



# Findon

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

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# News

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# Findon Youth Club

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**This could be as part of a rota or on an occasional basis.**

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## From The Rectory

Help! Your Parish Needs you!

I hope that, like me and many others, you feel that the church is an important part of our village. I hope that, like me, you feel it is vital to support and encourage our young people to grow into responsible adults who love life and respect themselves, other people and the environment.

After a gap of a year and a half, we have reopened our Youth Club. We now meet in Findon Village Hall instead of the Rectory, currently on Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm in term time.

The club is open to all young people (whether they live in the village or not) between the ages of 11 and 16+.

There is no requirement that they, or their family, attend church, but the club

is subsidised by the church council, as part of our outreach into the community.

There is no overtly religious teaching – the aim is for the young people to ‘own’ the space and use it to have fun together in a safe environment. Hopefully, also learning something about the wonderful place we live in here in the South Downs National Park and developing a greater sense of responsibility for caring for our surroundings.

A range of games are available for the young people to choose from, encouraging tolerance and teamwork, or they can just ‘hang out’ together and chat. Whilst electronic/social media is not banned, neither is it encouraged,



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since this is something they can enjoy at other times, at home! There is music to share, and a tuck shop to buy snacks and drinks from, although squash is provided free of charge. Adults are there to make sure everyone stays safe, but not to tell them what to do!

BUT we really need more help, especially if the Club is to grow and

expand. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out from September onwards, please contact me at the Rectory. If you know a young person who is at a loose end, tell them we are there! This is YOUR SPACE, young people of the area, and I look forward to sharing your vision for the future.

Blessings, Helena

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Email received from Elaine Ratcliffe

### **Jack Norgate age 84 (21st February 1937 – 3rd June 2021)**

It is with great sadness that we report the sad passing of Jack Norgate formally of The Wattle House, The kennels and Homewood and in his retirement years Cambridgeshire.

He passed away from heart failure. Even though a failing heart took him away from this world, his loving heart left a beacon of light.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Maureen, Children; Elaine, Jacqueline and Stephen, 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

We as a family would love to hear from anyone that has any photos or memories of our dear, Jack.

[elaine.ratcliffe1@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.ratcliffe1@gmail.com)



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### **Save the Date**



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## 'Intrepid' Findon cyclists complete a 160-mile bike

If ever we need further proof of what a great place is Findon - and all who live, work or send their children to school here – we need only look at the response to our appeal for sponsorship of our recent bike ride. We must say a huge THANK YOU to all who have given to our cause.

As you can see from the picture below our collection of charity riders - governors and ex-governors, along with other friends of the school - have completed their five-day, 160-miles, off-road bike ride from Somerset to Sussex via Findon. They started in Wincanton, then rode to Salisbury, from there via the Roman road to Winchester and on to Rowlands Castle

in Hampshire before following downland trails to Findon and beyond. They rode on what is known as the Monarch's Way, an ancient route which finishes in Sussex passing through Findon and over the Downs to Shoreham. Our riders were following in the footsteps (or horses' hooves) of Charles II who was making his escape to France in 1651 after defeat at the Battle of Worcester, fleeing from and pursued across England by Oliver Cromwell's Parliamentarian army. Luckily these modern-day cavaliers did not suffer the harassment that dogged their predecessors – just a few blow-outs and chain breakages but adventure was still sought and found!



*Our riders were raising money for the PTA. The Covid-19 pandemic has deprived the school of two years of summer fund-raising events that normally raise money to enhance the children's education. Funding is especially important this year when children need all the help they can get whilst returning to normal life at school.*

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In Findon the riders received a cheery welcome from the entire school, safely gathered in the playgrounds, to spur the riders (including one of their part-time teachers), to complete the last part of the journey to Shoreham (via Brighton).

For the school the trip was also part educational as the pupils were encouraged to plot riders' progress

daily and gain knowledge of the history of this event and the geography of the route. Parents, villagers and other kind well-wishers have very kindly sponsored the ride; if others would like to reward the efforts of these intrepid (not so young) governors and other riders the PTA have opened a Just-Giving donation page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/stjohnfindon-pta>  
Thank you again.

