



# Findon

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

# News

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## **WANTED: New Committee for Findon Swimming Club.**

As readers will know a lot of work has been done by the existing committee of Findon Swimming Club to repair and renovate our school swimming pool. This has all happened since the Covid shutdown, when inactivity caused much damage to the pool, and equipment failures meant expensive replacements were needed. Thanks to the generosity of some kind local people and village organisations all the money needed was raised and we are nearly ready to open.

We are now going to need a lot of volunteers from around Findon to help us run the pool. In particular we are going to need a new Committee to help run things. Our current excellent chairman, Mick Dicker, a parent at our school, has brought to bear his professional skills of running a sporting facilities company

(Raw Energy Pursuits Ltd.) to enable us to get to where we are now. Mick and his committee are ready to step back (and quit whilst at the top of their game) and make way for willing volunteers to oversee the day-to-day running of our pool. Our present committee comprises parents at school who live outside Findon and whose children have now left us; it is felt that people living nearer, and with the requisite skills, are best suited to perform this role.

Our pool is managed by a committee of volunteers forming themselves into The Findon Swimming Club. This committee effectively runs the pool on behalf of the school, generates income from entrance fees and pool hire and pays the school for what it uses in electricity and water.

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## From the Rectory

What a wonderful summer we are currently enjoying as I write this. For once, it is comfortable rather than cold in the Rectory Office, and recent wedding guests have commented on how lovely and cool it is in Findon Church – what a shame we can't bottle the warmth to use during the winter months!

A recent wedding had a lovely string quartet to provide their music, and the players commented on the great acoustics in our St John the Baptist building. If you haven't experienced the great sound quality of our Parish Church yet, and I'm aware that we have a number of new residents here in Findon Village, do come along to our Cotillion Concert at 7pm on Saturday 26th July. Tickets are available from Peckhams Butcher (thanks, Nick and Dave) or from the Parish Office. Money raised will help to maintain our lovely ancient building and support our work with families across the Parish.

Speaking of newcomers to our Parish, for anyone I've not yet met, welcome! Dog walking offers a great opportunity to chat to people around Findon, but I'm always glad to see new faces around our churches. If you haven't yet had time to explore them, all three historical churches are beautiful, with interesting individual features and ancient gravestones, and are open every day

for visitors. Of course, it would be lovely to see you at one of our Services too.

This year, our Church Electoral Roll was renewed (this happens periodically as requested by each Diocese) meaning that it starts again from scratch. Existing members are always contacted but still need to complete a new form. This has now been submitted to the Diocese, but new names can always be added through the year! Anyone who is 16 or over and lives in the Parish can apply to be on the Roll and new members are very welcome. This entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting where new members are admitted to serve on the Parochial Church Council, having a voice in what happens in our churches.

Much as I dislike talking about money, as I'm sure you appreciate, the cost of living is constantly rising, and maintaining and running three Grade 1 Listed buildings of historical significance as well as religious importance is an ongoing challenge. There are a number of ways that you can help with this, whether you are a churchgoer or not! Supporting us through regular financial giving enables us as a Parish to plan ahead with any necessary maintenance work on the church buildings. The Parish Giving Scheme is a National scheme we have adopted in our Parish, and completing your details on

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a form allows us the benefit from regular donations reviewed annually at your discretion, with the Diocese administering the reclaim of Gift Aid, reducing our workload. The contact for Findon is Ian Hollyhomes (01903 872475 or M:07774 643548) and for Clapham and Patching is Kath Hutchinson (01903 871147).

Another way you can support us is by leaving the PCC a gift in your will. I had a lovely surprise this week when a letter arrived from a solicitor informing us we had received a bequest from a Findon resident who had been a very active member of the congregation before his health declined in later years. Past generous bequests have enabled us to flourish as a Parish for some years, but as money is used and interest rates decline this will not be an endless buffer against rising costs.

We are greatly appreciative of the time and effort spent in fundraising activities by the small band of regular supporters of the Friends of Clapham and Patching Churches and the Friends of St John

the Baptist Church Findon. Joining either group (or both) costs a minimum donation of £10 annually, helps support the upkeep of our buildings and enables you to have lots of fun at a range of different events through each year. New members always welcome, every little helps!

