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

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## From the Rectory

Where would we British be without our WEATHER to talk about?! After the longest hot, dry summer I can remember for ages (although not all over the country, just in the South) we now have torrential rain as I write, very welcome for the dusty plants and shrubs, not to mention the lawn which has seemed to green before my eyes! The settled spell of course made our being in lock-down so much more pleasant and as we emerge gradually into whatever the 'new normal' will be, I trust and pray that, like the lawns, it will be a time of regrowth and new life for everyone.

It has been a joy to reconnect with our Parish family in our churches for worship together, albeit without singing for now, but this week (mid-August) the regulations changed to allow for a small group of singers, safely distanced, to lead live worship in our buildings. Hopefully it won't be too long before the congregation is allowed to join in with them – we'll wait and see. On the first Sunday in August, we had a 'Songs of Praise' in Findon Church, with favourite hymns chosen and introduced by villagers before we listened to a recording of each choice. Gerald's choice, our final hymn, proved too much for everyone to stay silent, and it was so uplifting to hear people humming along each in their own way to 'How Great Thou Art'. We have a great God, who cares for each one of us, and I so look forward to being able to sing out the words to that hymn again at the top of my voice, in thankfulness for all God's blessings.

One of the challenges that came up as we returned to church Services was how to manage paper; Orders of Service and hymnbooks in particular. We have been using a projector and temporary screen at Findon on the first Sunday of the month for some time, and we're in the process of applying for the necessary permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to install a drop down screen and permanent projector in the church, following informal advice from our architect and the Diocese last year. We are very fortunate in that a member of the congregation has given us half the cost of the equipment, so we are able to proceed once permission is granted. Should anyone else like to make a contribution, this would be very gratefully received, as it would mean we need to dip less into our reserves! Contact the Parish Office for details.

To reassure traditionalists, having a screen will not mean this is in use at every Service in Findon, and when not in use, the screen will retract against a roof beam so it is barely visible. It will however mean we have more flexibility in our worship and will be able to project images sometimes during a sermon for example, hopefully making it more interesting! It is also a positive move for the younger members of our congregation, since similar technology is in everyday use in our schools and colleges. At the moment, it would also mean that we could play music clips through the system (which will link to our existing system) replacing the singing of hymns until we are permitted to sing in church again.

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Installing this technology would also make our building more multi-functional for use outside worship. The school would be able to use it rather than the old-fashioned acetates currently used during worship four times a year. We might also be able to show suitable films during holiday periods in the future, thus attracting more families into the building

Finally, I'm sure you would all join with me in wishing our pupils and school

staff every blessing for the new academic year in a very different climate to ever before, with the virus still with us as a nation and globally. Hopefully this coming school year will be less stressful for everyone than Spring/Summer 2020 has been. My thoughts and prayers are with all pupils starting a new school this month and I wish you all the best in your learning.

Every blessing, *Helena*

Helena and Colin are still recording a service midweek and for Sunday, for people unable to get to a church at present.  
It is available on the Church website (see page 3)

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## COVID-19 Guidance

From 1<sup>st</sup> September schools, colleges and universities will be opening.

It is against the law for gatherings of more than 30 people to take place in private homes (including gardens and other outdoor spaces).

It remains the case that you **should not** do any of the following:

socialise indoors in groups of more than two households (anyone in your support bubble counts as one household) – this includes when dining out or going to the pub

socialise outdoors in a group of more than six people from different households; gatherings larger than six should only take place if everyone is

exclusively from two households or support bubbles

interact socially with anyone outside the group you are attending a place with, even if you see other people you know, for example, in a restaurant, community centre or place of worship

hold or attend celebrations (such as parties) where it is difficult to maintain social distancing and avoid close social interaction – even if they are organised by businesses and venues that are taking steps to follow COVID-19 Secure guidelines

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Findon is the nearest village to the 6,000 year old ancient monument called Cissbury Ring. The site is on a large hill amid the Sussex Downs, from the top of which, you can see for at least thirty miles towards the coastal aspect. It is also a SSSI, for plants and butterflies etc.

