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Findon, Clapham & Patching

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Arun District Council (ADC) Cracks down on Litter and Dog Fouling

Under a new scheme anyone caught dropping litter or not picking up after their dog in the district will face an on-the-spot-fine.

Following recommendation by the ADC Environment and Leisure Working Group, contractors have started work in response to the complaints that ADC receives regarding littering and dog fouling. The officers will be targeting areas where ADC have identified issues with a view to undertaking enforcement as part of an initiative to improve the streets and make Arun a nicer place.

The service is a one year trial and comes at no cost to ADC. ADC will not generate any revenue from the scheme. The objective is to achieve a cleaner environment - identified by residents as being important.

On 16 May, 25 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for offences. ADC anticipates these numbers will reduce

over the next few weeks as the public are educated regarding these issues and choose to dispose of litter correctly and pick up after their dogs. Officers are hopeful that cleaner areas will reflect in the way public spaces are treated.

Once the contractors have established their work in the area, ADC will be encouraging the public, agencies and towns & parishes to identify problems and work together to resolve any issues.

Please do encourage the reporting of any issues – ADC will then be able to dedicate resource to the area's most requiring it. Issues can be reported via the ADC website

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From the Rectory

This time next month, we'll be preparing to welcome our Curate, Colin Cox, into the Parish. Please join me in praying for him and his fellow Ordinands through June, as they prepare for their Ordination as Deacon in Chichester Cathedral on July 1st. I know you will make him feel welcome, and he's looking forward to getting to know you and the Villages. He will be 'self-supporting' (unpaid by the Diocese!) and lives in Rustington but will be with us at least two days in the week plus Sundays.

On May 14th, our new charity 'Friends of St John the Baptist Church Findon' was successfully launched at an event held in Findon Place [see report on page 27]. Thank you so much, Dominic and Sarah for your generous support! Check out our website (www.fosjbf.org) for details and photo gallery, with information on how to join us in 'helping to preserve our historic Church for future generations'; membership forms are also available at the back of Findon Church.

On July 19th (weather permitting!) I'll be doing a parachute jump in aid of the 'Friends', so will be hunting for sponsors!

We're looking forward to a visit from our Partner Church in Germany 8-13 June,

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Following the Annual Meeting new Churchwardens are:

Tessa McCormick and Ralph Budden (Findon), Kath Hutchinson (Patching) and Gail Smith (Clapham).

We also welcome Michael Drakeford, Graham Langford and Ian Hollyhomes as newly elected member of PCC

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## STOP PRESS - Findon Newsagency and Post Office

As Findon News went to press news came through that the owners of Findon Newsagency have unexpectedly decided to cease trading.

The shop has designated status as a village community asset and the Parish Council will attempt to seek a solution to get the shop reopened for the benefit of the villagers who rely on the shop on a daily basis. At this time no further information is available but any updates will be posted on the Village website -

[www.findonvillage.org](http://www.findonvillage.org)

with 15 guests being hosted in Findon this time. There are 5 teenagers in the group, and I'm hoping that members of the Youth Club and their friends will be able to meet up with them for some fun in the Village on the Saturday, and join us for a BBQ in the Rectory garden that evening. We need to know numbers for catering, so let me know if you're interested!

There is also a Strawberry Tea in the Rectory garden on Sunday 11th 3-5pm, I hope many of you can pop in and join us then.

Some of the Youth Club are coming with me and other Leaders to the Diocesan Youth Camp at Plumpton Racecourse 26-29 May. There will be a report from them about 'Rush' Camp in next month's Findon News!

Sunday 4th June is Pentecost, the 'birthday' of the Church, when we remember how the Holy Spirit came down on the first disciples. There will be birthday cake at our Village Hall Service at 10am, as we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit together. See you there!

Every blessing

Helena

## Findon Parish Council Annual Report for 2016/17

A busy start to the year in April with the launch of the Village Community Website (by Richard Bell) and the newly formed TEP (Traffic, Environment & People) Group starting to make some real progress.

Cllr. Del Henty supervised the recruitment and efforts of the Community Work parties who gradually cleared the 'jungle' behind the Pre-School on the Glebe Land early in the year, and shortly thereafter FPC paid for extensive repairs to the rear and side walls of the pre-school.

