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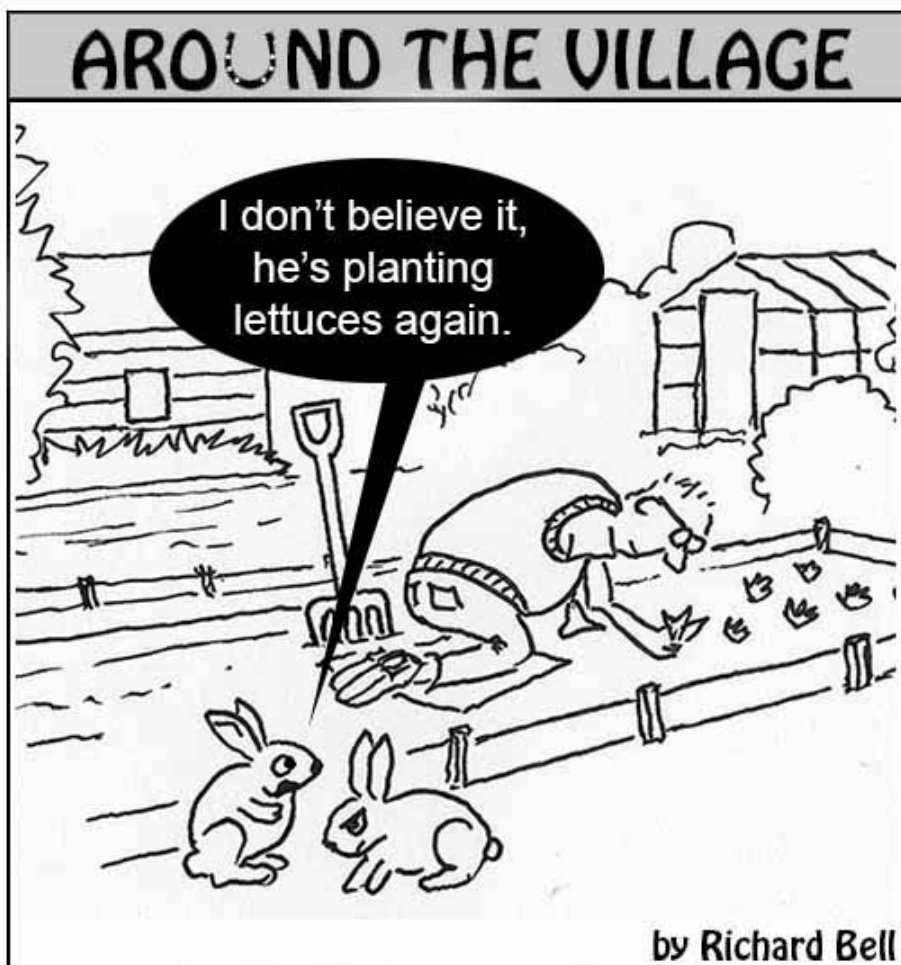
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Findon, West Sussex
Including the Church Parish of Findon,
Clapham & Patching

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Hurrah!

Things are finally starting to get back to normal.

We can now see friends and family.

Cinnamon Trust were able to open a fund raising stall.

The pubs & restaurants have re-opened - albeit in a limited capacity.

And the village Hall is re-opening later this month.

Hopefully this is the end of a long dark year.

Ed

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From the Rectory

As we come into May, the lockdown measures are beginning to ease and we can at last start to meet friends and family in small groups outdoors, looking forward to when we can also meet in our homes in just a few weeks time, if all goes to plan. It has been a long and difficult time for everyone and Colin and I continue to hold you all in our prayers. This time last year the weather was unseasonably hot, but as I write, we had snow earlier this week! If I venture to one of our village pubs for outdoor refreshments, I think I'd prefer coffee to beer in this weather!

The Pandemic has really affected us as a church in the villages too. Numbers attending Church Services have declined, as some people are still wary of being in an indoor space with other people, with a corresponding decline in collections too. Weddings booked for 2020 have been moved - in several cases twice, now in 2022 - so we have lost that revenue now for 2 years running. Fundraising events have not been possible, so like all charities, we are feeling the loss. This is equally true of the Friends of the churches, who also have not been able to fundraise for a year now. Expenses however do not go away, just because there is little money coming in! In addition to quarterly electricity bills, we need oil for heating, and now need to replace the boiler at Findon Church urgently. Our other two churches in the Parish also use very expensive electricity. Then there is the maintenance necessary to keep up our 3 ancient heritage buildings, an ongoing challenge. We really need your help!

We are fortunate that a number of people had already joined our 'Parish Giving Scheme', which gives us a

guaranteed source of income and we can regularly claim tax back through Gift Aid if the donor is a taxpayer. Regular giving helps us in planning ahead for what we can afford to do. If you might be able to contribute in this way, or are in a position to increase your current donation, please contact Ian Hollyhomes (0774643548) or the Parish Office (873601)

The other way that you can help is by leaving some money to the church in your will, through a legacy to the Parish Church Council. As a charity, any gift to the PCC is tax exempt, thus reducing the amount of inheritance tax on your estate. Through the generosity of past worshippers, essential work on the buildings and improvements to what we can offer through them has been made possible in the past.