I walked all around this area for three days and was amazed and delighted to see so many butterflies, some which I have never seen before, as I come from the Peak District

As I walked along the outer perimeter of the fort, on the earth battlements of Cissbury Ring, my imagination ran riot, in between spotting plants and butterflies. I kept thinking, 'If I were a Stone-age chieftain, I know where I would plump for'. Subsequent generations of settlers there would probably have had a good view of any oncoming Romans etc. The history of the site is literally almost endless, with the use of the site during more recent events, such as the First and Second World Wars.

The village of Findon itself contains many points of interest, including the vast village common with a 'Winterbourne' pond - you see the trees and vegetation typical of a pond, but not the water for the dry periods of the year. There is a large detached building on the common, which at first sight looked like an nineteenth century workhouse, but turned out to be another historical local landmark, known as the Wattle

House ('What's a Wattle? Oh it rings a bell from history lessons; wattle and daub walls etc.'). The Wattle House was built by a local worthy (George Holford, Circa 1792-1802) who had cornered the market literally, in supplying the wattle fencing used in sheep markets and fairs held upon the common.

The common has a huge beech tree which threw me a bit. I tried to guess its age, but was way out. I thought 100 years, but it turned out to be planted in 1981 to commemorate the wedding of Charles, the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer!

There is church of 11th century origin, dedicated to St. John the Baptist, which is next to a large estate mansion called Findon Place - which can be viewed from the public right of way, which leads to the church.

The church graveyard contains some moving testimonies inscribed upon the gravestones, including one near the entrance to the church, which is the gravestone of the Pratt family. The son, who at just 19 years of age, died of his injuries on October 27th 1918 (only a few days before the end of the war), and also his parents who survived him for another 35 years.

The public right of way path extends alongside a large woodland, and then becomes a beautiful 'green corridor' of bramble, spindle, dogwood, hawthorn, blackthorn, bindweed, elder, oak, ash, sycamore, and others too numerous to take in, for those who have not the time to survey in detail.

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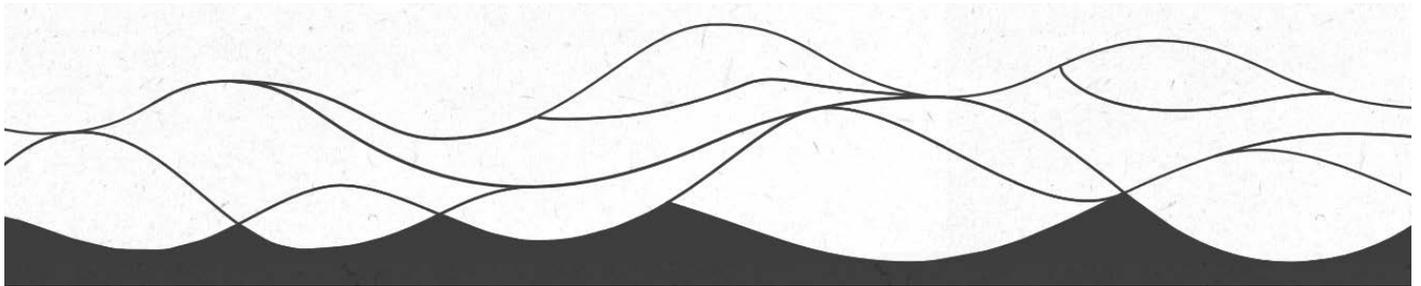
There is a campsite just outside the village, which is set in farmland and woodland. Findon has several pubs doing food, and a community-owned village shop, which doubles up as post office and newsagent.

Findon is a great place for a holiday, especially if you have a mountain bike,

as you can lose yourself on endless farm tracks on the Downs!

