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From the Rectory

Barely over the jet-lag after flying home from Japan via Beijing, this will be a short reflection this month! It was a joy to spend three weeks with our Australian family – especially the granddaughters. Skype is amazing, but it can't replace a real hug! God's glory was all around in so many different ways in the places we visited over three weeks.

We arrived in Myoko after 24 hours travel by air then bullet train to 2.5 metres of snow and more falling. It was wonderful to ski on fresh powder, and make snow-angels and a snowman with the children. We spent a day visiting the snow monkeys in their hot springs, watching them groom one another, splashing about just as our children do in a pool!

After a week, we moved on to Usami in the Izo Peninsula; unbelievable that after just a couple of hours on a train, we saw ripe citrus fruit on trees and beautiful cherry blossom everywhere. This was a traditional Japanese area, where nobody spoke English and our house was typically Japanese with futons and a low table for meals. People were so friendly and welcoming; waiting for a bus or train, invariably an elderly

lady would come along, reach into her bag and find two tangerines for the girls, freshly picked from her tree at home! They were delicious, so different from those we find here in the supermarkets. We were able to go to the opening of the Cherry Tree Festival nearby, trying assorted dried fish and fruit, and traditional; sweets.

Our final stop was nearer to Tokyo, at Enoshima, which is very near Mount Fuji. The sea was warmer than it is here in summer, with lots of surfers, but Fuji was startlingly white in the background! We visited temples and marvelled at the ruggedly beautiful volcanic coastline. Sadly saying goodbye to our daughter and family, we flew out of Tokyo, passing Fuji so close you could almost see into the crater! Landing in Beijing, we stayed for two nights, with a day trip to the Ming Tombs, a jade showroom and the Great Wall – another amazing experience. How different the people were to those we'd met in Japan, with a pervading sense of sadness. It made me realise again how fortunate we are to live in freedom here. It feels strange not to be using chopsticks at mealtimes now, but I guess I'll get used to my knife and fork again!

Every blessing, Helena

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Findon Parish Council Report

The next FPC meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 6 March 2017 in Findon Village Hall. Parishioners are always welcome to come along – the Agenda will be placed in the Post Office and Village Hall, Notice Boards and published on the FPC web site (<http://findon.arun.gov>) on 28 February. There is an additional meeting on 2 March.

Open Spaces

The Open Spaces Working Party (which incidentally is always looking for more volunteers) spent some four Wednesday mornings clearing leaves and cutting back shrubs and undergrowth on Pond Green. The resultant removal of leaves has encouraged the extensive carpet of crocuses now visible in all their glory.

The Working Party has now turned its attention to clearing the footpath on the west side of the A24 from a point opposite the old Fire Station all the way along to North End. West Sussex County Council (WSCC) has just completed a major road drainage scheme here (costing over £100,000) which should solve the road flooding issue on the north bound carriageway at North End and also should prevent mud and sediment washing down onto the footpath which is lower than the road at this point.

Traffic, Environment, and People (TEP)

Cllrs Roberts, Havenhand and FPC's technical consultant David Hutchison met with WSCC's traffic consultant before Christmas and discussed several ideas which they hope will improve the safety of pedestrians walking in the village and generally improve the appearance of the village and Square in particular.

Suggestions included the installation of "Gateways" at the entrance to the village, a flush surface footpath marked by sets or blocks in a contrasting colour – starting from the corner of The Gun going all the way to the Village Hall and improvements to the blind corner at The Gun and School Hill to make it safer for pedestrians and particularly school children. These were well received by the consultant but we are still awaiting WSCC Highways Dept to agree a date at which these ideas can be officially discussed and any problems identified.

It should be explained that the concept of a "Gateway" is, unsurprisingly, not that of a gate! It is more likely to be medium size pillars or similar on either side of the road – perhaps displaying signs for speed reduction and a welcome to Findon/South Downs National Park. The thinking is that we should send a psychological signal to motorists and visitors that they are entering a special village and that they should drive with care. The corner by the Black Horse would be an obvious location point for a "Gateway" when approaching from the south as that corner is narrow and the location where wing mirrors are regularly known to clash. Similar Gateways could be at the top of School Hill and on Horsham Road when approaching the village from the west and north.

