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The community newsletter
For Findon,
West Sussex

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Findon Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 19 May

Chairman of the Parish Council, Peter Goldsworthy, warmly welcomed over 40 people in attendance before introducing the guest speaker Tony Steer, the Chairman (and Volunteer Organiser) of Bolney Parish Council.

Tony talked about the importance of volunteers within a parish and just how much impact an organised volunteer force can achieve. To inspire interest in enlisting volunteers from the whole community Tony's suggestion was to make any volunteering task a "fun event" by supplying refreshments, games for children to join in with, and a village barbeque. Apart from a registered list of volunteers (including some under the age of 16) Bolney Parish council also make frequent use of the Community Payback Team - a group of supervised offenders ordered to undertake community work.

After the talk Findon resident Mark Scott read a "thank you" letter (recently penned by his 9 year old daughter, Ruby) in recognition of the volunteer work party that tidied up the path and hedgerows around her home.

The letter - including a photo and details about the work party - appear on page 11.

Richard Bell then gave a preview of the new Findon Community website - www.findonvillage.org [now live - see front page] before refreshments were served.

After the break Peter Goldsworthy presented the Parish Chairman's annual review (see below). This was followed by reports given by representatives from various local organisations.

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## Findon Parish Council

### Chairmans Annual Report 2015/16

Your council has generally had a very good year, but we did start the year with the sad news of the deaths of Cllr. Len Prior and Alex Wood, husband of Cllr. Kate Wood, who later in 2015 decided to step down to look after her boys.

We then needed to bring our council up to strength, and recruited Etta Wyatt and Karen Roberts, who were elected unopposed in May 2015 along with 9 other councillors. More recently Melissa Oligario was co-opted onto the council, bringing our council complement back up to full strength.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted for independent review, and we should hear the examiner's views in June 2016, following which there might have to be changes before it can be voted on by a village wide referendum later in the year.

The Glebe Land Youth project was completed in October and formally opened by our PCC Katy Bourne, who helped us significantly with a Safer in Sussex grant of £6000. Since then we have cleared the jungle of brambles and elder that infested the remaining area with the help of the Probation teams of individuals who have been sentenced to Community Service orders.

The Wattle House renovation was completed on time and budget last summer, but the cost (£55,000) has denuded our reserves by 60%, which will mean a need for a significant increase in our precept next year, after holding it static for the last 3 years.

The mower purchased in April 2015 has proved its worth, and we now have a contract with WSCC to mow all the verges that belong to them, but ►

in spite of many attempts ADC have refused to allow us to cut and mow the verges owned by ADC.

The Sheep Fair in September was yet again a great success, and we should thank all the volunteers who gave their time to help the Sheep Fair committee put on another great show, without them it just wouldn't happen! Any excess income is granted by the SF Committee to worthy causes around the village, and its funds are now adequate to cover any future shows that are affected by bad weather.

In October the new defibrillator was installed in the centre of the village following fund raising by Graham Langford and friends, in memory of Ian Wordsworth who died of a heart attack earlier in the year. FPC gave a grant of £400 to help cover the purchase and maintenance.

The second year of the Christmas Lights was 'switched on' in November, with more lights purchased and a great effort by Jan Mackerell and her team.

The Operation Watershed work was contracted for and completed in December, just in time for the violent storms that occurred later that month and in January/February. The cost of £11000 was largely covered by a grant of £9000 from WSCC.

Cllrs. Robin Carr and Del Henty and several volunteers have worked tirelessly to repair and clear the footpaths on the A24, as well as lobbying WSCC Highways to restore the bus stops along the A24 dual carriageway sections which have been suspended for safety reasons.

More recently the council agreed to renovate the outer walls of the Pre-School and Cobby Bourne was awarded the contract and this should be finished

by the time of the Parish Meeting. Our next project will be a solution to the need for a replacement building for the Pre-School, its current building will not last much longer!

