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

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Your Parish Needs You !!

Following the recent resignations of Peter Kirk and Karen Roberts from Findon Parish Council, the Council now has two vacancies that it would like to consider filling as soon as practicable. The recent purchase of the Village Shop demonstrated the deep seated community spirit which exists in the Village and we need two new Parish Councillors to embrace this in pursuing the many activities with which the Parish Council is involved. We are a parish council of 11 councillors and being two short at the moment does put increased pressure on our ability to function fully with the many projects and commitments which we have going forward.

You may have already seen the Notice of Vacancy and the Expressions of Interests forms in the Notice Boards or on the Council web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) and the Findon Village web site (<http://www.findonvillage.org/>).

If you are interested and would like more information on what the Parish Council does, please contact the Clerk, Fiona MacLeod, at findonparishcouncil@gmail.com or phone on 01903 877225 between 2.30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday, or visit the Parish Council web site.

I do hope you will be able to help in which case please get in touch with Fiona.

Cllr Robin Carr
Chairman, Findon Parish Council



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From the Rectory

There's an autumnal feel to the air in the mornings and evenings now although as I write the sun is warm and the sky an unbroken blue. If 'old wives tales' are to be believed, we're in for a hard winter judging by the bounty of the hedgerows! I don't remember ever seeing such a harvest of huge blackberries before, branches are heavy with sloes and damsons, hedges sparkle scarlet with rosehips and hawthorn berries, and apples, pears and plums seem abundant too this year. Farm harvests are safely gathered in and I for one feel ready to give thanks again at our Harvest Festivals (September 24th at Patching Church and September 17th at Findon).

Harvest Season is a time for looking back with thanksgiving for what our vegetable plots, orchards and farms have yielded, also for planning ahead for the next year's crops, perhaps thinking what could be improved by a little extra compost being dug in. Maybe it is also a good time to pause and take stock of our own lives. What, over this last year, have we achieved? Could we have done something differently, or better? Here in leafy Sussex, we are so fortunate, we have all that we need and more, surrounded as we are by stunning countryside. How often do we stop to give thanks for what we have? Do we consider ways in which we might share something of what we enjoy with those who have so little? Our Findon Harvest offerings (both from the School Harvest Service and our Parish Church) are given to the Worthing Churches Homeless Project. These donations, along with others from the Worthing area, provide a much needed stock of food and

basic toiletries for use at the Day Centre and Hostels through the year. It would be wonderful if we could double the donations we sent last year! Tins or packets (make sure the food is 'in date'!) can be left at the back of the church or in the Rectory porch. Homelessness is sadly a growing problem, which can affect anyone at any time and the Worthing Centre relies totally on voluntary donations.

Looking further afield, our Diocese is linked to Sierra Leone, where mudslides have devastated lives and livelihoods. The Diocesan Harvest appeal will doubtless send extra aid to the stricken people there in addition to supporting communities across East and West Africa. Any donations would be welcome through the church here in Findon, Clapham and Patching or can be made directly online through options given on the Diocesan website Chichester.anglican.org/appeal; thank you.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who sponsored my skydive back in July. We still don't have a final total, as there are still donations coming in, but we have raised about £2,500 including online giving, which is fantastic, and I thoroughly enjoyed it too! Why not join us for our next coffee morning in Findon Church on 16th September to look at the lovely stained glass windows which will benefit from our fundraising!

Every blessing, Helena



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Sheep at the Fair this year.

Graham Langford

Plans are well in advance with the sheep fair and sheep entries have been good again this year with a larger number from Essex and Kent than in previous years. Nine new farms will be participating for the first time and again many younger people are bringing their sheep which is great news as they are the future at shows in years to come.

Every year we have new breeds that have not been at the show in the last 11 years and this year we have North Country Cheviots, and Balwen.

We again focus on wool as it is a commodity we should be using more in our daily lives. Dave Tester a local farmer at Patching will be demonstrating Shearing; we have a fleece competition judged by Sue Blacker who owns a mill for processing fleeces in Cornwall, 6 local spinners who will be pleased to answer your questions on getting started and many finished products. There will also be fleeces to buy at the fleece tent.