The Clerk has also written to South Downs National Park Authority to express the Council's support for a pilot initiative in Findon to promote the South Downs National Park. One of the points made in the letter is that there is no obvious "Welcome" signage on the A24 at Bost Hill indicating to motorists or cyclists that they are entering the ►

South Downs National Park. Given the pressure on housing in the South East there is a clear need to promote and conserve the South Downs National

Park and one way of doing this is to draw attention to its existence!

Fiona MacLeod
Clerk to FPC

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Message of thanks.

Douglas Groves would like to thank the many members of the surrounding parishes who attended Dorothy's funeral on the 20th December at St John's Church, Patching. Your support was very much appreciated and also very comforting on the day. Thank you all.

Mollie Moppett and family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers, cards and condolences after John's death. This has been so much appreciated by us all at a very difficult time.

Lindy Laker and family would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the many cards, letters and gestures of sympathy we have received following the sudden death of Malcolm. The kindness and support from everybody has been quite overwhelming and of great comfort to us at this very difficult time.

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The electrician informed us that one of the fuses in the box was black and burned

and he had to replace it with a new fuse box. We were very lucky not to have had a fire! So we needed to do something drastic and decided to enquire about solar energy.

After a survey, we were delighted to discover that solar panels could be put on the roofs on the stable and barn and were fitted the next week. So, we now have plenty of free electricity with no danger of overloading the system. It was snowing when the men were fixing the panels to the roof and one of the men slipped off the ladder, but carried on. He went to A&E with the pain and discovered he had broken two ribs! What a hero.

Stacey.

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A Gardener's View

March is here and I'm waiting for the fantastic Snakes head Fritillary to pop up in our lawn (*Fritillaria meleagris*). I love them. Its flowers have pointed hanging bonnets chequered with a patchwork of mauves, pinks, purples, greens with sometimes almost pure white.

Unfortunately, I see them less and less in gardens and this needs to change. If you have a damp unloved patch of grass or a partly shaded border, plant some bulbs this autumn and come this time next year you will be very pleased indeed.

On the subject of bulbs, by mid-March you should be planting your summer bulbs. To me it is exciting going to garden centres and nurseries to browse the stock of summer colour. So many beautiful plants to choose from like *Gladiolus*, *Allium*, *Crococsmia*, Bearded Iris, and the list goes on.

Whilst looking forward to summer colour is one thing, we must not let spring pass us by too quickly. It is time to get out there and start tidying up. If you haven't cut any old dead plant material and spent seed heads back yet, now would be the time as new buds should be

appearing from soil level. I spend some of my time digging up and dividing older clumps of herbaceous perennials (such as *Hosta Guacamole*) to create more plants. Do this by digging around the clump of the desired plant and lift it out of the ground. You can then either chop directly down into the plant using a sharp spade to split it into multiples depending on its size, or by inserting two garden forks back to back down the middle of the plant and teasing the roots apart. This is one of the easiest forms of propagation and each clump will produce a new plant.

Other jobs to keep you busy this month in the garden include weeding. They can quickly get out of control if not managed. Plant shallots, onion sets and early potatoes if the soil is workable and not too cold and wet. You could even break out the lawn mower on the dry sunnier days!

My jacket was off and I was working with the sun on my back for few days in February so I'm going to say we're in for a good spring

Happy gardening

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The **Business Directory** is growing, with recent additions including courses on baby massaging, an osteopathic practice in Broadwater, property maintenance services and a taxi service for airports and long

journeys. If you run a business in or around Findon and are not listed in our directory, please let us know. We don't charge!

Finally if you know of anyone who may be visiting the village for the first time, ask them to check out the **Visitors** section.

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Findon Downs WI Report of February Meeting

Speaker: Mr Dylan Durant—Chiropodist. In the course of his working life, Mr Durant had met interesting people in their homes and residential homes, etc. These included a Baroness from the entertainment world who had met, and had photographs displayed of, Frank Sinatra, Shirley Bassey, Judy Garland, and they in turn, shared some of their stories with her. There was also a lady who had been a telephone operator at Tangmere Airfield during the War, had met Douglas Bader and had seen his pilot's log book.