*Audrey Clubley writes - My son was visiting from Glossop Derbyshire. He loves walking and cycling. He loved the peace and quiet.*

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Citizens Advice has recently conducted the most comprehensive research ever into Post Office banking. This research confirms that for many customers Post Office banking is the only option open to them. When Post Office services were standardised prior to 2017 the provision of high street banking services was patchy. However the banking framework agreement between the Post Office and the banking industry now enables 99% of UK personal banking customers and 95% of business banking customers to access services at their local Post Office. This service is provided mainly on an everyday banking basis, including services; cash

withdrawals, balance checking, cheque and cash deposits.

Part of this research revealed that 70% of postmasters stated that pay rates for banking do not cover the costs of providing the service and this is certainly true for our own Post Office. An interesting statistic to come out of this research is that although many of us are happy to use online banking, 90% of the UK population uses a bank branch at some point. It is also apparent that vulnerable groups are most likely to use Post Office services weekly.

Our village Post Office makes a commission based purely on the number of transactions (every balance check or stamp sold makes us money!). If we can all continue to use this vital service, coupled with support from groups such as Plunkett and Citizens Advice, who put pressure on the government to ensure the survival of rural services, then hopefully we can continue to provide this service for many years to come.



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A risk assessment has been undertaken and we will commence purchasing the required materials to ensure that when we reopen the hall meets government requirements around Covid-19. The hall will not open until the committee is satisfied we can operate in a safe environment.

We continue to work closely with the Parish Council regarding the new hall and its completion, and thank colleagues for their support and patience during this time.

On a positive note, the maintenance team continue to do an excellent job in

**The pubs are now open and the evenings are getting darker. Don't forget to carry a torch. You may know your way home without one, but motorists may find it difficult to see you.**

maintaining the grounds and thank you also to the Secretary and Treasurer who have worked tirelessly in this challenging period.

As I am sure everyone is aware, the Village Hall is one of the assets of the village, with numerous classes and meetings taking place on a regular basis. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to elect a new chairperson and secretary and we would welcome any interest from individuals wishing to take on these important and rewarding roles. This will be a virtual meeting via Zoom, please contact [secretaryfvht@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfvht@gmail.com) for further details.

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After nine weeks at The Equine Hospital our pony Elvis is back home, what a worry it has been. He had a plate put in his shoulder, but he pulled the stitches out with his teeth and had to go back into surgery to be re-stitched. He then had a really bad infection that took weeks of antibiotics and laser treatment to try to clear up the infection. He is still very lame and has developed marked muscle wastage and weakness in the shoulder and leg, so it is still difficult for him to walk. He is having acupuncture every week and still needs physiotherapy. The bill came to £8,179.02!

We have been busy with so many cats coming in; the last two females needed

spaying, our vet bills go up and up. It costs over a hundred pounds now to spay a cat.

The mole is still here destroying the lawn - every day there are new molehills and I have tried every single suggestion people have advised. The humane traps do not work either - he just fills them up with earth. All the rabbits and guinea-pigs have gone to new homes. I advise all the owners to clean them out every single day, keep hutches in the shade and put their animals out in runs on the lawn with plenty of water and boards over the top for shade. Hutches are like hot ovens in this hot weather. The telephone goes crazy every weekend with people wanting to know if we are opening on a Sunday again. But, until we feel it is safe, we will not be opening again on a Sunday for some time.

from Stacey.

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“What is an acre Dad,”

“Well an acre is an acre same as it always has been. What a team of oxen can plough in a day. That is a long furrow (furlong) 200 yards long. What a team of oxen can plough without getting too tired. The other way is a cant (narrow strip) 20 yards wide. That is four times your ox goad which

## NormanAllcorn.

sometimes called a rod or pole or perch. Good old Saxon measurements that have served us well for hundreds of years.

Now our Norman Lords have said that we have got it wrong. They say that our foot is one tenth smaller than theirs and that we have to add one foot for every ten of ours to bring things into line. Are you listening son? You look sleepy. This is where it gets complicated. That means that a furlong is now 220 yards and a cant is 22 yards and your ox goad is now 16 and a half feet although, in fact, it is exactly the same length as before. Did you get that son?”

