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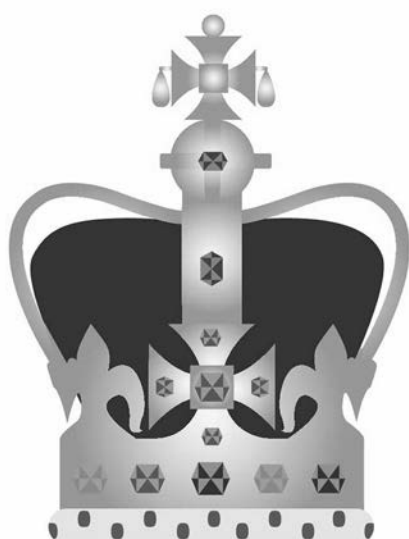
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From The Rectory

This morning there is finally some warmth in the sun; I have been so cold since coming back from Australia! It is lovely to be back with you all in the villages, although I was very tempted to stay. As many of you know, it is hard to be separated from family. I did joke that I'd had to pay excess baggage bringing a suitcase of sunshine home with me, but sadly that sun only lasted a day back at the beginning of April!

Spending 3 months in one place really allows you to put down roots, and the people around Castlemaine in Victoria were so friendly and welcoming. The church I attended had a great music tradition, with a four part choir leading the worship, but shares the same challenges as we face here as well as the joys. I had a couple of breaks from the family, staying first in an Anglican Benedictine Community, where there was a beautiful peaceful garden area overlooking a large lake then towards the end of my visit in a Cistercian Community where I was able to join in with the Daily Offices (times of worship and reflection) at regular intervals through the day, starting at 4am! The second Monastery was in the Yarra Valley, where so much wonderful wine comes from. It took an act of willpower not to go off tasting wines each day at a different winery! Sadly the total length of travel home also meant I was unable to bring any of the lovely wines home as it would have been confiscated at Kuala Lumpur on the 3 hour stop over! I'm sure they do this on purpose!!

While there, I read the Lent book recommended by the Diocese,

Helena Bugué

published by the Australian Board of Mission, ***The Imaginary Doorway*** by Stephen Daughtry, illustrated by his wife Vanessa, which takes 7 personal encounters with Jesus from the Gospels then retells the story from the perspective of the person whose life was changed through meeting Jesus. It really made me think! Whenever we read or hear a story, each of us hears it in our own way, shaped by our individual experience and character. This is clear in the Bible too, with the variations in the 4 Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus. Each writer tells the same story, but with their own unique slant on the events. We each have our own stories to tell, to share, but often shy away from doing so for many reasons but often through lack of self-confidence.

Story is embedded in Australian culture, through the Indigenous people, the original 'Australians'. There is a growing interest in their history – 'his story' – as the government seeks to make reparation for the years of abuse suffered by the Aborigines. Wherever I travelled I saw plaques acknowledging the 'original owners' of the land, for example the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People, and on Australia Day there was an alternative celebration in the local park, staged by the indigenous people, with live music and story shared. It was great to see the families enjoying the entertainment and their picnics while learning about their history and culture from the 'Aunts and Uncles' there. I also rediscovered the joy of driving! The roads are straight and smooth and you can drive for miles without seeing

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another vehicle (initially disconcerting with the thought, what happens if I break down?!) and the undulating landscape of the Victorian bush passes through incredible volcanic plains with ancient cones sprinkled on either side of the road, spectacular! Gum trees come in a variety of size and shade of green and the scent of eucalyptus after an overnight shower is intoxicating.

The ocean on the Mornington Peninsula was another stunning setting, sunrise and sunset has an amazing clarity and the wildlife is stunning. I return refreshed, re-energised, happy to be back with you all, but missing my family too. Thank goodness for technology and the ability to video call!

Every blessing, *Helena*

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Gez and Josie's Incredible Adventure

Gez Parton

Many of you will know me from my old cars driving around the Village. In 2021, one of these cars, called Josie, drove from Findon to John O'Groats to Land's End and back to Findon. Josie is a 1936 Austin 7 Mk 1 Pearl that I have owned for 12 years.

