



# Findon

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The community newsletter  
For Findon,  
West Sussex

# News

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**Traffic, Environment, People - The TEP Project**

**A Vision for Findon**

*A presentation and initial public consultation*

**6:30pm - Monday March 7th - Findon Village Hall**

**More details on page 16**

*Driving sheep along Long Furlong  
Date unknown. See page 2*

# Findon Parish Council Report – February 2016

The Findon Neighbourhood Plan was ratified by Findon Parish Council (FPC) on 25 January 2016 to proceed to the next phase and has been formally passed to the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) for the six week Regulation 15 Consultation - more details on the FPC website <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

I am sure that everyone would like to congratulate Lead Cllr Kirk and the Steering Group members for all their hard work to get the Plan this far.

As mentioned in last month's report FPC was delighted that Melissa Oligario was appointed to the Council on 25 January 2016. Melissa has been involved in village life since childhood, having spent many happy years riding around the South Downs on her four legged friend. Having moved into the village six years ago, Melissa is keen to help preserve the village and ensure of its continued success, for residents and visitors alike. Melissa is currently in her final year at university studying Building Surveying and has a ten year old daughter who attends the village school.

As many of you may have seen, work has started to clear the 'jungle' of undergrowth by the Glebe Land, following the preparatory work undertaken earlier by Cllr Young. This is being carried out by supervised Community Service workers as directed by Open Spaces and further clearance days are planned over the next few weekends.

Open Spaces Working Parties, led by Cllrs Carr and Henty, have also been busy clearing the paths along the west side of the A24. If you would like to volunteer to help with such outdoor activities please contact Cllr Carr on 01903 873596 or email [grdcarr@outlook.com](mailto:grdcarr@outlook.com). The tree damage caused at Nepcote Green pond during the recent gale force winds has been removed by AC Gardens.

Whilst on the subject of Nepcote Green, please can we ask that all horse riders refrain from cantering or galloping across the Green when dog walkers are present, or when the ground is soft as it badly damages the Green.

A new Notice Board will shortly be erected on Nepcote Green which can be used for charitable events only and FPC notices. This will be funded entirely by the Tinner family in memory of their parents John (Johanes) and Maureen Tinner. Other community notices can still be placed in the appropriate area of the Notice Board outside the newsagents.

The next FPC will be on Monday 7 March at 7.30pm and prior to the meeting, there will be an initial consultation presentation by the People, Environment and Transport (PET) Working Group starting at 6.30pm. More details are in PET flyers around the village. [ *also see page 16* ]

Fiona MacLeod,  
Clerk to Findon Parish Council

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## Front Cover: Driving *sheep along Long Furlong*

The front page photograph was taken from a recent post on the Angmering Facebook page. Unfortunately no other details were given with the picture. Does anyone know anything about this photograph?

Do not forget to send your own photographs of Findon for future front covers: email to [findonnews@zoho.com](mailto:findonnews@zoho.com) or hardcopy via the "Findon News" box in the Findon newsagency.

## National Gardens Scheme

### Snowdrop Festival

Cissbury Garden will be open to the public:

**3rd March from 10.00am to 4.00pm**

in association with the National Gardens Scheme's first ever Snowdrop Festival.

Admission is £4, children are free and home-made teas will be available on the lawn, all proceeds in aid of charity.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

The address is Cissbury, Nepcote, Findon BN14 0SR or find us on [www.cissbury.com](http://www.cissbury.com)

## Findon Friends Of St. Barnabas House

An astounding result from a superb evening at the Tajdar Restaurant, in Findon Village at which the total sum of £1000.00 was raised for the Hospice! 70% of that figure will go to funding the specialised Home Night Care Nursing Team, which is so vitally important - the other 30% to be used for general funding at the Hospice!

Our deep gratitude to Ali at the Tajdar for his generous hospitality (and all his staff who worked so hard)!

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the evening by coming and generously buying auction items - and to those who kindly gave the items for the Auction!

Time has passed so quickly, but it must be reported that the 'Christmas Coffee and Mince Pie Morning', which was held at the end of November, resulted in an amazing profit of £810.00. Sincere thanks to Molly Stooks for allowing the use of her home for the event, and to the small army of caterers and helpers!