In May we saw the erection of a new noticeboard for Nepcote Green, donated by the family of Johannes and Maureen Tinner, both of whom had died in the previous few months. This notice-board is available for any village organisation wishing to advertise its future functions. In June we agreed the legal ownership transfer of Pond Green from Arun DC to Findon Parish Council. The title to Pond Green has still not been concluded due to several legal hurdles that have not yet been passed. In spite of that the Findon Volunteers run by Cllrs Carr and Henty have carried out the work to trim the hedges and ground to make the green more usable for villagers.

The Sheep Fair on September 10th was blighted by rain, which cut the normal attendance down to about 60% of the 'norm'.

Nevertheless an excess of £2000 was made, and grants were distributed to the Pre-School and the Governors Fund for St.John's

Primary School. The Sheep Fair Committee are always prepared to consider grant applications from village organisations following each year's Fair (profits permitting!), with preference being given to the youth of the village.

The TEP group organised a speed and parking survey on all the key routes into and out of the village, this has now resulted in an agreement by WSCC Highways to reduce the speed in the centre of the village to 20mph, beginning next January 2018. Later in September the village post office and shop was put on the market by Dave & Gayle Stewart, but as yet there seems to have been little interest from potential buyers. ►



*Findon Village  
Summer  
Fete*

*Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 2pm*

**Childrens Fancy Dress  
(Theme this year is Disney)**

**Please register on Pond Green at 1.30pm**

In October the Village Pre-School started a concerted effort to raise enough money for a new building, FPC having obtained a grant for £16,500 from a special fund being wound up by Arun DC. Later in October the TEP group got confirmation that the village would get a grant of £60,000 from WSCC Highways towards the remodelling of the centre of the village, the introduction of a 20mph limit, and increasing the pavement width up School Hill for the safety and benefit of children and mums going to the school.

November saw the long-awaited Neighbourhood Plan Referendum take place, strangely in the Black Horse. 94.5% of those voting approved the adoption of the plan, which was then 'made' following a meeting of the Planning Committee of the SDNPA on December 8th. More recently there has been a concerted effort by some villagers to have the Neighbourhood Plan amended in the light of opposition to the proposed site allocations by SDNPA.

Later in November we all saw the Christmas Lights go up, and the village was once again grateful for the efforts of Corinne Ball and Cllr. Jan Mackerell, together with many helpers. Each year

more lights are bought, either with grants from the Parish Council or indeed the Sheep Fair Committee.

A second grant application for £24000 was made by the council to the Operation Watershed fund from WSCC in December, and this was approved in its entirety, and will be carried out by Edburtons in June/July 2017. The work will involve drainage improvements to the edge of Nepcote Green and the bottom of Stable Lane to prevent water from running into the village square.

Sadly we lost 3 councillors in the last year, Dave Young resigned in July, Melissa Oligario in September and after a rather short stay Simon Moore left us in March. Fortunately John Barnett joined us in December and Sean Smith has also been appointed since the new council year started, bringing us back to full complement again. This is also an appropriate moment to acknowledge the continued efforts and excellence of our Parish Clerk Fiona Macleod, who continues to serve the village so well, as well as all those councillors who give so much of their time and expertise to keep the village alive and well.

Peter Goldsworthy  
Chairman, FPC

*Note: This report was presented at the Annual Parish meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May.*

### **Date for the Diary**

**Saturday 9th September 2017**

**Evening Event @ Marquee on the green**

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**Further details in July's Findon News**



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## Chairmanship of Findon Parish Council (FPC)

As those villagers attending the AGM of FPC will be aware, no current councillor was prepared to stand for Chairman in succession to the undersigned. I wish to step down from the post after 10 years in the position.

Due to the need for someone to chair the AGM, and to give all councillors another opportunity to consider the future, I agreed to stand again as Chairman for the period up to, but not including, the next FPC meeting on June 26th. My resignation will take effect on June 25th.

