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For Findon,
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June has proved to be a fairly quiet month for your council, after a hectic May with both the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.

Good news – We have received notification from Arun DC that our well argued proposal to assume ownership of Pond Green has been accepted by the Assets Dept of Arun DC. Although it may take several weeks to complete the necessary legal agreements, it does mean that we can use the green as we think fit, so long as it remains a 'public space', and more importantly we shall be able to maintain it in far better state than Arun DC are able to.

An important meeting with Rob Ainslie, Development Manager of SDNPA Planning Directorate, took place on June 16th. Mr Ainslie was given a tour of the village by Councillors Del Henty, Karen Roberts and Melissa Oligario, particularly of those sites where planning decisions had been made by SDNPA against the objections of our Planning Committee. Our Chairman of Planning (Del Henty) has informed me that the

meeting has resulted in a better understanding of the thinking behind some of the decisions that SDNPA have made in the last couple of years.

The Greens Mower has given us a few problems lately, but we hope that the recent service and some work to the cooling system may have solved the problem. What is fairly certain is the fact that our budget for greens and verge mowing will exceed its annual allowance by some margin due to the very rapid rate of growth and frequent mowing that Tony Arthur has had to do in this humid and warm weather.

The new website is gradually being accessed more by villagers, the website address is - www.findonvillage.org.

The completed Neighbourhood Plan remains with the Examiner, but we expect to hear within the month whether it has met the 'Basic Conditions', or it still needs modification prior to going forward for approval by the village in yet another referendum!

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Summer Revels 2016

Such an incredible Summer Revels this year!

One of Findon Village's oldest traditions, now dating back over 160 years, began at St John the Baptist CofE Primary School on Saturday 21st May with a children's procession to Pond Green led by a beautiful pony (kindly supplied by one of Findon Village's Race Horse trainer's Michelle Hide) and the traditional accordion player Tom Townsend (on his 28th year)!



The sun broke through the clouds as the children performed their well-practised country dancing watched on by many eager parents and locals before making their way back to the village school for the hugely popular maypole dancing. The event was then officially opened by this year's popular Worthing Town Crier Bob Smytherson and our beloved Reverend Helena Buqué.

Rev. Helena also crowned this year's beautiful May Queen Caitlin Meaney, and her attendees, Hannah Greaney and Isabelle Cook.

This year's Summer Revels saw many hundreds attending raising thousands of pounds for the charity St John the Baptist CofE PTA which is dedicated to supporting the village school. With fairground rides, circus performers, children's entertainers, bouncy castles, assault courses, garden games, candy

floss, beer tents, pimms, bbq's (cooking Peckham Butchers finest handmade burgers and sausages), the amazing drumming band Celebration Samba, birds of prey displays by Hawking About, and a whole host of village fete activities. It really was a village tradition not to be missed!

The raffle and draw alone raised many hundreds, and with generous donations from The Gun, The Village House, Leeds Castle, Southern Rail, South Downs Gun Club, Pulborough Brooks, a ½ tonne of horse manure with free delivery (!!!) and many many more. Every winner was left feeling very lucky! Unbelievably all of this was run solely by volunteers, organised by the village school's PTA with free admission to all! ►



The St John the Baptist CofE Primary School's PTA works tirelessly throughout the year organising various village events. It encourages closer links between the local community and school by organising social activities that raises funds and provides an opportunity for residents, parents, staff and pupils to get together.



Functions include the Findon Village Firework Fantasia, the Summer Revels and the Findon Sheep Fair Refreshments. Funds raised by the PTA provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's budget. Most recently the school have just added bee hives for the children to manage along with some wonderful chickens, a complex nature trail, an all-weather canopy for the playground, a beautiful greenhouse overflowing in abundance with vegetables, herbs and stunning flowers! Our current project, is to improve on the complex nature trail with other wildlife habitats.

Following this year's Summer Revels the PTA team would therefore like to give a huge thank you to all those who generously donated their time, gifts, or the lending of equipment, to make the Summer Revels 2016 such a successful day. And thank you also to the children, school staff and everyone that attended for producing such an incredible atmosphere!

