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Some village events in June

- 1st Family Service, Findon Church
- 3rd Messy Church, Village Hall
- 12th WI meeting, Village Hall
- 14th June Revels, Findon School
- 15th Father's Day
- 21st Family Fun Day, Village Hall
- 25th Light Lunch, Village Hall
- 27th Gardens Assoc meeting, Village Hall



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From the Rectory

My article is short as I'm including a very interesting piece from Dan Banting, a regular worshipper at Clapham and Patching Churches.

I preached recently about change and how we often find changes challenging, especially as we get older! Changes occur all the time through our lives, some positive, some more negative; babies and children change daily as they grow and learn and the older children get, the more likely it is that choices they make may challenge us, even if simply because we worry for their safety and wellbeing.

As adults, we can become increasingly entrenched in known patterns and experiences which we are comfortable with, but sometimes a change in routine can encourage us to reassess our routines even if we decide to carry on as before. A good example is a church Service or a social event, where we tend to gravitate to people we know well and are comfortable with, but imagine turning up to something new on your own, then finding nobody really talks to you. Would you go back? I'm not sure I would! In the Bible, there is advice to welcome the stranger, as you may find you've entertained angels (you can read about this in Genesis chapter 18). At a recent

Diocesan Synod, Bishop Ruth talked about the importance of the welcome we offer people in our churches as she spoke of the spiritual hunger of young people today and how they are coming to churches to find answers.

Next month, we have the folk group Cotillion returning to give another concert in Findon Church, on July 26th at 7pm. If you were there last year, you will remember how entertaining their local Sussex poems, anecdotes and songs were. This time their programme is called 'The Last Trip Home', based on the mechanisation of farming and the demise of the heavy horses. Tickets are £7.50, available from the Parish Office or Peckham's butcher in Findon Village. Changes in working patterns have been accelerated further in recent years with the advances in use of technology, and I'm sure that like me you all have an opinion about this; changes as I said, can be a challenge!

I hope to see many of you at the concert as we reminisce about changes in farming methods, so appropriate for our own setting here in our villages.

Every blessing, **Helena**

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The Front Line Defence of the Soul(1) by Dan Banting

The BBC recently reported that new guided tours of Salisbury Cathedral now include medieval *graffiti*. Perhaps it is therefore an appropriate time to remind ourselves of our own local examples at St. Mary the Virgin's church, Clapham.

Not to be confused with masons' marks they are actually *apotropaics*. This word comes from the Greek and refers to marks, symbols, designs or patterns intended to ward off demons, witches or the non specific, ever-present evil eye. The most common examples are probably Hexfoils or Daisy wheels which, when detailed and carefully created, suggest the clergy may have been compliant in their execution, or at least, turned a blind eye to their parishioners' 'graffiti'.

The scratches, sometimes associated with letters, were intended to invoke the protection of the Virgin Mary and are therefore pertinent to Clapham's church of St. Mary's.

They were not necessarily seen as vandalism. Indeed, they were such a common part of everyday life that they were unremarkable and because they are easy to overlook, the recorded evidence we hold about where they appear and which form they take is thin. (2)

In Britain, from the late medieval period it was believed that witches could harm people and damage buildings, churches, windmills and homes etc. King James I, acknowledged the existence and importance of the beliefs when he produced his own Daemonologie.

The majority of markings recognized as apotropaic today date from the 16th to

18th centuries. Precise dating, however, is difficult and they could have been added to the building's masonry at any time.

Church examples are more difficult to date accurately than those of domestic buildings because of the former's longevity, and being less likely to have been touched by renovation or demolition. They are also often too faint to be seen by candle light. Only recently, during the construction of the HS2, were spoke-like lines radiating from a central hole scratched in the abandoned church of St. Mary's in Stoke Manderville identified as apotropaic. (Images for the sun dating back to the 6th century BC have long been recognized in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity, and have also been identified on graves and standing stones.)

More locally, interesting scratchings may be seen at St. John's Bury, St. Mary's Eastbourne and St. Mary and St. Peter's Wilmington. Whether these are actually examples of witches' marks is debatable.

