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Including the Church Parish of
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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From the Rectory

Nearly a year ago I was ordained a deacon of the Church of England at Chichester Cathedral and was licenced as an assistant curate to the Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching. This last year has flown by and on 19th May I was ordained to the office and ministry of a priest at a lovely service held in St Mary's Church, Storrington.

I am writing this article first to say thank you to all who have supported me in whatever way in my first year. I am so grateful for your kindness and encouragement, and especially to those who came to my ordination service and First Communion. My especial thanks go to Mary and Irene who made beautiful cakes and Dorothy for the provision of refreshments.

When I was initially ordained I was what is called a transitional deacon in that one lives and works as a deacon for one year before being priested. There are also what are called distinctive deacons, who always remain a deacon throughout their ministry. It is a matter of vocation and I believe I am also called to be a priest. I will however always be a deacon as well as a priest. One can think of it as a bit like a layer of an onion. My ministry is always a calling to humble service in the same way that Christ came to serve and not to be served.

Ordination to the priesthood entails more than just taking on new functions because it involves a whole change in one's being. As one bishop said to me

later 'do you feel ontologically changed?'. Actually, it does feel different. It also means that I am now authorized to undertake new types of ministry. As a deacon one is restricted in what one can do, although deacons have specific functions, for example to read the gospel and prepare the table at the Eucharist. I can now celebrate the Eucharist, conduct weddings and baptisms, give absolution for sins and pronounce God's blessing on his people. The role involves the rather amazing aspect of standing in the place of Christ, which is a clear reminder that it is not a ministry that can be done in our own strength and abilities.

At the ordination service those being priested receive the authority of the church to undertake these ministries alongside the bishop through the laying on of hands and through having our hands anointed and then symbolically held together as a sign of reconciliation. At the end of the service we were given a copy of the King James Bible as a reminder of our calling to preach the word of God and to minister the sacraments.

Although I am now a priest I am still under the same licence as a curate in the parish and curacies usually last three to four years. I therefore hope and expect to be with you for at least another two years. Hopefully that's not bad news!

Colin Cox

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For football fans we have a great selection of beers and snacks to enjoy whilst watching the World Cup, in particular a range of local beers from Riverside brewery in Upper Beeding or for those who enjoy a glass of something with bubbles we have a new Sparkling English wine "Fitz" made with English grown grapes at Divergent winery in Worthing.

Margaret and Annie have been doing a wonderful job coordinating our dedicated team of volunteers and I believe there have been some big strides made in simplifying the huge task of managing the rota. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard work and support.

Annie is coming to the end of her contract but I am delighted that she will still be involved in the shop as part of the volunteer team. I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their incredible enthusiasm and willingness to go the extra mile, often stepping in to offer additional help at the last minute and often stay over their allotted hours. I am greatly humbled by the goodwill and very grateful, the shop really couldn't function without you all.

We are, as always looking to recruit more members to our team and anyone who thinks they may be able to offer some time should contact either myself or Margaret on 873737

I still feel fairly new to the shop and would like to receive ideas and guidance on the sorts of things customers would like to see on our shelves, please feel free to drop into the store for a chat at any time.

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Shop Manager



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Findon Parish Council Report

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Mark Robinson has been co-opted onto Findon Parish Council, we welcome him onboard and look forward to his contribution to our council.

Stoolball Tournament.

The event was held in glorious weather on Sunday June 3rd. It was well attended and the worthy winners were Findon Youth Club. The event helped The Friends of St John the Baptist Church Findon to a very successful first year of fund raising. Their aim is to help preserve our historic church for future generations. Should you wish to join or contribute please contact Graham Langford via (www.fosjbf.org).

May Revels

Again blessed with good weather, the

children dancing on Pond Green along with the Maypole dancing was wonderful to behold. The activities were thoroughly enjoyed by the children, as was the spectacular fully clothed swan dive into the swimming pool by the school headmaster Mr Yelland.

Silent Silhouette

Many of you will have already seen the Royal British Legion 'Silent Silhouette' installed on Pond Green that has been sponsored by Findon Parish Council as part of the World War 1 Centenary Commemorations. It is a very poignant symbol and a moving tribute highlighting the sacrifice all men and women gave during the First World War.

Sean Smith, Chair FPC

PS 'From the Rectory'!

