

Findon

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Community newsletter for Findon, West Sussex
Including the Church Parish of Findon, Clapham & Patching

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A Thank You from the Christmas Lights Team

We had a wonderful turning on ceremony of the Village Christmas Lights on 3rd December and we would like to thank Clive, our master of ceremonies, the School Choir, The Gun Inn and The Village House staff for their support and for making it such a lovely evening – we even dodged the rain! It was once again very well attended and we hope everyone enjoyed it.

As usual we could not put on such a great display without the helpers on the setting up and taking down weekends - Gez, Clive, Chris, Eric, Graham and Richie; and the helpers at the turning on ceremony - Father Christmas, Mollie our elf, and Jan for helping escort Father Christmas.

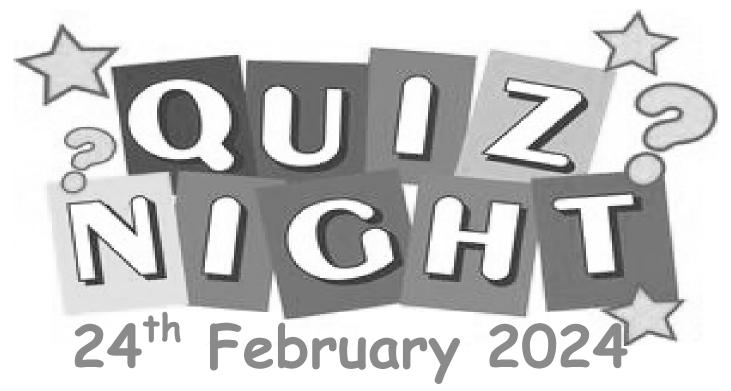
As always there are lots of supporters in the background, lending either their equipment or services, and we thank you too - Findon Parish Council, Southern Cranes, residents and businesses who allowed us to tap into their electricity; Puckamuck for the use of a van; Graham for the walkie-talkies and Mike for the use of his driveway for storage and for putting out the cones at the crack of dawn!

We did not need to run a raffle this year as we had sufficient funds to purchase replacement lights and the FPC have kindly agreed to support the Christmas Lights on an ongoing basis.

Thank you once again for everyone who has helped support the Findon Christmas Lights.

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From the Rectory

Well, a belated happy new year to you all – where did January go? Christmas seems a long time ago now, but thank you to everyone who joined us for our Services, and to those who decorated our churches so beautifully for the Festive period. It was a joy to have a packed Findon church (we even ran out of seats!) on Christmas Eve for the Crib/Christingle Service.

The cold snap in January has made for lovely long walks with Tilly in our beautiful countryside around Findon. With the ground frozen, it has been lovely not to bring her home each day with black mud stockings! The exceptionally wet December had made the ground so wet, at least now it has had a chance to dry out again.

On the first fine day, very early in January, I took her out for a couple of hours, including walking through Wiston Woods back towards Cissbury and the Village. The puddles stretched right across the path in places and I noticed how the trees on either side of the wide bridleway were reflected perfectly in the still water, with the clear blue sky mirrored in the background. It made me reflect on how we are all made in the image of God, beautiful in his sight. How often do we forget this, failing to see God's reflection in the faces of people we meet! It saddens me to hear of all the ongoing violence in our world. All major world faiths teach tolerance and respect, the love of neighbour, yet so often differences in religious doctrine and practice are cited as reasons for continuing to persecute those of a different faith. Our prayers are so needed for wisdom and compassion for all world leaders, that they might use their power and authority with integrity, for the benefit of all people rather than for selfish gain; seeking peaceful resolution to differences through respectful dialogue instead of resorting to violence.

