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Thank you, Ma'am

May you rest in peace



by the Craft Fairies

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## From The Rectory

I had this month's article drafted in my head, titled '3 weddings and a sheep fair', but then sadly we had the news on Thursday last week (8<sup>th</sup> September) that the Queen had died. It doesn't seem appropriate to write a frivolous piece during a time of national mourning! Just a word of explanation; inadvertently I booked 2 weddings in Findon Church followed by one at Patching Church on Sheep Fair Day, September 10<sup>th</sup> and as the A24 was pretty much at a standstill for most of the day, through into the Village past the Rectory, travelling anywhere was a challenge, but all 3 weddings went without a hitch! The Sheep Fair Weekend however was a resounding success. Well done to everyone involved in planning, on the day, and clearing up. Each day there were times of quiet for reflection on the life of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and singing of the National Anthem for our new King.

Although we all knew that our Queen's health was declining, it still came as a shock when the news broke on Thursday afternoon. People everywhere have been affected with profound sadness at the end of an era, yet at the same time a great sense of gratitude and admiration for her Majesty's lifelong example of service underpinned by her faith in God. Over the last week, we have been treated to documentaries and previously unseen

footage of our Queen throughout her life, revealing not just a Queen, a public figure serving her people as Monarch for 70 years, but also a wife, mother and grandmother, a sister, someone with a great sense of humour, able to relax when out of the public eye with her beloved family, particularly at Balmoral. Many of you reading this will, like me, have known no other Monarch. Like his mother before him, Charles became King Charles III as soon as his mother died. He has taken on her mantle of monarchy ably and immediately despite the personal grief he must be feeling. God bless the King.

Tributes to Queen Elizabeth II have a common theme of gratitude and love for a remarkable woman who gave a sense of stability not just to our own nation but through most of the world. Through her 96 years she has witnessed momentous change, particularly in technology, and times of personal, national and global sorrow as well as joy, but throughout everything, her faith has sustained her, giving her the strength to continue resolutely even in the darkest times of her life. What a wonderful example of Christian faith she has been for us all. The pledge of service with God's help that she made on the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday has well and truly been kept.

Thank you, Ma'am; may you rest in peace and rise in glory.

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If you would like to add a name, there will be a list at the back of each church, or you can email or phone the Parish Office with their details.

All are welcome to attend this Service to quietly give thanks for our loved ones who have gone before us.

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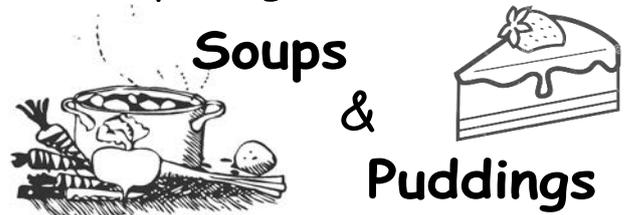
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If anyone has any gifts for the gift table or items for the raffle they would like to donate, they will be very much appreciated and will be needed by Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

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## Findon Sheep Fair - Grand Prize Raffle

The organisers (and in particular the Governors of our school), would like to send sincere thanks and best wishes to all who contributed to this year's Sheep Fair raffle: to the many buyers of tickets, the Sheep Fair Committee for their help and most of all to the kind local businesses who gave the prizes that attracted so many to the stall. We didn't approach just Findon businesses, especially as so many give to other village events at other times of the year, rather we spread our appeal a little further to take in other nearby attractions. Our kind contributors this time were: **Kaye and David, the new owners of The Findon Manor Hotel** (two prizes), **The Wiston Estate Vineyard, The Black Horse pub** in Findon, **Parham House, Amberley Museum, Arundel Wetlands, Jez Parton** (Austin 7 Findon tour), **Vanilla Pod Beauty** in Worthing and **Fisher's Farm**. A sincere thanks to you all.

The raffle raised ~£500 of profit which will be part of the distribution, done by the (not-for-profit) Sheep Fair's organising committee, to various village organisations including Findon Village School Governors' fund which has to fund-raise to create school building improvement during this 150th celebratory year of our school being located at its present site on School Hill.

The organisers of the Sheep Fair (and in particular the Governors of our school), would also like to send sincere thanks to The Findon Garden Centre who have contributed to our funds the monies collected for car parking charges. This will help the school as we move to develop facilities for all our pupils. Thank you again.

