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Your Village Hall Needs You



Findon Village Hall currently remains closed. However, government regulations and guidance permitting, it is our intention to initially reopen for some exercise classes.

We will then review this situation further in a months time with a view to extending opening to other groups, but clearly our priority remains the safety of the Village Hall officers, volunteers and the patrons of the hall itself.

Although I continue on an interim basis as a chair person, this role has been made easier thanks to the support of colleagues, and we are pleased to welcome Richie Line back to the maintenance team.

Finally, as outlined above, I have taken this role on an interim basis as due to work commitments it is impractical for myself to continue longer term. Consequently there remain **vacancies** for a **chair person** and **secretary**.

Findon Village Hall has been central to the village since 1938, and it is essential that we fill these posts as they are key to the overall functionality of the hall.

Unfortunately, despite advertising we did not receive any applications of interest for either role, and unless we resolve this situation it may be necessary to temporarily close the hall until this position is resolved.

Anyone interested in taking up either of these rewarding roles should email secretaryfvht@gmail.com.

Best wishes and stay safe

James Heasman

Interim Chair – Findon Village Hall

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From the Rectory

Autumn officially began on the 22nd September, so once again we can look forward to the myriad colours of our changing landscape. As Findon Church nestles in the trees, it is a most beautiful time of the year to visit. As William Cullen Bryant wrote, "Autumn... the year's last, loveliest smile." The church is open to visit every day except Mondays, though please observe the Covid precautions that are in place.

It wasn't that long ago that our churches stood empty and silent, for the first time in living memory. How easily we take things for granted, so it is still a real pleasure to be able to meet each week and break bread together as our Lord commanded. It is a lesson to us perhaps to be thankful for all the good things that enrich our lives, in both good times and bad. A few weeks ago, we celebrated Harvest Festival at Findon and Patching churches, a reminder that even in this strange new world, life around us goes on very much as it always has. This year, instead of our usual auction at Patching Church the food that was donated was given to the Littlehampton Foodbank, which is doing sterling service in supporting households in crisis at this challenging time. At Findon, donations of food were given to Turning Tides, our homeless charity. The final Harvest Festival of the year is at Clapham Church on the 4th October, and once again any donations will go to the Foodbank.

It has also been a particular joy to host weddings once again with all the promise of new beginnings and a lifelong commitment to a loving

relationship. It gives us hope for better times ahead.

During the period when we could not gather at church Helena was 'promoted' to Vicar, but she will still live in a Rectory! She had an informal induction by the Archdeacon at the time, but the celebration is to take place at the Findon Church Eucharist on 25th October. Everyone is very welcome to attend, but if you do not usually go to church please let the Church Office know you will be coming, so that we can make sure there is seating for everyone.

On 13th September the parish finally held its long overdue Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It would normally have been held in April, but for the pandemic. Ian Swales stood down as our Parochial Church Council (PCC) Secretary after many years of faithful service and Georgina Bond will take over from him. Gail Smith also stood down as Church Warden of Clapham, again after many years of faithful service. Maggie Somerset and Sian Fletcher were voted into office as Church Wardens in her place. Ralph Budden also stood down as Church Warden of Findon, again after many years of faithful service, and Irene Adams was elected into office to work alongside John Scadgell.

It has been wonderful to see so much kindness and neighbourliness in our communities over this last year. As always, please let Helena or myself know of anyone who we can help in any way.

Blessings, **Colin**.

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Sunday 11th October
3.00pm

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Unfortunately, due to current Covid restrictions the **Findon Friends AGM 11th October** has had to be cancelled.

A feasibility of a Zoom meeting is being investigated. Please ring Ian Hollyhomes 01903 872475 for further details.

For the intellectuals and
English grammarians: -

A will is a dead giveaway.
Time flies like an arrow;
fruit flies like a banana.
A backward poet writes
inverse.

A chicken crossing the
road is poultry in motion.

When a clock is hungry it
goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an
upholstery machine is now
fully recovered.

You are stuck with your
debt if you can't budge it.

He broke into song
because he couldn't find
the key.

A calendar's days are
numbered.

