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Including the Church Parish of  
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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# News

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## Christmas Lights in The Square

The Christmas lights are being installed on the weekend of 11th November (weather permitting) and will be **switched on** at

**5.30 pm on 3rd December.**

As in previous years we will be organising a fundraising raffle with lots of exciting prizes. Tickets will be on sale outside the Village Store on Saturday 11th November and also from Peckhams Butchers.

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## Love In a Box - Shoeboxes

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Leaflets with more details are available in Findon Village Shop, Peckhams, our Churches and direct from me 07899 990748. Please leave a message and I will get back to you. Boxes required by 9th November.

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## From The Rectory

How can it already be November?! The weeks seem to fly past faster than ever and before we know where we are it will be Christmas. Plans are well under way for the biennial Christmas Tree Festival in Findon Church and I look forward to seeing all the differently decorated trees from local organisations there in just over a month's time. Like the Sheep Fair, it is a wonderful opportunity for all of the villagers to get together, either in planning and decorating a group tree or simply coming along to enjoy the refreshments and vote for your favourite tree.

This week, Lambstails met for the final time on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the Church, as the new hall will be ready to use by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November. It has been a joy to welcome families into St John's Church every month and the children have certainly enjoyed the different space to explore and the amazing

acoustics when we've done some singing together at the end of some sessions. I've taken along the hobby-horses belonging to our grandchildren and they've raced around



between the pews with very enthusiastic young jockeys, as well as at a more sedentary pace with yours truly!

If you haven't yet tried Lambstails and have a preschool aged child or grandchild, do come along and join us in Findon Village Hall on a Tuesday morning in term

time. It is great to be able to chat over a coffee as the children play with the range of toys on offer.

November is of course traditionally the month for remembering and we will hold a special Service in Findon Church at 4pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November, where names of departed loved ones will be read out as we give thanks for them and remember they are now at peace in God's nearer presence. All are welcome to join us, and if you would like a loved one added to the list please let us know by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. During the morning Services that day, we give thanks for all the saints, remembering St Paul's words, that we are all called to be saints as we seek to follow Christ's teaching and example. Just a reminder that the following Sunday our worship in Findon Church will begin at 10am rather than 9.30am so we are ready to observe the silent reflection at the War Memorial at 11am for Remembrance Sunday.

Speaking of remembering, don't forget to keep pets safe around Guy Fawkes Night, perhaps putting on some music to distract them from any firework noises. Classic FM usually put together a great playlist! Hopefully people will just attend organised events rather than individual events in gardens, so we can all be sure when any explosions might be coming!

A lot of dogs of all sizes enjoyed their blessing at the Pet Service at Findon Church on October 8<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Jessica for the lovely card she put through the Rectory door!

Stay safe and every blessing,  
**Helena**

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## **Sunday 5th November**

**Findon Church 10am  
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## **Christmas Tree Festival**

**St John the Baptist Church  
Findon**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023  
10.00am-5.00pm**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023  
11.00am-4.00pm**

We will be holding our ninth biannual 'Christmas Tree Festival' the first weekend in December. Upwards of 22 local businesses and groups are entering trees, each dressed to show their unique wares. The church will be transformed into a magical, colourful space for the weekend. This year, each tree will have, hidden within its branches, a church mouse for children to spot. Which will get your vote?

We will hold our very popular 'Instant Raffle' again, with a huge selection of prizes and vouchers, many of them generously donated by individuals and local. Even though times are hard, still so many go above and beyond to support us, and we appreciate every donation. Incidentally, we are still

## **Jean Burden**

collecting, if anyone has anything they could donate.

We also have a variety of refreshments provided, and part of the church space becomes a welcoming, attractive café. So come with friends to enjoy a cuppa.

Homemade jams, preserves and chutneys are for sale on our 'Craft Stall', along with Christmas gifts and decorations. Other activities include 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' and children's activities. And, this year, two handmade magnificent doorstep hares will go to whoever correctly guesses their names. We will also have games for the children.

