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

News

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Litter Picking

Are you concerned by the rubbish discarded in our Village and wish it to look nice and free of litter ?

If so, can you spare some time on a regular basis and join a litter picking working party that I am trying to get together ?

If so, please email Robin Carr [Parish Councillor] for further information.

robin.carr@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk "



Please Note

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Findon Village News - www.findonvillagenews.org

Findon Village Parish Council - www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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From The Rectory

I hope you all had a healthy and happy Christmas, and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations this year so memorable. The Christmas Tree Festival was the best yet (I say that every time we have one, but it really is true – they just get better and better) and the churches were beautifully decorated for Christmas thanks to our talented flower arrangers. It was lovely to see so many of you in the church over the Christmas period and the crowd at the Gun 'stable' after our Walking Nativity were treated to marvellous refreshments by the Gun Team, while listening to carols sung by the St John the Baptist School Choir and the Monarch's Way Singers, all joining in with well known ones. A huge thank you to Mrs Stoner for all the time she spends encouraging our village children to sing with enjoyment, and to Carole Thomas for her support of adults who love to sing in the Monarch's Way Singers. Singing definitely improves mental wellbeing!

Although our decorations are long gone, Christmas is officially over on 2nd February, when the Church remembers how Jesus was taken to be presented in the Temple, observing the religious rites by offering a pair of doves or pigeons in thanksgiving for a firstborn son. This Feast in the church calendar is known as The Presentation, or Candlemas. A lit candle is a symbol of the light of Christ coming into the world, and at every baptism (christening) the candidate is given a candle that is lit from our Easter candle, with the words: Receive the Light of

Christ, to which everyone present responds: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

It is heartening that we have many families coming to us asking for a christening now that most of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic are lifted. The gift of a child makes us thankful and it is a joy to welcome families and friends to a baptism in one of our churches.

At an infant baptism, parents and godparents make promises on behalf of the child, to help that child grow to know and love Jesus and to follow his teaching, then in time to come to confirmation, making those promises for his or herself. Sadly, this happens infrequently, but whenever I baptise a child, those words from Luke's gospel account of when John the Baptist was born, 'What will this child become?' are always in my mind. Seeds of faith are sown, and rekindled in the hearts and minds of those who come to support the family.

If you are reading this, and have not been confirmed, and would like to know more, please have a word with myself or Colin. It would be wonderful to see more people making this commitment of faith for themselves – and there is no upper age limit! Bishop Will, the Bishop of Lewes, will be presiding at a Worthing Deanery Confirmation Service after Easter and Colin and I will be offering confirmation preparation for adults and young people in the weeks leading up to Easter.

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February 1st is Shrove Tuesday this year, and we will be enjoying pancake races and eating pancakes as part of Messy Church that day. Details of Ash Wednesday Services, as Lent begins, are at the back of the magazine.

Traditionally churches are bare during Lent, without flowers. This makes the joy of Easter Sunday even brighter as the churches are once more bedecked with flowers. This year, our flower team are asking for donations for lilies, in

memory of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event, part of the flower display traditionally used for Easter decoration, to help make our arrangements even more spectacular. Details for donations and everything that is happening in Holy Week and Easter will be in the March edition of Findon News.

Every blessing, Helena

Rev. Helena Buqué, Vicar and Colin Cox, Associate Vicar
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Come and join us at the Worship and Praise Service

Sunday 6th Feb - 10.00 am
At Findon Church

Music lead by the group "Canticle"
Refreshments after the service
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Messy Church

Tuesday 1st February

(the first Tuesday of each month)
at **3.30 - 5.30pm**

At Findon Village Hall
Shared meal (**£3 donation**)

All welcome, but children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who is responsible for them.

*For more information,
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Gerald Hibbs 01903 872563

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Findon Village Store News

We have at last waved goodbye to January gloom and are still hearing bright words of praise for the team who put such a huge effort into stocking and staffing our village shop over Christmas and the whole festive season. To quote one of our regular customers, "The shop was chock-a-block with lovely things. We owe you such a lot – you were open when everywhere in the Valley was closed!" Thank you, Pam!