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## **Email received from Nigel Oliver - formerly of Findon**

Sitting here in beautiful Darwin River in the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia, browsing the internet, I came across the name Dave Ockenden (or David as he was always called back in the days of his recollections). I was in the same class as David at Findon school and we were great friends for most of the years we spent there. We often played in his father's timber yard in Nepcote and I was always intrigued by a brown dog he had that ran round in circles chasing its tail.

Miss A (headmistress) was a tartar but an excellent teacher as well, literally knocking our times tables, mental arithmetic and BBC-style grammar into our heads. In the "bad old" days of the Scholarship (later 11-plus) the school

produced results well above what would be considered normal for a small village school. On the other hand, with three older maiden ladies (as they were called) in charge, and no sporting facilities, gardening became the alternative - something I still love to do. The boys played a once-a-year soccer match against the boys of the school at Washington and we always got pasted double figures to nil!

I have very fond memories of my early life in Findon Valley and the Findon area generally and it was most enjoyable for me to read David's article. Would you please thank him for me, and remember me to him?

Regards, Nigel Olliver

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### **200 Club**

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Sadly, the extension of the COVID restrictions meant that the long overdue volunteers' meeting scheduled for 21st June had once again to be postponed. Since the meeting was partially intended to celebrate volunteers' huge contributions to the ongoing success of the shop this was a real disappointment. Essential information was however communicated using Three Rings and regular members were pleased to learn that Margaret and Annie had updated the Three Rings database, a task that highlighted the need to top up our pool of volunteers. Although we all agree that it is a real pleasure and joy to work in the shop and serve our many customers, now, almost four years after opening, it is not surprising that we would really appreciate

welcoming new faces. So, whether you have lived in Findon for years or are new to the village you will find it a great way of feeling part of the community; your enquiry, however tentative, will be very welcome and we can guarantee you will not regret it. If you, or someone you know, might be interested do please give Margaret a call on 07917 124119, or speak to one of the friendly people on duty instore.

Meanwhile, on a short break in Dorset last month I had the pleasure of seeing my brother for the first time in eighteen months. We had a celebratory glass of bubbly (Wiston, from the shop of course!) and a piece of his favourite cake – ginger, which he promptly declared the best he had ever tasted. Not being a Star Baker, unfortunately I could only take the credit for bringing it from Findon Village Shop and had to agree to post more on a regular basis! Fortunately those of us lucky enough to live locally have easier access to our outstanding range. Which is your favourite?

Angus, Helen, Julian, Sue, Fiona and Sally join Steve and the Management Committee, together with all the shop volunteers to wish you a wonderful, safe summer and remind you to make the most of the season by trying summer specials such as the very popular and delicious Caroline's Dairy Ice Cream. Be warned: it's addictive!

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## Cinnamon Trust

Many thanks as always to everyone who supported our Cinnamon Trust sale on Saturday 19th June. Despite it being a quiet morning with no sunshine, the lovely people of Findon and surrounds helped us raise over £500 for the Trust. This is so much appreciated as ever and will help both people and pets.

I still get asked what the Trust does so if you would like more information please contact me or check out [Cinnamon.org.uk](http://Cinnamon.org.uk)



We do not have any events planned for July but please put Saturday 14th August in your diaries. This is a very special annual event, or at least it was until it had to be cancelled last year like everything else! Cream Tea and Summer Sale in Mike Solomons' lovely garden in High Street. (All provided no Covid restrictions return!!) We hope for a sunny day and a good time for all!

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## Open Afternoon - St Mary the Virgin, Clapham

Many thanks to all those from Findon who came to the Open Afternoon on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St Mary the Virgin Church, Clapham which is part of the Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching; one of our three Grade 1 listed Churches.

We raised over £400 that afternoon. The current fundraising total stands at approx £4,300. So we have nearly reached our target of raising £5,000 through local donations. The total cost of the stonework repairs is in the region of £16,500.

If you would like to come and visit the church and see the necessary repairs then the church is open everyday between 10.00am and 4.00pm via the South door. Whilst you are there 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

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Thank you for your generosity.

