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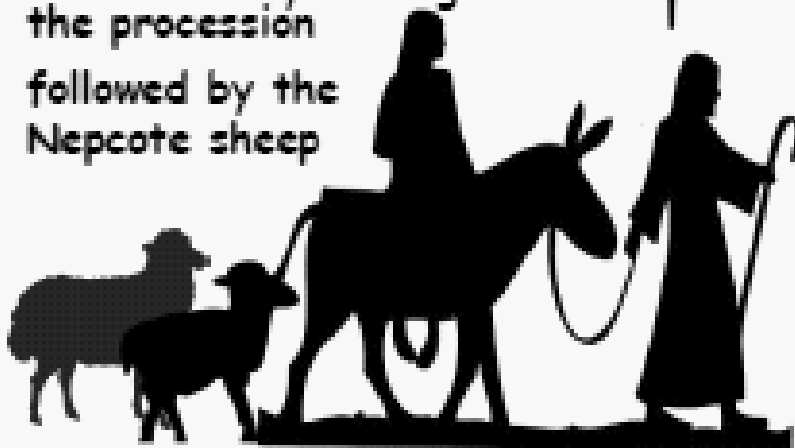
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## From The Rectory

From the Rectory

Waiting..... there are many reactions to having to wait for something. These depend on who is waiting and what they are waiting for! Now, in December, we are all waiting for Christmas; our emotions as we wait will very much depend on who we are, on what extra pressures the season might bring alongside the joys of spending time celebrating with family and friends. Christmas can be a very difficult time for those who have lost a loved one, especially if they now find themselves alone, and living as we do in a supportive and caring village my hope is that nobody will be left completely alone at Christmas. If you know of anyone who needs support, please do not hesitate to get in touch through the Parish Office.

The church marks this waiting time specifically as Advent. 'Advent' means 'arrival'. This year, Advent Sunday fell in November, on 28<sup>th</sup>. I wonder if any children noticed that they should have had an extra couple of chocolates in their advent calendar this time round! But for Christians, the four weeks leading up to Christmas each have a focus, so as we wait, we reflect on the history of our faith, looking at the example of the lives of key figures in the Bible and hopefully learning more about our own faith. This year we are taking these weekly themes of the Patriarchs ('Fathers' of the faith from the Old Testament like Abraham and Moses) the Prophets (people like Isaiah, through whom God has spoken to his people), John the Baptist (who prepared the way for Jesus to begin his

ministry) and Mary, without whose willingness to be the mother of Jesus there would be no Christmas, and discussing these in our weekly Advent Study Group – details can be found on our website.

All these people prepared the way for Jesus with humility and self-effacement, putting the call of God first, something we can all learn from! Secular Christmas is very much self-centred, focusing on what people want, what they perceive they 'deserve'! We all need to remember that the real reason for Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us – a baby born away from the security of a home to an ordinary but devout couple, who grew up to give his life for you and me to bring us closer for God and offer us the gift of eternal life. Tempting as it is to think just of ourselves at Christmas, my hope and prayer is that in reading this you have been reminded of the real reason we are waiting for Christmas, that we wait to once again welcome the Christ-child into our hearts and lives, by reflecting his eternal love to those we meet in how we live our lives. The only gift needed to give and to receive at Christmas is love.

May God bless you all as you prepare to celebrate Christmas this year. Thank you for the care and compassion you show to those who need it, locally and globally. Colin and I look forward to welcoming you to the many events and services planned over the Christmas period, and wish you all a healthy and happy 2022.

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The men scrubbed up well too!

A tremendously enjoyable and successful afternoon managed to raise over £1050 this year, which is astonishing.

On a serious note, and to put into perspective how the funds are allocated, take a look at what is being done for the children in need of help and support in West Sussex. Last year 6 local projects secured funding of over £300,000. Worthing received £122,490 for weekly youth clubs for young disadvantaged children; and

the Juno project in Worthing, helping young people to find employment, received £39,000. Ferring, and Goring-on-Sea received grants to help support disabled children; with special funding allocated to a play-scheme in Lancing. Holiday activities for disadvantaged children are provided through a scheme in Haywards Heath with a grant of £91,092 coming directly from Children in Need.