Mike Solomons  
Co-ordinator

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## What's Happened To Paul Ellis Of The Findon Steakhouse?

Well, it's now been exactly a year since Paul closed the doors behind him on the Findon Steakhouse, and moved on to pastures new.

He started as Head Chef at Shelleys in Lewes, and has continued to run his private catering company Paul Ellis Events as well. He has catered a number of private events with his own Hog Roast machine, or by offering private chef services. He also does work for Champions Speakers ( <http://champions-speakers.co.uk/tv-celebrity-chefs/chefs/paul-ellis/> ) and demonstrates for Rationale Ovens.

His most recent, exciting local venture though is at The Egremont in Worthing, where he is the consultant Chef.

The Egremont has recently enjoyed a complete overhaul, and it is a delightful pub, serving some interesting beers. Paul is there to develop the restaurant side of things, and so far it s going very well indeed. He is delighted to be working back in the local area (he still lives in Findon), and is hoping that his customers from Findon and the surrounding area will come and eat at the Egremont.

Why not book a table? Check out The Egremont web site [www.theegremont.com](http://www.theegremont.com) for the new menu and opening hours. If you follow Paul on Facebook or Twitter why not contact him directly and book a table? You can be sure of a friendly welcome, and some excellent food at pub prices.

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	9.30am	Family Communion, Findon Church
<b>Mon/Tues/Weds</b>	7.00pm	Meditation & Compline, Findon Church
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Agape Supper & Vigil, Findon Church
<b>Good Friday</b>	9.30am	Messy Crafts, Findon Village Hall
	10.00am	Hot Cross Buns, Findon Village Hall
	10.15am	Procession from Findon Village Hall to Pond Green
	10.30am	Findon Pond Green Short Service
	12.00 noon	Hour at the Cross, Findon Church
<b>Easter Day</b>	6.00am	Sunrise Eucharist, Findon Church
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon

### **NEXT DATES FOR MESSY CHURCH**

**Tuesday 1 March & 3 May (not April)**

**3.30 - 5.45pm, Findon Village Hall**



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# A Gardener's View

The good news is our episode (No. 5) of Monty Dons "Big Dreams Small Spaces" will air 1st March at 7pm on BBC 2... time for me to get nervous!

I would also like to thank everyone for coming to the Findon garden association talk. It was my first time publicly speaking.

The more I garden the more I find my obsession with growing vegetables grows (pardon the pun) sometimes I have to remind myself that the garden should also include flowers and shrubs and when reminded of this I remember just how wonderful all aspects of the garden are.

I love growing anything and everything and last year I managed to get hold of another greenhouse to sit aside the one I currently have, so I am looking forward to doubling the bounty this year - with a little luck.

March is what I've been waiting for since the end of Autumn; it's when everything starts to come together. I am back on my regular gardening round and managing to get an hours gardening at home with the increasing daylight. Some jobs I will be getting on with are:

Planting out early potatoes - bare in mind the soil should be starting to

warm up and remember that new growth can easily be damaged by spring frost.

Plant onion sets - it's best to incorporate some general fertiliser poultry manure to get them off to a good start

Empty compost bin - It's great to start the season with empty bins. If your compost hasn't broken down as much as you would like it can still be used around the base of shrubs and trees.

Harvest leeks - this will be my last harvest from 2015

Sow more sweet peas and start sowing in the greenhouse or window sill annuals such as cosmos and Antirrhinum's

Clear weeds from borders - try to get them early before they flower and set seed. It is also a good time to dig out any bindweed as the new shoots will be appearing.

Over the winter I have been working on a website for my business, so please feel free to have a nosey at [www.joshuathegardener.co.uk](http://www.joshuathegardener.co.uk)

Happy gardening

Joshua (the Gardener)



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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:

**Construction of a small brick and flint shed in rear garden Open for Comment**  
16 School Hill Findon BN14 0TR - Ref. No: SDNP/16/00313/LDP

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**Findon Parish Council Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consider any planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority and any other planning related matters. 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 encouraged 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:

**10 March - Committee Room**  
**28 April - Committee Room**

*Please Note:*

*Meetings may be cancelled if there is no business to transact.*



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**What is Probus?** Simply a group of retired or semi-retired PROfessional BUSinessmen getting together to meet, chat and 'munch a lunch'!