(In the 16th century, during the reign of Elizabeth I, it was noted that surreptitious crosses had repeatedly been drawn on the church walls, communion table and pulpit of St. John's church at Patching. (3) These may not be apotropaic, rather evidence that there were still those in our villages who clung to their pre Reformation beliefs.)

Three particular parts of a building, possible entrances for evil, were thought to be most vulnerable –

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doorways, windows and, in domestic buildings, the hearth and chimney. (See Singleton Open Air Museum examples) It is thought that scratchings probably continued in secular use after they phased out of ecclesiastical buildings.

According to the National Churches Trust they are most typically found on southern walls. If they are low down they are more likely to be a witch's mark than scratch dials that indicated the time of services, or rudimentary sundials.

Furthermore, church examples are often inscribed where doors or windows have been blocked up, or, as at our St. Mary's, on columns near doorways. An explanation for the daisy wheel of concentric circles close by the south door, is that evil spirits would become trapped in such a design.

Occasionally apotropaics are discovered on heavy stone fonts, but I'm not aware of any at Findon or

Patching, and Clapham's font is too modern.

It is now clear that there is a wide and variable range of such markings across the United Kingdom and Europe. But before we dismiss them as the work of either a God-fearing or just simple peasantry, we must accept that even in the increasingly secular 21st century many Christians, Jews and Muslims still believe in the existence of wicked spirits.

N.B. Christopher Howse, writing in the Daily Telegraph, has suggested that many modern historians of religion tend to use the word apotropaic to describe every relic or holy object once thought to offer protection from misfortune and devils, for example, depictions of St. Christopher and even holy water.

- (1) See Medieval graffiti by Matthew Champion
- (2) Duncan Wilson, Historic England.
- (3) Victoria County History, Sussex Vol II, p.25

Friends of St John the Baptist Church Findon

Did you know that Findon is home to a Grade I listed church dating from the 11th Century?

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On Saturday 21st June The Friends will be running a BBQ at the Village Hall Family Fun Day and would very much welcome volunteers to assist; if free and willing to offer an hour of help, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Gerald Hibbs: gerald.hibbs@outlook.com.

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Village Shop News

Jean Burden

With the warmer, drier weather upon us, our thoughts turn towards outdoor revelries. We, at the shop, are determined not to miss out, and will have our Volunteers' Summer Party on June 1st. "Occasions like this always foster a sense of camaraderie." Well, so I'm told. The shop held one such party just after I started volunteering, and I was much looking forward to seeing the faces behind the names on the rota. It was in the Covid days, and I thought I'd better take a test, even though I felt ok. It was positive! I couldn't believe it! But there it was, loud (well, maybe not) and clear. Indisputably. Go to the party I could not. No camaraderie for me. I was gutted. This time will be different, I'm sure... Actually, by the time you read this, the party might be ancient history, and you'll know whether Covid has struck again.

Our ice cream machine (I **will** call it that, rather than a boring freezer; it has such a nice ring to it) is proving to be very popular, particularly with the younger generation ie anyone under 92½. In the warm weather, we also provide complimentary water, for both humans and our canine friends. See how we do everything we can to look after you.



The Sheep Fair isn't upon us just yet, but we're starting to make plans. Specifically, we're recruiting for our stall, or rather, let's rephrase that to say that we are actively looking for volunteers who would like to offer their

services. Just picture it... world-famous sausage rolls, (well, they will be even if they're not yet) delicious pastries, and either iced or hot coffee, depending on the weather. Chatting to customers, soaking up the general ambience, but safe in your own space, away from the heaving crowds and bedlam. And you wouldn't be on your own – there's always a team on duty. It's good fun! Have I sold it to you yet, or shall I go on?

So many new customers visiting the shop are effusive in their praise for the shop. It's heart-warming to hear such positive feedback, as it is when businesses want to support us. Ferring Nursery has recently donated plants worth over £40, and we so appreciate their generosity.

I've mentioned the defibrillator before, the box outside the shop with its life-saving properties. Well, apparently it made an 'unusual' noise. (The mind boggles.) Anyway, all is ok now. Thank you to the volunteers who test it weekly to ensure that it is functioning correctly. By the way, it really does have life-saving properties – no joke - as several people living in the village can testify. It is very straightforward to use, and the instructions tell you exactly what to do. It is nothing to be scared of. In fact, it's the most wonderful asset, so it's well worth finding out how to use it, just in case the unthinkable happens. Good ol' google!

