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Findon, West Sussex  
Including the Church Parish of Findon,  
Clapham & Patching

March 2022

# News

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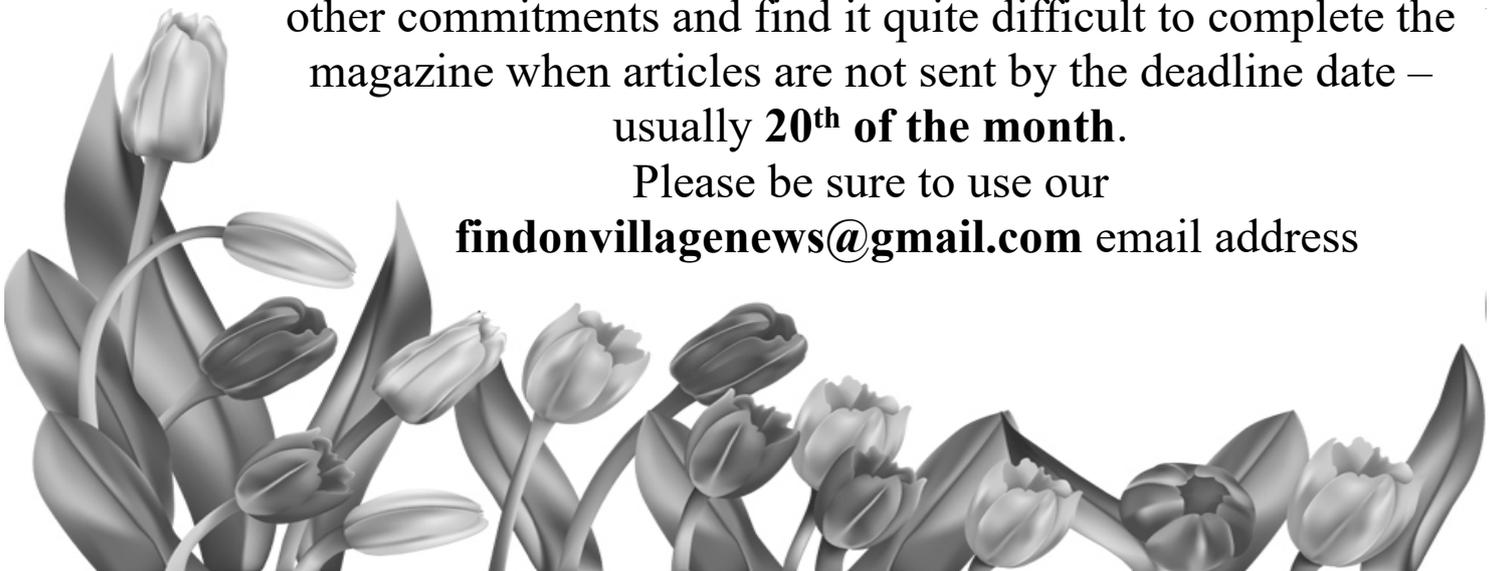
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We love to hear from our readers and always welcome articles of local interest. But please note, we are all volunteers with other commitments and find it quite difficult to complete the magazine when articles are not sent by the deadline date – usually **20<sup>th</sup> of the month**.

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## From The Rectory

Have you walked up to Findon Churchyard recently? The snowdrops are stunning this year, a real sign of hope and springtime! Thanks to the work of Findon Volunteers, they are finding it easier to grow this year too, with the fallen leaves having been expertly cleared away – thank you so much. The earliest primroses are also flowering now, but their glory will be at its height in a few weeks time. As the days lengthen, the birds are starting their rehearsals for the dawn chorus which will be at its best in time for our Dawn Service on Easter Morning, but I am jumping ahead of myself – we are not quite in to Lent yet!

Speaking of being ahead of myself, how many of you spotted last month's deliberate mistake?! Shrove Tuesday, with the pancake frolics, wasn't 1<sup>st</sup> February but is 1<sup>st</sup> March, which is also St David's Day! Families coming to our Messy Church that day will be able to make daffodils as well as enjoy eating and racing with pancakes at Findon Village Hall, and the pupils at Clapham and Patching School will have their own pancake fun in a special assembly towards the end of their school day. Of course, the pancakes we enjoy are symbolic of using up rich ingredients in our pantries before starting the discipline of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday is a time of fun and frivolity, followed in the church by Ash Wednesday, the day when traditionally people went to confession to a priest and received absolution. Palm crosses from the previous year will have been burnt and the ashes from this are then

used in the Ash Wednesday Service to mark each person with the sign of the cross for repentance. We have a Service at Findon and Patching Church at 10am that day.

Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and some people like to 'give up' something they enjoy during these 40 days as a discipline. Another way to mark this period is to do something extra – perhaps setting aside a time each day to read or pray, or making a greater effort to support someone in need, or a charitable organisation. Lent reflects the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness alone, fasting and praying, before starting his earthly ministry and can be a time of spiritual growth for us all, as well as the opportunity to lay down the things that burden us as we review our daily lives. We are planning to run a Lent Course, based around beautiful images and stories, called 'Comfort Ye my People' over the 5 weeks, so keep an eye on our website for details and do join us if you are able. If you'd like a preview, look on the Diocesan website ([chichester.anglican.org/lent-2022](http://chichester.anglican.org/lent-2022))

After Lent and Holy Week we come of course to the greatest festival in the Christian calendar – Easter – when we praise God with joy for the resurrection of his Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for us all. There are no flowers in church during Lent, so Easter Sunday is always a joy when the church is once more filled with beautiful flower arrangements, often using lilies. ....

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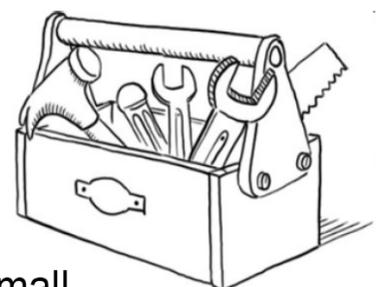
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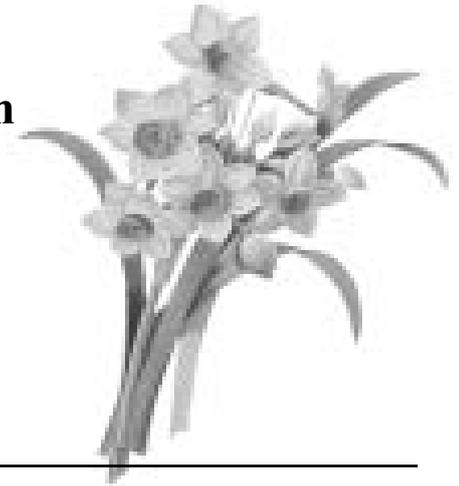
Details of how to do this can be found in this magazine. We also welcome a donation towards flowers at any time of year to commemorate something.

I'd like here to thank our dedicated and talented flower arrangers at all 3 churches for the beautiful displays they create through the year to adorn our churches.

*Every blessing, Helena*

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**Mothing Sunday 2022**  
**Come and say thank you for your mum**  
**at our Afternoon Tea**  
**in Findon Church**  
**3.30pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**



### **Messy Church**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

*(the first Tuesday of each month)*  
at **3.30 - 5.30pm**

At Findon Village Hall

Shared meal (**£3 donation**)

All welcome, but children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who is responsible for them.

*For more information,  
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**Light Lunch @ 1**  
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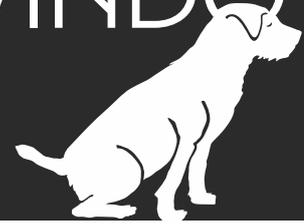
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What a dramatic month February was, weather-wise at least! It's often a fairly quiet time in the village shop with a sense that we are all waiting out the end of Winter and saving our energies for the Spring. But this year the momentum has kept going through the early months, with extensive roof repairs (fortunately finished before Storm Eunice rolled in) and lots of internal decoration as well as many hours spent by the Management Committee ensuring that all our paperwork is in better than perfect order. And of course, great team work in the shop led by Angus, all the Post Office staff and the volunteers to ensure that we continue to supply all our customers with so much more than might be expected of a small community shop.

We have had several deliveries of new stock to refresh the choices in our grocery department. Angus is particularly excited about the cakes and muffins from Ruby's Bakery, including such temptations as "Chocolate Rumble", "Lemon Lush" and (his favourite) Banoffee. Probably best to stock up before they disappear! If your tooth is more savoury than sweet he also recommends the new range of pickles and preserves from Bramble, such as garlic mayonnaise, piccalilli and caramelised onion chutney, all great additions to the cheese board or to pep up winter salads and jacket potatoes.

