

# Findon

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Don't Forget To Place Your Vote
Findon Neighbourhood Plan Referendum
in the Skittle Alley of the Black Horse, Findon
Thursday November 3rd - see page 5



FINDON ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL HILL, BN14 OTR

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#### Findon Parish Council Report – October 2016

#### **New Councillor**

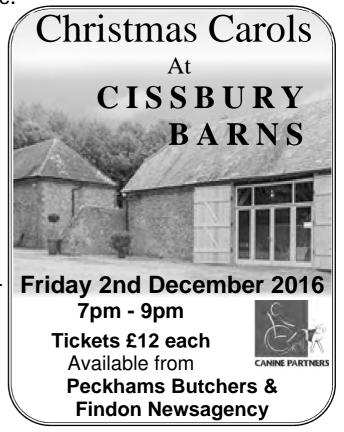
We are pleased to report that one of the 2 vacancies on Findon Parish Council (FPC) has been filled by the co-option of Mr Simon Moore BA, M.Sc, a fairly recent arrival in Findon, but who is keen to play an active part in village affairs. Simon is a Chartered Surveyor working for Surrey County Council in Kingston, and works in the public sector as an asset strategy property specialist. Aside from his co-option, FPC still needs another councillor to bring the council back up to full complement, and would welcome Expressions of Interest from any villager who wishes to play an active role in helping us manage the village.

(Call the Clerk, Fiona McLeod on 877225

for more information).

#### **Findon Pre-School**

FPC have made a bid for a grant of £38,000 that has been announced by Arun District Council, to 'kickstart' the raising of further funding to replace the current building, which is in a sad state of repair. A small working group has been formed by the management committee of the Preschool to start the process of creating a Business Plan. The plan will cost out the options for a new or second hand sectional building that could replace the old Youth Club hut that was erected on the Glebe Land in the early '70's, but which now needs constant expensive repairs to maintain the fabric of the building.



#### **TEP Group (Traffic, Environment & People)**

The working group continues to make progress with meetings planned with West Sussex County Council (WSCC)

Highways Dept. following the completion of speed and parking surveys in the village. About £60,000 has been reserved by WSCC Highways for the first of the planned improvements, which will concentrate on improving the safety of School Hill and access from the Square to the school.

Peter Goldsworthy Chairman, FPC

New Live Nativity Procession
6.15pm from the Ville to the Gun Inn with

Carol Singing Around The Coals in the garden of the Gun Inn from 6.30pm

#### Friday 16th December

Animals to be penned in the covered area (Stable) of the Gun

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Collection for "Worthing Churches for the Homeless" and "East Clayton Farm" charity



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## Findon Community Website

Check out all the latest news and events in the village at www.findonvillage.org

Keep an eye on the website as more and more information is being posted.

Don't forget this is a community website and we rely on your input.

See the **Noticeboard** for a link to the Neighbourhood Plan documents.

There are two further walks local to Findon, both in the Washington area. Check out the **Local Walks** page in the Information section.

There are nearly 100 individual Findon events listed on the **calendar** for November!

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#### Findon Neighbourhood Plan

Referendum 3rd November 2016

Parishioners have the opportunity to vote on the Findon Neighbourhood Plan (FNP) on Thursday 3rd November at the Black Horse Skittle Alley. For those who are new to the village or may have forgotten what it's all about here are some background details:

The Plan reflects the aspirations of those who live and work in the parish to protect and enhance the special qualities of its landscape and settlements. The Plan also reflects the diverse needs of its residents and sets out the conditions in which our parish will grow sustainably over the coming years. Its essence is to give voice to the 21st century needs of a rural downland village by making provisions relating to tourism, transport, business, recreation and building design.

The Plan does not allocate any land for housing development. Full consideration was given to land outside the settlement boundary to find suitable plots for the minimum of 20 houses that the SDNPA currently deems we need. However, after extensive assessment and public consultation, the NP reflects the conclusion that building on land outside our existing boundary was inconsistent with:

Maintaining the Findon Gap; The previous policies of Arun DC & the

emerging policies of the SDNPA; The primary statutory duty of the SDNPA to preserve and enhance the National Park The SDNPA are under pressure to

develop land and are critical that we have not allocated land for development. The Parish Council will continue to have a dialogue with them to demonstrate the planning constraints to the development that they seek. However, it must be made clear that SDNPA, as our local Planning Authority, has the final say in what can be built and where.