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FPC held its Annual Parish Meeting in April and a copy of the presentation follows this report

At a very well attended and supported meeting there were 16 speakers on behalf of associated groups these are listed below :

- Open Spaces group volunteers
- Litter group volunteers
- Wildflower group volunteers
- Trees group volunteers
- Findon Pre-School
- Fabulous Findon Ladies group
- Findon Village website
- Findon Men in Sheds
- Findon News
- Findon Swimming Pool
- Findon Village Shop
- Findon WI
- Findon Sheep Fair
- Findon Village Hall
- Findon Bell ringers
- Findon Christmas Lights

Such a diverse, supportive and active volunteer community is somewhat unique and a real credit to Findon.
Cllr Sean Smith Chairman

Chairmans Presentation Annual Parish Meeting April 2025

Findon Parish Council covers many of the needs of the village, funded by an annual precept from government, that is partly reflected in Council Tax. This funding is used to support volunteer bodies that undertake work across the village and in the form of allocated grants to those local bodies that contribute to the health, well-being and environment of Findon.

We manage these through a series of meetings, throughout the year attended by Councillors along with members of the public, who are always welcome to observe and input via public questions.

The Planning Meetings held monthly look at all aspects of proposed plans for new construction and amendment to buildings and trees in Findon, these issue guidance on such application for further consideration by secondary councils in the approval process. Any FPC responses to planning applications are published on the SDNPA public access system

General Meetings of the council, also held monthly, consider progress on sponsored projects, grant applications to local bodies, FPC grant applications for specified projects, alongside the upkeep of FPC owned land by volunteers and contracted third parties.

Finally, the Finance and Governance Meeting meets bi-annually and ensures that those budgets set by FPC are both appropriate and in due course discharged.

We will hear later from some of those delegated bodies that are pivotal in helping our village society, when they give is an update on their activities during the year, from the floor. However first I really wanted to give thanks to those volunteer bodies that selflessly support Findon. I am talking about The Open Spaces Group, Findon Litter Picking Group, Findon Flowers Group and Findon Trees Group.

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These volunteers can often be seen in their Hi Vis jackets around the village, each playing their part to enhance the environment of Findon. During the course of this year FPC has thoroughly overhauled our Health and Safety support for these bodies. Cllr Whitby has created a comprehensive policy with background risk assessments, agreed with those volunteer groups as appropriate. The outcome are workable guidelines that help keep our volunteers safe and insured during their activities. Findon Parish Council recognises the valuable work undertaken by all our volunteer groups and have duly made provision to fund a social activity by each during the course of the year, it is a simple way of saying thanks.

Findon Parish Council has several major projects that have seen significant work and progress this year, these require further work but today as a means to publicise that progress we will highlight some for further discussion. All will be fully communicated and approved as part of the project.

Back in 2017 Findon Parish Council took ownership and maintenance of Pond Green from Arun Council, a location at the heart of the village. This location plays host to numerous events pivotal to our Calendar from the St John The Baptist Revels to the turning on of the village Christmas lights. In order to better use and support this space an FPC project to create a Roundhouse to facilitate these events whilst acting as a source of local information on Findon and surrounding areas. Cllr Dean is available with some plans on our ideas and is happy to discuss these with any interested parish residents during the break today.

The Wattle House is a magnificent listed building on Nepcote Green with a long history in the village. Work has been undertaken in the past to ensure that the building is safe and useable in its current guise, as a central storage area. Notwithstanding this use a project is underway to consider alternative potential uses for this building. Multiple potential uses have been considered and a building proposal created to allow further dialogue with SDNPA, since this location is now in a conservation area. Cllr Peskett is available with some plans on our ideas and is happy to discuss these with interested parish residents of the public during the break today.

Parking is a real problem in Findon, as it is across many villages and towns across the country today. In an effort to look into how FPC might influence this a project examining multiple proposed changes to parking around the village is underway. Alongside this initiative is a review of appropriate village signage at entry to the village. Cllr Kenna is available with plans and pictures and is happy to discuss these with interested parish residents at the break today.