Maggie Somerset



## AROUND THE VILLAGE



### Paws Animal Sanctuary

First phone call of the day was from a man, said he owned a problem cat, he asked me to take the cat because the cat spent every day bringing in dead rats. He told me he brings in a never ending amount, all he does is to go out and catch more. He told me he has two young children and cannot put up with it any more. I told him to get in touch with the Council and pest control. He said he has already done that and they cannot control all the rats everywhere. He said the cat is so proud when he brings them in he just drops them in front of him then hurries off to go look for another. I tried to point out what a good job the cat was doing. He said he had blocked up the cat flap but he would scratch to come in each time. I felt so sorry for the poor cat. I said he could bring the cat in the next day. When he didn't arrive I hoped he had changed his mind. After a

couple of days I rang to ask if he had. Apparently when he told his Mother she had hit the roof and demanded he drove the cat three hours away to give the cat to her, at least the cat is still in the family.

Two nights ago the phone rang at 2.15am I was asleep and couldn't believe it when a voice said what I thought was "Can you take a Guinea-pig." I replied "Yes ring me tomorrow". He went on to say he was in Dorking and lived in a camper van that had no MOT, tax or insurance. I told him to find a Rescue near Dorking then. He said "I've already tried them all and nobody takes in mini-pigs, he has grown too big, he is called Del Boy Trotter"! When I told everyone next day they said it was a someone winding me up. I wouldn't have room for a pig anyway.

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## Stoolball Tournament

As the summer has finally, just about, arrived the time has come to return to our traditional Sussex sport of stoolball. For those who are new to Sussex, stoolball has been played here since 1450 and is an ancestor of cricket, rounders and baseball. Even referenced by Shakespeare in Two Noble Kinsmen. Originally played by milkmaids, from where it gets the stool bit, it is a game for all ages and abilities that draws communities together to build new relationships and cement old friendships.

There is no denying the last year or so has been difficult for many in the village and with the unfortunate cancellation of our much loved Sheep Fair the annual stoolball competition represents an opportunity for some greatly needed community spirit. With safety paramount in the organisers and Parish Council's minds, the date has been set for Sunday 18th July when the Annual Findon Stoolball competition will take place on Nepcote Green beginning at 11.00am running through to 5.00pm. Each team will play four matches in two groups with the winner of each group playing the final to win the coveted Findon Stoolball Trophy.

The competition is open to residents of Findon, Clapham and Patching. Teams must be mixed and are traditionally made up of 8 players, however, if you wish to enter a team and don't have 8 we can surely introduce you to additional players and new friends. Experience is definitely not necessary and if you can hold a frying pan you can hold a stoolball bat. Refreshments including burgers and cakes will be kindly provided by The Friends Of The Church for which in itself is worth a visit even if you are not playing.

The stoolball tournament has historically been a wonderful way to meet new people in the village particularly for new residents. So if you are a long-standing resident we encourage you come to along to welcome new people and if you are new to the village this is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends.

Finally please be assured that everything will be done to protect the community in light of the Covid situation.

To find out more about the game itself, plans for the day or teams that need players please email Richard at [findonstoolball@gmail.com](mailto:findonstoolball@gmail.com)

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We had 5 more Guinea Pigs arrive this week. Also I have agreed to take some kittens that a man said are living under his garden shed, a stray cat had them a couple of days ago but he cannot reach them. He said he cannot get near the Mother but will give her food and water. from Stacey.

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## From Findon Parish Council

As we move forward to further lifting of COVID restrictions Findon Parish Council (FPC) meetings will return to Findon Village Hall, although at least initially public attendance will be restricted. Please contact the Parish Clerk should you wish to table a question or indeed attend any meeting in order that we can manage numbers safely and in accordance with COVID requirements in place at the time. [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01903 877225.

An FPC delegated Working Group (Parking and Speeding Working group) are undertaking a survey across the village by means of a leaflet drop to each household, and this should be with you by the weekend of 25 June 2021. This survey will establish your views as to where parking and speeding issues are encountered. Survey results can be returned via the Post Office and Peckhams Butchers or indeed completed on-line (details on the leaflet). The closing date is 9 July and this is your chance to comment on a high profile concern for the village.

Continuing on the subject of traffic, FPC is pleased to learn that after much lobbying, speed limits on the A24 between Findon roundabout and Bost Hill (before Findon Valley) will be reduced. A 40 mph consistent speed limit and signage has been programmed by West Sussex County Council to start in October 2021, enabling a consistent speed south of Findon roundabout. Further details will follow in a future article.