A boiled egg is hard to
beat.

He had a photographic
memory which never
developed.

The short fortune teller
who escaped from prison
was a small medium at
large.

Those who get too big for
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exposed in the end.

When you've seen one
shopping centre, you've
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Sunrise to Remember - Walking into the Dawn for Vital Funds

One of the casualties of Covid for St Barnabas House Hospice was the cancellation of the annual fund raising 'Midnight to Remember' Walk. It was a major blow. Not only was it an important source of funding, it was great fun. But disappointment was soon turned into a challenge – for smaller individual teams to organise their own 'Sunrise to Remember' on Saturday September 12th, by walking 7 miles at dawn and being sponsored to do it. Each participating team was free to choose its own route - hardly difficult for any supporters living in our beautiful County of West Sussex.



So with the Dawn Chorus in full voice and the sky developing the pale creaminess of a new day, 'Team Fox', from Findon, High Salvington and Durrington, gathered for their own 'Sunrise to Remember' walk. Although still barely light, it promised to be a glorious sunny day. Under the leadership of hospice patrons Margaret Bamford and Caroline Nicholls the team of 17, aged from 78 to 9, set off to walk across Nepcote Green, over the Gallops, up to Cissbury Ring where they walked round the Ring - twice.

For more information <https://www.stbarnabas-hospice.org.uk/events/night-to-remember/>
To contribute: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sunrise-Team-Fox>

The views as the sun rose, lighting up the uniquely magnificent South Downs, were spectacular - photo opportunities were irresistible and plentiful.



The symbolism of walking from darkness to light could not have been more poignant or pointed. It was a fitting reminder for anyone, whether patient or family member, being cared for by the staff and volunteers at St Barnabas – this team has continued to provide a dedicated service to sick and dying throughout the very worst of the Corona pandemic.

And the sun continued to shine as the group returned for a well-deserved, strictly socially distanced breakfast in Margaret's back garden. Chairs and tables had been set up while more volunteers were waiting to serve bacon, eggs, sausages, mushrooms, tomatoes and freshly buttered rolls – not to mention the delicious smashed avocado on toast. A fitting end to a lovely experience, and we raised a stunning £790!

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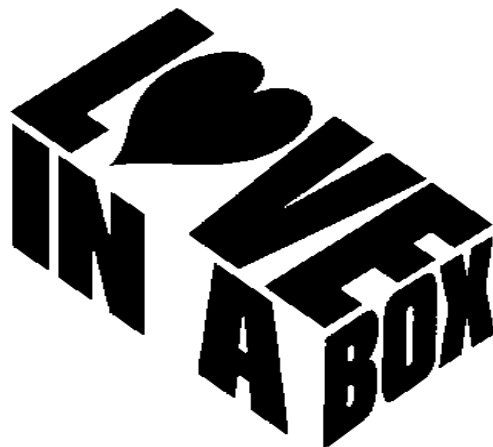
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Jo O'Dell, Vice Chair

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We have noticed our Sunday custom pick up towards closing time and as such we have taken the step of closing at 12.30pm to accommodate those customers making last-minute purchases.

After suffering some disruption to our Wessex Mill products we are pleased to have the delicious granola back in stock.

We are now stocking a range of kefir yoghurts from Yeo valley, these are a probiotic product which can be beneficial to the immune system.

As the weather starts to turn colder its worth remembering we sell coffee from

local supplier Hendricks and also delicious hot chocolate.

We have noticed a number of shoppers forget their face coverings, in this situation we will offer a paper mask to satisfy this requirement.

We are also involved in the Findon Village pumpkin trail, a fantastic family fun safe way to enjoy your Halloween this year...

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Helen Butchart (RIP)

It is with sorrow that I write of the sudden death of Helen Butchart on August 20th, peacefully in her home in West Worthing. Her funeral, along with a separate Thanksgiving and Memorial Service to allow more people to pay their respects, took place at All Saints, Findon Valley at the end of September. Helen attended All Saints more often than our churches, so it seemed right and fitting to have her funeral there. Sadly, as in so many cases since March, numbers at funerals have been strictly regulated, but hopefully you have been able to give thanks for Helen's life and her contribution to our Parish in your own way. She will of course be remembered at our All Souls Service at 4pm on Sunday November 1st, along with the many others from our community who for a while we are parted from.

