



# Findon

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Including the Church Parish of  
Findon, Clapham & Patching

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# News

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## North Green Restoration

Members of the North Green Rescue Group with help from the Village's Working Party have been working on the completion of the bund built next to the new fencing surrounding North Green. The intention is that the combination of fence plus bund (like Nephote Green itself) will make North Green as secure as is possible against future travel incursion.

Following initial work carried out by a contractor, the volunteers got to work,

which included the final shaping of the bund following deliveries of soil, spreading the top soil, helping sow grass seed and in view of the dry weather watering when needed.

The accompanying photos show rakes being used in the final shaping of the bund and watering being carried out (on 15th August) to help consolidate the bund before the Sheep Fair on 14th Sept.



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## From the Rectory

As you read this, I hope you have managed to find time to enjoy some of the good weather we had in August. Fingers crossed now for a fine September.

Looking in the Visitors Book at Findon Church, I noticed 2 new entries in early August, both expressing surprise they hadn't visited our beautiful church before, having lived in the Worthing area for some years. This sentiment has been echoed by guests at weddings over the years too. I'm sure there are similar comments at Clapham and Patching churches. Part of the charm of our ancient buildings is that they are hidden off the road! It set me thinking, I wonder how many of you readers have not visited our church, especially if you are new to the village. All 3 churches are open daily, as well as for weekly Services, and are well worth a visit to admire the architecture and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. There are seats outside too, where you can admire the view as you listen to the birds. Often, I see walkers resting outside one of the churches, perhaps enjoying a well-earned snack.

Of course, these ancient buildings take a lot of looking after, and I am hugely grateful to our Church

wardens for all their care in ensuring any building work necessary is addressed as soon as possible (and for applying for grants from various organisations, some of which are successful!). This is of course expensive! We would not be able to maintain our lovely buildings without the support of the Friends of St John the Baptist Church and Friends of Clapham and Patching. Both groups run fundraising events through the year, which are always great fun, and this means that our Church Council can approach them for financial support when needed. All funds are generated for the maintenance of the building concerned.

So, are you a 'Friend' yet? New members are always welcome. It is simple to join for a minimum donation of £10 annually, ensuring you are emailed details of any fundraising events in good time, plus an occasional newsletter showing what Friends have done recently. Volunteers are always welcome at the church clear-ups organised a couple of times a year too, and there are always great refreshments at these! This year, the Findon Church Friends are responsible for the main refreshment area on the Green by the marquee, so do stop by on the day.

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The committee meets roughly six times a year to agree any formal business but also for refreshments and some light hearted banter. Most time is spent on discussing and planning fund raising events - which is an important aspect of our financial objectives and many of you will already know some of our existing committee members - including myself, Gerald Hibbs, Ian Hollyhomes and Tessa McCormick. So, some very

familiar faces. We would welcome a couple of extra committee members, with maybe some fresh ideas for fundraising. Why not come along and try us out at our next meeting; fun, friends and laughter all together- and in a great cause! Please contact me if you'd like to know more!

Every blessing, Helena

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## Parish Harvest Festival

### St John the Divine Church Patching

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am

**All welcome!**



*Donations of cans/packets/long-life juice or milk for 'Turning Tides' may be left at the back of any of the 3 churches, or in the Rectory porch, or brought on the day. Thank you!*

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## More Parish News

You'll have read in 'From the Rectory' that the Friends of St John the Baptist Church are responsible for the refreshment area this year at the Sheep Fair. The Fair coincides with the annual Historic Churches Charity 'Ride and Stride' event, always on the same weekend. People are sponsored to visit as many churches as they can in a day and half of the money raised goes to the individual church, the other half to the National charity. Churches can bid for a Grant towards work on the fabric of their building from this charity, and bids are looked on more favourably if the church has taken part in the fundraising!. Given that we as a Parish have major work to undertake on the roof and tower of both Findon and Clapham Churches, there will be a collecting box for donations for this

charity by the main marquee where we will be serving teas and coffees all day, along with sweet and savoury food, and a sign up sheet to say you've visited our churches (virtually!) although we'd love you to visit our lovely old buildings in person too. We can then send this donation to the charity, along with numbers of visitors!