We in turn owe our customers a great deal. Last year through our charity box we raised over £200 for PAWS Animal Sanctuary. We continue to collect for them of course, and also for St Barnabas, St John's Primary School and the Cinnamon Trust. Your support for these local charities is hugely appreciated. You may also have noticed a basket full of books either inside or outside the shop, depending on the weather. Originally set up as a "Book Exchange", the basket is

overflowing so do help yourselves until we have space to take more – and please do not bring more than you take. We simply do not have room to store them!

It has been great to see the Post Office, as well as the shop, becoming increasingly busy as more villagers and businesses take advantage of the range of services we can offer, from everyday banking and foreign currency to mail order returns and much more.

We are so pleased that the vast majority of our customers wear a mask and continue to respect social distancing, even when queueing.

Thank you all – and remember that we do have a supply of fresh masks if you should ever need one.

Reflecting a national efficiency drive, Angus reports that from 7th February there will only be one Post Office collection per day, at 5pm. And while on the subject of the Post Office, we all

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wish Helen, our excellent Deputy Manager, the very best of luck as she embarks on her (part-time, thank goodness!) MSc. in Psychology. We are super proud of you, Helen!

February is of course the Month of Love... Valentine's Day is just around the corner and you can rely on your local shop to have everything you need. We have beautiful cards (and humorous ones for those of us past the first flush!), a wide range of chocolates and sweet treats and a great choice of wines, spirits and mixers to help get celebrations off to a good start. A stunning selection of plants for home and garden will also make the occasion special, so make your choice and prepare for a romantic evening. However, if pancakes are more your style we also have all you need for the perfect Mardi Gras batter!

Sadly, one of our volunteers did not start 2022 with good fortune, breaking her wrist and arm in a horrid fall on New Years' Eve. We wish Sara the very best for her full recovery and thank all the amazing volunteers, old and new, who are stepping in to cover for her. Others, too, have needed support through ill health and are grateful for the willing help that is always forthcoming, including home deliveries and requests for special orders. It is, as always, so reassuring to know that Findon villagers (and a few from further afield) share such impressive community spirit.

The Management Committee, staff and volunteers send you every good wish and trust 2022 will bring you all good health, hope and positive new beginnings.

Annie Whitchurch

Findon Village Hall 200 Club

Alan Wadhams

The winner of the FVHSC 200 Club December 2021 draw was 179 P. Silver.

And, the winning number for January 2022 was 171 G. Gostick.

We would like to wish all our members a happy and successful year in 2022.

Love in a Box - Shoebox Appeal

Our 2021 collection of shoeboxes, filled with goodies for children in Moldova, were collected at the end of November, too late to mention in the December/January issue of Findon News. A magnificent total of over 150 boxes were given, and all will be received by children in the poorest

European country. A very big thank you to all who were involved.

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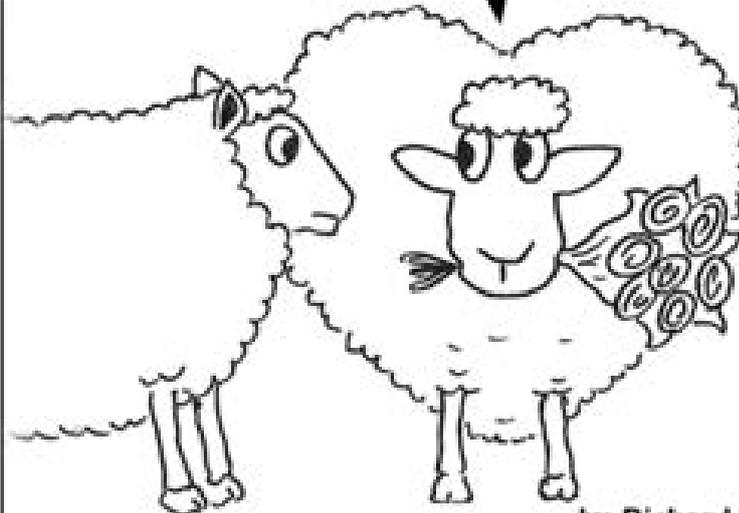
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by Richard Bell

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Because of the smallish size of the fields we use, we move the sheep every 4 weeks for fresh grass. You can always tell when the grass is 'running out' as the sheep spend more time in the hedgerows.