Snow Drops decorated the Exhibition Table.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th March – 2.30pm Findon Village Hall when the **Speaker** will be Jim Cannon – 47 years of diving.

Exhibition: A Sea Shell.
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Date for your Diary

Cissbury Group Meeting – Thursday 23rd March – 2.30pm Findon Village Hall.

Speaker: Mr Ian Gledhill –“ Glamorous Nights”

*Raffle/Bring & Buy
Table/Refreshments*

Visitors always welcome.

Findon Village WI

The meeting on Thursday 9th Feb was very interesting, our speaker Michelle introduced us to wearing colours with confidence, proving that we shouldn't always dismiss wearing different colours that maybe we wouldn't dare!!

Thursday 9th March is our birthday meeting, we will be having drinks and

canapés along with playing bingo. It should be a really fun evening.

All Visitors Welcome

We meet on 2nd Thursday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Easter Music including Mozart's Requiem

The Rowland Singers Choral Society conducted by Helen Emery, with organ accompaniment by Marcus Martin, will be performing Mozart's Requiem, along with other Easter choral favourites by K Jenkins, M Tippett and Handel. The soloists include Beth Emery as Soprano, Fiona Cartmell as Alto, Mark Kendall as Tenor and Ron Turner as Bass. There is a choice of two dates to choose from:

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Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching **Report from the Parochial Church Council**

At a meeting on November 22nd, the following are some of the matters that were reported or decided.

The Living Nativity procession was judged a great success, in no small part due to the efforts of Graham Langford.

There will be a six week Lent Course to support the "Year of Bible".

Approval was given for a contractor to be used to level and clear Clapham churchyard.

Views expressed in "Giving for Life" questionnaires will be debated at a special meeting in early March.

Clapham and Patching school had received a good SIAMS report.

A gift will be presented to Roger Foyle on 29th January to mark his retirement from playing the organ at both Clapham and Patching for many years.

Approval was given for work to repair the pointing on Findon church tower.

Findon Probus club had donated £200 to the newly formed Friends of St. John the Baptist Church.



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Archaeology of the Findon Area Pt II

In the second of four articles Archaeologist, and Findon resident, Dr David Dunkin continues his fascinating explanation on archaeology in our local area.

Development of the Prehistoric Farming Landscape

As discussed last month in Part I, farming was introduced to Britain around 4,000 BC - the age known as the Neolithic period (c. 4,000-2,300 BC). At this time the introduction of domesticated cereal crops and animals (in particular sheep and cattle) was the stimulus for the need to open up the landscape. This was the beginning of the long process which led to the farmscape that we are familiar with today.

Woodland clearance meant that the earliest 'farmers' needed more and larger flint axes than their forebears - the 'hunter gatherer'. This is almost certainly the rationale for the inception

of the earliest Neolithic flint-mines where large quantities of good quality flint were available for axe production.

Horizontal seams within the Upper Chalk produces the best quality flint and (as mentioned last month) the largest complex of Neolithic flint-mines in the British Isles lie in the vicinity of Findon. The two nearest mining centres occur on Cissbury Ring and Church Hill, Findon.

The seams of flint were followed by opening up radial galleries from a central shaft. On Cissbury some shafts were up to 15m deep. The flint nodules were prised out with the use of red deer antler tines, and other bone tools. ►

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Adjacent to the mine-shafts were the working floors. Here, the flint knappers would reduce the raw flint nodules with the use of stone hammers to create crudely shaped tools - in particular axes, but cutting tools like knives, scrapers and sickles were also made. These are known as 'roughouts' and would have been taken back to the settlement areas at the end of the season where they would have been crafted, using the method of pressure flaking (and other techniques) into the finished tool. The waste product of the initial stage of the manufacturing process - struck flint flakes - remain in situ and are preserved beneath the turf adjacent to the mine shafts. This is why we know the 'roughouts' (unless flawed) were taken away for completion elsewhere. All of this is substantiated by the evidence from the Findon flint-mines.

