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Readers may well have noticed that the 20mph limit, much requested in the Neighbourhood Plan process, has now been put into place by WSCC. This effectively encompasses all of the village.

It is now incumbent upon all of us to ensure this is adhered to and to encourage others to do so.

Further traffic management activities will take place over the next month or so including yellow lines at the top of School Hill to deter the dangerous practice of parking immediately adjacent to the roundabout. Also planned are imprinted surfaces within the Square to help identify that it is a shared space for pedestrians and vehicles. The TEP group are having ongoing conversations to try to ensure these are of an appearance in keeping with the Conservation status of the Square. The group are also liaising with SDNPA & WSCC to obtain suitable "gateway" furniture on the entrances into the Village.

With Highways, traffic regulations, road safety and conservation issues to contend with some of these initiatives can take longer than you might imagine!

TEP group

Norman Wilkins R.I.P.

10.1.25 - 13.2.18

Findon Pool Committee is sad to announce the death of its long-serving retired Chairman and dedicated Pool Volunteer Norman Wilkins, aged 93.

A service of thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday 13 March, 12 noon, at St John the Baptist Church, Findon.





FINDON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Resignation

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Jan Mackerell as a Parish Councillor. Jan joined the Council some 20 years ago. She stood down as Deputy Chairman only recently. She was always passionate about doing the best for the Village, served on several Committees over the years and was a dedicated member in particular of the Sheep Fair Committee and the Christmas Lights Team. We are most appreciative of her long and valued service and will miss her positive and genial demeanour.

We would like to fill this vacancy as soon as possible and anyone wishing to play an active role in helping to manage the affairs of the Village should please contact the Parish Clerk, Fiona Macleod (phone number 877225).

Potholes

Findon has suffered and continues to suffer from too many potholes and on a regular basis the Council continues to press West Sussex County Council for their repair . There is however a waiting period and the County Council has been particularly pressed by a doubling up of demand which is demonstrated by the fact that in January over 6000 potholes were reported to them which was double the figure for January 2017 .

Road Drainage

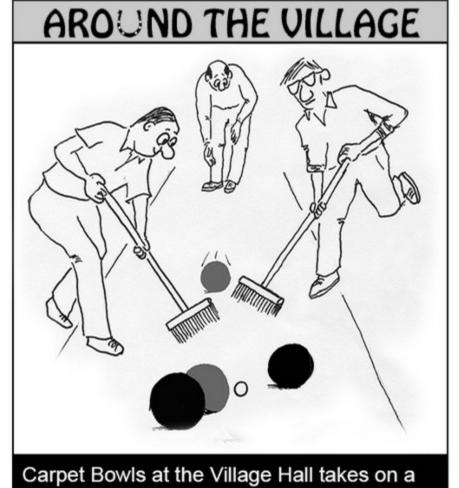
The County Council have continued with road drainage clearance and other work within the Parish particularly along High Street and stretches of the A24 . Findon Parish Council is currently on two road drainage schemes , one along Stable Lane and the other in Steep Lane both under the County Council's Watershed

Scheme with the aim of reducing flood risk in the Village . Estimates are awaited for the proposed works and we are confident that full grants from the County Council will be forthcoming .

TEP

Villagers will be aware that the initial phase of the TEP (Traffic , Environment and People) scheme has been completed namely the imposition of a 20 mph limit within the Village . The next phase which includes village entry signs to Findon and special road surfacing in the middle of the Village will commence soon .

Robin Carr, Chairman,FPC



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Findon Downs WI

February Meeting Speaker: Melonie
Marley - Cake Artist
Melonie has a shop/Studio in East Preston
giving demonstrations and classes on
cake making and cake decorating.
She is self taught but learnt a lot of her
skills from her Mother. For the
demonstration she had made a four
layered sponge cake which she decorated
each tier with butter icing and then piped
roses and chrysanthemums in pink cream
and lime green and finished with piped

leaves and berries. After the demonstration we were given a special treat of a slice of the cake with our cup of tea which was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting Tuesday 13th March at 2,30pm in Findon Village Hall Speaker will be The Campbell Singers Exhibition: A Pot Plant Raffle and Sales Table A Warm welcome to everyone.

