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# News

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## From the Rectory

Starting something new can be a daunting prospect! We've all faced new beginnings through our lives – changing schools or jobs, moving house – and recognise the mixture of emotions this can bring about. A new direction can be exciting and scary at the same time, always bringing new challenges along with new opportunities. As I write, our children are starting their second week of a new term and new school year; the initial trepidation will have been allayed as the first full week is completed yet as they settle in to new classes with new boundaries there will doubtless still be some ups and downs to face. Homework will be expected, probably at a very different level to the previous year, and as our children move up in their education, this can also be a challenge to us as parents when they need help with a task! I hope you all join me in regularly praying for our young folk and their families.

Of course, as Christians, we know that in any new beginning, we are never alone, because Jesus promises to be with us 'to the end of the age' (see Matthew 28:29) There are many examples in the Bible of

people starting something new on response to God's call, for example, you can read about how Moses left the safety of his father-in-law's home to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in the Book of Exodus. Despite many difficulties on the way, God never abandoned his people, and he will never leave you or me either. It is comforting to know that our youngsters have been given a secure grounding in faith at St John the Baptist School or Clapham and Patching School which will support them in their transition to much larger schools.

It is a joy to have many of our youngsters coming to the Youth Club each week just to let off some steam and catch up with friends who have gone on to a different Secondary School. This week as a special 'back to school' treat, we rented an inflatable for their session, and 16 young people aged 11-15 had a great time in the Rectory garden (along with my 2 small granddaughters!) all enjoying bacon butties before going home.

If you are at Secondary School and haven't tried Youth Club yet, why not join us one Thursday? We are already looking forward to taking a group to the Diocesan May Camp in 2018 too. Have a word with me if you'd like to know more! Going back to starting something new, as our last Findon News mentioned, the Village needs new Findon Parish Council representatives. Maybe this is you?

*Every blessing, Helena*

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# Findon Parish Council Report

## Deputy Chairman

Sean Smith has been appointed Deputy Chairman of Findon Parish Council. We are grateful to him for taking on this role and wish him well during his tenure of office.

## New Councillor

One of 2 vacancies on the Parish Council has been filled and we very much welcome Cathrine Gear as a new Parish Councillor. She has been a resident of Findon for over 10 years and will bring her community spirit and many skills to the Council at what continues to be a very busy time. There remains a vacancy for another Parish Councillor. Anyone wishing to play an active role in managing the affairs of the Village should please contact the Parish Clerk, Fiona MacLeod (877225).

## Nepcote Green

FPC and the Sheep Fair Committee are well aware that two areas in particular within Nepcote Green need to be "restored" having been damaged as a result of heavy rain during the Sheep Fair weekend. A working party has commenced the clearance of the straw which was spread over the wettest areas after which machinery may be brought in to effect the required levelling out.

## Pond Green and Village grass verges

Pond Green remains the responsibility of Arun District Council so far as grass cutting is concerned. FPC are pressing hard for more frequent cuts to take place. The next one is promised before the end of the month.

The cutting of the grass verges in the Village however is the responsibility of FPC and the future frequency of cuts will be reviewed subject to what the Precept will reasonably allow.

## Operation Watershed

The minor road drainage scheme at the bottom of Stable Lane has already been completed. The much larger scheme along Nepcote Lane adjacent to Nepcote Green is in full swing and will last several weeks. It will mean serious traffic holdups and the intention is that access should only be for the houses north of Nepcote Green. Both schemes are subject to full grants from West Sussex County Council and the purpose of them is to try and minimise the flood risk in the centre of the Village.

## Working Party

To pursue the Parish Council's aim to try and tidy up the Village a Working Party was formed by the Parish Council some 2 years ago and is made up of two Parish Councillors and several volunteers. The Working Party continues to carry out clearance work in and around the Village every Wednesday morning. We are looking for more volunteers so anyone who is able to help please contact me. My email address is [grdcarr@outlook.com](mailto:grdcarr@outlook.com).