Formed in 1986 we have 44 members, (upper limit is 50), at present meeting on the third Thursday of the month at Hill Barn Golf Club, just off the Grove Lodge roundabout. Lunch is served at 12.30pm followed by a Guest Speaker finishing just before 3pm.

**What do we do?** We enjoy 3-course

lunches with coffee or tea, listen to a wide range of guest speakers enjoying a couple of hours together and (if inclined) a pre-lunch drink at the bar. There are other social activities arranged together with the ladies, one very popular activity being a coffee morning on the 1st Thursday of the month. There are also theatre visits, a twice yearly 'Ladies lunch' plus trips out. For those keen on golf there's a small golf programme.

**What does it cost?** Annual subscription is £15.00 pa. The monthly meals only cost £16 a time and when possible, special dietary needs can be met. For more information – Please phone the Hon. Secretary, Chris Young on 01903 694886 for further details or contact the Chairman, Neil Bowen on 01903 87211.

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### Good Friday 25 March

**9.30-10.15am** MESSY CRAFTS

Findon Village Hall

Children & their grown-ups very welcome.

**10.00am** Hot Cross Buns at the Village Hall  
everyone invited

**10.15am** Procession  
from Village Hall to Pond Green

**10.30am** Pond Green  
Short Service at the Cross

**12.00pm** Findon Church  
Hour at the Cross

**2.00pm** Clapham Church  
Hour at the Cross

## More Working Party Volunteers Needed

For some weeks now on a weekly basis a working party has been clearing and tidying up the footpath adjoining the north bound carriageway of the A24 between Wyevale and the Quadrangle. Also just started is a litter clearance party which in just one short session filled several plastic bags.

However, more volunteers are needed for both working parties to continue. Please contact Councillor Robin Carr ( Chairman of the Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee ) by phone (873596 ) or by Email (grdcarr@outlook.com ) if you can help.

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At our last meeting Michaela Wynne Jones demonstrated how to tie scarves in different ways. We had to bring scarves with us so we could practise, it was really good fun and Michaela made it look very easy.

Our next meeting on Thursday 10th March is our birthday and we have invited Kim from Pure Chocolate Truffles to talk to us about chocolate

making (we might even get to try some!)

We also have some guests from other WI's coming and a birthday tea. the competition table is a chocolate box picture.

All visitors welcome. it starts at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Enquires to :

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You can also find us on Facebook:  
Findon Village WI

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## Findon Downs WI

Few people get the opportunity to see a full size concert harp up close, and hear the delightful music played on it.

At our February meeting Sally Course explained the history and construction of the harp; most are made on the continent. Her own harp is from Italy and in decorated pale wood; a beautiful instrument. Pieces she played included "Greensleeves" and a romantic piece by a French composer. Sally herself prefers to be a solo artist rather than playing with an orchestra. She certainly created a most enjoyable and different afternoon for us all.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th March

2.30pm. Findon Village Hall

Rev. Helena Bouque "My Peruvian Adventure"

Bring a photograph of your mother or father from which members will try to identify the daughter in the Hall!,

Visitors welcome

Reminders: Cissbury Group meeting Thursday 24th March 2.30pm Findon Village Hall, speaker Helen Poole "Charles II and his escape through Sussex in 1651

Also W.I. Spring Tea Thursday 31st March 3pm. Findon Village Hall.

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## Family Favourites

### Lemon Meringue Rice Pudding

6 heaped teaspoons of cooked pudding rice

1 Egg

2oz. Castor sugar

2 Tablespoons lemon juice

Small tin of condensed milk

Grated lemon rind

Mix cooked rice, condensed milk, egg yolk and lemon juice, and pour the mixture into a pie dish.

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## Out Dammed Spot

Noman Allcorn recalls a local story about the dreaded 'Black Spot'.

It is strange how a memory can be sparked by a smell, a sight, or a song. In this case it was black spot on my roses!

Around 1970 Tolmare Farm decided to grow beans in the field west of Findon roundabout and south of the A280. This field (for reasons lost in time) is called "The Pride and the Glory." - The field on the opposite side of the road is called "The Wicks". In 2015 both fields grew maize which was cut for silage for the dairy herd. This more recent practice has been made possible by the breeding of early maturing strains of maize.

