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## Findon Christmas Lights



Everyone needs something cheerful to look forward to this year, so we are delighted to let you know that the Christmas lights will be going up in The Square on the weekend of 13 November 2020. Thanks go to all our supporters who enable this to happen.

The display will be on every evening from 1 December, but unfortunately without the usual 'Switch On'

ceremony, as Father Christmas is having to avoid big gatherings due to his great age. For similar Covid-related reasons, it will not be possible to run our traditional raffle, but hopefully by this time in 2021 we can get back to normal (fingers crossed).

*From the Lights Committee: Jan Mackerell, Corrine Ball and Gez Parton.*



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## From the Rectory

November is traditionally a month for remembering. The year is drawing to a close, the nights are drawing in and morning light comes later each day! As the leaves fall from the trees our thoughts may well turn back to reviewing the past year. This year has been unlike any other, and for so many people there will be memories tinged with sorrow. I think all of us will be glad to see the back of 2020! But there are good memories too, especially for us here in our Villages. We can look back on the wonderful way everyone worked together when we were put into lock-down, ensuring our most vulnerable neighbours were ok, and had everything they needed. Loneliness was eased by phone calls from volunteers and friends. The staff of our schools were amazing in their diligence in ensuring lessons were available for pupils at home, while being in the classroom for the children of Key workers. As I write, there is talk of a second lock-down at the end of October during half-term, to try to break the cycle of infection. Would that everyone would use common sense in their day-to-day activities, then perhaps a 'short sharp shock' wouldn't be needed. The church too remembers at seasonal Services in this month. On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>, the church gives thanks for Saints through the ages, people who are remembered for their holy lives, their dedication to God. But we are all called to be 'saints' in our own way, as we seek to serve one another in our daily lives. That is something the

pandemic has graphically demonstrated; how many people are living saintly lives, especially those involved in healthcare, who were rightly applauded on Thursday evenings for a time, but also so many others.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is kept as All Souls Day – a day when people can remember and give thanks for the lives of their departed loved ones. For many people, the restrictions on numbers present at funerals this year have meant missing the opportunity to say goodbye to a relative, neighbour or friend. There will be a Service of remembering and thanksgiving at Findon Church on

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon, but for those people who are unable to get to church, or perhaps don't feel it is for them, why not light a candle at home and just remember those you love who are no longer present, or perhaps have a look through some old photos, giving thanks for time spent together. In Christ we have the promise that death is not the end, and one day we will meet our loved ones face to face once more, which can give us hope even in our deepest sorrow.

Since we are unable to sing as a congregation in our churches, our Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November will begin at the later time of 10.15 in Findon Church, to give thanks for all who sacrificed their lives for peace and justice in our world, not forgetting the many who live with mental and physical scars from active service. If you are unable to join us in the church

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building, we will be making our way to the War Memorial for an act of remembrance with the laying of wreaths at the end of the Service and you are most welcome to join us outside for this at 11am as usual. Looking ahead, it is difficult to predict what our Christmas Services will look like this year, but as we look ahead, we can remember how Jesus himself was born in a time of great uncertainty, and trust that he will be with us whatever lies ahead.

Every blessing, Helena



Christmas cards from an original painting by Maggie Martin (priced at £2 each) are now available from Findon Church or the Village Store, in aid of church funds.

Thank you Maggie for your support.

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## Cinnamon Trust

Like so many other planned events our Christmas Fair in the Church has had to be cancelled, due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions. However, we will be having a Christmas Sale outside Findon Village Store on the planned day of the fair - Saturday 5th December. We will be there from 9am until early afternoon. Thanks to the kindness of Findon Village Gardens Association, we will have gazebos so we shouldn't be rained or snowed off! We will have a lovely selection of Christmas gifts, including lots especially for pets. If you have ordered Christmas cakes they will be available for collection.

You can still order cakes by phoning or emailing me. Price is £6 for a small iced rich fruit cake home made by either Lorna or myself. These can be delivered in the village if required.