With the charity funding over 2500 projects like these nationwide, it helps improve the wellbeing of many children and young people, by removing some of the barriers faced by so many of them.

Many thanks to all those who helped raise funds - to the volunteers, bakers, waiters and those who washed up! But especially to Gay and Gerald Hibbs who opened up their home to make this event possible.



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## Findon Parish Council

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has been made aware that the problem regarding dog fouling has not improved. May we respectfully ask all dog owners to be aware that any dog waste must be bagged and binned in order to keep our village clean and safe. Dog waste can be put into Arun District Council (ADC) litter bins if dog bins are not nearby. Thank you to all of you who do follow this practice. In the meantime, FPC is investigating the provision of additional dog waste bins.

Those residents who make regular trips to Worthing Amenity Tip will be aware that the system is now by way of booking online. West Sussex County Council (WSCC) will be undertaking a consultation to see how the temporary system has worked but it is expected to be made permanent. Good news for those with brown bins as normal service seems to have been resumed. The roads around the village are no longer strewn with the overflowing bins so we have all breathed a collective sigh of relief. Plenty of work still to do in the garden to keep us busy!

It has been agreed to relocate the defibrillator in The Square and FPC would like to thank Mr Adam Collard for allowing the equipment to be installed on the wall of his shop over the last few years. We will let you know the new location as soon as we can.

By the time this edition of Findon News is published, the survey requesting

input from residents to the Public Works Loan to complete the building works at Findon Village Hall, will have closed and the responses being analysed.

With autumn now firmly in place and with Christmas just around the corner, FPC is delighted to announce that the marvellous Findon Xmas Lights volunteers have once again put up the Christmas lights in the centre of the village for the grand 'switch on' held on 28 November 2021. This will be the last time that Jan Mackerell and Corinne Ball will head up the volunteers and we would like to thank both of them for their inspiring work over the years to lighten up the village at this special time of year.

A note for your diary is the Christmas Tree Festival being held at Findon Church on 4 and 5 December. If you have not been before, do try and come along as you will be surprised at how creative the exhibits are. There is a raffle, stalls and of course, tea and cake!

You will be aware that next year marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and FPC would like to extend an invitation to local organisations to put forward their suggestions on how to mark this very special occasion being celebrated in June 2022. Whilst planting trees is a popular example, can you think of anything else which would mark this Jubilee celebrations from others? Please drop a line to our Clerk with your innovative suggestions by the

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end of January 2022 for consideration by the FPC Working Group.

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The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has launched a Call for Nature Sites with a deadline for expressions of interest on the 17 January 2022. The appeal is inviting farmers, land managers, communities and conservation groups across the National Park to put forward possible sites where new wildlife habitat could be created. The SDNPA is looking to hear from landowners, land managers, communities, businesses, and conservation groups to put forward possible sites where new wildlife habitat could be created, contributing to nature recovery in the South Downs National Park. Proposals of any size or scale will be considered and could include, for example, creating wildflower meadows, new hedgerows, more natural rivers, planting trees,

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<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/nature-recovery-information-for-delivery-partners/call-for-nature-sites/>

The work to reduce the speed limit on the A.24 from Bost Hill to the Black Horse has unfortunately been delayed but it is hoped the work will be underway in the next few months. FPC will be contacting WSCC Cllr Deborah Urquhart on this matter.

This is the last Findon News of the year, so on behalf of all the Council, we wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Cllr Sean Smith  
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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## St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

As some of you may know, Richard Yelland is retiring at Christmas after 20 years as the Headteacher at our village school. Are there any ex pupils or parents in Findon who would like to send in fond memories of Mr Yelland

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It was unfortunate that last month's issue of Findon News went to press just before we had finalized the date for the much appreciated Georgie and Henners gin tasting but we still have

some bottles and gift packs left. Their "Old Tom" flavour was particularly popular and highly recommended! We have also just taken delivery of some Mulled Wine flavoured gin – sounds fascinating! Our attractive gift wrap is always very reasonably priced, as is the vast range of cards we carry for all life occasions, not just for Christmas. Oops, I sound like Dogs Trust!