We are always pleased to welcome visiting dog walkers, cyclists, riders and hikers to the shop to stock up on sandwiches, snacks, chocolate and drinks. It's amazing how often they get side-lined by our incredible range of household goods and health products

and also by our very special coffee machine, which makes outstanding cappuccinos, lattes, mochas and Americanos as well as a delicious and very popular hot chocolate. Do give it a try if you have not already – highly recommended!

Our long hours, from 6.30 am to 6.30 pm Monday to Saturday, and until 12.30 pm on Sundays, ensure that we are available to early risers and those on their way home from work but do remember that our success depends entirely on community support. If you have the chance please draw our range of services to the attention of your friends and neighbours, perhaps mentioning:

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01903 873737 ahead of the meeting and she will be delighted to explain what is involved.

I think that's about it for another month so I'm just off to check that Angus hasn't eaten all the cakes!

**Annie Whitchurch**



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Entrance will be **£3**.

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(No charge for children). Well behaved dogs welcome.

Lots of goodies for sale, grand raffle, pet goods and lots more.

If you have any good quality items we can sell they will be very welcome.

(Regret no books, CDs, DVDs or clothes.)

I am taking orders for Easter Cakes which will be similar to the small Christmas cakes and still priced at £6.

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Many thanks  
Findon Sheep Fair Committee

### **200 club**

The winning number for the February draw was 98 Mike Glanfield.

## **Findon Village Hall Bowls**

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**"Hope Rising"** from Littlehampton  
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This is a very informal service and we give a  
very warm welcome to anybody visiting  
All Welcome



### **Dilys Mary Allcorn (nee Howells)**

**27/1/35 to 3/2/22.**

Dilys was born in South Wales but moved to Sussex aged three, so no Welsh accent. She attended Murray's School in Horam, East Sussex where her headmaster was Walter J C Murray, a well known naturalist. The Family moved to Swiffe Farm, Broad Oak near Heathfield and she worked with poultry at a farm in Burwash Common. Here she met Norman and in time they married at the nearby St. Phillips Church.

Norman was milking cows, and they lived in several tied cottages in Sussex before a spell in Somerset. They came to Findon in 1965, first to Tolmare Farm and then to Southview Road, known to some older residents as Quality Street.

For the last 20 years she lived in Beech Road. The family enjoyed modest success training and showing dogs and Dilys is best remembered for walking her dogs through the village. Shetland Sheepdogs (Shelties) were her first choice but she also had Tibetan Spaniels (Tibbies). Earlier hobbies were knitting and gardening. The last few years were hard with illness preventing her from doing the things she loved and she passed away in Worthing Hospital on 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.



## Findon WI

We welcomed Dr Geoffrey Mead to our February meeting who gave us a very interesting talk entitled 'Journey to the South Downs National Park'. Geoffrey explained the history of National Parks and explained why we had to wait until 2011 to get ours recognised.

We also reinstated our competition table which was full of delightful entries on the subject of 'Hearts'. The winner was June Harwood with a beautiful silk handkerchief. June's father gave the handkerchief to her mother many, many years ago when he was in the army, during or shortly after the First World War.

Our next meeting is **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall,

which is our birthday meeting. We are planning a quiz and Fizz! The competition will be a homemade birthday card.

There will be a raffle, coffee, tea and cake for all.

Visitors very welcome - we look forward to seeing you

Our next coffee mornings is **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**, from 10.30 at Dee Dee's  
***Paddy Winter - President***

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The Committee of

### **The Friends of St. Barnabas House Hospice**

is delighted to be able to announce that there will be  
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and Paddy 01903 366147

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Solomons

Chairman



Well, the Public Works Loan vote has been completed and the results are being finalised as I type. We have many people to thank – the Village Shop. The Village House, The Gun, the Black Horse and, of course, Peckhams the Butchers for accepting ballot boxes – we could not have managed without you all! Also, thanks to Councillor Cathrine Gear who acted as the focal point for the email votes and did all the sorting through to eliminate duplicate votes and gathering it all together single handed this time! Thank you also to the Parish Council as a whole for continuing to support the Village Hall Trust through an unexpectedly extended process.

We certainly gathered a significantly number of additional votes this time so I should also like to thank each and every one of you who voted for showing your commitment to our community as a whole, whether you think the hall is a valuable part of it or not. I am pretty

confident that we will now have an acceptable turn out which will satisfy the powers that be that the ballot is a valid reflection of opinion within the village. However, we cannot release any detailed results until they have been properly verified, validated and accepted by Findon Parish Council.