On February 13th, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday at Lambstails in Findon Village Hall with some pancakes. Perhaps you will enjoy pancakes in your own homes as well! Traditionally, this was a means to use up any rich ingredients before embarking on Lenten fasting, as well as a chance to have some fun and frivolity (as in Mardi Gras Carnivals and processions) before the solemnity of the Penitential Season. The 40 days of Lent, leading up to Holy Week, are an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, who gave up his life for us on the cross, rising to offer new life that first Easter. Some folk like to 'give up something for Lent' (like wine or chocolate) which can be good for the waistline and save us money! I suggest trying to do something extra, rather than (or as well as) that. Why not try to set aside a short time each day to be quiet, giving thanks for all the good things we all enjoy and thinking of the many in our world who are suffering - I call this prayer, as I hold people and situations up to God. As Tom Paxton sang back in 1972, 'Peace will come, and let it begin with me', words as true today as when they were written.

Every blessing, Helena

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FINDON SWIMMING POOL – HELP WILL SOON BE NEEDED!

Local residents will likely be aware that we have our own publicly-accessible open-air swimming pool in Findon. It is sited within the school grounds and has the dual roles of providing pupil access to swimming during term-time for all those at our school, and public swimming sessions (and private pool hire), during the summer holidays.

The pool was originally built in the mid-1960s by a kind parent and twenty years later was renovated by his son. The school owns the pool but out-sources its running to the outside community via a constituted swimming club to facilitate access for all. The pool's operation is quite different to that of most other pools, although the standards that must be met are the same.

The advent of Covid lead to a recent decline in the pool's activities; problems with the physical construction of the unattended site along with failures of operational plant then left the pool somewhat wanting.

Thankfully, during the last 18 months a great deal of hard work, fund-raising and renovation activity has got the pool close to reopening. Thanks to the help of local businesses and kind individual donations the pool walls and lining have been repaired and much of the plant restored.

WE ARE ALMOST THERE: The committee that runs the pool, headed by local businessman and current-day school parent, Mick Dicker, have done a tremendous job to get us to where we are today. BUT MORE HELP IS NOW NEEDED: This is where our community pool needs the help of the community. To run the pool this summer we will need an army of volunteers to help out. Duties to be undertaken include daily water testing, general pool management/on-going maintenance and most importantly life-quarding at every swimming session. Training will be given for all of these roles, especially in First-Aid and pool operation. With enough volunteers the shared workload will be both easy and enjoyable.

Findon has done this very successfully in the past – we now need to do it all again. The first stage of operation will be a public meeting with the pool committee to garner support and attract volunteers. This will take place in March. Please keep an eye out for more information; we shall publish the date and venue in next month's Findon News. In the meantime, please think about volunteering some time and then come along and join us, to help run this popular local facility. Thank you.

John Roche Vice-chair of Governors. St. John the Baptist School. Findon.

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Christmas Tree Festival

It probably seems quite a while ago that the church was transformed for a weekend with trees decorated by local organisations. It was a wonderful sight, enjoyed by the over 1000 people who came through the door. Thank you so much to everyone who came, all those who voted for their favourite tree, bought raffle tickets, crafts and refreshments, and all the children who found the church mice hiding in the trees. A fantastic total of £6000 was raised towards the church's ongoing expenses.

And now, what you all really want to know – the winning trees were:

1st The Wildflower Group

2nd Cinnamon Trust

3rd The Findon Village Garden Association

The other all-important thing I need to reveal is the names of the magnificent

Jean Burden

doorstop hares: Harris and Duchess. I have to confess that when I first heard the names, my mind went straight to the names of two members of the royal family, but I have been assured that Harris was named after the Harris tweed used to make him, and Duchess because she looks quite stately. That was a relief!

And now it's all over, the weekend is done

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The Christmas Tree Festival Committee

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Comet's New Life

Here's the latest on Comet. He is the friendly horse who lived in the ragwort-filled field just off the High Street between East Lodge and the A24. Comet lived there on and off for about two years. He used to belong to a traveller, who was permitted by one of the field owners to keep him there.

Alice, who took ownership of Comet in August last year, was assured by his previous owner that Comet could stay in the field for as long as she needed. This turned out not to be true. A few weeks before Christmas, the owner of the field got in touch with Alice and explained the arrangement had only ever been temporary. She asked Alice to find a new home for Comet by Christmas.