At the June meeting we must all hope that a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be prepared to be proposed and elected for the year ending at the next AGM in May 2018. Should no Chair or Vice-Chair be willing

to stand, then the Parish Council faces a difficult future, with no one to work with our excellent Parish Clerk, or attend County meetings, as well as liaise with SALC (Sussex Association of Local Councils), SDNPA and WSCC.

I fully intend to continue as a councillor until 2019, when I will have served for 20 years as Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as Vice-Chair to our last Chairman, the much missed Len Prior. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the council during my tenure, in spite of several difficult years when the village was invaded by the county's scourge of travellers, who even today are still a threat to the village as the summer arrives!

Best wishes to my successor,  
Peter Goldsworthy

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## Clapham & Patching Spring Show

This year's Clapham & Patching Spring Show was a great success

As it was held much later in the year than usual we had few daffodils as exhibits but this was more than compensated for by the large number of tulip entries. There were also more entries in the flower arrangement categories and the hall both looked and smelled delightful.

During the afternoon the visitors were treated to

a chance to pet lambs, enjoy tea and cake in the committee room or spend their money on the stalls, as well as admiring the various exhibits.

The prize for Best Entry overall went to Keith Preston for his Belgian Buns.

Richard Prior

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## 2017 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 13th May with a children's procession to Pond Green led by 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 and attendees – Millie O'Neil as the Queen, with Freya Hunt and Leila Skelding as the attendees.

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, pimm's, bbq's (cooking Peckham Butchers finest handmade burgers and sausages), the amazing Sweeps Sheep Dog and Geese Show, birds of prey displays by Hawking About, BubbleJo's showstopping bubbles and a whole host of village fete activities. It really was a village tradition not to be missed!

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The raffle and draw alone raised many hundreds and with generous donations from The Gun, Leeds Castle, Southern Rail, 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 Summer Revels, and refreshments at the Findon Sheep Fair.

Funds raised by the PTA provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's budget. Recently the school 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 projects are to improve on the complex nature trail with other wildlife habitats and discuss plans for a new outdoor classroom!

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 2017 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

## Findon Sheep Fair Stewards

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## TEP update (Traffic Environment People)

Findon News thought you may be interested in to know the latest developments arising from the work of the TEP (Traffic Environment and People) Parish Council sub Committee.

Last month Cllrs Karen Roberts, John Havenhand, Deborah Urquart and adviser and planning consultant David Hutchison, met with members of the Highways Department from West Sussex County Council. Following that meeting approval has been given for:

Gateways at the four entrances to the village with 20 mph signs on them. (The Nepcote junction with A24 will not have a Gateway but there will be a 20mph sign)

Visually contrasting “imprinted” pedestrian surfacing around the corner of School Hill and the Gun to help improve the safety of pedestrians. The narrowest part of the “imprinted” surface will be 1.1 metres. (It could not be made any wider as the road is two way on School Hill). There may also be a similar imprinted flush pavement outside of the Village House.

Removal of the centre line in the Square. (The longer term aim of the TEP group is to make the Square visually appear as “shared space” helping to improve safety for pedestrians and alter the perception of drivers that pedestrians should get out of the way!).

Yellow lines at the top on the corner of

School Hill as visibility is poor when restricted by parked cars on the corner.

The work, which is to be funded from the West Sussex County Council Highways budget, is due to start in January 2018.

Cllr John Havenhand (Chairman of TEP) noted that progress may appear to be slow but the Parish Council were pushing things forward as quickly as they possibly could. The next stage was to try to improve car parking and establish information points for visitors to the South Downs. The glebe land at the rear of the Village Hall had already been identified as a possibility for parking and if this could be funded it would also help relieve parking on the High St. In the longer term the Square also needed resurfacing and there were numerous suggestions for visual enhancement. He also hoped that a pedestrian footpath could eventually be established on the west side of the High Street linking the Village Hall and the Square – this would not meet the approval of the Highways department unless car parking on the east side of the High Street (opposite the proposed footpath) could be relocated. Otherwise the road is too narrow.

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### Bargain Hunt Success!

As reported in the April edition of Findon News, Findon Villagers Julie Dunsmure and her friend Graham found “fame” when they took part in the BBC’s TV programme 'Bargain Hunt'. Not only did they win (making a profit of £200 from the sale of their items) they went on to

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The programme was broadcast on Monday 15th May on BBC1. You should be able to catch the programme again via the BBC iplayer facility.