A village stoolball tournament will take place at Nepcote Green on Sunday 18th July and further details from the organisers are elsewhere in this edition. FPC is happy to support this event, with suitable COVID precautions in place. It will be re-assuring to see a further return to normality for the village.

The pandemic has seen a rise in people seeking not only to consider selling their properties but also to start decorating and home improvements. There has been an increase in home owners looking to put weatherboard cladding on the exterior of properties. It seems an appropriate time to remind residents that Findon comes under the planning control of South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and planning permission is required if you intend to install weatherboard cladding. Each application is dealt with on a case by case basis and is site specific.

Living in a National Park gives many opportunities to take in the many stunning landscapes on our doorstep. The SDNPA is running a photo competition with a first prize of £250 to the amateur or professional photographer who best captures this year's theme which is 'Nature Makes Me Happy'. Full details of the ten categories can be found on the website, [www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk). Entries close on Sunday 31st October 2021 so plenty of time. Good luck !

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As Boris has moved the goal posts our WI continues to hold monthly meetings via Zoom. Twenty members joined our June meeting to hear Ben Cross from Crossland's nursery give us a very interesting talk about Alstroemeria. Ben wandered around his nursery showing us how he grows these beautiful flowers. Sadly, over 90% of the cut flowers sold through florists and supermarkets are imported and, as they are picked early, often fail to reach their full potential. How many times have you been disappointed with the flowers you added to your shopping trolley? Today Ben delivered eight freshly picked bunches of Alstroemeria which look amazing. I will definitely buying more (£20 for four bunches, delivered to your door). We plan to arrange a visit to Crossland's Nursery in the Autumn

Our plant sale has been an outstanding success raising £450 for Saint Barnabas. We also raised £300 for the

hospice from the sale of tea, coffee and cakes at Findon Place open gardens on Sunday 13th June. Many thanks to all those who baked cakes and helped on the day.

**Our next Zoom meeting is**  
'Paintalong'! Lynn Barrow will show us how to paint Quirky Birds  
Thursday 8th July 7.30pm

You are very welcome to join this meeting, just contact me for an invitation

Hopefully we will have a proper (face to face) meeting in August.  
Put 12th August in your diary when we hope to have our annual summer afternoon tea

Paddy Winter  
Findon Village WI President



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## News from Findon Place

On Sunday 13th June we were pleased to open our gardens once again for the National Garden Scheme. It was the hottest day of the year so far and we were ready with plenty of shady spots, water bowls for our canine visitors and a splendid selection of teas, coffees, cakes and scones. The wonderful ladies of the Findon Village WI did the most marvellous job of keeping everyone hydrated and raised over £500 for charity. Sally from The Gun Inn also was there with her fabulous Dolly's Lolly Trolley and the queue for Caroline's Dairy ice creams was constant. In all, the afternoon raised over £2,000 for charity so I wanted to say thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make the afternoon really enjoyable - our car park stewards, cake makers, ticket checkers and of course all of those who visited. We were even honoured with a visit from the Chairman of the NGS!

Our next event will be an open air theatre production of Noel's Coward's classic *Blithe Spirit* on the evenings of the 16th and 17th July. We will be welcoming the Blackbox Theatre Company who are touring the south with their production which is selling out quickly in all their venues with great reviews to boot! We've teamed up with some amazing local suppliers - Wiston will be here with a bar selling their delicious wines and Beer No Evil will be here too with local beers and some not so local wines - both available by the

glass or the bottle. Pre order when booking a tasty picnic graze from Gracefully Grazing and collect on the evening. Tickets are £20 or £15 for over 60s and under 12s. This event will follow any guidelines released from the Government surrounding Covid-19. Tickets and more information available on line via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/findonplace](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/findonplace) or check out our website [www.findonplace.com/theseasonal](http://www.findonplace.com/theseasonal)

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Years gone by, farmers used to take their sheep to a dipping tank in the neighbourhood and the sheep would be pushed through a water tank with chemicals to prevent fly problems. Today it is much easier with a large bottle attached to the shepherds back with a hose and nozzle allowing you to spray the back and rear of sheep and lamb. This treatment can last a number of months through the summer although a second treatment may be necessary.