Sadie Collis, Chairman,
St John the Baptist CofE Primary School
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Findon Swimming Pool update

Since opening this year's season on 18 May Findon pool has clocked up the following statistics (at the time of going to print):

239 swimmers over 21 sessions.
27 Memberships (17 family, 10 joint)
7 Private bookings (plus 5 provisional)
20 volunteer supervisors (more needed)
Only 2 missed sessions
(weather/supervisors)

New Ladies' Swim

Mondays 6.00-7.00pm (£1.20 for members, £2.50 non-members).

A Gents' Swim is planned but requires more supervisors to volunteer. Contact Sean Smith if you are interested 07834 552984. First-aid training provided if you don't already have an in-date certificate.

Happy swimming everyone!

NEXT DATES FOR MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 5 July

3.30 - 5.45pm, Findon Village Hall

More information from Helena at the Rectory (01903 873601)



The Cissbury Players

The Cissbury Players next Production is a who-dun-it entitled 'Anagram of Murder' by Seymour Matthews.

Gus, a writer is preparing for his regular bridge evening. He does not seem to notice his wife, Ronnie, becoming increasingly uneasy when discussing the plot of his new novel about a marital murder. Gus disappears, the police are called and a body is found, but is it Gus? As the play unfolds there are even more twists to keep you guessing until the final scene.

Come and solve the crime for yourselves when the Players open the doors of **Findon Village Hall on Thursday July 21st, Friday July 22nd & Saturday July 23rd.**

**Doors open at 7.15 pm,
curtain up at 7.45 pm.**

Tickets priced at £9.00, are available from Peckhams the Butchers in Findon, on the door on performance nights or can be reserved for collection on the night by ringing 01903 240660. Hope to see you in the audience. More details about the Cissbury Players can be found on www.cissburyplayers.net

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The Findon Village Community website has been up and running for a month now, and the response has been good with a regular stream of visitors to the site. However, although we continue to develop the website, we want to know your views. What would you like to see? Is there anything that could be improved? What do you like or not like about the site?

Please let us know, either through the Contacts page of the website or by sending us an email to findonwebsite@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please check out the website regularly for latest news items and our extensive events calendar for all that's going on in the village over the summer months.

Richard Bell

Findon Friends of St. Barnabas House

With the thoughts of glorious summer evenings ahead, we are going to hold a superb 'Wine and Cheese Evening' on **Friday 22nd July at 7.00pm** - in the garden of the delightful Cissbury House, Nepcote.

Tickets are only £12.00 each and there will be lots of delicious wines and a variety of cheeses (with French bread) included!

There will be a raffle and a 'fun quiz' for anyone who wishes to have a go!

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The scheme is free and flexible for all families – all your child has to do is sign up at the library and then read six library books by Saturday 17 September 2016.

They can be any books they like –

stories, fact books, joke books, e-books and audio books - they all count. Children will receive rewards for each book they tell us about and those that read all six will receive a special Big Friendly Read medal and certificate.

Libraries are also asking for volunteers to help run the challenge in a library near them. Volunteers will be offered full training and can gain new skills, including communication, team work and experience of working with families. This is a particularly good opportunity for young people seeking new skills to help with school, college, training or employment.

To find out more about the Big Friendly Read, including what's happening in your local library, or to apply to volunteer, visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/readingchallenge or ask in your local library.

Steyning Young Farmers Club

Young Farmers clubs have been running for a very long time in the countryside and over the years people in Findon have been members of a club.

The nearest club today is at Steyning where they have 21 members with ages from 12yrs upwards. Although some of the activities relate to learning about farming, there are plenty of evenings where they go ten pin bowling, swimming, rock climbing etc.

The Steyning YFC are planning to have a stall at the Findon Sheep fair on Sat 10th Sept where fun will be the theme.

If any young people in Findon would like to know more about the Steyning Young Farmers Club and this year's programme of events, please contact one of its Leaders, Dorothy Reed, by e-mail 3djreed@gmail.com or by phone - 01903 368493 or Mobile 07766704492.