This year we plan to travel the whole of mainland Great Britain (including Scotland and Wales) via the coast. We are doing this to raise money for the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution). This journey will be approximately 5,000 miles and will take Josie and I about a month to complete

during the summer. Given that on one infamous occasion we broke down 30 seconds after leaving the house, at the bottom of Stable Lane, this is clearly going to be a challenge! There is a fantastic network of Austin 7 owners in the UK and we hope to stay with many of these on our travels.

I have set up a Just Giving Page, and if you would like to donate to this amazing cause, the link is:

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By Blake Heppenstall Age 10



St John the Baptist School

As I write this our school is on a well-earned break for the Easter holidays and so there is not much to report over and above what was relayed last month. However, we look forward to an exciting term ahead, including the Revels which take place on Saturday May 13th. There will be the traditional country dancing at Old Pond Green, starting at 11.00, followed by a procession to school, maypole dancing and then all the fun of the fete as visitors enjoy all the usual stalls at the Revels including a licenced bar and live entertainment.

Vacancy for a Clerk to the Governors

One item of news from the Governors: our Clerk of Governors for the last 7 years is stepping down as part of his retirement from work. We are now looking for a new clerk and were wondering if anyone in the village would be interested in taking an active part in the life of our lovely local primary school.

The position is an hourly paid role and requires attendance at main

governing body meetings, which take place 5 times a year at 4pm on a Tuesday, plus (approximately) nine committee meetings a year which take place at various times during the working day in term time.

It is not anticipated that the pay will be the main attraction of the job - it will be a labour-of-love too: the job is quite interesting for anyone who wants to be involved in the education system. Full training will be given as there are aspects to this job that require specialist understanding of the role. There will also be a time to have managed handover sessions with the present clerk.

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the Findon website and the Findon/Clapham/Patching Churches website as soon as we were aware of the issue. We will now have to be extra vigilant when including such notices in the future and we urge you, the readers, to be constantly aware that there are people out there who want to defraud you.

Friends of St John the Baptist Cookbook

Let's write a cook book! The Friends of St John the Baptist - the fundraising arm of our lovely village church - would like your help to do it. It is repeatedly proven to us what a wonderfully kind and friendly village community this is and we wanted to celebrate this somehow by including as many people as possible. To celebrate all things Findon we're asking you to share your favourite recipes, which we'll gather into a book that will hopefully be ready to buy at the Christmas Tree Festival which is happening on December 2nd and 3rd in the Church.

There are several chapters of the book - feel free to share your recipes in any section you'd like Breakfasts; Home Grown Lunches - food from the garden/foraging/simple meals; Soups and Stews; Puddings, Cakes and Biscuits; Afternoon Tea; Cooking for Friends and Family - meals for a crowd; Lazy Suppers; BBQ; Seasonal Specials - Easter/Christmas/Birthdays; Marmalades, Jams and Chutneys; Cooking for One; Lamb - well we can't not mention the Sheep Fair!

The recipes we'd like are those ones that you love to cook - for friends, for

family, for yourself. The trifle that mum makes every Christmas, or that special bbq sauce or even just your favourite tea time treat.

There are three easy ways to share your favourite foods with us:

1. The Village Shop and Peckham's have forms ready to fill in and return to them where we'll pick them up
2. Visit the newly relaunched Friends of St John the Baptist Website and follow the link to the on line form.
3. Email us at findonfoodfriends@gmail.com and we'll send you the link to the online form.

And if you're not a budding Masterchef don't worry - there are other ways you can take part - do you have any pictures/drawings of the village and village life? Please let us know - we'll be looking for keen photographers to take part too so just drop us an email and let us know you'd like to help.

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Biddy Boulding

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Soon after her retirement she moved back to her beloved Findon where she lived in Cross Lane. Biddy immersed herself into village life and was a member of Findon WI and regularly attended Findon Church with her friends. Biddy had a great love for dogs and made many friends whilst walking her dogs Trump and Lucy around the village.

Tony Lechford

Biddy's funeral will be held at Findon Church at midday on Tuesday 9th May, all past friends are most welcome to attend.



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If you thought that you'd be able to escape the word of the month, I'm sorry to disappoint. I've got to mention it. I'm hoping that in tackling it head on at the beginning of this month's offering, we'd be able to get it over and done with, and then move on to other matters.