So whether you normally pop in for bread, milk and a newspaper, or regularly take advantage of our grocery, pharmacy, stationery, dairy, vegan and patisserie ranges, do take note of our Christmas opening hours:

Christmas Eve 7 am to 7 pm  
Christmas Day – Closed  
Boxing Day - 7 am to midday  
Monday 28th - 7 am to midday  
Tuesday 29th - 7 am to 4 pm

A very Merry Christmas to you all from the Management Committee, Managers, Staff and Volunteers of Findon Village Store, and a very happy and healthy New Year too!

Oh, and if you do happen to enjoy one too many over the holiday, do remember we stock paracetamol and Alka Selzer as well as excellent coffee!

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I must start with a swift correction and apology this month - the date I put down for the Village Hall Trust AGM last month was a day early – it was the 25<sup>th</sup> not the 24<sup>th</sup> November – I do hope people were not inconvenienced by my error

By the time you read this, we will know the outcome of the poll on the principle of the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust applying for a Public Works Loan in order to finish the extension to the hall. At the time of writing there is still a week to go before the voting deadline. Regardless of which way you voted, I would like to thank everyone who has returned their voting card for their support for and interest in the affairs of the Hall.

Over the past month we have tried an experiment to improve the acoustics in the hall which deteriorated markedly with the removal of the stage. It was a “concept proving” measure (translation: Heath Robinson arrangement) – but it worked! We simply fixed the old stage backdrop material to the far end wall and this resulted in a marked improvement. We are now arranging for a rather neater installation and also reviewing ideas for reducing the acoustic reflectiveness of the end wall at the entrance end of the hall. We hope that the combination of these actions will give us a good performance but, if not, we do have further measures in mind.

Lambstails attendance has been very low so far, in fact, on two of the sessions so far only a single mum and child turned up! Clearly, this will need to be kept under review as the sessions are not sustainable without better

attendance. However, we are not giving up yet. If any mums would like to provide feedback or suggestions as to what might meet their needs better than the current arrangement, we would, of course, be happy to receive them. All the other regular activities at the hall are running well and the demand for Pilates sessions in particular seems very high. Children’s parties have also been running at high demand. Film Nights are, of course, running again and attendance levels once again very encouraging. We were taken by surprise at the 2<sup>nd</sup> film night and ran out of burgers! We will try to make sure that does not happen again...

We have also returned to the pre-pandemic practice of stacking all the chairs around the perimeter of the hall when not in use and this has allowed us to provide some secure storage space inside the hall, currently, the WI and Light Lunches are using some of this but a small amount of additional storage may also be available.

At the request of the Christmas Tree Festival organisers, the Hall car park will be available to them for overflow parking during the event on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December. They will have control over the barrier so it will be opened at their discretion.

We have received an expression of interest for at least some of the bridge tables mentioned last month but no claim of ownership, so in the absence of a claim in the immediate future, they will be going to a new home.

So, all that remains is for me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and cross my fingers for the outcome of the PWL vote!

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# Village House



**Happy Holidays!  
Happy New Year!**



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As you are most probably aware, we are in the process of selling the Village House to someone we believe will continue with the same values that we have traded with and hope you support them as well as you have supported us.

Oliver and the rest of the team will still be in place and Paul and Amy will still be around and engaging fully in village life. Tony might try and retire gracefully!!

