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The Refurbished Homewood Play Area is now Open

Findon Parish Council (FPC) is delighted to confirm that the refurbished play area was opened at the end of June 2022 and has already become a firm favourite with the children - especially the full length zip wire !

FPC successfully applied for funding from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and received £31.5k towards the project.

FPC then received additional grant funding from Arun District Council (ADC) as owners of the land, who also project

managed the re-generation on behalf of the Parish Council.

A huge 'thank you' must go to FPC Cllr John Wilson, who headed this complex project for the Parish Council. The success of the new play area demonstrates how partnership working with the SDNPA, ADC, and, of course, EiBE who provided the equipment, can really make a difference to the village.

Cllr Sean Smith
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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From The Rectory

Writing this in blistering heat as the schools prepare for the final few days of this academic year, I'd like to record my thanks to all school staff for their hard work and dedication as schools work, together with families, to rebuild after the effects of the pandemic. As a governor and Trustee, I know how much care and effort has gone in to planning to deliver the best care and support for rebuilding self esteem and confidence in our children and young people, enabling them to catch up where they have missed out during lockdowns, whilst caring for their mental health. I wish you all a restful and happy summer break!

August is also a waiting time for those young people who have taken public examinations. Regardless of their results, I know they will all have done their best and hopefully they can enjoy a few weeks of freedom from study before embarking on whatever their next stage of life will be. You are all in my prayers.

A few people from our village and church community were with us for the Bernardi Strings Concert in Findon Church on 10th July. Those who weren't missed a wonderful experience! After refreshments, including a glass of Nyetimber wine at Findon Place, we were treated to three very different pieces by the 6 talented string players in the ensemble, including viola, cello and double bass as well as

Andrew Bernadi's trademark Stradivarius. The programme started with Tchaikovsky's 'Souvenir de Florence', after which the ensemble were joined by 3 young violinists from the String Academy to perform 'Eli Eli Fantasy', a piece specially written for the String Academy by Malcolm Singer. This was a lively and captivating new piece and it was a joy to see the enthusiasm and skill of the young players showcased. Sadly Covid had affected the number of youngsters able to join us but the confidence shown by these young people demonstrates the value of the Academy set up by Andrew to encourage children as young as 8 in furthering their musical talent. The final piece was Beethoven's Symphony no. 6, 'The Pastoral' and it was a joy to hear the contrasts in the music of an entire symphony performed by just 6 players, in a setting prepared by Beethoven himself! The storm sequence was particularly powerful. The programme for the evening had these words: 'With nature surrounding Findon and musicians beautifully depicted in the William Morris ceramics beside the church Altar, the setting is perfect for this evening's performance.' It was such a treat to enjoy music of this standard in our own Parish Church.

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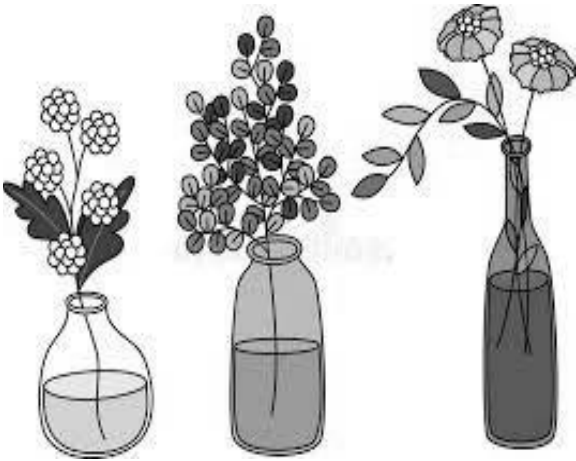
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Entrance is £3 (children free) - *(Any extra donations please!)*
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Sorry no books, CD's, DVD's or clothes.)*

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Looking forward to seeing you there.

Findon Church

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It's a summer of celebration! Fresh from our excitement at being awarded the QAVS, it was time to mark the contribution of our fabulous team by holding our Volunteers' Party. This was originally intended to be an annual event but thanks to COVID our last party was in 2019. This year, Margaret Bamford kindly offered her glorious garden as our venue and we duly gathered on Sunday 24th July, laden with goodies to enjoy.

We took the opportunity to thank Steve Smith for his drive and hard work as our former Chair and also marked the superb contribution of former Vice Chair, Jo O'Dell. Both gave full commitment and dedication to the needs of our business and we wish them well as life pulls them in different directions.