This was very stressful for Alice in the lead-up to Christmas, which is always a busy time for mums like her, who have primary and high school-age children. "Project Comet" volunteers, who had helped clear ragwort, move the manure heap away from the stable, fix up the fencing, and care for Comet, all rallied around to try to help Alice find a new home for Comet.

We passed on the contact details of as many potential fields in and around Findon for Comet as possible. None of these were available or suitable for Comet. In the meantime, Alice looked for a field nearer her and Comet got up to his old tricks! He regularly pushed through the taped fencing to get away from the muddy quagmire outside his stable and onto the young nettles he loved to eat at the top end of his field. Then, more worryingly, pushed through the barbed wire fencing to get to the actual grass beyond.

Luckily Amanda from East Lodge was around to help lead him back to safety both times he got through, and we

Francesca Thomas

strengthened the fence as soon as we could. I'm very grateful to Adrian Riches for lending us his fence post basher, to my husband Tom who helped me bash in a couple of new posts and fix up another row of barbed wire, and to Hazel Lee and Fiona Menzies who also helped strengthen the fencing. It was a real team effort to keep Comet safe! We'd hoped Alice would fit an energiser (electric fence) but, understandably, this had fallen by the wayside once she'd been given notice on the field.

As we approached Christmas, the situation was getting worrying. Alice let the field owner know she couldn't meet the Christmas deadline and we were all wondering if she'd be able to find anywhere at all. Fortunately, soon after, Alice found a lovely grassy field for Comet nearer to where she lives. She moved him to his new home on New Year's Eve. Comet's "new" new life in 2024 started with proper grazing and more space to run around. We are so delighted for him and for Alice.

I'm very grateful to all the Project Comet volunteers who worked in Comet's field over the last four months. Your help and support made such a difference! Also, to everyone in the village who donated rugs or other bits of kit for Comet, or who gave their time to pop down and say hello to Comet, sometimes daily. Comet very much enjoyed your company, carrots and apples!

I know many villagers, volunteers, dog walkers (and their dogs!) became fond of Comet and are missing him. However, he is in a much better situation now. If you'd like to follow Comet's new life, you can log on to his Instagram account online, without having to join Instagram, at www.instagram.com/majesticcomet/



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Findon Village Store News

Jean Burden

Happy New Year! Well. I guess it's not a New Year now – I can't believe that we're already one month into 2024, but then I'd barely got used to it being 2023 before it was all over in a puff of smoke! Now, the only nod to 2023 is some half-price Christmas bits and pieces, so get down there quick! Anyway, it might not still be New Year, but I hope that 2024 is a happy year for you, and to remind you that a visit to the shop will (hopefully) help to put a smile on your face, and help you to know that you are part of a friendly, supportive community.

As I write this, it is bitterly cold outside. But it might be back to rain next week you'll know the answer by the time you read this! At this time of year, the weather can be icy, snowy, or wet, and sometimes it seems as if it never gets light. We are very aware of the hazards that this time of year can bring, especially if you are vulnerable in some way, and we really do not want anyone putting themselves at risk by venturing out when they do not feel safe. We are therefore happy to deliver to your home. Please ring the shop on: 01903 877110 to put in your order. The only proviso that your order is over £7.50. Sadly, £7.50 doesn't go very far these days, so that shouldn't be too difficult.

At least there are some things about this time of year we can look forward to. Pancake Day falls first on February 13th, although I have to say that I love pancakes on any day of the year! As well as pancake mixture, we stock a wide choice of toppings – the traditional lemon juice and sugar, of course, but

also Nutella, maple syrup and jam. Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is swiftly followed this year by Valentines Day. You need go no further than your local shop to buy your cards, meringue kisses, chocolates or even some sweet little porcelain heart-decorated ducks for someone special. (Of course, Shrove Tuesday is also swiftly followed by Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, a time of abstinence, but we won't talk about that.)

I do need to flag up the brilliant service that our post office provides, in the light of the problems that the post office is currently facing. You can send parcels, get cash out, pay bills, buy stamps, get euros, and buy gift cards. I could go on. Please, please, please, keep coming to our fantastic post office. And it's all local!

