers 40 years & upwards, they tend to be in German vehicles (who I swear must have their speedos calibrated to a different standard) and/or SUV type vehicles.

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## 90th Birthday Thanks

I would like to thank all those many friends from the church and village who sent me cards when I celebrated my 90th birthday in December. My family were amazed at how many I had received.

I celebrated with a wonderful Sunday Lunch in the house at Cissbury with my four children, adult grandchildren plus spouses and twelve great grandchildren aged ten to 2½ weeks.

It was a beautiful sunny day, the house was decorated for Christmas, plus tree. We had champagne and canapés in the drawing room and then an excellent lunch, with a wonderful view up to Cissbury Ring, in the sunshine, from the beautifully laid table in the dining room. My great grandchildren had their own specially laid table in the hallway plus a couple of high chairs and a nanny!

My family had organised a photographer so I have a lovely memento of the day.

My late husband Denis & I moved to Findon in 1981 and I would like to take this opportunity to say that we couldn't have chosen anywhere better. We did "B & B", plus dinners sometimes, for over 20 years and both were very involved in the many activities here.

Denis was one of those who looked after the grounds at the Village Hall and together we walked the local footpaths to make sure the farmers had kept them clear. I joined the Village W.I., was on the committee for many year and was Secretary and then President. It is lovely now to just sit back and enjoy our meetings!

Thank you all again.  
Jean Lloyd

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The point of this report is simple; To remind villagers a 20mph speed limit exists and to ask it is adhered to. Drive in a manner that suit the road, that respects and is considerate to other road users (pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists). The Gov.UK website Highway code section states: *“You must not drive faster than the speed limit for the type of road and your type of vehicle. **The speed limit is the absolute maximum - it doesn't mean it's safe to drive at this speed in all conditions..”***

There is also Operation Crackdown operated by Sussex Police that allows residents to report anti social ( eg speeding driving): <http://www.operationcrackdown.org/>. Serial reports concerning the same registration number results in the police contacting the registered owner.

As a final thought I'll leave you with this: A lot of the village does not have pavements, there are equestrians, ramblers, elderly residents going to the Village Shops, dog walkers, children on bikes. What is it going to take to get people to adhere to the limit – a fatality?

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## Light up The Square 2018

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas lights this year - we have had so much positive feedback from Villagers of all ages, which makes the hard work by our committed team of volunteers worthwhile. The Switch On event was very well supported, with the Findon School choir providing a wonderful performance. Our raffle also proved to be very popular and thanks go to everyone who bought tickets for this important fundraiser.

The lights display couldn't happen without Gez Parton of Zebra Property Services, who spends three long days in the cherry picker, mostly in cold and windy conditions - he is a real star. Sincere thanks also go to Southern Cranes and Access Ltd for their generous donation of the cherry picker, particularly so this year when it became necessary to extend our time of use of

the equipment. Further thanks go to Nick in Peckhams Butchers for selling raffle tickets and kindly donating the turkey prize. Also to the Village Store team for ticket selling.

Our Committee would like to express our gratitude to the Parish Council and Sheep Fair Committee for the generous donations which help to ensure that this popular new tradition can become a regular annual event.

2018 Raffle winners were as follows:

1. Dan Allen - Hamper
2. Mr Bond - Turkey
3. Hilary Langford - Coffee machine
4. Terry and Jo Page - Port and stilton
5. Mo Bowen - Port and stilton
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## **Profile of a Villager: Maggie Martin**

Born in London, I moved to Sussex and married John in 1970. Our children Jenny, James and David grew up in Durrington where John worked at Nissan. I was a full time Mum until returning to work at Southern Water in 1988.

I love animals, especially dogs, and became a Cinnamon trust Volunteer. My other love is art and I graduated from the Society of Botanical Artists.

In 2001 we moved to Cornwall where we ran a Bed and Breakfast and cake business. Happy times, but our sons were now in Sussex so we decided to return. It is even easier to visit our daughter, now living in France, from Sussex.

We had always loved Findon with happy hours walking on Cissbury and meals in our favourite restaurant 'La Padella'. We found our perfect cottage in 'The Willows' in 2010. Our garden is tiny but our son rightly said "Mum the whole village is a garden!"

The villagers welcomed us warmly. Everything from the village hall to the walks, the pubs to the village shop, but especially the people, is amazing.