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## Cinnamon Trust

Thank you to everybody who has continued to support the Cinnamon Trust in recent months when our events had to be cancelled. Our sales of doggy treats and gifts raised £120 last month and I received a lovely letter from Averil Jarvis, the Trust Founder, thanking us and advising that the donation would go towards the month's vet bill of £6,018.37! I continue to have a supply of lovely goods in my porch at 13 The Willows if you would like to have a look.

We are finally going to have a small fundraising event if the weather is kind to us. We will be holding a sale on the pavement outside the Village Stores on Saturday 19th September from 9.00am - till 1pm. If very wet we will postpone to same time the following Saturday 26th. Lots of pet items plus gifts and goodies will be for sale and we hope to see you there under socially distanced conditions of course!!! If you have any (small) items to contribute please let

me know. Sorry I cannot take large items or clothes.



Those of you who knew our dear friend and helper Geoff Weston will be sad to know that he passed away on Saturday 15th August in St. Barnabas Hospice. Geoff was a great supporter of the Cinnamon Trust and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with dear Shirley who wishes to continue helping us.

Finally, with so few events this year our thoughts must soon turn to Christmas! Please pencil in the date of 5th December for our annual Christmas Fair in the Church. This will be subject to Covid 19 regulations allowing it at the time but we will be hopeful for this! Many thanks again to you all. Keep Safe.

Best regards Maggie Martin 01903 874173/07544 572702

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## Findon Friends of St. Barnabas

Despite the threat of rain, we went ahead with our sales event. It started with damp but reasonable weather, however at around 11.00 it started to rain quite hard, so we called it a day, and packed up. Despite the odds against us - with our sales and some donations, we raised over £350.00, which, for a couple of hours work, was a great result!

Really sincere and grateful thanks to the Findon Friends of St. Barnabas Committee for all their effort and help, and to many other supporters who rallied round to help carry and sell our items. And, of course, thanks to all those who came to buy and procure a bargain!

Mike Solomons  
Chairman,  
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## Monarch's Way Singers - Adventures in Lockdown

When it became apparent back in March, after lock-down, that the Monarch's Way Singers (Findon's community choir) would no longer be able to meet and sing together, the group's leader, Carole Thomas, kindly invited all choir members to share our Desert Island Disc choices (based on the long-running BBC Radio 4 programme) to try and keep music in our lives, and to cheer each other up. Almost every morning we received an email from Carole sharing a YouTube link to someone's favourite song, including a little bit of information about the composer, the piece, or the performer for extra measure, plus each person's reason for choosing their song (or sometimes orchestral piece).

After a few weeks, Carole suggested we tell her our favourite female vocalist, then male, then duet, and even folk songs related to where we were born or had lived. The choir now numbers around forty singers, and we have enjoyed such a wonderful diverse mix of music as we

all shared our different tastes - often learning about new music, including Danish, French and Welsh, and reminiscing pop favourites from our youth. One of the choir members, Chess Thomas, had the great idea of creating a Monarch's Way Singers Spotify Playlist to share, and we now have access to over 150 pieces of our favourite music, amounting to almost eight hours of non-stop classics! All of the choir members have said a very big THANK YOU to Carole, and Chess, for helping us to keep in touch over the past few months, and brightening our days with such a wonderful mixture of music. If you are interested to see what is on our playlist, and have access to Spotify, just search for the Monarch's Way Singers Lockdown Playlist, and enjoy hours of musical entertainment. You will almost certainly find some of your own favourites on there, too!

Jacqui Greaney (missing performing music with friends)

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## Garden Notes

Sally Evans

It's the season of the glut and the weather this year has taken the glut to a whole new level! My broad beans were a disaster (covered in blackfly), but everything else had been very prolific. I am now drowning in a sea of French beans and runner beans; and tomatoes; and Cavolo nero; and leeks; and soon Chinese cabbage. I've never grown Chinese cabbage before, but it's looking good, so I'm hoping for lots of stir fry in September and also some lovely sweetcorn. Another first for me is edamame beans. They have produced beans, but not in huge numbers, so although we are enjoying what we have, I'm not sure I'll grow them again.