We do not have a confirmed date of completion as yet but expect it to be early in the new year. Our Christmas celebrations will continue as usual starting with the following:-

- The Smiley's performing on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Ticket only
- Grand Christmas draw with Keith Hayman on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas day family drinks – 12 to 3pm
- Boxing Night Karaoke on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>
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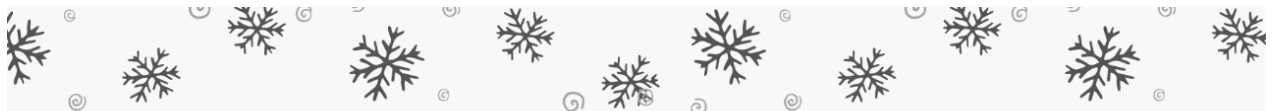
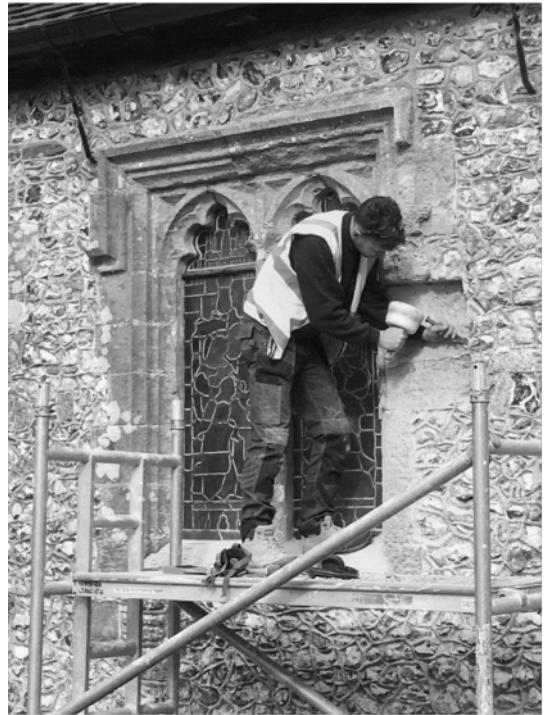
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## Clapham Parish Church

Alan and Ryan from Tilley's Stonemasons have started work restoring the stonework at Clapham Church. They are cutting back the weaker worn and crumbling stone and they will replace this with fresh Fittleworth Stone. Do go and see the work in progress.

A number of Findon residents made generous donations towards the repair. Thank you very much!

Maggie Somerset  
Joint Church Warden Clapham



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## Findon Village WI

It was lovely to see so many members at our AGM. It was a very enjoyable evening

I have been voted in as president for a 5th year which I hope will be a year when we can put the difficulties of the last 20 months behind us and share lots of happy times together

After 10 years of invaluable service to our WI Tricia Smith stood down as our treasurer and, after seven years of finding all our interesting speakers, Hazel Davies also stepped down. Both Tricia and Hazel were presented with flowers as a thank you and recognition of all their support and hard work.

I hope you admired all our poppies on Pond Green – I thought they were wonderful! Our crafty ladies are now busy making decorations for our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival – do go along to the church either Saturday 4th

or Sunday 5th December and admire all the different trees

Our next meeting is Thursday December 9th 7.30pm at the Village Hall. We will be singing carols and enjoying Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. The dress code is 'Sparkle'

The first of our is our monthly coffee mornings in 2022 is Wednesday 5th January, from 10.30 at Dee Dee's

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday January 13th and will see the welcome return of our Fun Auction. Under the supervision of our talented auctioneer, Sassy, ladies can bid for unwanted Christmas gifts with all proceeds going to charity

Visitors very welcome - we look forward to seeing you

Paddy Winter - President

Email [findonvillage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:findonvillage@hotmail.co.uk)

Website <https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite>

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## Findon Friends of St Barnabas

Disappointingly only 36 people came to enjoy the delicious sandwiches, sausage rolls and mince pies that were available at the 'Coffee & Mince Pie' morning held on Saturday 20th November as a fund raising event for St. Barnabas Hospice. However we raised £407.00 which, when added to the £448.00 raised at the Fish & Chip & Quiz evening held in October in the Village House, resulted in a grand total of £857.00 for the Hospice!

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported the events and to the Committee members who worked so hard to achieve these results!