The first public meeting of the newly formed Traffic, Environment and People working group was really well attended in March, and will continue to assess all the feedback from the village before refining its proposals. We already have support from SDNPA and our County Councillor Debbie Urquhart, and hope to complete the first phase of work by the end of 2016.

### **Addendum to report**

*Pond Green, by some historical anomaly is actually owned and occasionally maintained by Arun District Council. Your chairman believes that this much loved and used village facility should be owned and maintained by the village under the care of the Parish Council. We have therefore had meetings with the Assets Manager of ADC, and have put in a strong bid to have it transferred to us; that decision will be made on June 16th.*

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## Consultations From West Sussex County Council

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is consulting from 16 May until 12 June 2016 on proposed changes to West Sussex Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRs) which may have an impact on the way in which you can access your local recycling site. The public consultation documentation and proposals can be viewed online at

<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/waste-management-services/hwrs>

WSCC and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) are working in partnership to prepare a new Joint Minerals Local Plan for West Sussex to replace the existing Minerals Local Plan (2003). They are consulting on the content of the draft Plan which closes on Friday 17 June 2016. The consultation documentation can be viewed online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/mwdf)

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### Findon Pool's 50th Anniversary

#### Lunch of 100-Club

The Findon Pool Committee is launching a new fundraising initiative in its 50th Anniversary Year. It invites all Findon residents to take part in a new 100-Club (along the same lines as the Village Hall 200-Club) with the regular chance to win a share of the prize money.

With an annual membership cost of £20, anyone interested should contact Jacqui

Greaney for a 'number' and further details. (Details of the draws and distribution of prizes are being finalised at the time of going to print.)

It is hoped that pool users, both past and present, will enjoy supporting this wonderful village amenity to ensure its success for another 50 years.

Jacqui Greaney (07877 969580, [jacadihan@yahoo.com](mailto:jacadihan@yahoo.com))

Findon Swimming Pool Committee

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### Summer Fete

**Saturday 18th June 2016**

**14.00hrs to 16.30hrs**

**Featuring:** Live Family Entertainment,  
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Children's Fancy Dress Competition

**The Theme is Superhero's and Princesses**

Entries to meet on Pond Green at 13.30hrs to register.

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## Memories of Findon Pool

From Miss Simkins - a teacher at St John the Baptist CofE Primary School from 1966 to 1970 - now living in Germany.

I have heard you are collecting information about the early days of the Findon school pool.

I taught in the school from 1966 to 1970. The summer of '67 was glorious. We swam every day and in the summer holidays.

I arrived at Findon school in 1966. Mrs. Powell the head mistress did the swimming formally which upset some of the infants since for some of them the water came up to their chins. Mrs Powell then moved on to a bigger school and we, (Mr Rackleyeft, Chris Kettel and myself) took over. We went swimming every day. The summers those years were glorious. The atmosphere in the school wonderful. No-one misbehaved or even thought of it. We worked in the morning and split the afternoon into three sections so that everyone could swim every day. Swimming is something everyone should be able to do - or so we reasoned. The older kids changed in the cloakrooms and the infants in the classroom. In the summer holidays when the school was closed some children changed by the side of the pool.

I took the first shift after lunch with the little ones, and lowered them one by one into the water. They were soon splashing around happily. I felt that since the water was so deep they'd soon be swimming and so it was. Mark Beale (are the Beales still in the village?) was the first to take his feet off the bottom (he turned into a real water baby) followed by Julia Young and Belinda. I saw them in serious conversation at the

side of the pool and watched to see what they were planning. They were planning to take the plunge. They slipped into the water and swam to the other side.