My grand finale this month has to be to thank one of our most reliable, faithful, diligent and hardworking volunteers. A member of our cleaning team, a certain Ann Hughes, has decided to step down. Ann was, actually, our first volunteer back in 2017. She was appalled to see the dust gathering under the freezer, and couldn't wait to tackle it with her duster and hoover! And she has watched over the shop ever since, and woe betide the smallest speck of dust that tries to hide; there's no escaping her attention! She has ensured that the standard of cleanliness has been consistently high, that shifts are covered, and that the Covid regime complied with

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government guidelines. Not an easy task. Ann, you will be sorely missed. We have a wonderful band of volunteers. Some you see behind the till; others, like Ann, work behind the scenes. But we always need fresh faces. If anyone could help clean on a

Sunday, you would be welcomed with open arms. Full training would, of course, be given. The same goes if you could take on any other role, for that matter. Volunteering is good fun! Thank you so much to all our volunteers!

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In January, we welcomed our members back following the Christmas and New Year break with our annual charity fun auction. This year we chose to support the Orpheus Centre, a day and residential college based in Godstone, Surrey. We had a very uplifting talk from a volunteer in October who shared case studies with us, and talked about how the Centre inspires and empowers young disabled students with a passion for the arts to live independent and fulfilling lives.

We had some laughs and a few good humoured bidding battles, notably for air fryer cooking books.....the new must-have for 2024 apparently!
We raised a magnificent £185.50 so; a massive thank you to Sassy Crawford, our effervescent auctioneer and to all our ladies who donated weird and wonderful items for auction.

We also voted on this year's WI Resolutions, but more of that in a later bulletin.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.30pm. Findon

Sara Clarke

Village WI will be celebrating our 50th Birthday. We have a fun evening in store with singer Leila Tasher returning to help us celebrate, along with guests from our neighbouring WI's. There will be nibbles, games, birthday cake, birthday raffle and a few surprises. We will be having a table of WI memorabilia from the last 50th years and members are invited to bring along a treasured 50th item. It could be a photograph, card, gift or a memory of a special event.

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

Visitors are very welcome - we look forward to seeing you.

Sara Clarke - President

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This year we are looking to change some of the layout of the show. One of the changes being considered is to have the Farmyard Circus near the pond, allowing more people to view easier from the bank that runs down from the main arena.

New for this year, a Mock Sheep Auction is being planned. We are very keen to cover the history of the fair and this will give today's public an idea of what used to happen. More on this and other news later in the year. It is never too early to join up as a volunteer, if you have been in the village for a while or are new to the village and want to make new friends, this is a good place to do it. For information how to help, please send contact details to findonsheepfair@gmail.com

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Village Hall News

Roger Stone

Happy New Year to all our hirers – and everyone else come to that. So, since our last article Nepcote hall has had the kitchen installed, the gas supply sorted (don't ask, please!), a microwave fitted, external lights installed and is up and running. The acoustics problem is still with us but the good news is - not for much longer, we hope. We have consulted a few companies about solutions and their diagnosis and proposals have all been similar. An order has been placed with a local firm and we hope the absorbent panels will be in place before mid-February. The suppliers are confident - and we can then assess to what extent there remains a Hall-to-Hall transmission issue – we hope this is not an issue except for extreme cases.

The Premises licence has been granted and this will allow us to arrange a bar without having to worry about how many single event licences we have left or the bureaucracy of applying for them each and every time. This will slightly change some of our previous arrangements so, when you see "Challenge 25" posters and more formal measuring of the size of drinks served - you will know why! There will also be other changes behind the scenes as the premises licence does come with obligations attached. We will be putting even greater emphasis on asking people to be quiet when entering and leaving the hall especially early in the day and after 9pm in the evening – whether there is a bar or not. We had some feedback that the hearing loop in Chanctonbury was not working very effectively and have had