New lambs have to be identified on the United Kingdom sheep register and two tags have to be inserted in the lambs

ears. One is an electronic tag holding a chip for easy scanning, and the other is a standard ear tag. Two are required in case one is lost. Each sheep farm has a flock number and this is also printed on the ear tags.

There is also a small amount of administration associated with keeping sheep and each animal in the flock has to have a medical sheet listing all medication, injections, etc.

It is very important to keep the records up to date as Trading Standards can visit at any time. We had one of these visits from a Trading Standards/Defra vet. We were given 48 hours notice and their visit included seeing where food was housed, movement paper work and medical records. They also viewed the flock in the field.

Graham and Hilary  
Nepcote Flock

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Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)). Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.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 Conditions 6 (Foul Water Connection), 7 (Surface Water drainage details), 8 (Landscaping), 9 (Planting Scheme), 10 (LEMP), 14 (Cycle storage), 15 (External lighting details), 16 (Refuse and recycling bins), 17 (Materials), 18 (Architectural details) and 19 (Ecology) of Planning Approval SDNP/19/02919/FUL.**

Soldiers Field Stables, Soldiers Field Lane, Findon BN14 0SH  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03265/DCOND

**Non-Material Amendment of SDNP/19/02919/FUL - Internal Changes to the internal layouts of the main house and subsequent changes to the window and door positions to all elevations (Kristina Cooks ' House) also changes to the internal layout of the holiday cottage and subsequent changes to the window and door positions to all elevations. Changes to the internal layout of the stables and grooms' accommodation and subsequent changes to the external positions of windows and doors to all elevations.**

Soldiers Field Stables, Soldiers Field Lane, Findon BN14 0SH  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03251/NMA

**Conversion of roof space, including insertion of dormer window and 3 x rooflights**

21 Cross Lane, Findon BN14 0UQ  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/03184/HOUS

**Flat roof rear extension**

6 Horseshoe Close, Findon BN14 0EW  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/02891/HOUS

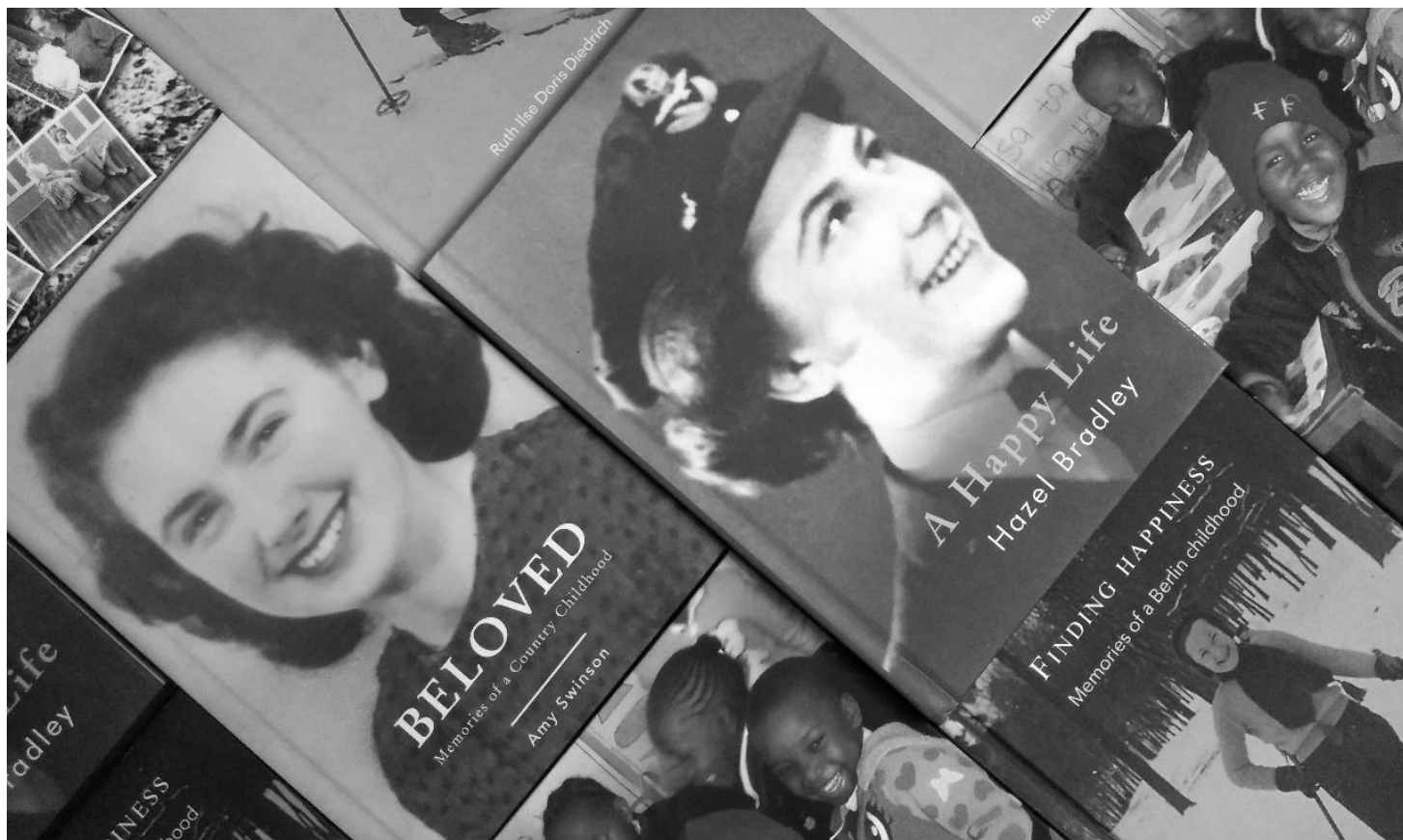
**Change of use of land to glamping site, to include 2no. glamping pods for holiday accomodation all year round**