During the Neolithic period in southern lowland Britain the archaeological evidence for house structures and field boundaries is scant - the construction methods used were short lived. However, we know from widely distributed environmental evidence that a de-forested and largely open landscape existed across the South Downs Chalk. The nearest environmental evidence for this comes from the ditches of Early Neolithic 'causewayed enclosures' high on the chalk at Whitehawk, Brighton and Barkhale, close to Bignor Hill.

In respect of Neolithic settlement in Findon we know from large quantities of finished Neolithic tools retrieved from the downland that the area had been farmed and settled from this early period. This evidence is also supported by the proximity of the Neolithic flint-mines. Furthermore the open nature of the landscape substantiates the view that crops were grown and animals raised. Therefore on the chalk hills within the parish of Findon sheep have probably been farmed for 6,000 years!

The open landscape which characterised the Neolithic period on the Sussex downs continues into the Bronze Age.

The earlier part of this period - Early Bronze Age (c. 2,300- 1,600 BC) - is archaeologically quite distinct from the Later Bronze Age.

In the Early Bronze Age in the vicinity of Findon (similar to the Neolithic period) again there is no direct evidence for bounded fields or prehistoric roundhouses. However, the flint tools of this period become more refined and the quality of the finished product peaked.

The complete collection of Early Bronze Age flint tools have been recorded across the Downs close to Findon, indicating the presence of farming communities at this time.

The strongest evidence for farming settlements in the area comes from the existence of a large number of Early Bronze Age (EBA) burial monuments (barrows). Barrows are principally of two types: the 'Bell' and 'Bow' barrow. Essentially these are ditched raised mounds containing human skeletal remains, sometimes including 'grave goods', e.g. pottery vessels.

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Several discrete groupings of EBA barrows are recorded within or close to the parish. The majority of these have been plundered in antiquity and ploughing has made most invisible. The main groupings on the chalk near to Findon are recorded from within and close to the 'Gallops' area. A small group is also recorded outside the eastern entrance of Cissbury Iron-Age hillfort. A surviving example can be seen on the plateau immediately west of Chanctonbury Ring, and a larger denuded group to the east of the Chanctonbury earthworks. The largest group of all, now completely 'ploughed out' are recorded from the higher flanks of Church Hill (Findon) close to the Neolithic flint-mines. An EBA Beaker and burial was also discovered within the 'fill' of one of the mine shafts on Church Hill.

The farmed landscape around Findon in the EBA was therefore a busy one.

In the Later Bronze Age (c. 1,600-800 BC), the agricultural landscape underwent a major transition, an event which occurred across most of southern lowland Britain. Direct evidence for ditched and/or embanked fields and droveways, together with 'roundhouses' now appear in the archaeological record - a partitioned landscape, and more recognisable to us today. Onwards from 1,600 BC, across much of the downs close to Findon, blocks of small rectangular fields defined by banks known as lynchets, once existed. Remnants of these may still be seen in one or two places north of Cissbury, although now mostly ploughed away. Also in this later period the practise of burying the deceased in barrows ceased as people are now buried in flat cemeteries close to the houses where the communities lived. Also the burial of

metalwork now becomes commonplace - sometimes accompanying the burial, or more often as a solitary deposit.

Close to Findon, and c. 1 km north-east of Cissbury Ring a Later Bronze Age settlement (consisting of a group of houses and a pond) were terraced into the hillside on Park Brow. This hill faces west and immediately overlooks the well-defined sinuous dry valley called Stump Bottom. Beyond this and to the north of Cissbury was the lynched field-system associated with this settlement which extended across the area called Canada Bottom. The latter location produced a gold torc and the Stump Bottom Hoard on the western margin of the valley contained a number of bronze items, including a looped spearhead together with two spiral rings and two armrings (known as 'Sussex Loops'). These were probably the personal ornaments belonging to people living at the Park Brow settlement. The dry valley (Stump Bottom) connects to the coastal plain at Sompting and may have been an important drove (routeway) leading to summer pastures for the Park Brow cattle. In the centuries following 1,600 BC a partitioned landscape (employed in mixed farming) was therefore established around Findon

Next month in Part 3 we will look at settlement continuity in the Findon area for the Iron Age period and the Roman interlude. The Iron-Age hillfort on Cissbury will be an important part of this discussion.