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News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

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We said we would try to keep the number of hens down to about 20 but every week people arrive and ask us to take a couple of hens when they are moving or giving up their chickens through ill health. We find it difficult to refuse any and agree to take another two. We counted them up, and now have 42 hens, 3 Quail and Mary the Turkey. But we do get lots of lovely eggs.

One Saturday recently we were presented with a minute baby hedgehog - icy cold and almost dead. We slowly warmed him up and he has survived so far being bottle fed.

On a Sunday we had calls about a baby injured fox cub, a baby blue tit, and two unwanted Guinea-pigs. Sundays we are open to the public, so we were in turmoil phoning round trying to get help, we phoned all the numbers we have for fox rescue but no one was available to help. The agitated man with Guinea-pigs wanted them picked up straight away because he didn't have a car and the Guinea-pigs needed their nails cut. We were then presented with a baby starling

someone's cat had brought in. The Guinea-pigs were only five minutes away so Sheila took care of the visitors while I collected the Guinea-pigs - they are five years old and had the longest nails we have ever seen curling round twice into their feet, and were so difficult to cut. We also had another two female Guinea-pigs arrive that turned out to be a male and female - both in together, so although we split them up we won't be surprised if we soon have more!

We were asked to take in six baby Guinea-pigs from an elderly couple. They had been given two Guinea-pigs and thought they were female! The six babies we took were they're offspring!

With all our own animals to feed we cannot feed baby birds every few hours, so any baby birds are taken to Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, in Sidlesham. This is 30 miles away and takes at least 90 minutes. Luckily, Brent Lodge never close so we take it in turns to take them over.

A stray cat was brought to us from Waterlooville. It was in a pitiful condition; thin, filthy and with his mouth bleeding. we got an emergency appointment at the Vets and rushed him in. Although he purred all the way he must have been suffering for a long time as he had a huge tumour under his tongue and the Vet said it was kinder to put him to sleep as nothing could be done. So sad.

We rely greatly on donations to pay our Vet bills and other expenses.

Our grateful thanks to Terry Kendrick who recently shared his winnings with us from the Village House bonus ball draw.

Stacey

Findon Youth Group Thursdays after school

5.00 - 7.00pm at the Rectory

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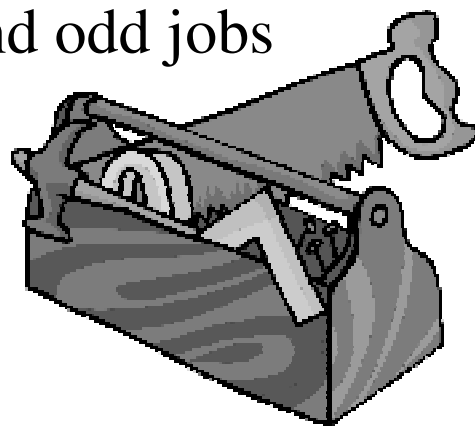
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A Gardener's View

Italy has arrived at the top of stable lane.

Over the past 6 months I have been working on transforming a large back garden that was nothing but lawn and weeds with a big west facing slope down to a lower level of much the same, into an instant Mediterranean garden. Large mature olive trees, herb parterre framed in lavender, back drops of Italian Cypress trees and grape vine arches plus much much more.

The process has been amazing but challenging. The clients brief was for an instant garden so that means planting lots of trees and shrubs and very BIG ones. Some of the plants we have planted came in three hundred litre pot sizes. To put it into perspective your average garden centre perennial or shrubs are in two or five litre pots. We had to use a digger just to move the large olive tree into position let alone plant it! To make matters worse the soil is very shallow chalk so digging just for small plants was quite a challenge. The garden is at the end of the first stage of planting now. As it is not a good idea to be planting any large shrubs or trees in the middle of summer as the dry weather can be fatal if you're not on the mark with your watering.

The garden is very much an instant garden but by no means is it low maintenance. Every plant has been pruned and trimmed to fit in with the architectural flow. The Italian cypress trees will need trimming at the very least 4 times a year with a few snips here and there whenever a branch strays. The brilliant thing about being a professional gardener is that I get to work in and create gardens that I wouldn't have myself.