Judging will be starting at 9-30am due to the number of entries, the supreme Championship will be around midday, followed by Wool on the Hoof. At approx. 1.45 pm the judging of the Young handler competitions will take place. We have over 30 young handlers taking part this year in 3 age groups, 8 and under, 9 to 11, and 12 and over. At 3pm we plan to parade into the main arena when the trophies will be presented. Then come and see the Alpaca's in the sheep rings from 3.30pm.

New for 2017 is a quiz for children. As you enter the animal area, there will be a stand where each child can take a quiz paper about sheep. All the answers will be found around the sheep and animal area.

Enjoy the day and Come and see the Balwen sheep.



**We need two helpers at the Sheep End
on Sat 9th from 7am..
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Congratulations to Findon's own Tina Cook

Tina was part of the Team GB eventing team that took gold in the European Championships held over one weekend mid August in Strzegom, Poland.

An impressive performance by the GB team in the cross-country saw them lead going into the final showjumping stage. Tina and two other GB team riders put in clear rounds to secure GB's first European gold since 2009.

Tina, who was partnered by her horse 'Billy The Red' throughout the event, said: "We were really wanting that gold. It's been a few years and it's fantastic to be back in this position."

Although the story was carried in the Worthing Herald, shamefully there was little national media coverage of this success - as usual the beginning of the Football season seemed to take precedence over any other sporting news.

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Update on Shop/PO

Becky Fagan

The newly painted bright red post box that stands outside our village shop serves as a symbol of things to come.

Since the community became the proud owners of the building which will once again become our village shop and post office, there has been great excitement amongst just about everyone I speak to, and we all eagerly await its reopening.

Progress has been made, albeit not as much as we might have liked. I'm sure anyone who has ever undertaken any kind of building project or renovation will know that nothing is ever quite as simple or quick to do as we imagine. We are currently awaiting a visit by Post Office contractors, and until they have done vital electrical work we can't proceed very much further. One of my fellow committee members likened the Post Office to a big Victorian Machine, incredibly well put together, solid and reliable but not swift to move or react.

However the delays have given the interim management team some time to turn their attention to projects other than the renovation. As well as facilitating the repainting of the aforementioned post box, Auds, the new manager, has also overseen the opening of the newspaper stall. While the stall had been selling papers and some magazines from 7am-10am every day, this has now been changed to 7am-11am. In spite of Smiths News' determination that the village shop should only receive 8 copies of the Telegraph, the stall has been really well received and supported by residents. Huge thanks go to Liz and Julian for working unpaid so that the stall could be possible and enabling us to take just a little step closer to things returning to normal. Also, thanks to everyone who has been so patient when we have not

been sent the correct number of papers. Thankfully I now believe that this has been rectified.

Amongst other achievements, Helen, our Treasurer, has found a bank that is happy to recognise our company status as a mutual benefit society - this was no small task. We now also have a full complement of contractors able to help us with the refit, subject to the Post Office doing their bit, so you can expect to see workmen on site regularly from now on.

Earlier in August we had the chance to meet some of the wonderful volunteers at our first volunteer meeting in the village hall. It was great to hear such enthusiasm and to get feedback on visions for the shop and what people would like see sold. It was heartening that so many of the suggestions were in line with our initial thoughts and hopes.

Lots of people were keen to see the return of a good selection of greetings cards, artisan bread, nice deli type produce and as well as a good range of locally produced goods in alongside all the standard basics. One of our favourite committee tasks has been testing out some of this local produce. We were very excited to receive some samples from Angmering-based producer Alison Driver, who owns and runs 'Loaded Loaves'. These ingenious little bread loaves look very simple from the outside but once cut open, reveal a hidden surprise. Alison will be coming to the Findon Sheep Fair and so I hope you'll have the chance to try them for yourself.

Fingers crossed, by next month's newsletter, we will have a date in sight for our grand opening. In the meantime, the management committee are always glad to receive suggestions and ideas from the community. Please email findoncommunityshop@gmail.com with your your thoughts.

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Chairman's Letter August 2017

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The extension will replace the existing meeting room to the rear of the existing hall, with a small galley kitchen, toilets, and store for existing village groups, with level access for wheelchair users to all areas. We await planning decision from SDNP.

In March we welcomed Findon's own branch of 'Men in Sheds', fourteen residents signed up to join. This group have already re-furbished some garden furniture for the Hall, and have taken some commissions for work. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am.

Popular events include the Lamb to Loom Coffee Morning, Film Nights which run from September to March each year, Christmas Fairs, and of course the Findon Fun Dog Show which is in its third year.

