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Advance warning on Saturday 9th September 2023

Dear Findon Residents

Please be aware that on the day of the Sheep Fair on 9th September we are anticipating a high volume of traffic through the village. To help us manage the situation, a one way traffic system will be in place in parts of the village.

If you are expecting any deliveries that day they may be subject to delays .

The Sheep fair committee would like to thank Findon residents in advance, for their cooperation and understanding for any inconvenience caused.

Thank You - Findon Sheep Fair Committee



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From The Rectory

Autumn approaches after a busy summer with lots of Baptisms and Weddings at our churches. It is such a joy to share the happiness of families on these occasions. As the evenings begin to draw in, we need to be mindful of neighbours who may be anxious about venturing out. Please let us know via the Parish Office if you are aware of anyone who might welcome a visit from our Pastoral Team.

On 3rd September I have a young German student, Laura Schellenberg, coming to stay with me for a month, at the request of her Area Bishop, Frau Greiner. I hope many of you will meet her during her time in the Parish. She will be planning and leading an act of worship in Findon Church towards the end of her stay, on Sunday 24th September at 4pm and I hope many of you will join us for this, with refreshments afterwards. There will be signup sheets in the churches so we have an idea of numbers to cater for!

As many of you know, I have been involved with exchange visits and conferences in Bavaria for many years, and we set up a Link with a Lutheran Church in Schney nine years ago. The Minister there, Tanja Vincent, has now moved Parish but a group of people there are keen to continue the link with us. I would very much like to invite them over next year to celebrate 10 years of the Parish Link, so please speak to me or Irene Adams if you would like to be involved. Depending on how many people from Germany show an interest, we would need some families to be prepared to host, as we put up visitors in our homes.

A reciprocal visit to Schney the following year could be planned when they are

here with us. These visits are a wonderful way to build new friendships and to experience family life and worship in Europe, as well as for our young people providing experience of a different culture and a great way to develop their German language if learning it in school.

Laura will be with us for Findon Sheep Fair, which will be a great opportunity of traditional English country life for her to experience! There are a record number of farms coming this year and in addition to the sheep, I hear some camels are coming! The Friends of Findon Church will have a stall on Saturday – do support them and buy some refreshments there during the day. We will host the usual Songs of Praise with music led by the Salvation Army Band on Sunday afternoon in the marquee, enjoying fellowship over light refreshments afterwards.

There is a Worthing Deanery Confirmation Service in early November, at St Matthew's Church in Worthing and we already have 5 candidates from our Parish preparing to make their baptismal promises for themselves during the Service, which is very exciting! Bishop Ruth will be presiding and will lay hands on each candidate as she prays for God's Holy Spirit to come down on them, after which they will take Communion (the consecrated bread and wine representing the sacrifice made for us all by Jesus on the cross). Please pray for those preparing here, and in other churches in the Deanery, and if you or anyone you know would be interested in taking this next step in their Christian journey, speak to me or Colin.

Every blessing, Helena

Rev. Helena Buqué, Vicar and Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar c/o The Rectory, School Hill Findon, BN14 0TR.

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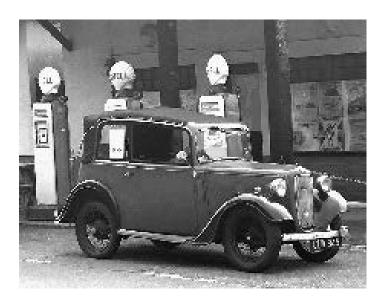
Jez & Josie

Josie and I have completed our tour of the UK arriving home on 29th July to a welcome home crowd made up of friends and local Austin 7 club members.

Josie and I drove 4380 miles consuming 108.76 gallons of petrol and 11 pints of oil (2 x engine oil changes and 1 x gearbox oil change).

We raised, with the generosity of lots of people including villagers and people we met on the way, £2525.51 for the RNLI.

We cannot thank you all enough for the donations and help we received along the way.



St John the Baptist Primary School Clock

You may have wondered over the last couple of weeks why the School Clock is no longer chiming.

I received a communication in July 2023 from the Arun District Council (ADC) Environmental Technical Officer regarding a complaint about noise disturbance from the chimes starting at 7am each morning. The complainant had asked for the chimes to be reset to start at 9am instead.

Long standing residents will recall that in 2014, this historic village clock (one of only six working Victorian clocks in the country at that time) underwent a major renovation including the chimes at a cost of over £7k. The funds for the renovation were raised by parishioners,

community grants, and Findon Parish Council, lead by the late Len Prior.