Robin Carr  
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## Another Gold Medal Winner in Findon

After noting Tina Cook's equestrian success in September's edition of Findon News it would be remiss not to acknowledge a sporting win for another Findon resident.

Apart from his chairmanship of Findon Parish Council Robin Carr is an enthusiastic Hockey player; now in his 48th year at Worthing Hockey Club - a club "who are happy to welcome new members at any time", says Robin.

Robin is also a member of the over 75's England team. Towards the end of August the England Team competed in the Grand Masters European Hockey Tournament; held in Glasgow. In the

final the England over 75's beat Germany and won the European Cup for the age group - each team member being presented with a gold medal. The following day the team featured on BBC Breakfast television and their winning goal was replayed. According to Robin, "the presenters of the programme seemed to have difficulty getting their heads round the fact that we were still playing hockey at age 75 plus!"

Many congratulations to Robin (and the England team) for another great sporting achievement.

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## South Downs National Park Authority

### Local Plan Final Consultation

The Pre-Submission version of the South Downs Local Plan is open for public consultation until 21 November 2017. This will be the last opportunity for the public to comment before SDNPA submit it to the Planning Inspectorate in spring 2018. The South Downs Local Plan will, on adoption, replace more than a thousand existing local plan policies currently operating in different parts of the National Park with one set of 96 consistent policies.

People are requested to give their final comments this autumn. All comments will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate who will respond to them as part of their examination into the Local Plan.

The plan sets out to protect and enhance ecosystem services – the benefits and services provided to us by the natural environment. It also sets out the National Park Authority's duty to local communities in allocating sites for housing and commercial development. Because the SDNPA Local Plan is landscape-led these allocations are based on the landscape's capacity rather than driven by targets. Once the Pre-Submission consultation is over, the plan, together with all responses received to the consultation, will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. It is likely that public hearing will be held in June/July with the hope to adopt the plan in September 2018.

You will be able to read the local plan online at [www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan)

### **Curry Nights**

The next Tajdar  
Curry Nights are  
Thursday 26th October (Men)  
&  
Monday 2nd October (Ladies)  
at 7.30pm

## Findon Community Shop & PO - Update

Anyone who glanced through the window in recent days will be able to see that huge strides have been made in our shop refurbishment.

The Post Office has completed all the technical bits involving alarms and the server, which has allowed our contractors to plough on. Local electrician Jez has worked wonders with the jumble of cables, and Steve Baker, who recently moved to the village and happens to run a company who specialise in commercial flooring, has been very helpful in providing suitable flooring at a very competitive price.

Dave the carpenter has worked wonders too and has begun building our new shelving. We hope that this will not only look attractive, respecting that our shop is such a pretty building full of period features, but also be more functional by allowing us to adjust the height and position, unlike the old

shelving. I must also make special thanks and mention to the support given by Mike Maidment which has aided the process immensely.

The new take out coffee machine has been ordered from Ferring-based Kendricks. As well as supplying machines they actually roast their own beans on site. Auds and I were treated to a tour of their tiny factory and were able to enjoy the wonderful aromas and get an appreciation of the care they put into selecting and roasting their blends. We chose a simple bean-to-cup machine which makes coffee at the touch of a button and provides hot water for tea. It also makes the all-important hot chocolate that has been so missed by the school children who catch the bus from outside The Gun. They will once again be able to grab a hot drink on cold winter mornings. ►

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by Monday, 7 November**



As well as being popular with the teens, the provision of hot drinks is important to many of the guests staying at establishments that don't offer a breakfast service or where the service is not early enough. So many people seemed unaware that the previous store had a hot drinks machine. Although primarily serving people passing through the village, in future I do hope that residents will also make use of the facility. There are endless special syrups on the market and we may offer delicious seasonal treats like pumpkin spiced lattes for Halloween or rum flavoured hot chocolate at Christmas.

The newspaper stall has continued operating throughout the works and is now temporarily housed in a container, kindly on loan from Clive Sadler from Southern Cranes - we owe him a huge thank-you for solving the problem of where we would trade from whilst the contractors are working.