Our Mexican Feast & Quiz was a sell out in March, so look out for the posters advertising The German Beer Fest & Quiz scheduled for 28th October.

Sadly we heard the news that the Cissbury Players have dissolved their organisation as they were no longer financially viable. Their dwindling numbers meant that they were unable to form a cast for their July performance. This amateur dramatic group, under the strong leadership of Mrs Ann Burfoot for over 30 years, produced 3 productions annually. Earlier this year Mr & Mrs Burfoot left the Village, and I am sure they were much missed by the group. Many of the residents of Findon have fond memories of past productions.

We have their old shed to demolish, with it's contents of old scenery, and props. I have organised a working party for Sunday 3rd September starting 10am. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this clear up, please just turn up on the day.

Film Nights resume on 22nd Sept with "Sully". Look out for posters.

Finally the Secretary and Chairman's positions become vacant in November. If you are interested in either of these positions, then please contact:

The Secretary, Findon Village Hall Trust, High St, Findon, BN14 0TA.

Judith Davies

Findon Village Hall Film Nights 2017

September 22 "Sully" Starring:- Tom Hanks, Aeron Eckhart

October 20 "The Time of Their Lives" Staring:- Joan Collins, Pauline Collins, Franco Nero

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One young tom cat was in the Vets for three days with nowhere to go, a stray picked up in the local supermarket. The Vets said all the other rescues were full so we were his last chance. We had him neutered last week and named him Buddy. He is so friendly and relaxed. Every one of the volunteers makes a fuss of him. It is a big problem when someone picks up a lost cat and takes it to the Vet to see if the cat is chipped. If it isn't they are told to take it back to where they found it because they cannot leave it at the Vets! People are then frantically phoning all the cat rescues, who are all full. Our cat pens are always full. Thankfully we have lots of visitors looking for cats on our open days every Sunday. From Stacey.



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Findon Parish Council (FPC)

Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates. Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee.

Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details. Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225

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

Notification on intesion to 1No. Lime Tree (T1): - High Trees 36 Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SG

Proposed Rear Extension
2 Downland Close Findon BN14 0UJ

Proposed detached bungalow;
Land adjacent to 1 Paddock Way
Findon BN14 0TX

Erection of a single storey rear and side extension and creation of gable to front elevation and associated roof alterations.

The White House Steep Lane Findon
BN14 0UE

Front, side and rear extensions, roof extensions, garage conversion and demolition and replacement of garage to detached dwelling.

Southover Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR

Findon Updated Neighbourhood Plan (Housing) Public Consultation

On Wednesday 16 August, after a small army of volunteers had delivered leaflets to the whole village, almost 200 villagers visited the Public Consultation Day in the Village Hall. On display were details of all the housing site options researched by the Updated Neighbourhood Plan Working Group: Elm Rise Paddock & Soldiers Field House (both proposed by the South Downs National Park Planning Authority), Monarch's Way field (northern part, with the Glebelands), the former fire station, land north of Nightingales, land north of The Quadrangle, Pony Farm and Atalanta/Mayland on the A24 by-pass). Visitors were invited to study each option and then rank all eight potential sites in order of preference, either on paper or electronically on tablets provided. Voting was also available on-line up until the end of August. The details of all these sites can be found on the parish council and village community websites. A summary of everyone's feedback will be published in the next Findon News.

UNP Working Group, led by David Hutchison



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Findon Village Garden Association

Sally Evans

The weather at the Findon Village Gardens Association Summer Show on 5th August reflected this summer as a whole – ranging from a cool, wet start, through warm sunshine and back to a wet finish. The vagaries of the weather did nothing to dent the enthusiasm of the entrants, visitors and volunteers though. There were over 250 entries from 36 members, ranging from asters to violas; beans to tomatoes; biscuits to Welsh cakes; handicrafts, flower arranging and photography.

Trophies were awarded in the various categories and winners were Norman Allcorn, Dorothy Barber, Sue Bell, Mo Bowen, Sally Evans, Joan Francis, Emma Greaney, Stuart Hilton, Shirley Hobden, Betty Lewis, Richie Line, Sally McNiff, Evelyn Stanford.