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This handsome horse is Comit. He lives alone alongside the Monarch's Way bridleway, between Findon High Street and the A24.

His field is uneven and full of ragwort, brambles, nettles and poor grass. It's not a great place to keep a horse, and you're probably wondering how he ended up there.

Sadly, Comit's back story is one of mistreatment and neglect. He was a pacer horse, owned by travellers, and used for trotting races. A vet, who had previously treated Comit, told us that he would have been given drugs to make him go faster.

The drugs ruined his hooves and so the travellers lost interest in him. Luckily, they'd asked a young woman called Alice to look after Comit and she agreed to take him on properly. Comit is starting a new life under Alice's ownership.

Comit is a very friendly horse. Even the vet noted how extraordinarily good-natured he is with people. There is something special about him, for sure. Many a dog-walker has fallen under his

spell since he's been in Findon, as he loves a bit of chat over the fence, and the occasional carrot or apple.

In the last month or so, some of the village parish volunteers have been trying to help Alice improve Comit's situation. Under the imaginative title "Project Comit", we've been clearing and burning the sweet brown ragwort in Comit's small bit of field (it's really not good enough to call a paddock).

Alice had been trying to keep Comit away from the worst areas of ragwort with some rudimentary tape fencing. So, some of the volunteers very kindly improved the fencing. However, Comit is a bit of a bulldozer, and we soon discovered that this horse has attitude. To sum it up, his attitude is "Pah! Fences mean nothing to me!"

At first, we thought that someone was breaking the fencing deliberately. But we soon realised Comit was biting the tape fasteners and pushing his way into other parts of the field where there was tastier grass and nettles. He got through taped fencing, then wire fencing and then through barbed wire! This has been such a worry, not only because he might hurt himself, or get a taste for the ragwort, but also because of his proximity to the A24!

Alice is keen to find a better place for Comit but there are obstacles to negotiate before this can happen. He has recently been gelded (castrated). Alice hopes that this will help him live happily with other horses. But he's 12 years old, which means that his

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behaviour around other horses may not be improved by becoming a gelding. Only time will tell.

In the meantime, Alice needs help and support to give Comit the care and good life that he deserves. The ragwort needs clearing properly (ideally with machinery), the fencing needs to be made Comit-proof, and the stable needs fixing up. If you have practical skills and time to share, please contact Alice on 07805 254507.

Most Project Comit volunteers are from the litter-picking team and are used to shifting stuff. So we are also helping to move the manure heap away from the side of the stable to a safer place. Its current location risks rotting the stable end and is a fire risk. It's also better for

Comit to be away from the flies and parasites that are attracted to the heap. It's proving a great workout for our volunteers! Unfortunately, the manure is contaminated with ragwort seed so is unsuitable for gardeners to use.

We hope life will get better for Comit with the help of the village. Find out more about Comit's story from Alice via her GoFundMe page:  
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With thanks from Alice, Comit, and the "Project Comit" volunteers

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**Findon Volunteer Groups have been busy! See report on page 25.**

**Before**



**After**



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**Jean Burden**

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And, while I'm on that subject, can I just mention our manager, Angus, who goes well beyond the call of duty. On occasions when a certain item isn't delivered to the shop, he has been known to go down to supermarket further afield to source it so that our customers don't have to go without. You wouldn't get many managers doing that.

That's the whole ethos behind the shop – everyone, from the management committee downwards, giving above and beyond to ensure the success of the shop. A big thank you to the volunteers who come in faithfully, week after week, to take their turn on the rota. And a special thank you to volunteers who come in at very short notice to cover emergencies. A whole army of volunteers work together to make the shop right at the hub of village life: to collect stock, maybe from as far away as Brighton, or put stock out on shelves, or even keep the shop looking so clean.

Which reminds me. We could always do with more volunteers, and, this month, we're particularly looking for someone to organise the stock and shelves prior to our Thursday delivery coming in. Storage is at a premium in the shop, especially as our range increases, and things can get a bit jumbled as we are always filling shelves against the clock, at the same time as serving. So, if there is anyone out there who loves organising, we'd love to hear from you! An hour or so on a Wednesday afternoon would be great.