Our Volunteer coordinator Christina Bedford has had to step down and is replaced by Julie Leitch. Julie has already been in touch with volunteers to introduce herself. Many thanks both to Christina for all her hard work so far and to Julie for picking up the role.

We are desperate for more volunteers to keep this service going and to cover

the early shifts in the shop. I know some have already stepped up to the challenge, for which we are so grateful. We understand that many villagers have children to care for, making volunteering at that time of day difficult. However, if you do think you could manage even one or two early sessions a month please do approach Auds or any of the committee, or get in touch via the Facebook page. You don't need to be a shareholder to support this important village asset. The up side of doing the first shift of the day is that you'd be finished at 9am with the rest of the day free. Volunteer shifts will be just 3 hours long and you can take on as many or as few as you think you can manage. Without volunteer support the shop won't be viable, so please do help if you can, even if you can only manage one shift a month.

It seems an age since we have had a working village shop. I hope the next news bulletin, rather than announcing an opening date, will bring news that we are open and the shop is stocked and busy. As always we are keen to hear about local suppliers and products; please let us know of any suggestions.

Becky Fagan

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# Progress on the Updated Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all the parishioners who took the time to come to the Consultation Day on 16th August and for ranking preferences from the eight short listed housing sites and for making comments on other sites, either on the day itself, or on-line, until the end of the month.

The response was very encouraging with more than 450 forms completed, which means that around 25% of the population of the parish and around 33% of households decided to have a say. Well done to everyone and the volunteers on the Working Group.

Local preferences for the location of new housing in and around Findon is one of the fundamental democratic opportunities available to communities who undertake a Neighbourhood Plan that includes housing site allocations.

There are of course other important planning and highways issues to now consider in more detail as well as the mitigating features associated with the allocation of housing on some of the sites.

Over the next six weeks the Working Group will be reviewing these matters with the SDNPA planners, WSCC Highways team, site owners and stakeholders. One site not included in the original ranking form has emerged from the initial consultation responses and will be reviewed by the Working Group, along with any other sites that may yet be suggested by the community

or landowners. If appropriate, this site, or sites, will be brought forward for a second consultation along with the most preferred sites from the initial consultation.

Please remember however we only need to allocate housing sites for around 30 dwellings over the next 19 years, so this is likely to involve only three or four housing site allocations in the Updated Neighbourhood Plan.

And now the summary, from most favoured to least, of the community's ranking preferences for possible housing allocations:

1. Former allotments at the Quadrangle (10 dwellings and allotments)
2. Former Fire Station (5 flats)
3. Paddock north of Nightingales (11 houses and flats)
4. Atalanta/Mayland site (6 houses and flats)
5. Small part of Monarchs Way field (11 houses, funding the replacement of the pre-school)
6. Paddock east of Pony Farm (4 houses)
7. Soldiers Field House and grounds (11 houses)
8. Paddock east of Elm Rise (15-20 houses and flats)

Once again, please remember that the ranking preferences are NOT actually housing site allocations, but they will be given significant weight when the Working Group brings forward a draft updated Neighbourhood Plan for formal consultation before the end of this year.

Updated Neighbourhood Plan  
Working Group

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The Legion of Honour, full name National Order of the Legion of Honour, is the highest French order of merit for military and civil merits, established 1802 by Napoléon Bonaparte.

FitzRoy Somerset enlisted in the Kings Royal Rifle Corps in December 1941, and reported to Bushfield Camp, Winchester in January 1942.

He landed in France on 8th June 1944, having been promoted to Lance Corporal by 2nd Lieut Bramall, (now Field Marshall Lord Bramall). His unit assisted the Americans at San Lo, then helped in the closure of the Falaise Gap. They then advanced to Belgium and Holland on their way to Arnhem. He was wounded on 31st October 1944 at Goyle in Holland and spent a few days in Antwerp Hospital before being repatriated to the UK. He was still in Convalescent Depot when the war ended.