I started a Cinnamon Trust Group which many of you support and we have been here for nine happy years. Thank you for the way you welcome newcomers and look out for each other. May this community continue to thrive for ever!

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## **Tea Rooms/ Cafe's to talk about - Some of our favourites**

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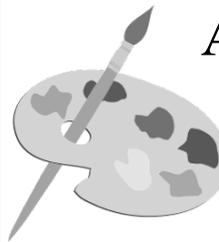
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## Volunteering in Findon Ed Wain, Findon Village Volunteer

Here in Findon earlier this year I joined the Findon Village Volunteers. I can loosely say I made the 'mistake' of observing Robin and Del cleaning a street sign opposite The Black Horse pub it looked so easy!

"Can I help?" I said and within a moments breath I was promptly handed a green vest and asked to report for duty the following morning. We've all been there getting caught out on the hop! Volunteering is fun and the rest is history.

We've all been hard at work, we can never have enough help or too many hands. Joining us costs you nothing, no monthly, quarterly or annual membership or subscription. Just fresh air, mindfulness and well being gets through those mid week moments. Even if you decide to help one morning for an hour and not the next it's OK. You'll be joining a friendly group, guaranteed never to have a dull moment with job delegation or even a diverse conversation!

The highlight of the morning is our Tea break at 11.00am and job done by 12 Noon. On a rare occasion, how many of Lyn's homemade sausage rolls or marble cake can you eat?

In building the bonfire for the school we teamed up with local residents in moving old structural wood demolished from part of the village hall to the school grounds for the Findon Fantasia Fireworks. I came across some hidden dates written in pencil. On the back of a staircase a carpenter had written June 2nd 1938 presumably when they built the rear of the hall? Another date penciled on a foldable wooden

card/bridge games table inventory marked FVH 1968.

Whether you're looking for a social chat or inspiration to get you moving FVV needs you! Give your time when you can and thank you in advance for your volunteering .

Regards,  
Ed Wain  
Findon Village Volunteer

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In August 2017 we moved into Findon Village and I was so excited to have new borders to play with using all that wealth of knowledge and experience and cutting out the need for trial and error. As we grow older we do not have the luxury of time to find out how it will look next year! I knew the size of plants, which ones went well together, their flowering times, their ease of maintenance and their preferred situations. I also brought with me 101 sample plants from my old garden, some as little as two to four inches tall.

At the front of our new bungalow, there is a white wall with a west facing border which was crying out for Pittosporum

“Tom Thumb”, with its small, vibrant blacky-red, glossy evergreen leaves. And it can be clipped into a compact dwarf round bush for added emphasis. I wanted white next to the black in winter such as snowdrops flowering for six weeks. Then I discovered a new alpine plant called Saxifraga “Alpino Early White”. The flowers on this tight hummock of moss green are larger than usual with a much longer flowering season. I bought it in May in full bloom and fell in love with it. Our clump of Saxifraga in our previous garden was home to a slow worm, which loved basking on top of it when the sun was out. The plant lasted many years and was a constant source of enjoyment with or without flowers, until magpies started to attack it and throw the mossy clumps all over the place and then it had to go.

I placed my new “Alpino Early White” to the north side of the Pittosporum providing shade and a cooler root run and it settled in so well that new flower buds started getting ready just before Christmas day. Wonderful.

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## Paws For Thought

### Parasites

Parasites can cause significant disease with debilitating effects for pets. Some can also have an impact on human health.

Their ability to hide, survive and multiply make them pretty impressive pests, but not the kind of things pets and pet owners want in their homes!

Thankfully most parasites that affect pets can be treated or prevented. That's why parasite control should be a priority for all pet owners.

Whilst most pet owners know they need to treat their pet regularly, it's a misconception to think that this is only as the weather starts to warm up and

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that they do not need to keep up protective treatment during the cooler months.

In recent years, the tick population in the UK has started to feed earlier in the year, and continue for longer due, to increasingly warm, wet winters. Fleas are also becoming a year-round problem, as a centrally heated house with pets provides a warm home with a constant food source.

It's also important to understand that as your dog or cat grooms, if they eat a flea which is infected with tapeworm, this can lead to other problems.

Helping owners to understand how to prevent and treat parasites is an important aspect of a vet's work. The vet has the knowledge to be able to

give the best advice to ensure your pet gets the right treatment at the right time.

Without this advice you could be giving your pet the wrong preventive product and unintentionally causing harm to your pet.