Cinnamon Trust cards and wrapping paper and a small selection of gifts are now available in my porch at 13 The Willows. Cash only in collecting tin please. I have some Christmas Catalogues available too so please pick one up if you like.



Thank you to all who support us and thanks to Angus and the team for the space to have our little Christmas event. It will make all the difference to the people and pets who rely on the Cinnamon Trust.

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Jo O'Dell, Vice Chair

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The Post Office counter also stocks One4all multi-store Gift Cards which would make great Christmas presents for a great variety of loved ones. They can be used in over 120 high street retailers and restaurants so really are the ideal gift for tricky recipients.

As the winter weather starts to take hold and the nights draw in perhaps more people might consider using our delivery service for groceries (and newspapers!) We had the challenges of lockdown and panic buying in the retail sector to

contend with earlier in the year, and we managed to create a robust delivery system to cope and this is something we are happy to offer villagers for the future. We are happy to accept delivery instructions via messenger, facebook or over the phone.

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Kind regards  
Paula

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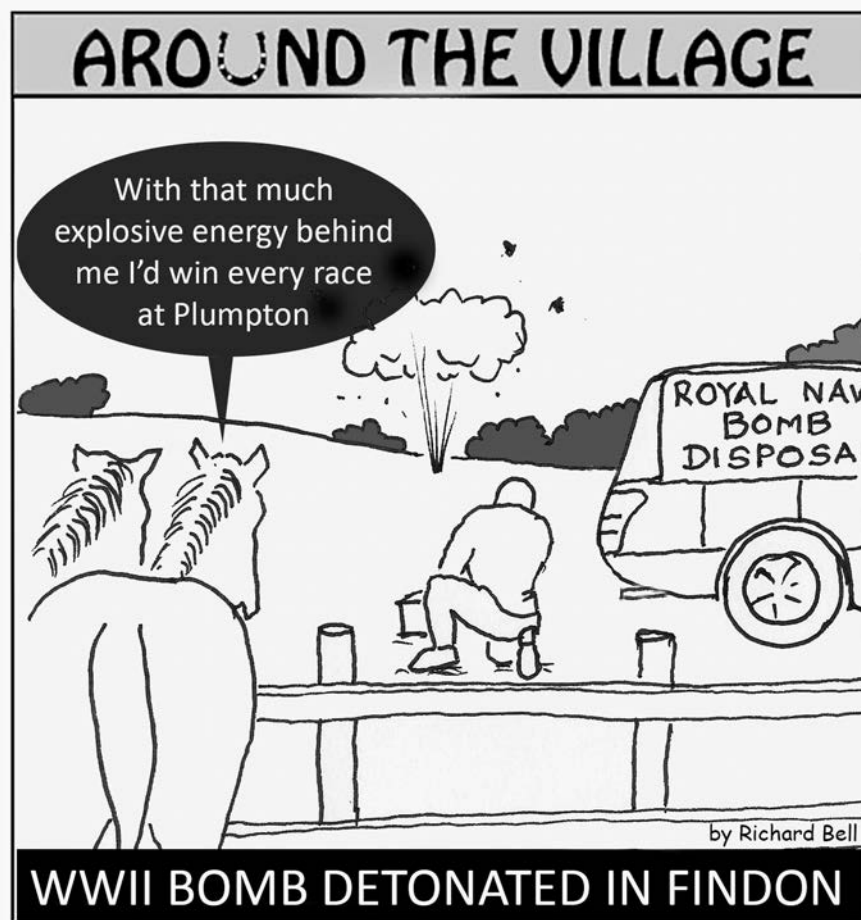
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## Gone with a Bang

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In 1942, in preparation for D-Day, much of the Findon Downs was requisitioned by the War Department and out of bounds to the public. Cissbury Ring was used as a camp for the 2nd Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in preparation for the Normandy landings and Canadian soldiers were also stationed nearby. An anti-aircraft gun position was sited in the hillfort and much of the land within the ramparts was ploughed for food.