**John Roche**, Chair of Governors.  
St. John the Baptist School, Findon.

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## Findon Village WI

Our September meeting took place one hour after the sad announcement of the passing of her most gracious majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She was a long-time member of the Sandringham WI, so following a minute's silence, we sang a rousing rendition of Jerusalem. Appropriately, our speaker Susan Howe gave us a light hearted, quirky insight into 'All Things British... Eccentrics, Heroes' and Tea!' This included the 19<sup>th</sup> century Dean of Westminster Abbey who barbecued bumblebees and cooked moles in batter to serve to his guests; and the introduction of tea drinking to England by Catherine of Braganza, wife of King Charles II. Our competition was won by Peta Onslow with her miniature golden coach. Our stall at the Sheep Fair was a great success attracting many visitors young and old who purchased delicious cakes,

jams, chutneys and an array of crafts including coasters, bags, badges and sheep pom poms. A massive thank you to all our ladies who cooked, bottled, crafted and helped us on the day. We couldn't have done it without you.

Our next meeting

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm**

is a food demonstration and tasting by Wiltshire Farm Foods;

The competition is your best recipe for a one pot meal.

As always, there will be a raffle and coffee, tea and cake for all.

Visitors very welcome – we look forward to welcoming you.

**Sara Clarke – Vice President**

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## **Cinnamon Trust**

Following the success of Mike's Cream Tea it was agreed by some of our team that it would be good to have a Car Boot Sale to sell off some of our stock. Lorna and Ray Bolger, Jan Churchfield and Val Conway rose at the crack of dawn on Saturday 27th August and worked hard for the cause! They raised over £100, which was great and much appreciated! Thanks to each of them. With some other donations I was able to send a cheque for £120 to the Trust yesterday.



We will be holding our **Christmas Fair** in the Church on **Saturday 3rd December** so please put the date in your diary. Any offers of help, especially from strong men, for setting up on Friday 2nd and clearing on the Saturday afternoon would be great.

My usual small Christmas cakes will be available so if you would like to order as soon as possible please do so. I regret I have to raise the price for the first time and they will be £7 each this year.

Like all charities at this time the Cinnamon Trust needs so much help. The people of Findon are so generous and supportive that it never ceases to amaze me. Thank you to all on behalf of the people and pets you help.

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I start this month's contribution with "final words", as fellow volunteer Jean Burden has kindly agreed to take on the task of writing the shop's article for the excellent Findon News, something that I hope she will enjoy as much as I have. But before signing off, in response to those who have asked what QAVS is and why it is so significant, a few words of explanation: The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is an Honour intended for groups, and is of equal rank with the MBE for individuals. For the Honour to be approved, a group must be led by volunteers, have been running for a minimum of three years and exist solely for the benefit of their local community. The confidential and rigorous process of nomination, reporting, research, interviews and investigations by local representatives of the Queen goes through several stages and there are no guarantees that nominations will be successful. We were therefore absolutely thrilled when it was announced in June that Findon Village Store had been recognised in this way and hope you will join us in the Village Hall on 17th October when the Award will be presented by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex.

Thank you, Annie, for all your contributions. You're a tough act to follow!

Roll on the drums, please! It's the fifth anniversary of the shop's opening this month. On 28<sup>th</sup> October 2017, after five months of feverish activity, Findon Village Store tentatively opened its doors to the public. And it hasn't looked back! During the time it has

been open, the shop has become an intrinsic part of village life, bringing more business and visitors to this beautiful area, and becoming known as a hub where there is always a friendly smile and a cheery greeting.

Talking of focal points, the wonderful creations that increasingly sit atop the post box outside the shop, are a real draw. Producing them is no mean feat – the diameter of the top of the post box measures a mere metre! It must be one of the largest in the country. The crocheted pastoral scene of a shepherdess and her sheep, which adorned the box to highlight the Sheep Fair, has been replaced by the crown as a memorial to our late queen Elizabeth. And, who knows, there may be plans for more displays in the coming months. (No pressure, ladies!) A good reason for visiting the shop, in case you needed one.

The shop's buyers are always looking around for new items to stock, especially if it is locally produced, and this month we are pleased to announce that there is a new selection of beers from the award-winning Firebrand brewery in Rudgwick, near Horsham. 'Pacific Gem' is a pale ale, with a pronounced bitterness and signature aroma of berry fruits, 'Heritage Sussex Best' is developed from a recipe passed down five generations of the proprietor's family, while 'Festive 51' is an updated version of a beer created for the Festival of Britain in 1951. Interesting, and definitely worth a sniffer!