After a gap since Covid, we have a small group of representatives from our Link Parish in Schney coming to visit us in October – 26th to 30th. Please speak to me if you'd like to be actively involved!

Hope to see you on September 14th, Helena

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## Village Store News

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September is, of course, a busy month for Findon. No, I am not talking about the start of the football season, although you might think that if you have recently spoken to Angus, our football-mad manager. (This sentiment is definitely not shared by some of the volunteers, who are busy plotting their revenge.) I am, of course, actually talking about our annual Sheep Fair, although, I have to say, you deserve a medal if you have managed to not know about it thus far! Please visit our stall – you'll find it near to the Wattle House. We'll have our fancy coffee machine which makes everything from hot chocolates to cappuccinos, and possibly even iced lattes (weather dependent), and will also be selling our hot sausage rolls (both meat and vegan varieties), Real Patisserie pastries, and sweets and biscuits. And, this year, we will be stocking our

## Jean Burden

popular cards of local scenes created by Findon resident Bob Govatt. Definitely not to be missed!

And, on the subject of the Sheep Fair, do come to see our wonderful postbox topper just outside our shop. It's quite magnificent!

It's things like the Sheep Fair that promote Findon and contribute to it being the popular village it is. The presence of the community shop and Post Office is another. I've said it before; Findon was a much quieter village when the shop was closed back in 2017. So, it's vital we do everything we can to keep the shop thriving. We are especially thrilled just now because we have been given a significant donation by a couple who live in the village. We have recently had to renew part of the roof of the flat above the shop, so it was very timely. Thank you so very much. We are always grateful when anyone either buys shares in the shop, or makes a donation.

Another way of being involved would be to join our Post Office team. We are looking to recruit another paid member of staff, hours to be confirmed. Training will, of course, be provided. I'm sure there's someone out there who would be a perfect fit for this position – just have a word with Angus or Helen.

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The Findon Village Gardens Association summer show was held on Saturday 3rd August. After the atrocious weather we had last year, the committee had everything crossed for better weather this year. Thankfully, our prayers were answered, and we were able to have gazebos outside with the vegetable and soft fruit classes leaving lots more space in the hall for the flowers, floral art, handicrafts, cookery and photography classes.

Competition entries were up by over a third on last year, despite the unseasonably wet early summer which didn't help our growers.

Richard Bell clinched the trophy for best overall photo while Gill Gostick's photo will appear on the cover of our 2025 show schedule.

### 🏆 Winner of The 2025 Summer Show Brochure Cover



Olwen Williams won the handicraft award for her wonderful teddy bear and the cookery cup was won by Betty Lewis for her Rhubarb & Ginger jam, which the judges proclaimed "to die for". Stewart Hilton had a clean sweep with best hardy perennials and best garden flowers and the outstanding flower exhibit overall was Lorna Jones with her stunning hydrangea. Paddy Winter won the flower arranging award, while Betty, Paddy and Richie Line shared the vegetable awards, with Richie taking the prize for most outstanding exhibit for his potatoes. Finally, Paddy went away with the Banksian medal, given for the entrant with the most points overall.

For the 2nd year running we had a children's competition to create an animal made from vegetables or fruit. Despite only having one entry, the judge was very impressed with George Hobden's "Broccy The Hedghog" and he received a special discretionary medal for his entry.

The show was a wonderful success, with lots of visitors enjoying tea and cake whilst admiring the exhibits and visiting the various stalls. As ever, our thanks go to all the local businesses who donated prizes for our raffle and all the entrants without whom the show wouldn't be such a triumph.

Sue Brown, Show Secretary.