As we look back over this past year+, we have much to be thankful for. Our God is a generous and loving God, who gives us so much more than we need or deserve. In Acts Chapter 2 and Chapter 4, we read how the first believers shared their possessions, so that none were in any kind of need. Please consider prayerfully whether you could make a regular commitment to the Parish Church.

We are there as a church community for everyone in the Village, not just those who attend. Everyone is prayed for; each road in the Parish in turn is held in prayer for a week in rotation through the year – anyone Colin or I hear of who is in need is prayed for daily by us, with more public prayer if this is appropriate and requested.

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Prayer is our conversation with God, and can take place in any situation, any time! Teresa Street, who lives in Clapham, gave me permission for her lovely poem about prayer to be included in the magazine (see below) I hope this encourages you also to pray!

Also, everyone living in Findon, Clapham or Patching is automatically

entitled to be baptised or married in the churches, or have myself or Colin to preside at the funeral of a loved one (whether in church, crematorium or Funeral Chapel) Please do get in touch via the Parish Office if you want to know more.

As the weather gets warmer, I hope to see many of you again as I walk around the village!

Every blessing, Helena

Prayer

Most people find difficulty in praying sometimes! There are many ways to pray, and prayer can take place anywhere and everywhere, as Teresa writes in this inspired poem.

The Gift of Prayer by Teresa Mary Street

You can pray in the morning,
you can pray late at night.
You can pray in the darkness,
you can pray in the light.

You can pray standing up,
or on bended knee.
I can pray for you
and you can pray for me.

You can pray in a church
you can pray in a hall.
You can pray at university
also in a school.

You can pray when you're sick,
you can pray when you're well,
you can pray in hospital,
and a prison cell.

You can pray in the country,
you can pray in the town.

You can pray sitting up
even lying down.

You can pray on the sand,
you can pray on a hill.
You can pray when you're moving
or when you're very still.

You can pray on a ship,
you can pray on a train.
You can pray in a car
and yes, on a plane.

You can pray here at home,
you can pray far away.
In fact, almost anywhere,
come what may.

Wherever you are
your prayer will be heard,
because the dear Lord
does keep his word.

Findon Parish Council

Following the sad news of the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, Findon Parish Council wishes to send our heartfelt condolences to the Royal family. Prince Phillip was someone we will not forget but it is his devoted service to Her Majesty the Queen that stands out amongst the many accomplishments of his long life.

Steve Villanueva-Last has tendered his resignation as a parish councillor and thanked Findon Parish Council (FPC) for his time and experience as a councillor. FPC wishes him well.

The decision was taken, subsequent to a survey, not to proceed with the Findon Sheep Fair in 2021 and it is for this reason that proposed large scale events, such as a cycle event, Hit The Downs are also not going to be endorsed by FPC in this year. We all hope that events which have been postponed may proceed in 2022.

FPC is pleased to learn that further funding from Arun District Council (ADC) is likely in addition to that received from South Downs National Parks Authority (SDNPA)) to fund our redevelopment of Homewood Play area detailed previously. We have worked with ADC to create a short survey and would welcome villagers views and thoughts with respect to this endeavor. This survey will be accessed via the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) and should be available shortly.

Complaints to FPC regarding dog fouling have risen recently. Dog waste bins are located around the village but if a dog waste bin is not nearby, it is perfectly acceptable to dispose of bagged waste in a standard litter bin. **Our mantra is quite simple – pick it up, bag it, and bin it.**

In an effort to maintain the woodland aspect of Findon, FPC have established a sapling nursery at the rear of Findon Village Hall. It was therefore with some disappointment that vandalism was observed at the site with a significant number of saplings uprooted and discarded. Naturally FPC reported this to Sussex Police and we have been delighted with their response and helpful advice, along with their intent to randomly patrol the area. Please look out for the 'Every Call Counts' posters in the Notice Boards and Village Shop, and further information from ADC on reporting crime on the FPC and Community web sites.

And finally, West Sussex County council (WSSCC) has now created a booking system to use the Worthing Household Waste Recycling Site. Bookings can be made up to two weeks in advance and it is planned that the new online booking system will enable socially distant and stress-free waste disposal.

Cllr Sean Smith,
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council Website
<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Findon Village Store News

Our smart new awning was installed as promised at the end of March and has been well received by many customers, while the glorious Spring flower displays, both in the refreshed window boxes and those for sale outside the shop, often attract admiring comments and compliments for the volunteers who source and look after them so well.

Although the ice cream freezer was back ready for Easter, unexpectedly cold temperatures discouraged sales to all but the most frost hardy. There were several days when it was warmer in our cold storeroom than outside! On the more positive side, despite re-stocking we managed to sell completely out of Easter eggs - twice! For those who enjoy an occasional treat, do check out our superb range of cheeses, dips and other deli items, and remember we are always happy to take special orders or particular requests. We are also now offering an extended choice of delicious jams and chutneys sourced by Deputy Manager Helen Morris, who is becoming well-known for unearthing unusual and very popular stock items, as well as providing outstanding support to Angus. Helen has also issued a timely reminder that the minimum legal age for gambling is going up and that therefore we will be unable to sell National Lottery tickets or scratchcards to anyone under the age of 18. We wish Helen well as she embarks on the challenging final dissertation for her OU degree.