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What fruit and veg that was not grown in back gardens or allotments was bought at Browns the greengrocer shed shop at the bottom of Stable Lane. Produce was grown on the land of Downlands Close today. Milk bottles arrived early in the 1930s. Before then milk delivery was by the Shorts' son on a motor bike with churns of milk in the side car. It was distributed from the churn with long handled measures - half and one pint ladles in the customer's own jug on the doorstep. Milk was supplied by cows that grazed in the fields of New Farm estate at Beech and Downview Roads. Meat was bought from the butcher in The Square that still remains today, although under the name of Blackwell, as it was for at least three generations. Many villagers had rabbits and chickens to supplement the butcher's meat. It is

nice to think that some things have stayed the same with the passing of time in Findon.

In these times of change due to the virus, I feel sorry for children missing out on their education that means so much for their future. My education was school from the age of five to 14, then get a job.

Today's generation are also missing out on the childhood freedoms that I had and treasured, in spite of the war being part of it. We were free to go where we pleased from an early age, telling parents where we would be by giving the name of a field or wood - Wicks, Gibbet, Butchers Croft, Broadwood, Wobble Gate and the Firs, to name but a few. I wonder if any village children today know of or where those woods or fields are. We were close to nature and what we did was ruled by the seasons. I am sure our picking and gathering did not affect the land as much and farmers ploughing the land to grow more crops. In spring we would bring home bunches of primroses, violets, bluebells and daffodils – even hedge lilac. We would eat the young leaves or the hawthorn, known as bread and cheese to us. Sorrel leaves we called vinegar leaves. As months passed we would gather strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Mushrooms also added to the family menu. Dragging home a fallen branch would gain praise as it helped to keep the home fire burning.

On the hills it was common to see bee orchids. I wonder if they are still

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growing today. It was on the weed groundsel we would look for the amber and black striped caterpillars - they were the colours of Findon's football team. Older boys would try smoking the pith from dried wild clematis stalks, resulting with a sore throat. Towards Christmas we would search for holly with berries to decorate our home and make paper chains. One field in Findon holds a special memory for me – the Wick field on the right at the roundabout end of the road to Long Furlong. In the 1930s about once a year a plane would land in the field and offer short flights to villagers (known as “flips”) for a few shillings. Somehow,

my mother raised the fare and flew off, leaving a cousin looking after my brother and me on the ground. My father died when I was four years old and my brother was just two. On Mum's return to land my brother's innocent words to her were “Did you see our Dad?” We had been told that our father had gone up in the sky to heaven. He thought she had gone to visit him.

Having been in lockdown since March with ill-health, I turn to writing for pleasure and I hope it is of interest to fellow villagers. I thank old Findoners for feedback I have had.

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## **Findon Village WI**

### **October Meeting**

Following on from our successful Zoom meeting in October I'm delighted to announce that Hazel has booked another speaker for our November meeting; 19.30 12th November.

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The speaker will be Neil Sadler, his talk is entitled 'Gongoozling for Beginners ..... Life on the Canals'.

When Neil retired from the Police Force he bought a canal boat and his talk is about his travels around the canals with his wife, the good/bad/funny experiences with photographs of canals, countryside and nature. I am sure it will be a very interesting and amusing

Some of our crafty ladies have continued to make coerings for the residents of Findon Village in a variety of colours. The sale of these face masks has now raised over £700 for St Barnabas Hospice

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Paddy Winter

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Caroline Hill

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We were to appear in the second book - Looking Good Dead - which would air in February/March time next year. I hastily read the book, anxious to not have our lovely house represented as something macabre!