The Neighbourhood Plan Team invites parishioners to vote 'Yes' in the Referendum not least because a 'Yes' vote would:

Entitle the Parish to receive 25% of payments made by house builders to the SDNPA, such funds to be spent on projects for the benefit of parishioners.

Be a recognition of the thousands of hours put in by volunteers in the village to create a Plan that reflects their appreciation of living in such a special place.

Ensure that we retain and benefit from all the other policies the community wished to see in the Plan including, amongst others, protection of our green spaces, our flint walls, our trees & hedgerows, our footpaths & cycle paths and our assets of community value.

Neighbourhood Plan Team

The full Neighbourhood Plan and its associated Community Aspirations document can be read on www.findonvillage.org/neighbourhood-plan

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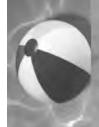
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#### News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

I went to collect Cyril an unwanted Conure Parrot, he was pulling all the feathers out under his wings and chest because he was stressed. The family had a new dog that was constantly barking at the parrot. He was so quiet when he arrived, but Cyril is so happy now. He loves a warm bath and to be sprayed. He dances and talks and really loves Hayley (one of our Volunteers) who can do anything with him. Cyril is always on her shoulder; but he bites the rest of us.

One Sunday in mid October was a very busy day when we rehomed 11 Rabbits and Guinea-pigs, and during the week five cats had gone to new homes. If I didn't have a Sat Nav life would be really difficult. We delivered two cats to Horsham and the Sat Nav took us straight there - like magic - saving us so much

time. [Not sure everyone has the same experience Stacey! Ed]

Does anyone living in or near
Homewood own a beautiful black and
white felix type cat? He isn't chipped,
but looks very healthy and well looked
after. He probably isn't a stray but he
spends most of the day sleeping under
the bed of a lady who is confined to
bed. Every day he disappears through
her cat flap for a few hours, and comes
back to be fed. He has been doing
this for the last month. Does he have
two homes?

Stacey

#### **200 CLUB**

Winner of the October draw 115 – N Haverly

#### Veterinary Advice

#### POISONS & TOXINS

The past month at the surgery has kept me even more busy than usual with emergencies, varying from several dogs being seen for ingestion of rat bait to rubber balls and wooden stakes being removed from intestines! As much as emergency medicine and surgery are my areas of interest I would prefer that my patients kept themselves safe! As always thank you to my clients who have remained patient whilst I have been dealing with them all

Ingestion of toxins and objects that can get stuck in various parts of the gut can happen to any dog or cat at any age. Just because animals are older does not always mean they are wiser. Recently the majority of the surgeries to remove foreign bodies from the gut have been on dogs over 10 years!

If you are concerned that your animal is acting strangely, has vomiting, diarrhoea or is quieter than usual then please make an appointment ASAP - especially if there is even the slightest chance they could have eaten something or come

into contact with something that they should not have!

#### **Pet Poisons Found Around The Home**

The following is not an exhaustive list (remember that many houseplants can cause toxicity) but hopefully will be useful:

Poisons where a very small amount can cause toxicity:

Antifreeze (often spilled beside cars); Sugar-free chewing gum/diabetic/weight-loss food; Gloss paint; Dark chocolate - foods containing cocoa and cocoa mulch for your garden; Slug pellets; Ibuprofen; Grapes, raisins, sultanas, currants; Horse wormer containing Ivermectin; Pot pourri; Daffodil bulbs; Coins, nuts and bolts containing zinc; Psoriasis cream (Vitamin D toxicity); Mouldy bread or cheese; Rat poison; Lily flowers (extremely poisonous in cats)

Poisons where a moderate amount is needed to cause toxicity:

Milk chocolate and filled chocolates; Onions, garlic, leeks and shallots; Green potatoes; Coffee.



Poisons where a dog needs to eat a lot or are not toxic:

White chocolate; Wallpaper paste; Contraceptive pill; Desiccant sachets (labelled "do not eat"); Statin drugs for high cholesterol

If you suspect your pet has eaten something toxic, call the surgery immediately for advice - it may be necessary to bring your pet in. Ingested substances remain in the stomach for a number of hours and an injection to induce vomiting can be given to resolve the problem.