Coronation. I would say I've put you out of your suspense, but I'm sure you weren't in any. The shop will, of course, be selling all sorts of patriotic tableware, food and gifts to help you get your street parties off to a swing. And I suspect that there will be a wonderful post box topper to get us in the mood.

There's another word of the month to describe this May (or technically two words). Bank Holidays. Usually May has two, but this year, we have three.

You could add Saturday May 6th, except that it's not a weekday so can't be a Bank Holiday. In theory some banks do open on Saturdays – although you need a sniffer dog to find a bank these days. I guess it's a historic thing, that doesn't have to relate to today's reality.

Anyway, I think I'd better move on quickly before I get myself into too much hot water. The gist of it is that May 2023 will have a lot more than its fair share of Bank Holidays. Stay with me – it's not a complete red herring, it does have relevance for the shop. For a village store, our opening times are generally excellent, perfect for the last minute items you almost forgot: Monday through to Saturday 7am to 7pm, and Sunday 7am to 12pm. Well, on the Bank Holidays, you'll just have to be a little bit more organised. On Mondays May 1st, 8th and 29th, and Saturday 6th (Coronation Day), the shop will close at 12.30pm. Hopefully you'll be out

Jean Burden

enjoying yourselves in glorious weather, and shopping will be the last thing on your mind.

By the way, isn't it lovely now that the evenings are getting lighter! Summer really is on the way. It'll be even more on its way when the ice cream freezer arrives, full of ices to whet your taste buds! Sticks, cones, bars, pops or tubs. What's your favourite?

Our Post Office operates a Drop & Go service, whereby regular parcel posters can open an account and then drop parcels off without having to queue. That sounds like a really good idea, both for the dropper-offers and the queuer-uppers! Another service we provide is newspaper delivery – every day, rain or shine. Let us know if you're interested. Never let it be said that we don't go above and beyond for our loyal customers!

The Volunteers Meeting lived up to my high expectations. As well as the annual statutory training we have to have, we discussed improvements we could make to our displays and storage, and also came up with some wonderfully imaginative (outrageous?) ideas for volunteer socials! What I loved most, however, was the sense of togetherness that working towards a common vision brings. The Store is very much at the heart of our community, and everybody wants it to succeed. A big thank you to Angus, Helen and the staff, who do so much to set the ethos – the degree of goodwill at that meeting is a credit to you all. One exciting plan we discussed is to

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have a presence at the Sheep Fair in September. We will be serving our delicious pastries and coffee, together with hot sausage rolls. Suggestions and requests for other goodies are of course welcome. Offers of help are equally

welcome, well, essential in fact, without putting too fine a point on it – without sufficient volunteers it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to man. Please form an orderly queue – our volunteers are very enthusiastic!

200 Club

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Findon Village WI

It was very unfortunate that our speaker for the April meeting Alan Kingshott, Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London had to cancel at the last minute due to illness.

We hastily rearranged the schedule and looked at this year's National Federation of Women's Institutes Resolution: **Clean rivers for people and wildlife**. It is proposed that the WI work with local and national authorities and the public to make parts of any river into officially designated Bathing Waters as a way of improving water quality. Members agreed in principle to support the resolution but felt that the focus was too narrow and should have a wider focus to improve river quality.

A fun quiz on the theme of water gave a light-hearted end to the evening.

I was delighted to welcome four new members to our WI and hope that they enjoy spending time with our inspiring group of women.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm**, when we will hear from Dr Janet Pennington on the subject of **'Witches, Warlocks and Wellingtons'**. She will examine some of the ways people in the past have protected themselves and their homes from evil. Protective items will be on display!

There will be tea, coffee, homemade cake, and a raffle.

Visitors would be most welcome – drop us an email or just come along - we look forward to seeing you.

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We do have potential bookings already – some who would like to use the smaller rather than the larger facility and some where we just have multiple users wanting the same time-slots. However, we are keen to make sure that the village as a whole benefit as much as possible. So if anyone has particular suggestions or ideas that we may not have thought of or activities they would like to promote – do get in touch. We would like to re-establish the youth club for example but we need a youth leader....