In winter, from about early December, we started supplementing their feed with hay each morning and they are always near to the hay rack waiting when the morning visit takes place. As well as hay, we provide the flock with a bucket of sheep lick which is an extra high energy feed and mineral including fish oil. This keeps the sheep in good condition during the winter months.

Graham Langford

Sheep prefer cold weather to wet as their fleece gets very heavy. A foot of snow and -8°C is never a problem, unless it is drifting snow. The farmer then has to be very vigilant as sheep can be buried under walls or hedges. Thankfully this doesn't happen very often in the south these days.



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So, the big news for the Hall was the Public Works Loan vote – the result was something of a mixed bag: the overwhelming majority were supportive but not enough votes were cast to allow the Parish Council to accept the outcome as valid. After consultation with the authorities it was agreed that an extended voting period could be permitted and, allowing for Christmas disruption etc, this period ends on 14th February. We now have ballot boxes and voting cards, in the Shop, as before, but also in the Gun, the Village House, The Black Horse, Peckhams and the Hall itself. Email votes addressed to cathrine.gear@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk or by post to Councillor Gear at 16 Steep Close, Findon, BN14 0TD will also be accepted. I hope you have all recently also received a leaflet which includes a voting slip. Please vote as soon as possible- the hall is here for you – a low cost venue for your clubs, your entertainment, your children's parties (which have become very popular of late!) – and we are looking for new ways to serve your needs, requests and suggestions welcome! The extension will help us do more but the current situation with the extension "on half" is very unsatisfactory.

Moving on, as mentioned last month, we have taken step to improve the acoustics of the Hall which had become troublesome after the removal of the stage. This had caused issues for a number of events. The original jury-rigged arrangement has been tidied up now and looks rather more

professional... Whilst these very low cost modifications have been effective in as far as they go, more needs to be done and planning for this further work will be completed very soon – many thanks to Iain McAvoy for his advice! As part of general modernisation and as a way of reducing covid risks, we have recently introduced some card machines so that it is now possible, for those who prefer so, to pay for admission and refreshments at FVHT "dos" with contactless credit or debit cards or even with mobile phone payment systems instead of cash. We are also developing, on the new website, findonvillagehall.net, the ability to buy Film Night tickets in advance! These will be offered at a 10% introductory discount but you can still, of course, pay at the door as usual.

Speaking of Film Nights – the Omicron variant had something of an effect on attendance at the last events so we cancelled the film for January. However, we are planning to go ahead with films once again – so the next film will be: The Courier on 18th February. If you do want to buy a ticket in advance, they are £4:50 from the website – findonvillagehall.net/home/home/the-ticket-office – or the usual £5 on the door.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Robin Carr, Pat Canavan and Mr Barnett all of whom have given for many years of service as trustees of the Holding Trust which sat behind the management Trust, FVHT, and was

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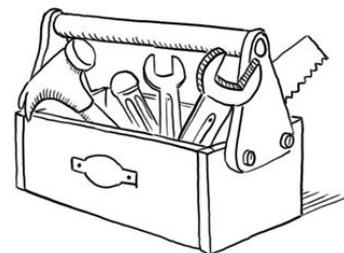
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The new booking system, Hallmaster, embedded in the new website is starting to take off and is now the preferred way of making a provisional booking – we think it is simpler and more reliable for you (you can see if a

slot is available and, if it is, “bag it” on a provisional basis, there and then) and simpler for us. You can find it at <https://sites.google.com/findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall>

Lambstails attendance was very low for all the sessions late last year and will not re-start this year until after the Easter school holidays.

Would the person who was interested in the bridge tables please contact me again – they are yours!