Helen was a real character, who could always find the funny side in any situation, as her many editorials written over the years for our Parish magazine 'Along the Furlong' bear witness. She, along with so many of us, was so sad when, due to a lack of volunteers to put the magazine together, we published our 'Final Furlong' in December 2016. Her final Editorial, as so often, included reference to animals, in this case Mr Fox who kindly left 'interesting' gifts for Helen on her lawn. Who but Helen could create an amusing anecdote about finding a nappy on her lawn!

If you were at any of the Burns Night suppers held in Findon Village Hall over past years, you will remember how Helen read the Selkirk Grace at

the start of proceedings. She really entered into the spirit of the evening, loving the dressing up for the occasion. Helen had a legitimate claim to the tartan, having been born in Broughty Ferry near Dundee in 1946

Helen regularly led the Intercessions in our Parish churches and these were always warm and pertinent, so much appreciated by all present. She also read the Lesson sometimes, and her clear diction was a joy to listen to. Helen was passionate about justice and equality for people, which would doubtless have made her a compassionate and fair magistrate, a role she took up on retirement. I remember her sorrow on reaching an age where she was no longer allowed to continue to serve in this worthwhile role in society.

Helen was one of the members of our first visit to our Link Parish in Germany, back in October 2014, a visit she thoroughly enjoyed, taking a full part despite her mobility restrictions. She joined in their return visits, enjoying renewing old friendships and making new ones, although unable to travel with us on subsequent return visits. Helen is fondly remembered by our friends in Schney, and I received a lovely card with their memories and condolences a few weeks ago, which is on the noticeboard in Findon Church.

Helen's friendly, caring presence and her positive outlook on life were an example to us all. She is much missed.



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We recently were asked by Social Services to take two female cats because the owner was going into a care home. We were told they were indoor cats. A week later one of the cats produced a kitten. I sat on the floor with her waiting for the rest but that was it. The kitten is so fat. When I go in the pen she brings the kitten out to show me. She is so proud of it.

I had a phone call from a lady living on a caravan site in Arundel. She told me there are cats living in the woods nearby and said a kitten was visiting her crying for food. I said if she can catch it to bring it in. She arrived the next day and left it with us. We thought it must be about four or five months. She is tiny, but she is obviously pregnant. My friend at Cats Protection said they can get pregnant at four months! She told me the Cats Protection are offering Vouchers to cat owners if they are on benefits, and to people who need help to get their cats neutered or spayed free.

Our Pony Elvis is taking a long time to recover from his operation having a plate put in his shoulder. He is having Acupuncture every week, Reiki Healing, and we need to pick his leg up and bend it half a dozen times daily. He is still dragging his foot and limping badly. And still on painkillers. Very worrying.

The Moles are still here destroying the lawn. We have at least five or six molehills every morning, nothing deters them. Even a new Mole deterrent powder. We tried garlic powder, coffee, onion rings and moth balls. And the plastic tube humane traps don't work.

November will soon be here, the dreaded Fireworks again!

If anyone is feeding a stray ginger cat, Reggie is still missing from The Oval. The worried owners phone number is 0744 528 3000.

*from **Stacey**.*

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Church Bells

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Findon Sheep Fair 2020

Social restrictions may have put a stop to this year's Findon Sheep Fair in all its glory, but the centuries old tradition was maintained in a truncated form on Saturday 12th September.

This was in order to keep open a charter, signed in 1261, giving permission for a sheep fair to be held on the second weekend in September on Nepcote Green.

Robert Harris, Harris Bros traditional Fun Fair, and Simon Stace, Chairman of Findon Sheep Fair committee, still had to open and close the event.

There were a few sheep on the green from Graham Langford who has supplied sheep for the Sheep Fair for the last 10 years.