some modifications made to the way it is set up. The microphone in the ceiling is now, by default "off". This means that, that when the microphones or any part of the sound system in Chanctonbury are used, the feed from the sound system will be fed into the hearing loop signal without the additional input from the ceiling microphone. We believe this will make the system much more effective for the users of the loop but it does also mean that, if you have events where there is a speaker, the loop will only work, if they use the hall's sound system. They cannot use their own amplifier and must use the microphone from the main hall sound system. We need further feedback from the hearing loop users to ensure that this is now working as expected. We expect it will be improved further when the other acoustic improvements are made. We also plan to use this system on film nights but need a little experimentation to get the film equipment and the sound system to talk to each other, so we hope this will be in place within the next month.

The 200 Club has recently donated £2500 to the Trust's funds and that is very much appreciated. The Trust is always grateful for the club's efforts and the support they offer us.

Finally, we hope to have the new defibrillator installed in the immediate future.

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Findon Parish Council Report

Linda Martin - Chairman

A warm welcome to one and all as we mark the start of another year. A new year makes us reflect on the year now behind us and what a year it was. The Coronation must surely have been a highlight. A day of history in the making, of pomp and ceremony and one to remember. We look forward to the new year with hope and optimism. Before we leave 2023 behind, I was delighted to join many of the festivities leading up to Christmas. All were well supported and shows the community spirit is alive and kicking. Grateful thanks to all those who took the time to organise these events. Quite an achievement. Speaking of achievements, what a delight to see the Christmas post box topper. First class. (Sorry about the pun).

Turning now to 2024. The work to restore the pond at Nepcote Green is continuing to make strides and further bulletins will be published as and when there is news to report. As previously advised, the specifications have now been settled and contractors booked with a view to work commencing in March. Thank you to all those residents who made a donation via Crowdfunding and left comments supporting the initiative. We will shortly be looking for volunteers to help with some practical work on the pond. If you would like to take part, please contact Cllr Chris Gilbert, who is leading the project. Chris can contacted on chris.gilbert@findonparishcouncil.go v.uk

I am pleased to report that the long running saga with the flooding issues in

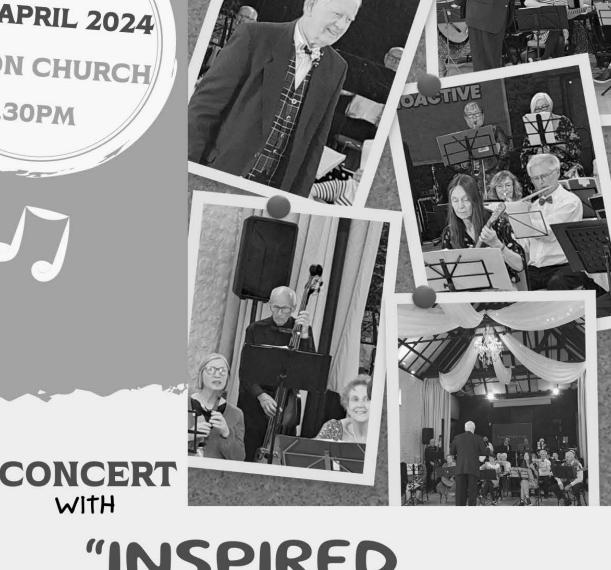
The Quadrangle is now on the last lap. Whilst it was hoped the work would have started in December, this had to be pushed back to January, and the work is underway. This will come as a relief to the residents to see the end of this issue.

October now seems to be a month for storms and with that in mind the Parish Council has undertaken a tree survey on FPC trees around the village to ensure that the trees are still sturdy and safe. Where appropriate, we will carry out the recommendations in the report which we have recently received.

It has come to our attention that there have been car thefts reported both in the village and Findon Valley. Please ensure that your vehicles are locked and where you can, are housed in a locked garage.