The results will appear on [Findonvillagehall.net](http://Findonvillagehall.net) and, I think, the Parish Council website as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the new website is going well – if anyone has experience of Google sites and would like to help – do please let us know, we could do with some help!

The last Film Night was a welcome return to “business as usual” with a good turn out and a most enjoyable film – let’s all look forward to the next one.

That’s all for this month, see you at the hall soon!

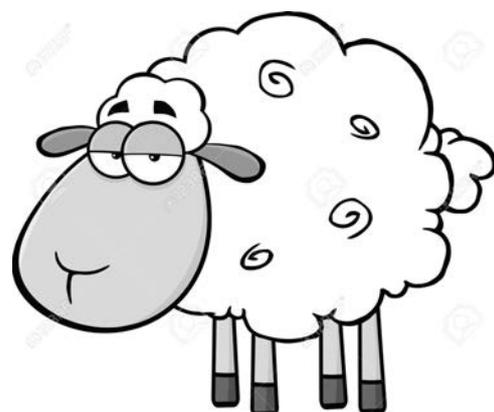
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## Nepcote Flock News

Sheep farms are entering the period when preparation for lambing takes centre stage. Six weeks before the planned lambing period, pregnant ewes are being given sheep nuts called concentrate, to help with the final growth of the unborn lamb. 80% of the lamb is grown in the last 4 weeks so extra feeding is very important. Also within this six week period Heptavac is given to the expectant ewes for the active immunisation of sheep and to aid the control of clostridial diseases and pasteurellosis.

We bring in turnips as an extra food, but you will see a lot of flocks eating turnips or sugar beat in fields especially locally on the Long Furlong towards Clapham. This again helps to provide good condition in the ewes at this time of year.

Graham and Hilary - Nepcote Flock



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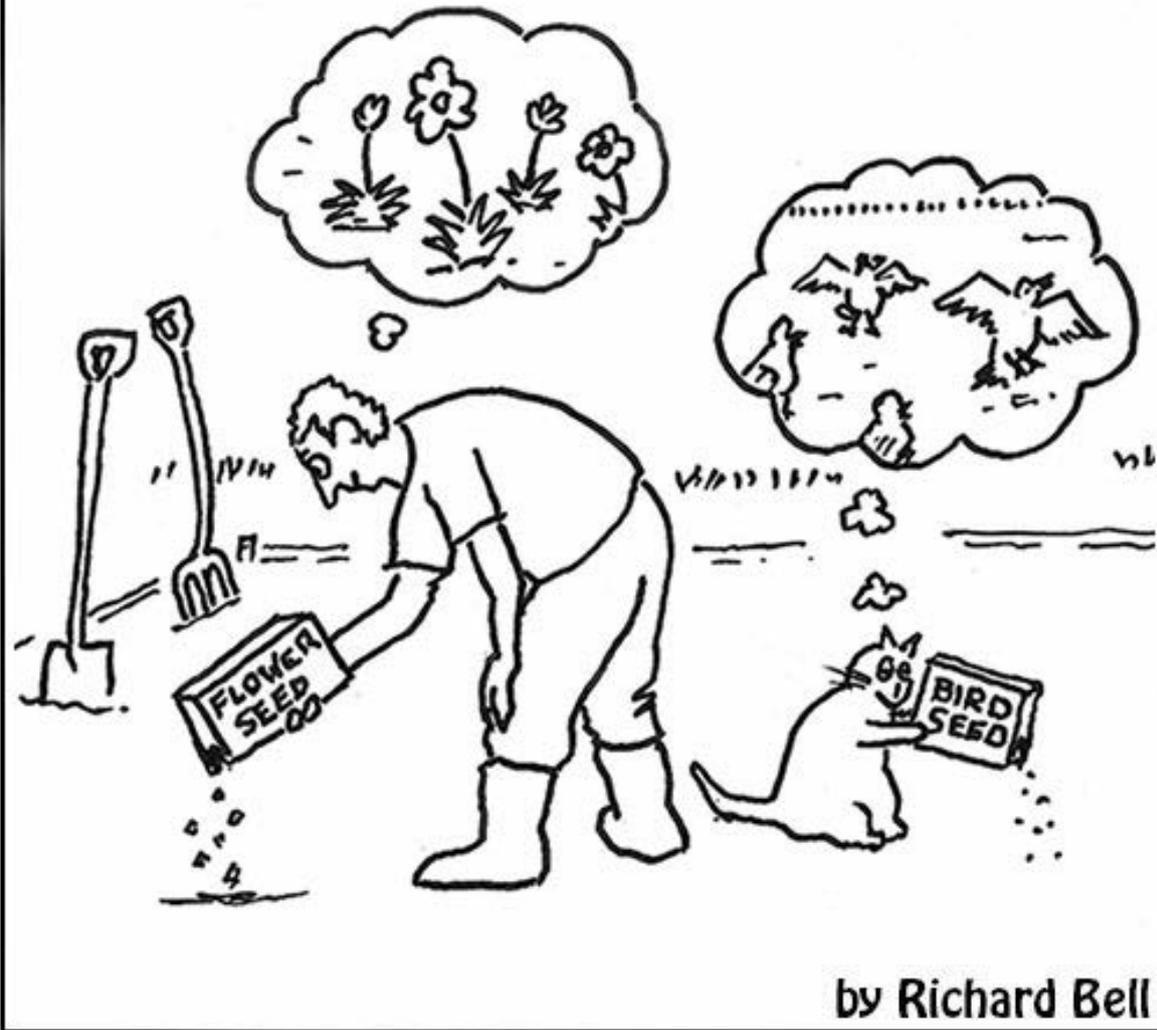
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# AROUND THE VILLAGE