I know our team would have been disappointed if we had not called forward Shop Managers Angus and Helen, who together with Fiona and former Postmaster Julian, keep things running smoothly and support the volunteers with patience and good cheer. We are also very much looking forward to welcoming back Sue, who has been much missed recently. But it was the cheerful support and willing hard work of the volunteer team that we were celebrating at our party, many of whose members have not previously been credited with a mention. So, in strict alphabetical order, please give a virtual round of applause to Alex, Andrew, Ann S, Annie H, Barbara, Carrie, Chris, Dinah, Dorothy, Gwyneth, Iain, Ian, Jane, Janice, Jean, Julia, June, Lilian, Liz, Maggie, Mike, Nicola, Paddy, Peter, Phil, Richard, Richie, Sara, Sharon, Sue L, Sue W, Susan S, Terry, Tony, Val and Wendy. They will soon be joined by new recruits Nick and Sian – a warm welcome to them! Our customers know many of these lovely villagers by

Annie Whitchurch

name, as indeed they are known, and that is the beauty of our local store. Please speak to any of the shop staff, or call Annie (07946 748814) or Margaret (07917 124119) if you would like to enquire about becoming a volunteer – we would love to hear from you.

Moving on, we are all looking forward to Findon's fabulous Sheep Fair and are very grateful to the committee for allowing us a pitch right where the action is. Do come and say hello - and enjoy some light refreshments with us while you see if you agree with the judges' decisions. Our village centre shop will operate as normal during the weekend - Saturday 7.00am to 7.00pm and Sunday 7.00am to 12 noon. If you require cash or any other Post Office services remember the PO is open until 5.30pm on Saturday and midday on Sunday, every week.

Please always remember that we are happy to deliver to your door if you are unable to get out for any reason. This is a free service and keeps you in touch with members of our team who are always chatty and willing to help.

Finally, in the recent scorching temperatures we hope you took advantage of our impressive range of ice creams, cold drinks and chilled snacks as well as being able to shop locally and avoid hot cars or stuffy buses. By the time you read this the dangerous weather may well have passed but it will still be important to keep as cool and hydrated as possible and it is good to note that the mineral water provided free for anyone passing during the worst of the hot weather was so gratefully received. Happy Summer, everyone and see you in the shop or at the Sheep Fair.

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Nepcote Flock - Aug 22

Hot summers to farmers means the harvest can be early but to farms with animals this brings difficulties as the grass is poor and doesn't grow.

Having visited both Norfolk and Somerset in recent months, fields are brown and ponds and rivers are drying up.

Our Southdown flock are very resilient and they forage in the hedges and will eat various things like ivy but it gets to a point where we have to provide a supplement to ensure they keep their condition.

During these very hot periods the sheep find shade in the field and from early morning to early evening they just

Graham Langford

keep as cool as possible having drank and eaten before and after those hours.

A number of country shows are now being held in the South East over the next couple of months, Chertsey, Oxted and Edenbridge, Findon, The West Grinstead Ploughing Match and the Small Shepherds Club show. All have websites for details

The shows that sadly haven't survived through the last two years are Cranleigh and the Rare Breeds show at Singleton.

The new sheep year starts again in November when the ram joins the ewes and and their lambs are born in April.

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What is Probus? Simply a group of retired or semi-retired **PRO**fessional or **BUS**inessmen getting together to meet, chat and 'munch a lunch'!

Formed in 1986 we have 34 members, with an upper limit of 50, at present meeting on the third Thursday of the month at Hill Barn Golf Club, just off the Grove Lodge roundabout. Lunch is served at 12.30pm followed by a Guest Speaker finishing just before 3.00pm.

What do we do? We enjoy 2-course lunches with coffee or tea, listen to a wide range of guest speakers enjoying a couple of hours together and if so inclined, enjoy a pre-lunch drink at the bar. Most months we have other social

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The hall is actually very busy these days and, as well as our regular bookings, we are hosting more birthday parties than ever before and have had some wedding parties lately too!

We are still looking for volunteers – both as events team members - helping with Film Nights, the very occasional Jubilee celebration(!) etc – it's fun you get to see the film free with maybe even a burger thrown in! Events@findonvillagehall.net is the address you need.