Stalls included the ever-popular raffle, tombola and home-made cakes. Men in Sheds brought along their carefully crafted wares; and a first for our show (and proving to be a big success) was the “pre-loved” tools stall. From the number of tools donated, it seems that the members enjoy having a clear out of their garages and sheds!

As always we are very grateful to the many people who donated cakes, plants and tombola prizes. Thanks are also due to the many local businesses who donated prizes for the raffle – Anaz, Colour Nails, Cutting it Fine, Domestic Heating and Electrical Services, Findon Flowers, Hartley’s Off Licence, Peckham’s Butchers, Railton Ward, Tajdar, Tesco, The Beauty Lounge, The Black Horse, The Gun, The Sylvan Oak, The Village House and 2 The Square. It’s really heart-warming to always receive so much local support.

On behalf of the members and committee, I would also like to express our gratitude to the out-going show secretary, Chris Young, who has worked so hard in recent years to make the shows run smoothly. In taking over as show secretary, I hope that I can live up to his standards.

Last, but definitely not least, a special thank you to the many volunteers who put in a tremendous effort every year setting up; manning the stalls and kitchen; and generally helping the show run smoothly. Without their support, the show simply wouldn’t happen.

Show dates for 2018 are:

7th April for the spring show and

4th August for the summer show.

So, get those seed catalogues out and plan your entries for next year.

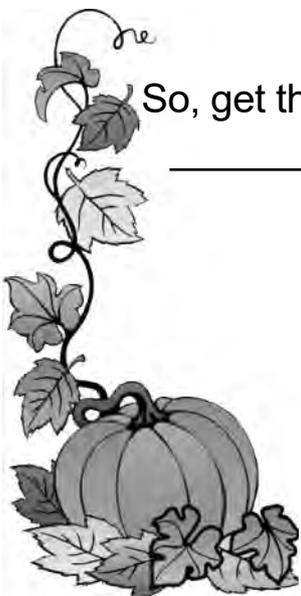
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Crime Report

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Police are appealing for witnesses after an Audi S4 estate was stolen in a house burglary in The Holt, Washington on 9 August. About 3.45pm three men wearing dark hooded tops were seen leaving a black 4 x 4 vehicle and entering the property. The men were seen driving off in convoy with the blue Audi and their own vehicle.

This incident occurred during the day when there may have been people around in the street. Anyone who saw anything suspicious or witnessed the event, or anyone who lives in the area and captured anything on CCTV footage should quote crime reference: 1007 of 09/08.

Witness Driver Sought

Detectives would like to talk to a driver who saw a couple having an altercation in a parked car just off the A24 between Dial Post and Horsham on Friday 21 July between 2 - 3pm.

A man and woman in their early twenties, were parked in a red Honda Civic, in a lay-by on a country road - a turning left off the northbound A24. A passing driver - described as white man in his 50's or 60's, driving a black car - stopped and asked the couple if everything was ok. He then drove on. The Police believe the driver may have valuable information to assist a current investigation. If you are that person or if you know who he is, please get in touch. Crime reference: 856 of 21/07.

Sussex Supermarket Shoppers Reminded to Be on Alert for Thieves

Police are reminding supermarket shoppers across Sussex to be on the alert for thieves following a recent spate of incidents in which supermarket customers, and some other shoppers,

have been watched whilst entering their PIN numbers and then have their purses and wallets stolen as they leave the store. Suspects then withdraw large amounts of cash from nearby cash machines. A group of men responsible are believed to have been successful in obtaining nearly £20,000 by targeting victims in this way - 22 such reports in Sussex since November last year.

Two suspects caught on camera at Sainsburys in Worthing on 20 June are described as male of Eastern European appearance, one bald and the other with dark hair. Anyone with information should quote reference 47170066290. If you see anyone behaving suspiciously in this way, alert store security staff or dial 999.

Police are working with supermarkets to raise awareness about these incidents. Be alert and aware of strangers when shopping in large supermarkets and NEVER leave your bag or trolley unattended at any point. It appears that these men may strike up to twice a day in different towns, and then lay low for a while, so maintain awareness.

Any witness or anyone with information to any crime is asked to call 101 or report online quoting the crime reference number.

You can report other crime and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

Findon Parish Council Web site - please check our web site for recent events - <http://findon.arun.gov.uk>

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Findon Village Enhancements – Speed, Parking and the Square

Things never move quickly when you want them to. Then it all happens at once. As the Traffic, Environment and People (TEP) sub- committee of Findon Parish Council know all too well - the process of making things happen is not always time compliant and neither is money available when you need it. However, there is some good news.