The best story concerns Chris Ka-tell (the pronunciation) and Class 2. He couldn't swim, neither could the class. He solved the dilemma by buying a "How to swim" book" and announced they would all learn together and that a bar of chocolate would be waiting for anyone who learned to swim. He lined the kids up in the water along the side of the pool - tallest to shortest - put the book on the side of the pool and turned to page one. "Walk across the pool". They did.. and they never looked back. Day by day his kids would report to me proudly on their progress. One of the boys was the first to take his feet off the bottom. Big admiration all round and the first bar of chocolate. Still Chris couldn't swim but then the great day came and his kids streamed into my classroom to tell me the good news. "He's done it miss, he's done it!". They couldn't have been prouder.

We swam after school and in the summer holidays too. I supervised because you needed a bronze lifesaver and I was the only one who had it, for the paltry sum of 13/6d an hour but it was good to see the children enjoying themselves.

The pool was strictly for Findon school only and this caused resentment among the older village kids that had left. They were the ones who had worked so hard on the fundraising. The pool had been promised as a pool for the village. I gave an extra session for them once because they were right. "It isn't fair miss!".

Janet van den Heuvel.

## TEP (Traffic Environment People)

Results of the online survey – so far Findon News has been following the progress of the Traffic Environment and People (TEP) initiative. As you will recall this work is being co-ordinated and lead by a group of Councillors and volunteers from Findon.

The thinking behind this is to attempt to resolve a number of problems.

Firstly there is concern about safety for school children and parents particularly on the corner of the Square by the Gun and School Hill. Also, many people, particularly on the High St, are concerned with the number of times that buses or big vehicles are blocked on the High St by inconsiderate or spatially unaware drivers who park on both sides of the road creating an impassable chicane for long vehicles.

Lastly, is the wish to create a long term vision for Findon that clearly

demonstrates its justifiable place within the South Downs National Park as a valued gateway and semi-rural, attractive and historic village which is both welcoming to visitors and a more pleasant place in which to live and work.

So the TEP group have been busy and over the past few months there has been a very well attended Public Meeting at the Village Hall (approx 100 people attended) followed by small clinics at Julia's kitchen and a "workshop" in the Village Hall.

Inevitably opinions differ as to how some of the issues are dealt with.

The TEP group generally agree with the South Downs National Park's vision for rural villages – which is to try and find non-urban solutions to traffic problems and limit the use of double yellow lines and inappropriate and visually imposing ►



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signs where possible. The TEP group are consequently consulting on how to achieve the aims to ease the parking problems and slow down the traffic. One idea is to psychologically alter the perception of the Square so it is regarded as a shared space for pedestrians and vehicles rather than a road in which pedestrians have to jump to one side at the sight of any approaching vehicle.

The headline results of the online survey show that:

100% of respondents favour a walkway from the Gun up to the village school.

Over 80% favour a very few additional car parking spaces being made available on Pond Green and the Post Office.

Just over two thirds favour a 20mph zone in Findon. (A zone is not the same as a 20mph limit – a 20mph limit needs lots of signs, while a ‘zone’ has other limitations concerned with road design to ensure speed is automatically reduced).

Just over two thirds favour enhancements to the Square.

Just over two thirds favour a few additional car parking spaces being made available by taking part of the verge at the top of school Hill.

But there is also significant opposition to:

Road narrowing/build outs (to reduce

speed and inconsiderate parking) which may have an indirect consequence by making a 20mph zone very difficult to achieve. 53% support it but 47% oppose.

A permanent one way system on School Hill 58% in favour 42% oppose.

Cutting into the bank just beyond the school to the top of school hill to create a walkway or the creation of a walkway on the side of the houses. 48% would favour a walkway 58 % oppose.

Cllr John Havenhand makes the point that the online survey has only targeted those people who have attend the presentation, clinics or workshop as the intention was to elicit relatively informed responses from those aware of the thinking behind the visual illustrations/ concepts. He also points out that the 38 respondents are not part of a large random sample or a representative sample so the figures must be used with caution. However, he also suggests that it does give the group something to go on.

In the meantime – if you have a view let the TEP group know what it is, if you have not already done so.