As filming day approached we prepped the house a little - the script called for the house to look a little unkempt - our gardeners stopped trimming the bushes, mowing the lawns and applied more leaves to the drive to make it look more scruffy. The art team came to dress the rooms as their sets - bringing with them a whole plethora of props and furniture to create what they needed but also using a lot of what we had on site. Our stable yard was filled with trackway to allow their unit base to make their home there for the day - on site catering with a dining bus, make up and wardrobe trailers and a trailer of dressing rooms for each actor - each cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis in our brand new Covid Secure world.

Everyone on set and in the house wore a mask. Each morning everyone had to

sign into a Covid track and trace on line system to be cleared to work here and then have their temperature taken and issued a wristband. We had a special Covid advisor whilst filming that told us how to make the environment safer - sometimes it was as simple as opening windows to improve air flow.

Filming day was an early start - 4am for the caterers and 6am for us in the house. This came in the form of huge lights being put in front of the windows to assimilate daylight which was a bit of a shock! More lights and cameras arrived together with sound equipment and masses of monitors and were put in place, actors into hair and makeup and by 7:30am they were already rehearsing their first scenes. It was all very organised and considerate of the house and us and fascinating to see what goes into making television. They filmed all day, with a break for breakfast and lunch to which we were invited to join. Throughout the day we heard the call of 'Rolling! Quiet please' and we stood still or hid away until we heard

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'Cut!' Our dog wasn't always quite so good at the standing still or being quiet bit!

As quickly as the juggernaut of a film crew arrived they departed, onto their next unit base and more scenes in and around Brighton and Sussex. The set dressers returned, catalogued and removed everything they brought with them, returned our furniture to its normal position and it was like it was all a dream!

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Peter James is a UK No. 1 bestselling author, best known for writing crime and thriller novels, and the creator of the much-loved Detective Superintendent Roy Grace. With a total of 16 Sunday Times No. 1s under his belt, he has achieved global book sales of over 20 million copies to date, and has been translated into 37 languages.

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

I am very fortunate to have a wonderful daughter, who since March has done all of my shopping. She also comes in and does all of my housework, leaving me free to spend most of the day working with the animals. I still have a few brave volunteers and we are careful to all wear masks and rubber gloves and spray all the door handles and surfaces. The hay, straw, hen food, animal food and veg are all delivered every week by a good friend, so I don't have to go out. The only time I do go out is to the vets. I have to stay outside in the car and the nurses come out and collect the cat, rabbit or guinea pig and then bring them back out again after they have seen the vet.

One person only must make an appointment with us coming to adopt or bring in an animal to the sanctuary. This is allowed only in the afternoons, after the volunteers have gone home, and people must wear a mask. We are still taking in stray and unwanted cats and Guinea-pigs and every week we get injured wildlife and birds - mostly pigeons. I ask people to put them in a cardboard box and ring the bell and then hand them in at the gate. A baby hedgehog came in today.

Please don't put slug pellets down because some of the hedgehogs we get suffer for days before they die after eating slugs and snails that have been poisoned by slug pellets.

Hopefully we will not have to suffer too many fireworks. Maybe this year the shops will be selling the silent fireworks we have read about. Christmas will be strange this year, with no carol singers; we won't be able to visit people and deliver presents; no Christmas parties.

from **Stacey**.

Paws Animal Sanctuary Findon

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We never use an answering machine so keep trying. Someone is always around 24hrs, 7 days a week.

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### **200 Club September Draw**

**This month's winner is Number 30, Meg Gore.**

The main draws for this year will be held on Monday 2nd November at the men's coffee morning. Due to current restrictions on numbers, it couldn't be held at the hall. All results will be in the November newsletter which I will send out after the draw has been held.

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# Findon Parish Council

FPC is currently evaluating the regeneration of the Homewood Play Area after having received funding from South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA ) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to renovate this play area. Once the delegated Working Group have looked at proposals we will circulate plans to the village for comment and any further ideas.