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View Findon News on the Findon Village website [www.findonvillage.org](http://www.findonvillage.org)

## Findon Village WI

At our last meeting we had a good discussion about the two resolutions that have been proposed to take to the NFWI's AGM in June. We voted for "Plastic soup and stopping microfibre plastics" which enter into our oceans by us washing synthetic clothing. Both topics were very interesting and got us all talking.

The craft ladies showed us all the exhibits that they have made to put into the competition at the South of England Show - excellent they all are.

Our next meeting is Thursday 8th June.

The guest speaker is Sue Stafford from the charity Mary's Meals who send stationary etc out to children in third world countries. The competition is a school photo.

We will be holding the meeting in The Findon Manor - because of the general election voting being held in the Village Hall.

All guests are very welcome. We meet every 2nd Thursday, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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## Findon Downs WI

Following normal business, two Resolutions to be put to the National Federation's Annual Meeting in June in Liverpool were discussed and voted on. Should these be passed by a majority of members at the AGM the W.I. will have a mandate for action.

Resolution one "Alleviating Loneliness"

Resolution two "Keeping microplastic fibres out of our oceans".

Both of these attracted lively discussion.

The Exhibition of Brooches produced a diverse selection from antique to a delightful sparkling cat. Something for everyone.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th June – 2.30pm Findon Village Hall.**

Speaker – Kate Bannister – "The History of Guild care".

Exhibition – A pet photo

Raffle - Tea – Sales Table

All welcome.

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## Findon Valley Fun Dog Show

The Gallops Findon Valley

Saturday June 24th

**Registration begins at 12 noon**

**Judging starts at 1pm.**

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**More details at**

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## 200 Club

The 200 Club social and first major draw of the year took place on Sat 20th May.

The winners were:-

**1st prize (£500) 075 – S Kalan**

**2nd (£200) 025 – Findon Downs W.I.**

**3rd (£100) 060 – W Hegerty**

**4th (£50) 095 – M Fishwick**

**5th (£25) 147 – J Harwood**

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# A Gardener's View

The summer solstice falls on June 21st and we can all celebrate the longest day by gardening late into the night.

I've long had a love for folklore, myths and legends (especially that of England and the south downs), but its only recently that I've began to explore this fascination of folklore into the world of horticulture! It's been absolutely fascinating! From how to keep witches at bay by nailing the herb Dill to your front door - "trefoil, vervain, johns wort, dill, that hindereth witches of their will..." - to more proven practices such as planting in the right moon cycle for better healthy crops.

Moon gardening is something I've been practicing on our no dig vegetable garden. It's definitely something that I will continue to explore; it's simply sowing, planting and harvesting at the right times - no you don't have to do it at night!

The old ways of gardening I seem to be drawn to. With fewer people having a general understanding of plant husbandry and the knowledge of growing, it's unfortunate that these ways will be the first to be forgotten in the 'modern' age.

But If your not planning to keep witches from knocking or moon dancing around

the garden, here are some other jobs to be getting on with in the jolly month of June:

## Vegetable Garden

Pinch out any side shoots from your tomato plants and feed once the first truss is setting fruit. You can pot up the side-shoots to create new tomato plants.

Continue to earth up potato plants as they grow. If you're growing potatoes in bags simply add more compost to half way up the plant stem.

Harvest salad crops and re-sow every 2 weeks for a constant supply of tasty leaves.

## Flower Garden

Towards the end of June, if your hardy Geraniums have finished flowering cut them back to encourage new foliage and flowers.

Cut back bulb foliage as soon as it has died down naturally.

Stake tall or floppy perennial plants to prevent wind damage.

As new shoots grow, tie in and train climbing plants such as honeysuckle and clematis to their supports.

Have a lovely solstice and happy gardening

Joshua (the Gardener)



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## Meds4Miggy Fundraising

Over the Easter weekend colleagues at Tesco Express, Findon organised events at the store to raise funds in support of Michel Ammolla. The money is for life extending drugs for his illness in order that he will survive long enough to see his young family grow up.