We have a successful Pre-School in the heart of the village behind The Village Hall, it can accommodate up to 30 children and last year has provided around 50% of the intake at St John The Baptist Primary School, a key and pivotal part of the identity of Findon. The building needs significant renovation to remain fit for purpose and to that end FPC have seconded a member of the council to help evaluate solutions and tenders to achieve that.

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Cllr Hellett is available with some detail on this project and is happy to discuss with any interested parish residents at the break today.

In addition to these projects a number of other activities have completed.

The full extension of the Village Hall supported by the Public Works Loan gained by FPC provides the village with an excellent and heavily booked venue, we anticipate seeing improved car parking facilities in the near future.

The creation of the second bund on the North Verge of Nepcote Green to restrict unauthorised access continues to require dialogue with SDNPA but leaves the conservation area so much more secure.

FPC have created the first of our village orchards, at the rear of the Village Hall, consisting of apples and pears. As this matures we anticipate another orchard and foresee these as restful areas for picnic use in the future and I in particular look forward to the fruit and

whatever produce may thereby occur, hopefully its cider.

Cllr Wilson is available to show some pictures of the orchard during our break. FPC is indebted to the support of Men in Sheds with respect to our bench policy regarding upkeep. FPC pay for the wood but Men in Sheds provide the labour, up to five benches are already renovated.

It has been an active and productive year for FPC and as Chair I would like to thank all Cllrs for their energy and effort this year, both of which have been significant.

Lastly it goes without saying that all our thanks go to our Clerk Fiona, a tremendous asset to our Council, without her support and guidance much of what we achieve would be in doubt.

Thanks and we can now take the break

Cllr Sean Smith

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Findon Village WI

Our May meeting took place on Thursday 8th May, the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We decked out the hall with Union Jack bunting and flags and the Committee made a lovely selection of cakes, arranged on cake stands for each table to enjoy.

The first part of the evening was allocated to discussing this year's Resolution '**Bystanders can be Lifesavers**'. We had a quiz on 'healthy hearts', a video on how to use a defibrillator and a lively discussion about raising awareness and confidence in the village in the delivery of CPR and the use of defibrillators. Many ladies expressed an interest in undertaking some training in this area.

After our themed refreshments we enjoyed some archive footage of VE Day celebrations and enjoyed a sing-along, including the 'White Cliffs of Dover' and 'We'll Meet Again'. Our ladies all dressed in red, white and blue, with a couple of Land Army outfits thrown in.



Next month we will hear from Jonathan Cox with some hilarious anecdotes from his career in the Metropolitan Police. The competition will be police memorabilia, so get you handcuffs out!

Our sub-groups are up and running again. A full list of the groups and dates can be found on our website.

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

Sara Clarke – President

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FINDON FRIENDS OF ST BARNABAS

held our Annual Golf Day on Friday 25 April at Horsham Golf Club. We had 44 golfers take part and they started off with bacon roll and coffee, 18 holes followed by Pie and Chips, a raffle and prize giving. On top of that the weather was great and they all enjoyed taking part.

A massive thank you to them as the day raised a huge, £1,110 which is fantastic.

We look forward to seeing them all again next year.



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We are planning a 20 page programme for the 2025 Sheep fair. We are printing 3,000 copies which will be free to people at the show. There will be a lot of information about the history, planned events on the day, as well as a layout in the centre pages for people to find their way around the show.

There are also new sponsorship packages available, and some of these have already been reserved. If you would like to take advantage of promoting your business or organisation, please go to the sponsorship page on the website at www.findonsheepfair.org.uk/sponsors or email us at Sponsorship@findonSheepfair.org.uk

If you are new to the village and don't know anything about the centuries old sheep fair? We have a very good website which will provide you with all the information. If you are able to volunteer over the 4 days from Thursday evening through to Sunday, we would love to hear from you. We have a number of people volunteering who live away from the village, 2 people enjoy helping at the fair and fly in from Austria each year. It's a great way to meet new people and some have said, made friends for life. Contact volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk

Donations - with some surplus funds from last year's fair, we are able to make some donations to the following local organisations: -

- Village Hall -
- Village School -
- Family worker- Findon Church
- Pre-school baby changing area

Sheep fair committee

Darts Evening

The Village House Dart Players held another fun tournament on Easter Sunday afternoon. Once again Sarah and Oliver provided a great spread of nibbles and allowed use of the venue and darts board.