If you suspect your pet has some of the poison on its coat then prevent it ingesting more by cutting off some of the fur or use a buster collar or muzzle to prevent licking.

Unfortunately many spot on wormers and flea drops and tablets available without prescription can be EXTREMELY TOXIC to many pets and we would discourage you from buying them.

NEVER wait to see if your pet develops clinical signs - by then it may be too late to save them.

#### **FIREWORKS**

Firework season is upon us again- for some animals this can be an extremely stressful time for them and with firework displays being held from now until the New Year many clients often ask for advice. For that reason I have written a leaflet with some information on how best to keep your pets calm. This leaflet is available to pick up from any of the

Crossways branches.

If you are planning on holding a firework display and have neighbours with dogs, cats and small pets then it is always a good idea to let them know your plans in case their animals are nervous.

Tania Parsons BVSc MRCVS Crossways Veterinary Group Findon Practice Tel. 01903 877325

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#### A Gardener's View

I hope Monty Don doesn't do a 'Big Dreams revisited', because he would find that our sensory garden is no more! Our sensory garden still exists and is still a massive part in Noah's life, it's just that it has been moved and is now at the front: not at the back where it was originally planted. Our front garden is much bigger and surprisingly more private and has been our main family garden since we moved in. It has also been dedicated to my obsession with vegetable growing and poultry keeping. Noah loved the sensory garden but just didn't spend much time in it - preferring the front. So we decided to move it and now the back garden (that gets all the sun) is our new kitchen garden. First I dug up all my vegetable beds, levelled the ground and lay new borders before laying a new lawn. Then I had to move every single plant from the sensory garden into their new home. This is a good time to move plants as the soil is still warm and there's just enough time for them to get settled before the real cold sets in. Noah loves his new garden - as do we all. It's a much bigger happier place full of plants (the chickens and ducks still remain).

So now I have got a blank canvas and I didn't want to just do the same old thing.

I have been reading a lot about 'no dig' vegetable gardening - a process where you do not disturb the soil at all and create raised beds with a series of materials added to create the perfect growing medium. This provides healthy high yielding crops and far less weeding. You start with a frame - I use railway sleepers - then add a layer of cardboard onto your ground (on top of weeds and the lawn). Above that you add a layer of straw or hay then a layer of well rotted horse manure followed by a layer of greenwaste garden compost. Let it sit all winter and in spring you can start sowing and planting - annually in the autumn topping each bed with a layer of compost. This creates a very healthy nutrient rich soil perfect for vegetables. So here we go I now have a 'no dig' vegetable garden, the biggest vegetable plot I have had to date! With years of digging it will be interesting to compare the results.

Gardens are organic in nature. They change and move and if something doesn't sit right with you and your garden then change it, even if it does mean swapping an entire garden that was broadcast to 2.8 million viewers. They never need to know. Happy gardening.

Joshua (the Gardener)



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#### Readers' Dogs Meet SCAMP!

Scamp belongs to to Reverend Helena Buqué, the Priest-in-Charge of Findon Parish, and therefore Scamp is the Rectory dog!
Scamp was Helena's daughters dog, but she married an Australian and emigrated 'down under' so Helena took over ownership. Scamp is half springer spaniel, but the rest is a mystery (some cairn and Jack Russell involved!) He was 12 in September and still enjoys chasing pheasants and deer, and doing vertical leaps through long grass. Helena's husband says Scamp has been spoiled since living in Findon by the friendly dog-walkers on



Nepcote Green! Scamp loves the village pubs and walking over the downs.

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 - or hardcopy via the "Findon News" box in the Findon newsagency.

When emailing please submit photos as a separate high resolution JPEG file.

Unfortunately we have decided not to produce a calendar from the Readers' Dogs featured this year. PAWS as well as Crossways Veterinary Group publish their own fundraising calendar's. Findon News did not wish to publish a calendar that could compete with the funds raised by the other productions.

Apologies to our canine friends who featured this year and were looking forward to even more fame! Ed

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#### Reply to Readers' letters & emails.....

October's Findon News included an email from Sheila Steere who raised issues regarding a lack of seating and no Park & Ride facility at September's Findon Sheep Fair. Findon News forwarded the email onto the Sheep Fair Committee. Their Chairman, Simon Stace, has requested that his reply to Sheila (see below) is reproduced in Findon News.