Back in 1970 beans (and peas) were a good crop to grow being high in protein. When ground up with barley they were a balanced ration for milk production. Also, being a legume, they took nitrogen from the air and transferred it to the soil for the benefit of the following crops. That was the upside, there was

unfortunately a downside. The beans needed to be harvested when the seed was hard but before the pods spilt and the beans fell to the ground. Rain could spoil this short period and the crop could be lost. Other problems were that field beans are a variety of broad beans and, as many gardeners will know, are susceptible to Black Fly, Rust and Black Spot.

The choice was to spray the field with a mixture of pesticide and fungicide.

These days most spraying is done by narrow wheeled tractors using the "tramline" method but in this case aerial spraying was chosen. The crop spraying firm used a helicopter instead of the more usual fixed wing aircraft.

On the appointed day, a stiff westerly breeze was blowing. There were trees both ends of the field and a road to one side - these may have been the reasons that the helicopter did not get down very low. The result was that a considerable portion of the spray drifted over the village.

That year the roses bloomed exceptionally well with very little black spot!!!

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## TEP update (Traffic environment people)

Findon News has previously reported on the work being done by a group of volunteers and Parish Councillors to try and make the village safer and even more visually attractive. There are difficulties of course. How can children going to school or pedestrians going to the shops been separated from the cars when the conservation area of the Square and much of School Hill has no pavements? How can we maintain the village's long association with horses if the narrow roads attract more and more traffic? What can be done to encourage a bit of common sense in those inconsiderate or thoughtless people who see no problem in parking on both sides of the High Street making it impossible for large vehicles and buses to get through? And what about those of us

who are not quite as mobile as we once were and need to park near the Post Office or butchers when car parking is so limited? Nor should we forget to mention in passing (but hopefully not overtaking) the Stirling Moss aspirants who confuse the narrow lanes with the Mille Miglia or Festival of Speed.

The easy answer would be more signs, yellow lines, speed restrictions such as road humps and the whole package of conventional urban solutions. However, there is a downside and it is very obvious. None of this is in keeping with the wish of most residents to preserve and enhance the beauty and unique feel of a very special semi-rural village, with many old and listed building, beautiful tree lined lanes and direct access to the South Downs and Cissbury. ►

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So the challenge for Findon and all of us living here is to resolve some of these issues while enhancing and conserving the appearance of a semi-rural village. Could the Square be enhanced and made to look and feel a little different? Not a crossroads but shared space with possibly some seats, gateways and different road surfaces to set up the psychological signals to motorists that this is shared space with pedestrians. Could some of our lanes be designated as Quiet Lanes? Can we slow the traffic without ubiquitous road signs?

So – to the point. **On March the 7th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall** there will be a presentation of some ideas drawn up

by the TEP group. The meeting will start promptly and finish before 7.30pm to make way for the Parish Council Meeting. Questions and suggestions will be welcome both before, at and in the weeks following the meeting. So if you are interested then look out for the sketches drawn by David Hutchison which will be located in various shops and pubs in the village within the next few days. Be prepared to listen to what the group have to say but also to make your views known.

Lastly of course, it's clear that changing and improving things, even a little, will cost! The TEP group are consequently working up the proposals in such a way that they can be broken down and staged over time according to the availability of funds and the Parish Council's success in securing support from South Downs National Park and West Sussex County Council. But without a long term vision of what we would like Findon to be – there is certainly no chance of getting there.

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### **New after-school service on Tuesdays**

\*\*\* starting 15th March \*\*\*

Following on from our successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party, there will be a short monthly, informal, Worship Service at

**Findon Church at 3.40pm,  
beginning on 15th March, and then  
every 3rd Tuesday of the month**

This is in addition to Messy Church at the Village Hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month (during term-time).

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Helena

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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

From April this year the law says all dogs must be microchipped. While I think this is a very good idea I firmly believe it should also be law for all cats to be microchipped as well.

It's not often we see a stray dog? If we do we call the Dog Warden, by the evening a lost dog has usually been claimed. If it is an unwanted, dumped dog the Dog Warden will keep the dog for 7 days before rehoming.

But cats are a different story. We regularly have dead cats brought in to us that have been killed on the road.