As mentioned in our Chairman's monthly newsletter to shareholders,

happily most of our wonderful team of volunteers have returned to the fold after the difficult months of isolation and it has been great to welcome them back. Our newer recruits have been gracious in releasing their regular slots and we owe them an enormous debt of gratitude as it would have been impossible to retain our long opening hours through the worst of the pandemic without them. Thank you all. We also send our best "Get Well Soon" wishes to two of our most reliable volunteers who are both recovering from surgery. We would still love to hear from any fit early risers or night owls who would be prepared to help with the opening and closing shifts. Please speak to any of the shop staff or call our Volunteer Coordinator, Margaret Bamford, on 01903 873737 for further information.

Please note that the shop will be open until 12 noon on both May Bank Holidays:

Monday May 3rd 07.00-12.00

Monday May 31st 07.00-12.00

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please remember your face covering and if you are able to use contactless payment that is always appreciated. Meanwhile if you are unable to visit in person do try our Village Doorstep online delivery service – it's safe, reliable and very convenient!

Annie Whitchurch

Volunteer Trainer

The Monarch's Way Ride – in aid of the school PTA.

At the end of May (2021), pandemic allowing, a group of trusty cyclists from Findon, who have close connections to the Governing Body at Findon Primary School, plan to ride 110 miles of the Monarch's Way to raise some funds for the school PTA.

If you would like to sponsor these intrepid (not so young) riders we are opening a



Just-Giving donation page. Just search "***Just Giving - Monarch's Way sponsored bike ride for Findon School PTA***" to get onto this page which should be all set up by the time this goes to press. You can also donate via the collection boxes that have been placed in the local Findon Post Office and Butcher's shops. Thank you, now here's some more background:



Locals will know that the Monarch's Way is an ancient trail that winds its way through Findon en-route to Shoreham but which starts in Worcester. This 'L' shaped route was used by Charles II in 1651 whilst making his escape from Oliver Cromwell's army after defeat at the battle of Worcester.

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The trail's unusual shape is because, after hiding in the Royal Oak (tree not pub), Charles first fled to coastal ports in the south-west before riding a path along the south coast - trying his luck at various places but each time encountering Cromwell's parliamentary forces - until he reached Shoreham where he fled to France.

We only plan to ride about a sixth of the length of the 625 miles trail. The four-day ride will be part-educational as the pupils of our school will be encouraged to plot our progress daily and hence sharpen their knowledge of history and geography. The riders will be paying all their own expenses and hope to attract sponsorship from local residents, businesses and parents; all funds will go to the school's PTA to benefit projects and initiatives for our children.

Given what a tough year everyone has had, particularly for those in school, it will be good to try and achieve something that will help our young pupils whilst they continue with their re-adjustment to normal school life. Do look-out for the sponsorship appeals that will come from the school PTA and please donate generously to this worthy cause.

Bobs40For40Challenge

It is 40 years since Bob Champion's amazing win at the Grand National on Aldaniti.

The day after this year's Grand National, April 11th, Bob Champion is planning to walk 191 miles to raise funds for The Bob Champion Cancer Trust.

He was diagnosed with cancer 24th July 1979 and received the all-clear 31st January 1980 – 191 days later.

His walk will be over 40 stops all connected to his life, including trainer's yards and places of interest, finishing on Findon May 15th in Findon where Aldaniti was trained.

For more information visit www.bobchampion.org.uk.



Silly Puns ..

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

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The Village hall will be partially re-opening from May 17th. The following activities have confirmed they will be restarting from the dates given below.

Further information on when other activities will restart in the next few months will be provided once available on the village hall website – www.Findonvillagehall.com from early May and in the next edition of the Findon News.

Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	From Monday 17 th May	10:30
You Yoga	Tuesday 4 th & 11 th May	18:00 (outside only)
You Yoga	From Tuesday 18 th May	18.00
Paracise	Wednesday 5 th and 12 th May	14:00(outside only)
Paracise	From Wednesday 19 th May	14.00
Tai Chi	From Friday 21 st May	10:00 – 11:30