Mike Solomons  
Chairman Findon Friends of St.  
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As soon as all our cats go to new homes our pens are soon full up again. Some cats need to be neutered or spayed. It is so time consuming having to take them to the vets early in the mornings and then pick them up again in the afternoons. I hate driving in the dark and it's almost dark at 4 o'clock now, so the neutering days are such a rush. Lots of volunteers who normally start at 6pm cannot get here to help at 4pm when we alter our hours in the winter. The hens start to put themselves away as soon as it gets dark. Elvis the pony and Jasper the donkey also go into the stables earlier - expecting their evening meals ready. All the cats need to be fed and tucked up for the night with their heated beds and nightlights turned on. The rabbits and guinea-pigs have supper and their drinking water bottles are checked. Nightlights are turned on and they are all safely inside in the warm for the night.

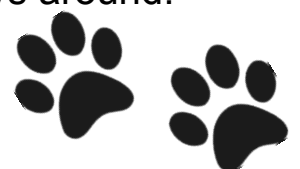
We sometimes have dogs handed in to be rehomed - five in the last few months. One was an eleven week-old Dachshund puppy that a very elderly owner had for only two days. He said the puppy wouldn't stop crying and he had no sleep for two days, I told him the puppy was missing his Mum and the other puppies, so he should take him back to the breeder. He said it would be too embarrassing and he couldn't do confrontation. Could we find the puppy another home? Luckily one of our volunteers went and collected the puppy and rehomed him with her daughter's two French bulldogs. They loved the puppy, so

he soon settled in and is very happy with them. The last dog we were given was a little Corgi x Chihuahua belonging to a 99 year-old lady who has gone into a care home. The dog had been overfed and not taken for walks, so she was overweight. She stayed here for a couple of days and wasn't frightened of the cats, dogs, rabbits and hens running around. She easily tired and slept a lot in her bed. A volunteer fell in love with her and took her home. She loves her new home and big garden, sleeps on her mum's bed and she is now very active and full of life.

I went to see a really lovely film called Dream Horse at the Village hall. I really enjoyed the wonderful music played by a man at the organ before the film began, and in the interval. It really brought back memories of being taken to the cinema when I was a child - a huge organ would rise up through the floor, lights flashing. There was always music playing before the film began. Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

*from Stacey*

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## Village Hall 200 Club

On Saturday 6th November Findon Village Hall 200 Club had its grand draw and social. At last we could get together and about 40 people attended for the quiz and draws. The lucky winners were R. Dean (No 125) & Mike Solomons (No 3), who won £25, Julia Bourne (No 126) £50, Derek Pearce (No 40) £100, Sinan Kalan (No 75) £200 and P. Webber (No 43) £500. We wish to thank the Sylvan Oak, The Black Horse and Peckhams

Butchers for their kind donations to our raffle; also not forgetting the hall events team, who ran the bar. We also had the pleasure of handing a cheque to Roger Stone for £2200 towards the hall running costs.

Thanks to all those who continue to support the hall through the 200 club. Alan Wadhams, Secretary and Cathrine Gear, Treasurer.



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## Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)). Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://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:

**Fell 2 no. Sycamore trees (replanting with 2 no. Prune trees). Branches removed back to trunk on north side to a height of 12 metres on 9 no. Sycamore trees.**

1 Convent Gardens Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/05356/TCA

**Construction of a carport to cover part of the existing parking area.**

7 Steep Lane Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0UF  
Ref. No: SDNP/21/05323/PRE

**Proposed ancilliary office building**

Findon Fire Station Horsham Road Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0TG Ref. No: SDNP/21/05066/FUL

**Single storey extension and rear terrace (Demolition of conservatory and associated rear terrace)**

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Ref. No: SDNP/21/05779/HOUS

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# Findon Village Church Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 10am – 5pm**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 11am - 4pm**

This year's 'Christmas Tree Festival' promises to be a wonderful celebration to start your Christmas festivities.

Findon village church will sparkle with 23 Christmas trees, all decorated by local businesses and groups. Which will be your favourite?

It promises to be a feast for your taste buds, with homemade cakes to buy, refreshments to enjoy, and a 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition. A craft stall will showcase the best that Findon has to offer, from Christmas table top decorations, to jewellery, to the all-important jams and chutneys. The festival will be a family occasion. A 'Lucky Dip' and a 'Treasure Hunt' will be sure to keep children busy. And then there's the 'Instant Raffle', which has been so generously supported by so many local businesses and individuals, and this

year boasts over 100 fantastic prizes. You simply cannot miss it!