For the 'eagle-eyed' among you, who spotted the deliberate mistake in last month's article? Pentecost was in May, not June!! However, God can and does pour out his Holy Spirit on us at other times too, and 17th June was one such occasion, when 18 people, including 5 from Findon, were Confirmed by Bishop Mark in an uplifting and joyful Service in St Matthew's Church, Worthing. In Confirmation, a person affirms the Christian vows made on their behalf at their baptism (christening); if you'd like to know more, speak to Helena or Colin.

Pet Services: to be held this month! Findon Church (see poster) July 8th at 4.30pm and Patching Family Service, 10am on Sunday 22nd July.

All pets and their owners welcome!

*Quiet reflective time in Findon Church
from 7pm on Monday 9th July.*

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The Passion Play – Oberammergau 2020

In my role as Chichester Cathedral ‘Link’ person for the Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching, I have received the following notice from the Chichester Cathedral Friends who organise events on behalf of Chichester Cathedral and send them to the Cathedral Link on a quarterly basis which I then pass onto the parishioners of Findon, Clapham and Patching. The notices are normally displayed in the Parish Churches but I thought this particular notice may be of general interest to villagers in Findon, Clapham and Patching.

Mrs Claire Kersley (Chichester Cathedral Link)

The Chichester Cathedral Friends are looking at the possibility of organising a visit to **Oberammergau** to see the **Passion Play in 2020**. The plan would be for an 8 day trip. Flying from Gatwick and spending a few days in the Austrian Tyrol before going on to Oberammergau for one or two nights.

The authorities in Oberammergau have not yet released the prices for the play but it is expected that the cost of the trip will be in the region of £1,700 - £1,800. The time of the visit would be either the end of June or the beginning of July. If you are interested in joining in the trip (there is no actual commitment at this time) please contact me by email at claire.kersley@waitrose.com or by telephone on (01903) 873562 by the end of August 2018.

Summer Revels

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 9th June with a children's procession to Pond Green led by the traditional accordion player Tom Townsend (on his 28th year)! The sun shone down 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.

Bob Smytherson also crowned this year's beautiful May queen and attendees – Chloe Chambers as the Queen, with Ruby Scott and Bethany Pearson as the attendees.

Once opened, this year's Summer Revels saw many hundreds attending raising

thousands of pounds for the charity St John the Baptist CofE PTA dedicated to supporting the village school. With circus performers, children's entertainers, bouncy castles, assault courses, giant slides, soft play zones, garden games, candy floss, beer tents, pimms, bbq's (cooking Peckham Butchers finest handmade burgers and sausages), the amazing birds of prey displays by Hawking About, BubblePop's show stopping bubbles 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, Leeds Castle, Hilton Hotels, Audi, South Downs Gun Club, Worthing Theatres, a ½ tonne of horse manure with free delivery (!!!) and many many more, every winner 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 is an incredibly hardworking charity that works tirelessly throughout the year organising various village events. It encourages closer links between the local community and school by organising social activities that not only raise funds but also provide an opportunity for residents, parents, staff and pupils to get together.

This also includes the Findon Village Firework Fantasia, the Findon Village Circus and the Findon Sheep Fair Refreshments in previous years. Funds raised by the PTA provide essentials and extras not already provided by the school's budget - most recently the school have just renovated the entire outside garden areas inclusive of roly poly pig composters. Along with bee hives for the children to manage, 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, £1500 of

essential maths equipment and all the coach transport to numerous trips, these fundraising ventures really are a necessity! Our current projects are to improve on the complex nature trail with other wildlife habitats, discuss plans for a new outdoor classroom and to replace the IT Suite at a cost of over £30,000!

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 their equipment to make the Findon Village School's Summer Revels 2018 such a successful day and the children, school staff and everyone that attended for producing such an incredible atmosphere!

- Sadie Collis, Chairman, St John the Baptist CofE Primary School PTA





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Cash tills and cigarettes are believed to have been stolen. A car seen to leave the scene was found abandoned shortly afterwards in Findon Village. A 36-year-old man was arrested at a nearby address.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the police by calling 101, quoting serial 138 of 13/06.

You can report crime and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

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Joshua the Gardener

The no dig garden.

July is a busy month in the vegetable garden with lots to sow and harvest. Growing vegetables, herbs and fruit is a passion of mine so last year I really wanted to have a garden that would feed our family organic home grown produce for as much of the year as possible. After a lot of research I discovered no dig gardening. Fewer weeds, higher yields, healthier soil and obviously no digging. Sounded perfect. The principle of no dig gardening is that you build up layers of organic matter and by doing so you create a undisturbed healthy soil structure that you can then begin growing in immediately. This can be done directly on top of your existing ground such as your lawn, and rather than digging and forking over your soil you maintain it by applying an annual mulch of compost.