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). 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: First floor extension, new main roof, new entrance hall, garage conversion, new external wall finishes and new detached garage

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Findon Parish Council

At the time of writing this article, we are currently seeing some of the staples of village life make a return to Findon. The kids walking to school at St John The Baptist, opening of restaurants and pubs, all in a controlled and COVID safe manner. Hopefully this will continue but as always in this pandemic the risk to health remains and we must always be prepared to help tackle that risk even if that means a return to more distancing and control.

Findon should have just enjoyed the Sheep Fair, the annual event that is probably it's claim to notoriety but of course such a large scale gathering is not possible in these times. Nevertheless it was pleasing to attend a formal opening and closing ceremony of the Sheep Fair, with a

few sheep kindly provided. This allows the Findon Sheep Fair Committee to continue the Fair in 2021 in hopefully better times. It is fitting to recognise the tremendous work that these people undertake to make this event happen and I am sure we will all wish them the very best for next year.

Findon Parish Council is delighted to welcome two new co-opted Councillors, Carol Hopley and Sarah Jewell MBE. We look forward to working with both of them and are confident that they can make a difference to our village.

It is worth mentioning the search for a new Chair and Secretary for Findon Village Hall Trust. This organisation has helped make Findon Village Hall

the hub of our village with events ranging from Weddings to Keep fit and from Film nights to Mexican nights. As we emerge from this Pandemic, Findon Village Hall stands to serve a key role in the return of village life as we know it. If you have something to offer, please contact them.

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Gosh, what a year it has been! Certainly not one we could have predicted.

It has been incredibly challenging for so many and yet has shown how much love and support there is within our community to help our fellow neighbours. We are so proud to be a part of our village.

We have had to change, postpone and cancel so much of our lives and traditions and yet we have seen how our children have been absolute superstars in incredibly difficult and unusual times.

In particular, the 160-year-old Findon Village Summer Revels was unable to take place in any form for the first time in decades. The planned Findon Village Circus booked for July on Nepcote Green was also understandably cancelled by us along with the up-and-coming Findon Village Firework Fantasia 2020 due in November.

We are in a position like so many other charities currently with little or no income. Nevertheless, we as volunteers will adapt and work together as a community to help support our village school during their own funding crisis

With this in mind, we will be hosting the Findon Village Pumpkin Trail during the entire half term week of 24th – 31st October. Families will be able to buy special trail maps from the Village Store, which come with free Halloween goody bags filled with sweets and treats. Simply follow the map on your adventure to find all the special pumpkin letters. Spell out the winning word and enjoy your spooky goody bag!

Maps are only £2 with all funds raised going directly to our village school.

This offer will be on during the entire half term week to avoid crowding. Please do also remember the Rule of Six.

We hope this spooky themed walk will give your families a chance to enjoy a safe Halloween!

We wish everyone well and could not be prouder of our school and community.

For any further information please do feel free to contact us.

Sadie Rockliffe, Chairman
St John the Baptist CofE Primary
School PTA

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What a lovely village!

We have been advised that Findon has featured in the September Edition of Country Life.

Apparently, as a result of the pandemic, many people have been moving out from the cities to more rural areas. Those who have enjoyed working from home have realised that they could have a better life-style moving to a quieter area, with only an occasional commute to work.

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Cinnamon Trust

It was wonderful to be able to hold a Cinnamon Trust sale on 19th September albeit a small one. It just felt so normal!

Many thanks to Findon Village Store for allowing us to pitch up outside the shop and to all concerned in making the event such a success. We raised £300 in just a few hours on the Saturday morning thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the locals.



Looking forward and planning events is very difficult at the moment but we must at least try. The Church is booked for Saturday 5th December for our Christmas Fair but this may well be cancelled. We shall just have to wait and see but please pencil in the date!

I am taking orders for my small Christmas cakes which will be for sale at £6 each. This will go ahead even if sale is cancelled and the cakes will either be available in my porch or delivered locally.(depending on lockdown!) Also Christmas cards and wrapping paper will be available in my porch at 13 The Willows from 18th October.