Our own sensory garden has been well documented, but my front garden is about twice the size and is actually used as our main family garden is almost completely dedicated to vegetables and fruits, cottage garden planting and roaming chickens. It is a million miles away from the formal Italian garden I have been creating. When gardening you can express yourself how you want, and do what you want.

July is with us and I will be spending most my time with a hose pipe making sure my clients plants don't die... No pressure!

Enjoy planting, sowing, pruning and making your garden as brilliant as you want it to be. Happy gardening!

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John and Maureen Tinner

Memorial Noticeboard

John and Maureen Tinner made Findon their family home for over fifty years and were very familiar faces around the village.

Maureen sadly passed away in June last year followed by her soul mate John in January of this.

In their memory their children erected a notice board on Findon green as they both enjoyed spending time there; not only at The Findon Sheep fair but also on their regular walks together.

Maria Dunn (nee Tinner)

Top picture: John & Maureen Tinner.

Bottom picture shows the memorial noticeboard on Nepcote Green with John & Maureen's daughters (L-R) Anna-Linda, Helen and Maria



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Veterinary Advice

You can teach old dogs new tricks!

In this article I would like to give some tips into caring for the older dog so that quality of life can be maintained for as long as possible.

Life expectancy in dogs ranges from breed to breed and surprisingly; we should start to manage the aging process in our dogs earlier than we once thought. As a rule of thumb, the larger the breed the faster they age - therefore small to medium breed dogs should start to be monitored a little more closely from the age of 7 years and giant breeds from the age of 5 years.

Tips to help care for your older dog:

Respect by all members of the family including other pets and children, do not allow them to bother your older dog.

If your dogs sight and hearing is deteriorating, stick to their normal routine, do not move furniture around

and keep their walks to a regular time and distance each day.

Regular exercise is important to maintain bone strength and muscle tone. If your dog has a locomotive problem such as arthritis, degenerative joint disease or just difficulty in standing up, you may have to adjust any exercise routine. Speak to the vet who will advise you on supplements and alternative treatments (such as hydrotherapy) that can help.

Be understanding if your dog fails to respond to you, hear you, or have little accidents.

Keep dog bedding comfortable or warm. If they are used to being kennelled outside on hard concrete surfaces, consider bringing them indoors on softer bedding to reduce the risk of developing sores, or hard callous on their joints such as elbows or hocks. These can become extremely painful or ulcerated. ▶

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Keep your dog clean and groomed more regularly, as they may have difficulties in grooming themselves. Dog nails should be trimmed short, and you may have to have them clipped more regularly. Regular nurse clinics are available for nail clips

Measures to support older dogs:

Take your dog for a regular check up at the Veterinary Practice - at least twice a year - to identify any signs of disease or 'wear and tear'.

A dog's immune response starts to decline in later years, so do keep vaccinations up to date. Vaccinations in elder dogs are just as important as earlier on in their lives.

Regular teeth cleaning to help prevent against bad breath and dental disease

Nutrition plays a vital part of the process of preventative health and commercially produced foods contain more than the adequate levels of all of the essential nutrients needed by normal dogs. Older dog, on the other hand would benefit from a diet with reduced levels of protein, calcium, phosphorus and sodium. This type of diet may be helpful in preventing the onset of clinical diseases common in older pets.

Keep a close eye on your dogs weight. As dogs grow older they are more prone to weight gain due to a reduction in exercise and their ability to metabolise energy. Our veterinary nurses are always happy to advise you on the correct food at any stage of your dog's life and help with weight loss programs.

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Over the past few months there have been some dogs in the surgery who - as lovely as they may be - are in need of some extra help with their behaviour.

Behavioural problems in dogs can be really difficult to diagnose in the surgery as the animals behave differently than they do at home or out on walks, and often a longer time is needed to evaluate any behavioural issues

Behavioural problems in dogs may include being shy around people or other dogs, disobedience on walks, and aggression. If you are concerned about your dog or would like advice I would thoroughly recommend speaking to Emma Aguado at Train My Dog (www.trainmydogsussex.co.uk)- Emma provides both group sessions and personalised one to one appointments and the clients I have sent there have all responded really well!