When making our no dig vegetable garden we used old railway sleepers for the sides of our beds which doubled up as narrow paths. Once the sleepers were in place I laid down a layer of cardboard straight on top of the lawn, followed by a good bed of straw. On top of the straw we added around 6 to 8 inches of horse manure and then finally topped it with a good quality garden compost around the same depth. These layers block out light killing off the weeds and grass, which then break down adding to the soil condition and quality.

We started this in January 2017 and as soon as the weather was warm enough we began to plant and sow.

Thankfully the garden has been a complete success! We've had very high yields of lettuce, beetroot, fennel,

onions, beans and peas as well perfectly straight carrots and parsnips. By having the organic matter build up in layers it allows the carrots to grow straight and strong. It enjoys each layer at a time, so to speak rather than spreading out in search of pockets of nutrients, as can happen with recently manured-dug ground, resulting in forked root vegetables.

When we harvest a crop such as lettuce, we will cut it off at the base and leave the roots in the ground to break down naturally. This allows for better soil structure and promotes beneficial fungi such as mycorrhizal fungi, helping crops grow strong and healthy.

After the last harvest of the year and the beds are empty, I apply a mulch of garden compost across the top approximately two to four inches deep. This feeds the soil and buries any weed seeds blown in from elsewhere. That is all the soil work I will do until the same time next year.

Using this method we feel we have achieved our goal of being able to feed our family on fresh home grown produce for most of the year as well as having a good supply stored away for winter. But is it less work? I can honestly say that apart from running a hoe over the surface every now and then, my weeding was reduced tenfold. The garden is now in its second year and the odd bit of bindweed still pokes up from time to time but then I didn't expect miracles. However having fewer weeds has allowed me to spend more time planting, sowing, harvesting and most importantly eating with my family.



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It scored 95/100.

The fleece has now been taken up to Yorkshire by the British Wool Marketing Board where it will be entered into the Golden Fleece competition and it will be up against other Supreme Champion Fleeces from England.

Graham Langford -
On behalf of the Nepcote Flock



shirts by Rita Simmons.

Some of these projects are on display in the local shop windows.

Well done everyone.

South of England Show 2018

Findon Village WI entered 9 of the 13 categories at this year's craft competition. The standard was extremely high for all categories and we are very pleased with our success.

All entries scored well, and the joint entry by Gay Hibbs, Sue Bell, Tricia Smith and Judy Stutchbury – a tableau based on a the book of Mary Poppins - won 3rd place, as did Judy's watercolour of summer. Both Hilary Langford's wall hanging and the Knit & Natter group's entry of the Toy Shop were Highly Commended.

Other entries were a cake by Kathy Loffler, a child's garment by Gill Gostick, a crochet blanket by Tracey Martin, a 'Tools of the Trade' bag by Gay Hibbs, and an item made from recycling 2



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Updated Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan (2018 - 2035)

Regulation 14 Pre Submission Version
Consultation Period 23Jun-10 Aug 2018

The 2016 ‘made’ Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan did not take up the opportunity to allocate housing sites to meet the housing requirement for Findon included in the 2018 SDNPA Local Plan currently under review by the Planning Inspectorate.

In response to community aspirations that sites allocated for housing should be in less sensitive landscape locations, an Updated Neighbourhood Development Plan has been prepared, which includes housing site allocations to meet the housing requirement proposed for Findon in the submitted version of the 2018 SDNPA Local Plan, in full.

The Regulation 14 Pre Submission 2018 Updated Neighbourhood Development Plan has emerged following extensive local consultation and two housing site preference surveys and is now formally published, to invite comment from statutory consultees, including the SDNPA (the planning authority), Arun District Council (the housing authority), Historic England, the Environment Agency, Utility Companies and other bodies, local landowners, businesses, community groups and residents.

The Pre Submission 2018 Updated Neighbourhood Development Plan (the 2018 Updated Plan) is in the form of the 2016 ‘made’ Neighbourhood Development Plan with deleted policies, texts and maps ‘lined through’ with new or replacement policies and text clearly identified in blue and new maps clearly

labelled and numbered. The main parts of the 2016 ‘made’ Neighbourhood Plan however remain substantially unaltered with new housing allocation policies included in Section 5.7. There is also some clarification to part 8 of the Local Green Space designations.