Thank you for your email, and for taking the time to send us some feedback.

The weather this year was unfortunate, especially as more often than not we manage to dodge the bad weather on the day of the fair!

I am sorry that you experienced difficulty finding a seat. Unfortunately there is only limited seating, due to space, and this year it was made worse by people sheltering from the rain.

With regards to the park and ride, we are at the mercy of local businesses

and their cooperation. This year it was not available and we are aware that it was missed.

We will be discussing both the seating arrangements and the park and ride at our next Findon Sheep Fair committee meeting and hopefully we will be able to improve both for next year.

Thank you for visiting the fair and we hope to see you again in 2017.

Kind Regards

Simon Stace Chairman – Findon Sheep Fair

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If you are a riparian ditch owner, now is the time to clear growth from the summer before winter arrives. Riparian owners are responsible for the upkeep of their ditches, so make the most of the current good weather and clear them out!

Fiona MacLeod
Clerk to Findon Parish Council

On a related story, our wonderful, dedicated team of volunteers remain active in keeping Findon Village clean, tidy and prepared against the elements.

Christopher Hobden captured Parish Councillors Robin Carr and Del Henty (pictured right) in readiness for the winter rain and clearing the drain in Soldiers Field Lane.

I'm sure all villagers are grateful for the hardwork and time that all the volunteer workforce give to the welfare of the Village. Ed



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# Sussex Police Crime Report No Crime Report Received This Month

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The Roland Singers Choral Society

#### Christmas Celebrations

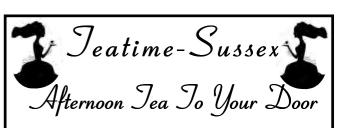
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Since the last issue of Findon News the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:

Removal of front steps and replacement with steplift and new front steps Open for Comment

22 The Oval Findon BN14 0TN Ref. No: SDNP/16/05183/HOUS

Single storey pitched roof Kitchen extension measuring 5.8M wide by 4M deep, to the rear of the property. Materials to match existing house. New pitched roof to be tiled as per existing. Open for Comment

16 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ Ref. No: SDNP/16/04992/HOUS

Erection of two temporary storage buildings and retention of existing recently replaced temporary storage buildings, all for use ancillary to the Village Hall uses and activities. Open for Comment

Findon Village Hall High Street Findon BN14 0TA Ref. No: SDNP/16/04955/FUL

Internal alterations to a Grade II listed dwelling house including the formation of new bathroom facilities to the first floor, conversion of store rooms to new toilet block and installation of a new toilet cubicle to be created in existing toilet Open for Comment

Cissbury Nepcote Nepcote Findon BN14 0SR Ref. No: SDNP/16/04816/LIS

Demolish 2 No. properties and erection of 8No. Houses

Atalanta and Mayland Findon Bypass Findon BN14 0TP

Ref. No: SDNP/16/04858/PRE

Notification of intension to 6 No. Ilex Oaks (G1 and G2) to trim back to reduce overhanging branches by lifting the crown to 4m above GL and a crown reduction of 20% Open for Comment

1 Cedar Chase Cross Lane Findon BN14 0US Ref. No: SDNP/16/04689/TPO

Lawful Development Cerificate for Proposed development - Construction of single storey rear extension.

30 School Hill Findon BN14 0TR Ref. No: SDNP/16/04553/LDP

Planning continued on next page

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You can make a report using the West Sussex County Council quick and easy reporting tool at www.westsussex.gov.uk/roadpavementproblem .

Once you have submitted your report, it is automatically logged into their Highways systems. If you want to be kept updated with progress, just enter your email address when making your report.

For emergencies such as dangerous potholes, fallen trees that are blocking a road or pavement, drain/inspection covers that are missing, or any other obstruction or spillage blocking a road or pavement, please call West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105.