Platinum Jubilee Celebration on 5th June 2022

The village hall events team are organising a grand event for all the villagers at the Village Hall on 5th June (times to be advised) where there will be live entertainment, face painting bbq licensed bar, ice creams and lots of stalls to enjoy.

We are also asking that in line with the proposed “Pudding fit for a Queen competition” being organized by

Mary Berry that people bring along their version of the winning pudding to share.

We are hoping this will be an opportunity for the whole village to join in the celebrations.



FINDON BOWLS CLUB

Sadly after many years of afternoon enjoyment the village hall is no longer available for the Bowls Club to use at our usual time, and therefore we are changing our time of meeting.

As from Monday 14 March 2022 the Bowls Club will be held at the earlier time of midday to 1.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Anyone interested in joining us for an enjoyable couple of hours will be very welcome – no former experience necessary. Just turn up and ‘have a go’! The charge is only £2 per session but the first two attendances will be free.

For further information:- 01903 873414.

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Village House



Dear Villager's and loyal customers,

As you are most probably aware, we are in the process of selling the Village House to someone we believe will continue with the same values that we have traded with and hope you support them as well as you have supported us.

Oliver and the rest of the team will still be in place and Paul and Amy will still be around and engaging fully in village life. Tony might try and retire gracefully!!

We do not have a confirmed date of completion as yet but expect it to be early in the new year.



Thankyouverymuch

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FINDON VILLAGE COMMUNITY

The Findon Village community website was setup and launched nearly six years ago. During that time, it has developed into a site providing a wealth of information relating to our village. However, as the website is for the benefit of those living in and visiting our village, then we would like to hear from you with any thoughts on how you think the site can be improved, or if there is anything (Findon related) you would like to see included. Here is a brief overview of what is currently covered on the website.

NOTICEBOARD Local news items such as road closures, forthcoming events, parish council matters etc

EVENTS CALENDAR A comprehensive calendar of events in the village

BUSINESS DIRECTORY Details of businesses within and local to Findon

ORGANISATIONS Details of village organisation and clubs

INFORMATION Links to useful information, including local planning applications, local walks, the Findon Sheep Fair, plus much more.

PICTURES Photos from the around the village including local events

VISITORS A webpage for visitors with details of accommodation and where to eat and drink etc.

The website is currently maintained by local volunteers Richard Bell and Wendy Dobbing, who rely on the input from local residents, businesses, and organisations for most of the content.

The website address is www.findonvillage.org. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email us at findonwebsite@gmail.com

Findon WI

It was lovely to see so many ladies at the January Fun Auction. A big thank you to Sassy whose auctioneering skills helped us raise £278 for ACWW (The Associated Country Women of the World, a charity which exists to amplify the voices of rural women).

Our next meeting is Thursday 10th February, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Dr Geoffrey Mead will give a talk entitled 'Journey to the South Downs National Park', which will enlighten us on what was involved to be granted the status of National Park.

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

Visitors very welcome - we look forward to seeing you

Our next coffee mornings is 31st January, from 10.30 at Dee Dee's

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News from Patching



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We also commemorated the new notice-board which was made by Roundstone Joinery and paid for by the Patching Parish Council and a donation from the Patching Society.



The charity is grateful for the items so many of you left in the basket outside the Village Store in the run-up to Christmas. There were mince pies, fruit cakes, Christmas puddings as well as the usual store cupboard stand-bys. A special mention of the anonymous gentleman who gave Angus a £10 donation.

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Christmas Lights Raffle

Thank you all so much for supporting our raffle. We are delighted to say that through your generosity we raised over £250, which will all go towards maintenance of the display. The draw took place on Saturday 18 December - our congratulations to all the winners:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Hamper - Mick Grand | 2. Turkey - Mr Edwards |
| 3. Whiskey - Trevor, Steep Close | 4. Port & Stilton - Mrs Slade |
| 5. Port & Stilton - Mr Wheeler | 6. Port & Stilton - Paddy, The Chase |
| 7. Prosecco - Vicky, School Hill | 8. Prosecco - Phil, Wintons |
| 9. Prosecco - Jo, West View Terrace | 10. Chocolates - Ann Hughes |

The Lights Team.