Our churches are a precious legacy of which we are currently custodians, and I feel so privileged to be your Vicar here. Through the year, so many people just spend a short time of quiet reflection inside, perhaps lighting a candle or writing a short prayer to add to our Prayer Tree, some folk worship regularly with us, others come as and when they can or when they feel a need to. We are here for everyone. As I say at weddings and baptisms, only the generosity of this generation will enable our churches to be here still when those babies themselves want to get married or go on to have their own children whom they'd like baptised. Food for thought this month....

Every blessing, Helena

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The treasurer and secretary roles involve dealing with social media messages, answering e-mails, updating social media, as well as occasionally applying for grants (and possibly many other things). The committee also manage the booking systems and obtaining supervisory cover for pool openings and lifeguard cover for the public swim sessions.

In the past our committee has comprised of retired people or others with a bit of time to spare - and we can see why!

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26th September 1933 – 14th June 2025

Joan Blackwell, a beloved resident of Findon for almost 70 years, passed away peacefully at home on 14th June 2025 with Bob by her side. She leaves behind her devoted husband Bob, her daughter Ann, and her son Paul, along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joan moved to Findon in 1957 after marrying Bob (the Butcher) on 18th February of that year. They first lived on Cross Lane, where both of their children were born, before settling on the High Street. Joan often helped with meat deliveries for the butcher shop and the couple were a familiar sight walking through the village with their dog, enjoying long walks across the South Downs and the surrounding countryside.

The funeral will be held on Thursday 17 July at 2pm at Worthing Crematorium. Joan requested family flowers only but If you would like to honour her memory, a donation to St Barnabas House, Worthing would be deeply appreciated. You can do so via the following link: [dorothyjoan-blackwell.muchloved.com](https://dorothyjoan-blackwell.muchloved.com)

Thank you for your love and support during this time—it means so much to the family.



## **Cinnamon Trust Summer Fair and Cream Tea**



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Well, I'm pleased to be able to report that the volunteers' party went ahead without any hitches, and was a great success. As far as I'm aware, everyone was there who should have been there – I was about to say "All present and correct", but, going on memory, there wasn't a register. The sub-committee organised a wonderful spread, the weather was kind to us, and it was a great time to chat, enjoy some outdoor games, and, of course, eat. The party happened to coincide with our deputy manager Helen's, 30th birthday, so we celebrated her as well. Thank you, Dee Dees, for the sky-high cake – it looked amazing! (You'll know what I mean if you saw it.)

The highlight of the afternoon was presenting Peter Goldsworthy's widow, Anne, with a plaque to honour his achievement. Peter was the inspiration and instigator behind what is now our community shop. Just remember: Beside every great man there's a great woman. It's now in pride of place by the entrance to the shop. Do make a point of admiring it.

It goes to show that it all depends on your perspective. Several months ago, we sadly bid farewell to a very loyal and hardworking volunteer. Well, to our general rejoicing, she is still to be seen behind the counter volunteering for the odd shift here and there. But, would you believe it, when I expressed my thanks to her, she told me she felt a fraud, and that she had left under false pretences! Honestly, we're always thrilled to see you – you know who you are!

Now it might have been because I'd been given extra tasks on my shift the previous day, and Helen, and her trusty accomplice, Vivian, felt she needed to be nice to me, but the post office service truly surpassed itself this month. Plucking up all my courage, I took a letter that – wait for it - already had a stamp on into the post office and asked if it could still be tracked. I've always bought the stamp and tracking service together before, as it should be done. "Yes," was the answer, and I was even offered a choice of 'Signed for', or 'Proof of Posting'! I would never have had the nerve to ask anywhere else.

According to Angus, our manager, we are about to enjoy a wonderful summer, filled with long, warm, sultry evenings sitting around the BBQ holding glasses of Pimms. Perfect! But wait! Where is the ice? Disaster and Ruination threaten! But hush, look – Is it a bird? Is it a plane? ... No, it's ... Supershop to the rescue! We're at the ready, all prepared with extra bags of ice to save the day. Best get yourself down here as quickly as possible and stock up while you can, I say.