The Downs Stables, Stable Lane, Findon BN14 0RR  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/02836/FUL

**T1 Bay laurel along the west fence line in the rear garden: Reduce apical growth by c.3.0m; Reduce lateral branch lengths by c. 1.5m**

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**New access onto Findon Park Road**  
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Ref. No: SDNP/21/02772/FUL

**Proposed rear ground floor and  
dormer extension**  
Tree Cottage, 25 High Street, Findon  
BN14 0SZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/02353/HOUS

**T1 - Beech - Remove major dead and  
diseased wood, 25mm in diameter  
and over. Crown reduce by 3 metres.  
Thin crown by 20%**  
5 Convent Gardens, Findon  
BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/02295/TPO

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## **'Nowhere Boy' - review**

A legend in rock music and pop culture, John Lennon, gets the biopic treatment in Sam Taylor's coming of age story from 2009. Adapted from the biography written by his half-sister, this film is a family portrait riddled with fractures and conflicts that make for a unique family drama. The story starts with Lennon discovering his birth mother only ever lived a short drive away from him and his aunt, Mimi. He starts making up for lost time and gets to know his family history as well as focussing on making his dreams of being a musician a reality.

It feels ironic writing this review on Fathers' Day when this film is a love letter to motherhood. Both women are strong characters that show exact opposites of the scale; Kristin Scott Thomas as Mimi, a seemingly cold and emotionally rigid figure, and Anne-Marie Duff as Julia, the free-spirited kind-hearted yet mentally unstable. Whilst the script aims to have Julia as the 'villain' of the story, you cannot help but empathise with someone who is trapped in a time where mental health was not considered a factor in wellbeing. Then we have that contested with Aaron Johnson's John Lennon at an emotional reckoning, coming to terms with his identity and

## **Directed by Sam Taylor**

growing up. The performances are the clear stand-out of the film, and the direction is compassionate and looks past the pressure of portraying such a beloved figure in music history.

The overall flow of the film is interesting. It plays catch up on Lennon's place in life before the inciting incident takes place, which leaves some emotional pinpoints feeling underdeveloped in order to propel the story. What it lacks at the start of the film is made up in the last 30 minutes, where the pay-off is earned and really leaves you a sense of heartbreak. A poignant, reflective film about growing up packaged as a biopic of a world-renowned Beatle.



Nowhere Boy is available on Amazon Prime.