The Cinnamon Trust, like most other charities, is suffering in these times. Vets' bills do not go away and many volunteers have had to give up due to personal circumstances making the need ever greater. If anyone would like to walk a dog or foster a pet please contact the Trust on 01736 757900 or check out cinnamon.org.uk

Thanks again, keep safe!

Maggie Martin

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Findon Village WI

October Meeting

We are delighted to announce that we have organised a Zoom meeting for the 8th October and we will be having a presentation by Bill Avenell. The talk includes a detailed look at some interesting local geographical and geological issues.

Paddy will be sending out invitations to join this meeting nearer the time.

A team of crafty ladies have continued to make Face Masks for the residents of Findon Village in a variety of colours. The sale of these face coverings has raised over £550 for St Barnabas Hospice. Please contact Paddy if you would like one.

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Farewell to Findon

On the 24th of September I leave for Spain, Covid gods and Ryan Air willing. I am following in the footsteps of those who have gone before - 'no' not Don Ernesto nor, yet, Laurie Lee (no relative), but Eddy, Alan and Don whose, frequently unsteady, steps led the way in the summer of '69.

It was, however, my dear friend Christopher's socially distanced 'kick up the arse' ...

" ... young David, if you don't go now, you never will "

... that finally convinced me.

Why am I leaving this charming downland village?

Well, on hearing, for the first time, the poignant and enchanting 'Farewell to Stromness' by Peter Maxwell Davies, played by the composer, my reaction was ...

"If it means that much to you chum, why on earth are you leaving" !

I then discovered that he wrote it as a protest 'song' against the building of a uranium mine on the remote Orkney Island where he lived. *My* farewell is more of a 'bittersweet parting'. On the one hand, I am leaving a place and a community that has been home for over 25 years and, on the other, I have the childlike excitement, at the age of 70, of contemplating a new life in a small town in Spain.

The motivation for Max's 'farewell' was the foisting of an abomination on a small island that would, inevitably, diminish the quality of life of all its inhabitants – *and my motivation?* ... for uranium mine, read -Brexit!

adios Findon ... choca los codos !!

David Lee

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Gertrude Florence Hamilton and the Women's Village Council

Just over 100 years ago, this small Sussex village - population then about 700 - was appearing not only in the local newspapers but in the national press. Two sisters, Gertrude and Maud of "Kylemore", Findon, former suffragists, were blazing a trail for women's involvement in state funded housing of the movement known as 'homes fit for heroes'. They were also keen that they were 'homes fit for heroines'.

I am always amazed at the very conventional origins some of the women involved in the suffrage movement had and in this Florence Gertrude Hamilton - Mrs F.G. Hamilton - was no exception. She had been the wife of the post-master general of Transvaal until, at the age of 46, she became a widow. Her active suffrage days were spent in Wendover and Florence joined the Women's Freedom League - the organisation that chose not to be involved in violent acts but preferred the route of civil disobedience. Hence Florence's first taste of publicity was as a tax resistor in 1911 and 1912. She also appears to have 'disappeared' for the night of the 1911 census.

During the war and by then in London, like many suffragists she probably turned her energies to supporting the war effort. But in the autumn of 1917 she and her unmarried younger sister Maud Rose Raey MacKenzie were living in Findon and Florence had come up with the idea of encouraging women to become involved in local civic affairs. Her emphasis was on women assisting their local council in addressing the State-aided Housing Scheme being

promoted from 1917. However, more ambitiously she linked the movement to social reform and wanted women to become involved with their parish, rural district and county councils.

The first meeting of Findon Women's Village Council was held on October 2nd 1917 in the Wattle House which was decorated with national flags.



'Women, your Country needs your help to get good Homes' stated her poster for the national federation which she went on to form. She felt particularly strongly about the homes of rural labourers which were in very bad condition. She joined others in stating that three bedrooms were essential so that boys and girls could grow up 'with modesty'. There should be fixed baths (they would not be used as coal cellars!) and warmth, water supply and good cooking facilities were of course basic essentials. She believed that women, with their intimate experience of housework were in a natural position to advise on house design,

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but she also wanted them to be involved in identifying how many new houses were needed.