The Bursar at the School will be in contact with the specialist expert company who renovated and currently service the clock when the school terms starts in September to investigate the cost implications to the School to change the mechanism and alter the chiming from 7am to 9am. In the meantime, the decision has been taken to suspend all the chimes until this information has been received and reviewed.

Fiona MacLeod Clerk Findon Parish Council (findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Findon Sheep Fair and Village Festival Saturday 9th September 2023 update Colin Greenway

Get ready as Harris's Traditional Fair, Sheep, Farmers and Entertainment return to Findon for The Sheep Fair and Village Festival Saturday 9th September 2023.

To be precise - 54 farms, 300 sheep (nearly 100 more than last year),30 breeds,184 pens and 42 young shepherds all representing an exciting increase in numbers from 2022, and even more than 2019, pre-pandemic; showing that rural farming life is thriving at the fair.

New for this year is the Farmyard circus, think Cirque du Soleil but with fire and wheelbarrows, certainly not to be missed! And if that's not enough the fair has branched out in celebrating animals on four legs - Camels! Do you know your Bactrian from your Dromedary? Come and learn all about them. Which has one hump and which

has two and what do they store in them? The birds of prey are back too, also the Nicola Miles Theatre Studio.

All this and stalls, fairground rides, pony rides, vintage cars, tractor rides and more. For the evenings, there is the Friday night Barn Dance (tickets still available from Michael Jones and Curtis, Findon Valley and Findon Village Community Shop/Post Office), Saturday night is The Party on The Green (tickets now sold out) and Sunday, the bring your own Picnic on The Green at 1pm followed by the wonderful Salvation Army Band with St John The Baptist Church for Songs of Praise at 2.45pm.

It's a great village effort to set up, run and clear up after the Fair. Here are the volunteers at a pre-fair meeting at the Black Horse



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Findon Branch € 01903 877325 We have a number of things to talk about this month – mainly associated with the extension but one or two others too.

Work on the extension continues apace, the floors are down, internal doors fitted but it's still a hive of activity! We will soon be inviting regular hirers to a preview event so they can see the facility before it is finished. In conjunction with Findon Parish Council, we will announce details of a public opening later.

We are very much looking forward to being able to offer this new facility to the village and hope that the smaller room attracts some events that might have been a bit "lost" in the existing hall. The new room is about 8.5m (or 28 ft) square - the same width as the existing hall but a little less than half the length. There is a small kitchen, for less ambitious catering than the main kitchen, a store room and toilet facilities. Obviously, the Trust is grateful to the Parish Council not only for raising the funds to finish the project but also supervising it. The Village Shop have generously funded the extension sound system and Inspire Leisure provided a near 50% grant to fund the kitchen fitting and equipment, the remaining funds coming from the Trust's own reserves.

This does, of course, bring us on to the question of pricing – we need to set hire rates for the new facility and this means we have to consider the pricing policy for the entire hall. Given the turbulent situation over the recent past, with lockdown and all the rest of it, we have deliberately kept our prices unchanged for 4 years or so but, especially after the energy price rises, we have now

reached the point where the hire rates no longer cover our costs and we need fund raising activities to remain solvent. This is clearly not a sustainable situation and we are afraid that the existing hire rates must increase – but the extension provides the opportunity to offer the smaller facility for less than the main hall rates. We are determined to keep all rates as low as possible but, of course, we don't know either the precise running costs of the extension or the extra income the extension will bring in - so some guesswork will be involved! We do plan to introduce a discount for oneoff hirers living in the Parish. We will keep things under review and tweak rates, up or down, should we find our assumptions need adjustment. Ideally, inflation permitting, we will be able to manage another period of stability.

On to other things: for many years Dorothy Barber and her band of willing volunteers have, entirely off their own bat, offered a low cost Light Lunch, in the Hall once a month. This has become an event enjoyed, indeed eagerly anticipated, by many people from the village over that period. Now, Dorothy and her colleagues have decided that the time has come for them to retire and have asked the Hall to consider taking the event on as a Trust organised activity. We would like to do this – but our volunteers are spread thin and we need help! We are trying to arrange a rota such that any individual only supports one lunch in 2 or 3 rather than a regular, monthly commitment - we can part staff it but we need more. Please help, or we will lose an activity of genuine benefit to the community and exactly the sort of thing the Hall Trust want to support.