The 2018 Updated Plan and the supporting evidence base can be viewed on two web sites:

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www.findonvillage.org

and printed copies can be viewed at the Community Store and Post Office, the Village Hall, the Village House, the Gun Inn, the Black Horse and Wyevale Garden Centre.

Please submit comments on any part of the 2018 Updated Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting evidence base by email to:

unpwg.findonparishcouncil@gmail.com or by letter to: Updated Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Findon Parish Council, 34 Normandy Lane, East Preston, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN16 1LY to arrive by:

6pm on Friday 10 August 2018

Following a full review of comments received, the Reg 14 2018 Updated Neighbourhood Plan will be amended as appropriate and be submitted as the Reg 16 version to the SDNPA for further review and appointment of an independent Examiner, after which a Referendum will be held, as with the 2016 ‘made’ Neighbourhood Development Plan.

*Updated Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, Findon Parish Council
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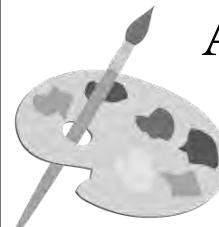
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Findon Village Fun Tournament

On Sunday 3rd June, St John the Baptist Church Findon, organised a stoolball tournament on Nepcote Green in the village, maybe the first of many. Eleven teams took part and included organisations from within the village, together with a team from Clapham and Patching and one from All Saints Church in Findon Valley.

The weather was glorious and, starting at 11.30 in the morning, play went on all day until the end of the afternoon. Matches were played consecutively on two pitches and each team played three games until St John the Baptist Youth Club emerged as the winner and won the cup and each player received a medal. The Sheep Fair Shearers were runners up, Julia's kitchen

(Kitchenettes) scored the highest innings of 89 and Matt Barnett from the Cross Lane team (Canine 8) scored 42, the highest score of the day.

The spirit of the day wasn't to play to win but to play and have a great time and as many from each team to have the chance to bowl and bat. Hopefully the day was enjoyed throughout as the fun, community day it was intended to be. There was a barbecue stall, plus cakes and hot and cold refreshments



available to help raise funds for the Friends of St John the Baptist and our thanks go to all the many volunteers, teams and supporters who helped to make the day such a big success. We are proposing to repeat the tournament next year on Sunday 2nd June 2019, date to be confirmed.



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Findon Village WI

Our June meeting was a Beetle Drive and, as always, great fun. Maggie was the overall winner and was presented with a glittering blue dragonfly ornament for her garden. Betty won the competition with her lovely spider.

The ladies also got a chance to see the lovely exhibits Findon Village WI entered into the South of England Show. Among the entries on display was an amazing knitted toy shop and a wonderful exhibit depicting the story book Mary Poppins – we have a lot of talented ladies in our WI.

Unfortunately, due to the building works at the Village Hall, we have had to suspend our darts club on Monday afternoons but the walking group is now up and running (or should I say up and walking?) and a group of ladies spent an enjoyable afternoon on the South Downs in search of Bramber

Beeches (we found them next to a pig farm). Our next walk is along the Arun and Wey canal.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th July – Lady Crabtree will be giving tips on how to grow old disgracefully – should be a fun evening!

Our competition for July is 'A flower by any medium'

Have a look at our new website – <https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite> or find us on Facebook...

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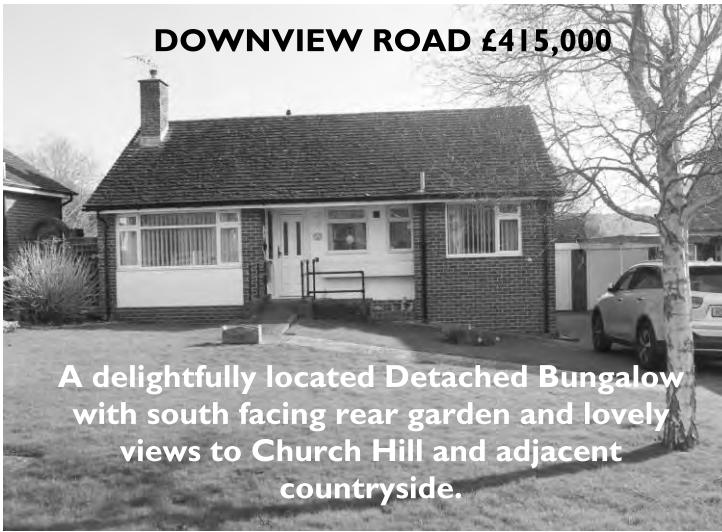
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Paws for thought - Parasites

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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 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.