And thank you to our customers who support the shop. It's lovely to see and chat with all our regulars, and maybe share a joke or two. The men's talk seems to be dominated by football, which I don't get at all, but there we are. It takes all sorts. What I do get, however, is how we try to listen to our customers. A number have told us recently that there have been problems with the milk not staying fresh for as long as it should. So, accordingly, we have done our research, and changed our supplier. Any feedback is welcome, and of course we hope that it'll be positive!

The 2023 Christmas stamps will be released on 2<sup>nd</sup> November! I think they might depict Christmas carols, but best to go to our local post office to check! If you're stuck for what Christmas presents to buy, our post office sells gift cards for every occasion, so they're always a safe bet. You can post your Christmas parcels here, but it might be a bit early yet. More about last posting dates next month.

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I hate it when Christmas stock starts to appear in shops as soon as the schools go back in September. We try to hold back at least until after Hallowe'en and bonfire night. So, we'll start putting our Christmas stock out the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November,

when everyone will be starting to think about Christmas, and all things snuggly, magical, sparkly and yummy. But, rest assured, it's all coming into the shop, and we're getting it all ready. But more about that next month ...

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## Findon Parish Council News

Now that the clocks have been put back and Strictly is once more on our screens, so it heralds the rush to Christmas. The shops are full of Christmas cards and festive treats. The weather is reluctant to embrace autumn but it can't be long now, although Storm Babet was trying its best.

You will be aware that our Wildflower Group has been busy and during October have been planting seeds ready for the spring season. Due to the warm weather, the soil is now at its best for planting. Traditionally, this is the time to tidy the garden and to plan ahead. The Wildflower Group have worked in conjunction with South Downs National Park Authority who are keen to encourage wildflower planting.

By the time you are reading this, the Parish Council will have held its first full Council meeting and Planning Committee meeting in Nepcote Hall, the new extension at the Village Hall. All future Council and Committee meetings will be held there.

Having published a very lengthy article in October's Findon News, this month is shorter than usual but there will be an update on the chimes in December's edition.

Cllr Linda Martin,  
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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Don't forget that I am taking orders for my small Christmas Cakes which will again be available at £7 each and ready for the Fair. Orders by 15th November please.

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I would like to start with a big thank you to the Parish Council – because the extension is just being de-snagged and we are already using it! Sean Hellett, on behalf of the Parish Council has done a super job in managing the project with Cloud 9, the contractors. We don't have heating yet because organising an uprated gas meter was a much greater challenge and took me (not the council!) much longer than I expected! Fingers crossed, the meter will be in and the gas connected by 8/11... We are also now in a position to install the new kitchen and, all being well, that will go in at much the same time. The sound system, so kindly sponsored by the Village Shop is up and running already. Now that we have the two rooms we have decided that "Main Hall" and any of the various terms we have been using for the extension lack a little something – so we have decided that the original hall will now be called the Chanctonbury Hall and the extension Nepcote Hall.

We held our first Tea, Biscuits and chat session of the season on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> in Nepcote Hall and had a very good attendance. This will carry on until well into the New Year now – the fact that we have a second room means we don't have to hope for gaps in the booking anymore! Those who attended the tea biscuits and those who have joined us for pre-views will know that, just as in Chanctonbury Hall before our jury rigged "acoustic modification", we have an issue with echo in the new

## Roger Stone

hall. This was not something that was covered in the original project and therefore neither could it be included in the Public Works Loan project. The trust will be addressing this with a more permanent solution applied to both rooms in the near future.

The other activity that has been taking up some time lately is the application for a premises licence to cover alcohol sales at events without the need for us to apply for an individual "TENS" licence each time. This was further prompted by the reduction in the permissible number of licences from 21 to 15 next year – which would have been a real problem for us. The application was submitted some weeks ago and the consultation period finished yesterday (at the time of writing!), on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We don't know if the licence will be granted yet but, having had useful and extensive discussions with both the Police and the Arun Environmental Health Department we are cautiously optimistic. By the time you read this – we should know.