Maggie Wright  
FitzRoy and Marigold's  
youngest daughter



FitzRoy with his medals



FitzRoy with his wife Marigold (centre) surrounded by the whole family at Tudor Barn, Clapham

*Findon News learns that FitzRoy and Marigold Somerset celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on 13th September. Many congratulations.*

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## An Evening With Tina Cook

Worthing Rugby Football Club are organising a fundraising event to support the Minis(under 7's) Tour 2018.

Tina Cook (Josh Gifford's daughter and World, European and Olympic Equestrian star) has very kindly agreed to provide after dinner entertainment at

**The Dome, Worthing on 11 November at 7pm.**

The cost for two courses of fine food and Tina's entertainment is £35 with any proceeds going to the Tour funds.

Tickets are available from Paddy Hooper:  
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# Findon Sheep Fair 2017

Report by Graham Longford & Clive Ball. Photographs courtesy of Richard Bell

Findon's Sheep Fair 2017 went off successfully despite all that the British weather could throw at us. In the lead up to the show we were lucky until the Friday afternoon when there were torrential downpours. Fortunately it had been well signalled and most of the outdoor works were complete. It didn't dampen our spirits as the forecast for Saturday was for better weather.

Having been informed that people were flying in from the USA, France and a couple coming down from London to visit a certain stall, it is evident that Findon sheep fair has a unique draw and atmosphere that people want to come and attend.

The Sheep section at the top end of the Green had 45 farms entered.

Approximately 275 sheep (of 24 different breeds) attended the show -

competition was of a high standard and the quality of the sheep shown was very pleasing to see.

After all the wet weather the sheep were well presented.

The Supreme champion of the show was a Southdown Ram owned by Hannah Turner of Reigate Surrey. The Supreme Champion for the Wool on the Hoof was Elizabeth Bicknell from Saffron Walden in Essex.

The Supreme Champion for the Young Handlers was Tilley Shelford from West Sussex - Tilley also won the Best Dressed Stock person and sheep award sponsored by Margaret Banford.

Local farms were also well represented with two owners living in Findon Valley, one from Clapham and another from Findon. ▶



This year we had the Top Paddock Dairy sheep farm attending selling sheep related products and next year they have asked if they can demonstrate milking sheep at the show.

Our new sheep and committee member Su Pearce ran a couple of events for youngsters. First was a quiz about animals at the show - the winner was Evie Scott. There was also a naming the sheep competition and the favourite name (which had 30 votes) was "Lady Baba".



Thank you to the Judges (who came from as far away as Cornwall, Lincolnshire & Hereford), the stewards and our sponsors.

On the main Green we had 38 craft stalls in

the Marquee & 89 on the field in addition to the Harris Brothers Fun Fair. All of the caterers were busy throughout the day and the car parks were nearing capacity at times. We had closed the top car park due the weather the prior day but had to call it into operation when the traffic became busy around lunchtime. Once again the 1st Findon Valley Scouts helped us by managing the car parking - the scouts benefit by receiving 50% of the car park takings which is used to fund their operational costs and purchase of equipment.

The Village Church occupied the refreshment area adjacent to our site office and remained busy all day. Hopefully they had a successful day which helped their funds.



Our thanks go to Findon Parish Council's Open Spaces volunteer team who helped in trimming back verges and hedges, and to WSCC Highways for cutting the central reservation of the A24 bypass, making it easier and safer to cross the carriageway.

And the biggest thanks go to our volunteers. Having 105 volunteers helping us this year was a tremendous help - without them we couldn't put the show on. That said, we always welcome new volunteers! The show may only be on Saturday but the setup and breakdown now spans five days and is a commitment that falls upon a few. If you are interested in being a volunteer, or indeed one of the committee, please contact us via: [simon@price-regency.co.uk](mailto:simon@price-regency.co.uk)

And finally; we recognise the Green has taken a bit of a battering this year due to the soft ground and the traffic movements. It is our intent to ensure the worst of the ruts are rolled out once weather conditions permit.