A giant raffle was held involving more than 50 prizes donated by local businesses, local pubs, colleagues at Tesco and Tesco Express, Findon.

Other events included Bugs Bunny making a rare appearance and helped by charging to have his photo taken with youngsters and parents alike. A guess the eggs jar and balloons let up into the air to remember loved ones. A fitness bike was at hand and donations were made encouraging Tesco staff to get fit.

A local photographer was at hand to take many photographs and Michel and his family also made an appearance.

This event was very well supported by all friends and customers of the local store and a superb sum of over £730.00 was presented to Michel at the store later on in the week.

With special thanks to Helen, Lauren and Paula, who organised the very successful event.

Some of the Female staff are also running the 'Race for Life' for Michel on June 18th in Worthing and donations will be gratefully received during the run up to the day in the Tesco Express, Findon store.

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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)).

**Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates. Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details. Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225

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

### **Proposed rear extension to Village Hall Open for Comment**

Findon Village Hall High Street Findon BN14 0TA Ref. No: SDNP/17/02629/FUL

**Enlarging bedroom into existing 2 storey conservatory by creating a new dormer window to create a 'mirror image' of existing dormer to other bedroom.**

1 Cedar Chase Cross Lane Findon BN14 0US Ref. No: SDNP/17/02463/PRE

### **Rear ground floor extension Open for Comment**

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## “Thank You” from Deborah Urquhart

Through the Findon News I would like to thank the residents of Findon for supporting me over the past four years and in particular, at the recent County Council elections. It is an honour to serve this special community and I look forward to representing you all at County Council over the next four years.

The first piece of good news I can now give Findon, is that following a great deal of lobbying by myself and your Parish Council, WSCC has agreed to the installation of new bus laybys North and Southbound around the North End and crematorium locations. Design will be this year, for delivery next year at the latest. Work is still being undertaken for a possible permanent solution at North Farm.

Deborah Urquhart  
WSCC Member for Angmering & Findon

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## Website offers Safe Space for victims of crime in Sussex

If you've been a victim or witness of crime, an online directory of local specialist support services offers a one-stop shop to help you find all the information you need at your fingertips.

The safespacesussex.org.uk site, developed by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Sussex, can also help to demystify the process for people when they may be at their most vulnerable, offering information about different types of crime as well as details of what happens at each stage of the criminal justice system.

The site was built in close consultation with local services to meet victims' needs, whatever stage they have reached in their recovery. Whether you've reported it to the police or not, Safe:Space Sussex can provide a secure environment where people who may be feeling unsafe can find out what local help and support is available to them.

Sussex PCC Katy Bourne, who is responsible for commissioning services for victims of crime in the county, says: “Since it was launched almost 18 months ago, this website has become a

trusted, go-to place for anyone who needs advice.

“You can either type your postcode into the site's search facility to find out more about support available locally or you can select a specific crime type – such as hate crime, stalking or anti-social behaviour – and visit a page featuring frequently asked questions as well as live links and contact details for support groups.

“It really doesn't matter whether you have reported a crime to the police or if an offence has happened in the past, you can still find help and support at the click of a button.”

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## Crime Report May 2017

Following the ransomware cyber attack in May which affected the NHS and other organisations globally, the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has issued an alert urging both individuals and businesses to follow protection advice.

For Businesses the National Cyber Security Centre's technical guidance includes specific software patches to use that will prevent uninfected computers on your network from becoming infected with the "WannaCry" Ransomware: [www.ncsc.gov.uk](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk) and search for ransomware.

**Key Protect advice** is to install system and application updates; Install anti-virus software and keep it updated; create regular backups of your files to a external device (hard drive/memory stick) - do not leave this connected to your computer as any infection could spread to that too; only install apps from official app stores such as Google's Play Store, or Apple's App Store ; do not disable any of the default security features of your device.

**Be warned** that fraudsters may exploit this high profile incident and use it as part of phishing/smishing campaigns. Sussex Police urge people to be cautious if they receive any unsolicited communications. An email address can be spoofed. Don't open attachments or click on the links within any unsolicited emails you receive, and never respond to emails that ask for your personal or financial details.