We also still need a new secretary – it's a good way of giving something back and it doesn't call on too much of your time... Please – we do need the role filled.

The fencing materials have now arrived for the safety fence at the back of the hall and we just need to move the Pre-School container a bit less than a metre and we can get started – once the heat has died down a tad! We have also been lucky enough to have been given a grant by the Findon Parish

Council which will help fund a safety barrier along the top of the shallow earth retaining wall outside the existing kitchen.

The next stage of the improvement plans is to shift the pile of hardcore outside the new extension, landscape the ground, remove the wooden fence around that area and restore as part of the grounds for general use. The hardcore in question is not required as part of the new extension project. So, if you have a need for hardcore, contact us and, by arrangement, if you can dig out what you need and take it away – it's yours. Chair@findonvillagehall.net will get you what you need whether you are a business or an individual.

We have also taken another step in the modernisation of the Trust organisation – with the assistance of AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex) – we have prepared and adopted a revised Constitution for the trust. This document reflects all the original objectives of the trust whilst also reflecting all the recommendations made by the Charity Commission for such documents. We had considered transforming the Trust onto a Charitable Incorporated Organisation but, after consultations and advice, decided that the current legal structure was both the more appropriate (and very considerably lower cost) way forward. We just need a few I's to be dotted and T's crossed and we will put the new document on the website.

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Findon Parish Council News

We are delighted to report that the Homewood Play Area is now open and seeing heavy use and evident enjoyment by children. Feedback is very positive and further comments welcomed. There will be a formal opening ceremony involving Findon Parish Council (FPC) and our project partners Arun District Council, South Downs National Park Authority and EiBE play equipment suppliers - details will be announced shortly.

At the time of writing, FPC has two co-option vacancies for councillors following the resignation of Cllrs Selves and Hopley. Expressions of interest forms for the vacancies were published on 12 July 2022 with a closing date of 25 July. It is hoped that these vacancies can be filled at either the FPC meeting on 1 August or 12 September.

We know only too well that life changing events such as a pandemic can impact Findon but such emergencies can extend to flooding, explosions, storm damage and other serious accidents. Obviously the role of emergency services in such events are key but FPC can play a role too, and to that end we are working to prepare an Emergency Plan to support residents if such an emergency scenario were to arise. The Parish Council envisages working in tandem with the emergency services and specialist officers from West Sussex County Council, Arun District Council and relevant utility

providers, in such an event our local knowledge could prove vital assistance. Once we have a draft of our Emergency Plan we will be looking for your input as to skills that you could offer in the event of an emergency, as well as your thoughts on those priorities outlined in our plan.

By the time of reading this, the heatwave will have abated and be a distant (warm) memory, with lawns and plants no doubt replenished by rain - a feast for the eyes although maybe not for the hay fever sufferers.

Cllr Sean Smith
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Every one of our cat pens are full, this time of the year people are planning holidays so we don't have many enquiries from people wanting cats.

All our guinea-pig cages are full, almost all of them are males, most of the enquiries only want females. We rarely have calls with people wanting Rabbits even though we have lovely friendly bonded pairs.

Every morning when I get up there are more mole hills on the lawn. I have tried all the remedies that people have suggested. Except this week somebody told me to use holly down every mole hill, but I don't think I will bother.

from Stacey.



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or send us an email and a member of the team will be in touch -
Volunteer@westsussexcab.org.uk

Findon Village WI

Our July meeting was a very interesting and informative presentation on the subject of Kew Gardens. Sarah Oldridge explained the history of the royal gardens and, with the help of some lovely photographs, took us through the seasons of both Kew and Wakehurst. Our competition was a garden flower which Pam won with a beautiful passion flower

Our Crafty Ladies are now busy making crafts to sell at the sheep fair, all sheep themed of course!

Our next meeting,
Thursday 11th August, 7.30pm
is a fun evening looking at the Jazz and Glamour of the 1920's;

The competition is 1920 memorabilia
As always, there will be a raffle and coffee, tea and cake for all

Visitors very welcome - we look forward to seeing you

We will also be selling jigsaws at the August Garden show so please come and say hello

Paddy Winter - President

Email: findonvillage@hotmail.co.uk

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

In 2022 help an older person or a person with a disability, to remain safer in their home.