## Platinum Jubilee Celebration on 5th June 2022

The village hall events team are organising a grand event for all the villagers at the Village Hall on 5th June (times to be advised) where there will be live entertainment, face painting, BBQ, licensed bar, ice creams and lots of stalls to enjoy.

We are also asking, that in line with the proposed 'Pudding fit for a Queen competition' being organized by

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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://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

1 Holm oak tree, reduce canopy by a 4 meter radial spread due to excessive shading and overhang to neighbouring property  
2 Sycamore tree, remove overhanging branches to neighbouring property to help balance the tree and reduce shading to said property.

2 Convent Gardens Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00708/TPO

Discharge of Condition 3 (Flint Wall Sample) relating to planning approval  
SDNP/21/03569/LIS

Findon Place Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RF  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00648/DCOND

Discharge of Condition 3 (Flint Wall Sample) relating to planning approval  
SDNP/21/03568/FUL

Findon Place Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RF  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00647/DCOND

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:

Discharge of Condition 10 (External Lighting) of Full Planning Permission  
SDNP/20/03322/FUL.

Findon Place Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RF  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00157/DCOND

Erection of a rear 2 storey extension and related works

Keepers Cottage Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RQ  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00104/HOUS

Single storey rear and porch extensions  
7 Beech Road Findon BN14 0UN  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/00085/HOUS



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## Tree Planting around the village

Volunteers have been busy planting trees in a couple of locations around the village. We bulked up the row of trees along the top of the bank on the High Street, filling in gaps with a mixture of Rowan, Cherry, Oak and a Horse Chestnut. At the bottom of Steep Lane a dead American Oak has been replaced by a Tulip Tree kindly donated by a local resident.

Behind the Pre School building brambles have been cleared and a mixture of Grey Willow, Blackthorn, Hawthorn and Rowan have been planted to provide a screen of the building. We are slowly developing this area and hope to maintain paths informally to create a small, nature rich area.

We will be planting some evergreen Hollies, Yew and Ilex Oak in the north wood at Nephote Green

We are receiving another donation of saplings from the Woodland trust and will be planting them out in our nursery to grow on.

*Matthew Ward, Findon Village Tree Warden*



**The Friends of Findon Church Dinner  
will be at the Black Horse  
on April 22 (TBC)  
Cost £25 per head incl Wine.**



For more information please contact  
Ian Hollyhomes 01903 872475 or  
Gerald Hibbs 01903 872563

This Easter we would like to decorate our parish church with lilies- a symbol of peace and hope. If you would like to donate a lily or in memory of a loved one or for the health and well-being of your family, please copy or cut & fill out the slip and post it to the **Rectory, School Hill** with £5 donation. There will be a list in church in their honour which can be viewed on Easter Sunday 17 - 24 April 2022.



Name:.....

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### **Norah Merry**

On the 18th March I am having a bench delivered to the Findon Valley Free Church.