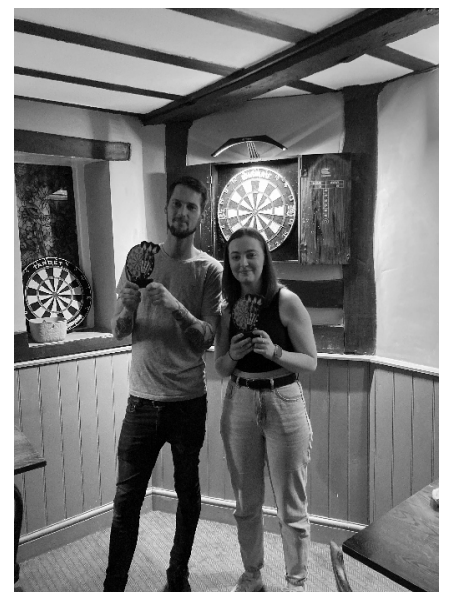
There were around twenty players, the names were drawn and knockout rounds were played until the semi-final was reached....3 ladies and 1 male!,,,

The final was played between Aiden Barnard and Holly Corbett...it was the best of three and Holly held her own until the final game when she lost out.

It was a really fun evening, and we collected £100 in donations for St Barnabas.

Thank you everyone that took part.

Charlotte Green



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SUMMER REVELS

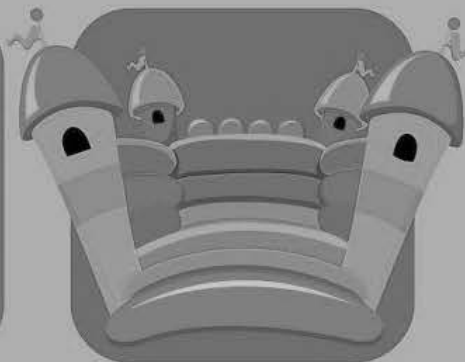
Saturday, 14 June 2025

12pm – 4pm

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Paws Animal Sanctuary

We get so many calls each week from pet owners trying to find new homes for their animals. This week so many pets needing to be rehomed from one house - one dog, seven cats, two guineapigs, one rabbit, an iguana. Plus they have 3 children, all the casualties of a marriage break up.

The next call, two cats needing a new home due to the children becoming allergic to their cats.

Also a very upsetting call from a local lady telling us her neighbour was devastated at the death of her little elderly dog. She lived alone with her dog who was her constant companion. So her friends set out to try to find her another dog. They said every Dog Rescue they rang seem to have very strict rules and don't rehome to people over 60. Hopefully the Cinnamon Trust will be able to find her a new little companion. I have been writing a book of animal Poems, trying to include all the animals at the sanctuary. I am now doing the illustrations of the animals to go with each of the poems. I like poetry,

my favourites are the poems of Pam Ayres.

I was sitting drinking a cup of tea looking out of my window the other morning that inspired this poem.

*He hopped across the lawn, and
scampered up a tree,
looking out for danger, and then he
spotted me.*

*I said "Good morning Squirrel, there are
fat balls, nuts and seeds.*

*Help yourself my little friend, enjoy your
morning feed.*

*There is water in the birdbath but look
out for next door's cat.*

*If he is on the warpath, don't hang
about, just Scat!"*

from Stacey.

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200 Club

On Saturday the 10th May, we held our spring grand draw. Thank you to all who attended.

Our prize winners were 121 John Scadgell £500, 13 Chris Harnshaw £200, 15 Hilary Smith £100, 149 Rhoderick Henderson £50, 21 Ben Clarke £25 and 118 Leslie Chamberlain £25.

The ball winner on the night was 118 Ian Watts - a voucher for 2 at the Fontwell Races.

I announced my intention to stand down after 7 years, after the November draw, which is on SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER.

Someone has come forward, but this has to be agreed by the hall trustees. They will need to go into a conclave, so pray for white smoke from the hall at the meeting on the 29th May.