Visit the Findon Website -

<http://findon.arun.gov.uk> - click on the link for “Traffic Study” to see all the plans and the link for the survey.

We await with interest the next update.

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Path clearing volunteers in action.

Left to right: Richie Line, Robin Carr, Gerry Jones, Peter Kirk, Stewart Hilton and Del Henty

## Volunteers get their hands dirty for the village!

Cllr Robin Carr has organised a group of volunteers to clean-up around the village. Collecting discarded waste and clearing away overgrown foliage the small team of dedicated helpers have been working for the benefit of Findon residents in all weathers. Their unselfish task has mainly gone without compliment or reward, but one young resident - Ruby Scott aged 9 - was so grateful for their efforts she was inspired to write the following letter:

To all the kind people of the Parish Council who helped clear the path.

This is just a little note to say thank you VERY much to all the wonderful people who cleared the footpath from Maxwell Cottages to the Nepcote Road.

It is really nice to be able to walk to school holding my Daddy's hand and to talk to him instead of walking in silence in single file.

Thank goodness I don't have to wear my embarrassing wellies to walk to school anymore to get through all the mud that was on the path.

You have made one little girl, her Dad, her dog and her neighbour very happy and my little brother says thank you too because now he doesn't have to ride in his pushchair up the bumpy muddy path. I can now look forward to lots of fun walking to school every day.

Thanks again

Ruby Scott (age 9) of Wisteria Cottage.



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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

We are never shocked anymore when we see the conditions of some of the poor neglected animals that arrive. We recently agreed to take two guinea-pigs belonging to a lady who said she could no longer look after them. She had been advised to get herself some pets to try and help her with depression, but the poor Guinea-pigs had only been fed on Spinach, were only 18 months old and had the longest nails we have ever seen - growing right round into their pads.

They were also hypo-active. The poor lady couldn't look after herself let alone these poor Guinea-pigs.

We clipped the guinea-pigs nails and put them on a correct diet. After a couple of days they had calmed down and really like being picked up and cuddled.

A cat also arrived in a terrible condition. Very thin, bald patches and half her tail missing from a recent injury.

Another cat, seven years old who had been living outside in all weathers after the owners had bought a new puppy. The cat had been too frightened to go indoors because the puppy chased her,

so the cat was given to us to re home. Every one of our cat pens are full again with strays, unwanted cats, and cats that owners say they cannot keep because someone in the family is allergic.

A ginger cat was returned to us because the new owners said she was aggressive and kept slapping them. They had only had her for 48hrs and she was probably frightened and worried about going to a new home with strangers. They had even taken her to a Vet who said she was aggressive and had Probably been a farm cat. They hadn't given her time to settle in and we sometimes despair with the people who are so paranoid and fussy it rubs off on the poor cat.

We are so busy every day with so many animals to feed and look after. The fish in the pond, hamsters, gerbils, cats and dogs indoors, letting the hens out and feeding them, as well as all the animals in the sanctuary.

Is there a retired gentleman gardener in the village who would like to volunteer to do some gardening for us ?

We would be so grateful, we just do not have the time to keep the front garden, window boxes, pots, hedges and lawns looking tidy.

Stacey



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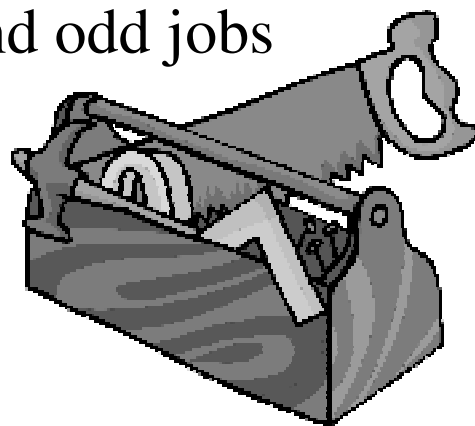
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## Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration



Saturday 11 June  
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## A Gardener's View

May is a busy month for the gardener. The days are longer, warmer and also wet which means the weeds grow and the slugs prowl.