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How they manage to get it to all of us so perfectly fried and hot, whilst not neglecting the other customers who venture in I can't imagine. I say "venture in" because they either have to shout to whoever they're with or resign themselves to eating in silence, as it can get to be pretty lively in there, with everyone chatting with the 4 or 5 people around them and laughing at the frequent quips and puns from an unusually humorous bunch of blokes.

Just shows you what a boon a Findon retirement is. Last week we got an email from Graham asking us to turn up in Santa garb. Just one of us had a Christmas sweater, but many more had obviously been to the garden centre and bought musical Santa hats, so not only



was there the usual merry laughter, but also the raucous sound of "Me-e-e-erry Christmas!" accompanied by the twitching of the tassels on the hats.

Ah, come on, it's Christmas only once a year! If you like good company and good coffee, too, why not come along and meet us – at 10.30am on Mondays for most of the year – the highlight of the week for many of us!

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## Praise and Worship Services

Graham Langford

**On Sunday 3rd February**

Family music group from the Storrington Community Church.

The Praise and Worship services have been well attended and the music led groups have provided uplifting services.

If you haven't been before you will be made very welcome. It is a very

informal service and starts at 10.00 am. and finishes 10-45 am with refreshments.

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**200 Club**

**Bob Eastabrook**

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

We try to take in all the stray cats that people report to us, this cold weather the poor cats need help. A big problem then is when we have to have them neutered or spayed before we can find them a new home. Of our two new arrivals, two were obviously already pregnant, and the other two we had spayed this week.

Also, a family were being evicted and we were asked to take their puppy. She was limping and the Vet said she needed an operation on her hip, also, vaccinating and micro-chipping! We had all that done, and she now needs Hydrotherapy. She is 14 months old so also, soon needs to be spayed.

Our huge Vet bills keep us poor. When I lived in Kent, we were very lucky there was a Blue Cross Vet who everyone took their animals to. You were asked to just put a donation in the box. If you google the map The Blue Cross still exist all over the country but not in the South. These days Vets bills are so high pet owners seem to avoid taking their animals to the Vet unless they are ill or injured. When we are asked to take in the older cats nearly all of them need teeth treatment costing around £300. Even Flea and Worm treatment is expensive these days.

When people ring us to report they have lost their cats we ask if they are microchipped or neutered, we hear repeatedly that owners didn't have them done because they are indoor cats and live in a flat. We have so many strays that don't get claimed because their

owners would not spend the money neutering or microchipping their cats. We make sure before we let any of our kittens go they have all their inoculations and are microchipped.

We have been swamped with Guinea-pigs arriving since Christmas. Luckily female Guinea-pigs are not often aggressive so we can put lots of them in together we have a large walk in pen with nine in, that all live happily together.

Our most cheerful and reliable Volunteer was 90 last week! (I don't ever remember her having a Sunday off in all the years she has run our Charity shop). Our Thanks and Congratulations to GLAD, we all enjoyed the secret surprise party and wonderful hot food and hot soup on such a cold night at The Village House in Findon.

I can't wait for the hot weather, I had to break the ice on the horses' water trough this morning.

Stacey

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

**Continued occupation of the dwelling in non compliance with the occupation condition (2) on planning permission FN/83/90. The condition**

**requiring the occupation of the house by persons employed or last employed at Kingswood Livery Stables or locally in agriculture or forestry.**

Meadow View Horsham Road Findon  
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Ref. No: SDNP/18/06499/LDE

**Change of use to equestrian: livery stables and riding school and associated works. The development includes: i) Change of use of stable buildings from equestrian: stabling of race horses to equestrian: livery stables and riding school ii) Change of use of agricultural fields to equestrian use: keeping of horses incorporating the erection of fences iii) Creation of equestrian arena (Manege) and erection of associated floodlights (x8) and covered seating area iv) Conversion of small barn to staff room / office / lecture room incorporating physical alterations v) Creation of pedestrian path from existing car park to proposed arena and associated ground lighting vi) Conversion of store to stables incorporating installation of new door**

Cissbury Nepcote Findon BN14 0SR  
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### Light Lunch @1pm

Last Tues of the month - Next Lunch 29<sup>th</sup> February  
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## Findon Downs WI

Jill Schiller

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday, 12th February at 2.30pm**. The Speaker will be Lesley Boardman "The Island of Forty Thieves-Bermuda"

Exhibition: A knitted Scarf.