I am pleased to report that our Open Spaces Volunteers led by Robin Carr continue their work in ensuring the village is as neat and tidy as possible. The team has been going strong for eight years now and meet every Wednesday morning. Their work varies from footpath clearance, hedge cutting, road drain clearance and DIY jobs to name but a few. In 2023, the team met on 50 occasions with the average attendance varying from six to ten. The Parish Council provides the equipment and tools. The photo shows the crew with two awards for the most attendance which went to Trevor Rising and Nick Keating. If you would like to join in, the team would be pleased to

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see you. For further details, contact Robin Carr.

Finally, I am delighted to welcome Paula Whitby as a councillor. We are looking forward to working with her. At the time of writing, there still remains three vacancies and if you would like to find out more and have a say in the future of your village, then please get in touch with our Clerk, Fiona MacLeod, for an informal chat.

(clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone on 01903 877225).
Cllr Linda Martin
Chairman. Findon Parish Council



Findon Parish Council Website www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cinnamon Trust - A Thank you

I should like to say a huge thank you to each and every person who contributed in any way at all to the amazing success of the Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair. On the day we raised nearly £1,500 which was truly wonderful. With pre sales of cards, cakes, etc and some very generous donations, I was able to send cheques totalling £2,330. This included a very generous £400 from West Chiltington Cavalier Club who chose us as their Charity of the Year following a talk we gave to one of their meetings.

Apart from the funds raised though I must say how lovely the event was. Everyone, including the many doggies, enjoyed themselves and it was nice to see a lot of new faces amongst the regulars. Special thanks to Carole Thomas and her Monarch's Way Singers for putting us in the Christmas mood with carols and songs.

Maggie Martin

The Cinnamon Trust have confirmed receipt of our funds and are very grateful. They will be writing soon with details of how they will use the cash and I will tell you that next time.

Once again thanks to all helpers, contributors and customers and to the dogs for behaving so well!

Kind regards Maggie and John Martin 07544 572702

PS - Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair Saturday 30th March 2024 10am - 12.30pm Findon Village Hall

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News from Paws Animal Sanctuary

Thankfully, no fireworks were heard in Findon village on New Year's Eve. I went and sat in the Sanctuary at midnight, taking the dogs with me, ready to calm down any animals distressed by the noise of the fireworks. Peace reigned, but I really worry about the birds.

I hope you are feeding the birds and have a bird bath in your garden. I have fat balls and wild bird food holders hanging in my trees, and the birdbath needs to be filled every day. Every type of bird visits the garden. I buy the "No Waste Wild Bird Food". It costs more but the blue-tits appreciate smaller seeds with no corn in. We are filling all the feeders every day.

Our phones have never been so busy; dog owners asking if we can take their dogs, or cats or rabbits, guinea-pigs, even hamsters. Many people who are moving are unable to take their pets as the landlords won't allow animals. We cannot take in dogs, because we have elderly resident dogs. All our cat pens are full but many of the cats are on medication or elderly. If people cannot find a home for a cat they often move, leaving them behind.

We have two different cats here now who were abandoned by their owners. A kitten was taken to the vet to be put to sleep because they couldn't afford the Vet fees. They had already paid £475 to the vet for consultations and medications, but the kitten was still very ill with serious bleeding and diarrhoea. We were asked if we could try to get the kitten better. Luckily we have a mobile vet, who came and gave the kitten an antibiotic injection and a course of tablets. We ordered special food, and probiotics. We were

changing the vetbed up to seven times a day. Eventually, the kitten started to improve, the bleeding stopped. He hated the food at first and only ate it with fresh chicken mixed in. He is now playing and demands attention and cuddles. But he is still underweight. Another young cat arrived and was found to have a thyroid problem. The medicine is so expensive and it will need it forever. No new owner will want pay out £80 a bottle so the Cat will probably be here forever.

I spent a whole day telephoning every rescue and all friends I knew trying to find a home for two parrots, the lady owner had gone into a care home. Eventually, one of PAWS helpers offered to foster them until we could find them a lovely home. Luckily her husband has fallen in love with the parrots, so they will be staying. Their daughter is so excited in the mornings when the parrots say hello. Lots of animal poems have been sent to us to be included in our Animal Poem Book, if you have an animal poem (must be your own work) that you would like to be included in the book, please make it rhyme, we will soon (hopefully) be publishing the book. It will soon be spring, the daffodils are coming up already.