As regular readers will know West Sussex County Council has agreed to introduce a 20 mph limit in the village. Similarly they will improve the corner of the Gun and School Hill with a new pedestrian strip (albeit a narrow one because of the road width). They will also erect gateways into the four main entrances to the village, complete with 20mph signs. The very top of School Hill will also have yellow lines. This work is scheduled for January 2018.

However, the TEP group have also been working on a Phase 2 development which involves a submission to South Downs National Park Authority for funding via the SDNPA Community Infrastructure Levy. This is just as well – because the SDNPA have written very recently to all Parish Councils saying that they must submit an expression of interest and project outline before 29th September if they want to be considered.

Cllr John Havenhand informs Findon News that a proposal for a Phase 2 bid to SDNPA will, as a consequence, be put to the Parish Council at the next meeting on 11th September. From the perspective of village residents the outline bid, if successful, would improve the visual attractiveness and safety of the Square via re surfacing, seating and signage and probably involve a slightly extended Conservation area. Secondly it would improve visitor parking, by using some of the land behind the village hall to accommodate about 20 additional car spaces, plus four extra spaces by Pond

Green/ Stable Lane. But most importantly it would also aim to promote Findon's heritage and gateway location to the South Downs National park for the benefit of visitors as well as residents and businesses. This would require a visitor information point/ centre incorporating guides on walking on the South Downs, the heritage and history of Findon and information about Cissbury, Chanctonbury circles and the flora and fauna on the South Downs.

John points out that because of the short notice required to submit an outline proposal there is not much time for wide consultation. However, the ideas have built on the feedback from the public meeting held over a year ago when David Hutchison (TEP group) gave a presentation which filled the Village Hall. For example, the changes to the Square are intended to introduce the concept of "Shared Space". This is an attempt, by appropriate road surfacing, to create a significant and different visual effect which will signify to motorists that this is not merely a highway with no pavements, as it is currently configured, but an area where people walking about now have priority.

Unfortunately – it seems that the TEP group's hopes to get support for a footpath from the Village Hall to the Gun have not been successful as Highways considers the road is too narrow. However, a time limited restricted parking zone may be considered in the centre of the village at a later date – if the additional car parking is made available behind the village Hall. If the Parish Council supports this outline bid at their 11th September meeting a lot more information and drawings will be available on the Council Web site. It will not be too late to amend the outline bid at that stage and, in any event, changes will be anticipated if SDNPA support any or all of the outline proposals.

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Findon Village WI

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Our next meeting is Thursday 14th September - a Beetle Drive. The competition is "A top tip for jam/chutney".

Don't forget to come and find us at the sheep fair. We are in our usual place, just past the dancing sheep by the bench. We will be selling the usual cakes and preserves and also some sheep badges and sheep bags (ideal to pop in handbags) all handmade by our craft group.

Find us on facebook...findonvillagewi

Findon Pool 100-Club

The winners of the August Prize Draw were:

1. **Gez Parton** (£21)
2. **Graham Langford** (£12.60)
3. **Brian Porter** (£8.40)

The final draw of this season is on Saturday 9 September
(Sheep Fair day),
10.00am at Julia's Kitchen.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Village Pool this season. The 100 Club (actually 42 members this first year) contributed £408 to this year's fundraising efforts, with the same amount being awarded in prize money over the six draws. New numbers will be available (£20 per annum) with a Grand Draw in December followed by six monthly Draws May-Sept 2018.

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Sheep Fair Refreshments Stall Challenge

The Friends of Findon Church have the exciting fundraising opportunity of running the refreshments stall opposite the central Sheep Fair arena on Saturday 9 September. A small army of volunteers have already signed up on the rota, but if you would like to join the team (serving teas & coffees, cakes and bacon rolls) please contact

Helena (873601), Gerald (07468 569519) or Jacqui (jacadihan@yahoo.com). Help is especially needed from 1.00-4.00pm. All donations of homemade cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received (please let us know in advance what you plan to bring).

Please do support us by buying your tea & cake or bacon roll from our stall on the day.