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By the time you read this, the second new heating controller should be in place and the heating connected up to the new system which links the heating to the Hallmaster booking system. This should save us a good deal of money and reduce our carbon footprint.

The work on the toilet floors has not started yet but will be started in the coming months and will be undertaken, as mentioned last month, one at a time – so we will always have two in service at any one time.

The "Light Lunch" discussions were very successful and we are now definitely planning to maintain the tradition when the current team hand over in the New Year. Thus it will metamorphose from a regular activity supported by volunteers AT the hall, into a regular activity, supported by volunteers, organised and supported BY the hall. I think we should thank the team that created the light lunches and turned them into a valued village tradition in the first place – we will look forward to seeing you as guests rather than volunteers in future.

The Hall usage figures are still very encouraging but there are also still plenty of "slots" than can be made available should any readers be looking for a well-equipped, regular venue or a place for your one off event.

In September, as the evenings draw in, we will see the return of Film Night/Race Night etc. So keep your eyes open for the posters advertising the first event, which will be an unusual film. Shot in the Worthing area, "Vindication Swim" is an award winning film that tells the story of the first woman to swim the channel and who then went on to many other feats of endurance. The producer of the film, Simon Hasler, will join us and hold a Q and A session afterwards.

Now the grass is becoming established in the area outside Nepcote that part of the garden is now starting to look its best too – so, once we dispose of the remains of the hoardings that have been sitting next to the Biffa bin for a long time, only the car park will remain. Speaking of the car park, we are now in discussions regarding a potential solution for the required resurfacing and hope we will be able to declare a plan in the near future. Once that is done, fingers crossed (because we didn't foresee the toilet floors being so expensive), the period of high investment should be pretty much behind us. Then we can move (back) into a regime of general maintenance, replacement of worn equipment, relatively minor improvements, redecoration etc - basically, the day-to-day stuff. We do, of course, have ideas for improvements which we can implement as funds become available – and ideas are, of course, always welcome.

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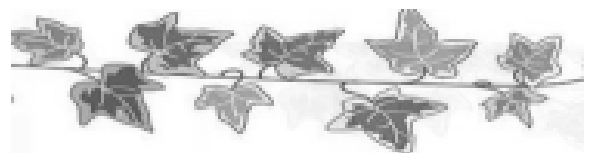
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## Sheep Fair Update

The Sheep Fair Committee had their penultimate meeting in August and preparation for the year's event is going to plan. Thanks to the help from all the willing volunteers, and support from local sponsors, it is hoped that this year's event will be another success. The ever popular Sheep Show (with dancing sheep) returns this year as do The Farmyard Circus who proved very popular last year. There is of course the usual Sheep Judging Competition, and this year there will be a Mock Sheep Auction. This is being run by a livestock auctioneer and will provide an opportunity to see first hand how things were back in the day. Visitors will be invited to take part, and as this is not a real auction nobody will be expected to take a sheep home!

## Richard Bell

Another first will be a demonstration from the Worthing Fire and Rescue Service on how they rescue animals such as horses and cows from ponds and ditches. They will be bringing a Unimog (an off road vehicle), crane and a dummy horse to demonstrate. Apart from that there will be all the usual attractions and events for all the family.

As always there will be some parking restrictions in the village on the day as well as a one-system to and from the fair. If anyone has any questions or comments, please contact us at [findonsheepfair@gmail.com](mailto:findonsheepfair@gmail.com).

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Ellie talked about their fundraising activities and how reliant the Hospice was on this revenue stream. Ellie wanted to thank all those in the village who raised funds and supported the hospice in whatever way; and sent an open invitation to visit the wonderful gardens and have coffee and cake in the café which has now re-opened.

Liz Henderson was on hand, selling a selection of Pheonix cards for a £1 each. We raised a magnificent £77 which Liz kindly donated to St Barnabas.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th September, when our speaker will be Carrie Cort, CEO of Sussex Green Living: initiatives for the benefit of local communities and the plant. The competition will be up-cycled and re-purposed items.