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Findon Village Store News

No prizes this month for guessing what I'm going to be writing about. It's the talk of the town – or, in this case, the village.

But before I write about it, I must tell you something I have learnt today on google, which, of course, knows everything. This has nothing to do with the shop by the way, apart from a very tenuous link with its very popular rhubarb ice cream (well worth giving it a plug!). Apparently Rhubarb can count to six! Google reliably tells us that when cutting rhubarb, we must leave six stalks. Presumably rhubarb diligently goes through a nightly ritual of counting its stalks to check that it has at least six. I dread to think what might happen if one night it went through its laborious ceremony to discover that its thoughtless and greedy owner had only left five stalks. Sulk and shrivel up? Or get its revenge by sending out aggressive shoots that feed on the offending gardener?

I can't put my subject off any longer. What could it be? The start of the new term at school? I could wax lyrical about all the confectionery, drinks and magazines we stock for those end of the day treats. Or the practical items of stationery that children might need at the last minute? Of course, we all know that term starting brings out the best weather, and we are all looking forward to the Indian summer we are going to enjoy in September. And our shop sells just the thing for those hot, balmy days we are about to bask in. I've already mentioned our rhubarb ice cream, so I won't mention that again (except that I have, so that's not strictly true), but I can tell you that our mint choc chip comes in as a very close second favourite, since you're asking. I have it on good authority that the mint choc chip flavour is especially good after a curry. Or it could be to thank our wonderful committee who

work so hard to make our shop the success it is, planning for the future, ensuring that our policies and practices remain current (no small task), and keep it on a secure financially footing. And I include in that our fantastic manager Angus, who goes well above and beyond his job description to make sure that customers are kept happy, and our equally wonderful deputy manager, Helen.

No, although both are worthy of being the subject of my article. I just didn't think of them at the time.

My subject is, now in its 762nd year (approximately), Findon Sheep Fair. If it's anything like last year, people will be flocking (sorry) from far and wide to come here and join in the fun. And it's going to be even better than last year. This year Findon Village Store will have its own stall. Last year all the food stalls had queues a mile long, so having our stall there is much needed. I'm sure it's going to make all the difference. The stall will be in a prime position, close to the wattle house, so there's no excuse for not paying us a visit. We will be selling delicious sausage rolls, our ever-popular Danish pastries, and hot and cold drinks. And, for the children, we will be selling a selection of sweet bags.

Talking of the Sheep Fair, I love the topical topper on the postbox outside our shop. If you haven't seen it, you must go straight there. I've yet to see a topper anywhere that begins to compare with ours. Our toppers are fast becoming a Findon tradition – we are very lucky to have such gifted crafters and crocheters amongst us!

So, here's to a September filled with sunshine, warm weather, and sheep!



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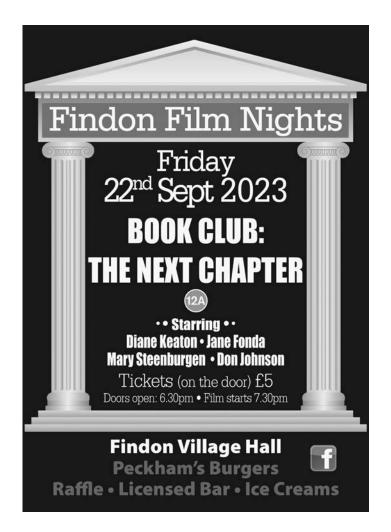
With summer coming to an end, it is understandable if we look back and lament at the rather dismal weather for this year. But, in the spirit of the British bulldog, we soldier on regardless of the wind and rain.

It is almost time for the annual Sheep Fair which will take place on Saturday 9th September. The event is well attended and all tastes are catered for. If you haven't been before, do come along and join in the fun. I would like to specifically mention the Sheep Fair Committee who do a splendid job in organising the day. Planning for the next year will start once this year's event has finished. There is a great deal of organising and coordinating to do and they work very hard to ensure that everything on their checklist is dealt with, be it parking, road marshalls, stall holders, barriers, planning, portable toilets, caring for the sheep and their well-being to name but just a few of the many jobs to deal with. The Committee are all volunteers and they work diligently to make a success of the annual event. I look forward to seeing you there. Findon Parish Council (FPC) hopes to have a stall at the Sheep Fair and this will introduce you to the work that it carries out for you. Myself and Cllr Sean Smith, FPC Deputy Chairman, will be amongst the councillors there on the day, so please drop in for a chat and see if you would like to fill one of the four vacancies on the Council. The work is rewarding!