Many veterinary practices have a Pet Health Plan that will cover most preventive care for a pet with the cost broken down into monthly payments. For my practice our plan covers ticks as well.

Imogen Wainwright-Jones
Crossways Veterinary Group
179 Findon Road, Findon Valley
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Findon Downs WI

June Meeting 2018

Speaker – Ben Cross

Ben Cross gave us an interesting brief history of his nursery with a talk and slides. He is the fourth generation to run it as his Great Grandfather started it in 1936 through the Land Settlement Association. The nursery in Walberton near Arundel specialises in growing Alstroemerias which are completely free of chemicals. The nursery supplies Spittlefields Market and other wholesalers in London.

Ben gives many talks to Colleges and Flower Clubs and also many W.I.s, in all covering twenty difference areas around

the county promoting English Flowers, as 90% of the flowers in this country are imported from other countries. He also organises guided tours around the nursery which are available for groups. At the end of the meeting we were able to purchase the Alstroemeria that Ben had brought with him.

Next Meeting 10th July 2018
at Findon Village Hall
Speaker Angela Waller –
Trolley Dollies
Exhibition A Rose
Raffle and Sales Table
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We are so fortunate to have reliable volunteers (we need more). Without their help Sheila and I couldn't cope with all the work. If volunteers are on holiday or phone in sick we struggle to get everything done with no time to eat. The telephone rings constantly with everything from baby birds, lost cats and dogs, unwanted pets, and schools and colleges asking us to take young people for work experience. Also, every day people ask if we have any kittens. Sheila tries to keep up with answering all the post, and I the emails. Some days there are just two of us cleaning out the stables, grooming the donkey and pony, cleaning cat litter trays, feeding and grooming all the cats, cleaning and feeding rabbits, guinea pigs, turkey, hens and quail, degu, hamsters, gerbils, fish in the pond and the wild birds. We also have 5 resident elderly dogs.

Animals on medication, feeding baby birds or hedgehogs, and never ending vets visits take up an awful lot of time. Also running injured ones to the Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital in Sidlesham.

Every week we take in stray cats mostly from local vets who cannot keep them when they are not micro-chipped. We are so happy when the strays are claimed. We are so busy evenings and weekends when the public bring in baby birds and lost animals. Usually they find them when they come home from work and we are the only ones open or answering the phone. One of this week's stray cats was claimed but we still have another little cat found in Findon Village 30th May in local stables.

He is neutered, very friendly, healthy, black all over, but not microchipped.

We found a lovely home for a dog this week in Findon Village. The beautiful dog was so sad because her owner had died.

Sometimes we are asked to do the impossible! This week we were asked to find a home for a small pedigree Maltese dog. The owners are going abroad to live in mid-July. I was told the dog doesn't like cats or children, and definitely doesn't like meeting other dogs, and is not neutered. So we will probably have to get him neutered. He is staying with the owners until they leave.

We were given 3 black kittens about six weeks old that were found dumped in the middle of nowhere. Luckily when they arrived, one of our volunteers here offered to take them home and care for them. So we let her name them, and they had their first vaccinations this week. But knowing her she will fall in love with them all and we won't be getting them back!

Stacey.

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PROFILE OF A VILLAGER

Dr GEOFFREY ROBERTS as told by his wife Pauline Roberts.

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Most practices were one or two doctors, generally male, and there could be 100 applicants for any post available.

We counted ourselves fortunate to have an interview and subsequently a partnership with a Doctor Beatson. They cared for patients in Findon Valley and the Village without secretarial help, just the two “wives” who took all the phone calls. There was a surgery in the Valley and at our house in the Village which was purpose built in 1962 to include a waiting room and consulting room. The two doctors shared surgeries and day and night calls, with some extra help at weekends. We had a half day off during the week!!

Joan Day (who came to the Village in 1938) as a district nurse/midwife/health visitor was amazing, highly regarded and loved by everyone. She retired in 1968 and was replaced by a district nurse and a health visitor.

1974 saw a big change when Dr. Beatson retired, and Geoff combined with Doctors' Martin and Cameron. The practice moved to a bungalow in the Valley in 1978 with secretaries, nurses, receptionist and an excellent practice manager.

Doctor Isobel Edwards joined the practice in 1976 with Doctor Mannings joining in 1984 and Doctor Shipley in 1985/6.