POPPY ARCH – to those of you who are kindly knitting and crocheting poppies, we are ready to start accepting any that have been completed. It is a big project, and we

are keen to get an early start on it. Just drop us a line and we can come and collect.

**EVENT ALERT! - AUTUMN PRE-LOVED FASHION SALE** – following the massive success of our cream tea and summer sale, and due to large demand, we are planning an Autumn Sale on Friday 8th November 2024 – 2-3.30pm . Don't throw out your old winter clothes, come and donate to our sale....you might find that new 'Christmas jumper' or a little 'black dress' for the party season. All the proceeds will go to our Charity of the Year, the Community Swimming Pool.

Don't forget to come and see us on our Findon Village WI Stall at the Sheep Fair on 14th September. Lots of crafty items and edible goodies for sale, as only the WI can do!

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

Sara Clarke – President  
Email: [findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk)  
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<https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite>

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Simon Knights Tower Captain & Church

As newly appointed Tower Captain of St John the Baptist Church, Findon, I am sorry to have to announce that the mobile Belfry we were going to demonstrate at the Sheep Fair on the 14th September, is now not going to take place. The mobile Belfry is broken and awaiting Taylor's of Loughborough (the only bell foundry left in the Country), to attend, and fix and modify it. We were hoping to show off our tower skills and let you see how bell ringing really works. The reality is far removed from Monks leaping up and down on ropes in a TV advert from a well-known chocolate bar beginning with M, that apparently also helps you work, rest and play. The good news is that the tower is now booked for the Sheep Fair 2025 on the 13th September.

As you can see, the Sheep Fair really does take 12 months of planning and hard work! Our ringing technique is a method of ringing unique to England, where of the 7140 towers worldwide (2015), 95.2% of them are in England, with half the others in Wales. The bell moves through a full 360 degrees. Bells in other churches are either static and struck by a hammer or pulled and sway from side to side and tolled. It takes practice to perfect the skill, but you don't have to be musical, just willing to have a go and learn. You can see for yourself next year.

We are always looking for people to ring and would like anyone who would like to have a go to get in touch. Any age from 12 upwards is fine. Also, if there are any ringers who have stopped for any reason, and would like to restart, please get in touch, you would be most welcome. It is a very rewarding and social hobby, and very enjoyable to do. We ring for services twice a month, and at weddings when required. You can ring on Sundays without attending service, but you would be more than welcome if you wanted to stay. I would be delighted to help train anyone who's interested; please just contact me on 07821 485806. We have practice sessions at St John the Baptist Church, Findon every Tuesday evening, 7.45pm to 9.15pm.

We are holding a memorial service for my predecessor, Barbara Harbut on the 2nd November at 2.00pm at St John the Baptist Church. She was an excellent Tower Captain for over 40 years and a ringer for over 70 and is sorely missed. There will be ringing before the service and after, and it is a chance for ringers who knew her to say goodbye, in the manner she would have wanted. If you knew her and wanted to attend, please do come along.



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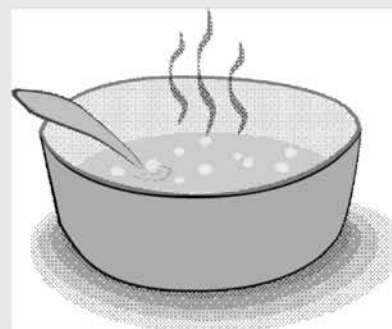


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## Findon Parish News

Findon Parish Council ( FPC ) unanimously elected two new councillors onboard at our last meeting. Steven Toughey and Kelly Dean both bring relevant and additional experience to FPC and their accession will help a significant re-alignment of responsibilities and enable more projects across Findon.