And when it comes to live musical entertainment, you're spoilt for choice. On Saturday the flautist Becca Lieu and her students will perform at 10.30am, the Littlehampton Players' Operatic Society at 1pm, and the Monarchs Way Singers at 3pm (outside the church). On Sunday, Emma Greaney will play the guitar at 11.30am, and the Monarch's Way Singers again at 3pm.

Entry is free, we just ask for a donation.

If any villagers are able to walk to the church, it would help with car parking. For further details contact Graham: [fishponds185@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fishponds185@tiscali.co.uk) or Gill: [gill.gostick@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gill.gostick@yahoo.co.uk)



## Christmas Carols

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>  
December**

**Monarch's Way Singers  
will be carol singing  
around the village**



**Starting at 6:15pm at Homewood**

**Subsequently at**

**Approx 6:40pm at The Village Shop**

**Approx 7:10pm at The Black Horse**

**Approx 7:00pm at Sycamore Court**

**Please join us if you can**



## Findon Garden Centre Wishing Well

On Saturday 13th November Captain Oliver Soord-Gurney and Private William Sims from the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment, members of 'The Tigers Army Parachute Display Team' came to Findon Garden Centre to throw in the first coins into the Christmas Wishing Well. The Garden Centre have chosen the regiment's Benevolent Fund as this year's charity with all proceeds supporting the worthwhile cause. Captain Soord-Gurney gave a speech on the regiment and its history and thanked the Garden Centre's owners Dylan and Chrissie and Staff

for their support. Father Christmas was also in attendance, arriving in a coach lead by two white horses, and the Rowland Singers provided a musical accompaniment.





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Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes as some may not be meeting over the Christmas period. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.com](http://www.findonvillagehall.com).

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
Carpet Bowls	Monday	14.30pm
Lambstails	Tuesday	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm (Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> only)
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm (Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> only)
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm (Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> only)
Pilates	Thursday	9.30am/10.30am/11.45am (Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> only)
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Findon Garden Association (3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec Christmas Social by ticket only)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec /28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19.30pm
Messy Church	7 <sup>th</sup> December	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec/13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19.30pm
Meditation	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec/17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	19.30pm
Danceholics	19 <sup>th</sup> December/Jan TBC	18.30pm
Bead Magicians	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec/18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am – 3pm
Light Lunch	25 <sup>th</sup> January (not Dec)	Doors open 12.45pm

### Future Events and Dates for your Diary

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm – **Last Christmas**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm - TBC

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm - TBC

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Parish of Findon, Clapham and Patching

## December and Christmas Services

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

Social distancing regulations and the wearing of face coverings is highly recommended.

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

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship and Praise Service in Findon Church Sung Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Sung Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Sung Eucharist in Findon Church Sung Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Sung Eucharist in Findon Church



## Additional Christmas Services



Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm	Candlelit Carols in Findon Church
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	3.00pm 11.30pm	Crib/Christingle Family Service in Findon Church Midnight Mass in Findon Church
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Sung Eucharist in Findon Church Sung Eucharist in Clapham Church

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# January Services

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

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and **Morning Prayer** every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Christmas 2 Epiphany	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion in Findon Church Worship and Praise Service in Findon Church Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Christ	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Said Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am	Eucharist in Findon Church

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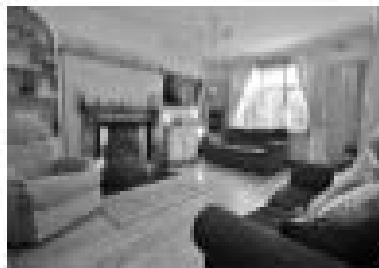
## **Findon News**

We would like to thank everyone who has once again stepped up to the plate and contributed articles to the magazine this year. With so little going on in the village for much of the year, it has sometimes been a challenge to fill these pages. It is great to see so many activities going on again, and please don't stop sending in your articles, we love to read them and will endeavour to use them, space permitting.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.  
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