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Findon, Clapham & Patching

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## FINDON'S GOT TALENT!

On Saturday 25th January next year, an evening showcasing local talent is being planned at the Village Hall. If you would like to take part, please let us know. Whether you, or a group of you would like to sing a song or two, play a musical instrument, tell a few jokes, perform magic, recite poetry, or anything else (within reason) that would entertain we would like to hear from you. Unlike TV talent shows there will not be a judging panel, just an appreciative audience.

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## Congratulations to Tina

Team GBR with Tina Cook have won a silver medal at the European Eventing Championships in Germany.

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## From the Rectory

Last month, I reflected on Harvest thanksgiving, and as I walk Scamp at this time of year, I am struck afresh by the abundance of God's providence, free of charge, in our hedgerows! How times have changed, though (that makes me feel old!!) as there are so many juicy blackberries there, with nobody picking them. I can only assume this is because they are readily available in our supermarket freezer cabinets, tidily packed (in plastic of course) so no need to run the gauntlet of the vicious spikes and inevitable stinging nettles between the picker and the biggest fruit! I certainly enjoy grazing as I walk, especially up Honeysuckle Lane where they are particularly plentiful. Of course, by the time you read this, the season for gathering will be officially past, since country lore has it that after Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> September) the Devil has spat on the fruit, rendering it inedible but also bringing bad luck should you eat the fruit! It is true that in the next few weeks, the sweetness will be gone from the fruit that is left, but no doubt there is a scientific reason for this.

One of my earliest childhood memories is of walking from Palatine Road (where I grew up) to Salvington Hill with my parents and brother, all armed with an assortment of containers, to collect blackberries, which my mother would then bottle for winter's treats. Of course, the novelty soon wore off (especially after several stings and scratches) but our pleas to return home fell on deaf adult ears until all the containers were full. Depending on the year, this could take longer, as sometimes others had got to the hedgerow before us, taking the best fruit, or in some years, there

just weren't as many. It certainly taught us children to be patient, and allowed me time to enjoy the surroundings, absorbing the variety of birdlife and trees around me almost without realising what I was learning, and developing my sense of imagination. This is denied to so many of our children, as parents work long hours, and unless they have a dog to walk, more often go shopping or prefer to stay at home in their leisure time. Our beautiful countryside has so much to offer, and when money is tight, it doesn't cost anything!

Another similar memory is of going mushrooming with mum, seeking out not just the regular white field mushrooms, but delicacies of different shapes and shades of brown, found among bracken in the woods and on heathland not too far away. I can still smell the cooking aroma from so long ago as these too were bottled. Sadly, my husband doesn't trust my memory, refusing to eat what I picked, so I no longer gather! This is something that should only be done with an expert, as the poisonous varieties look suspiciously like the edible ones!

The same can be said of people, can't it? At first sight, we can't really tell what someone is like – it is only on closer acquaintance that character traits manifest themselves! But as Psalm 139 reminds us, God knows each of us through and through, nothing can be hidden from our Creator; the amazing thing is that he loves us in spite of what we sometimes do, and is always ready to welcome us back to his love.

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Christians are called to reflect that perfect love of God, as demonstrated by Jesus, in their daily lives. Have you noticed how, if someone speaks sharply to you, and you can be kind in return, this often deflects the bitterness, and they are softened, perhaps even apologise for initial rudeness. Usually when a person reacts in an unkind way, there is a reason for this – perhaps they have had bad news, or just don't feel well – and finding someone who can make time to listen gently for a moment

can make a huge difference to them. Maybe you, like me, can also remember a time when a friend has been there for you at a bad time. So often, we can be so preoccupied with our own lives, we forget that others might be in desperate need of a little 'tlc'! This month, lets all try to be a little more sympathetic to others, then we won't find the bitterness of those post-Michaelmas blackberries in our encounters with our neighbours!

Every blessing, *Helena*

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What a wonderful sheep fair we had this year, the weather was kind and once again we had our pitch near the entrance to the fair. It was a huge effort from our chairman Steve Smith and committee member Becky Fagan that made it possible, with additional support from many committee members and volunteers.

Becky was on hand at the start of the day to ensure we had everything we needed, delicious freshly baked sausage rolls (from the Brighton sausage company). She selected all our stock, wrote the A Boards, made multiple trips to get what we needed to the stall first thing, set it up, displayed everything beautifully and worked her socks off all day, culminating in filling up her car and returning to the shop before heading on out for the evening. She also went beyond the call of duty emptying her purse of small change when we realised there were no coppers in our float. A real star performance.