I haven't done much gardening at all this month as my wife Emma gave birth to our second child - a beautiful little boy named Percy.

Having had very little sleep for a while and running around after Noah (our four year old), I had to come up with ways I could garden which would involve Noah and also seem like a fun game. This involved a lot of watering plants as Noah seems to love soaking just about anything and everything with his new watering can.

I also managed to prick out my cosmos seedlings but Noah was pulling them out just as fast as I was putting them in!

(Pricking out is when you take out individual plants that have grown in a seed tray, and plant them in their own pot in order to grow a bigger root run so

they will be ready for planting out in the garden after a few weeks or so).

I very much look forward to both Noah and Percy joining me on my gardening round when they are older... However they will most likely hate gardening and I'll be forced to sit through football matches!

There is lots you can be getting on with in June. The weather is warm and the nights are long, so start sowing direct. Sow lettuce and rocket in pots to use as cut and come again salads, plant out sweetcorn and summer bedding. Keep earthing up potatoes and sow carrots.

Plants that have flowered in the spring can now be pruned and spring bulbs can be dead headed but leave all the foliage to die back naturally in order for all the nutrients to go back into the bulb for a display next year.

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Joshua (the Gardener)



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Gwyneth Harwood

I wish to thank all my family and friends for all the cards and flowers and expressions of sympathy following the sad loss of my dear mother.

Special thanks to Dave and Gayle and Jan Mackrell for their help.

Julian Harwood
Downland Close

Readers' letters & emails.....

Is this the dumbest sign in the Village?

The sign suggests car drivers can now go 60 mph up the single lane road to Cissbury Ring alongside Nepcote Green. How ridiculous is that?

There used to be two signs side by side, now one has had its top removed. I'd bet that instead of removing the remaining inducement to kill people and their dogs, the council will spend a large amount of money replacing the one that has been taken down.

Why don't we quietly remove the one remaining sign? I've tried and failed in the past to persuade the powers that be to get these signs removed.

This morning [8th May] as I biked up the road, a driver in a dusty pick-up truck with a covered rear was barrelling down towards me. My half-hearted shout of "slow down" and a hand-signal suggesting



he cut his speed (no expletives, no aggressive gestures) was met with screeching of tyres and a sentence ending in ".....f.....ing c." Charming. I bet he would have said that it was perfectly legal to go so fast, and he'd have been right. Most drivers do slow down and behave sensibly though.

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Veterinary Advice

Over the past month we have seen a few cases of adder bites in dogs. Lots of clients are asking about the risks associated with adder bites so I thought I would try and answer them in this month's article.

The European adder is the only venomous snake native to the UK. The venom is injected into the adder's prey to subdue them before ingestion. Adults are around 50-60cm long and are characterised by having a black/brown zigzag pattern along their back and V shaped marking on the back of the head. Other snakes native to the UK are the grass snake, the smooth snake and the slow worm, but none of these show the same zigzag pattern. Snakes generally only bite in self-defence, so normally bites occur when a snake is stepped on or disturbed by your dog. Bites are more frequent in the spring and summer when the snakes are

more active and can sometimes be spotted basking in the sun.

It has been found that 97% of bitten patients show symptoms; the remaining 3% are presumed to have received 'dry bites'. All symptomatic patients show local effects. In almost all cases we find swelling and oedema at the bite site, usually within two hours.

You may be able to see 2 small puncture wounds in the centre of the swelling.

Bites most commonly occur on a dog's legs or face.

Signs that your dog may have been bitten:

Your dog will show signs of pain and may appear nervous.

- pale mucous membranes (gums)
- panting
- salivation/dribbling
- vomiting, diarrhoea
- lameness
- Lethargy

Eventually animals may collapse, have blood clotting problems, tremors or convulsions. Bites on or around the face can lead to swelling of the face and muzzle and result in breathing difficulties.

