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

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Beware!

Change To Bus Route

There is a change to the No 1 bus route. If you see it travelling northwards through the village you are advised to get on the bus rather than wait for it to come back through the village.

It is understood that when travelling south the bus will go straight down the A24.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the **Village Hall on Monday 20 May commencing at 7.00pm**. This is not a meeting of the Findon Parish Council but is an opportunity for parishioners to find out what has happened in the village and what is planned for the future. Everyone is welcome and voluntary organisations etc in the Village will be receiving invitations

from the Parish Clerk to attend and submit reports for the Meeting outlining their activities during the year. The Meeting will be followed by wine, soft drinks and nibbles and the opportunity to chat with Parish Councillors. Watch out for the 'flyers' around the village in the next few weeks for more details.

Sean Smith, Chairman
Findon Parish Council

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From the Rectory

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen! Writing this on Holy Saturday, I feel justified in beginning my article with these words. Churches and cathedrals throughout the land will be bedecked with flowers after the austerity of Lent, the scent of lilies in the air (allergy sufferers beware!) and bells will ring out joyfully on Easter Sunday morning. The Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus that Christians celebrate through Lent and Holy Week and with joy at Easter, this story brings hope, reminding us that death is not the end but that through Jesus Christ we have the promise of eternal life. Coming as it does in springtime, new life is all around us; blue tits are busily going in and out of the nesting box in the Rectory garden, the first lambs in the Nephote flock have arrived (although the lambs at Clapham and Patching were born some weeks earlier) and fresh leaves in a myriad shades of green, sometimes tinged with pink or orange, adorn the trees and shrubs, with hedgerows white with may blossom. Seeds sown begin to sprout. Isn't creation wonderful?!

On a more sober note, we heard this week of the devastating fire that has caused so much damage to Notre Dame in Paris, and my heart goes out to the people of France, but isn't it heartening to hear how individuals and companies have pledged financial support for the rebuilding work. Old buildings regularly need maintenance and renovation work, and our 3 churches are no exception. We are so lucky to have 3 grade 1 listed buildings in the villages and I hope you value these as part of our heritage even if

you do not worship in them. So many walkers visit and are awed by the architecture and the sense of peace they find inside. Have you thought of pledging a regular donation either direct to the PCC or through the Friends groups? Although many people respond with generosity to a direct need (such as the bell maintenance at Findon which will be carried out in the autumn) there is an ongoing need for money just for the day-to-day running costs and minor repairs as they occur. Have you written or revised your will recently? Previous bequests have meant that we have had reserves to draw on when what might have been a routine job turns out to be a major undertaking, but these funds are finite! This year both Findon and Patching Church will undergo their Quinquennial Inspection and although the buildings appear to be in reasonable condition, we won't know the financial implications of any essential work until we receive the report from the church architect. Clapham church is currently working through the recommendations from their inspection a couple of years ago. Fortunately, identified work is categorised into 'essential' or 'desirable', giving a bit of leeway over time to complete it!

Finally, I heard this week that the bus routes in Findon Village have been altered, meaning that although a bus can be caught from outside the Gun, the same bus no longer returns through the Village. Check timetables before setting out!

Every blessing,
Helena

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Findon Parish Council

As you are probably aware, local elections take place on 2 May 2019 for Arun District Council and all the parishes within Arun District, including Findon.

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has a total of 11 councillors at any one time, and, for the next four-year term of office, seven nominations were received, resulting in an uncontested election.

This now provides the opportunity for the new Council to consider filling these places by way of

co-option to the Council and this will be discussed at the FPC Annual Council Meeting to be held on **Monday 13 May** in the **St John the Baptist School Hall** starting at **7.30pm**.

If you have never been to a FPC meeting or are interested in seeing what your councillors do for the village, please come along – you never know, it might inspire you to consider becoming a parish councillor !!

Sean Smith, Chairman
Findon Parish Council



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Findon Village Store News

It was nearly 2 years ago exactly that our village store suddenly closed its doors without warning. It was a huge shock to suddenly lose such a vital part of our community.

At the time the Parish council was chaired by Peter Goldsworthy, he was determined that the village would rally round to try and restore our shop.

Peter quickly decided that the best option was to try and raise money through a shareholder system, and an emergency meeting was organised at the village hall. We arrived at the village hall on June 12th 2017 to find it was filling up fast, by the time we opened the meeting the hall was full and people had to resort to standing outside and peering through the windows! I think we were all pretty overwhelmed by the amount of people who attended. We quickly set up a committee of experienced professionals and in the early days the committee received invaluable help from the Plunkett Foundation, a non-profit organisation who have existed for almost a century and offer advice to communities on maintaining their vital services.