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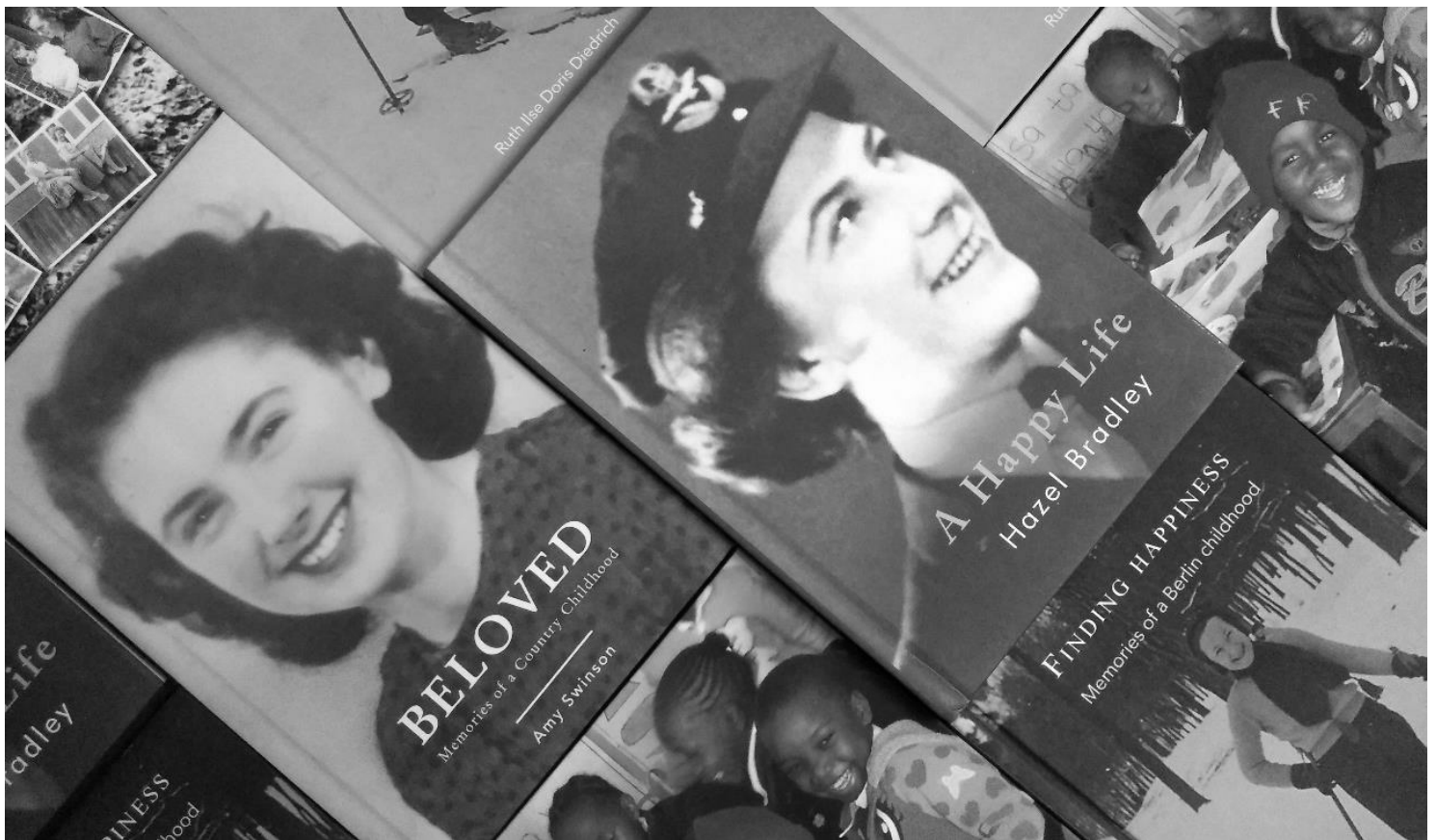
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The church is open everyday between 10am and 4pm via the South door.

We invite you to come and visit this beautiful historic Grade 1 Listed Church on Sunday 23rd May between 2 and 4pm. when more details of the work will be available.

Come and see the necessary weathered stonework repairs for yourself and also see the beautiful reredos (tiles behind the altar) made by William Morris in 1873, the historic brasses in memory of the Shelley and de Michelgrove families and pledge your support to help repair and restore the stonework for future generations to be able to worship at, and visit, this beautiful church.

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Village House

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We have a new menu, but don't worry our VH Classics are still on there.

Takeaways are now available whenever we are serving food and most items are available to take away. Please phone the pub to order. Unfortunately we have had to restrict deliveries to Fridays and Findon Village only.

As we are "Al Fresco" only at the moment and tables are limited in number, it is advisable to book. We have heaters on the patio and in the garden marquee.

Pizza night is now Wednesday and Thai night is Thursday, plus we will also be serving Pizzas and Thai on Saturday evenings too.

Rest assured that we are operating in accordance with Covid 19 regulations.

We look forward to welcoming customers old and new back through our doors as and when you feel comfortable to do so.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Paul, Amy, Oliver, Tony and all the Village House Team

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Childhood Memories of Findon Part 2 by Dave Ockenden

Like the majority of the children of my era in the forties I went to Findon Primary School. We had three classes, the infants with Miss Philamore, the intermediates with Miss Shepherd, and Miss Alexander the Head who was responsible for the seniors. One of the highlights for the senior school was the annual school outing. I particularly enjoyed our outing to Hampton Court, especially the maze and a boat trip on the Thames. On another occasion we visited St Paul's Cathedral and climbed the steps up to the Whispering Gallery and to the top of the dome. Miss Alexander was in charge accompanied by her sister and a few parents. Both of these ladies were quite well built and it seemed to me that this was quite a struggle for them climbing the spiral staircase but they made it.