Finally, thank you to all those who attended our dog show at the Storrington surgery. There was a huge turnout from the Findon clients with Best in Show being awarded to Findon client Sophie Culling – congratulations Sophie!

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## Readers' Dogs Meet Tia!

Tia is a 6 year old Chihuahua x toy poodle, owned by Charlotte Watson.

Tia counts herself very lucky to live in Findon, and loves going for walks to Nepcote Green and helping "mummy" at the allotment. "I have been for a sleepover with my best friend Marli, which was great. Best of all I love going to the Village House where I sit on my own chair at the table. Tony the landlord is another best friend as he always gives me treats. If you see me in the pub, i would never turn down a mini cheddar!!!"

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Don't forget to submit a picture of your dog to feature in "Readers' Dogs".

Photographs must include a background that is recognisable as having been taken in Findon.

Pictures and a short résumé about your canine friend should be sent through to the Findon News email address - findonnews@zoho.com - or hardcopy via the "Findon News" box in the Findon newsagency.

When emailing please submit photos as a separate high resolution JPEG file.

We aim to publish a calendar with all the dogs featured, to raise funds for the Findon PAWS Animal Sanctuary.



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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).

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

PRE-APP ADVICE - improvement works to our existing cut grass overflow car park at Worthing Crematorium - The works involve the construction of hard surfaced car park in place of the existing grass over flow car park and will fall within the foot print of the existing over flow car park.

Worthing Crematorium Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RG

Ref. No: SDNP/16/03139/PRE

Proposed extension and alterations. Open for Comment

The Vicarage 11 School Hill Findon BN14 0TR

Ref. No: SDNP/16/02953/HOUS

Erection of a four bedroom single storey dwelling.

Land East of Pony Farm Findon

Ref. No: SDNP/16/02880/PRE

Variation of condition 1 on application SDNP/15/03722/FUL Open for Comment

Water Pumping Station Findon Road Findon West Sussex

Ref. No: SDNP/16/02376/CND

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**Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consider planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The SDNPA is the planning authority for Findon and FPC is a statutory consultee on such matters. Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed in the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>). Green Planning Committee Agendas are also displayed in the FPC Notice Boards and published on the FPC web site 3 clear working days before each meeting. The schedule of Committee meeting dates is also available to view at these locations and on the web site. Due to the publication deadline for the Findon Village News, receipt of the PCLs from SDNPA, and the scheduled meeting dates of the Committee, there may be instances where an application has already been considered by the Committee by the time an edition of the News has been published. Residents are asked to check the Notice Boards and web site regularly to view Parish Consultation Letter notices, scheduled/additional/cancelled meeting details, and Committee Agendas. FPC Planning Committee meetings are held in Findon Village Hall at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome to attend the Committee meetings and take part in the Public Question Time agenda item.

The next two meetings are:

**28 July - Main Hall**

**25 August - Committee Room**

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## Findon Downs WI

Our June meeting speaker was Mike Curtiis who gave an interesting insight to "Life on a Submarine". He was a naval officer who became interested in submarines, the first of which were developed around 1901. On a modern submarine there can be a crew of 70 or more, including a number of trainees. The training is in 3 parts: Shore based for the first two which include breathing and diving in a 100ft diving chamber and in a wet suit, and technical and computers instruction. Part 3 is Sea going, where further testing is carried out. Exams

are included at all stages following which you become a qualified sub-mariner. They sleep in bunks and on board there are freezers (no fridges) with 2 chefs to provide meals. A daily rum ration is included with a toast for each day of the week.

The Competition for a single rose was well supported with some lovely scented blooms.

Next Meeting: Tuesday July 12th Findon Village Hall 2.30pm Speaker, Katharine Collet – "Downton Revisited".

Competition: Flower Arrangement in an egg cup. Social Time: Bingo.

Visitors are always welcome.

### Family Favourites

### Energy Boosters

4 ½ oz. Marg

6 oz. Plain flour

1 oz. Custard powder

3 oz. Caster sugar

2 oz. Chopped walnuts

### TOPPING FUDGE

2 oz. Butter

2 Tablespoons cream

2 oz. Soft brown sugar

Pre heat oven gas mark 3

Grease 11x7 baking tin.