Roger Stone

Time for a bit of cut and paste from last time – don't forget: Our coronation celebration will be held on 7th May with gates opening at 12:00 until 16:00 hrs. Once again entry will be free, we will have live music, a bbq, licensed bar, teas, coffees, ice creams and cakes for sale. There will also be a bouncy castle and other side shows all of which will be free of charge. So please come along and help us celebrate the coronation of our new King.

We will shortly be installing (in conjunction with the WI and the Gardens Association) a drop down screen in the hall. We already have a projector which can be connected to a PC and which is available for hire. We have a Race Night organised for 17th June with a licensed bar and a raffle. A fish and chip supper is included in the price. Tickets will be available of £12 from our on-line shop, accessible from the website.

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Findon Place Open Gardens

Open Garden Days: This year we will be opening the gardens in aid of the Red Cross on the 11th June - there will be a small selection of stalls, garden games and our Kitchen Cafe serving afternoon tea. Then on the 2nd July we'll be open for the National Garden Scheme with some live music and the Kitchen Cafe.

Tickets for the Open Garden Days will be available via the NGS website and the Red Cross website shortly.

Spaces for our events are limited so please book promptly to make sure you don't miss out!

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Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair

The morning of Saturday 1st April dawned very wet indeed! It was really pouring the proverbial "cats and dogs." My heart sank as I had imagined a lovely spring morning for our Easter Fair with warm sunshine and fluffy white clouds! I needn't have worried however as nothing keeps the wonderful people of Findon indoors! The Easter Fair was a resounding success with well over £1,100 raised on the day and a total of £1,420 sent to Cinnamon Trust. Huge thanks to everyone who helped in any way at all. It was a lovely occasion and the doggies who attended were all so well behaved.

Our next planned event is the annual Cream Tea and Summer Fair which this year will be held on Saturday 19th August from 2pm till 4.30pm. For the



first time this will be in the Village Hall (and hopefully garden - in the sunshine). Many thanks to Mike Solomons for the many years he has held this event in his lovely home. We are a victim of our own success as the numbers attending are now too high for Mike's garden. Keep the date in your diaries and I hope to have the kind support of Roddas Cream as usual. Yum!

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Chair of Findon Friends of St Barnabas House Retires After 20 Years

Mike Solomons has recently handed over the Chair of Findon Friends of St. Barnabas House after 20 years at the helm. Committee members past and present are thankful for his guiding leadership over those years and, I am sure, villagers and the hospice are grateful for his fundraising.

Mike and his wife Mary moved to Findon from Long Ditton, Surrey in 2001. He had been Head of Cameras at Thames Television for years before retraining as an MC and Toastmaster, his distinctive handlebar moustache being an asset!

Mike's involvement in fundraising for St Barnabas House came about when his then next-door neighbour was running Findon Friends of St Barnabas House and asked if he would join the committee. A couple of years later, his neighbour retired and Mike took over as Chair. Various types of fundraising events were developed and put on over the years, including music and dance events in the village hall, quizzes with meals, skittles evenings, auctions, village summer open gardens with cream tea events, wine and cheese evenings and coffee mornings.

The hospice gets only a small amount of funding from the government and so charity fundraising is so important. In addition to major hospice events, the money raised by local groups is vital as although the money raised by each is relatively small, it all adds up. The Findon Friends of St Barnabas House has been one of the more active local

groups and has always had good support from the hospice team. Mike would represent the group at twice-yearly group meetings at the hospice, when there was sharing of fundraising ideas. In addition, Mike has run hospice auction events using his MC expertise.

Sadly, some years ago, Mary developed terminal cancer. She was offered a place in the hospice but wasn't keen as she really wanted to spend her last days at home. The hospice rose to the challenge and arranged for her to have a hospital bed at home, positioned in the lounge so that she could look through the window into the garden. The hospice also provided nursing care. Her passing was as comfortable as it could have been and Mike will be eternally grateful to the hospice for all that they did. Having the ongoing responsibilities as Chair of the committee helped him cope with what was a difficult time and reinvigorated his motivation to fundraise for the hospice.

Now, with an expanded committee, including younger members bringing new ideas, contacts and social media skills, he feels that Findon Friends of St Barnabas House is in good hands to take the fundraising forward and the time has come for him to stand down. Although his input will be missed by us on the committee, we know that he will support us at events and, should we need his advice, we know where he lives!