On Ascension Day we all trooped up to the church for a short service. I always enjoyed this day not because of the service but because we had the rest of the day off.

The year of the Coronation was very special as we dressed up in Elizabethan costumes all carefully made by parents, friends and relations. The village policeman's daughter Jannette Griffin was Queen Elizabeth I and I was asked to be Sir Richard Grenville alongside numerous pikemen, and we all marched up School Hill. On the day of the Coronation I can recall a number of friends and relations joining us to watch it on television. We all sat in near darkness and silence watching a nine inch screen with a magnifier on the front.

One of my school memories during the summer months was spending one

afternoon a week gardening. This must have been quite a challenge for the teacher supervising as there was quite a lot of messing about. On November 5th the village usually had two large bonfires one on Nepcote Green and one at the north end of Findon at the Oval.

I can remember seeing what were some of the first jet fighter aircraft flying from Tangmere, namely the Gloster Meteor and the Dehavilland Vampire that quickly replaced the Spitfire and Hurricane of the Second World war. In the early fifties Neville Duke the Chief Test Pilot for Hawkers broke the world airspeed record just along the coast from Worthing, and much about the same time a large crowd gathered on Worthing sea front to watch the mighty Brabazon fly past. While on the subject of aircraft, a Fleet Air Arm Sea Hawk on route from Lossiemouth to Ford aerodrome crashed close to the summit of Chanctonbury Ring in what were very poor conditions. Myself and several friends walked up to see it but by then the area had been cordoned off. Sadly the pilot was unable to use his ejector seat and died.

In the fifties myself and some family members had the opportunity to go down a Stone Age flint mine which was being excavated on the side of Cissbury Ring, which proved to be very interesting. The dig was led by John Pull a well known amateur archaeologist. Sadly some years later in 1960 this same man was shot dead in a robbery at Lloyds Bank in the Durrington shopping parade where he was working.

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From time to time Ken Rudd the sports car racer from Worthing would test his A C Greyhound on the Findon bypass. Having witnessed this a few times from the Triangle I thought how dangerous it was, but luckily no accidents occurred.

I think we were all used to seeing the racehorses trotting through the village. At that time there were two racing stables, one at the Vale and Ryan Price's stables at the top of Stable Lane. Over the years Findon can be very proud in having had four Grand National winners

At the top of Nepcote there are a pair of semi detached flint built cottages then known as Judens. In the garden of the south facing cottage was a well reckoned to be about 250 feet deep and when we were children we would drop stones down and wait for them to hit the bottom. As a child during a very hot and dry summer my father was sent up to collect some drinking water but I gather from what he said it was almost dry. I also remember

when the Wattle House on Nepcote Green was occupied by a family and several children and at that time they were still using oil lamps. We had our resident road sweeper who lived opposite York Terrace in the southern half of the semi detached flint cottage next to what was then Nepfield Close.

I think this just about concludes some of my most vivid memories in what was generally a very happy childhood.



Cinnamon Trust

It was so lovely to have a "normal" event on Saturday 17th April in "The Willows" in aid of the Cinnamon Trust. Villagers were so generous as always and we raised £650 on the day and with donations, pre sales and Village Store collections I have today sent £870 to the Trust. This means so much to both people and pets especially after such a year and I thank each and every one of you who has helped in any way!

We have been offered a stall in the Church at their proposed Coffee Morning which I understand will hopefully be held on Saturday 22nd May. Meanwhile I will keep a selection of gifts and cards for sale from my porch. Another date for diaries is Sat 14th August at Mike Solomons' house for one of our spectacular cream teas!

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Thank you everyone. *Maggie*



Findon Village Hall Trust

A partial re-opening approaches! All being well, the Village Hall will be open for those activities allowed as of the 17th May. Any users who think they qualify and we have not already contacted please contact us on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net (note new email address!). Some bookings such as Paracise have asked to use the outside space only and these are already running.

Of course, covid precautions will be very much to the fore with social distancing, appropriate mask wearing and a one way system all required. The hall capacity will also be reduced from the normal rating which will, unfortunately, affect some groups. However, the good news is that life will be coming back to the hall. On the other hand, this time we will be able to host more than one event each day so long as each group follows our cleaning protocol – which is good news.

Some of you will have noticed higher than (recently) normal levels of activity around the hall – there are two reasons for this –

The first is that we taking the opportunity, where we have both volunteer skills and our own funding available, to make progress on various tasks associated with the extension. This will, we hope, have the effect of reducing the cost to complete the project as a whole. It will also make a dent in the pile of spoil near the car park entrance and move us closer to eliminating it and its ugly fencing.

Incidentally, the trust would like to thank the Findon Volunteers who removed all the litter and mess that had been dumped into this enclosure.