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Jean Burden

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## Findon Parish Council

At our last FPC Meeting the Council appointed Cllr Sean Smith as the Chair for the next year and Cllr John Wilson as deputy Chair.

As a conclusion to the extension and renovation of Findon Village Hall, the car park will soon undergo resurfacing to make it fit for purpose and the funds to support this will come from the remainder of the Public Works Loan awarded to FPC for the extension. The process should be relatively quick over a week and notice to that effect will emerge soon.

Following due process with South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and subsequent discussion amongst Councillors at our recent FPC meeting, voting was in favour of inserting a gap of 1.52m with wooden posts into the newly erected bund on the North Verge at Nepcote Green. This was a Condition required by the SDNPA following the approval of the application to allow access to the bridle and pedestrian path detailed on some relevant maps. Notwithstanding that this route is in dispute and that path is not viable, this solution was agreed as the most straightforward. Contractors will be duly engaged to undertake this change.

FPC is supporting the renovation of Findon Pre-School in order to assure a suitable and long lasting facility for the Pre-School. These will not only ensure that but also expand the capacity of the school. At the meeting on 29 May 2025, the Chairman reminded all councillors the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding reserves were awarded to the entirety

## Cllr Sean Smith

of Findon Parish and to be mindful of that fact when reaching a decision on its whole allocation to the Pre-School. A vote was taken and the unanimous decision was to award the £31k CIL money to fund the renovation.

There is an article advertising for a Chair and Treasurer of Findon Swimming Pool in this edition and FPC would urge volunteers to step forward. Findon Swimming Pool was built by villagers for the village in 1966, since that time it has served as an invaluable resource for our children to learn to swim, keeping lives safe. It also represents an excellent family day available for private hire, an experience that I can personally can highly recommend.

Finally, FPC currently has vacancies for three councillors by way of co-option to the Council. Is this a role for you to consider – helping your community to thrive and engaging in projects and initiatives to enhance this lovely village ? If so, please look out for the Expression of Interest forms in the Notice Boards and on the FPC and Community websites at the beginning of July. In the meantime, why not have a look at the FPC website to get a flavour of what your Councillors and FPC do via Minutes from FPC and Planning Committee minutes, and have a browse around the website <https://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk> Fiona our clerk will be happy to have an informal chat with you on 01903 877225 or [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## Findon Sheep Fair - Saturday 13th September 2025

With just under 3 months to go before the 2025 Sheep Fair the committee is starting to pull everything together with applications going to Arun DC, West Sussex CC and DEFRA to cover all the activities we will be offering.

We are looking forward to welcoming back the Sheep Show and their Dog and Duck displays which have been popular in the past and for a 3rd year running we have the Farmyard Circus putting on their unique show.

Applications are starting to come in from farms and it's always interesting to see if we will be welcoming any new breeds or old favourites. We hope to repeat the Mock Auction experience from last year which brought back memories of past decades.

There are couple of changes being planned - the Sheep Fair will be starting at 10am on Saturday 13th with the Sheep show starting the entertainment so we can fit everything into the programme.

On Saturday evening we are planning to have 2 bands performing in the marquee. In addition to Murdoch's Crazy Eyes we have another popular local band Blue Dakota who will be starting off the evening. There will be a small increase in the ticket price to £20 which we think is great value for a full evening's entertainment.

This year there will be a 20 page program for the Sheep Fair 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.

We have already had a good take up of our new sponsorship packages and if you would like to take advantage of promoting your business or organisation in the programme please go to the sponsorship page on the website at [www.findonsheepfair.org.uk/sponsors](http://www.findonsheepfair.org.uk/sponsors) or email us at [Sponsorship@findonsheepfair.org.uk](mailto:Sponsorship@findonsheepfair.org.uk)

Finally we are pulling together our wonderful volunteers - we genuinely could not run the sheep show without them! ! Last year we had about 120 volunteers helping us across the weekend and each year we need new volunteers to step in and replace those who are unavailable to help us.