Florence was also based for a while in 1918 at "Hillside" Durrington where she may have helped to form another village council

Once formed on January 1st 1918, she promoted the federation of village councils as undenominational, democratic and non-party, although perhaps the stated support of Millicent Fawcett might have suggested otherwise. It's motto, later also officially adopted by the Women's Institute was 'Till we build Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land'. She was keen that ordinary women should be involved and to this end, soldier's wife Ruth Constable was the president of the Findon branch. It was a local soldier's family that provided the example about the quality of nutrition of poorer rural families in a lobbying letter Florence wrote:

A day's menu for a soldier's wife and four children:

*breakfast - porridge (mother tea);
dinner - ginger pudding made from
crusts;*

tea - tea, bread and jam;

no supper.

Florence later turned her energies to a related national movement, that for housing and town planning and was a founder member of the Electrical Association of Women. When she died in 1932 her obituary was written by fellow high-profile suffragist Muriel Matters and her gravestone at Brompton Cemetery is fittingly inscribed with what must surely be a reference to her commitment to citizenship: 'Our Citizenship is in Heaven'.

I am wondering if any local readers know of the house called "Kylemore" which the sisters lived in and if anyone knows which are the state-aided (in effect council) houses which were built in the village in the 1920s?

Lynne Dixon

Repentance

A man volunteered to paint the church steeple. With great difficulty, he hoisted himself up onto the steeple with a can of paint and a bottle of water.

After painting half the steeple, the man realised that he was running out of paint, so he added some of the water to the paint. He was almost at the top when he realised he needed more paint to finish, so he added more water to the paint, and mumbled, "No one will ever know."

When he finished painting, he began to lower himself off the steeple. Just then, the skies darkened, a loud clap of thunder was heard, and a deep voice from above said "Repaint, repaint, and thin no more!"



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Volunteering at East Clayton Farm

Gill Gostick

If, over the past few years you have seen donkeys at various Findon village events (Live Nativity, Palm Sunday procession or the Sheep Fair) you might wonder where they come from?

George, Leo, John, Bobbin, Bramble, and more recent additions, Teddy, Smartie and Al are the much loved residents of East Clayton Farm (between Washington and Storrington), along withchickens, pigs, sheep, turkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs and goats - oh the goats, I could write so much about their antics!

For the past 4 years I have been a volunteer at East Clayton, home of The Lorica Trust. It all started when Graham and I (and Obi of course) went to a Ploughing Match at East Grinstead and got chatting to Jean who was there with a couple of the original donkeys promoting the work of the Lorica Trust. We signed up as volunteers and the rest, as they say, is history!

The work of the Lorica Trust has grown over the years. They obtained the lease from The National Trust back in 2004 and started by converting farm buildings into Bradbury Court - individual units for 8 young adults with 24/7 care needs, and the farmhouse into 5 flats to support people moving on from homelessness. Both these facilities are well established and thriving.

East Clayton's work as an alternative provision provider began three years ago working with the Alternate Provision College and has developed rapidly over the last year with further developments still to come. Young people with a variety of needs engage with the farm: students with physical challenges, behavioural challenges, anxiety issues and learning difficulties. The aim of the

farm is to build confidence, self esteem, improve work ethic, encourage team work and independence with an aim to integrate these young people back into mainstream school.

A typical morning as a volunteer sees us working alongside the students and East Clayton staff doing a variety of essential tasks from working in the kitchen garden, cleaning out chicken runs, rabbit hutches, feeding the pigs, goats and all the other animals, poo-picking the field and mucking out the stable to the more enjoyable experiences such as grooming the donkeys, and taking them for a walk either on the farm or The Warren - local woods. There is something very therapeutic about walking alongside a donkey through the woods and seeing the astonished faces of local walkers and children when they come across donkeys where they probably only expected to see dogs!

It is so good to see youngsters thrive on the responsibility they are given, be successful and achieve something. For some of them it leads onto qualifications that without their time at East Clayton they might never have gained. For some it builds on existing experience of working with animals and for others it is a completely new experience. Either way it is great fun and a welcome distraction to all that is going on at the moment! I think that we as volunteers get as much out of it as the students. Nothing better than a cuddle with a donkey, fresh air, exercise and good company. Space is not an issue so social distancing is not a problem in current climate.