Findon Sheep Fair Committee, 2017

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## Findon Sheep Fair – Young Handlers

Hilary Langford



You may have spent some time at this year's Sheep Fair watching the Young Handlers and their sheep. The age groups ranged from 8 and Under, 9-11 Years, and 12 and Over.

Were you aware that in the two younger age groups were 8 children from our village school? They have been practising during the summer and like all skills, it comes easier to some than others; but on the day, they all did very well and surpassed all expectations.

The Findon school children were competing against the children and grandchildren of farmers, who have had considerably more experience. But our school children entered with enthusiasm, applied what they had learnt and were a credit to the school, themselves and the sheep they took into the ring.

Within the main competition in each class, which they were part of, they also competed for the school cup.

The 8 and Under group was won by Savannah, and the 9-11 group was won by Zach. We hope they all enjoyed the experience.

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## Sheep Fair Feedback

Findon News received the following two emails concerning the Sheep Fair:

As usual another thoroughly enjoyable Sheep Fair with all the stalls, amusements and demonstrations but, why oh why wasn't there enough seating for people?

About 30 chairs to seat several hundred visitors. This happened last year as well. Surely it's not difficult to arrange extra seats.

Trying to balance refreshments in your hands while searching for somewhere to sit down and eat was well nigh impossible, particularly if you were on your own with nobody to reserve a seat while you were ordering.

Please could the organisers take this observation on board and provide sufficient seating for 2018.

Linda Kennedy  
Former Findon resident now living in  
London

We had a lovely afternoon at this years Sheep Fair. Everyone else seemed to be enjoying themselves. How nice to see such a large selection of different breeds of sheep. I remember in the old days when hundreds of sheep were auctioned (Yes I really am that old). The weather was kind to us, which was fortunate as most people had to sit on the ground to eat and drink through lack of seating, as usual. This was also a problem in the evening. Sitting on the ground is fine for the young people, but us "oldies" would never be able to get up again!

Sheila Steere  
The Oval, Findon

*These emails were passed on to the Sheep Fair committee. Their initial response was, "following feedback from previous years the number of seats this year were doubled". Apparently it takes about four volunteers to put the seating out and there is now a shortage of space in the Wattle House for storing the seating. Ed*

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# Friends of St John the Baptist Church

Following the recent Sheep Fair it is my great pleasure to write and thank everyone who made this event so successful.

This was the first time the Friends of St John the Baptist Church had the opportunity to run the refreshments stall overlooking the main arena. It was fantastic that we were blessed with good weather, great helpers, delicious cakes and simply the best bacon rolls. Without all those involved and the generous contributions we would not have achieved such success.

Volunteers were so generous with their time throughout the process of organising and running the event and also the clearing up. Feedback from our customers was brilliant and they enjoyed the food provided (with tasty bacon supplied by Peckham's butchers).



Further thanks are due to the main Sheep Fair committee who were helpful and co-operative in every way.

Now the important bit:-

As a committee of the Friends it was decided we would purchase a number of items such as urns, table cloths and bunting. On the day we took £2,058.55 and after deducting costs of equipment and consumables, we were left with a cash profit on the day of £793.78 with which we are thrilled. We also have the equipment for future use.

The Friends have, since launching in May, already managed to raise several thousands of pounds, which is currently for the renovation of stained glass windows costing in the region of £17,000. News of future fundraising will be announced in due course.

Once again thanks to all and we look forward to future fundraising events to help preserve our historic church for future generations.

Gerald Hibbs  
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# Findon Valley News

## FVRA Art Exhibition

The FVRA Art Group held an Art Exhibition of their work on Saturday, 12 August and they were pleased that over 70 people came along. Findon Valley certainly has talent is a good way to describe the Art Group's abilities in watercolour, pastel, oil, acrylic, pencil work and pen & wash. Visit the FVRA website to see their stunning work:

[www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org)

The Art Group meets every Monday, 2-4pm at Findon valley Free Church, £2 entry. There is also a Crafts Group held every Saturday, 2-4pm at the same venue and the same entry price. If you want to know more about these groups or indeed have any art or crafts materials you have and no longer use, think about donating them – please call Maureen Denton, FVRA Arts & Crafts Group Officer on 01903 872004.