The sender's name and number in a text message can be spoofed, so even if the message appears to be from an organisation you know you should still

exercise caution, particularly if the texts are asking you to click on a link or call a number.

### **'DVLA vehicle tax' text messages:**

Police are warning residents not to be taken in by cold callers or text messages suggesting they are due a DVLA vehicle tax refund. A Worthing resident recently reported such an incident claiming he was owed a DVLA vehicle tax refund. The bogus link site was to an equally bogus UK Gov looking site asking for bank details to refund money direct. This resident was wise and the attempt was unsuccessful. Police are aware that that there have been some similar reports elsewhere in the county.

Never disclose your personal or financial details during a cold call, and remember that the police and banks will not ring you and ask you to verify your PIN, ask you to withdraw your cash, or transfer money to another "safe" account.

If you have been affected by this or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

You can **report other crime** and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by **ringing the 101** telephone number or online at [www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline](http://www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline). If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

**Findon Parish Council Web site** - please check our web site for recent events or latest alerts at <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

As usual all our cat pens are full.

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Often when a marriage ends neither of the cats owners are able to find accommodation where landlords will accept cats.

Two friendly tabbies arrived this week (Eric and Ernie) when their owners split up.

Another lovely friendly cat arrived tonight because their toddler kept squeezing the cat who today scratched the toddlers cheek.

One owner recently offered us £500 to look after her cat for four weeks while she moved with her job. She couldn't pay us any money until the end of the month, and left her cat with us. After four weeks we started leaving messages on her phone every day but she failed to ring us. We had a surprise one

morning to find her cat had given birth to a kitten! Just as we had given up on the owner ever coming back she phoned to say she now works and lives in Devon and was as surprised as we were to hear her cat had given birth. She also couldn't pay the £500 as she had lots of other expenses! She said someone from Brighton would be collecting and delivering the cat and kitten to her! If she has no money, I doubt it!

Another lady paying £50 a night in a B&B asked us to look after her cat for two weeks as the house she was waiting to move into was having a new kitchen and bathroom fitted. She said the builders were slow and never there! Her poor cat is still here, and so fed up!

Stacey

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On Sunday 14 May the Friends of St John the Baptist Church at Findon was launched with a Cheese & Wine Party held at Findon Place, next door to the church. More than 60 people attended to hear all about the new community fundraising initiative.

The Trust is being organised by an enthusiastic and energetic committee of volunteers with specialist skills. Fundraising will predominantly be from annual subscription (a suggested minimum of £10 per household per annum) and legacies from those who might consider mentioning St John's in their will.

Future planned fundraising events include the current priest Reverend Helena Buqué's sponsored sky dive in July, an art exhibition in the church and a members' annual dinner. Supporters are also invited to help, if able, with seasonal team churchyard clear-ups and church cleaning events.

The Friends would like to get in touch

with people who were perhaps married at St John the Baptist Church, or whose children may have been baptised there. People who might like to make a donation or become a member of The Friends in recognition of their happy day. Or those who might commemorate a loved one whose funeral was at this beautiful church.

Perhaps you or your children went to the village school and attended all the seasonal church services? The aim of the Friends is to help ensure that future generations can also enjoy this special place in years to come.

If you would like to support The Friends of St John the Baptist Church at Findon, or if you have any questions, contact

Hon. Secretary Mr John Croft,  
Reedville, 34 Nepcote Lane,  
Findon BN14 0SG,

or email [fosjbfindon@gmail.com](mailto:fosjbfindon@gmail.com)

Further details, application forms and Launch photos can also be found at [www.fosjbf.org](http://www.fosjbf.org).

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## Men-in-sheds

The Findon shed is now partially operational and several small commissions (see picture) have been completed.

The fitting of benches, shelves etc. is on-going. About 15 villagers have so far shown interest and we are currently opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays from about 10.00 a.m. to whenever we have had enough for the day. If there is sufficient interest, the opening days and times can be increased accordingly.