Christmas Tree Festival

It probably seems quite a while ago that the church was transformed for a weekend with trees decorated by local organisations. It was a wonderful sight, enjoyed by the over 1,100 people who came through the door. Thank you so much to everyone who came, all those who voted for their favourite tree, bought raffle tickets, crafts and refreshments, and all the children who found those mischievous elves to solve the Treasure Hunt. The fantastic total of £6,000 was raised towards the church's ongoing expenses.

And now, what you all really want to know – the winning trees were:

- 1st The Sheep Fair Committee
- 2nd The Findon Village Garden Association
- 3rd The Friends of Clapham and Patching Churches

And now it's all over, the weekend is done
Full of joy, peace and laughter, for everyone, fun
The hard work was worth it, all Findon agreed,
"It lifted our spirits, it's just what we need."
All twenty-three trees, aptly themed to amuse
The Sheep Fair tree triumphed, but so hard to choose.

Star Gazing at Findon Place

We are so lucky to live within the South Downs and enjoy beautiful Dark Skies. On the 18th and 19th February we are opening the lawns for people to come and enjoy an evening of star gazing with the Worthing Astronomers who'll be bringing a selection of telescopes along.

We'll also be offering hot chocolate and marshmallows for toasting over the fire pits. Tickets for this event and the other workshops, supper clubs and classes available here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/findonplace

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Live Nativity -14th December 2021



We were pleased to organise the Live Nativity on Tuesday 14th December with Donkeys and Sheep. Walking from the Village Hall to the Gun Inn a very good number of people came to watch. A big thank you to Sally and her team for allowing us to use the garden and shelter.

As well as the Monarchs Way Singers singing carols, we had for the first time the Findon St John the Baptist School choir attending and singing.

Mary and Joseph were also from the school as the picture attached shows.

Cinnamon Trust



Hello everyone and a belated Happy New Year to you all. I would just like to thank everyone who supported the Cinnamon Trust in any way over the Christmas period. Our Fair in the Church was a great success and the final total raised, including donations, card and cake sales was £1,600! This was amazing and reflects the generosity of you all.

The Christmas Tree Festival was wonderful too and it was great to be part of this.

Looking forward we hope to have several events in the coming months and these will be announced in this magazine and on posters throughout the village. One favour please! If anyone has a dog friendly home with a fair sized garden where we could hold a sale with refreshments one day in Spring/early Summer please let me know.

Many thanks again on behalf of all the people and pets you have helped to enjoy their lives together.

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Findon Parish Council

Happy New Year to all villagers !

Findon Parish Council (FPC) is pleased to report that we have at last some positive news about the reduction of the speed limit on the A24 from 50 to 40 miles per hour and the works are now due to commence within the period 24 January 2022 to early March. As some of you may be aware, the works were due to commence on 17 January 2022, however West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Highways had to reschedule the start due to resourcing issues. Please visit our website where you will find detailed information about the road works being undertaken and how it will affect us with traffic controls once the work is underway. Findon - News and Events (findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) A promising start to the New Year!

The survey regarding a proposed cycle lane/path was organised by WSCC and to refresh your memory, this survey was to seek views about a cycle lane/path between the Black Horse and Findon Valley. At the current time, we await the results of the consultation from WSCC once the findings have been analysed by its officers. We will provide an update as soon as we can.