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Hallowe'en is approaching, and the shop will be stocking some extra bits and pieces to get you into the mood. Keep your eyes glued.

We apologise for the late delivery of newspapers several days in September. They only arrived in the shop after 1pm.

Just a couple of things that may have escaped your attention. Postal strikes

are planned for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

And, if you are lucky enough to possess any £20 or £50 notes, the old paper notes will no longer be accepted as a form of payment as from 30<sup>th</sup> September.

And finally, a gentle reminder to sign up for the QAVS before 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a statutory limit on numbers, so please contact Anne Colville sooner rather than later if you would like to attend.

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**FINDON VILLAGE STORE**  
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## Findon Village Hall Trust

Well, the first Film Night of the year was rather special! We showed *Mama Mia* and there was (loud) singing along, lots of arm waving, Costumes (I choose a capital "C" advisedly) and actual, real dancing in the aisles! Apart from that, it was a quiet night. Seriously, we were delighted to see some younger members of the community at film night and we *know* they enjoyed themselves – that much was obvious, though it was the more mature members of the audience who started the dancing.... We do hope we will see them again!

The next film, "Phantom of the Open" with Mark Rylance, Sally Hawkins and Rhys Ifans, will be shown on the 21st of October, doors open 6:30, curtain up, 7:30. You can see a clip on <https://youtu.be/rzYiOswiNBQ>

In conjunction with the Parish Council, we are moving ahead with the potential contractors and will be supporting the Council in meetings to review the tenders with the likely contractor to ensure we all understand the details in the immediate future. Once the contractor is selected, we can move to the next stage...

We are also working on some ideas to try and extend the ways in which we can benefit the community more widely and we would welcome input and ideas from anyone in the village as to how we might do that.

We are also pleased to report that we are getting more people joining us for Lambstails again including something of a core attendance. Do tell your friends because we would like to have a few more to make it sustainable! Also, of course, if anyone would like

## Roger Stone

to offer their support as a helper – please do let us know.

We have now had several wedding receptions at the hall since the pandemic (some having been delayed by up to 2 years!) and children's birthday parties something of a staple. Demand for regular weekday slots is good (that is why Lambstails has to be at the Church once a month) so the extension, when it comes, will be a welcome increase in capacity.

We do still need a new secretary and the next stage will be a leaflet drop across the village – if you want to get in before the rush....

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# Findon Sheep Fair & Village Festival 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022



The sun shone and the crowds came out to make our first post Covid show an amazing (and very busy) event. The show is a cherished event and attracts crowds from far and wide. We believe that across the weekend more than 10,000 people attended Npcote Green.

We began the event on Friday evening with a 2 minute silence where we paused in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>. We repeated this twice on Saturday, initially at 11am for the daytime show and at 8pm ahead of the final evening show. We did consider whether it would be right to cancel the

event and engaged the thoughts of Findon Parish Council and Arun District Council before deciding to proceed. We all felt that celebrating with a country show was a fantastic way to remember the Queen and her personal dedication to country affairs. As a further tribute to the Queen a 'Condolence book' was made available for visitors to sign. After the show weekend the condolence book is to be relocated to the local community shop for locals to sign.

The Friday evening comprised the Harris Fairground and a barn dance which attracted a record attendance of

close to 400 people with 'Shanalligans' providing a variety of country and folk music.

Saturday 'daytime' filled the green, village and local roads, as crowds flocked in to see the Sheep Judging, Harris's Fair, History of sheep and shearing, Falconry, Morris dancing and the Nicola Miles dancing troop.





## Sheep Show & Judging

The Sheep fair now comprises so many different opportunities to have fun and celebrate, however the history of the show stems from local farming of sheep and the need to show and auction these. For the past 20 years we have been building a worldwide reputation for our Sheep show and Judging at the fair.

Other attractions included tractor tours of the near downs, with a running commentary given by Findon's local historian/archaeologist, Classic cars exhibition, Punch & Judy, Childrens circus, Pony Rides and Horse and Trap rides, 160 stalls & crafts, and outside coffee, bars and catering areas and our first raffle.

Saturday evening led by Murdochs crazy eyes, filled the marquee and a fantastic party feel to round off the Saturday.

Sunday marked the end of the Fair with the traditional salvation Army band and service well attended.

In common with other parts of the Sheep Fair and Village Festival, a 2 minute silence was observed by everybody in honour of the queen with just the sound of sheep bleating in the back ground.