Many thanks,

Alan Wadhams 200 club secretary.



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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.

Non-Material Amendment for SDNP/19/01876/FUL - To amend wording of Condition 8.

Soldiers Field House Soldiers Field Lane Findon West Sussex BN14 0SH
Ref. No: SDNP/25/01977/NMA



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 addressed to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

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



Findon Light Lunch

Light Lunch 2025 will be held at Findon Village Hall on the last Tuesday of every month. (except August and December)

Join us on 25th June 2025

Doors open-12.45pm

Lunch served at 1pm

£6 for 2 courses-homemade soup with bread and homemade puddings.

Tea and coffee available

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FINDON VILLAGE GARDENS ASSOCIATION

Friday 27th June at 7.30pm
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Cinnamon Trust

John and I have just returned from Cornwall where we were lucky enough to attend the Cinnamon Trust 40th Anniversary celebration. It was a happy and successful event with more dogs than you could imagine!

Our next event is not until **9th August** but please keep nice items for it and note your calendar.

Many of you receive the Trust newsletter but I thought those who

don't may like to read this poem which was copied from the very first newsletter from 1985. Warning - tissues may be required!

Maggie and John 07544 572702
maggiemartin8@googlemail.com



"Tim"

She sat by the fire and watched the flames die
As she stroked her cat fondly she let forth a sigh
"I am old" she thought and of life she had known
Her old cat stared back, content in his home.
It was all he remembered, her love and her care
She remembered the same as she smoothed his hair.

"When I die" she thought "what will happen to Tim, will anyone come & take care of him?"
Or will he be frightened and taken away
by strangers, rough handled, would that be his pay
for all of the years of life they had shared and the love they had given,
so much they had cared.

They found her sitting in the chair
With Tim so sad still sitting there.
"Take it away - must put it down, Send for the vet, phone into town."
"But wait, what's that held in her hand? A card!
Let's see her last demand .
Well phone them up and get them here.
This cat seems hungry in its fear."

She came and lifted Timmy down
She talked to him of his new home
Until a purr rewarded her.
She walked away with dear old Tim
into a home prepared for him with all the things he'd known for years
where he could live and no more fears.

This time it was all sorted out
It's what the Cinnamon Trust 's about!
We need your help friends, if you care,
it could be YOU found sitting there."

Village Hall Diary June 2025

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
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (17 th only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	9.30am
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
UDanceUK	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	17.00pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
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	Nepcote	10.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 1 st or 22 nd)	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Messy Church	3 rd June	Chanctonbury	15.00pm
Art Workshop	7 th June	Nepcote	9.00am
Meditation and Sound Healing	10 th June	Chanctonbury`	19.45pm
Findon Village WI	12 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Tastevin	14 th June	Chanctonbury	10am
WI Crafty Ladies	16 th June	Nepcote	14.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	23 rd June	Nepcote	19.00pm
Bead Magicians	16 th June	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Light Lunch	24 th June	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	26 th June	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	27 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

Dates for your Diary

Saturday June 14th – Andy's Angels Fundraising Barn Dance – featuring Shenanigans – tickets from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/andysangels/1528556>

Saturday June 21st - FVHT Family Fun Day – 12pm – 4pm. **Free entry.** Bar, BBQ, Pimms, Afternoon Teas, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting and Children's activities all provided

Tuesday 25th June - Light Lunch - Chanctonbury- Doors open at 12.45pm for 1pm

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

JUNE 2025

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 1st June Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church with Richard Fitt & Family Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 8th June Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 22nd June First Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church (followed by Rounders at Wild Heart Hill)
Sunday 29th June Second Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Community Service in Findon Church

FAMILY EVENTS:

	Next Messy Church – Tuesday 3rd June 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 Findon Village Hall. Contact Sue Stone: belgiumsue@hotmail.com
	Sunday 22nd June, 10.30am - Rounders at Wild Heart Hill Please bring own lunch, followed by marshmallows round the fire pit

Baptisms	20 th April – Sophie Callister-Walmsley
Weddings	24 th May – William Hutton & Georgina Smith

Rev. Helena Buqué, Vicar, and Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar:
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