Since 2019 Able Community Care, a Norfolk, nationwide, Live-in Care Provider, has been offering older people and people with a disability, a free door sticker to deter unwanted callers.

It is a fact that older and vulnerable people are targeted by fraudulent traders, workmen and fake 'professional' people such as conmen advising they are from the Water Board, Local Council, BT, Gas Board, NHS Covid Dept., etc.

As many people have told us, this sticker on the door means the unwelcome visitor does walk back down the path without knocking.

To date we have given out nearly 80,000 door stickers and if you know of an older person who would like to have one, please email us at info@ablecommunitycare.com telling us how many you would like and the address to send them to. Or please call me on 07899 990748 (Hilary) and I will request one for you.

Findon Sheep Fair News.



Thank you to all the volunteers that have come forward so far but we do need more on Sheep Fair day Saturday 10th September.

1. We need more people to help, even if for only an hour or two as we can only run the show if we have enough volunteers to support the various licences necessary for such a large event. Please contact either Sue or Elaine on findonsheepfair@gmail.com

2. Dance tickets for the Friday "Barn Dance and the "Saturday Party on the Green" are on sale at the Village Shop and Post Office and also at Michael Jones and Curtis Estate Agents in Findon Valley.

The Friday night Barn Dance is a family occasion and is great fun, you don't have to know what you are doing as a caller will shout out the dance moves. Bring the family and sit on the straw bales, Its a great occasion and gets people in the right mood for the weekend.



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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).

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:



Erection of a detached garage

5 Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UF
Ref. No: SDNP/22/03229/HOUS

Erection of replacement summer house (retrospective)

1 The Parade High Street Findon
BN14 0SU
Ref. No: SDNP/22/03194/FUL

Holm oak tree, To reduce the canopy by 5 metres to the height, south, east and north facing sides leaving furnishing on the branches to aid regrowth. Sycamore tree, To reduce the height by 6 meters, reduce the eastern side by 3 meters and crown lift up to 5 metres. These said two mature trees are growing within 2.5 metres distance apart, therefore it is advisable to treat both trees as one when reducing the canopy

2 Convent Gardens Findon BN14 0RZ
Ref. No: SDNP/22/03165/TPO

Discharge of condition 14 (Written Scheme of Investigation) relating to planning appeal approval

APP/Y9507/W/20/3254915
(SDNP/19/01876/FUL)

Soldiers Field House Soldiers Field
Lane Findon BN14 0SH
Ref. No: SDNP/22/02860/DCOND

Single storey extension to side of front outrigger and changes to fenestration

7 High Barn Findon BN14 0TJ
Ref. No: SDNP/22/02796/HOUS

Change of decking materials to two balcony areas, from timber to composite decking material

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Village Hall Diary August 2022

For all booking enquiries please email Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net

A number of regular classes are not meeting for much of August. Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net.

Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	Monday 1st only	10:30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday (2nd and 9th only)	9.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday (not 9th)	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am

Monthly	Date	Time
Parish Council Committee Meeting	1 st August	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Meeting	4 th and 25 th August	19.30pm
Findon Village WI	11th August	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	16th August	10.00am – 3.00pm
Meditation	18th August	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	19th August	19.30pm
Danceholics	21st August	18.30pm
Tastevin	1st September	19.00pm

Future Events and Dates for your Diary

Saturday 6th August -	Summer Garden Show
Friday 16th September -	Film Night – 6.30pm
Friday 21st October -	Film Night – 6.30pm

Findon Village Hall
www.findonvillagehall.net

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

AUGUST 2022

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.
There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,
and Morning Prayer every Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am.

Sunday 7th August Eighth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Patching Worship & Praise at Findon with 'Hope Rising'
Sunday 14th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 21st August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30 am 10.00 am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 28th August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon

Messy Church restarts after the Summer Holiday
on Tuesday 4th October
3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

Weddings:

8th July – Henry Millar and Janelle Thorpe-McCandless
29th July – Adam Hedges and Francesca Yates

Funerals:

8th July - Patricia Jenkin

Lambs Tails – Restarts again

Early September

Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, &
parents/carers.

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall,
every third Tuesday at 11.00am in Findon Church.

Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com

New Toddler Group

starting September 2022

Clapham & Patching Village Hall

9.15am - 3rd Thursday of the
month

Rev. Helena Buqué, Vicar, and Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar:
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