Parachute Jump Total Rising

Helena's sponsored skydive total raised so far, at the time of writing, stands in the amazing region of £2,500. If you haven't yet paid your promised sponsor money please drop it in at the Rectory on School Hill, or donate on-line at:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/findon-clapham-patching-churches. This money is to help with urgently needed stained glass window renovations. Thank you for everyone's support.

For further details about joining the Friends of Findon Church go to: fosjbf.org or contact Membership Secretary Ian Hollyholmes: fosjbfindon@gmail.co, Tel. 01903 872475



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The Cissbury Players

On 10th May 2017, The Cissbury Players received, without warning or prior notice, from The Findon Village Hall Trust committee, an official contract for a new storage facility at the Hall.

This lease stated that we needed to move all our scenery and props out of the large store at the rear of the hall that has been used for the past 32 years, in addition to the costume store upstairs, and move everything into one of the new garage sheds that have been built on the grass to the side of the hall, by 1st June 2017.

As residents and long time users of that hall will know, the scenery store and costume store has always been used by the societies of the hall at no cost and were always freely given on this understanding. So, to receive an official lease with a commercial rent attached with no warning came as a shock to us all.

The new storage facility was in no way suitable for our use, mainly due to its small size; with the best will in the world, we estimated that we could only get one third of our belongings secured in a safe and appropriate manner. The further financial constraint of a commercial rent was beyond our reach.

It was therefore decided, after much discussion that after over thirty years at the hall, this was no longer the place for us, which is a great shame as although we have no members left in the village, The Cissbury Players have always been a great friend to the village with stalls at the fete, the erection of Christmas decorations in the hall, the stall at The Sheep Fair as well as our three productions per year which have always been very warmly received by people in the village and beyond.

In their quest to make Findon Village Hall thrive and to turn it into the 'hub' of the community, the current committee have driven out one of their longest standing groups, with the loss of revenue from the continuous use of the hall on a weekly basis for 9 months of the year.

Anyone still interested in local drama will be pleased to know that we have been contacted by the committee at Ferring Village Hall with an open invitation to join them there, so local Am Dram still survives and the curtain will go up in Ferring on some familiar faces again in the future.

Clare Buckland *Hon. Secretary,*
The Cissbury Players.

For more on this subject see the Findon Village Hall Trust article on page 11 Ed

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Long-established Worthing counselling charity set for growth and new look

On 11 October 2017, Worthing Counselling Centre will become the new name for Offington Counselling Service, a charity which has quietly been serving the community of Worthing for almost 35 years. The date has been chosen to tie in with Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week (WMHAW) at Offington Park Methodist Church, where Offington Counselling Service has been based since 1983. WMHAW will include launch events for Worthing Counselling Centre. The decision to change the name to Worthing Counselling Centre was taken to raise awareness of the charity and its scale.



Anna Hayward (pictured left), Head of Centre says, “Over the years, we have provided ongoing counselling for well in excess of 5,000 people, so we want to make sure that we are a visible, well-recognised point of access for local

support for emotional wellbeing.” Over the years, the charity has provided weekly counselling for individuals and couples seeking support for emotional difficulties. It offers fast access counselling for those who do not want to wait and financially supported counselling if cost could be a barrier, aiming to provide support as widely as possible.

“It’s worth remembering that back in 1983, talking to relieve emotional distress was nowhere near as widely accepted as it is now. The formation of Offington Counselling Service as a charity to provide counselling to those who might not otherwise be able to afford it, was really quite pioneering.”

Counselling is taken up by people from all walks of life. It provides the opportunity to talk and explore an individual’s situation to find a way forward, with a counsellor who will listen without judging. Currently people

coming to the service range in age from 16 to 80 plus.

“People come to counselling for many reasons,” says Anna. “It could be that significant life changes or events, such as bereavement, trauma or work or relationship difficulties prompt a sense of being unable to cope. Sometimes it is feelings of anger, low self-esteem or panic attacks or just simply knowing that things aren’t ‘right’ or when even small decisions seem impossible. No two people are the same.”

Currently there are 21 counsellors at the centre. The service is BACP accredited (The British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy). BACP accredited services are high quality, professionally managed therapeutic services that have been independently assessed.

To celebrate the new identity, Worthing Counselling Centre is hosting 2 events on Wednesday 11 October at Offington Park Methodist Church, South Farm Road, Worthing BN14 7TN:

Come and Meet Us plus ‘**The Courage to Heal**’ – a free talk on counselling
10am – 12 noon **Free refreshments**

This is an opportunity to speak informally with the team about what counselling is and isn’t and learn more about Worthing Counselling Centre and some of the creative approaches used.