## Outdoor Gym on The Gallops

On 7 September the final designs of the outdoor gym equipment were presented to people on The Gallops. The Parks & Offshore Dept. t at Worthing Council

were keen to get feedback from local residents. We wait to hear what the conclusions are.

## Other News

For your information Worthing Driving Test Centre will be closing on Friday 27 October 2017. The operations will be relocating to DVSA Lancing when car testing starts from 6/7 November 2017. This means that residents of Findon Valley should now hopefully notice a reduction in driving schools using our local roads.

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership has involved teams from Sussex Police, East & West Sussex County Councils, East & West Fire & Rescue Services, Brighton & Hove City Council and Highways England combining their expertise to make Sussex roads safer and reduce collisions. Please visit [www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk](http://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk) that provides advice, news and support to all road users across Sussex.

For more information about the Findon Valley Residents' Association please visit [www.findonvalley.org](http://www.findonvalley.org).

## Findon Pool 100-Club

Winners of the September Prize Draw were:

1. **Bob Eastabrook** (£21)
2. **Peter Kirk** (£12.60)
3. **Brian Porter** (£8.40)

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Village Pool this season.

New numbers/renewals are now available (£20 per annum) with a Grand Draw in December followed by six monthly Draws May-Sept 2018.

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## News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

On Sundays we are open to the public. If we didn't the animals would be here for months and we are always very busy with people looking around searching for a new cat, dog, rabbit or Guinea-pig.

We have a waiting list book for anyone looking for a pet and regularly receive phone calls and emails from owners asking us to take their cat, dog, rabbit or Guinea-pig. You would think having the book would be a sensible solution. All we would have to do is ring the person waiting to hear from us and hopefully the poor unwanted animal would get a new home. Wrong! With dogs that's when many of our problems begin. We explain that some of the dogs are neglected, from bad owners who have never taken them for a walk, or brushed them.

People ask for a particular animal but we then have problems if they are not what they expected. One example

recently was a man who could no longer keep his little Shih Tzu. She arrived scruffy with a skin problem. We had two prospective owners awaiting a small dog so we bathed, groomed had her nails cut, treated her for fleas and worms. The dog was very friendly, but understandingly scared - licking her lips all the time and continually drinking, meaning she was worried. She only stayed overnight at the first home because she is bigger than the lady wanted, she liked her but she was too heavy for her to pick up. The second home she left a puddle in the house! Because she is drinking she keeps needing to go out, so after being advised to keep her in the kitchen and put newspaper down until she settles in hopefully she will be able to stay. Of course it is not the dog's fault in any way. Thankfully we have another home waiting if she is returned.

We also have an lady owner going into a nursing home. She too has a Shih Tzu and cannot find a rescue who will take him in, so he's coming to PAWS.

A pregnant mother said she couldn't cope with her year old Cavalier x poodle and all the rescues in her area are full. Hopefully we will be able to find her a nice home. Luckily we have backup from a lovely Kennels who will take her until a home can be found. We already have five elderly resident dogs who have medical problems who will stay.

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► The cats are not such a problem. Most settle in, and new owners ring every week to say how happy the cats are. Rabbits take longer to rehome - some are here for years - but we are always busy every Sunday with people wanting Guinea-pigs.

Because we have so many Volunteers who are handling, weighing, and grooming them daily the Guinea-pigs are very tame. We give them nice names like Elvis, Ant and Dec etc, but we always ensure they are going to be kept in the warm for the Winter and all have a diet sheet and can be returned if owners circumstances alter.

Stacey

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## OAP's for OAP's?

We know Britain has an ageing population. It doesn't just apply to humans, however, as Worthing Cat Welfare Trust (WCWT) are well aware.