The second, sadly, is because of a serious outbreak of vandalism. Whilst the damage caused is, of course, an issue of great concern there is an even more important issue which mandates our reporting it here. Some are gaining access

both to the flat roofs and the pitched roof – climbing right to the apex. The potential for a serious, even fatal, accident is obvious. Please take note of the potential danger and make sure that your children are not involved. Anti-climb paint is being deployed and we are forced to spend scarce funds on new, tall fencing and a major upgrade to our CCTV. The police have attended on several occasions and will be provided with any evidence we find identifying the culprits. Those involved need to be aware that anti-climb paint does not come off clothes and is hard to remove from hands too!

On a more positive note again, the fact that we are re-opening means that we need to make some new arrangements for our cleaning team. Tina Heasman has run this on a sub-contract basis for some time but she and some team members have decided to retire. We thank all of them for their contribution over the years but now we need to find either an existing local company that would be interested or perhaps someone would like to take it on as a way of helping the village and earning a little “extra” – chair@findonvillagehall.net to find out more.

Finally, in addition to the now routine small grants that we have been receiving to compensate for lost income as a result of lockdown we have now also received a grant of over £7700 administered by Action in Rural Sussex and funded by Inspire Leisure – this was applied for a very long time ago and has been delayed by lockdown. It is intended for the kitchen in the extension and will serve to further reduce the help we will need to complete the extension.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, back in the hall, soon!

Roger Stone

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.

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: -

Discharge of Condition 14 of Planning Approval SDNP/20/03322/FUL
Findon Place Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RF

Ref. No: SDNP/21/01889/DCOND

Conversion of existing holiday let to permanent residential dwelling
Fig Tree Cottage 4 Cross Lane Findon BN14 0UQ

Ref. No: SDNP/21/01632/FUL

Non-material amendment to Planning Consent SDNP/20/03882/FUL - The NMA seeks to reduce the approved footprint by removing the new as approved South elevation and scaling back the approved East elevation to be level with the existing

house and garage. Propose to move the existing Bin Storage area as approved, to the alternative bin storage area as shown on the Block Plan, Into the South East garden corner behind hedging and near to its collection point. The Shower room at the West end of the approved extension, is also increased towards the existing house external wall by circa 500 mm. Both East and West elevations will remain the same as approved and the North and South elevations will now be totally obscured by the existing House and Garage. **The Barn Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RR**
Ref. No: SDNP/21/01547/NMA

Fell a collection of Palm trees and Lawsons Cyprus (replace with Silver Birch) T1, remove two sections of Laurel hedge T2, remove a series of shrubs T3, remove 2 no. Lawsons Cyprus (replace with 2 no. Oak trees) T4 and remove large shrub/small tree (replace with 1 no. Oak tree in situ or in surrounding woodland) T5.
The Pigeon House Muntham Farm Horsham Road Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RQ
Ref. No: SDNP/21/01662/TPO

Change of use of agricultural land to glamping site to include 2 no. glamping pods for holiday accommodation all year round. Open for comment icon
Gallops Farm, Barnfield Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RP
Ref. No: SDNP/21/01364/FUL |

The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - Install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus
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We are still not opening to visitors on a Sunday to come and look around with their children until we are absolutely sure it is safe.

Which is a shame because my garden looks so lovely with all the tulips, bluebells and yellow forsythia trees in bloom.

The lawn is still a disaster with mole hills everywhere. The mole is not deterred whatever we use to try to drive him away, even red hot chilli powder. Tunnels galore.

The baby fox cub we picked up in the village last month and took to Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital in Sidlesham in an emergency is doing very well. He was so tiny and freezing cold, he was gasping for air and cried all the way and we were convinced he wouldn't make it, but he did.

In February we took in a poor featherless hen. We named her Nancy. She now has feathers and is very tame and lays a lovely big brown egg every day.

We rescued a fibreglass pond dumped in the drive of an empty house, waiting to go to the tip. We now have a lovely wildlife pond full of pond plants and rocks and one of our neighbours has lots of newts in his pond and says we can have some.

We are all still wearing masks and still keeping well away from each other. Fortunately we still have lots of volunteers, bless them. We are still taking in injured birds and wildlife. Luckily Angela is here every Sunday

and takes them all to Simon at the Wildlife Aid Hospital in Leatherhead on her way home.

Angela comes all the way from Egham to do the cats on her day off.

Elvis the pony is so much better he is now putting his foot down and is no longer on painkillers.

We are still letting people come to see the animals needing homes, by appointment only, and making sure they wear masks and use our sanitisers on the way in.

The stray and unwanted cats still keep coming, and rabbits and guinea-pigs.

We are so lucky to have our little village shop and post office. I cannot praise it enough. I hardly ever go out apart from the shop, they sell almost everything you could possibly need, even local honey. They deliver my newspaper every day and even my Findon News, and it's such a pleasure to go in such a friendly shop.

My daughter brings in the hay, straw, animal food and veg.

And now we have all this lovely weather, we all need the sunshine.

The reason I mentioned local honey is people suffering from Hay Fever or breathing problems can benefit from eating local honey. Pollen collected by local bees relieves the symptoms. South Downs Honey is Findon's own wonderful Honey from our village shop. I use the set honey in tea instead of sugar and on crumpets. Absolute heaven!