Rub marg into the flour, add custard powder, chopped walnuts and sugar.

Press the mixture into the tin and bake for 25/30 mins.

Leave to cool slightly in the tin.

### Topping

Place butter, brown sugar & creaming a pan & boil for 3 mins. Beat well until mixture starts to fudge.

Pour over the cooked biscuit while slightly warm.

Cut into squares & top each square with ½ a walnut.

## Findon Village WI

Claire Fecher was our speaker at our last meeting on Thursday 9th June when she gave us a demonstration of how to use little bits of ribbon (that we all have stashed away somewhere) and turn them into little flowers that can then be used for brooches, hairbands and cake toppers. Very inventive indeed.

Our next meeting on Thursday 14th July is a good old fashioned 'Beetle drive'. the competition is something handmade.

All visitors welcome, we meet 2nd Thursday of the month in the Village hall at 7.30pm.

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## Findon Bypass

A Reflection by Valerie Martin

The routing of the Findon bypass was to take traffic around the narrow roads and avoid the village centre. During construction I understand that many well-known Findon features vanished for ever in the name of progress.

Findon Well was located at North End and the picture [top right] was taken c.1904. Having no stream, river or spring in the vicinity the inhabitants had to dig for water. This was a complex and time-consuming business and undertaken by men employed as "well sinkers". The wells they dug ranged from basic stone-lined with wooden lids to those of a more complicated design. A notable feature of wells sank in the 1800s were the "well-heads" containing the winding gear...such as at North End. In a letter John Ranger told me that when the council were repairing the top of the old well he went and had a look down. "It was about 6 feet in diameter and water could be seen in the gloom about 50 feet below".

During the construction of the bypass, the well was filled in by the West Sussex County Council and a manhole cover (on the northbound carriageway of the A24 [opposite the North End junction]) is now the only reminder of the North End Well.



Long gone are Orchard Croft Cottages (pictured left c. 1910). These properties once stood on the west side of the main road at the entrance to Findon from the Worthing direction. The Cottages were demolished to make way for the bypass as work commenced in 1938 and continued into 1939 when the bypass officially opened.

The original old Black Horse pub in the High Street was demolished, along with six cottages, in readiness for the intended bypass. The photograph [below] is the earliest photograph I have of the Black Horse Pond. Taken in 1902 it depicts the Findon postman (1902 until 1920), Fred Smith. This pond was diverted from its course and is now at the west side of the A24 - a shadow of its former self.

There was a 10 mph speed limited through the village until the bypass was built and the policeman of the time - PC Morris - kept a strict watch on this. How we all wish he was around today. ►



In November 2002, John Linfield of Horsham (one time a resident of Findon) wrote to me, "...the Findon by-pass was started at the Black Horse in 1938, and all concrete was mixed by hand there, and transported in skips on rails, to the area being worked. It was mainly Irish navvies that did the work. The grader driver was Russian, and worked for 18 hrs a day, 7 days a week."

As an extension to the Findon churchyard, the cemetery was also created along with the bypass.

When construction was complete trees and hedgerows were planted beside the bypass. The trees were only some 2½ ft in height and the hawthorn hedge mere striplings at 1½ ft tall. Along the central reservation shrubs were planted and the first tree to go in at the School Hill



roundabout was a Holly. The planting was to prevent dazzle from headlights of approaching cars. Ideas changed about this since I have lived in Findon and most of the trees have now been culled.

The picture above is a watercolour by Findon Artist Charles William Taylor (1878-1960). The painting depicts the new bypass, looking south in the 1940s, with Cissbury Ring in the background.

*Further stories unearthed during the bypass construction can be read on Valerie Martin's website [www.findonvillage.com](http://www.findonvillage.com)*

*Valerie would like too point out that the information provided here has been gleaned from hearsay during 22 years of living in the Village. If elder Findonians know any other details behind the construction of the by-pass then please contact Findon News.*

## 200 CLUB

Results of the 200 Club Major Draw  
on Saturday 28th May:

|     |      |     |                 |
|-----|------|-----|-----------------|
| 6th | £25  | 028 | S Steward       |
| 5th | £25  | 161 | G Hobson        |
| 4th | £50  | 142 | A Curren-Briggs |
| 3rd | £100 | 093 | K Roberts       |
| 2nd | £200 | 179 | J Reay          |
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### Get secure!!!