Margaret and Terry Bamford did a splendid job of supporting us throughout and the beer and wine supply for tired and thirsty workers was especially appreciated.

Anne Colville was helping throughout the day in all aspects of what we did and also put in a shift in the shop, which had a busy day itself.

Annie Whitchurch and family did the bulk of the sausage roll baking and ensured we had plenty to meet our customers needs. Stephen Portie came along helped us take down the stall and fill our cars with all the stuff going back to the shop or Becky's house.

Richard Pratt popped along on several occasions to see if we wanted help and we received moral support from many volunteers at the fair, who also did dip in their pockets to buy something.

I also did some serving on the stall in between popping out to watch the days events!

We felt that perhaps we weren't as busy this year as last, probably because the warmer weather wasn't so conducive to sales of coffee and warm sausage rolls. However the shop was much busier and we saw a combined increase in turnover for the Saturday of over 25%.

As we approach our 2nd anniversary at the end this month we are delighted that the shop is now consistently returning a profit, something we should all be proud of!

Jo O'Dell volunteer/committee vice chair.



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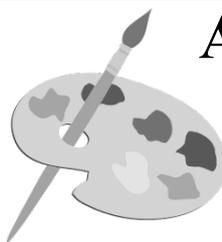
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*Mike Solomons Chairman FFofSt. B.*

## 200 Club

September's winner  
of £25 prize was  
159 - G Bond

## Lambs Tails

Parent & Toddler  
Group.

**Apologies for an incorrect  
entry in last month's  
magazine.**

It is, of course, still running  
very successfully in Judith's  
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## Cinnamon Trust

I now have a supply of Cinnamon Trust Christmas Cards available to buy. The design is the 2018 one and is new to us. The price remains at £3.00 for 10 cards or 4 packs for £10. They are standard UK postage size. I also have a selection of smaller cards and wrapping paper. These can be bought from me at 13 The Willows. A selection will be left in my porch with a collecting tin should no-one be in or you can phone me first.

Also, Christmas Cake time is fast approaching and I am taking orders. The small "loaf-shape" cakes which are so popular will be available again. The cost will be £6 each. Please place your order by end of October.

The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 30th November in Findon Parish Church at 10am and if you have any items for raffle prizes or sale please let me know. (No large items or clothes - thanks). Gifts for the Christmas Stalls, eg Decorations, toiletries, pet goods particularly welcome. We will also be having a Christmas Tree in the Church Christmas Tree Festival on 7th/8th December so any "pet" tree decorations would be lovely.

Many thanks again for all your support.

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## St John the Baptist Church Bells

An inspection of the church bells in 2017 revealed that the headstocks on two of



the bells would need to be replaced. The headstocks being the metal fittings attached to the top of the bells that enable them to swing to and fro. This meant

that they would have to be transported to the bell hangers' workshop for the work to be carried out.

After going through the lengthy process of obtaining permission from the diocese to carry out the work, applying for grants and successful fundraising by the bellringers we were finally ready for the bells to be brought down from the tower on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This technical task was directed by James, from the bell hangers, Whites of Appleton, and he was ably assisted by three volunteer bellringers from Angmering to whom we are extremely grateful as their efforts greatly reduced the labour costs involved.

The two bells are the oldest of our six, being cast in 1530 and 1576 during the reigns of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Having been in the tower for nearly five hundred years they were somewhat reluctant to leave and a bit of a struggle ensued before they were freed.

It was an exciting moment when the first one appeared through the hatch and was lowered on a chain. This process was eagerly watched by some of our bellringing team from Findon and Angmering. I think we were all holding our breath. Some of the ringers had been ringing these particular bells for over 20 years but had never seen them so it was

quite an emotional moment for them. Richard Bell, who was relieved to find he wasn't the oldest bell in the village, was on hand with his camera to record this one off event.

Once both bells had been lowered they were transported on a trolley to the lychgate, chains and manpower had to be brought into play in order to slow them down as the path is quite steep and the bells weigh 5cwt and 7cwt respectively.

More challenges presented themselves at the lychgate where a driver with a tractor and forklift, kindly provided by Richard Kennard of Puckamuck, waited to load the bells onto the lorry. Much careful manoeuvring was involved but finally everyone sighed a sigh of relief as both bells were safely in place ready for their journey.

We are very grateful for those who gave up their time to help on the day. We look forward to welcoming the bells back in either October or November when the ringers will hopefully find them much easier to ring.