Peter worked tirelessly to raise an impressive figure in excess of £400,000 in less than 4 weeks! We went to the property auction on June 30th 2017 hopeful that we had done enough. When the hammer

came down and we had bought the shop and the flat we all let out a simultaneous cheer-we had done it!

Without the tireless hard work and determination from Peter we probably wouldn't have a village shop. He has decided it is now time to step down from the committee and will concentrate on his work for the parish council, we are so grateful for all he has done. It is intended that we will have a celebration for him in the summertime, where everyone is welcome, venue to be decided.

Our very capable vice-chair and business operations development manager Steve Smith has stepped into the position of Chairman.

We are also hoping to appoint a new secretary as our current brilliant secretary Jan will be stepping down this June.

We also bid farewell to our wonderfully professional treasurer Helen, who is concentrating on her own work commitments, our management accountant Alan will step into the role.

If you are a shareholder and feel you might be suited to the role of secretary please contact us at findonvillageshop@gmail.com

Jo O'Dell
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I would like to extend a HUGE Thank You to all the people who so generously sponsored me on my walk from my home in Findon, to my college in Horsham on Thursday 14th March.

I left home at 4.00am on a cold drizzly morning, arriving at Collyers for my first lecture at 10.00am. I walked 18 ½ miles, and was pleased to be welcomed by my fellow students.

I raised £340 for Red Nose Day!

Morton Woodburn



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Gardening Titbits

My favourite Heuchera, without question, has always been “Palace Purple” with its semi- evergreen, multi-tonal leaves of purple-brown, glowing beetroot-red on the undersides when the sun shines through them. A glorious sight. The evergreen purple ones do not quite match up. Now, there is another fabulous one called “Paris”. This one is evergreen with small silvery-green rounded leaves, marbled with dark green veins. It carries never-ending coral-rose flower stems 12 – 18” high which appear in early April and continue until the frosts. It is another must-have for me now.

Last year, we had excitement with our newly acquired bamboo plant. The lady next door was moving and could not take it with her so we gratefully accepted it and placed it on our sheltered patio in full sun. It responded well to watering once a week and a one-off sprinkling of granular fertiliser in spring. One day I saw something amiss in the tub and blamed my husband. “Have you put something in the bamboo tub?” “No.” “It looks like a stick.” “What sort of a stick?” came his reply. “A bamboo stick.” It suddenly dawned on us and we rushed to investigate. Yes, it was a new bamboo stem; 3’ tall, thin, pointed, shiny and devoid of any leaves. On closer inspection, there were about 7 new stems coming up. We were ecstatic. We had had no idea what to do with a bamboo plant but it seems to be very happy and it is such a wonderful addition to our display. It came through the winter storms of 40-56 mph winds without even a broken leaf and the graceful shadow on the wall of 8’ tall, elegant stems with 4” silky-smooth

Catherine York

oblong pointed leaves, fills the patio with an oriental charm.

When we moved here I potted up sections of many plants to bring with us. One called Cimicifuga “Brunette” (bugbane) was so happy in its temporary plastic pot that we gave it a new stylish clay tub as its permanent position. Cimicifugas (renamed Actaea) thrive in shade and look amazing from their new lacy purple-black foliage in spring to their 5’ tall scented spires of white, finger-thin, plumes in autumn. It is a true specimen plant and so easy to grow, and no support necessary. There is also a green variety.

When another set of neighbours left (was it something we said?) they passed more tubs on to us, one of which has turned out to be Pieris “Katsura”, a new variety to me. What a beauty this is and small enough to grow in a tub. I admired it from afar but close up it is breathtaking. So, Les and Brenda, if you are reading this, I have placed it in the north facing courtyard by the mirror so we get twice the impact of the pale rose, lily of the valley flowers, which started in March. It is stunning.



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At about 1.30pm on Tuesday (19 March) a woman was walking near Cissbury Ring when a man followed her and then carried out an indecent act in her presence.

At about the same time on Friday (22 March) another woman was walking her dogs near Worthing golf club, again near Cissbury Ring when a man indecently exposed himself to her. He followed her but she ran back to where her car was parked and he walked away.

Neither of the women were assaulted or directly threatened but both were very upset by what happened.

Police Investigator Hayley Jordan said; "We believe the same man is responsible for both offences. He is described as white, in his late teens to early twenties, between 5'8"-5'10", with dark hair in the style of a mop, and carrying a black rucksack/drawstring bag.

"Local officers are paying extra attention to the area."

"If you think you know who this man is, or if you have had a similar unpleasant experience recently, please get in touch with the Police by calling 101, quoting serial 787 of 19/0.