Fiona MacLeod Clerk to Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consider planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The SDNPA is the planning authority for Findon and FPC is a statutory consultee on such matters. Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed in the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC web site (http://findon.arun.gov.uk). Green Planning Committee Agendas are also displayed in the FPC Notice Boards and published on the FPC web site 3 clear working days before each meeting. The schedule of Committee meeting dates is also available to view at these locations and on the web site. Due to the publication deadline for the Findon Village News, receipt of the PCLs from SDNPA, and the scheduled meeting dates of the Committee, there may be instances where an application has already been considered by the Committee by the time an edition of the News has been published. Residents are asked to check the Notice Boards and web site regularly to view Parish Consultation Letter notices, scheduled/additional/cancelled meeting details, and Committee Agendas. FPC Planning Committee meetings are held in Findon Village Hall at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome to attend the Committee meetings and take part in the Public Question Time agenda item. The next two meetings are:

**24 November - Committee Room** Please Note: Meetings may be cancelled if **08 December - Committee Room** there is no business to transact.

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#### Findon Village WI

We were treated to watching Gaenor Circus put together some beautiful flower arrangements at our last meeting. She very kindly donated the arrangements to the WI and we raffled them at the end of the evening.

Our next meeting is Thursday 10th November. This will be our AGM where we will report on this last year, welcome some new committee members and read out next years programme. We will be bringing taster fruit cakes which we will be enjoying through the evening with tea and coffee.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the village hall - visitors are welcome.

Enquires: findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk Facebook: findonvillagewi

#### Findon Downs WI

Our speaker was Sue Walker from West Sussex Federation of WI's. The table was laid out with examples of different crafts, items made by WI Members including quilting, glove making, bead work, knitting, crochet and tatting - all beautifully worked. Sue described each one and the process involved, tempting us to consider trying one or more. Courses are often held within the federation. The competition for a china animal was well supported and the quiz,

which asked for the collective noun for a variety of animals, proved quite testing.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 8th November 2.30pm Findon Village Hall is the Annual Meeting when the President and Committee will be elected for the coming year. The Agenda will include a review of the past year and the programme for 2017. A chance to look back and look forward.

**Competition** – a Christmas Decoration **Social Time** – a Game of Beetle **Raffle**.

#### Family Favourites

**Peanut Butter Squares** 

2oz Margarine

6oz Marshmallows

6oz Rice Krispies

3oz Peanut Butter

Melt margarine & marshmallows.

Add Peanut Butter & Rice Krispies

Stir until all coated, then press evenly in a baking

tray to set.

Cut into squares

# Christmas Fayre Clapham & Patching Village Hall (A280 Long Furlong BN13 3UT)

Sunday 4th December 12 - 4pm Great gift ideas from local artists & craftspeople plus homemade produce!

~ Raffle ~ Refreshments ~ Tombola Free parking & entry Proceeds to Clapham and Patching Village

Hall & Recreation Ground, and the Community Shop and Cafe Project

The Rowland Singers Choral Society

#### Christmas Fair

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Craft Market ~ Handmade Gifts

~ Tea / Coffee ~ Hot Chocolate ~

~ Santa's Grotto ~ Free Entry ~

26th November 10am - 4pm

St Mary's Church, Broadwater Rd, Worthing BN11 8HT

View Findon News on the Findon Village website www.findonvillage.org

#### Glimpses Of Findon's Past

by Valerie Martin

Vintage Findon photographs hold much intrigue for me and hopefully some of these you will not have seen before.

Pictured right and taken 115 years ago is a must-see family gathering outside Wintons in 1901 — Cissie; Ruth; "Patch" the dog; Phyllis;



Winnie; Enid; Sissie; Jack and Eric Terranean; Edna Wilks; unknown lad sitting on the pillar holding the tray; and last but not least Dorothy Terranean.



The photograph (left) is from 96 years ago - the rather austere North End Cottages in Findon c.1920. I have found that the first mention of a North End settlement was c.1485 and any cottages at that time would undoubtedly have been built for the occupation of agricultural labourers, perhaps from the Muntham Estate. The above row of properties at North End, built probably in late Georgian days (say 1820s?)

emerged as a rather uninteresting row of seven front doors and seven chimneys. These cottages boasted capacious cellars; usual in the old Findon properties.

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North End is perhaps best known for its picturesque well in the past (now under the present A24). Having no stream, river or spring in the vicinity they had to dig for water. This was a complex and time-consuming business and undertaken by men employed as "well sinkers". The wells they dug ranged from basic stone-lined ones with wooden lids to those of a more complicated design. A notable feature of wells sank in the 1800s were the "well-heads" containing the winding gear - such as at North End.