Film nights have started their new season although please note that some are on Saturday nights this year. The fact that we now own the projection equipment ourselves reduces our costs significantly which is a welcome relief given other costs! We look forward to seeing you for the future showings!

Inevitably, as we exploit our new capacity to take more bookings, pressure on

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raise money to help them with the support they need during  
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car park spaces will increase – we do encourage those that live within the village to car share, walk or cycle (and use our sparkling new cycle shed) to minimise any “spill over” parking in the road.

The Trust AGM will take place at 8pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> November in Chanctonbury

Hall the meeting is public so do come along to hear more about what’s been happening at the hall and, if you want to join the committee – this is your opportunity!

**Findon Village Hall**  
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## Findon Village WI

Sara Clarke

We were delighted to welcome two members of staff, Vanessa and Emma and a volunteer, Ann from the Orpheus Centre in Godstone, Surrey to our October meeting.

Ann gave us a very interesting history of the college founded by musician and song-writer Richard Stilgoe. His vision was to create a place where disabled people and students could work together for longer than a week – to change their own and other people's lives by creating new music and performing in public. The Orpheus Centre opened in 1997 at Richard Stilgoe's former family home. This year they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Starting with five disabled students, the college now has sixty-eight, twenty-three residential places and day students who study for a minimum of three years. A transition programme helps them to develop individual strengths and many go on to paid or voluntary work. Ann finished by sharing some case studies with us, talking about young people and adults she has supported during her twenty-three years as a volunteer.

Elaine Dibben won the Theatre Memorabilia competition with her

fascinating collection of theatre programmes.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm, when we will be Christmas crafting, making a variety of items for the Christmas Tree Festival taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023. Our competition will be an item of remembrance. 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, sub-groups, and upcoming initiatives – Check it out.

A big thank you to all our lovely villagers who have made poppies to adorn the memorial and trees on Pond Green. We hope our display will be a fitting tribute to those who have lost their lives in wars and conflicts.

Sara Clarke – President

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

Website:

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

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## Findon Village Gardens Association

Our meeting this month is on Friday, 24th November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Ian Everest, who will be talking about The Women's Land Army.

Everyone is welcome to meetings.

We meet on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall  
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Findon is so fortunate to have active voluntary groups helping in and around the Village. We have three regular “outside” working parties all of which work under the backing of Findon Parish Council. These are the Open Spaces Working Party which meets every Wednesday morning, The Litter Group which has one main session per month on the last Friday, with additional litter picking in between, and The Findon Wildflower Group which meets roughly every Spring and Autumn and occasionally in between. Whenever you see them working, they’ll be in their Findon Village Volunteers hi-vis jackets.

The overall aim of these Groups is to help keep Findon looking clean, tidy and attractive and a village of which we can all feel proud.

**The Working Party** has been “going strong” since 2016. During the last 12 months, its members have spent much time keeping footpaths clear in the village and also those adjacent to the A24. They have also cleaned out blocked road gullies in High Street, Cross Lane, Nepcote Lane and near The Quadrangle. Other jobs have included churchyard leaf clearance, repairs to and painting the Preschool building and maintenance of the bus shelters. Last winter we helped the tree warden, Matthew Ward, with tree planting in the village and helped water them later in the year. Another job was tree trimming to make room for The Sheep Fair pony rides.

The team is out there every Wednesday morning come rain or shine - well more

or less but just a bit dependent on how wet it might be - enjoying the exercise and open air. The group is always looking for new members. Please email Robin Carr: [grdcarr@outlook.com](mailto:grdcarr@outlook.com) if you would like to join up.