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Findon Parish Council News

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 18 April 2023, attended by parishioners, speakers on behalf of local organisations and Tom Micklewright, who is the practice manager for Lime Tree Surgery, Findon Valley, as guest speaker. The 'end of term' update given by the FPC Chairman is shown below.

FPC is indebted to the hard work and progress made by all Councillors and our Clerk over the last year but a special mention must go to the following Councillors who have stood down after significant service:

- Robin Carr after a momentous service of 20 plus years on FPC
- Cathrine Gear
- John Barnett
- Sarah Jewell

Their contribution, knowledge and energy will be missed.

The refurbishment of the Play area at Homewood was completed in the last year following grants and assistance from both South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Arun District Council (ADC). The refurbishment including the new zipwire have been warmly received by both children and parents and has been featured in the Spring/Summer 2023 edition of the Arun Times. FPC are looking to add extra parent/carer seating to the location.

A thorough Traffic and Parking survey was undertaken, this survey included speed measurement and individual/household feedback. Data analysis showed that speeding in the

village was not a problem. A plan to tackle six specific areas of parking concern within the village was submitted and a phased approach to enable these in 2023 underway.

Following the A24 speed restriction that certainly enables safer and easier access and egress to The Quadrangle, the installation of an A24 cycle path along the A24 between Findon and Findon Valley has been successfully completed. Coordination between Findon Parish council and Findon Valley Residents Association is looking to create a joined-up approach to basic maintenance of this asset. Yet another example of successful partnership working.

FPC has received funding approval of £90k via a Public Works Loan from government to enable completion of the extension to Findon Village Hall. This completion will provide a smaller venue alongside the large hall at Findon Village Hall, allowing even greater utilisation of this outstanding village asset.

The approval of the Nepcote Conservation Area (CA) was unanimously agreed at the SDNPA Planning Committee meeting on 9 March 2023 and marks the first new CA in the Park by the SDNPA. FPC has acquired funding from South Downs National Park Trust to enable Nepcote Green Pond to return to its original water filled state and this should fit well with the recently acquired conservation area status of Nepcote. Work to fulfil this program should complete in 2023.

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FPC submitted another successful bid for WSCC Operation Watershed funding and this work has been completed to enhance drainage and prevent flooding in Findon Park Road and beyond.

During the year Findon, like most villages, has been deeply impacted through the loss of trees primarily due to Ash dieback. The sapling nursery run by FPC continues to serve the need for replacement trees and can hopefully seek to ensure that this rural aspect of our village is not lost.

In a similar vein the ongoing work of the FPC Planning Committee seeks to ensure that at its monthly meetings it reviews all planning applications and, in line with the goal of the council, supports appropriate change whilst maintaining the rural aspect of our village.

Findon Parish Council has worked actively in the last year to create a solid working relationship with adjacent

Parish Councils and Residents' Associations, recognizing that if our views are aligned our collective voice carries more weight on behalf of Findon residents.

A number of groups contribute to the ongoing environment of Findon village and FPC thanks all members for their engagement and impact on Findon:

Open Spaces Group

Wildflower Group

Litter Collection Group

The new four year term for councillors starts in May 2023 and if you are interested in joining Findon Parish Council please contact the Clerk, Fiona MacLeod at clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01903 877225.

Cllr Sean Smith

Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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(findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Coronation Trivia

Only three monarchs have not had a coronation - Edward V (one of the princes in the tower) Lady Jane Grey and Edward VIII.

We can thank Queen Elizabeth II's coronation for Eurovision!

Following her father, whose coronation was the first to be broadcast publicly by

radio, Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was the first to be televised. The first major world event to be broadcast live, the coronation was also shown across Europe thanks to new relay links. The success of this test broadcast went on to inspire the birth of the Eurovision Network, which eventually led to the creation of the Eurovision Song Contest.



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Findon Village Gardens Association

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Although the number of entries was down this year, there was still a good showing of spring flowers, plants, flower arrangements, photographs and cookery. The flower arranging categories were particularly lovely, with the arrangement in a wine glass proving particularly popular. Paddy Winter took the overall flower arranging prize, but with two first prizes each, Sue Gleason must have been in the running too. The award for best overall exhibit in the flower categories was won once again by Norman Allcorn, who had two first prize awards for both daffodils and tulips. The other award winners for flowers were Paddy Winter for tulips, Betty Lewis for tulips, daffodils and the primroses/muscari class and Dorothy Barber for the hellebore/camellia class.