Sometimes we can contact the owner to give them the sad news but only if their cat is microchipped. We also have calls (almost every week) from members of the public telling us they are feeding a stray cat. So often cats are not microchipped. We collect them and

spend weeks trying to find the poor cats owner. But, if all cats were microchipped it would make our lives so much easier.

So many stray cats are simply lost because they get in cars, or run off if they are frightened, or chased by a dog or another cat. It is now so much cheaper to get a cat or dog microchipped the new grooming parlour inside Pets at Home in Rustington are advertising a special offer for only £10 to microchip a cat or a dog. The Dogs Trust at Shoreham are offering to microchip dogs free of charge.

So many times cat owners ring us to report that they have lost their cat. When I ask for details and if the cat is microchipped they tell me they didn't need to get them microchipped because the cat never goes out!!

Stacey

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## Veterinary Advice

Tonia Parsons qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Liverpool in 2010.

Tonia has a keen interest in working dog health, emergency medicine and surgery.

After time spent in mixed practice Tonia moved South where she is currently Associate Partner at Crossways Veterinary Group.

### **Compulsory Microchipping *Know The Facts!***

Microchipping involves the insertion of a chip the size of a grain of rice between the shoulder blades of the dog. The chip will have the animal's and keeper's details registered on an approved database. This procedure is easily performed in a regular appointment at the surgery.

Permanent identification of dogs through microchipping has many benefits, including helping to reunite strays with their owners, helping to tackle puppy farming and animal cruelty cases, as well as encouraging responsible ownership.

In pedigree dogs it also facilitates the reporting of hereditary health problems.

**From the 6th of April 2016, all dogs must be microchipped and registered** to an approved database by the time they are 8 weeks old, or 12 weeks for pup's certified as a working dog with a docked tail.

If your dog is not currently microchipped, you have until 6th of April to get this done.

The only exemptions are if a veterinary surgeon believes that microchipping would adversely affect the health of the dog.

The breeder of a litter must always be the first registered keeper of any puppy. It will be illegal for the breeder not to be listed as a keeper on the database. The breeder must provide microchipping documents to the person buying the puppy to ensure the new owner can comply with the law and update their own details.

### **What if your dog is found unchipped?**

Police and local authority employees will be issued with microchip reader scanners so that instant enforcement of the law can be carried out.

Should a dog be found not microchipped a 21 day notice period will be given to get the microchipping done - failure to comply will result in a £500 fine.

As well as needing to be microchipped the contact details registered on the chip must also be kept up to date - any subsequent change of address or contact telephone number, etc. Is not made then the dog is no longer considered microchipped - details not updated within 21 days are subject to a £500 fine being issued.

Keeping your details updated is so important! All so often dogs (and cats) are brought into the surgery as strays and the phone numbers registered to the chip are not of use anymore - making reuniting pets with owners impossible! ►



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## Chipping is NOT proof of ownership

With regards to compulsory microchipping the words 'owner' and 'ownership' have been replaced by the words 'keeper' and 'keepership'. As a 'keeper; you are legally responsible if your dog strays, bites or causes any unjust damage. As the keeper you are protected from prosecution if your dog attacks a burglar or trespasser on your land.

## Dogs still need a collar with a tag!

The Control of Dogs Order 1992 mandates that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of its owner on it, or engraved on a tag. A telephone number is optional (but strongly advisable). An owner can be

fined up to £5,000 if the dog is not wearing identification.

Exceptions include dogs used for sporting or pack hunting purposes, for vermin control, driving or tending cattle or sheep, guide dogs for the blind or dogs used for official duties (e.g. Police dogs).

If you have any questions regarding microchipping then any of the nurses at Crossways would be happy to answer them!

Tania Parsons BVSc MRCVS  
Crossways Veterinary Group  
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## Readers' Dogs Meet Dolly!

*Dolly belongs to Valerie Martin, the creator (and administrator) of the Findon chronicles listed at [www.findonvillage.com](http://www.findonvillage.com)*

"I have owned Dolly since she was a pup and she is now four years old and I am very pleased with her.....the photograph was taken in February 2016. She follows in my tradition of owning Shetland Sheepdogs; often described in breed descriptions as "biddable"..... but Dolly has not read those books. She is a well-known little figure on Nepcote Green on her way to the Gallops for her walkies every day..... even in the winter when it is raining - she gets in a fine pickle with the mud. Everyone knows Dolly and there is no chance of us slipping quietly passed because she is a little vocal.... nod, wink."