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Mix half and half sand and soil, take the tiny cuttings and dip in rooting powder. Plant each cutting in the sand/soil mixture, spray with water and cover with any see through old plastic food container as a lid. See them grow.

If you are looking to buy a present for someone who has everything. Buy them

a concrete bird bath for their front garden. They will get hours of pleasure watching all the birds queuing up to splash in the birdbath every day.

I would like to thank all of our supporters, volunteers and members who have helped in any way they could during this difficult last year.

Best Wishes and Stay Safe
from Stacey

Findon Village WI

Our WI continues to hold monthly meetings via Zoom.

21 members joined our March meeting to hear Tess Burrows talk about her walk along the Camino de Santiago. It was lovely to hear how the locals welcome the pilgrims as they pass through their villages. Tess walked this amazing 550 mile route through Northern Spain as training for a 400 mile walk across the Arctic!

A big thank you to everyone who has donated toiletries for the Worthing Foodbank; they are very much appreciated. If you wish to contribute toiletries please leave them in the box outside my house (7 The Chase); washing up liquid, shaving foam, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shower gel and toilet rolls all welcome.

Our April Zoom meeting is entitled "Plastic; Saving the Planet doesn't have to cost the Earth". **Thursday 13th April 7.30pm.**

If you would like to join us to learn more about how we can reduce our use of plastic please contact me for an invitation.

And finally, we have set up a plant sale outside 40 Cross Lane in the hope we can raise more money for St Barnabas Hospice. We have raised £900 over the last year with the sale of face coverings and would love to reach a grand total of £1,000, so come and have a look at our lovely plants.

*Paddy Winter, Findon Village WI
President*

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Shepherding and Lambing 2021

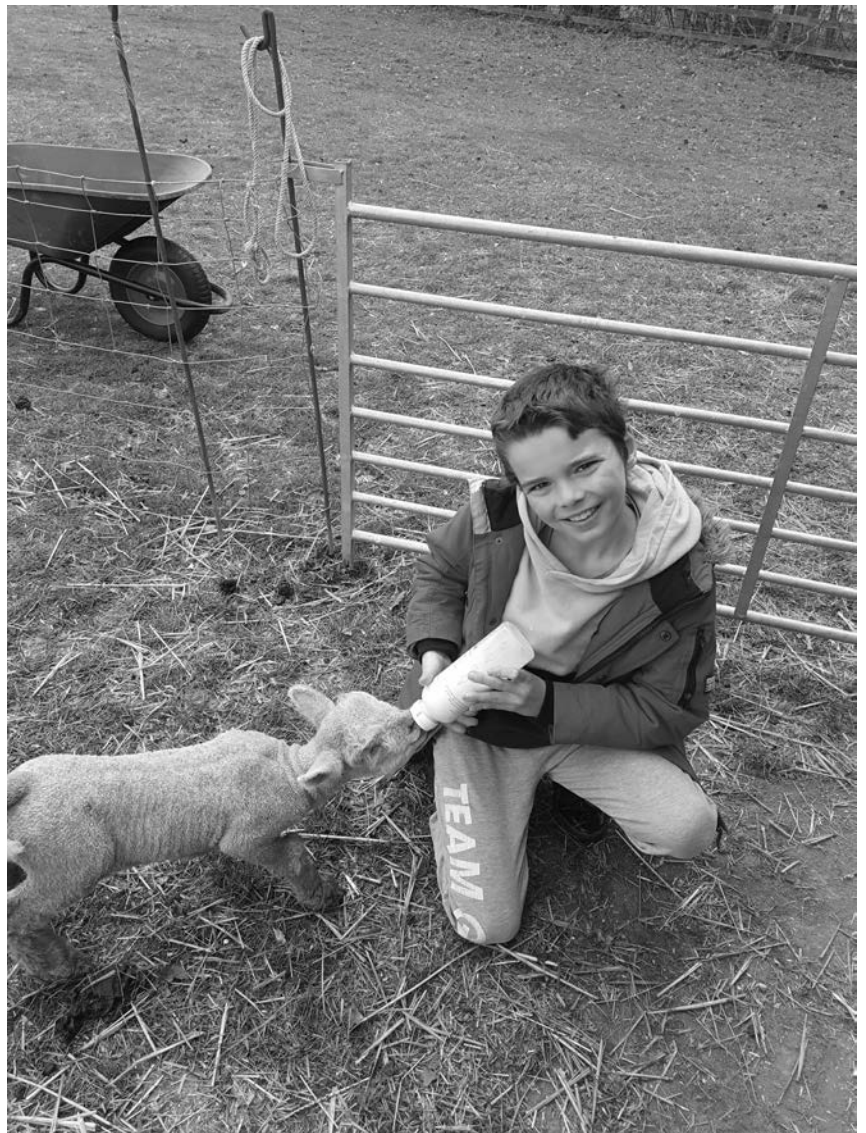
This year with the weather being so changeable in April, where we had frosts, cold winds, snow and sun, one can really appreciate how hard it must have been for shepherds lambing in years gone by.