“With a feline head count around 8 million the number of British pussy cats needing re-homing is booming like the national debt”, says Jackie Riddles at WCWT. Sadly, it is often the older animals, which are hardest to place.

Kittens are adorable, but with life expectancy up to 18 years, youngsters represent a long-term commitment. Fine for young families, but possibly daunting for an older person, as Jackie points out, “A neighbour had been looking for a pet to replace her recently lamented 17-year old and was offered a gorgeous kitten. On reflection though, Kitty has a life expectancy longer than her potential owner and the thought of giving up a much-loved friend in the future put her off.”

That's why WCWT are re-launching their OAP for OAP Scheme (Old Age



Puss for OAP). The idea is to match older pets to homes, where longer-term commitment may be questionable. But there is still obvious anxiety about giving up a dear companion - no matter what age - if your domestic circumstances deteriorate.

But this can be overcome, explains Jackie, “Our re-homing scheme would place an older cat with a new owner, but the charity retains a full supporting role. Whilst the owner looks after the pet as normal, providing a loving home and food, we would guarantee to take Top Cat back if and when the owner could no longer physically manage. This could even extend to veterinary support if required. It really can be a win-win situation for owner and pet, freeing up WCWT resources to care for more of the backlog of needy cases.”

Sounds a bit like leasing. If it works with cars, why not cats!

Further details of Worthing Cat Welfare Trust : [worthingcatwelfaretrust.co.uk](http://worthingcatwelfaretrust.co.uk) or Jackie Riddles on 01903 883179 / 07818 824407.



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**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:

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PC John Blight said: "The victims were deceived by different ruses into handing over large sums of cash.

"The police would never contact anyone and ask them to withdraw or hand over cash to officers. People carrying out these frauds are deliberately targeting those they think are vulnerable, so please look out for your friends, family and anyone you feel may be at risk by passing on this message.

Whenever there is doubt that a telephone caller is genuine, simply hang up the phone.

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### More phone Scammers

There has also been an increase in callers purporting to be from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs). The caller says that the person who they are calling owes tax in the region of £3,000. The call is aggressive, threatening, urgent and sounds authentic with the suggestion of meeting at a location where the tax owed is handed over. Don't be fooled. These calls are from scammers.

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# The Haven - A Story Behind The Advert

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This was the start of our new venture. We turned the bungalow into an open plan space downstairs and re-decorated and refurnished throughout. Having taken on Mum's dog we also decided it should be dog friendly.

In August 2014 we were ready to go - we created our own website, set up accounts on Holiday Letting and AirBNB and put adverts on dog friendly websites and in Findon News. To our surprise we started getting bookings immediately.

In the first month we had visitors from the Falkland Islands and China and realised our idea of getting a few walkers visiting the South Downs National Park was far from the truth. In the last 12 months we've hosted 120 adults, 18 children and 40 dogs. We've had many people who are visiting family and friends in the area, coming for weddings or funerals,

revisiting old haunts and even returning to the area to scatter a loved one's ashes.

We've had guests from all the continents, people staying while having work done on their homes, people taking part in local sporting events, visiting Brighton Festival and of course some just coming for their holidays.

We get many comments on how friendly ( and dog friendly) people find Findon, their positive experiences in the tearoom, pubs and restaurants so we know they are contributing to the village economy and several have enjoyed Findon so much they have become return visitors.

As frequent visitors ourselves my husband and I have now taken the decision to return to live in the village- we'll become a bit more hands on in meeting and greeting guests and most importantly hope to make our own contribution to village life.

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Elaine Dibben

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<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Eucharist, Patching Church.
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church.
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	08.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church.
	09.30am	Family Communion, Findon.
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Patching Church.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham Church.
	09.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church.
	10.00am	Family Service, Patching Church.
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Parish Eucharist, Patching Church
<b>November</b>	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	09.15am	Breakfast, followed by
	10.00am	Findon Village Hall Family Service.
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church.