On **Saturday, 16th February**, our **JUMBLE SALE** will be held from 10 am - 12 pm in Findon Village Hall. Entrance 50p.

If you wish to donate any items other than large furniture or electrical goods, please contact Jill on 07734453303 or 01903 872483.

Come along and grab a bargain.

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## Findon Village WI

Sadly, one of our long standing members, Molly Fishwick, died in November. Molly had been a member of our WI for almost 30 years, and was a regular member of the Monday darts group. Molly celebrated her 90th birthday in August where some of our members were guests at her birthday party. At our August afternoon tea we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Molly and gave her flowers which were really appreciated.

Our December meeting was a very enjoyable skittles evening at the Black Horse. Jean Lloyd was presented with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate her 90th birthday and Tracy was presented with a gardening voucher as the 2018 competition winner.

The January Fun Auction was held later than normal, due to village hall works, with the money raised going to charity.

Our next meeting is a talk on the Dog's Trust presented by Pia Offord on 14th February. And, as it's Valentine's day the competition is anything heart shaped.

## Paddy Winter - President

The next coffee morning at Julia's Kitchen is 21st February from 10.30 – all welcome.

Wishing all past, present and future members a very Happy New Year

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**Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - February 2019**  
*Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others*

|                                    |         |                                    |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>   | 8.00am  | Eucharist at Findon Church         |
|                                    | 10.00am | Worship and Praise Service Findon  |
|                                    | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church   |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  | 8.00am  | Eucharist at Patching Church       |
|                                    | 9.30am  | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church      |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  | 08.00am | Eucharist at Findon Church         |
|                                    | 09.30am | Family Communion at Findon Church  |
|                                    | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist at Patching Church  |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>  | 08.00am | Eucharist at Clapham Church        |
|                                    | 09.30am | Sung Eucharist at Findon Church    |
|                                    | 10.00am | Family Service at Patching Church  |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> | 08.00am | Eucharist at Findon Church         |
|                                    | 10.00am | Worship and Praise Service, Findon |
|                                    | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church   |

**Afternoon Plus** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the Rectory Office.

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** - Last Tues of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

**Curry Nights** - Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are the first Monday of the month, 4th February 2019 at 7.00pm (Ladies) and the last Thursday of the month, 28th February 2019 (Men) at 7.30pm

**Quiet Time** - 2nd Monday each month, 11th February 2019.

**Youth club** - Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church** - 1st Tuesday of the month (5th February). TERM TIME ONLY. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

**Ladies Coffee Mornings**

**Every Tuesday 10.30am**  
**@ Julia's Kitchen**  
**Everyone welcome**

**Curry Nights** - All welcome

The next Curry Nights at

**The Tajdar Restaurant**

Ladies - Monday 3 Dec @ 7.00pm  
 Men - Thursday 31 Jan @ 7.15pm

### FOX LEA £825,000



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## Village Hall February 2019

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| <b>Weekly</b>           | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>   |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Carpet Bowls            | Monday     | 14:30         |
| Lambstails (Term Time)  | Thursday   | 10:00 – 12:00 |
| Line Dancing            | Wednesdays | 09:45         |
| Danceaholics            | Sunday     | 19:30         |
| Just Yoga               | Monday     | 10:30         |
| Tai Chi                 | n/a        | 10:00 – 13:00 |
| You Yoga                | Tuesday    | 18:45         |
| Reduce                  |            |               |
| Stress & Stiffness Yoga | Wednesday  | 19:30         |

| <b>Fortnightly</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Circle Dancing     | 11th , 25th | 19:10       |

| <b>Monthly</b>      | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bead Magicians      | 19th        | 09:00       |
| Downs WI            | 12th, 16th  | 14:30, 9:00 |
| Gardens Association | 22nd        | 18:30       |
| Messy Church        | 5th         | 15.30       |
| Village WI          | 14th        | 18:45       |
| Meditation          | 18th        | 19:30       |
| Tastevin            | n/a         | 19:00       |
| Light Lunch         | 26th        | 12:00       |
| 200 Club            | n/a         | 18:00       |

**Committee Room** n/a

| <b>Other Events</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Art Class           | 2nd         | 09:00       |
| Film Night          | 15th        | 18:30       |

*Bookings subject to change in relation to building work*

### **The Village Hall website**

provides contact and booking details as well as listings of forthcoming events

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