Doctor Edwards was part time (doing only surgeries) leaving the four male Doctors sharing visits and out of hour calls including night calls of which there seemed to be an increasing number.

Geoff retired in 1988 when the practice moved to a purpose built surgery “Lime Tree” in Findon Valley. There was also a surgery at Nightingales in Findon Village.

On his retirement Geoff's interests were many including astronomy, classical music, walking (the downs, Malvern Hills, and the Lake District), and engineering (trains and traction engines).

Sadly Geoff died in 2010.

Findon was and still is a lovely place to live with Cissbury Ring; the sea four miles away, and in 1964 a coach service to London stopping at the Gun Inn. Fares were 10 shillings for an adult, 5 shillings for children.

Our children Ann and Nick attended the Village school and have carried a love of the countryside into adulthood.

If you have an interesting background or a particular reason how you came to live in the area do share your story?

Your articles please to findonnews@zoho.com, or hardcopy can be placed in the Findon News box in the Findon Village Store.

The Editorial team look forward to hearing from you. Ed.

Findon Village Hall Trust



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Godfrey Stanford was born at the Forge in Patching in 1925 and he lived in the very same house for 92 years.

Godfrey had a happy childhood and attended the village school. At 17 years of age, Godfrey joined the Navy and became a stoker on King George the Fifth during World War Two . After the war Godfrey worked with his brother Fred running the family haulage business for many years .When his brother retired – Godfrey joined Travis Perkins Clapham as an Heavy Goods vehicle Driver. On his retirement he continued to work around the village and undertook odd jobs such as tree feeling, and gardening.

Godfrey loved working but due to ill health had to retire at around the age of 85. Twenty five years ago he planted all the daffodils which line the village of Patching.

For Patching Village it is the end of an era .

Godfrey was a real character and he loved Patching Village and his home.

His funeral took place on the 22nd May, 2018 when St John the Divine was packed with family and Friends.

His family would like to convey their thanks and appreciation to neighbours and friends who came and for all the card and kind letters of sympathy.

Uncle Godfrey would have been overwhelmed to see all those who attended.

Best wishes and love to you all

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DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSORS
1st July Trinity 5	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Colin Cox	Kath Hutchinson	Lamentations 3:23 -33 Mark 5:21-end	Dan Banting/ TBA
8th July Trinity 6	Patching 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué	Pauline Prior	2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6: 1-13	Dorothy Barber
15th July Trinity 7	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Helena Buqué	Kath Hutchinson	Amos 7:1-9 Mark 6: 14-29	Pauline Prior/John Haskey
22nd July Trinity 8	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Mark 6: 30-34,53-end	Dorothy Barber
22nd July	Patching Family Service 10am	Helena Buqué		As above	Children
29th July	Patching Parish Eucharist 10.am	Colin Cox	TBA	Ephesians 3:14-end John 6:1-21	Mary Best/TBA

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Sunday 8 th July	08.00am 09.30am 4.00pm	Eucharist Patching Church Sung Eucharist Findon Church Pet Service Findon Church
Sunday 15 th July	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Eucharist Findon Church Family Communion Findon Church Sung Eucharist Patching Church
Sunday 22 nd July	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Eucharist Clapham Church Sung Eucharist Findon Church Pet Service Patching Church
Sunday 29 th July	10.00am	5 th Parish Eucharist at Patching Church
Sunday 5 th August	08.00am 09.15am 10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Findon Church Breakfast, followed by Findon Village Hall Family Service Sung Eucharist Clapham Church

Deaths: Pat Andrew, William (Bill) Appleby

Weddings: Daniel Grace and Ruksha Bhadresha,
Benjamin Smart and Kylie Retter,
Mark Cullen and Sophie Brooks.

Afternoon Plus – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheet.

Light Lunch @1pm Last Tuesday of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5.
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Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00 – 13:00
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Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30

Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	2 nd /16 th	19:10

Monthly	Date	Time
Auction	20 th	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	17 th	09:00
Downs WI	10 th	14:30
Family Church Service	1st	09:15 (09:15 – Café Breakfast, 10:00 – Service)
Gardens Association	27 th	14:30
Messy Church	3 rd	09:00
Village WI	12 th	19:30
Meditation	23 rd	19:30
Tastevin	5 th	19:00
Light Lunch	31 st	12:00

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Other Events	Date	Time
Findon Village Hall	7th	14:00
Fete		
Findon Village Hall		
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