The large multi-stemmed tree on Arun District Council land near the allotments has been felled to protect against further damage (potentially to School grounds, private property, and The Vicarage) following the large bough that snapped off damaging the Allotment Gardens.

You may have noticed that the School Clock is no longer chiming, and there is a separate article on this in Findon News.

Cllr Linda Martin Chairman, Findon Parish Council (findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)







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Findon Sheep Fair Raffle - UPDATE on the increasing list of prizes!

As mentioned in the last two month's articles there will be a Grand Prize Raffle held at the Findon Sheep Fair this year (Saturday 9th September). The ticket booth will be located in front of The Wattle House next to the marquee on Nepcote Green. The prizes on offer this year eclipse even those of last year and are nothing short of spectacular. They include the following kind prizes and pledges from a number of local altruistic businesses:

The Findon Manor – vouchers for the restaurant or bar.

Wiston Estate - a Voucher for Two for a Tour & Tasting.

Parham House - a complimentary pass, valid for two adult admissions to Parham House and Gardens for this season.

The Black Horse, Findon – Prize voucher

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Royal Pavilion Brighton – Admission for two visitors

The RSPB – Pulborough – Entry for two adults and up to 4 children

Washbrooks Family Farm (Hurstpierpoint E Sussex).

'Boogie with Zoe' – voucher for two free sessions (held at Durrington High or Goring Primary Schools)

Harbour Park, The Seafront, Littlehampton. - 10 rides ticket.

WWT Arundel Wetlands Centre - one day family ticket.

Amberley Chalkpits Museum are going to be sending us a family ticket.

The Hair and Beauty lounge, Findon voucher.

Findon Flowers - voucher.

Flaminglow Beauty – voucher.

The Little Play Village.

Butterfly Yoga.

The raffle will raise money for the (notfor-profit) Sheep Fair Fund whose proceeds are distributed to various organisations around Findon including Findon School whose Governors will be manning the stand again this year.

Please do visit us on the day and purchase a ticket for a chance to win one of these very worthwhile prizes. The draw will happen at around 4.00p.m. on the day and all winners will be advised by text message or phone. We will provide more news and update the above list in next month's Findon News as more prizes are confirmed. Thank you to everyone for kindly contributing to this wonderful build-up to this year's Grand Prize Raffle.

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





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Poppies on Pond Green for Remembrance Sunday

We are hoping to increase our display of poppies this year. If there are any readers who would like to knit or crochet some we would be very grateful.

I have included a very simple knitting and crochet pattern, but if you prefer to use your own or one that's available on-line

that's fine, and we would get a lovely variety of poppies. Poppies should ideally be in the size range 3 – 4 inches diameter. Please get them to Monica's (40 Cross Lane) by Friday 20th October at the latest. Monica Eastabrook WI Craft Group

Simple Knitted Poppy

Using red acrylic double knitting yarn, loosely cast on 48 stitches using 4mm (UK size 6) needles.

10 rows x Knit 2 Purl 2 to the end.

Pull yarn through the 48 stitches. Pull up tight, fasten and sew edges together.

Fasten a black button in centre.

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Crochet Poppy

Red DK and 3.5 mm hook (will work with chunkier wool and bigger hook). Work in the round.

Round 1- Magic ring and 8 half trebles - htr (8).

Round 2- SI st into 1st htr of previous round, ch 2 and 2 htr all in same st, pull MR tight.

2 htr into each remaining 7 stitches (16, ignore ch2).

Round 3 - SI st into 1st htr of previous round, pull sI st tight as this gives shape of petals.

2 tr in each of next 3 stitches, sl st in next st, pull tight

Repeat from* to * 3 more times, (final sl st in same stitch as 1st sl st in this round).

Finish off. Use black felt, button or small crochet circle for centre.

SAVE THE DATE - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023

Please put the weekend of 2nd-3rd December 2023 in your diary. Vote for your favourite tree decorated by local businesses and families, enjoy refreshments with friends, and take part in the Instant Raffle. Activities for all the family.

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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: Construction of 2no.new semidetached dwellings with associated parking and landscaping on land to the east of The Vale House

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Our Summer Fair and Cream Tea was a great success on 19th August. We were so lucky with the weather as the sun shone for us and lots of people sat in the garden. This was great after many wet week ends!