Known Crime Incidents Not Recorded in Police Reports

Stolen Car Pursued to Findon

Early one morning in April Police pursued a stolen luxury vehicle into Findon Village. The car was abandoned on Pond Green and the driver escaped on foot down the High Street. Despite the number of police in attendance it is not known if the suspect was apprehended.

Theft By Deception

Police were called to an incident in Findon Village Post Office after a couple managed to deceive and snatch a sum of money while transacting foreign currency exchange. Police have collected cctv of the event.

Thrown Log Hits Car on A24 at Findon

Late evening on Wednesday 17th April a small group of youths hurled a log towards a car travelling on the A24 near the Black Horse. The cars windscreen smashed and the driver, although shaken, was lucky not to have sustained any injuries.

The police attended the incident but were unable to trace any suspects; and assisted the driver home.

Fly Tipping

There has been an incidence of fly tipping near Findon Church comprising garden waste both bagged and left loose.

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The money raised from the event together with our Raffle and Guessing the weight of Maggie Martin's cake, resulted in £437.00 being sent to St. B. Thanks to all the effort put in by members of the Committee and to all the guests for coming, supporting us and generously buying raffle tickets!

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 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 Molly Stooks, for allowing the use of her home for the event, and to the small army of caterers and helpers!

Mike Solomons
Chairman Co-ordinator

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News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

They announced in my newspaper that the Environmental Secretary Michael Gove and MP Rahman Chishti plan to give Cats the same treatment as Dogs. All Cat owners will be required by law to microchip their pets.

The Cats Bill will require drivers who injure or kill a cat to inform Police with details of the accident.

Rescue centres and Vets will welcome the new law as it will be easier to identify cats that are hit. The report said there are 11 million cats in the UK.

Stray Cats are a real problem. There are so many that are not microchipped and not neutered and left to roam by their owners. The tom cats make a nuisance of themselves looking for females. We have regular requests to come and take a cat away when they are on peoples doorsteps trying to get in through their cat flaps or terrorising all the other cats in the neighbourhood. Once we take them to the Vets to be neutered they are fine. We were asked by a local Vet recently if we could take one such cat - without an owner he was due to be put down as they do not have the room to keep them. He wasn't neutered so I agreed to take him. After he was neutered. I went to pick him up and phew the tom cat smell was so awful I had to keep all the windows open in my car on the way home. A couple of the females found him very attractive. Luckily the smell wore off in a few days. We called him Bilbo Baggins and what a lovely, friendly boy he has turned into. He is now needing a home. He is a handsome grey tabby with white feet.

Recently a baby squirrel ran amok in an old couples house and wouldn't leave. When she telephoned the Lady said it was curled up asleep on the settee so I told her to take it outside and put it in a tree or it will chew through all your wires. They did as I advised but, ten minutes later, pitter-patter it came straight back in again and helped itself to a biscuit.

One Sunday recently a girl came in from the local farm with a mysterious baby creature which she placed in the palm of my hand. Just hours old, It was black, with folded ears and a short tail. It wasn't a rat so we all started guessing. "Is it a mole, or a Badger?" She told us there were lots of Badger sets where she picked it up. We rang Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital who said to bring it over. They told us it was a baby rabbit that they thought was badly sunburned. But it has survived and was still alive when I rang them a week later.

We are open to visitors every Sunday 12.00 until 4pm, rain or shine. We also have other cats needing homes, and lots and lots of Guinea-pigs.

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BBQ & Drinks

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It was a pleasure to lay out our Spring Show in the new, enlarged village hall. Everything looked great with a little more room to spread out. We had a lovely array of tulips and, all credit to our members, we also had lots of daffodils, despite the fact that so many of them had been at their best early this year, due to the mild weather. Indeed, the best exhibit award was for Shirley Hobden's perfect single daffodil.

In the flower arranging classes, the small arrangement in a mug proved popular but the best exhibit was Sue Line's Easter Bonnet. The photography entries were lower this time but Mike Solomon's clever interpretation of "keeping things in perspective" won him the best exhibit award and Betty Lewis's photograph will grace the cover of next year's spring show schedule. In

the cookery, Graham Langford beat the ladies for the best sponge cake, but the overall winner for cookery was Gay Hibbs's marmalade. Other cup winners were Betty Sieler, Tessa McCormick and Norman Allcorn. Well done everyone, including those who didn't win anything, but who contributed to the show and made the hall look so lovely. Refreshments proved as popular as ever, as did the plant and cake stalls.

Many thanks go to everyone who helped before, during and after the event and also to those who contributed cakes and plants for sale. We are now looking forward to the Summer Show, which takes place on 3rd August. Time to start planning your entries and don't forget to keep your camera at the ready to take that winning photograph.