Tessa McCormick

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## Findon Village WI September

This month has been busy, we met as usual in the Village Hall and had a fun evening with a Beetle Drive. It was a great night and we all had a lot of fun. Sue was our winner and she won a lovely scented outdoor candle.

Our Sub groups have been busy too and our next walk with the Weary Walkers is in October, as many members of the group have been busy with this month's Sheep Fair preparations. Several members met at Dee Dee's for our monthly coffee morning and had a great time with delicious coffee and cakes. The Book Club continues to meet each month with a new book to read and discuss.

We had our usual stall near the 'Dancing Sheep' at the annual village Sheep Fair and sold out of all our cakes and most of the sheep bags which were organised by Gay and made by our members. They all looked great hung up around our stall and made it look very colourful and inviting. Thanks to Gay and everyone who made a bag and also thanks to everyone who helped on the day, whether it was supplying delicious cakes or helping on the stall. It was a fantastic day and the weather was glorious!

We hosted the Cissbury Group meeting on Thursday September 26th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Four other WI's in this area joined us for a meeting and a finger buffet. We also listened to a humorous talk by Mel Rees entitled 'My family and other setbacks'. This was a fun evening and a great opportunity to meet other members of the WI to share ideas and find out about events locally and nationally.

Our next Coffee Morning is at Dee Dee's on Thursday 17th October at 10.30am, come along a meet other members for a natter and a coffee.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and we are having a talk on the 'Spitfire Girls' by Roger Clark. This should be a really interesting talk and we hope to see as many members as possible and we welcome any visitors who may wish to come along too and find out about what we do.

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Sharon Blacker, Secretary

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## Findon Downs WI September

This month our condolence was conveyed to Annette Thomas who sadly lost her Husband. His funeral took place on the day of our meeting and a few of the members went to the Crematorium to pay their respects. Gladys, Ruth and our visitor, Wendy, read their own Poems "Why" and they were thanked for their contribution to the afternoon. After our monthly briefing, our Speaker, Mr Harry Winsom' Guitarist singer-1950's to present day' entertained the members for 45 minutes.

He told us about his musical journey beginning when he was just a teenager playing along with some of his young friends. They all formed a Skittle Group with a wash board, tea chest and called themselves "The Saints". This title was introduced by these young Choir Boys. During their musical journey, their Mothers embroidered their jumpers with "My Old Man's a Dustbin". These young men went

on to play music associated with Gerry Lea Lewis, Elvis, and many other popular people of their day. One of the songs Harry sang was "Light my Fire" -Will Young also has sung this song in recent years.

Mrs Schiller thanked Mr Winsom for his performance and then we all enjoyed a cup of tea and biscuits.

Sue was thanked for her delightful flower arrangement and Jan was thanked for her lovely birthday posies.

Our Autumn Lunch this year will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 12.30 at the Village House.

NEXT MEETING – 8<sup>TH</sup>OCTOBER -2.30PM-4.30PM – Findon Village Hall Our booked Speaker is unavailable so Betty has prepared an interesting Quiz.

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A Pigeon was brought in that couldn't fly, and an hour later a very large young Seagull arrived starving hungry. I gave it three bowls of food and a bowl of water and it didn't stop hungrily eating and drinking. It had been picked up lying in a supermarket car park. It was very ungrateful and pecked me a few times when I tried to clean his cage. I put gauntlets on when I got him out to put him in a carrier to go over to Brent

Lodge Wildlife Hospital along with the Pigeon.

A lot of Companies ring us to ask if we would like help. They give their staff one day off a year to go and help a charity as volunteers. Today a Worthing Company called GSK sent 15 Volunteers all in orange t-shirts here to help out at the Sanctuary. They were all brilliant they asked me for a list of all the jobs needing doing. They painted fences and gates, cut hedges, completely turned out two stores and the greenhouse. They brought a trailer with them and went to the tip twice with all our rubbish. Some of them helped clean animal cages and mucked out the stables. They said they enjoyed it and said they would like to come back and do it all again next year. What a lovely happy hardworking bunch they were.