From Stacey

Paws Animal Sanctuary Findon

15 The Oval, Findon Village West Sussex BN14 0TN

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Findon Planning Applications

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

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

along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

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

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

Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials), 4 (Low Transmittance Glass), 5 (Balustrades), 6 (Dark Night Skies) and 8 (EV Charging Point) for SDNP/23/03097/HOUS.

Le Manor Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RH

Ref. No: SDNP/24/00189/DCOND

Addition of privacy trellis on top of garden wall to the rear.

The Coach House 2 School Hill Findon West Sussex BN14 0TR

Ref. No: SDNP/23/05429/LIS

Addition of privacy trellis on top of garden wall to the rear.

The Coach House 2 School Hill Findon West Sussex BN14 0TR

Ref. No: SDNP/23/05428/HOUS

Erection of a detached garage building.

The Pigeon House Muntham Farm Horsham Road Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RQ Ref. No: SDNP/23/05213/HOUS

T62- Ash, dismantle as poor vitality possibly related to ash dieback.

20 Convent Gardens Findon West Sussex BN14 0RZ

Ref. No: SDNP/23/05202/TPO

Replacement of existing damaged tiles with grey UPVC cladding to front elevation.

12 The Chase Findon West Sussex BN14 0TT Ref. No: SDNP/23/04807/HOUS

New below ground parking area and replacement roof to main tower.

The Pigeon House Muntham Farm Horsham Road Findon Worthing West Sussex BN14 0RQ Ref. No: SDNP/23/05214/HOUS

Non Material Amendment -SDNP/21/03481/HOUS - Minor amendments and alterations to the windows and external doors

Muntham Farm, The Pigeon House Horsham Road Findon West Sussex BN14 0RQ Ref. No: SDNP/23/05160/NMA

Two storey front extension together with minor changes to fenestration and a new balustrade to an existing flat roof.

22 Steep Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0UE Ref. No: SDNP/23/05136/

T1 - Cherry -Reduce height by 0.5 metres, reduce sides by 1 to 1.5 metres, shaping and balancing accordingly. T2 - Cherry - Reduce height by 1.5 metres. Reduce sides by 1 to 2 metres, shaping and balancing accordingly. G3 - Silver Birch x 2 - Reduce height and sides by 1 to 2 metres, shaping and balancing accordingly. T4 - Cherry - Reduce height and sides by 1 metre, shaping and balancing accordingly.

27 Convent Gardens Findon West Sussex BN14 0RZ

Ref. No: SDNP/23/04777/TPO



Findon Village Gardens Association

Sally Evans

On 26th February we had our 61st AGM. I have decided to step down as chair and Derek McCourty was confirmed as the new chairman. Peta-Jane Onslow also stepped down from the committee, after her recent move out of the village.

The AGM was concluded quickly and we were able to move swiftly on to welcome our speaker, Jean Griffin. Jean will be familiar to those of you who listen to Radio Sussex and Surrey and enjoyed the programme 'Dig It' before it was cruelly axed. Jean was a lively and very informative speaker and answered many thorny issues for

members. A good evening was had by all, despite the lack of refreshments caused by no water being available to us, due to a flood in the kitchen earlier in the day.

Our next meeting is 23rd February, when our speaker will be Alex New, who is curator of Highdown Gardens. Our year starts in February, when we will be renewing memberships at the meeting. If you have ever wondered what we do, please come along – we don't only talk gardening! Visitors are very welcome and you (usually) get refreshments thrown in too.

Everyone is welcome to meetings. We meet on the last Friday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall - Members £2, Non Members £3, Annual Membership £5.

200 Club

We would like to wish all our 200 club members a happy new year. Our December winner was no. 6 Barbara Brimyard and January's winner was no. 72 Sue Brown.

Findon News Online

We apologize for the fact that the Village Shop has sometimes run out of your favourite Findon News magazine.