The Junction, Clapham

Correction to the article published in April's Findon News

In response to the article in the April Findon News we welcome the publicity given to The Junction Clapham but wish it to be known that the brief closure was not due to complaints.

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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 website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting Dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

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

Removal of 3 Ash trees, severely damaged by Ash die back

Plot B1 Coventry Plantation Horsham Road, Findon BN14 0RG
Ref. No: SDNP/19/01933/DDDT |

Erection of a 2 bedroom bungalow with associated parking and landscape.

Land adjacent to 47 Homewood, Findon BN14 0XA
Ref. No: SDNP/19/01688/FUL

Internal works within existing outbuilding to form annex ancillary to 24 High Street Findon.

Annexe 24 High Street Findon BN14 0TA
Ref. No: SDNP/19/01367/HOUS



Worship and Praise Service

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Findon Village WI

As the speaker planned for our April meeting had to cancel Lesley Chamberlain stepped in at very short notice and gave us a fascinating, informative talk about the History of the National Garden Scheme. Founded in 1927 to support district nurses the scheme has donated an amazing £55 million to nursing and health charities, donating a record £3.1 million in 2018. I've got my yellow book and am looking forward to visiting some beautiful gardens this year. Maybe Findon Village could get some gardens together for a group opening next year?

The rag dolls on the competition table were fabulous – we have some very talented ladies in our group. Our next meeting on 9th May is our Resolution meeting. We will be debating how the WI can help the campaign to halt the decline rural bus services.

The competition is homemade biscuits which I'm looking forward to tasting!

The next coffee morning at Julia's Kitchen is Thursday 16th May from 10.30 – all welcome.

All visitors welcome – we look forward to seeing you

Paddy Winter - President

Visit our website – <https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite> or find us on Facebook -Findon Village WI for the latest information of our various groups or email findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

Findon Downs WI

This month we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Roger Clark as our Speaker and he delivered such an interesting talk on The Spitfire Girls of World War 11. Mary Ellis was one of the ladies who, with other ladies, flew hundreds of fighter planes to various bases in England. Mary was born in Langley, West Oxfordshire. She flew 63 Spitfires to RAF Brize Norton. On one of these journeys, she was forced to crash land after her engine seized. Eventually, Mary was made a First Officer of the Air Transport Auxillary (ATA). In 2018 Mary died at the age of 100 years . Apart from Mary Ellis, there were other ladies who trained as pilots , most of them were from

wealthy backgrounds and keen to help the war effort.

Mr Clark spoke at great length and gave a brilliant insight to how these ladies helped with the war effort in taking so many risks to ensure the planes were safely delivered to their bases.

Our next meeting is on the 14th May 2.30pm in Findon Village Hall.

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Sun 12th Easter 4	09.30am Sung Eucharist		08.00am Eucharist
Sun 19th Easter 5	08.00am Eucharist 09.30am Family Communion		10.00am Sung Eucharist
Sun 26th Easter 6	09.30am Sung Eucharist	08.00am Eucharist	10.00am Family Service
Thurs 30th Ascension Day	19.00pm Eucharist	11.00am Eucharist	

Findon Church - **Holy Eucharist** 10.00am Tuesdays -

Morning Prayer 9.00am Tue, Weds, Thurs, Friday

Messy Church - Findon Village Hall 3.30-5.45pm 1st Tues of month (term-time only).

Light Lunch - Last Tues of month 1.00pm, Findon Village Hall (£5).

Afternoon Plus - A varied social programme, 3rd Thurs of month. No meeting in April.

Youth Group - Thursdays (term-time only), 5pm-6.30pm, Findon Rectory (12yrs +)

Curry Nights - Ladies 1st Mon 7.00pm/Men last Thurs, 7.30pm Findon Tajdar

Quiet Time - at Findon Church. 2nd Monday of the Month.

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Line Dancing	Wednesdays	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00 – 11:30
You Yoga	Tuesday	18:45
	Sunday, 5th	9:00
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30
Paracise	Wednesday	14:00

Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	13th	19:10

Monthly	Date	Time
Bead Magicians	21st	09:00
Downs WI	14th	13:45
Gardens Association	31st	18:30
Messy Church	7th	15.30
Village WI	9th	18:45
Meditation	16th	19:30
Tastevin	3rd, 17th	19:00
Light Lunch	n/a	12:00
200 Club	18th	18:00

Committee Room
N/A

Other Events	Date	Time
Lamb to Loom	4th	
Findon Film Night	10th	18:30
Art Class	18th	9:00

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