It is in memory of Norah Merry who was a Findon Valley resident for over 50 years

It would have been Norah's 100th birthday on March 28 of this year, unfortunately she didn't make it and passed away in October of last year

Norah use to walk almost everyday from her home in Allendale Ave to the local shops in the Valley and as mobility decreased she often said how nice it

would have been to have a bench near the church on the green (as it wasn't too near the road) so she could sit for a while and start off again

So we thought in her memory it would be befitting to place the bench in front of the Church.

Rev Allie Moore from the church has been very accommodating in allowing us to make this possible .

**Rita Laurella**



## Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has agreed that the precept (the funds which the Parish Council receive to carry out our obligations) will remain at the same as last year £47k. This amount has been confirmed with Arun District Council for the financial year 2022/23.

There has recently been a campaign run by the Woodland Trust to plant more trees. FPC has been given about 500 saplings (all provided free from the Woodland Trust) and our noble and ever busy Open Spaces Working Group volunteers and the Findon Tree Warden have already planted 169 saplings and counting around the village since 2020. There is still more to do and if you would like to join the group on a regular basis, in addition to the litter picking, tree planting, maintenance, clearance of paths and some carpentry work to name but a few of the works undertaken, then as set out in the February edition of Findon News, Councillor Robin Carr can outline in more detail the work that is carried out.

[Robin.carr@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Robin.carr@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)  
Although we have recently lost one councillor, Carol Hopley, I am pleased to announce that her husband Alan Hopley was co-opted as a councillor at the FPC meeting on 31 January 2022.

FPC is currently working on plans to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and further details will be published shortly.

Residents may recall that we recently reported that after a long process, we are in the final stages to regenerate the new play area at Homewood, working in partnership with Arun District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. The new equipment will include a large building frame, installation of a zip wire, building an adventure trail/obstacle course as well as play equipment for toddlers. It is expected the works will commence at the end of May/ beginning of June 2022. Once we have a date for the completion of the works, we will let you know. We are nearly there!

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) is planning to run a webinar to give guidance on how to stay safe when using the internet. You can find more details on the WSCC website with dates if you are interested to join in and learn more about this. Staying safe online - West Sussex County Council

Cllr Sean Smith,  
Chairman, Findon Parish Council  
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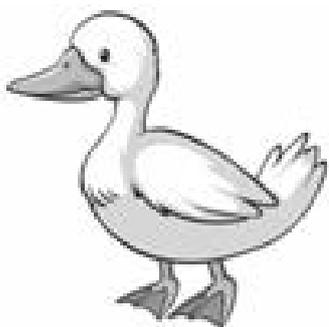
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**CAMERON VALLEY MALAYSIAN TEAS  
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Unfortunately, we are still not opening to visitors with their children on a Sunday to look around until we are absolutely sure it is safe from Covid. Open only to people adopting cats, rabbits and guinea-pigs.

A man bought four Duck eggs but only one hatched which he gave to the lady next door for her children. This lady asked me to take the Duck, because it wanted to be with her all the time, expecting her to cuddle him all the time. She said she couldn't cope with a Duck, four children and two Dogs. They called him Puddles. What a character. Everybody loved him. He was out on a pond on our lawn all day, until a lady came in and adopted a very friendly cat from us. She sent the news and a photo of her new cat to all her friends and family, and told them about our sanctuary and our Duck called Puddles. Some of her family live on a farm in Dorset. They keep ducks who like to go indoors in the evening to watch TV. They asked if they could give a home to Puddles. We agreed he would be happier with other ducks and the whole family came up from Dorset to pick him up. He really enjoyed all the cuddles and attention.

Puddles didn't know he was a duck and wanted to be friends with our hens, but they didn't like him and would give him a peck. Then he would come running for a cuddle. He is now very happy with



a lot of female ducks and a big pond, they all go in and have watermelon every night for supper  
They told me he

likes to sleep on his own every night in his own igloo. He must be so confused as we would bring him in at night, he always got a cuddle before bedtime; we put him in a pen for the night with his own bed. All the volunteers would make a fuss of him. We all miss him.

He went to an ideal home. His new owner said she is getting married soon, he follows her everywhere so she said on her wedding day he will follow her down the aisle as her ring bearer with a ring round his neck on a ribbon.