Setting up starts on Thursday evening (11th) and continues all day Friday (12th) and from early on the Sheep morning. We then need volunteers throughout the Saturday for traffic duties, general stewarding to keep the public safe and for manning the Entry Points into and out of the Sheep area. On Sunday (14th) we then need a team of people to help clear up! More information can be found on the Findon Sheep Fair website

(<http://www.findonsheepfair.org.uk>) or to volunteer contact Elaine and Ken on [volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk)

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## Findon Village Hall News

I hope you are all enjoying the fine weather, as I believe there is nowhere better than a Green England under Blue skies.

**Hall Work Updates:** We have just had the Restoration completed on the Village Hall roof, this entailed hand brushing the North and West elevations to remove all of the Moss, replacing any broken tiles and then applying an agent to all three sides, which over time prevents regrowth.

(Thank you to Liam of Restoration Roofing for an excellent Job, he can be contracted on 07588 445361/restorationroofing@outlook.com for anyone wishing to avail themselves of his services)

We are further planning to complete the resurfacing of the Village Hall car park in October/November, this has been a long time coming and is much needed to complete the freshen up, this was originally planned to coincide with the building of Nepcote Hall, but costs prevented its completion – until now..

The entrance Hall will be completed within the next couple of months and a complete redecoration of Chanctonbury Hall will also be undertaken, we hope at some stage later this year.

**Diary Reminder:** The Findon Light Lunch is held in the main hall on the last Tuesday of every month (with the exception of August & December), this is open to everyone – come and enjoy a 2 course lunch for £6.00.

Events and classes continue at the Hall, they include Chair Yoga, Yoga, Keep Fit, Line Dancing, Pilates, Carpet Bowls, Art Workshops, Bead Magicians, Findon Garden Association plus many more – go on please take advantage.

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The Golf Day on Friday 30th May at Horsham Golf Club was our latest fund-raising event, with 25 players enjoying the golf followed by a

meal, presentation of prizes and raffle/auction. Special mention to Josh and his team at HGC for outstanding service. Congratulations to the winning team "Cobweb Corner", now proudly in possession of the coveted Findon Claret Jug - sponsored once again by Andrew & Jen from the Black Horse for which our grateful thanks.

We raised £620.00 down to the generosity of those buying raffle tickets and bidding for some unusual items - including "Pedro"! We were

lucky again with the weather which stayed dry and very warm.

The Friends will be running a refreshments marquee at the Sheep Fair this year and would very much welcome volunteers to assist. This is our main fundraising event and last year raised over £2,000. If you are able to offer an hour or so of help on Saturday 13th September, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Ian Hollyhomes: [ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com](mailto:ianhollyhomes52@gmail.com).

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## Findon Village Hall Fun Day - Message from Margaret Allen

We attended the Findon Village Hall Fun Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and I just wanted to say "thank you". Not only was it well organised, with such a lovely array of activities, but everybody was so welcoming. We had two grandchildren with us, who just loved it! The 5 year old said "this can't be free Granny, you're wrong". We did spend some money and had some delicious tea and cake, but I know an event such as this does not happen without a great deal of planning and thinking, let alone the physical energy in setting it all up too. So just wanted to say a huge thank you to everybody involved. A really Village Event with bells on!!

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### Carpet Bowls

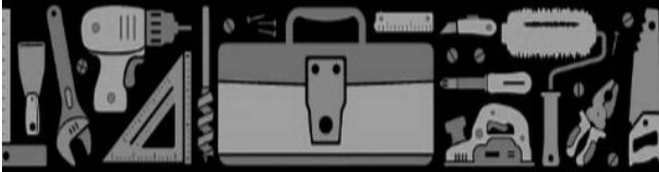
Carpet bowls is taking a summer break.  
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## 200 Club

The 200 club June draw was held on the 9th June. The lucky winner was ball number 54, Michael Grand, congratulations to him.