40 Farms entered from all over the South of England, Kent, Essex, Surrey, West Sussex, Hampshire and Berkshire. In total over 230 sheep were shown with 25 different breeds in attendance with Judges coming from as far as Shropshire.

The emphasis for this year was to have younger people involved in the show to ensure the show continues for years to come.



The winners of the top prizes were;

‘Supreme champion’ was a Hampshire ram owned by Viv and David Miles. ‘Best farm competition’ was won by Viv Miles from the Rother Valley. ‘The Most Successful Young Shepherd’ was won by Chloe from the Lovejoy farm partnership and the supreme champion young shephard was won by Poppy also from the Lovejoy farm partnership.



**Our Volunteers.** An event as cherished and rewarding for so many is not easy to set up & safely deliver. We are indebted to all our volunteers, the vast majority of whom live in the village and gave freely of their time, often through wet weather ahead of the weekend as well as on the Friday to set the event up, Saturday to run it and Sunday to clean away. We are also extremely grateful for the generosity of local landowners in loaning areas of land for car parking and for Findon Valley scouts in marshalling the traffic so admirably.

**Our Sponsors.** The event also requires funding and support to planning processes. We would like to recognise the support from our lead sponsors Michael Jones (for funding and administrative support throughout the year) and also to thank our 20 sponsors of the sheep judging and sponsors of specific activities (a full list is available on our website).

**Our Suppliers.** 2022 marks the first post-covid show and following a gap of 3 years has required a good deal of support and collaboration from our suppliers, our thanks go out to each of our 25 suppliers.

We would like to thanks all exhibitors and traders in the part they played in making this such an eventful & memorable event.

We know that with success comes additional challenges and this years popularity of the show pushed to the limit the capacity of the site and local roads. We will be reviewing both our traffic management and on site facilities to improve these aspects of the show in the future. We also value your feedback and new ideas. We will be placing a feedback box in the village shop for the rest of September please use this or our website to share your thoughts.

[www.findonsheepfair.co.uk](http://www.findonsheepfair.co.uk)

## Findon Parish Council News

Findon Parish Council (FPC) would like to express its gratitude to all members of the Findon Sheep Fair Committee and all those volunteers who worked tirelessly to create a very successful Sheep Fair. The Fair, along with other historic elements of Findon, represent a priceless connection with our history and heritage, one that we all treasure.

FPC welcomed the co-option of a new councillor to fill one of the two vacancies last month. Cllr Mark Robinson will also be a member of the FPC Planning Committee.

The official opening of the regenerated Homewood Play Area by Arun District Council (ADC) in tandem with FPC was held recently and the heavy use of the facility by children from Findon has been noted. A request to place some picnic tables at the location in order to allow families to supervise children whilst enjoying the environment is being pursued.

Over the last year, our Findon sapling nursery has provided trees for over 200 plantings and following extensive watering in the long dry periods, upward of 90% of these have taken. We plan to continue this initiative with a delivery of another 100 saplings for the nursery in the near future. Thanks are due to the Open Spaces Volunteers Working Party, the Findon Village Tree Warden, and members of FPC continue to pursue this excellent initiative which helps replace those trees we have lost and maintain our village's rural environment.

Findon Parish Councillors and Findon Village Hall Trust representatives have recently attended two workshops presented by West Sussex County Council

(WSSCC) outlining the principles of village community resilience based on 'What If' scenarios. A working party initially comprising four FPC councillors and two FVHT trustees, has subsequently been formed to compile a Community Resilience Plan for Findon Village with the aim of ensuring we have measures in place to cope with unforeseen localised emergencies and also to engage with ADC to have the Village Hall officially recognised as the 'Survivor Rest Centre/Rest Centre' in the event of an emergency resulting in Findon Village residents being evacuated from their homes. As their work progresses it is highly likely that the Working Party will be engaging with other Village organisations whose co-operation in the event of an emergency could be crucial. Progress updates will be published in Findon News on a regular basis.

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## News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

It will soon be November, the month I really hate, because of the dreaded Fireworks. With fuel, and everything going up I really hope people will think twice and not waste money on Fireworks.

The animals suffer every year night after night not just on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Dogs, horses, cows and sheep are so frightened.