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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](mailto: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.

# Findon Village Hall Trust

Notes from Meeting Thursday 27th January 2016

9 people in attendance, apologies received from 4.

The Treasurer reported that Income in December 2015 was £2502 and expenditure £3130.

The Chairperson's Report detailed the boiler break down in January 2016. A new one was installed by Domestic & Electrical Heating the next day including a carbon monoxide alarm at a total cost of £2,400. The new boiler comes with 8 year warranty for parts and labour and Domestic & Electrical will carry out an annual service every January. The maintenance team will remove the radiator covers and vacuum radiators to ensure maximum heat output. Thanks were expressed to everyone who loaned

portable fires enabling bookings to continue without disruption. Oven Nu are booked to deep clean the gas oven, hob, convection oven and extractor, and cleaners will carry out a deep clean of the kitchen.

The 200 Club donated £2,800 to the Village Hall at their social function in November 2015.

All 200 Club numbers have now been sold.

The January film night raised £447.

Lambs Tails are averaging a weekly take of £20 and a Teddy Bears Picnic is arranged at Cissbury for 28th April 2016 10am to noon.

Rummikub averaging £24 takings and will now be located in the main hall.

Future planned events are:

12th March - Pie & Mash Supper with quiz, 18th March - film night 'The

Woman in the Van', 1st April - film night 'Suffragettes, 4th June - Coffee Morning (Lamb to Loom), 18th June - Summer Fair, and 16th July - Dog Show. Licenses applied for where appropriate.

Doors are now opened at 6.30pm for all film nights.

Booking forms for Summer Fair have been sent to all potential stall holders.

The Dog Show is being sponsored by Crossway Veterinary Practice and Northdale Veterinary Practice who were thanked for their support.

Under maintenance it was recorded that time settings on external light sensors had been extended; Fire extinguishers and mowers had been serviced. ►



## Findon Film Nights

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**Suffragette** PG13

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An additional meeting of Findon Village Hall Trust is to be held to discuss phase 2 plans as drawn up for and voted on by the Village in 2013. The architect will be invited to attend.

Disabled parking bay notices are to be purchased.

The maintenance team will investigate the possibility of repairing the card tables that are needing attention, repair the unit housing the card tables, and ensure that the fire door to the garden from the main hall opens and closes freely

The Bookings Secretary advised that the £200 deposit is adversely affecting bookings for Children's Parties. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the deposit is reduced to £100 for all hires ending before 6pm.

A booking error resulting in a double booking on 1st April between film night and Findon Village Gardens Association. The matter has been resolved with the co-operation of the Show Secretary. The Events Team and other willing helpers will assist the Gardens Association putting out tables etc. after the film night ends. Thanks were given to the Gardens Association for their understanding.

The Chairperson would like to hear from anyone willing to help out with Lambstails for a couple of hours each Thursday morning.

Future meetings of the Findon Village Hall Trust were confirmed as Wednesday 16th March, Thursday 26th May, Wednesday 27th July, Thursday 22nd September and Thursday 27th October.



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They prey on the most vulnerable members of our community, so please make sure that your elderly relatives, friends and neighbours are aware not only of the scams that might take place on their phones or through their post-box, but also people turning up on their

doorsteps and alarming them into having unnecessary work done in their homes and gardens.

If you are suspicious of anyone calling or visiting your home or you see something going on in your neighbourhood that you're not happy about, please call Sussex Police on 101. If you think a crime is in progress, then call 999 immediately.

You can also report other crime and incidents by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at

[www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline](http://www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline).

## Ongoing Scams

### ***Residents targeted by fake police officers:***

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**Microsoft support scam:** victims being conned from 'Tech support' scammer Residents of Sussex have been targeted by phone scammers who claim to be from Microsoft. The scammer tells victims that they need to pay money otherwise their computer will crash. The scam works by the fraudster gaining remote access to a computer, and asking for an initial fee to fix the computer. They then have access to your bank account and can withdraw money from the victim's account.