As we approach Findon Sheep Fair weekend we should, as always, recognise the excellent work undertaken by the Findon Sheep Fair Committee to create such a terrific event. FPC would also like to recognise the support provided by the "Save The North Verge" group who worked in the clean up and bunding of the Nepcote North Verge, following our most recent incursion. The new bund has now been grass seeded with the help of the "Findon Wildflower" group and again thanks are due.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents, with thoughts or concerns should Findon be unfortunate to have another incursion, to contact Sussex Police in the first instance on Report antisocial behaviour | Sussex Police or by calling 101 or 999 to report the incident. Please can you also advise our Clerk, Fiona, of any action you have taken so that FPC can also build up an evidence base, collated to justify action that steps can be taken without potential enforcement challenge [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01903 877225

Following a full day servicing of Nepcote Pond by "Pete the Pond" and his group, which included removal of the duckweed covering, pond re-planting and edge clearance the pond is in excellent condition. Unfortunately the covering returned after a couple of weeks and, although this is to be expected in the early days of the pond's biodiversity, we now know how to remove it and will do so just in advance of the Sheep Fair. Following advice we also plan to introduce sticklebacks, ducks (who will eat the weed) and also to encourage Kingfishers for who there are now perches in place. Please checkout the FPC website for more information on the pond <http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

FPC was delighted at the refurbishment of some of the benches around the village by the " Men in Sheds" and are looking to further extend this to all benches across Findon.

Finally on a commercial footing FPC has been well served by AC Gardens in our grass and hedge cutting and by Simply DB Construction for the North Verge bund and Pre-School garden renovation to assist admissions next year.

As I read back through this article it is good to see so many groups, volunteer and commercial, working with FPC to better our terrific village.

Cllr Sean Smith  
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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

I am going to write to the Prime Minister and complain about the increased price of vet bills, also because they add VAT on top. Most vets have been taken over by an American company, MediVet. The charges have rocketed, gone up so much that people are struggling to pay for treatment for their pets. One vet is charging £95 to microchip a cat or dog, and they include a consultation fee! Local mobile microchip service will come to your house charging only £20 per cat or dog.

A stray cat was given to us recently, a dear little friendly girl. She needed to be flea'd, wormed, spayed, have her inoculations and was also microchipped. After this we noticed she was having problems eating and made an appointment for the vet to investigate. She was in overnight and had nineteen teeth removed! The vet said all her teeth had been broken, cracked, and damaged, she could have been in a car accident. Poor girl, I'm so glad she came to us, she must have been in agony. She is now on really strong painkillers. Our bill was £886.50, the VAT was £147.75. Outrageous!! Most cat health problems are covered with insurance but not many cover expensive dental problems!

There is no Blue Cross or PDSA in this area to help pay for treatment when animals are ill or in an accident. When I was a child in Kent everyone took their pets to the PDSA and just put a donation in a box on the way out. They would give us free flea and worm treatment for our dog, cat, rabbit or guinea pig.

When the animal flea or worm treatments in our medical boxes here at the sanctuary are out of date, we discard them, (and vow to check them more regularly) they are so expensive. I

checked one box today, that we were given, for 3 treatments in a box for a large cat on 02/05/2024. A really good all round spot on product, Prinocate. It treats everything fleas, mites, all worms, cannot believe the expiry date - 03/2027 !! To think I almost threw it away.

Every single cat pen is in use, we cannot take in any more cats. We don't find many new homes when it's holiday time.

A lot of schools hire incubators and hatch out chicks and ducklings every year for the children to experience. Children are allowed to adopt them and take them home. A parent rang me this week to say she had rescued all this years chicks, every single one has turned out to be a cockerel. Fortunately, The Old Gardens Animal Rescue Centre in Sidlesham takes in Cockerels. I wish the schools would show videos of chicks hatching to the children, instead of hatching out unwanted cockerels year after year.

A very upset lady brought a brown hen in, the foxes had got in and killed six hens leaving one behind uninjured. The hen has settled in as if she has always lived here, out on the lawn, and having dust baths. She gets on with all the other hens, and now lays a big brown egg every day.