On the day we raised £815 and with pre sales it was approximately £900 which is a wonderful result.

Everyone enjoyed themselves meeting up with friends and sampling the cream teas and cakes. We had some great goods for sale and all the doggies were well behaved.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success whether by baking, donating items, helping on the day or coming along to support us.

It seems incredible to be thinking about Christmas already but please put the date of Saturday 8th December in your diary which is our Christmas Fair in the Village Hall. I will be making my small Christmas Cakes again and orders can be taken from now until early November. Price will remain at £7 each.

Enjoy the sunshine whilst it lasts. All the best from Maggie and John 07544 572702/01903 874173 maggiemartin8@googlemail.com



SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Findon Friends of St.Barnabas are holding a fund raising "Family Winter Fair" in Findon Village Hall. It will be in the morning, times TBC.

There will be a fire engine in the car park for the children (and adults) to have a look at and inside the hall there will be games for both the children and adults to play.

We have tables with an assortment of things to buy, including lovely Homemade Cards, Children's Toys, Christmas Decorations, Bric-a-Brac and more. There will also be a chance to Win a Bottle, a Cake and we will have a Christmas Tree of Suprises Raffle. Refreshments and Light Bites (maybe a mince pie) will be available.

We do have a couple of tables still available should anyone be interested in selling crafty things, eg Face Painting, Homemade Gifts, etc. For more details on these please contact...

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GARDENING TITBITS

Lychnis Coronaria (rose campion cerise flowers)

I started with this 60cm short-lived perennial many years ago and it is my daughter-in-law's favourite plant.

When they moved house in 2019 I gave them one for their new garden. I always dead-head mine to keep it going nonstop from July to October but my son is a working man with three children and a dog and he did not have the time or inclination to follow my advice and the plant quickly went to seed and stopped flowering a lot earlier. I looked at the sorry sight of it but dared not say anything. On the bright side; one day they would probably come across many more of the same plants growing round the garden.

Unfortunately, this year the roots of my very own Lychnis rotted away in the soggy winter soil. I had been a little

over enthusiastic with my own deadheading and found that I only had one seed head left. I spread these meagre seeds onto the vegetable plot hoping to get more seedlings but not one was successful, presumably because of the continually soggy ground.

Then last week, my son turned up for a visit holding a beautiful plant with silver-felted leaves. At first sight I thought it was Stachys Lanata (lamb's tongue) which has similar leaves but it turned out to be Lychnis Coronaria. I was over the moon. He had literally just pulled the plant out of his gravel drive a few minutes earlier from a plentiful supply of self-sown seedlings. I will purposely allow this new plant go to seed in my garden and create a new batch of seedlings for myself.

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News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

All our cat pens are full, most are unwanted or abandoned or are from families who have been evicted. One man brought in a beautiful little tabby cat which he couldn't keep as he is sleeping in his van. Another in need of a home, big ginger cat the tenants had left behind when they moved, (how could you do that?). The landlord had put the cat outside in the garden. Most of the cats end up here because we get phone calls from members of the public telling us there is a stray cat living in the area, been around for a long time, some losing weight, or begging for food. When David our volunteer goes to put the scanner on the cats, if the cat isn't microchipped he brings it in to PAWS. If the cat has a chip number he gets the cat back to the owner. But, most strays we get are not chipped, not neutered, and usually covered in fleas.

Fortunately, we have a new Mobile Vet who visits Paws and treats all our animals. This week he was here at 7.30am and picked up a cat needing spaying. He took her back to his surgery to do the operation, then brought her back in the evening and then gave treatments to our other cats. This is so convenient for me, and no more expensive than other Vets. He's a lovely friendly Vet.

David our Volunteer who did the microchipping course has been really busy, possibly because he is only charging £15 to microchip a dog or a cat, and he is mobile so he will go to the house. This week he was called to go and microchip two cats in Brighton. When he got there he said the lady had fifteen cats in a high rise block of flats! All the others had already been microchipped. She must have a busy time dealing with all those litter trays!

We had a baby Owl brought in with a bad injury. Poor thing, a bone was protruding

where the wing was shattered. Luckily Rod who has a poultry farm was here and was able to set and bandage the wing while I was frantically trying to find a wildlife hospital. Eventually a kind lady from Brighton responded. She is a volunteer and managed to contact Sompting Wildlife Rescue and took the owl there for us.