We rely on income from our advertisers to pay for the printing of the magazine. If we were to print more copies it would mean that we would have to find more advertisements, which would incur more printing costs for the extra pages. So, we would need even more advertisements! We feel that at present we have a reasonable balance of news and advertising.

It is possible to read the magazine online from these websites (also displayed on the front cover of Findon News each month).

www.findonvillagenews.org www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk www.findon-clapham-patching-churches.com

Village Hall Diary February 2024

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net or visit www.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.

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Drop In Afternoon Tea	Monday	Nepcote	14.00pm – 16.00pm
Circle Dancing	Monday (5 th & 19 th)	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (20 th only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday (Not 7 th)	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30 / 10.30/11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday (not 9 th)	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
	Friday (9 th only) Nepco	ote 16.45p	m
Danceholics	Sunday (4 th , 18 th , 25 th) Chanctonbury	18.30pm
Monthly	Date Hall	Time	
Dance of Awareness Class	2 nd February	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Art Class	3 rd February	Nepcote	9.00am
Messy Church	6 th February	Chanctonbury	15.30pm
Findon Village WI	8 th February	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	15 th February	Nepcote	19.00pm
Meditation	15 th February	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	20 th February	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Findon Garden Association	23 rd February	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	27 th February	Chanctonbury	12.45pm

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Every Monday - Drop In Afternoon Teas - Nepcote Hall- 14.00pm - 16.00pm

Saturday 24th February – Friends of Findon Church Quiz Night – 6.30pm for 7pm start Tickets from Peckhams Butchers

March Dates

Friday March 8th Bright Lights Comedy Night Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.00pm

Your Life in Movement Workshop - Visit www.spectrumbalance.co.uk

Friday March 22nd FVHT Film Night - 6.30pm. Film TBC

Saturday 30th Cinnamon Trust Easter Fair 10am

Findon Village Hall www.findonvillagehall.net

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING FEBRUARY 2024

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 4 th February	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
Presentation of Christ	10.00am	Worship & Praise at Findon with 'Hope Rising'
(Candlemas)	10.00am	Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 11 th February	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Clapham
Second next before Lent	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
Wednesday 14 th February	10.00am	Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes at Findon
Ash Wednesday		
Sunday 18 th February	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon
First Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon
	10.00am	Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 25 th February	8.00am	Traditional Communion at Patching
Second Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Eucharist at Findon

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Next Messy Church -Tuesday 6th February

3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

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

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

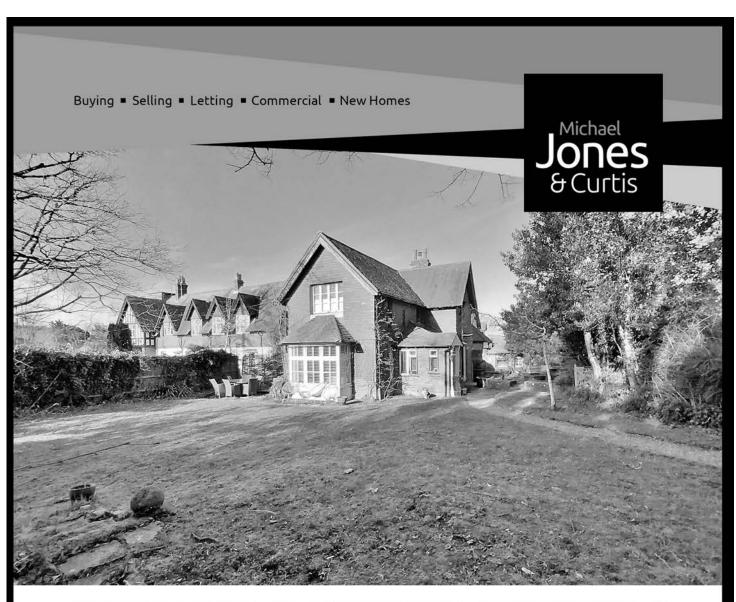
Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Nepcote Hall, Findon Village Hall.

Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com

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

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Steep Lane, Findon Village

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