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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).

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 web site (<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 web site regularly to view notices, and meeting details. Any enquiries should be addressed to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225, email findonparishcouncil@gmail.com

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

Notification of intension to 6No Sycamores and 1No Lime to remove dead wood and to pollard to pervious pollard points.

Embankment North Side of Nepcote Lane Nepcote Nepcote Findon

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Findon Newsagents and Post Office

Further to the notification in last months Findon News regarding the cessation of newspaper deliveries and the revised hours, I would like to confirm that these will now NOT be taking place.

We would like to extend our thanks to all customers who have shown their understanding and appreciation that unfortunately there are events that are sometimes beyond our control!!

I should like to assure the residents of Findon (and Clapham, Patching, Washington and Findon Valley) who make use of our little Village Store and Post Office that we greatly value your support and without it, our business simply would not survive...therefore the decision to

stop newspaper deliveries and revise our hours was not at all one that we took lightly or without due consideration as to the possible consequences. It was however the only option able to address our current personal situation which, due to a serious health matter, means that our time is more urgently required at home. This also being the reason why we have had to make the difficult decision to sell.

At the time of placing the notice for publication in the Findon News we were unaware that there were some parties interested in the purchase of the business and as such the notice was submitted in accordance with the publication deadline.

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After discussions with the interested parties, it was agreed that we would continue to provide the newspaper deliveries and (as far as possible) retain the current opening hours in the hopes that they will soon be in a position to proceed with their desire to take over from us.

Murphy's Law being what it is, meant that this all occurred after the publication of the Findon News had gone to the printers!

We are all too aware of the importance that our Post Office and Store has for many residents, and would hope that you will continue to support us and indeed any new owner in the future so that you may retain what we feel is an important Village and Community Asset.

Most of the staff have been involved with the shop for many, many years and work incredibly hard to provide the village with the services they need.

Whilst I understand the Parish Council's stance that an enterprising person could take over paper deliveries, outsourcing elements of the business is simply not an option that supports its continuation – which is why we looked to retain customers on a 'shop save' basis rather than give up papers altogether... either way it is now irrelevant as we will be continuing to deliver papers as normal.

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Farewell to Organist

The Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching said goodbye to Roger Foyle at the Parish Eucharist held at St John the Divine, Patching on January 29th. He has been forced to retire due to ill health and will be sorely missed.

He has served the Parish faithfully, playing regularly for services in Clapham and Patching as well as for weddings and funerals in all the churches.

He was presented with a cheque which he plans to use to help pay for

a Conference of Organists later in the year.

After the service coffee and cake was served.



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Sussex Police Crime Report

SHEEP AND LIVESTOCK WORRYING – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Following on from the article in last month's edition, you will be aware that attacks and worrying by dogs and the impact that they have on sheep and other livestock have been given a high profile in the media again. Sussex Police would like to remind everyone of the importance of making sure they are in full control of their dog at all times - and especially when they are around sheep, livestock and other wild animals.

Advice for dog owners

When walking dogs in rural areas, dog owners are advised about the following:

- Always ensure your dog is under control in an area where there are livestock or wild animals;
- Be particularly vigilant during lambing season and always keep dogs on a lead during this time;
- If your dog is not good with other animals or people, avoid letting them off their lead when others are around;
- Don't allow people who may not be confident in doing so or have full control over the animal to walk your dog;
- Remember where there may be no livestock in a field one day, the same location could be full of animals the next;
- Ultimately a landowner by law and as a last resort for protecting their livestock is able to shoot a dog which they believe is worrying sheep. Police must be notified within 48 hours if this course of action is taken.

How to report sheep worrying

Anyone who witnesses an incident of sheep or livestock worrying or who has information relating to dogs being dangerously out of control is urged to contact Sussex Police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 immediately.