**'Police porn warning message' scam on mobile phones and computers:** Sussex residents have also been targeted by a scam where a message appears on their phone or computer saying that the police have detected that they have been watching child pornography and that their device has been locked as a result. The scammer demands a payment of £100 (or more) to unlock the device, to be paid via a 'Paysafe' card. The victims have not been accessing pornography and the scam is as a result of Ransomware. Experts say this scam can be caused by clicking on social media links, by downloading music, installing a game or program, opening a picture, playing a video file or shopping online.

**Romance and dating scams:** These are scams which are particularly distressing because the scammers build an online relationship with the victim, sometimes using a false profile and photos on a legitimate site to lower your

defences. Be cautious of giving away personal information and consider your personal safety if you decide to meet in person with someone you meet online. Never send money to someone you have never met or who you don't actually know and trust.

Keep your money safe with these tips:

Check people are who they say they are. Not sure? Don't open the door!

Never send or give money to people you don't know or trust

Remember to protect your identity – don't share your personal information with unexpected callers.

Beware of email and computer scams. Treat all emails from unknown senders with suspicion and never click on links within them.

Never share your PIN number.

If in doubt, phone a relative, friend or someone you personally know.

If you suspect someone you know may be vulnerable to fraud, please share this information.

If you would like any crime prevention advice, please contact PCSO Paul Bryant on 07785 393824 or call the 101 telephone number.

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| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Mothering Sunday</i>                   | 8.00am<br>10.00am                           | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Service at Village Hall<br>+ <i>breakfast from 9.15am</i>                                               |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>                                             | 9.30am                                      | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church<br>+ <i>Messy Sunday in the Den</i>                                                                          |
| <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                       | 8.00am<br>9.30am                            | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Communion, Findon Church                                                                                |
| <b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup>, Tues 22<sup>nd</sup><br/>&amp; Weds 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | 7.00pm                                      | Meditation & Compline,<br>Findon Church                                                                                                    |
| <b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Maundy Thursday</i>                    | 7.00pm                                      | Agape Supper & Vigil<br>Findon Church                                                                                                      |
| <b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Good Friday</i>                          | 9.30am<br>10.00am<br><br>10.30am<br>12.00pm | Messy Crafts, Village Hall<br>Hot Cross Buns, Village Hall<br>& Procession to ...<br>Pond Green Short Service<br>Hour at the Cross, Findon |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Easter Day</i>                        | 6.00am<br>9.30am                            | Sunrise Eucharist<br>Sung Eucharist                                                                                                        |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>                                              | 8.00am<br>10.00am                           | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Service at Village Hall<br>+ <i>breakfast from 9.15am</i>                                               |

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# Village Hall Diary - March 2016

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| <b>Weekly</b>    | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>   |
|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Carpet Bowls     | Monday     | 14:30         |
| Cissbury Players | Wednesday  | 20:00 – 22:00 |
| Exercise Class   | Monday     | 09:15         |
| Lambstails       | Thursday   | 10:00 – 12:00 |
| Line Dancing     | Wednesday  | 09:45         |
| Danceaholics     | Sunday     | 20:00         |
| Yoga             | Monday     | 11:00         |

| <b>Fortnightly</b> | <b>Date</b>                   | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Circle Dancing     | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March | 19:10       |

| <b>Monthly</b>        | <b>Date</b>               | <b>Time</b>                                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Art Class             | Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> | 09:00                                               |
| Auction               | Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 18:00 (goods 2–4pm,<br>viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) |
| Bead Magicians        | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 09:00                                               |
| Canasta Club          | Last Tuesday              | 15:00                                               |
| Downs WI              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday   | 14:30                                               |
| Family Church Service | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday    | 09:30                                               |
| Film Evening          | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>   | 18:30 doors open (Film 19:30)                       |
| Gardens Association   | Last Friday               | 19:00                                               |
| Light Lunch           | Last Tuesday              | 13:00                                               |
| Meditation            | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> | 19:30                                               |
| Messy Church          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday   | 15:30                                               |
| Village WI            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday  | 19:30                                               |

| <b>Committee Room</b> | <b>Date</b>                                 | <b>Time</b> |
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| Rummikub              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday | 14:00       |
| Village WI Darts      | Mondays                                     | 14:00       |

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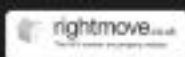
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