This time of year sees an increase in the number of opportunist break-ins and thefts, particularly in more rural areas. Please make sure that your homes, outbuildings, sheds and vehicles are secure – there have been several tractor mower thefts reported in the Chichester area and unsecured vehicles are being entered predominantly in the Bognor area and items such as wallets, handbags, cash and sunglasses are

being stolen. PLEASE remove your valuables and lock doors and windows. More advice available on the website <http://www.sussex.police.uk/advice>

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Please check the FPC web site for recent events or latest alerts at <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

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| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 9.30am<br>4.00pm  | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church<br><i>+ Messy Sunday in the Den</i><br>Pet Service & Sausage   |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 8.00am<br>9.30am  | Eucharist, Findon Church                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | 9.30am            | Sung Eucharist                                                                               |
| <b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July</b>  | 10.00am           | Fifth Sunday Parish Eucharist at<br><b>PATCHING CHURCH</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b> | 8.00am<br>10.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Service at Village Hall<br><i>+ breakfast from 9.15am</i> |

- ◆ Tuesdays 10.00am, Holy Eucharist Service at Findon Church
- ◆ Weds/Thurs/Friday 9.15am, Morning Prayer
- ◆ Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00pm Quiet Time at Findon Church
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month, 9.15am breakfast and 10.00am Family Service in Findon Village Hall
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Messy Sunday in the Den for children aged 3+ during the 9.30am service. There is also a Children's Corner in Findon Church for quiet play with puzzles, books & colouring.
- ◆ 1st Tuesday of month during term time, 3.30-5.45pm, Messy Church in Findon Village Hall.
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month during term time, 3.40pm, a short informal After-School Service, with drink/snack, at Findon Church.
- ◆ Last Tuesday of month, Light Lunch @ 1pm, Findon Village Hall. Soup & a pudding with friends for £4.00.
- ◆ First Monday of month, 7.30pm Ladies' Curry Night, Tajdar.
- ◆ Last Thursday of month, 7.30pm Men's Curry Night, Tajdar.

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# Village Hall July 2016

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| <b>Weekly</b>          | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>   |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Carpet Bowls           | Monday     | 14:30         |
| Cissbury Players       | Wednesday  | 20:00 – 22:00 |
| Lambstails (Term Time) | Thursday   | 10:00 – 12:00 |
| Line Dancing           | Wednesday  | 09:45         |
| Danceaholics           | Sunday     | 20:00         |
| Beginners Yoga         | Monday     | 09:30         |
| Yoga                   | Monday     | 10:30         |
| Vinyasa Flow Yoga      | Tuesday    | 19:00 – 21:00 |

| <b>Fortnightly</b> | <b>Date</b>                                 | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Circle Dancing     | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 19:10       |
| Rummikub           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 14:00       |

| <b>Monthly</b>        | <b>Date</b>              | <b>Time</b>                                         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Auction               | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 18:00<br>(goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) |
| Bead Magicians        | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00                                               |
| Canasta Club          | Last Tuesday             | 15:00                                               |
| Downs WI              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday  | 14:30                                               |
| Family Church Service | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday   | 09:30                                               |
| Gardens Association   | Last Friday              | 19:00                                               |
| Light Lunch           | Last Tuesday             | 13:00                                               |
| Meditation            | Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 19:30                                               |
| Messy Church          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday  | 15:30                                               |
| Village WI            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday | 19:00                                               |

| <b>Committee Room</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Village WI Darts      | Mondays     | 14:00       |

| <b>Other Events</b>         | <b>Date</b>                                    | <b>Time</b>        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rotary Flower Show          | 6 <sup>th</sup> July                           | 14:00              |
| Downs WI Tea                | 7 <sup>th</sup> July                           | 14:00              |
| Dog Show                    | 16 <sup>th</sup> July                          | 13:30              |
| Cissbury Players Production | 21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> July incl. | 19:15 (doors open) |

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