Criminal Proceedings

- The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 says that if a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the owner and/or the person in charge of the dogs is guilty of a criminal offence: "If a dog worries livestock on any agricultural land, the owner of the dog, and if it is in the charge of a person other than its owner, that person also, shall be guilty of an offence."
- Criminal proceedings can be brought with the consent of the chief officer of police for the area in which the land is situated, but the occupier of the land and/or owner of any of the livestock in question can also bring criminal proceedings without the support of the police.
- The Act gives the term 'worrying' a wide meaning, including: attacking livestock; chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock (or in the case of females, abortion or loss or reduction of their produce); or being at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field containing sheep.

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Defences

- The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 details a number of defences to livestock worrying. These state that the offence cannot apply to a dog owned by the sheep keeper, the owner of the field, or a person authorised by either of those persons; the offence cannot apply to a police dog, a guide dog, a working gun dog or a trained sheep dog; the offence does not apply if the livestock are trespassing and the dog is owned by, or in the charge of, the occupier of that land or a person authorised by him, unless the owner or person in charge of the dog causes the dog to attack the livestock; and the offence does not apply to an owner who proves that at the time when the dog worried the livestock it was in the charge of someone else, who he reasonably believed to be a fit and proper person to be in charge of the dog.
- A person found guilty of livestock worrying can be fined not more than £1,000.

Police discretion

- The Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 says the police can seize and detain a dog where: the police officer has a reasonable cause to believe that the dog has been worrying livestock on agricultural land; and no person is present who admits to being the owner of the dog.
- If a constable is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that an offence has been committed and that the premises in question are where the dog is

kept, the police may issue a warrant authorising a constable to enter and search the dog owner's premises in order to identify the dog.

Civil proceedings

- Civil proceedings can be brought where a dog causes damage by killing or injuring livestock, under The Animals Act 1971. Any person who keeps a dog which causes damage by killing or injuring livestock is absolutely liable for the damage, but the sheep keeper would have to demonstrate his damages using standard legal principles.

RECENT REPORTED CRIME IN FINDON

Findon Place, Findon - Between 6th and 7th February the door to an outbuilding was jemmied and entry gained. Garden machinery reported as being stolen. Ref 0959 of 07/02. 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. 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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Strange Event in '85

Delving into the past as one does, I have found an interesting snippet. In Findon in March 1985 the Police Incident Book recorded the following scene:-

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The area was searched but no trace was found of him".

This must have caused a bit of a stir at the time. Were you than guy? 32-long years have now passed and the world has changed a lot. However shocking this happening was in the past....I think it is about time to own up if you were that skimpily clad man don't you?

From Valerie Martin

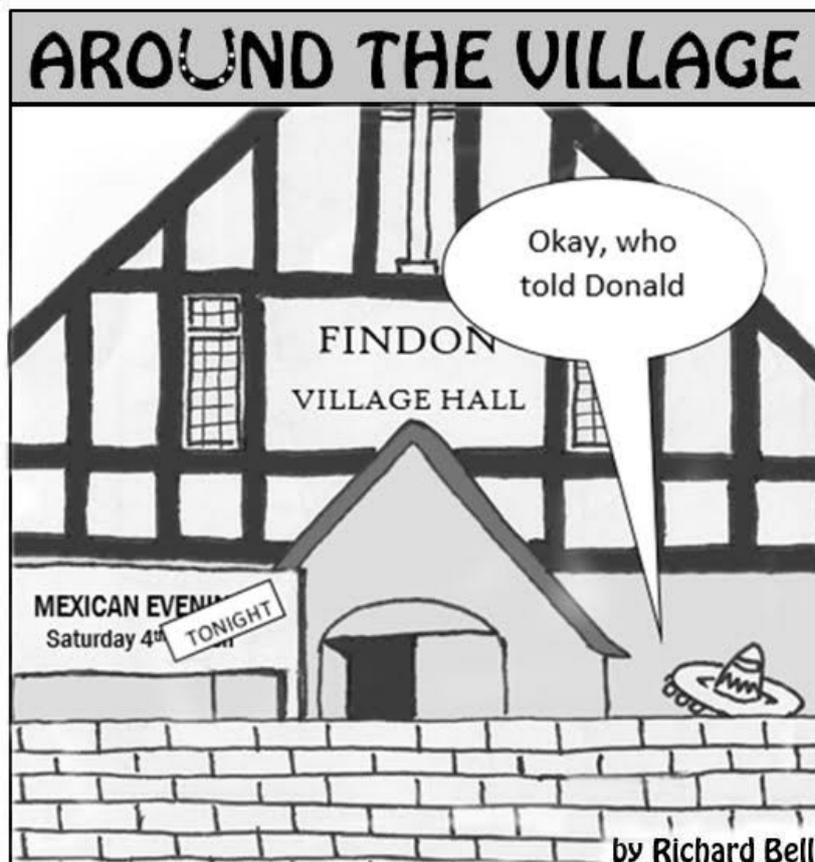
Findon Friends of St Barnabas.