We are also aware of a number of concerns with respect to traffic, speed and parking within Findon and are therefore creating a Working Group to create a strategic plan for how we might manage this, and as a means to present our vision to relevant bodies - SDNPA, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Arun District Council (ADC) accordingly. Should you be interested in joining the Traffic/Speeding/Parking Working Group please provide your details to Fiona MacLeod, the FPC Clerk at [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01903 877225 and we will be in touch to

enlist your support. It is after all one aspect of our village that affects us all.

Operation Watershed drainage work in Stable Lane started on 19 October 2020. This is a grant from WSCC to minimise the risk of the village flooding from downland run off. In tandem, FPC continues its work to return Nepcote Pond to its original condition and some excellent work has been undertaken on how we might achieve this by Councillor Porter.

Our Open Spaces Volunteers Working Group have a campaign underway to plant new trees at 15 agreed locations across the village. They have already created a nursery with a large variety of different saplings to supply this campaign. This is of course particularly timely as we are likely to lose a number of trees in the village with Ash Dieback. As ever FPC are indebted to Councillor Carr and the determined members of our Open Spaces Team.

***Cllr Sean Smith***

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## Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)). Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

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:

Ash Tree - Reduce spread and height by 1.5 meters. Raise canopy to 4 meters. Thin canopy by 20%  
14 Convent Gardens Findon Worthing  
West Sussex BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/20/04627/TPO

The proposal is for a single storey pitched roof in-fill ground floor extension between the existing house and garage to the North.  
The Barn Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR  
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## Why we moved to Findon

Richard Bedford

I think it's more by luck than judgement that we chose to become part of the Findon community. Let me start by saying why we are here in Sussex as we're both Coventrians born and bred. I was offered a job in Worthing in 1997 - a senior role in an automotive company, so it made sense to settle in the area. We became used to the area and it was so much better with clean air and the beach to walk along, something we only used to see once a year living in the Midlands. By 2005 all the engineering business here was closed and I was offered a position in Oxford which I turned down – it was way too nice in Sussex!

We've lived in Findon since July 2007, taking on a house in need of much updating as it was previously a let property (a good job I'm ok with DIY!). So what was the reason to choose this one? Well, we were in the process of buying a similar bungalow in Goring early in 2007 and we got tired of waiting for the owner to set the ball rolling for the sale. It transpired that a cat was the stopping point, as the owner wanted temporary accommodation and couldn't find one that accepted a pet.

At that time I worked for Royal Mail and Tina was working for the NHS in Outer London. I was fairly new to working on Post Delivery so I was sent on different rounds to cover for others taking leave. I learned quite quickly the many areas I'd not seen before, giving me a spectrum of new horizons. It was an arduous job

walking in the region of 15 miles a day but it kept me fit in the fresh air and I enjoyed the change of scenery (much nicer than sitting in an office). It also opened up a wide selection of areas and houses I'd not known existed!

At that time we were looking after my in-laws and were therefore looking for a house with two bedrooms and no stairs. I might add that moving south was a bit of an eye opener for property costs. They easily double the price for a similar property in the Midlands. I've never understood why, as the salaries here are lower than those in the Midlands and it's still a fair distance to travel if you work in the London area.

As the first property choice fell through, we continued looking for another similar bungalow. I was then given my first regular delivery rounds in the early part of 2007, one in Findon Valley and the other in Findon, covering the lower region of the village, two days on each delivery. I soon got used to the walk and enjoyed the scenery and the rural habitat, a lot more relaxed than the suburbs of a town. I was also able to see all the for sale signs as I covered my round along, with occasional chats with residents during the delivery. It was and still is very friendly with a homely atmosphere. I love it here. It has all the character and history of a beautiful old village with breathtaking rural surroundings and a beach just down the road.

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## King Alfred and his Cakes.

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One hundred and thirteen years later, on 9th October 897, there is great excitement in Rotherfield. Not only is it the feast of St. Denys, with an ox roast in the Court Mead, but King Alfred himself is paying them a visit. The weather has been kind and it is a glorious autumn day. Now, at 11 o'clock, the early frost has been burnt off by the sun shining out of a cloudless sky.