Carrie Morrison, Your local film nerd

## Findon Village Hall Status update

We continue to make progress with more “regulars” restarting their bookings as the regulations permit – so we have, for instance, our various dance, paracise and yoga classes running regularly albeit with restricted numbers. Clearly, the latest government announcement means we cannot re-open fully yet but we have one or two weddings that will benefit from the relaxations applying to wedding parties. Furthermore, both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust have also been able to re-establish face-to-face (or mask-to-mask) meetings which is a distinct improvement over Zoom.

The new CCTV system has been installed by IPS Security - a local firm who gave us a very good price - and the performance is very much improved both in terms of resolution and coverage! There are still a couple of bits and pieces to be finished after a problem with a part we scrounged in order to keep costs down but we hope that this will be resolved very quickly. Thanks to IPS for a good job.

We have set up a new arrangement for routine cleaning of the hall and Findon based Scarlet's Attic will take over the responsibility from the end of this month. We would also like to thank Jan Stanbridge who has supported us single handedly and heroically ever since we re-opened – every time the hall has needed a clean, Jan has been there to do it – quietly, unsung, uncomplaining we would like to record here that we don't know what we would have done without her. Thank you, Jan.

We continue to make progress with those smaller jobs that we can manage with our own resources and especially those which contribute to completing the Village

Hall Extension. We have also been successful in securing a grant for over £7700 from a fund set up by Inspire Leisure and which is earmarked for equipping the new kitchen facility in the extension. Obviously, we also continue to work closely with Findon Parish Council on the plan to complete the extension and acknowledge the tremendous support they have given us.

We are working on a new website, which we hope to launch in July this will feature a new booking system so it will be possible to provisionally book a slot on-line in real time and invoicing will become automatic rather than manual. The whole arrangement will be cheaper to run but provide a more capable, more easily maintained and a more comprehensive website. Which brings me to my next point – we are getting some new photos but we would welcome any photos you may have of past events you have enjoyed, occasions, great and small. These can be as old or new as you like – in fact, we will have a new section looking at the history of the hall (initially based on some fascinating documents Mike Solomons provided) – so all contributions along those lines gratefully accepted.

What else can I tell you? The youth club that used to run in the rectory has moved to the hall and we wish it well, Lambstails will be re-starting after the school summer holidays in September, Film Nights will return in September too. Let's all hope that, come the end of July, things will have improved to the extent that we are fully operational again!

## Village Hall Diary July 2021

For all booking enquiries please email the booking secretary on  
[bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net)

The Village Hall is still operating within government restrictions but the following regular activities are now taking place. Please contact organisers directly for further information – their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.com](http://www.findonvillagehall.com)

Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	09.30am & 10.30am
Youth Group	Thursday	16.30pm
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

Monthly	Date	Time
Messy Church	Tuesday 6th July	15.30pm
Meditation	Monday 19th July	19.30pm
Bead Magician	Tuesday 20th July	10.00am – 15.00pm

### Future Events

Village Hall Coffee Morning – postponed to the Autumn

Summer BBQ to be held on Saturday August 14th – more details next month

Film Nights – monthly from September 2021 to March 2022

These activities have confirmed their restart dates as follows:

Lambstails –September – date TBC

Tastevin – 2nd September

Art Class – 25th September

Light Lunch – 28th September

Further information will be provided on dates for the following activities on the village hall website and in future editions of the Findon News when available:

Findon Village WI / Findon Garden Association / Carpet Bowls / Danceholics / Circle Dancing

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There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,  
and Morning Prayer every Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.

## Advance Notice!

As from August, the 10.00am services at Clapham and Patching are changing places, so  
1st August service will be held at Patching and on  
15th August we celebrate the Patronal Festival at Clapham Church

Sunday 4th July 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at Clapham Worship and Praise at Findon
Sunday 11th July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Said Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 18th July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	08:00am 09.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Said Eucharist at Findon Said Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 25th July St James the Apostle	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Said Eucharist at Findon

**June Funerals:** 16th Doreen Sim; 25th Vivien Repath

**June Baptisms:** 20th Felix Harris; 27th Otis Spencer



Messy Church is back, outdoors - weather permitting!  
On Tuesday 5th July, from 3.30pm onwards.  
Picnic for children provided

## Change of Title

As of mid May, Colin Cox is our Associate Vicar, not our Curate. This doesn't alter what he does in the Parish, just a change of title!

## Stay well and remember to care for vulnerable neighbours

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