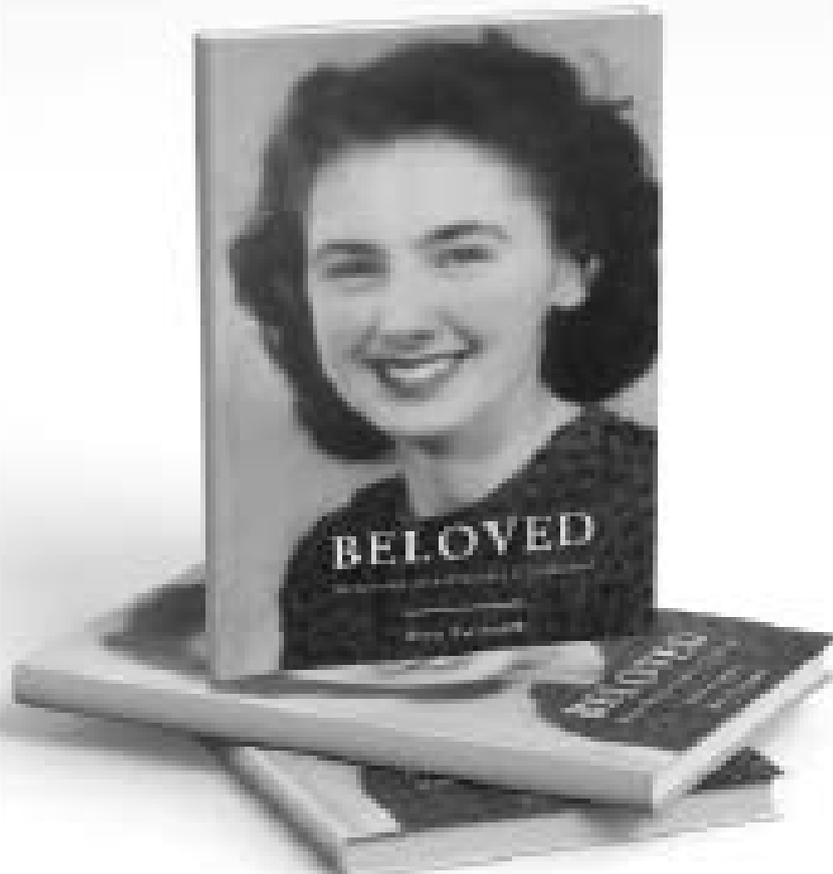
Many of you will be aware that there is a dew pond at Nepcote Green although this is in somewhat a dilapidated state due to drainage issues. FPC is looking to establish the merits of restoring the dew pond with the help of South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) as the current dew pond is not quite up to the standard that we would like and we feel if it was restored, this would enhance the area.

During November 2021 FPC and the Findon Village Hall Trust consulted with the householders on the principal of applying for a Public Works Board Loan to enable completion of the Village Hall extension and other vital works. Of those who responded 92.5% indicated their support in principal for such a loan. Unfortunately, however only 17.5% of households responded and it is our understanding that the Secretary of State would be looking for a response rate of at least 25%. Acting on advice, we are providing one further opportunity for those households who did not respond in November to do so by 14 February 2022 at the latest. Flyers have been delivered to all households explaining the situation and providing details of how to respond. We would encourage those households who haven't responded yet to do so now so that their views can be taken into account.

The Parish Council recognises that there has been a flurry of surveys for you to complete recently but they provide invaluable guidance on how residents view village life and we use this to help shape our future policies. Thank you again to all who have taken part in the recent survey for parking and speeding in the village. We would hope to let you know the outcome once the findings have been analysed

Progress for the new play area at Homewood is being accelerated and the necessary paperwork is being finalised in partnership with Arun District Council and the SDNPA. We hope to report shortly about the timing for the works to commence.

Cllr Sean Smith
Chairman, Findon Parish Council



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Scrap would never be forgotten by the local people living in Old Coulsdon – especially all the children who came to live at No. 3 Admirals Walk in the years that followed. It took nearly 30 years before Scrap returned home to Danny ...



These books are on sale in the local Findon Village Post office for £6.50p, if purchased through the shop £1.00 will be donated to the Pre-school. Each book that is sold through email – jan.beatens@hotmail.com 50p will be donated to the Village Pre-School(P & P will apply @ £1.53p)



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Findon Planning Applications

This month we are unable to provide news on Planning Applications as there has been a glitch on the South Downs National Park website rendering the Planning Applications inaccessible.

Hopefully the problems will be rectified soon and should you wish to view them for yourself the website is www.southdowns.gov.uk.

Paws Animal Sanctuary

I have a wildlife camera in my front garden and it is amazing how many birds visit. I have bird seed feeders, fat balls and coconuts in the trees, and a bird bath. At night the camera captures hedgehogs and this week I was surprised to see a badger.