A crowd is already gathering and the Alcehorn family is ready to join in the fun. But first there is the church service. Cenric gets his wife, Lynne, to round up their two children, seventeen year old Russell and Edgar aged eight. Edgar says he is going to ask Alfred if he really burnt the cakes. "Don't you dare," his mother tells him. "He has better things to do." Then Alfred arrives and all is chaos for a while. Eventually the service gets underway. At the end the Rector gives the blessing and they all stream out into the sunshine.

Alfred smells the ox roasting. "That reminds me I have not had anything to eat since six." He starts striding down the church path. His progress is interrupted by a small boy holding onto his jerkin.

"Well my lad, what do you want." He picks him up and places him on the wall. "Please sir did you burn the cakes?"

Edgar asks him.

"What is your name Son?"

"Edgar Alcehorne and that is our ox roasting"

"Well can I ask you a question. If you had to choose between looking after the cakes or thinking how to beat the Danes, which one would you choose?"

"How to beat the Danes" said Edgar quick as a flash.

Alfred put the lad back on the ground, ruffled his hair, and went in search of some of that ox.

"But he didn't answer my question", said Edgar.

"Oh, I think he did," said his mother. "A King has to be a politician as well as a warrior and politicians often answer a question with another question. Why don't you go and watch the jugglers. Your father is going to have a go at the archery."

Small hard black round fungi that grow on Ash trees are still called 'King Alfred's cakes'.

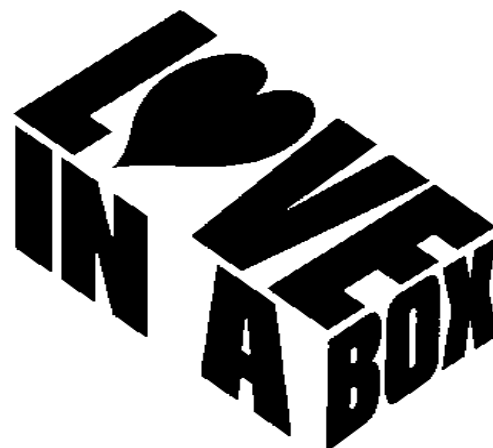
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### Love in a Box - Shoebox Appeal

If you're preparing a gift box for the Love in a Box appeal, please ring Hilary on 07899 99078 to arrange delivery/collection to her as soon as possible. Please also ring her if you have any queries. Many thanks.



# SHOEBOX APPEAL 2020



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Wrap your box in Christmas wrapping paper, (please wrap the lid and box separately), place the contents inside and secure with an elastic band. If you wish include a donation for its delivery, which is very costly. *(Instructions on leaflet)*

*If you would like help to participate, I will fill a box for you for a donation of £20. I will give you details of your box. Alternatively maybe donate individual items towards the filling of a box.*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Mustard Seed Website [www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk) to see a video of children receiving their boxes.

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For more details

please call Hilary on 07899 990748 or see Findon News.

*Delivery of boxes by 1st November*



## Online Security - Back to Basics Advice

This year, most people and businesses have relied on the internet far more than ever before. Unfortunately, at the same time, the level of online crime and other harms has also substantially increased.

This information is intended to cover the most basic practices that we all need to follow in order to protect ourselves from the most common online threats against ourselves, our families, our finances and devices.

### Your top tips for keeping safe online

Choose, use and protect **passwords** carefully, and use a **different one** for every online account in case one or more get hacked. Try using three random words and strengthening them with numbers, symbols and combinations of upper and lower case letters.

Ensure you always have **internet security software** (often called anti-virus/anti-spyware) loaded on computers and a similar app on your mobile devices, and that this is kept updated and switched on. Remember that **smartphones and tablets** can get infected in a similar way to computers.