A man handed me a bag and said his children were fed up with their Guinea-Pigs. I asked him if they were girls or boys and if they had names and their ages. He said they were girls but he didn't know their names or ages but had to rush off. I put them in a pen and gave them names Daisy and Rosie. The next day I stood watching them, one of the Guinea-pigs kept bullying the other, I thought that's most unusual for girls not to get on together. The volunteers had groomed them and filled in their charts. When I checked they are not girls, they are both boys and are obviously are not fond of one another. So I have changed their names to Noel and Liam. (the Oasis brothers).

We are always in need of Volunteers, if you could spare a few hours a week feeding and cleaning pens, grooming animals. We have vacancies Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 - 12.30am. Or Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays 6.00pm until 8.00pm. Retired welcome. Also, a Volunteer Gardener needed.

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Findon Village Gardens Association

At our July meeting we had Sarah Oldridge giving us a talk on Kew Gardens. Sarah was an excellent speaker and members enjoyed her talk immensely. Our flower of the month competition had many entries, ranging in size from huge to tiny. It was however the smallest entry, Norman Allcorn's tiny dianthus, that won the prize, proving that size isn't everything!

The weather forecast for our flower show on 5th August was atrocious, so we made the decision on Friday evening to hold the whole event inside the hall. This led to much discussion and Krypton Factor type problem solving to ensure that everyone had enough room. In the event, the show went well, with lots of visitors enjoying tea and cake and the exhibits; as well as visiting the various stalls. As usual, we were amazed by the generosity of our visitors at the door, so thank you.

Competition entries were once again lower than pre-pandemic, but again we were not helped by the weather in July. Entries in the photography classes were up, with Ben Clarke clinching the trophy for best overall photo and Paddy Winter's photo will grace the cover of next year' show schedule. Ben's wife Sara won the handicraft trophy for her stunning hare. Lorna Bolger won the cookery cup for best entry of a Madeira cake. Sara, Ben and Lorna were first-time entrants, so if you haven't entered before don't hesitate - next year it could be you. Mo Bowen won the best hardy perennial award and the outstanding flower exhibit overall was Mary Wickson's garden flowers. Sue Gleason won the flower arranging award. while Betty Lewis and Richie Line scooped all of the vegetable awards. Betty went away with the Banksian medal, given for the entrant with the most points overall. Well done everyone. I

think all entrants will agree that it is good fun to enter.



This year we had a children's competition to create a person made out of vegetables. We sadly had only one entry from Alexandra Evans, but the judge was very impressed and was tempted to award it best in

the vegetable classes, before finally deciding that the accolade should go to Richie's carrots.

Our September meeting is on Friday 29th, when we have Frances Ferrer-Brown talking to us about the history of gardens in the south east of England. Everyone is welcome, members £2, non-members £3.





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Received from Sheila Steere of The Oval

It was said that our Grandad, Harry Moseley, was a deserter from the army. We never knew if this was really true. The story is that 'on the run' he found himself in Findon where he went into the Gun Inn and met William Carn, Senior. William felt sorry for Harry so took him home to live and work at Tolmare Farm, on Long Furlong, where he eventually married one of William's daughters and fathered ten children. Granny always said that her first and last child had been born at Tolmare Farm, the family seem to have moved around a lot in between. Perhaps Grandad thought the army were still looking for him? If they were, they didn't make much effort.

In later years the family moved to Barns Farm, Sullington. The last move, with the children grown up and gone, Granny and Grandad moved to School Cottages, also in Sullington (now sadly modernised).

At the age of 80 plus, Grandad still worked at the local farm, no retirement pension in those days. He came home from work, said his feet hurt, sat in the chair and died.

If the army are still looking for him.....he's buried in the Sullington Churchyard. **R.I.P.**

Findon Village WI

Our August meeting's talk was entitled: 'Handbag to Handcuffs'. Sheila Willis gave us a fascinating talk about her career in the police force from the 1960s to the 2000s. Women were known as WPCs in the 1960's and Sheila regaled us with tales of her life on the beat with her trusty bicycle "Nelly". She had to check in every hour at a different phone box on her route and write everything down in her notebook. We heard about the impractical uniforms, carrying the smallest wooden truncheon imaginable in her handbag and trying to use an enormous radio whilst cycling down a hill! Tales straight out of a 'Carry On Film'.

Thankfully, times moved on, albeit slowly for women in the force. Today women have greater opportunities although are still under-represented across the force, particularly in senior positions.