Hilary Langford took the award for best cookery exhibit with a sponge cake and Gill Gostick won the photography award for her photographs of various post box toppers that have appeared outside the

shop for the "Four Tops" class. Shirley Hobden's photograph was chosen to grace the cover of the flower show schedule next year.

We had a raffle, plant and cake stalls and Maggie Martin was selling her lovely cards. Many people enjoyed a sit down and a chat with a hot drink and cake.

Thank you to all the people who put in a lot of work to make the show happen, both beforehand and on the day. And thank you to all who attended and were generous in their support. A big thank you also to those winners who donated their winnings to St Barnabas, allowing us to send £56 to them.

Our May meeting is at 7:30pm in the village hall on Friday 26th May, when the speaker will be Martin Burkinshaw – Gardens and Outdoor Manager at Petworth.

Everyone is welcome to meetings, Members £2, Non Members £3, Annual Membership £5.



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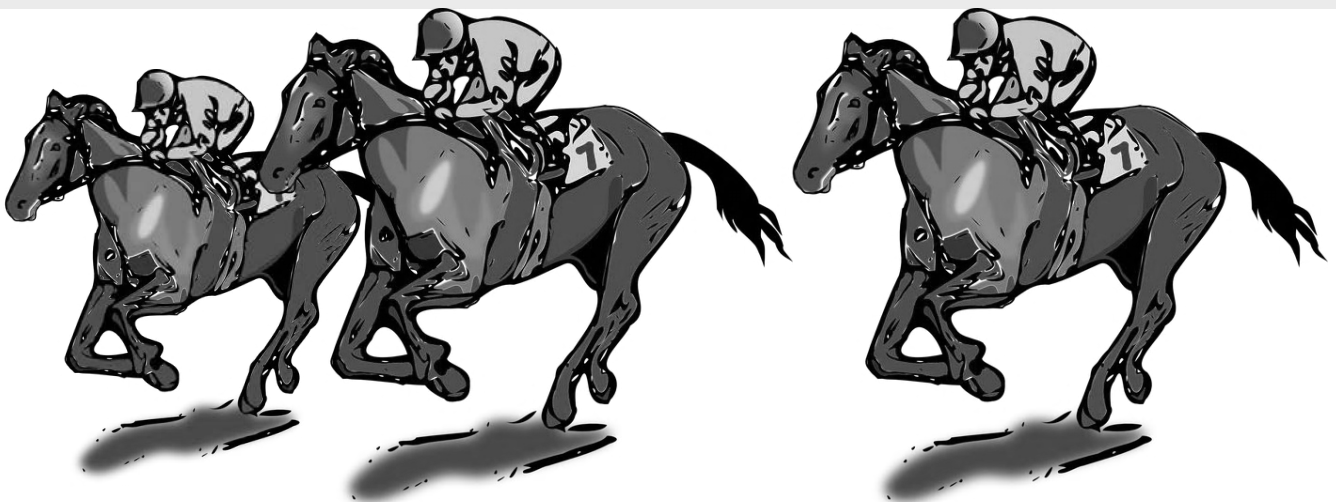
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Ronald Peirce - Still going strong at 101