Although the jobs in the garden slow down over July and August (apart from the relentless watering this year) things get very busy in the kitchen, as I desperately try to use up what I'm picking. I've made several batches of soup for the freezer – mainly tomato, but also runner bean. I've also frozen French beans, blueberries and tayberries; made and frozen courgette quiches; made jam and piccalilli; pickled beetroot, and now chutney season is upon us. One benefit of a glut is that it makes you look for new recipes and I've just discovered Sri Lankan beetroot curry, which I think will become a favourite. Our daughter

comes to visit once a week and goes home with a "Red Cross parcel" full of masses of veg and the odd jar of jam. Our son has a fig tree that has loved this hot, dry weather and I'm now swapping runner beans and beetroot for figs.

Whilst the vegetable garden has benefited from the extraordinary weather, the rest of the garden has suffered. As our many water butts ran dry, and I don't like to use too much mains water, the lawn and flowers have struggled. I've watered when things looked as if they were about to expire, but I think I need a rethink. I probably need to put down loads of compost to supplement the meagre layer of soil in the borders and I am going to have to look into drought-tolerant plants. But at last we've had a bit of rain so hopefully things will pick up.

Thankfully, in June, the blackbird with an identity crisis finally stopped pretending to be an ambulance, so we've had a bit of peace. I hadn't realised how many people were being driven crazy by him – after I wrote about him people kept stopping me on my way through the village and talking about him. He's certainly had his "15 minutes of fame".



## **Glut Reaction**

by Emma Purshouse

She's diced and she's cubed and  
she's fried.

She's boiled and she's baked and  
she's tried

Her damndest to use up them all,  
But boxes stack up in the hall.

She's flambéed, she's devilled, she's  
jammed,

She's curried, she's chutneyed, she's  
rammed

Down throats in risottos and pies.  
She really is up to her eyes.

She's pickled, she's roasted, she's  
spiced,  
She's distilled, she's toasted, she's  
sliced.

She's desperate and can't abide  
waste

But her family is sick of the taste.

So neighbours be warned and  
beware,

I've heard she's decided to share!  
Bolt the doors, then hide behind nets.

She's coming! She's bringing  
courgettes!

Courtesy of Poetry on Loan  
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## **Friends of St John the Baptist**

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of fundraising for our village's  
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for our AGM**

**Sunday 11th October  
3.00pm**

**at Findon Church**

**\*Current Government guidelines state  
Masks should be worn in the church.\***

## Findon Parish Council

Firstly, I have to announce the resignation of our long time Councillor and previous Chairman Peter Goldsworthy. Peter is stepping down after a truly phenomenal 22 years on Findon Parish Council (FPC). His achievements are too many to catalogue but personally I recall Peter's determination and skill in refusing to allow Findon Village Store and Post Office to disappear. Peter simply mobilised the village of Findon and frankly achieved what many of us thought impossible; to save the store and make it such that it is owned by villagers, an astonishing achievement. I am sure you will all join me in saying many thanks to Peter.

It is rewarding to see the new fencing take place on Nepcote Green as the fine summer weather re-occurred and perhaps those storms that follow can help add water to the pond. The project to return the pond to its original state is underway and FPC is delighted to receive commitment from South Downs National Park Authority that they will assist us to that end. In order to manage this project we are seeking to form a Nepcote Pond Working Group. The Working Group's remit will be to work with an FPC councillor to oversee all work

associated to return Nepcote Pond to its water-filled state of beauty. If you are interested, please supply your name and contact details to [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or call 01903 877225 and we will add you to the group.

The Council allotment gardens represent a fine picture at present. There are many new "village farmers" and the crop this year is looking especially bountiful - a real credit to all there.

As you will see elsewhere in Findon News the Village Hall Trust is looking for a new Chair. James Heasman is filling that role temporarily but a new person with relevant skills is needed. The Covid-19 problems have obviously impacted the Hall severely with all gatherings prevented. However as we return to increasing normality it will be pivotal to the village that the Hall regains its place as a centre for those clubs, gatherings and events that characterize Findon village life. It is a great opportunity for someone to help make that happen to all our benefit.