At the last Findon Village Hall meeting it was unanimously agreed that Tony Brimyard would take over from me as 200 club Secretary. I thank him for agreeing and wish him well, along with Cathrine who remains as Treasurer. Tony has agreed to start taking over now, but if previous experience is anything to go by, it could take a while for the bank

## Alan Wadhams

account signatures to be changed, so I will help where I can.

If any members want to get in touch with Tony, his email address is ( agb.bc@icloud.com )

If you know of anyone wishing to become members please let Tony, Cathrine or me know along with their contact details.

As you know the new 200 club year starts with the December draw.



### ***Findon Light Lunch***

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

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## Findon Village WI

Our June meeting took place on Thursday 12th June when we welcomed Jonathan Cox, who spent 23 years in the Metropolitan Police Force. He regaled us with all true anecdotes from his time working across many different squads including fraud, murder, and police corruption. During his retirement Jonathan has written a very successful series of books entitled the 'Nostril Series', which some of our ladies have read.

Jonathan was very impressed with our display of police memorabilia and recognised a fellow officer in one of the photographs on display.

Next month we welcome back Sheila Willis, with a talk entitled 'Beside the Seaside'. The competition will be seaside themed.

Crafty Ladies is in full swing. Dates can be found at the back of the magazine. All welcome.

A new book group, the 2nd Edition is starting shortly. Details and 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

**Email:**

findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

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

A poster for the St Mary's Sullington Flower and Craft Festival. The poster is framed by a border of various flower and craft illustrations. The text is centered and reads: 'St Mary's Sullington Flower and Craft Festival' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Thank you for the music' in a smaller font. The dates 'Friday 4th July to Sunday 6th July' are prominently displayed, followed by '10am to 5pm daily'. The location 'St Mary's Church and Sullington Great Barn RH20 4AE' is listed. A starburst graphic on the right side says 'FREE Entrance and Parking'. At the bottom, there is a list of activities: 'Refreshments • Homemade cakes • Plants • Pop-Up Preloved clothing • Local Crafts History tours • Children's activities • Vintage wares and more!'. Contact information for Gail Kittle is provided at the bottom left.

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A poster for a charity concert by Singers Rechoired. The poster features a large treble clef and a musical staff with notes and flowers. The text is centered and reads: 'Singers Rechoired' at the top, followed by 'Saturday 19th July at 7pm', 'Singers Rechoired Present', 'Kings 'n' Queens and Other Things" a Charity Concert', and 'at Findon Valley Free Church'. At the bottom, it says 'Free entry with an exit collection in aid of the local Cancer United charity'.

Singers Rechoired  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm  
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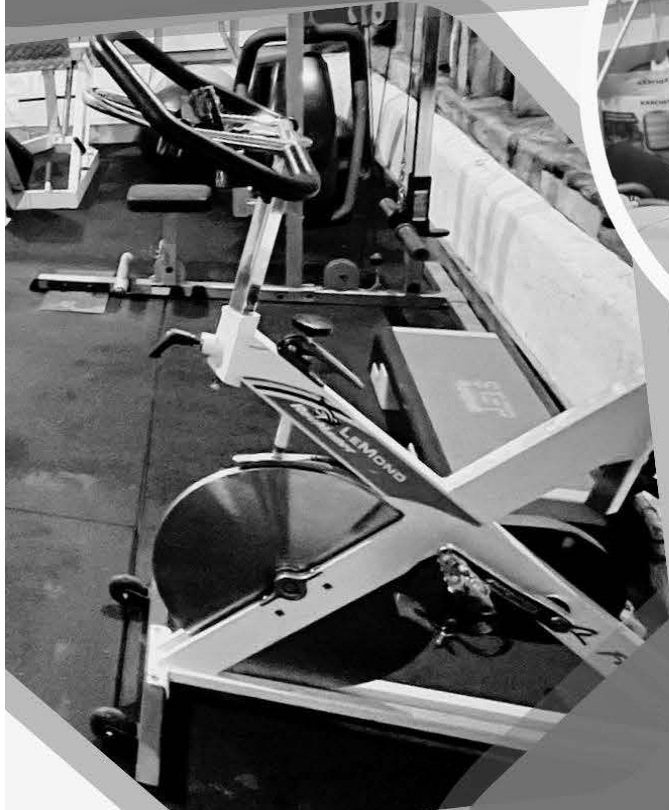
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Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website ([www.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk)).