In less than 5% of cases we can see severe systemic effects. These include problems breathing, collapse, convulsions, kidney failure, and liver injury, bleeding disorders, shock and an abnormal heart rhythm.

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What to do if you believe your dog has been bitten by an adder

Importantly, DO NOT PANIC, your dog is highly likely to make a full recovery if treated promptly and correctly.

Seek veterinary attention even if you did not see the dog being bitten- not all dogs show the distinctive puncture holes

Either carry your dog or allow them to walk slowly and calmly to try and reduce the spread of venom around their body.

Keep your dog quiet and warm as you transport him to the surgery

It is very important to ring the surgery as soon as you can to let the vets and nurses know you are coming in so that treatment can be set up ready to be administered when you get to the surgery.

Treatment

Treatment includes intravenous fluids, pain relief, and treatment of swelling and shock and in some cases anti-venom.

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**Dog shows**

There are a few dogs shows being held in the area this month- I will be judging

**Findon Educational Trust**

This Charitable Trust was established to provide financial assistance to those who need help in meeting the cost of extracurricular educational activities.

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The Committee administering the Trust are able to consider applications made on behalf of children up to 18 years old who are in full-time education and are resident in the

the Veteran’s class at the Findon Residents Association dog show on June 26th at the gallops. Please come and show support – I know a lot of hard work has been put in by the organisers to make the day a success!

**Crossways Garden Party**

On June 5th between 12-3pm we will be holding a Garden Party at our Storrington branch in order to raise money for the charity Hounds for Heroes.

On the day there will be a dog show, tea and cake, children’s games and facepainting, nail clipping and advice from our nurses, tombola and selling cat baskets and books with all proceeds going to the charity.

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## Dogs have fun on The Gallops!

**Sunday, 26 June, from 12pm** is the timing for the 3rd Annual Charity Fun Dog Show, taking place on The Gallops, west side of Findon Valley (BN14 0ES).

The accent is on fun for every pet owner, with their families and friends, to bring their dog(s) along to enter any of the eight classes, each of which has been sponsored by a local business.

The classes are: Best Puppy, Prettiest Bitch, Most Handsome Dog, Best Veteran (over 10 years), Best Child Handler, Best

Rescue, Best 6 Legs (Dog & Owner) and The Dog The Judges Would Like To Take Home.

The class winners are also judged on the overall Best In Show.

Entry is £1 per class and all proceeds from the event will be donated to PAWS Animal Sanctuary.

There will be a Grand Raffle with an exciting range of prizes.

£1453.15 has been raised from the last two shows. Last year there were 105 dogs with their owners and families!

More details on [www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)

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## Findon Friends Of St. Barnabas House

On Friday 13th May we held a really entertaining and successful fund-raising 'Skittles and Supper' evening at the Black Horse in Findon.

Very good fun and very good food was had by everyone!

The splendid sum of £255.00 was raised - thanks both to the generosity of our Hosts Jasmine & Steve at the B'H, and to all the participants.

We hope to have an evening of 'Wine & Cheese' in July! So watch this space!

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## Readers' Dogs Meet Marli!

Marli is a 5yr old Cavachon and is owned by Lesley Chamberlain. Marli loves nothing better than her Downland Walks around Findon.

Good grooming is an essential part of her routine as well as regular visits to the Village House in order to meet and greet her adoring Fans.

She can often be seen with her best Doggy friend Tia. She is the current mascot for the National Garden Scheme in West Sussex and takes this duty very seriously.

Please come and say hello if you see her around the Village. You will be assured of a very warm and wiggly doggy welcome!!.



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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.

If we get enough entries we'll aim to publish a 2017 calendar to raise funds for the Findon PAWS Animal Sanctuary.