There are some heartless people owning animals. A lady rang to say the neighbours opposite had moved and left three adult cats and two kittens behind in an empty house. They had left a window open and a ladder under the window. She rang different rescues who couldn't help. She said she was concerned because there was a kitten out in the road. She rang me to ask if she could bring them to PAWS. I agreed, but the Landlord arrived and said the last tenant's car was still outside and they still owed him money and might come back for the cats. The next day the RSPCA did come out and take them saying there will be a prosecution because they had left the cats for weeks without food or water.

Some owners get off Scot free. A man in Storrington rang to say he had just picked up an old plastic handbag that was moving, it had a small black cat inside and had just been dumped. The cat is not microchipped, it was so scared, poor little cat. We will look after him until we can find him a home. We have called him Charles. The man who brought him in said to call him 'Handbag' but we didn't think it was very dignified. I suppose we could have called him Bagpuss!

There was a beautiful young white rabbit found running around in Lancing. We have been putting his photo on Facebook each week but so far no one has claimed him. He's so well behaved.

We also have a young black stray cat that had been around for two weeks in

Worthing. He is not neutered or microchipped. The man rang to say he picked him up and left him in a cat carrier outside our gate. Unfortunately nobody heard the bell.

A lady took her mother's pedigree Birman cat home when her mother went into a Hospice. Her teenage son was ill and couldn't breathe around the cat and had a rash on his body. The doctor said he is allergic to the cat. So we have the cat and are looking for a home for the Birman called Tilly.

Weeks ago we had a traumatised terrified cat come in. We still can't get anyway near poor Tumble. Luckily a lady offered to come in and try Reiki on the cat each evening. Sadly her own cat had just died. She is now so fond of Tumble she has decided to give Tumble a home when, and if, we can ever manage to get him in a cat carrier!

We had five hens arrive recently, some featherless, some with bad legs called scaly leg. Sprays don't work, they need their legs soaked in epsom salts every day, and then rubbed with vaseline, so time consuming. But it eventually worked.

Some of us went to the Sheep Fair and enjoyed it enormously. Unfortunately, the queues for food were so long we all came back hungry. Then we had to get back to work.

from Stacey.

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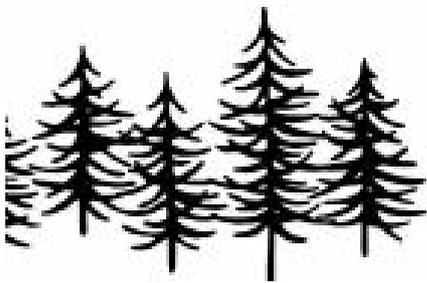




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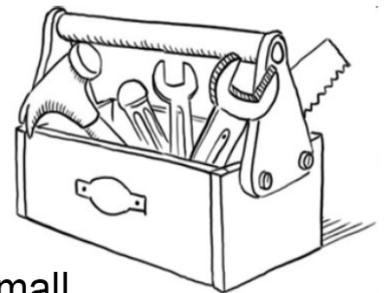
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## **Muntham Graves**

I had no response to my enquiry last month about Jane Aldridge, born Findon 1865, who worked for the Thynne family at Muntham Court. I thought she might be buried at The Clump.

For the benefit of recent inhabitants, here is a brief history.

The family name of the Marquess of Bath from Longleat is Thynne. By the late 19<sup>th</sup> c. one branch of this family had purchased Muntham Court Findon. In 1925, one son, Edward, shot himself while cleaning his revolver. The, somewhat controversial coroner's verdict was accidental death. However he was not buried in Findon churchyard but in a clump of trees high up on the downs South West of the house.

Subsequently three other members of the family were exhumed and buried there. Edward and Toms gravestones were designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, a family friend.

There are six Thynne graves for eight people, the last being Brian Sheridan Thynne who died Dec. 1985.

Some of the servants of this family asked if they also could be buried there. This is a peaceful spot overlooking the village, with views to Cissbury and Chanctonbury. Indeed for a dozen or so retainers it is their final resting place. A little further out and down the hill, they are here in a perpetual 'Upstairs-Downstairs'.

These graves are rapidly being overgrown by briars and stinging nettles. Those names that are still visible are:-- Attfield, Holm, Howick, Knight, Merrit and Smalley. I feel it is sad that these graves are so neglected as I remember a time when they were well maintained. Soon the Thynne graves will also be overtaken by the march of nature. Therefore I have written to Longleat asking if anything can be done.

Muntham Court was demolished in 1957 and Worthing Crematorium built on the site.