Always apply **updates to operating systems and software** on your computer and apps on your mobile devices. Many include vital security updates to avoid hacking or malware. Never assume that **Wi-Fi hotspots** in places like cafés, bars and hotel rooms are secure, so don't use them when

you're doing anything confidential online. Instead, use your data, a mobile broadband modem (dongle) or if it's for work, a VPN (virtual private network).

Always consider that online or on the phone, **people aren't always who they claim to be**. Fake emails, texts and phone calls are a favourite way for fraudsters to approach their victims.

**Don't click on links in emails**, posts, tweets or texts – and **don't open attachments** – if the source isn't 100% known and trustworthy, or it seems strange that you'd be receiving them.

**Never pay for anything by direct bank transfer** – including goods, services, tickets, travel and holidays – unless it's to someone you know personally and is reputable.

Never reveal too much **personal or financial information** in emails, on social networking and dating sites and in person. You never know who might see it, or use it.

Always report fraud or abuse to the appropriate authorities.

There are also two other golden rules you should remember: **think twice**, because everything may not be as it seems, and **if it seems too good to be true, it probably is**.

**Get comprehensive online safety information and advice at** [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org).

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## NOVEMBER 2020



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Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching

All Village groups / activities are still cancelled.

Please continue to look at the website and Facebook page for any updates.

Church Services are now taking place with social distancing regulations in place. Churches are also open for private prayer.

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> November All Saints' Day Trinity 21	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship and Praise Service at Findon Said Eucharist at Clapham All Souls Service at Findon
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday Trinity 22	8.00am <u>10.15am</u>	Traditional Communion at Patching Remembrance Sunday Service at Findon
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent Trinity 23	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at Findon Said Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Christ the King Sunday next before Advent	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Said Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	9.30am	Said Eucharist at Findon

### Remembrance Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.15am

We welcome you to join us at our Remembrance Sunday Service in Findon Church. You will also be most welcome if you just want to join us for the short service afterwards at the War Memorial at 10.55am.

October Funerals: 9<sup>th</sup> Patricia Ackerman

The Diocese of Chichester continues to support us all; please check their website for shared resources - <https://www.chichester.anglican.org/resources-for-worship-at-home/>

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## Win and Norman Warnes

Much has happened during this year and the outcome now is that presently Mum and Dad are in separate homes. Mum requires medical care, after a long spell in hospital since March. Dad, who is up and about, needed care whilst Mum was in hospital. Obviously, things would have been better without Covid 19.

Dad is in a care home, where he celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in July, but probably within a week the event may have passed him by, due to his lack of memory. He's cheerful and happy in his surroundings. I have managed one outdoor visit (Lancashire being a high risk area at the time when were allowed to venture away from home). He was his normal self, full of chat.

Regrettably, Mum is bedridden and has difficulty communicating – hence no address given – she is unable to read or appreciate correspondence but receiving good care and at times has had a wave from Sarah the other side of the window and her room but she does spend a lot of time asleep.

The house will be sold, so no post please to Osborne Road, by all means telephone or email me at any time if you would like more information.

Chris  
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## Jennifer Mayle

The family of Jennifer Mayle, who lived at Honeysuckle Cottage, Findon, are sad to say that she passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> September - she would have been 90 this year.

She always found Findon a busy community and she very much enjoyed living there. The beautiful house on Horsham Road and her garden gave her immense pleasure, and being near to her childhood friends Rosemary & Margarite Tripp had made it an ideal place to retire to in 1990. She made many new friends via the WI and flower clubs and was a well-known person in the village.

She was deeply saddened to leave Findon and her beautiful home when her health began to fail, but this gave her closest family the opportunity to spend time with her when she moved to Hadleigh in Suffolk.

She will be very missed by her friends and family. If anyone would like to pass on their condolences they can contact her niece Fiona on 07709 072669. Her funeral took place on 20<sup>th</sup> October, her wishes were to have a Catholic mass and her ashes have been interred at Nacton Crematorium.

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