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## AROUND THE VILLAGE

Brian's looking a bit sheepish today



Sheep Fair and Village Festival Sat.14th September with Sheep and Morris Dancers, but not necessarily together

## Cinnamon Trust Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Cinnamon Trust Summer Fair and Cream Tea on Saturday 10th August. It was a wonderful day and a fantastic turnout. We raised over £1,320 for the people and pets.



This village never ceases to amaze!

Maggie Martin  
07544 572702

**Date for your diary is  
Saturday 7th December 10am  
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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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### **Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials) and Condition 7 (Landscaping) for SDNP/24/01156/FUL.**

Findon Garden Centre Findon Road  
Findon BN14 0RE  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03482/DCOND

### **Confirmation that all conditions for SDNP/21/02290/TPO have been complied with.**

14 Convent Gardens Findon  
BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03480/CCC

### **Creation of a low grassed earth bund**

Nepcote Green Nepcote Findon  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03396/FUL

### **Oak feather edge cladding to upper half of south and east elevations.**

The Barn Stable Lane Findon  
BN14 0RR  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03125/HOUS

### **To fell T1, Lime tree, leaning in SE direction.**

Nepcroft Steep Lane Findon  
BN14 0UE  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/03096/TCA

### **Large sycamore - Crown lift up to 5m reduce over all canopy to suitable growth points.**

16 Convent Gardens Findon  
BN14 0RZ  
Ref. No: SDNP/24/02986/TPO

## Village Hall Diary September 2024

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on [bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net) or visit [www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall](http://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](http://www.findonvillagehall.net).

Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (17 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday(Not 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Udanceuk	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	16.30pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday (not 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday (not 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30 / 10.30 / 11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday (not 6 <sup>th</sup> or 13 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	10.00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 8 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Tastevin	5 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Art Class Workshop	7 <sup>th</sup> September	Nepcote	9.00am
Parish Council Full Mtg	9 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Findon Village WI	12 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Dance of Awareness	13 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Findon Village WI Crafty Ladies	16 <sup>th</sup> September	Nepcote	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	17 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Meditation	19 <sup>th</sup> September	Nepcote	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	26 <sup>th</sup> September	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Chanctonbury	12.45pm

### Dates for your Diary and Future Events

#### September Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – FVHT Film Night -Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm. Film Vindication Swim.**

This is an award-winning biopic about the extraordinary life of Mercedes Gleitze, who in 1927 became the first British woman to swim the English Channel. The film's producer Simon Hasler will join us for a Q&A session after the film which was filmed in and around the Worthing area.

Tickets - <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

#### October Dates

**Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> Bright Lights Comedy Night Artists TBC Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.00pm**

**Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> FVHT Film Night -Film TBC - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm.**

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.  
There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,  
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Sunday 14th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with Becca Lieu and her students Eucharist at Patching
Sunday 8th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 15th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
Sunday 22nd Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon
Sunday 29th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Michael & All Angels	08.00am 10.00am 03.00pm	Traditional Communion at Findon Harvest Festival at Patching - Parish Family Worship for all Pet Service at Findon



**Next Messy Church -  
Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> October**

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

**Lambs Tails** - Parent & Toddler Group  
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Contact Sue Stone: [belgiumsue@hotmail.com](mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com)

**Weddings:**

3<sup>rd</sup> August - Thomas Dyson & Gabrielle Constable  
17<sup>th</sup> August - Samuel Haydon & Katy Everett  
24<sup>th</sup> August - Edward Crouch & Anne Bentley  
31<sup>st</sup> August - Andrew Geggus & Ruth Leake

**Wedding Blessing:**

13<sup>th</sup> August - Thomas Woodhouse &  
Magnolia Pretell Bocangel

**Baptisms:**

10<sup>th</sup> August - Reginald Doman-Brown

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