**The Litter Group**, very ably led by Chess Thomas, meets on the last Friday morning of each month with some additional litter picking in between the main collections. On average about 15 to 20 bags of litter are collected every month, plus an assortment of car parts (often wheel hubs), packaging material and construction debris. The bulk of the rubbish comes from alongside the A24 and the Long Furlong layby. However, there is litter wherever people park their cars or walk around the village, which keeps the group busy. We are grateful to Arun District Council cleansing department for their help in collecting and disposing of the rubbish.

The fact that so much litter is collected on such a consistent basis is a sad reflection of the “throwaway” society we live in today.

Volunteers are welcome to join - only required one day a month. However, there is currently a waiting list to become an active member of the group. Please contact Chess Thomas via Fiona, the Findon Parish Council Clerk: [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Another success story is **The Wildflower Group**, this one very ably run by Sian Keating. This summer, small beds of colourful wildflowers bloomed along the High Street

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## News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

Sunday evening it was getting dark just after six o'clock, all of the hens had put themselves to bed, I noticed one hen still out sitting on the lawn, I bent down and picked her up, I slipped sideways on the wet grass and fell down heavily. I couldn't save myself because I had my hands out holding the hen. Emma, a young volunteer, heard me scream and came running, it took all her strength to haul me up. The pain was excruciating. I had landed on my side and hit my jaw, shoulder, elbow, hip, knee and ankle everything hurt. It took ages to get back to the house sliding my feet an inch at a time. I sat in the chair until next morning thinking I was just badly bruised. My two dogs were with me when I fell and they thought they had caused my accident. They both sat together looking guilty until I called them over and reassured them it wasn't their fault.

I rang my daughter and told her I'd had a fall so she drove straight over. She called the ambulance and I was taken to Worthing Hospital. I had an x-ray and scan and I was told I had cracked a ball joint in my hip and fractured my Pelvis. Fortunately, I have a Stannah stair lift and electric bath lift at home because I am waiting for a new knee so, after a week in hospital, I was allowed home. I cannot do anything at the Sanctuary for 6-8 weeks.

The volunteers are carrying on as usual. My daughter and granddaughter are taking excellent care of me, I can get out of bed with the help of a zimmer frame, although even with painkillers trying to walk is still excruciating. Luckily, we have a visiting vet checking on our animals and the day to day work at Paws still goes on. This week a cat has been reserved, and Desmond the Guinea-pig has gone to a new home.

Next year I am hoping to put all the animal poems together that friends and volunteers have written and given to me to publish The Paws Animal Sanctuary Collection of Animal Poems. Hopefully we can sell the books to raise funds for the Sanctuary. Hoping there are not too many fireworks this year upsetting our animals.

from **Stacey**.

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## Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The men's Monday morning Coffee/Breakfast group celebrated their 10 year anniversary on Oct 9th having started in Oct 2013 at Julia's Kitchen with 5 members. Today we have 50 chaps on the circulation and a record number of 33 attended this celebration at the Black Horse.



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Singers  
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## *Winter Concert*



**Singers Rechoired  
Charity Concert  
Saturday November 25th 7pm  
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"Songs of Wonder"**

Exit collection on behalf of Motor Neurone Disease  
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## Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)).

Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website (<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication

deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

Since the last issue of Findon News, the following Planning Applications have been posted on the SDNPA website:



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**Variation of Condition 2 relating to planning approval  
SDNP/22/03452/HOUS for minor amendments to the internal layout and external appearance of the property**

Seven Beeches 23 School Hill Findon  
West Sussex BN14 0TR  
Ref. No: SDNP/23/04257/CND

**Retrospective replacement of a pitched roof, refurbishment of existing provision of a porch.**

The Downs Stables Stable Lane Findon  
Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RR  
Ref. No: SDNP/23/04308/HOUS

**Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement outbuilding**

37 Cross Lane Findon Worthing West  
Sussex BN14 0UB  
Ref. No: SDNP/23/04307/HOUS

**Retrospective erection of field shelter in garden**

Village House Hotel The Square Findon  
Worthing West Sussex BN14 0TE  
Ref. No: SDNP/23/04201/FUL