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## Readers Dogs Remembered

Daisy, an Airedale Terrier, the much loved dog of Janice and Jeremy Oakes, sadly past away in November last year.

Daisy's owners took her to a different Pub on her Birthday and were well known within Findon because of Daisy. They still get people asking after her which they find upsetting.

Unfortunately the photograph supplied was not clear enough to feature here.

*Sad to say that Findon News does not have sufficient space to feature Reader's past pets, so please do not upset yourselves further by sending details to us. Ed*



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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](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)).

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

**Roof replacement and enclosed front veranda and erection of double garage.**

Sunnybank Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR Ref. No: SDNP/16/02209/PRE

**Repair works to cracking and structural movement to the side elevation of a listed public house**

Village House Hotel The Square Findon BN14 0TE Ref. No: SDNP/16/02044/LIS

**Dormers to roof space, north facing.**

78 High Street Findon BN14 0SX Ref. No: SDNP/16/01951/PRE

**External covered garden room**

The Gun Inn High Street Findon BN14 0TA Ref. No: SDNP/16/01731/FUL

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Findon Parish Council Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consider planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on such matters. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings, and take part in the Public Question Time item. Planning Committee Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall and published on the web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) 3 working days before each meeting.

Residents are asked to check the Notice Boards and web site regularly to view scheduled/additional/cancelled meeting details and Agendas.

Findon Parish Council Planning Committee Meetings are held in Findon Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next two meetings are:

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"Pets Protection" was started with competitions etc. Also during the war a Dickin Medal was awarded to animals showing great bravery. "Pigeons" were the largest group of recipients.

The competition for a Peg Dolly produced many very imaginative entries including a "Bride" a "Welsh Girl" "Ballet Dancer" a Mermaid etc.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th June at 2.30pm Findon Village Hall
Speaker: Mike Curtis "Life on a Submarine"
Competition: A single Rose
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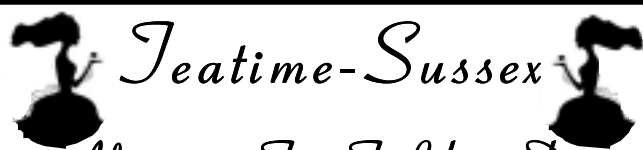
The resolutions meeting on Thursday 12th May, was a sociable evening and also raised a good discussion amongst the members.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9th June is "Decorative Ribbons" - we will be shown how to make lovely things out of strips of ribbon

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| Sunday 12th June | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
<i>+ Messy Sunday in the Den</i> |
| Sunday 19th June | 8.00am
9.30am | Eucharist, Findon Church
Family Communion, Findon Church |
| Sunday 26th June | 9.30am | Sung Eucharist
<i>Patronal Festival</i> |
| Sunday 3rd July | 8.00am
10.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church
Family Service at Village Hall
<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
- ◆ 1st Sunday of month, 9.15am breakfast and 10.00am Family Service in Findon Village Hall
- ◆ 2nd & 4th 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.
- ◆ 3rd 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.
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| Fortnightly | Date | Time |
| Circle Dancing | Monday 9 th & 23 rd | 19:10 |
| Monthly | Date | Time |
| Art Class - | | 09:00 |
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| Bead Magicians | Tuesday 17 th | 09:00 |
| Canasta Club | Last Tuesday | 15:00 |
| Downs WI | 2 nd Tuesday | 14:30 |
| Family Church Service | 1 st Sunday | 09:30 |
| Gardens Association | Last Friday | 19:00 |
| Light Lunch | Last Tuesday | 13:00 |
| Meditation | Tuesday 17 th | 19:30 |
| Messy Church | 1 st Tuesday | 15:30 |
| Village WI | 2 nd Thursday | 19:30 |
| Committee Room | Date | Time |
| Rummikub | 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday | 14:00 |
| Village WI Darts | Mondays | 14:00 |
| Other Events | Date | Time |
| Coffee Morning | Sat 4 th June | 10:30 |

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