We read Turkey and Switzerland have banned fireworks. Please let's hope that they will soon follow suit in this country and ban all fireworks or at least only allow the sale of the new silent fireworks. We dread November every year and know all our friends who are Dog, Cat and Horse owners do too.  
from Stacey

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So, it is October again and our two new trees planted in October 2018: mountain ash, **sorbus "Pink Pagoda"** and redbud, **cercis "Forest Pansy,"** have had a hard first year in the ground. The punishing winds have blown them to pieces on what seems like a daily basis. They did not come into leaf until May and then they took an age to fully open. By the end of August they looked positively ragged and started getting their autumn colours, having produced hardly any new growth at all. Now they are shutting down for winter and we need to wait another six months to see if they do better next year. After the anticipated excitement in spring it has all been very worrying. At least they are alive and firmly rooted. Luckily "Pink Pagoda" gets clusters of pink berries and these seem to be doing well so far, despite the wind. It may even look better when the brown crinkled leaves drop off which are spoiling the show.

However, in the more sheltered back garden, some of the plants in my pond garden grew too well. Some smothered their neighbours while others grew so tall they cut off the view across the garden. **Sedum "Autumn Joy"** was perfect the year before. I did not believe it needed splitting but this year it grew to more than twice the size. Even with six thick stems taken out it still smothered heather "Springwood White" growing underneath. So I have potted it up into a large clay pot where the huge flat seed heads will look good all winter covered in frost and cobwebs. I replaced it with dwarf **sedum "Blue Pearl"** with blue-grey

leaves, turning purple as the season progresses. This is a compact variety approximately 1' x 1' with a striking slate-blue colour to its new leaves. I find sedums quite fascinating. I kept trying to give my son some but he was never interested. Finally, he is hooked!

The false plumbago, **ceratostigma "Willmottianum"** is still in full bloom. I brought a seedling with me and planted it in the driveway area facing south, with the red hot sun burning down on top of it. It loves it. The hotter the sun the more vibrant the small bright- blue flowers become. It is a lovely welcome as I drive in. Although I have grown this plant many times, the shelter of the south-facing wall and the totally open position have given it a much longer flowering season than I have had in the past (Jul-Nov).

I do not know what to do about rose **"Darcey Bussell"**. At its best it is beautiful with a wonderful scent and at 3' x 2' it is the perfect size and shape for its position. Then it rains and the large, dark red, quartered-flowers fill with rain causing the stems to droop with the extra weight, leaving the flowers hanging upside down. Then the wind starts up and blows them off completely. As long as its leaves look healthy I can live with just one flower on show because it is so bold and compelling and the scent is glorious. However, at the end of the year, black spot starts making it look unsightly, giving me 'itchy feet' to dig it out. My husband loves it so I have given him the task of taking off any leaves with black spot before they annoy me. We shall see.

## Findon Village Hall Trust

Chairman's Letter September 2019.

We welcome our new Secretary Tina Bedford, who has agreed to replace David Gear. We look forward to working together. Our thanks to David for his help with the Trust, and I am pleased to say he is willing to stay on the Events Team to help with the fundraising.

We continue to work towards the completion of the extension to the Hall and applications for grants to do this are progressing well. I am extremely grateful for the support of our Parish Council with this project.

The Hall continues to be a popular venue for many activities, and a full range of these to suit all age groups and abilities are now held regularly. A recent addition is "Paracise" which meets weekly and gives the opportunity to those who may not be fit enough to join a conventional exercise class. This has proved popular, and additional time has been requested.

The Hall has seen an increase in both wedding and celebratory parties, and we have received several accolades from satisfied customers, who have voiced their approval.

"A lovely Village Hall in such beautiful surrounding"

It is challenging to keep the Hall to the standard expected by such events; however we need this revenue to fund the constant demands of looking after an old building.

My sincere thanks to all the volunteers who help to keep up the gardens and surrounding areas.

The Events Team have planned an exciting autumn. We started Findon Film Nights in September. October and November are now advertised in the Hall. Poster for these events will be around the Village soon.

Oktoberfest is on 26<sup>th</sup> October. This will include an authentic Oktoberfest dinner, music and quiz.

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2020 will be exciting for our Village Hall, with the completion and opening of the new extension with the additional facilities. Please help and support us to make this possible.

*Judith Davies, Chairman,  
Findon Village Hall Trust*

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## Parish Council Report –October 2019

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On the subject of benches, the village should be very grateful to Gary Bond who has taken on the task of cleaning, repairing painting and maintaining all 13 village benches in the village, which includes the 4 seats on the Green.

Thank you to Men in Sheds who have very kindly offered to re-varnish the public Notice Board in the Village Hall car park, and have also provided some replacement rails/posts for Nepcote Green.