Anyone interested in coming along is invited to contact Bob Eastabrook by email - [bob.eastabrook@gmail.com](mailto:bob.eastabrook@gmail.com)

Bob Eastabrook



## Clapham & Patching Church Rota June 2017

| DATE                                 | SERVICE                               | PRIEST          | LAYMOC             | READINGS                                   | READERS / INTERCESSORS       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4th June<br>Whit Sunday<br>Pentecost | Clapham<br>10am Sung<br>Eucharist     | Nancy<br>Ford   | Kath<br>Hutchinson | Acts 2: 1-21<br>John 7:37-39               | Dan Banting/ John<br>Hammond |
| 11th June<br>Trinity                 | Patching<br>8am<br>Eucharist          | Helena<br>Buqué | Pauline<br>Prior   | Acts 40:12-<br>17,27- end<br>Matt 28;16-20 | Dorothy Barber               |
| 18th June<br>1st after<br>Trinity    | Patching<br>10am Sung<br>Eucharist    | Roger<br>Walker | Kath<br>Hutchinson | Rom 5;1-8<br>Matt 9:35-10:8                | Mary Bestt/John<br>Haskey    |
| 25th June<br>2nd after<br>Trinity    | Clapham<br>8am<br>Eucharist           | Helena<br>Buqué |                    | Rom 6:1b-11<br>Matt10:24-39                | Dorothy Barber               |
|                                      | Patching<br>10am<br>Family<br>Service | Helena<br>Buqué |                    | As above                                   | Children                     |



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|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
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|                                    | 09.15am | Breakfast                          |
|                                    | 10.00am | Findon Village Hall Family Service |
|                                    | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church     |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 8.00am  | Eucharist, Patching Church         |
|                                    | 9.30am  | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church      |
| <b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 08.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church           |
|                                    | 09.30am | Family Communion, Findon           |
|                                    | 10.00am | Sung Eucharist, Patching Church    |
| <b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> | 8.00am  | Eucharist, Clapham Church          |
|                                    | 09.30am | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church      |
|                                    | 10.00am | Family Service, Patching Church    |

### Weddings in May:

James Clinch and Susan Bell were married on the 6th of May.

Dominic Timm and Danielle Evans were married on the 19th May.

**Deaths:** John Young, Doreen Parish and Vera Fathers.

**Coffee Plus:** 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm

**Light Lunch @ 1pm:** last Tues of the month, Findon Village Hall. £5.  
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**Curry Nights:** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 1st Monday of the month, 5th June (Ladies) and last Thursday of the month, 29th June (Men) at 7.30pm.

**Youth club:** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time). Ages 12+, 5pm till 7.00pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church:** 1st Tuesday of the month 3.30-5.45pm, Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

**Christmas tree festival** planning has started already! We would love to have some volunteers and help, please contact The Rectory. We are now collecting prizes for our tombola stall. These can be left at The Rectory on School Hill, or there are donation boxes in all 3 churches.

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| <b>Weekly</b>          | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>                                         |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Carpet Bowls           | Monday     | 14:30                                               |
| Lambstails (Term Time) | Thursday   | 10:00 – 12:00 (not 8 <sup>th</sup> due to election) |
| Line Dancing           | Wednesday  | 09:45                                               |
| Danceaholics           | Sunday     | 19:30                                               |
| Just Yoga              | Monday     | 10:30                                               |
| You Yoga               | Tuesday    | 19:00                                               |
| Cissbury Players       | Wednesday  | 20:00                                               |

| <b>Fortnightly</b> | <b>Date</b>                        | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Circle Dancing     | 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> | 19:10       |

| <b>Monthly</b>        | <b>Date</b>                          | <b>Time</b>                                         |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Auction               | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | 18:00<br>(goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) |
| Bead Magicians        | 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | 09:00                                               |
| Rummikub              | 7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> | 14:30                                               |
| Downs WI              | 13 <sup>th</sup>                     | 14:30                                               |
| Family Church Service | 4 <sup>th</sup>                      | 09:30                                               |
| Gardens Association   | 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | 19:30                                               |
| Messy Church          | 6 <sup>th</sup>                      | 09:00                                               |
| Village WI            | 8 <sup>th</sup>                      | 19:30                                               |

| <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> |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Charity Race Night    | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 18.30       |
| Tastevin Summer Party | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 12.00       |
| Meditation            | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 19:30       |
| Findon Village Fete   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 14:00       |
| Art Class             | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00       |

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