Although it has not yet taken place, all the tickets for the Curry Night and Mini Auction at the Tajdar Restaurant have been sold.

So we are looking forward to a really great evening on 7th March!

On Tuesday 4th April, we are to hold another very popular event, the Fish & Chip and Quiz evening at the Village House, Findon, Tickets will be on sale from Mid March at £13.50 per head. Watch out for the posters !

Mike Solomons - Chairman



DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS/ INTERCESSOR
5 th March	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	David Burt	Kath Hutchinson	Genesis 15-17, 3. 1-7 (Matthew 4. 1-11)	Pauline Prior John Hammond
12 th March	Patching 8am Holy Communion	Helena Buque	Pauline Prior	Genesis 12. 1-4a (John 3. 1- 7)	Dorothy Barber
19 th March	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	David Burt	Kath Hutchinson	Exodus 17. 1-7 (John 4. 5- 42)	Dan Banting Priest
26 th March Mothering Sunday	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buque		Exodus 2. 1-10 (Luke 2. 33-35)	Dorothy Barber
	Patching 10am Family service	Nancy Ford		As above	Children

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	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham
Sunday 12th March	08.00am	Eucharist, Patching
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon
Sunday 19th March	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon
	9.30am	Family Communion, Findon
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Patching
Sunday 26th March	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon
	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham
	10.00am	Family Communion, Patching
Sunday 2nd April	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon
	9.15am	Breakfast at Findon Village Hall followed
	10.00am	By Family Service
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham

- R.I.P: Betty Hudson, Malcolm Laker, Aline Fielding and Mary Klewer.
- Ash Wednesday You are invited to the Ash Wednesday Eucharist on 1st March, Findon Church at 7.00pm
- Youth club Every Thursday, with different themes every week. March includes: drums/samba evening, gift making for mothers day, and the Great Findon bake off! Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm 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.
- Youth Group There will be a training event for youth work at The Rectory on the 29th March 6.30pm – 9pm. Please contact Helena or Maggie Williams if you are interested in attending. (Maggie - 01903690492, Margaret.williams10@hotmail.co.uk).
- Lent Course This year's five-week Lent course, to start on Wednesdays 8th March at 2.30pm at The Rectory.
- Women's World day of prayer. This is open to everyone and this year is prepared by women of the Philippines. On 3rd March at 2.30pm at All saints, Findon Valley.
- Date for Diary! Flower festival will be on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June this year. More details to follow.

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Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Street Dance	Thursday	15:45
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00
Cissbury Players	Wednesday	20:00

Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	13 th & 27 th	19:10

Monthly	Date	Time
Auction	3 rd	18:00 <i>(goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)</i>
Bead Magicians	21 st	09:00
Rummikub	8 th and 22 nd	14:00
Downs WI	14 th	14:30
Family Church Service	5 th	09:30
Gardens Association	31 st	19:30
Messy Church	7 th	15:30
Village WI	9 th	19:30

Committee Room	Date	Time
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00

Other Events	Date	Time
Art Class	25 th	09:00
Meditation	16 th	19:30
Film Night	10 th	19:00

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