Within the neighbourhood we have a small flock of Southdown sheep, a hardy breed bred to live in our environment. We have had 10 lambs this year but not without a lot of difficulty. At the start of lambing on Good Friday, we experienced a high and a low within minutes. A large lamb was delivered and then sadly it's mother died. We had to act quickly, and with support from friends, we soon had an orphan lamb in our house being bottle fed, initially, every ninety minutes. It stayed with us for 3 days before we took it back to the field to be part of the flock where 5 hourly feeding followed.

Easter Saturday afternoon was the next birth, a set of twins born normally, text book stuff, and then a further two ewes went into labour on Saturday evening. One of those was a ewe with a single lamb (we had the ewes scanned so we knew what each was carrying) and we were prepared to adopt our orphan lamb on to it. However, complications set in and the lamb was presented upside down. When the lamb was finally delivered the ewe wouldn't accept its own lamb so there was no chance it was going to accept a second lamb so we have carried on bottle feeding her. Matthew our 9-year-old grandson, experiencing our lambing for the first time, did a

great job over 48 hours helping to bond the ewe with her lamb,

Early on Easter Sunday we found the next ewe couldn't deliver her lambs so it was decided, with the vet, to perform a C section. So, with a friend Ian and I holding the ewe on a straw bale, two healthy lambs were delivered and the ewe, still laying on the bale, was licking and bonding with both lambs before she was finally sewn up. We left the lambing shed at 1-30am and returned 4 hours later to find one of the new lambs had gone walkabout visiting a family in another pen. These twins are certainly strong lambs....



Easter Monday brought more concern with another ewe having gone into labour, again not able to deliver her lambs. This time the next set of twins were muddled up in the birthing canal, luckily these were delivered safely. The last ewe went to the ram later than the others and her lambs were delivered with a gap of 14 days. It was good to finish on a high with a ram and a ewe lamb completing lambing for this year. Usually, the split between ram and ewe lambs is fairly even, but this year strangely, we have 7 ram lambs and 3 ewe lambs. This appears to be a pattern with the Southdown breed in 2021.

Incorporating the orphan lamb (called Sunshine by our grandson) with the flock was thankfully easier than we had

envisaged. All the ewes have taken her as part of their family, although not letting her suckle, they make sure she is included out in the field.

Local, experienced shepherds have told me the difficult lambing year, that many farms have experienced this Spring, is probably down to the erratic, fast changing weather patterns. Farm vets have had calls from people they would not normally hear from. Not only has there been these issues with sheep farms but some local bee keepers have lost bees and a dairy farm, not far from here, has had problems with delivering very big calves.

Graham - Nephote Flock



*** LATEST NEWS***

The Findon Village WI pop up plant sale outside 40 Cross Lane has raised over £100 for St Barnabas hospice, with more plants to come. Contributions (potted up & labelled) would be very welcome. Please deliver to Paddy 7 The Chase.



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‘Nomadland’ - review

Written and directed by Chloé Zhao

As we grow more accustomed to the unstable gig economy, where temporary jobs are frequent, creating a lack of security in our futures, *Nomadland* deals with this in its extreme. Our protagonist, Fern (played by Academy Award winner Frances McDormand), decides to travel in a van after the passing of her husband and her postcode discontinued by the government. Relying on summer jobs and Amazon’s Christmas staff that deal with the increased demand during the festive season, Fern is fiercely reliant on her wherewithal in the desert. She meets like-minded people, the nomads, along the way. There is a deep understanding of the aged population of nomads, and Fern having to constantly process her heartbreak and grief as friends come and go. A community rarely explored in cinema, director Chloé Zhao is entrusted with the nomads’ privacy to depict their joy and utter vulnerability.

Deservedly nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and won Best Film at the BAFTAs this year, Zhao has created a masterpiece. Embedded in her screenplay is a sensitivity that is genuine and honest, entwined with a beautiful and meticulous score by Ludovico Einaudi. The story moves with such grace and gentility that submerses you in its sometimes bleak yet beautiful world. The cinematography, done by Joshua James Richards, shows you stunning landscapes that show the beauty nature can offer, yet

when enclosing on its characters, you understand Fern’s isolation when left without company.

Ultimately, the film gives its actors an opportunity to shine. Never have I seen such tender and raw performances in a spectacular supporting cast. McDormand (*Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*) joins this tenderness with a rough edge that grates against her quiet surroundings, as Fern figures out her place in life as a newly-widowed nomad. Her captivating performance is understated, unlike most films that depict older women finding themselves where you can tell an actor is *acting*. McDormand’s performance of Fern makes her feel like a real person, something that is hardly achieved.

Nomadland is available to watch Star on Disney Plus as of April 30th with no additional charge, and reportedly will be screened in cinemas when it is able to do so.

Carrie Morrison,
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Sunday 23rd May Whit Sunday	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Said Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday	9.30am	Said Eucharist at Findon

March/April Funerals: 30th March - Brian Porter; 19th April - Colin Harris, 22nd April - Seth Evans

**All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.
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