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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**Telegraph pole. Cable to attached to back of building and then be cleated down the wall. Main fibre connection box (blue box) to be installed at the back. This box will serve all flats (1-6)**

1-5 Greypoint House The Square Findon BN14 0TE

Ref. No: SDNP/25/02565/TEL

**Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.**

17 Downview Road Findon BN14 0UX

Ref. No: SDNP/25/02409/HOUS

**Erection of single storey rear extension.**

Firbank 27 Cross Lane Findon BN14 0UB

Ref. No: SDNP/25/02220/HOUS

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

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Baby birds are a real problem as I don't have time to feed them, I need to ask Sompting Wildlife Rescue to take them. Today a lady asked me to take three newly hatched chicks, nest no mother. Yesterday a baby pigeon had been hiding behind a dustbin for two days deserted by it's mother. Last week I was asked to take twelve cockerels all had been hatched out in an incubator now unwanted, why? Luckily The Old Gardens Animal Rescue in Sidlesham take Cockerels for a ten pound donation each.

I spend hours every day looking up, giving people phone numbers. The UK is going to be bombarded with kittens if cat owners don't have their tom cats neutered, all the vets have increased their prices, and, Cat Protection no longer give neutering vouchers to people on benefits. I was asked to take two cats with kittens away from a greenhouse because it was too hot for them in there. David from Billy Bears

Rescue has only been open in Littlehampton for a couple of weeks and they are already full, one of their new cats had three kittens yesterday.

I am attempting to arrange an amnesty (with our mobile Vet Costa) to neuter male cats cheaply, if he can find the time every Sunday. He brings his mobile operating theatre van to treat all our animals when we need him.

My PAWS Animal Sanctuary Poems book is being published this week, hopefully to sell to raise funds at this year's Findon Sheep Fair in September. Chaos this week when one of our new arrivals went missing. Hopefully he will soon be found.

Stacey.

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# Village Hall Diary July 2025

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).

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
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	09.15am
	Tuesday (15 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	09.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	09.30am
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
UDanceUK	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	17.00pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday (Not 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 9 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
Pilates	Thursday ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> only)	Chanctonbury	09.30 / 10.30 / 11.45am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday( Not 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday ( Not 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	10.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 27 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	1 <sup>st</sup> July	Chanctonbury	15.00pm
Tastevin	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
WI Meadow Box Event	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nepcote	19.00pm
Meditation and Sound			
Healing	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.45pm
Findon Village WI	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	10.00am
WI Crafty Ladies	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Nepcote	14.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Nepcote	19.00pm
Findon Garden Association	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Light Lunch	29 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Nepcote	19.30pm

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Light Lunch** - Chanctonbury- Doors open at 12.45pm for 1pm

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – FGA Summer Flower Show-** Chanctonbury – 2pm

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Cinnamon Trust Cream Tea** – Chanctonbury – 2pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – FVHT Monarch's Way Choir Concert** – Chanctonbury - TBC

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## JULY 2025

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

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Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July Third Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	08.00am 09.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church

### FAMILY EVENTS:



Next Messy Church – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall

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

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

Tuesday mornings at 10.30am in Findon Village Hall. Contact Sue Stone: [belgiumsue@hotmail.com](mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August** – East Clayton Farm Visit

Please bring own food and drink. Meet at the car park at 1.30pm for 2pm start. Donation requested.

Animal petting, countryside walk and games. Please email Dom (as below) with names if interested.

Baptisms : 29<sup>th</sup> June – Harven Keen

29<sup>th</sup> June – Noah Yates

Weddings : 7<sup>th</sup> June – Dan Webster & Olivia Steventon

14<sup>th</sup> June – David Stead & Natasha Davies

21<sup>st</sup> June – James Dickinson & Katie Bedwin

Funerals : 19<sup>th</sup> June – Joan Pettitt

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

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