We have some really thin and neglected cats. One came from an owner who is seriously ill in hospital. Luckily he was found in time but this poor cat had gone without food for some time so all we can do is feed her well and hope she will recover. She is so friendly.

We also have three black cats that were rescued from a terrible house, all kept in a cage. Two girls saw an advert for puppies for sale. When they called at the house they were horrified to see dogs, cats, puppies and kittens everywhere in appalling conditions. They foolishly bought two puppies and paid £100 for the three cats they said to get them out of there. They asked me to take the cats. The cats arrived starving and are eating everything in sight. We will treat them for worms. I advised them to inform the RSPCA and the Dog Warden.

One of our Volunteers had a phone call from a friend working on a farm in Hertfordshire.

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He said there were 5 feral kittens needing rescuing. He drove 200 miles there and 200 miles back but only managed to catch 2 of the kittens. They arrived hissing and spitting trying to bite and scratch anyone daring to go near them. He later arranged with another Rescue in Hertfordshire to go and trap the other adult cats and kittens he was unable to catch. One of the local Vet's nurses offered to take the two kittens home to tame them for us.

Yesterday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, Storm Eunice arrived. Fences and trees were blown down. Friends were ringing saying their chicken houses had blown down and they had been out trying to round up their chickens. One man asked me for a cage to put his rabbit in, his cage had been destroyed. Our dogs wouldn't go out and all stayed safely indoors. I thought the Donkey and Pony would be frightened, but they seemed to enjoy the wind and kept galloping down through the full length of the paddock racing one another all the way back into the stables and then off again over and over. I kept well out of the way or could have been sent flying.

People have been buying dogs and puppies with a lot of them working from home. When they were told to go back to work the dogs were not used to being left on their own. They bark and howl all day, and destroy the home pulling up carpets and chewing up

furniture. We have been inundated with phone calls from owners asking us to take their dogs. A couple of our wonderful Volunteers have had a couple of kennels built in their garden to help us out. They found homes for five dogs just before Christmas, and last week a Great Dane went to a new home.

As soon as the kennels are empty we have more unwanted dogs arriving.

We have a headache at the moment. A man rang to say he had tried all the other rescues who said they were full. Could we take a 3year old American Akita? They had just bought a new baby home and the dog had growled at the baby. We didn't have room at our kennels so the dog has had to go to boarding kennels until we can find a home for her. But oh dear, the dog has been neglected, is thin, and has a matted coat. It is quite agitated and not able to go with dogs, cats or children, so we will have quite a job finding her a new home.

***From Stacey.***

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## Village Hall Diary March 2022

For all booking enquiries please email Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary on  
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Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the new Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.net](http://www.findonvillagehall.net).

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
Carpet Bowls	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	14.30pm
Carpet Bowls	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> onwards	12.00pm
Circle Dancing	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup>	14.30pm
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	9.30am / 10.30am / 11.45am
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup> March	15.30pm
Tastevin	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.30pm
Findon Village WI	10 <sup>th</sup> March	19.30pm
Danceholics	13 <sup>th</sup> March	18.30pm
Meditation	14 <sup>th</sup> March	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	15 <sup>th</sup> March	10am – 3pm
Parish Council Planning Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> March	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	25 <sup>th</sup> March	19.30pm
Light Lunch	29 <sup>th</sup> March	12.45pm
Parish Council Committee Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> March	19.30pm

### **Future Events and Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm – The Last Bus – buy your tickets in advance - £4.50 from <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumup.link/product/findon-village-hall-film-night-ticket> Tickets on the door - £5.00

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm – Film TBC

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## MARCH 2022

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

Social distancing regulations and the wearing of face coverings is highly recommended.

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and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> Ash Wednesday	10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Patching
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Patching Worship & Praise Service at Findon
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b> The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> The 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 3.30pm	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon Mothering Sunday Tea in Findon Church

**Advance Notice: Palm Sunday Service at 10am on 10 April in Findon Church – more details next month!**

### Funerals:

28<sup>th</sup> Jan. – Mary Short  
17<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Andrew Stevens  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Dilys Allcorn



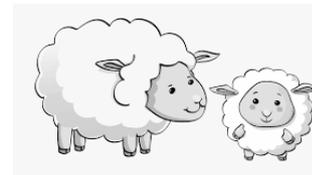
**Next Messy Church - 1<sup>st</sup> March**  
**3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall**

**Lambstails** will start up again after Easter.

Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, and their parents/carers.

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