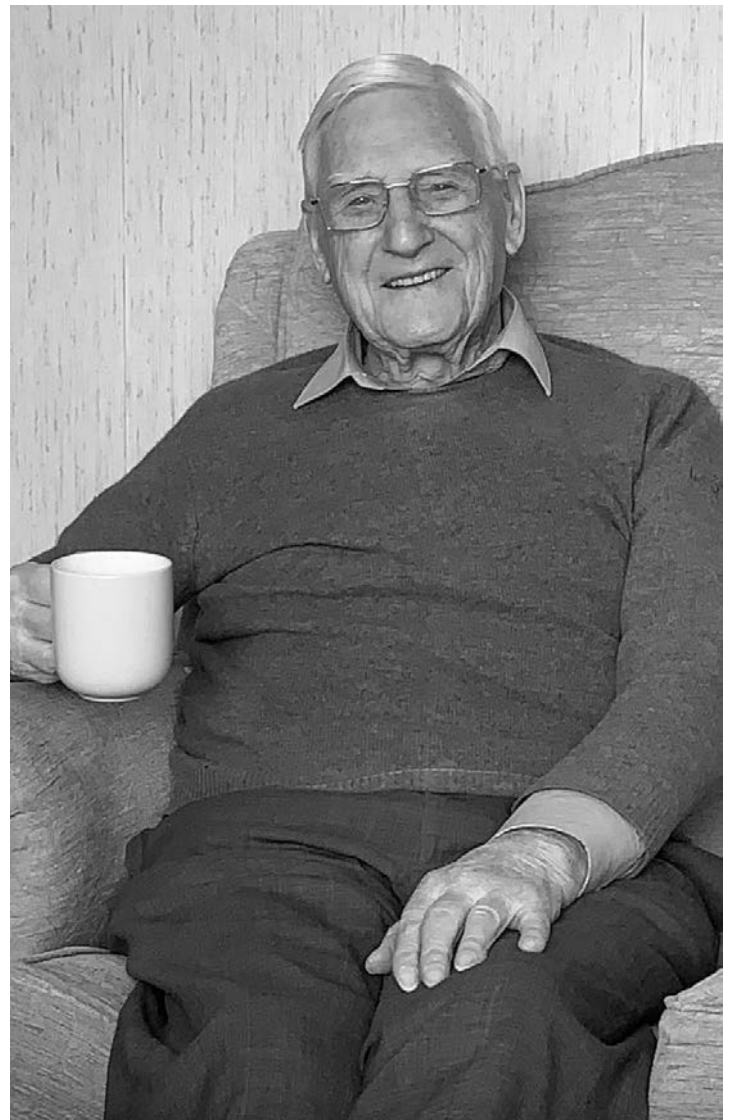
Helem Peirce

I thought you might be interested in the following item about my father, who I think is probably the oldest Findon resident by now.

Ronald Peirce was born in 7th January 1922 at Broadford Bridge. He moved to Findon (via Bishop's Waltham) with his parents, brother and two sisters in the late 1920s. His father was employed on the new Findon by-pass and helped plant the trees that have just been cut down! They first lived at the Kennels on Long Furlong then moved to Northview Terrace, where their only drinking water was what was collected from the roof - apparently the insects and larvae in the water were a bonus! They then moved to Ivy Cottage on the A 24 where he has happy memories of sitting in the outside toilet at the top of the garden and setting fire to the ivy that covered it. Finally they moved to one of the new houses built at The Oval, where he first experienced electricity and an indoor toilet!

When he left Findon School at aged 14 he went to work on Arthur Brown's smallholding which was where Downland Close and surrounding properties are now. At aged 17 he joined the Defence Volunteers and during a demonstration of guns on Nepcote Green he got shot through the knee by a gun that had live ammunition in! He spent the next two years in hospital and on discharge from there went to work at the Hawker factory in Slough building Hurricanes. There he met his future wife Daphne, and after the war brought her back to Findon

where they happily raised six children. Sadly, after more than 50 years together, Daphne died. Ron then embarked on a few foreign adventures with some of his children before finally hanging up his passport and settling down to a quiet life in his late 90's. He is still living independently at home, with a bit of help from his children and a carer and he remains quite contented with what he says has been a good life.



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News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

All my tulips and bluebells are now out in my front garden and it looks so pretty, there's a birdbath in the middle that I have to fill every day. So many birds use it, four or five sparrows at a time bathe in it. I have bird feeders and fat balls in the trees that need filling every day used by so many types of birds.

We are now allowed to let our hens out on the grass after the bird flu epidemic, and the hens are loving it. Most of our hens are old now but most still lay eggs. Last Sunday as the hens were all out on the grass I decided to sweep and use the hosepipe to give the concrete area a good blast. As soon as I started I could hear the doorbell, somebody was urgently trying to make me hear. Sometimes people bring in hedgehogs or injured or baby birds. I came out and had to turn the hosepipe off and in my haste I let go of the hosepipe. Well, it went crazy, the water went all over me, soaking my shoes, my sleeves were dripping, even my hair. I turned the tap off and went to see who was still ringing the bell. Two smiling Jehovah's Witness's invited me to come and have a chat, I stood there dripping wet from head to foot. The Volunteers have all been having a good laugh about it all week.