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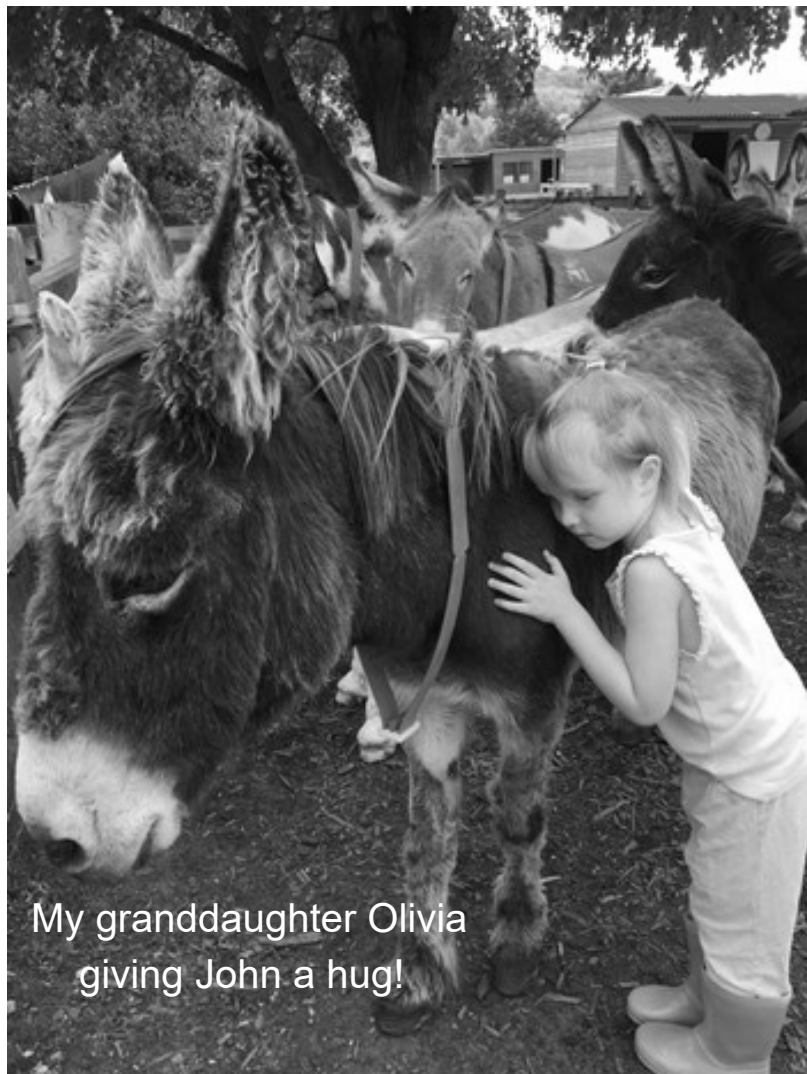
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When not supporting Alternative Provision students the volunteers also help out on public donkey walks, which provide an income to support the trusts charitable work (vouchers are available and make a great present), other community events where donkeys have been invited and supporting the staff in looking after all the animals during school holidays when students are not on site.

If you want to find out more about East Clayton Farm and the work of the Lorica Trust then have a look at their website with information videos and contact numbers.