Cllr Sean Smith  
Chairman, Findon Parish Council



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## Crime Report

**Fiona MacLeod**

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### POACHING

Sussex Police would like to raise public awareness regarding poaching in rural areas. In the last few years, they have worked very closely with rural communities and have had great success in the reduction of poaching of wild animals. Poaching is a secretive business, often carried out at night and in remote locations, but if caught, poachers can be prosecuted for a range of offences.

Game dealers, restaurateurs, hotels and public houses are being advised to check that they are not buying illegally

killed game. They can do this by not purchasing meat from unknown persons and reporting suspicious gatherings in car parks immediately; dealers in game should show legal documentation for the sale of meat.

Anyone who suspects illegal poaching is taking place, please call Sussex Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency, i.e. poaching is occurring in front of you there and then.

### SUSSEX POLICE DOG UNIT – REQUEST FOR HELP

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If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

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## LOVE IN A BOX (Mustard Seed Relief Missions)

Even though this year we have been so focused on Covid-19, we're still collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts for Christmas for impoverished children in Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. These simple gifts will be more welcome than ever this

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## Memory Lane

Living in lockdown, my thoughts went back to the days in Findon before we had so much. Most villagers worked six days a week, so Sundays were special. Most families attended church or Nephcote chapel; children also attending afternoon Sunday school. In winter families and friends would visit each other for tea or a rare treat to see a magic lantern show at Nephcote chapel. Summer Sunday evenings would mean family walks through the lanes or on the hills around, stopping to chat with whoever one met along the way! Watching traffic pass by on the London road through the village, we had special viewing points - North End well (now under the A24) and The Triangle (now gone, but it was the point where Nephcote Lane and Cross Lane met the Worthing Road). It was our pre-television entertainment.

This being pre-bin collection days, Findon had its village tip on the bank of Soldiers Field at the bottom corner of Nephcote Green. Years later treasure

## Gladys Lambourne

hunters dug for treasure and I am sure none was found. Our tip was named The Dally Hole by villagers. Any unwanted items would be offered to family or friends before going to The Dally Hole. My mother accepted a table from a friend who lived at Ivy Cottage at North End. As it was on castors, transport to Old Cottage was no problem. With three family members and a friend half sitting on each corner, we propelled the table scooter-fashion down the A24. I may add there was much less traffic on the A24 at that time. On reaching our front door, it was found that the legs were too long to get through the door. Mum, never daunted, got a saw to shorten the legs. Life was short for the table in our living room, as it almost filled the room. So the table's life ended keeping us warm as logs for the fire.

I now return to 2020 and the unknown living time ahead, after one of many trips down my memory lane.



### LOST - Reward If Found

Missing from 23 The Oval, Short haired ginger cat (Reggie) last seen Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 11pm. Not like him not to come home. Please could you check your sheds garages and under bushes in the garden as I think he may be hurt. If found, please call Kelly on 07445283000. Thank you.

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## SEPTEMBER 2020

[www.findon-clapham-patching-churches.com](http://www.findon-clapham-patching-churches.com)



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 6 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am	Eucharist at Clapham
	10.00am	Worship & Praise at Findon
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Patching
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service at Findon (Donations of packaged/tinned goods to support the local charity, Turning Tides, would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the Service.)
	10.00am	Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Clapham
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon

Remember to check our website regularly for any updates and

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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## 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.

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:

### **Notification of tree works to 1 No. Beech Tree - removal of 2 lateral branches.**

5 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/20/03039/TPO

### **Reconstruction of rear conservatory** Grantchester 17 Nepfield Close Nepcote Findon Worthing

West Sussex BN14 0SS  
Ref. No: SDNP/20/03046/HOUS

**Proposed partial change of use of the ground floor area within the existing residential dwelling at Findon Place to an events venue (use class D2) with ancillary over-night stay accommodation. Surfacing works to the field to the east of existing stables to create a car parking area serving the venue and widening vehicular access onto the premises and gates.**

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