Today I was asked to take six ducks. I knew it was impossible to bring them here because they are so noisy, after sending emails to all my friends who have farms and rescues centres, a home was offered to all of them.

Four guinea-pigs went to a new home today. The lady only came for two females but couldn't choose so ended up taking all four. We have never had so many guinea-pigs the poor volunteers are so busy cleaning them all out every day.

We recently took in two feral kittens, they are so frightened, they arrived hissing and spitting. They had been living in a dark barn. They were not used to daylight. All we can do is speak quietly to them but we can't get close enough to touch them yet. They are so good and always use the litter tray. But not when we are around. All the food is eaten every morning and night and we only see them through the window when they venture out. It is so sad, if you go in their pen and sit on the

From Stacy

floor and speak to them you only see their eyes, it is going to take some time for them to trust us.

We have rehomed all the cats we had. All we have left is a very old cat with hardly any teeth who's owner had died he likes a lot of fussing with the volunteers. He will probable stay. Another of our resident cats is Google who was too bad tempered to rehome, she would scratch and bite anyone who went near her and she hated being in a pen. We decided to let her out in the shed where all the Rabbits and Guinea-pigs live, she was much happier, and now likes to be brushed and likes to go out all day in the fields and comes back every night for her supper without fail.

This week we had a lorry load of golden wood-chip delivered that was spread all over the paddock, so we are no longer slipping over in the mud. Our donkey Jasper and pony Elvis are loving it rolling in the wood-chip.

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Village Hall Diary February 2022

For all booking enquiries please email Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net

Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the new Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net.

Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
Carpet Bowls	Monday	14.30pm
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	09.30am / 10.30am / 11.45am
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

Monthly	Date	Time
Messy Church	1st Feb	15.30pm
Art Class	5th Feb	10.00am – 05.00pm
Findon Village WI	10th Feb	19.30pm
Danceholics	13th Feb	18.30pm
Meditation	14th Feb	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	15th Feb	10.00am – 3.00pm
Light Lunch	22nd Feb	12.45pm
Findon Garden Association	25th Feb	19.30pm

Future Events and Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th February- One off Comedy Night – tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-off-comedy-special-findon-village-hall-tickets-213593693487?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Friday 18th February - FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm – The Courier – buy your tickets in advance - £4.50 from <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumup.link/product/findon-village-hall-film-night-ticket>
Tickets on the door - £5.00

Friday 18th March – FVHT Film Night 6.30pm – Film TBC

Website - www.findonvillagehall.com

Be Safe - Be seen

Don't forget to carry a torch or wear reflective clothing during these dark dreary winter afternoons and evenings.

You cannot be seen by motorists if you are wearing dark clothing in unlit areas.

Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching

February 2022

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

Social distancing regulations and the wearing of face coverings is highly recommended.

There is a 10.00am Said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,

And Morning Prayer every Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.

Ash Wednesday: March 2nd – Service in Findon Church at 10.00am and
in Patching Church at 10.00am

Sunday 6 th February 4 th Sunday before Lent	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Patching Worship and Praise at Service at Findon
Sunday 13 th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 20 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	08:00am 09.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 27 th February Sunday next before Lent	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon

Advance Notice: Palm Sunday Service at 10.00am on 10th April in Findon Church
more details next month!

Baptisms:

7th Nov – Tommy
Matthew Whitehead

Weddings

16th Oct – James Hargreaves
and Daisy Scotts
4th Dec - William Somerset
and Saffron Mason
19th Dec - Sean O’Riordan
and Sarah Jones
7th Jan William Saville
and Sarah Austin

Funerals:

11th Nov - Jacqueline Snowdon
22nd Nov - John Cornford
7th Dec - Ashara Southgate
7th Dec - George Wareham



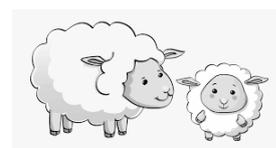
Next Messy Church - 1st February 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

Lambstails will start up again after Easter.

Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, and their
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Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall,
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