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## Nightingales Sheltered Housing

Councillor Alison Cooper, the Chair of Arun District Council, planted a Red Oak tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III at Nightingales Sheltered Housing in Findon Village on Wednesday 20th September. Cllr Cooper was accompanied by Cllr Paul Bicknell and Mr Moh Hussein the Interim Head of Housing for Arun. The tree was purchased by the residents of Nightingales. Nightingales is a Sheltered Housing Scheme in Findon village and comprises thirty flats and one bungalow and there are 37 residents. Nightingales is the only scheme in West Sussex where the Tenants Association manage some of the services under a Local Management Agreement. The services covered by the agreement are Cleaning, Grounds Maintenance and Minor Repairs. Chris Osborne-Shaw, Chair of NTA said "This has been our first year managing these services and we believe it has proved very successful. Our aim is to provide a

high level of service using local contractors and to foster a greater sense of community. We hope to expand the services we manage in the years to come."



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embankment and at the top of Steep Lane. Members of the group have recently done the autumn cut back and most of the beds have been extended and there should be an even better show next year!

In addition to colourful displays of flowers for all to enjoy, they also provide rich sources of nectar to encourage pollinators. For more details, please refer to an excellent article written by

Sian, which was included in the October edition of Findon News. More volunteers are welcome. The most concentrated work comes in the autumn and some watering during dry spells in the summer. If you can help, please get in touch with Sian Keating via email: [doders1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:doders1@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Village Hall Diary November 2023

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Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Drop-In Afternoon Tea	Monday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm – 16.00pm
Circle Dancing	Monday (13 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	14.00 – 16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Paracise	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday (Not 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Nepcote	9.30 / 10.30/11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday	Nepcote	4.45pm
Danceholics (fortnightly)	Sunday (12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Findon Village WI	9 <sup>th</sup> November	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Meditation	16 <sup>th</sup> November	Nepcote	19.30pm
Dance of Awareness Workshop	17 <sup>th</sup> November	Chanctonbury	18.45 pm
Bead Magicians	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Chanctonbury	10am – 2.30pm
Findon Garden Association	24 <sup>th</sup> November	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Chanctonbury	12.45pm

### Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Every Monday afternoon	Drop In Afternoons	Chanctonbury Hall - 2pm – 4pm
Friday November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bright Lights Comedy Night	Chanctonbury Hall – Doors 19.00pm
<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bright-lights-comedy-mike-gunn-live-at-the-apol-tickets-737153153927">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bright-lights-comedy-mike-gunn-live-at-the-apol-tickets-737153153927</a>		
Saturday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Barnabas Coffee Morning	Chanctonbury Hall -10am -1pm
Saturday November 18 <sup>th</sup>	200 Club evening	Chanctonbury Hall - 19.30pm
Saturday November 25 <sup>th</sup>	FVHT Film Night – 6.30pm. <b>Top Gun Maverick</b> with <b>Tom Cruise</b>	Tickets in advance from <a href="https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/">https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/</a>
Wednesday November 30 <sup>th</sup>	FVHT AGM – Chanctonbury Hall – 8pm. All welcome.	

### DECEMBER


Every Monday - Drop-In Afternoon Teas – Chanctonbury Hall- 14.00pm – 16.00pm  
 Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> - Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair – Chanctonbury Hall – 10am

# PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

## NOVEMBER 2023

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

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b> All Saints All Souls	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 3.00pm	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Windlesham School Eucharist at Patching All Souls' Service at Findon
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> Remembrance Sunday	8.00am <b>10.00am</b>	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist, with act of Remembrance at Findon
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> Christ the King	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon

 <b>Next Messy Church - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b> 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!	<b>Lambs Tails - Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b> for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. <b>Tuesday mornings</b> at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month at 11.00am in Findon Church). Contact Sue Stone: <a href="mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com">belgiumsue@hotmail.com</a>
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The next meeting is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov., 6.45pm**. Meetings are fortnightly and are an opportunity to make friends, support each other and grow in faith. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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