Two new young cats will soon be needing new homes, although they need us to get them inoculated, neutered and microchipped before they can go. More Guinea-pigs were handed in because the children had lost interest. A three legged Hedgehog sadly died, even after he went into the Animal Aid Wildlife Hospital. This time of year grass strimmers are a menace for hedgehogs waking up.

We are collecting animal poems to put together in a book. PAWS Animal Sanctuary Animal Poems. If you would like to write a poem about any animal, to be included in our book please send it in to us. It must be your own work. Author David Irons is one of our regular Volunteers will help us get it published. One of the books he wrote is called Billy The Cemetery Cat. It is a bit scary and has a picture of Billy his own cat on the cover, the book is Brighton based.

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Findon Planning Applications

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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:

Insertion of dormer and roof lights to form loft conversion

8 The Quadrangle Findon West
Sussex BN14 0RB
Ref. No: SDNP/23/01621/HOUS

Agricultural barn

Land East Of Rogers Lane Findon
West Sussex BN14 0RE
Ref. No: SDNP/23/01346/APNB

Re-roofing main house including additional insulation, raising the roof height approx 70mm, reclad dormer cheeks and fit new solar panels

Westview Terrace, Applewood
Nepcote Lane Findon West Sussex
BN14 0TY
Ref. No: SDNP/23/01339/HOUS

2no. Two storey extensions together with addition of dormer roofs over

existing first floor windows on the South and East Elevations

Findon Court Findon Road Findon
Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RA
Ref. No: SDNP/23/01322/HOUS

T 5 T6 T8 T15 all dead and need removing

Woodland South of The Chase Findon
West Sussex BN14 0TT
Ref. No: SDNP/23/01204/TPO

Non-Material Amendment for Planning Consent:

SDNP/22/02685/HOUS - Small increase in extension depth

Window/door amendments

(size/positioning), Design change to back door elevation/canopy

Keepers Cottage Horsham Road
Findon West Sussex BN14 0RQ

Ref. No: SDNP/23/01178/NMA



Village Hall Diary May 2023

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Weekly	Day	Time
Just Yoga	Monday (not BH or 8 th)	10:30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	9.15am or 3.15pm on 16 th
Lambstails	Tuesday (not 16 th)	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 (not May 4 th)	9.30am/ 10.30am /11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday (not May 4 th)	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	10:00am
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (14 th and 21 st)	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Time
Messy Church	2 nd May	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	11 th May	19.30pm
Art Class	13 th May	9.00am
Parish Council Full Meeting	15 th May	19.00pm
Bead Magicians	16 th May	10am – 2.30pm
Meditation	18 th May	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning meeting	25 th May	19.00pm
Findon Village Gardens Association	26 th May	19.30pm
Light Lunch	30 th May	12.45pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

MAY

Thursday May 4th	Local Elections Polling Station– 7am – 10pm
Sunday May 7th	Coronation Celebration Event 12.00pm – 16.00pm
Friday May 12th	Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm. Tickets from https://www.wegotickets.com/event/578504
Friday May 19th	Film Night – Ticket to Paradise – 6.30pm Tickets in advance from https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/products
Saturday May 20th	200 Club Draw – 7.30pm
Monday May 22nd	Your Life in Movement - Dance of Awareness Workshop 18.45 pm – 20.45pm

JUNE

Friday 16th June	Bright Lights Comedy Night – 8pm.
Saturday June 17th	Race Night – save the date – more details next month

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MAY 2023

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.
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Sunday 7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with 'Cornerstone' Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 14th May Sixth Sunday of Lent	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 21st May Ascension Day (transferred from Thurs. 18 th May)	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 28th May Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	8.00am 9.30am 10.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Findon Church



Messy Church - Tuesday 2nd May

3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall
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adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

Lambs Tails -

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Weddings:

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Baptisms:

23 April - Niamh King and Maeve King

Funerals:

30 March – Ray Hazelgrove

18 April – Peter Rodgers

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