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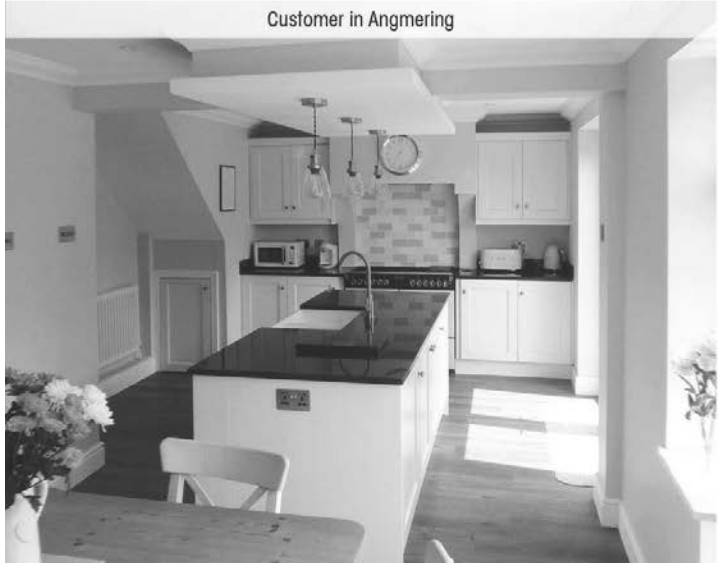
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Well Well

The Village Working Party (Findon Village Volunteers) have been busy since the Covid 19 restrictions were eased. The Bus Shelter near the Black Horse has been repaired (the woodwork and timber shingle roof) and repainted with wood preservative. Please see photograph.



Our most recent project involves the Parish wells. It is not widely known that there are two Parish wells both in High Street, one at the bottom of Steep Lane and the other next to Pebble Cottage. Using the formula involving dropping a stone and timing the length of descent it seems that both wells are well (no pun intended!) over 100 feet deep.



The one at the bottom of Steep Lane has been cleared of undergrowth, the brick pavers cleaned and the iron railings repainted .



Our next project is the well next to Pebble Cottage. This well is much more interesting in that it has a roof construction over it and an elaborate iron pumping mechanism (believed to be over 200 years old) which is said to be a superb example of a single throw flywheel and crank deep well pump with an unusual counter-weight on the lever arm.



(All photographs by courtesy of The Cathrine Studio).

A local archaeologist has taken on the task of researching the origins of the well and particularly the pump and a further article on this subject is likely to follow.

I think you will agree that we have "unearthed" a fascinating subject

Robin Carr

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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 4th October 17 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship and Praise Service at Findon Harvest Festival Service at Clapham <i>(Supporting Littlehampton Food Bank. Donations of tins/package goods will be greatly appreciated)</i>
Sunday 11th October 18 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Said Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 18th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity – Luke the Evangelist	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at Findon Said Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 25th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Said Eucharist at Findon

All Souls

We welcome you to join us at our All Souls Service in Findon Church on
Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm. If you have a departed loved one you would like included in that
Service, please write their name on the list at the back of the Church, or notify the Parish Office.

September Weddings: 4th Wayne Flynn and Sharon Cairns; 12th Philip Coyle and Emily Thomas

September Funerals: 22nd Anthea Hurd

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Stay well and remember to care for vulnerable neighbours.

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Men-in-sheds

It seems incredible that it is now 6 months since men-in-sheds has functioned properly. Unfortunately, most of us are of an age when we are deemed to be vulnerable and most of us have at least one underlying health issue that meant we were obliged to take the lockdown very seriously. Added to that, the space within the shed means that social distancing is a real problem. We have always worked outside as much as possible but we do tend to work together on most jobs so that is still a bit of a problem.

Once the first lockdown was eased a little, some of us decided it was time to make a tentative start on some projects that could be safely carried out in the fresh air, maintaining a social distance, and/or wearing face covering. First up was replacing a small square of rotten decking in front of a shed. Sourcing materials proved to be harder than was expected but the finished job was greatly appreciated by the owner.



We have been asked to quote for gradually replacing many of the shutters on the wattle house over the next year or so. Several of the team have had a look and decided it is something that we would be more than happy to do in due course.

Over the last couple of years, we have repaired several benches dotted around the village. Most were only in need of a little bracing or a length of timber, but by attending to small repairs promptly, the seats continue to provide a pleasant and comfortable place for anyone to rest their weary limbs. The latest one to receive some attention was at the far end of Nepcote green. The base of one of the legs had rotted and was no longer fixed in the concrete base, meaning it rocked every time someone sat on it and weakened the joints. A couple of us have repaired the leg so that it no longer rocks and, hopefully, it will continue to give good service for another year or two.

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