How many hand-drawn wells do you think were dug to serve Findon in the past? From the Well House at North End to The Quadrangle, south of the village, there are said to be a line of disused wells, all of which were around 200 feet deep. Every row of cottages boasted their own well and in their hey-day I am told there were just over SEVENTY in number.

Exactly 77 years ago - the creeper clad Artists Cottage in the High Street, Findon (Right) on 6th August 1939 (the year the Second World War broke out). The photograph presented me with a bit of a problem as at first I could not locate it. Eventually I found this property was listed in the Findon Directory in the 1940s as being situated at 46 High Street. The owner at the time of the picture was Neville Control of the picture of the pict



at the time of the picture was Neville C. Allerton who lived there c.1940 - c.1946.



Left we have shopping 56 years ago in Findon. The dark form of Findon Farmhouse can just be seen on the left. Findon had changed a lot by the time this photograph was taken. After the death of Albert Junior, work commenced on the building of 107 properties on the 13 acres of agricultural land between Stable Lane and the Horsham Road in 1961. There was a bungalow as a "show home" for potential buyers.... the cost of the properties being £4,750. The Willows development was destined to be built on the once farmyard site, whilst the actual Findon Farmhouse was eventually modernised and converted into a private dwelling.

Someone may be able to give me the name of the lady doing her shopping at The Village Shop in the 1960's?

A few simple pictures from the past can tell you more about Findon than any story I may write. The bygone photographer did not realise the long lasting future significance of the treasured pictures being taken.

Further stories of Findon's interesting past can be found on Valerie Martin's website, www.findonvillage.com

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#### Macmillan Pub Quiz

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Grateful thanks to:

Those who donated Prizes for the raffle Tony from the Village House who kindly let us take over the pub for the evening

Everybody who sold Raffle Tickets, Folded them up, and helped with prize giving!!.

Lastly a massive thank you to Wilbur the 'Quiz Master' who read out the questions and answers and basically kept us all in order.

Your support at this event made it a fun and worthy fundraiser for Macmillan, Thank You.

#### Harvest Flowers Thank You

Churchwarden Alan Rayment would like to say a very big thank you to the Findon Flower Ladies for the beautiful harvest display.

Donations from visitors raised almost £200 for Shelterbox, supporting hurricane victims in Haiti.



#### NEXT MESSY CHURCH

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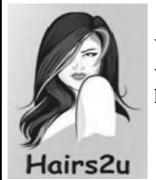
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	2.30pm	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9. <u>45</u> am <i>later start</i>	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	8.00am 9.30am	Eucharist, Findon Church Family Communion, Findon Church
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8.00am 10.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church Family Service at Village Hall + breakfast from 9.15am

- \* Tuesdays 10.00am, Holy Eucharist Service
- ★ Weds/Thurs/Friday 9.00am, Morning Prayer
- ★ Thursdays 5.00-7.00pm, Youth Group at The Rectory (Yr 7<sup>+</sup>)
- ★ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month, 9.15am breakfast and 10.00am Family Service in Findon Village Hall
- ★ 1st Tuesday of month during term time, 3.30-5.45pm, Messy Church in Findon Village Hall
- ★ Last Tuesday of month, Light Lunch @ 1pm, Findon Village Hall. Soup & a pudding with friends for £4.00
- \* First Monday of month, 7.30pm Ladies' Curry Night, Tajdar
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Fortnightly Circle Dancing	<b>Date</b> Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Time</b> 19:10
Monthly Art Class Auction  Bead Magicians Canasta Club Rummikub Downs WI Family Church Service Gardens Association Light Lunch Meditation Messy Church Village WI Strictly Dancing	Date Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> (goods 2–4pm, viewi Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Last Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Last Friday Last Tuesday Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Time 09:00 18:00 ng 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm) 09:00 15:00 14:00 14:30 09:30 19:00 13:00 19:30 19:30 15:30 19:30 11:00
Committee Room Village WI Darts	<b>Date</b> Mondays	<b>Time</b> 14:00
Other Events Tastevin Cissbury Players Prod. Marsden Dancing  "  200 Club Film Night	Date Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1st Dec.	Time 18:45 19:15 11:30 10:00 19:00 18:30

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