Celebration quiz night 7pm

Tickets £5 in advance - 01903 212275 or email info@ocs-counselling.org.uk includes cheeseboard & non-alcoholic drink. All proceeds will go towards Worthing Counselling Centre’s bursary fund.

Anna is keen to encourage members of the general public and interested professionals to attend the events. “By coming along, you will help spread the knowledge of what we do.

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Service Rota for Clapham & Patching September

DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSORS
3rd September	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Jeremiah 15. 15-21 Matthew 16. 21-end	Brenda Yates John Hammond
10th September	Patching 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18. 15-20	Richard Prior
17th September	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Bob Whittle	Kath Hutchinson	Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18. 21-35	Pauline Prior/ John Haskey
24 th September	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buqué		Philippians 1. 21-30 Matthew 20. 1-16	Marigold Somerest
	Patching Family Service 10am	Helena Buqué		As above	Children

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If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact the Rectory on 873601 or speak to Helena.

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Organisations are increasingly using the service, so we also welcome anyone who may be thinking of having counselling provision available for their employees."

On a final note: "As a charity, there is always the need to fundraise and build the expertise within our trustee team. As we relaunch, if you have been a beneficiary of our service or are interested in what we do and would like to give back or make a contribution, we would love to hear from you."

If you think counselling could be appropriate for you, or for tickets for the quiz night call 01903 212275 or visit our current website www.ocs-counselling.org.uk (new website goes live on 11 October).

For more information about Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week:
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	09.15am	Breakfast, followed by
	10.00am	Findon Village Hall Family Service.
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church.
Sunday 10th	8.00am	Eucharist, Patching Church.
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church.
Sunday 17th	08.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church.
	09.30am	Harvest Festival, Findon.
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Patching Church.
Sunday 24th	8.00am	Eucharist, Clapham Church.
	09.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church.
	10.00am	Family Service, Patching Church.
October	8.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church.
Sunday 1st	09.15am	Breakfast, followed by
	10.00am	Findon Village Hall Family Service.
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist, Clapham Church.

Weddings for August:

Florian Goscheff and Gemma Crowther were married on the 5th of August at Patching Church.
Simon Wright and Jacqueline Rogerson were married on the 19th of August at Findon Church.
Daryl Short and Katie Diprose were married on the 19th of August at Clapham Church.

Deaths: Jeanne Paynter and Kenneth Selling.

Baptism: Libby-Louise Paddison was baptised at Findon Church on the 13th August.
Felicity Jasmin Coskin was baptised at Patching Church on the 13th August.
Theodore Thomas Powell-Staffs was baptised at Findon Church on the 20th August.

Coffee Plus - Thursday September 21st at 2.30pm - we are sending our new curate, Colin Cox, to a desert island at Lindy Laker's, 6 Nepcote.

Light Lunch @ 1pm There was no Light Lunch in August, so we look forward to seeing everyone on September 26th at 1.00pm (last Tues of the month), Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

Curry Nights The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are 1st Monday of the month, 4th September (Ladies) and last Thursday of the month, 28th September (Men) at 7.30pm.

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

Messy Church 1st Tuesday of the month. TERM TIME ONLY. Starting on the 3rd October, at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

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Lambstails	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing	Wednesday	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday (except 4th)	10:30
You Yoga	Tuesday	19:00
Circle Dancing	Monday (4 th , 18 th only)	19:10
Tai Chi	Friday (except 1 st)	10:00
Rummikub	Wednesday (13 th , 27 th only)	14:00
Monthly	Date	Time
Auction	1st (goods 2–4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)	18:00
Bead Magicians	19 th	09:00
Family Church Service	3rd	09:30
Downs WI	12 th	13:45
Village WI	14 th	10:30
Tastevin	7 th	19:00
Gardens Association	29 th	18:30
Light Lunch	26 th	12:00
Children's Community	20 th	15:00
Disco		
Committee Room	Date	Time
Village WI Darts	Mondays	14:00
Gardens Association	19th	19:00
Other Events	Date	Time
Meditation	21st	19:30
Film Night - <i>Sully</i>	22 nd	18:30

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