Our competition was a handbag and was won by me, with a sparkly little number that I brought a long time ago but have never had the occasion to use.

Sara Clarke – President

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7.30pm, when we will have a drawing demonstration and participation evening. Our competition winner will be selected from our members' drawings on the night.

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.

Website – Take a look at our website. It has lots of news about our activities, subgroups, and upcoming initiatives – Check it out.

We are currently gearing up for the Sheep Fair, so don't forget to come and check out our stall of homemade produce.

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Village Hall Diary September 2023

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or visit https://sites.google.com/findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall

Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - www.findonvillagehall.net.

Washby	Day	Time
Weekly Just Yoga	Day Monday	10:30am
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Circle Dancing	Monday (4 th and 18 th)	14.00 – 16.30pm
Encore Choir	From Monday 25th	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	09.15am or 03.15pm on 19 th
Lambstails	From Tuesday 12th (not 19th)	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday `	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	19.00pm
Pilates	Starts Thursday 14 th	09.30 / 10.30/11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Restarts Friday 22 nd	10:00am
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (3 rd and 17 th)	18.30pm
Monthly	Date	Time
Tastevin	7 th September	19.00pm
Full Parish Council meeting	11th September	19.00pm
Findon Village WI	14 th September	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	19 th September	10.00am – 2.30pm
Meditation	21st September	19.30pm
MCGRation	21 September	17.50pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Parish Council Planning meeting

Findon Garden Association

SEPTEMBER

Light Lunch

Friday September 15 th	Your Life in Movement - Dance of Awareness Workshop 18.45 pm – 20.45pm
Friday September 22 nd	FVHT Film Night—Book Club: The next Chapter - https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Ffindon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com
OCTOBER	
Friday October 13th	Bright Lights Comedy Night featuring Terry Alderton 8pm
Friday October 20th	Your Life in Movement - Dance of Awareness Workshop 18.45 pm - 20.45pm
Saturday October 21st	FVHT Event – details to follow

26th September

28th September

29th September

12.45pm

19.00pm

19.30pm

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING September 2023

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 3 rd 13 th Sunday after Trinity		Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Cornerstone Singers Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 10 th 14 th Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am 02.45pm	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon Songs of Praise at Nepcote Green
Sunday 17 th 15 th Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Tradition Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 24 th 16 th Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30.am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon



Messy Church Starts again

Tuesday 3rd October

3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!



Lambs Tails starting again 12th September

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

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. (3rd Tues of the month at 11.00am in Findon Church). Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com



Home In the Autumn we are starting a group that will meet fortnightly to make friends, support each other and grow in faith. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Weddings:

12th August – Oliver Rex and

Nicola Boulter

26th August – Charles Forbes and

Charlotte Bolton

Baptisms:

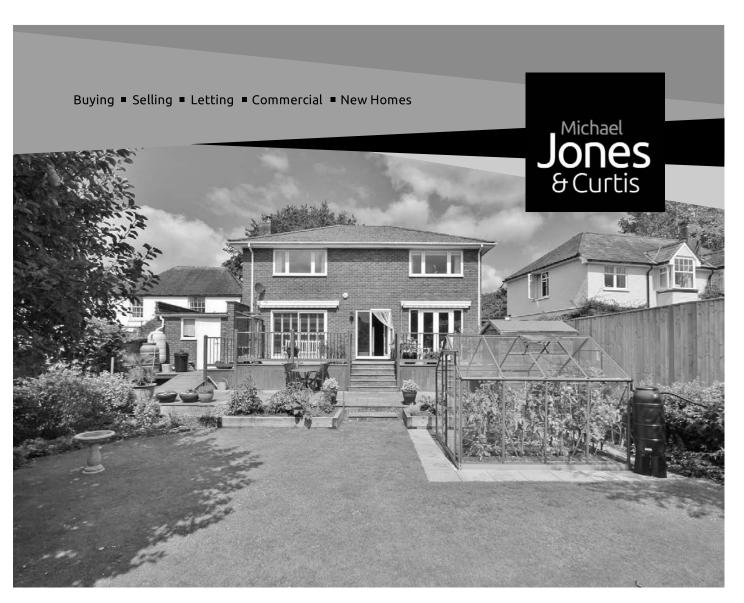
13th August – Reggie O'Loughlin 13th August - Elliana Beaumont

13th August – Rafael Silva 19th August – Oscar Harris

27th August – Scott Pope 27th August – Ella Kersey

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