The Parish Council has been offered and accepted the very generous donation from Worthing & District Community First Responders of a defibrillator for Nepcote Green. This was agreed at the Parish Council

meeting on 16 September, so watch this space for further updates.

Arun District Council (ADC) Councillor Paul Bicknell announced the appointment of a new Rural Ranger, and plans are in progress to meet with the new Ranger to discuss the poor state of many bridleways and footpaths around the village. One of the keen horse riders in the village has provided some illuminating photos of the condition of some bridleways that need urgent attention. There is a separate article below regarding landowners’ responsibilities.

Plans are well advanced to designate the area from Nepcote Green down to and including the Cissbury Estate as a Conservation Area, which will add considerable protection to the whole area from any further inconsiderate planning applications.

The Sheep Fair was held on 14 September – what a fantastic day and turnout ! Thanks and appreciation to all village volunteers and others involved in making this annual event so special.

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This will benefit, and be much appreciated by, the many horse-riders, walkers and cyclists who enjoy the scenic beauty and tranquillity of Findon’s PROW network such as the Monarchs Way.

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Fiona MacLeod,  
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## Findon Sheep Fair 2019

The sun is shining, pleasant warm temperatures, all the stall holders have arrived and attractions are in. Harris Fun Fair is ready and the sheep have arrived, yes it the annual Findon Sheep Fair and Village festival.

This year was one of change for the non-sheep attractions. There were new teams presenting both the Dancing Sheep and Dog and Duck show. Both had a hard act to follow from last year and both teams rose to the occasions and put on tremendous informative shows.

Also new this year was Hawking About. Another first class display with lots of information and the history of hawking with several birds displaying their flying skills. One bird liked Findon so much it soared to over 1000 feet to enjoy the view and went for a little explore before being captured a short time later. This year also saw the Morris Men (and Ladies) of Fishbourne Mill Morris entertaining the crowds to the Cotswold tradition.



It would not be a show without another stunning dance display performed by the Nicola Miles Theatre Studio.

The children's circus skills and Punch and Judy continue to entertain children of all ages. The North Verge was full of vintage cars (who needs the Goodwood Revival!) Pony rides proved to be very popular also on the North verge, with donations going to the Rocking Horse Charity.

Another new attraction this year was the tractor ride, the route being up to Cissbury Ring along the top, and around the training Gallops and back down to Nepcote Green. David, the local Findon archaeologist gave a brilliant description of historical information of the local topography



This year there were over 300 sheep from 48 farms, including 11 new farms.

The Supreme Champion was

Emily Shippam with her Teeswater Ram from Barnham. The Supreme Champion runner up was Penny Warner with her Black Welsh Mountain ewe from Steyning.

Peter Ballard from Bexhill visited with his Southdown sheep for the first time since 1965. He bought his first sheep from Findon 50 years ago. Finally, a very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out from Thursday to Monday. Without them we could not put on this very special Fair.



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Trinity 17	9.30am	Sung Eucharist at Findon Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am	Eucharist at Findon Church
Trinity 18	9.30am	Family Communion at Findon Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at Patching Church
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am	Eucharist at Clapham Church
Last Sunday after	9.30am	Sung Eucharist at Findon Church
Trinity	10.00am	Family Service at Patching Church

Baptisms – September: Ellis Payne, Imogen Lester, Zachary Jones, Alfie Jones, Imogen Jones, Olivia Coughtrey

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31<sup>st</sup> Oct. (last Thursday of the month, men) at 7.30pm.

Quiet Time in Findon Church. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month (14<sup>th</sup> Oct) at 6pm.

Afternoon Plus – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (17<sup>th</sup> Oct) at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office. No meeting in August.

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Lambstails (Term Time)	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesdays	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30
	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	14:00
Tai Chi	Friday	09:00 – 11:45
You Yoga	Tuesday	18:45
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30
Paracise	Wednesday	14:00

<b>Fortnightly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Circle Dancing	7 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	19:10

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Bead Magicians	15 <sup>th</sup>	09:00
Downs WI	8 <sup>th</sup>	12:30, 13:45
Gardens Association	25 <sup>th</sup>	18:30
Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup>	15:30
Village WI	10 <sup>th</sup>	19.30
Meditation	17 <sup>th</sup>	19:30
Tastevin	n/a	
Light Lunch @ 1 200 Club	29 <sup>th</sup> n/a	13:00

**Committee Room**  
 N/A

<b>Other Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Art Class	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00
FVHT Film Night	18 <sup>th</sup>	18:30
FVHT Quiz Night	26 <sup>th</sup>	19:00

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