There is a 'You Tube' video, Muntham Graves by the Bald Explorer. Richard Voles. A pity that he only found the Thynne ones.

***Norman Allcorn***

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## **Riparian Ditches – its that time of the year again.....**

Autumn is rapidly approaching and the leaves will soon start to fall.

If you are a property owner and have a watercourse running through, adjoining, or below it, then the chances are it is your responsibility to maintain it. A watercourse is any natural or artificial channel above or below ground through which water flows (such as a river, brook, ditch or stream, or piped or in a culvert). Properly maintained watercourses help keep land and roads well-drained, control surface water, and

allow water to escape more efficiently – all the reasons they exist in the first place.

Owners' responsibilities include clearing any debris, managing vegetation in the watercourse, and clearing obstructions.

West Sussex County Council has a useful leaflet on ditch management and this can be viewed using the following link [Ditch The Problem \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](http://westsussex.gov.uk)

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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.

### **Remove partially dead Norway Maple.**

Nepcroft Steep Lane Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0UE  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/04369/DDDT

### **Replacement balcony**

The Mill House Stable Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0RR  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/04271/HOUS

### **Detached garage.**

Mayland Findon Bypass Findon BN14 0TP  
Ref. No: SDNP/22/04039/HOUS

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:



**Loft conversion** comprising dormer window to side (north) and velux to front, side and rear elevations. Single storey rear extension

10 Downland Close Findon West Sussex BN14 0UJ  
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**Extension of residential curtilage** and construction of tennis court for domestic use

Woodside Horsham Road Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RQ  
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**This month's Gardens Association meeting is on  
30<sup>th</sup> September, with Neil Hulme giving a talk  
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## Village Hall Diary October 2022

For all booking enquiries please email Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary on  
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<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	10:30am
Circle Dancing (fortnightly)	Monday (10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> )	14.30pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	9.15am <b>or</b> 3.15pm on 18 <sup>th</sup>
Lambstails	Tuesday	10.30am
	(Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> at church)	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	14.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	9.30am/ 10.30am /11.45am
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> )	18.30pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	4 <sup>th</sup> October	15.30pm
Art Workshop	8 <sup>th</sup> October	9. 00am
Findon Village WI	13 <sup>th</sup> October	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	18 <sup>th</sup> October	10am – 3pm
Meditation	20 <sup>th</sup> October	19.30pm
Parish Council Committee Meeting	24 <sup>th</sup> October	19.30pm
Light Lunch	25 <sup>th</sup> October	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> October	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	28 <sup>th</sup> October	19.30pm

### **Dates for your Diary and Future Events**

**Monday 17th October** Findon Village Store QAVS Award Ceremony

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** Film Night – The Phantom of the Open - 6.30pm Buy your tickets in advance - £4.50 from <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumup.link/product/findon-village-hall-film-night-ticket>  
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**Friday 4th November** Dance of Awareness workshop – 6.45 – 8.45pm

**Friday 11th November** Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm. Early bird tickets now available - <https://www.wegottickets.com/event/557737>

**Friday 18th November** Film Night – 6.30pm

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – 200 Club Draw – 7.30pm

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## OCTOBER 2022

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<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Harvest Festival at Patching, followed by harvest auction at 11.00am Worship & Praise at Findon with Canticle
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Harvest Festival at Clapham
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	8.00am 9.30am 4.00pm	Traditional Communion at Findon All Saints' Eucharist at Findon All Souls' Service at Findon

<b>Weddings:</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> September –</b> Benjamin Moresco & Charlotte Hoare Liam Reid & Suzannah Sax <b>5<sup>th</sup> September –</b> Simon Cranford & Vanessa Powell <b>10<sup>th</sup> September –</b> Adam Boxall & Louise Ramsay Daniel Munro & Alice Whittington Ashley Picton & Lucy Ockenden <b>17<sup>th</sup> September –</b> Levi Doe & Sasha Smith Connor Halliday & Katie Rogers  <b>Funerals:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> August – Sheila Homewood	 <b>Messy Church restarts after the Summer Holiday on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> 3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall
	<b>Lambs Tails –</b> Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. <b>Tuesday mornings</b> at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall, <b>every third Tuesday</b> at 11.00am in Findon Church. Contact Sue Stone: <a href="mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com">belgiumsue@hotmail.com</a>
	<b>New Toddler Group</b> Clapham & Patching Village Hall 9.15am - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month
	<b>Baptisms:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> August – Hugo and Lily Wake 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Jemima Severn

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