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## Findon Downs WI - September Meeting

Speaker - Colin Brown – Crackle & Bliss

Colin gave a very entertaining talk and demonstration on songs and records of times gone by which he played on his 1920's windup gramophone and welcomed us to sing or tap our toes to the music, the first record being the Charleston followed by many other songs and tunes including Valencia being the most popular song at that time and Lilli Marlene which was a great favourite in the war not only with the English soldiers but the German and American soldiers too.

Colin's main supply of records are obtained by buying job lots from Antique shops. He can still get a good supply of needles but the first ones were probably made of bamboo then sharpened to improve the quality of sound. In 1940 the technology changed and record players became electric.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon of music hall songs and music enjoyed by all and ended with some of the old 78 records which members had brought with them being played.

Next Meeting Tuesday 10th October - 2.30pm at Findon Village Hall

Speaker Melanie Marley - A Cake Artist Demonstration

Exhibition A Cake Ornament

Raffle-Sales Table

A warm welcome to everyone

## Weddings for September:

Luke Cleary and Zena Roberts were married at Clapham Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Peter Green and Charlotte Watson were married at Findon Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joseph Foxwell and Alison Vardy were married at Findon Church on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Michael Hartnett and Rachel Willis were married at Patching Church on the 30<sup>th</sup>

Antony Baker and Karen Butler were married at Findon Church on the 30<sup>th</sup>

**Deaths:** Val Croft.

**Baptism:** Edward Arthur Henry Fitzroy Somerset was baptised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Clapham Church.

Joseph Charles Brittan was baptised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September at Clapham Church.

Poppy Isabella Williams was baptised on the 17<sup>th</sup> September at Findon Church.

Jacob William Peter Coughtrey was baptised on the 30<sup>th</sup> September at Clapham Church.

**Coffee Plus** – Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office.

**Light Lunch @ 1pm** October 31<sup>st</sup> (last Tues of the month) at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome

**Curry Nights** The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 1st Monday of the month, 2<sup>nd</sup> October (Ladies) and last Thursday of the month, 26<sup>th</sup> October (Men) at 7.30pm.

**Youth club** Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 7.00pm at The Rectory, Findon.

**Messy Church** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (3<sup>rd</sup> October). TERM TIME ONLY. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

## Service Rota for Clapham & Patching - October

DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSORS
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	B Quigley	Kath Hutchinson	Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21. 23-32	Sian Smith/ John Hammond
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Patching 8am Eucharist	Roger Walker		Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21. 33-end	Dorothy Barber
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Kath Hutchinson	Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14,14.1-12	Mary Best/ John Haskey
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22. 15-22	
	Patching Family Service 10am	Colin Cox		As above	Children
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Patching 10am Parish Eucharist	Helena Buqué		1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8 Matthew 22. 34-46	

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# Village Hall Diary - October 2017

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<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Carpet Bowls	Monday	14:30
Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00

  

<b>Fortnightly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Circle Dancing	2 <sup>nd</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup>	19:10

  

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Auction	6 <sup>th</sup>	18:00 (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Bead Magicians	17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00
Community Disco	18 <sup>th</sup>	16:00 – 18:00
Downs WI	10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	14:30
Family Church Service	1 <sup>st</sup>	09:30
Gardens Association	27 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Messy Church	3 <sup>rd</sup>	09:00
Village WI	12 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Light Lunch	31 <sup>st</sup>	12:00

  

<b>Committee Room</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00

  

<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Strictly Dancing	1 <sup>st</sup>	14:00
Art Class	14 <sup>th</sup>	09:00
Meditation	19 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Film Night	20 <sup>th</sup>	18:30
Octoberfest Quiz	28 <sup>th</sup>	19:00

## Live Nativity 2017

Note for your diary  
St John's Church Findon are planning  
to hold the "Live Nativity" on  
**Tuesday 19th December**  
**at 6-30 pm**

## Youth Club

Every Thursday  
*During school term time*  
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Ages 12+ 5pm till 6.30pm  
at The Rectory, Findon.

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