Jill Schiller

Findon Village WI

At our February meeting Bill Avenell gave a very informative and entertaining talk about Christ Hospital, a unique and totally remarkable independent school. Bill explained the history of the school and Peta modelled the extraordinary uniform consisting of a blue Tudor frock coat with a white ruff poking over the top, breeches and knee-high yellow socks.

Our competition table had many treasured school items on display.

Our next meeting is Thursday 8th March when Wendy Wasels will be

encouraging 'Singing for Pleasure'. As 8th March is International Woman's Day our competition tale is titled 'An Inspirational Woman'.

It is also our birthday meeting – Findon Village WI is 44 years old in March.

Have a look at our new website – https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mys ite or find us on Facebook...Findon Village WI or email findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

All visitors welcome – we look forward to seeing you

Paddy Winter Findon Village WI President

Findon Friends of St Barnabas House - Hospice

Next fabulous Fund Raising Event is the Annual 'Curry and Mini-Auction' Night at the Tajdar, Findon Village.

This will be on **Tuesday 13th March starting at 7.00pm**.

Tickets are limited to an absolute maximum of 50 - at £17.50 per head.

Lots of great food and about really 15 splendid items to be auctioned.

All profits to St. Barnabas House Hospice.

Tickets from:

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On Thursday 19th April we are holding another 'Fish

& Chips and Quiz' evening at the Village House, Findon.

Again, tickets to a maximum of 50. Price of tickets will be £13.50 each. and will be on sale after 20th March!!! - from Mike and Ritchie.

Mike Solomons, Chairman, Findon Friends of St Barnabas House

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From the Rectory

Helena is currently away on holiday and sends her apologies for not submitting an article this month.

Churchwarden Parish Support Group asks

Do you know?

Family Our rector Helena and Colin our curate spend a lot of their time helping others in our three villages, Findon, Clapham and Patching. Listening to expressions of need informs services they provide which are extensive, including;

Visiting people at home, in hospital, in hospice or in care homes whilst supporting carers or people that have been bereaved.

Acting as governors at our parish schools and providing spiritual guidance, organising a weekly youth club for teenagers and arranging for them to attend youth camp.

Raising funds for charities, providing family support, running Messy Church with after school craft activities for children followed by a meal for all the family.

Styles of baptisms, weddings and funerals

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can vary according to the wishes of participants. Home communion is provided by the clergy who along with lay people make home visits.

People are talking about their experiences of the churches of Findon, Clapham and Patching;

"When we moved to the village it was lovely to have a member of the local church knock on the door and then introduce us to other villagers. It made us feel welcome and at home."

There are sometimes interesting events at church services. After a child brought a toy to church the parents said to the rector, "Thank you for making us all feel so welcome at church. I don't know many congregations that would gladly welcome a four foot lion into their community."

At Messy Church, a Dad who brings his children said that Messy Church is, "Marvellous" and a boy that attends regularly thinks that, "The cakes are the best thing at Messy Church."

A couple whose marriage service was led by Helena commented, "Helena and everyone were so helpful. The wedding was just as we wanted it, the service, musicians, solo singers, flowers, in such a lovely setting."

A member of a family whose Dad's funeral Helena conducted said, "Dad would have been pleased that we were able to play a recording of his favourite song at his funeral. We departed to Sultans of Swing by Dire Straits." Continued on page 9 ▶



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At a funeral where recordings of classical music were played, it was said, "The music was beautiful, peaceful and calming but also uplifting."

The ambience of our churches is very special as witnessed by entries in our visitors' books. A child's entry that was accompanied by a drawing of Dad is, "I

love this place it is cool. I like learning about Jesus and stories."
Another entry is, "Thank you for leaving the door open enabling strangers to enter in peace."

All are beautiful statements, but funding is needed for these ministries and services to continue.

You may not go to church but the church is there for you

More information is available from Rector, Helena Buqué and Curate, Colin Cox The Rectory, School Hill, Findon, BN14 0TR Tel: 01903 873601

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Bishops Letter to Parishes

There are two major Christian festivals in March. They celebrate people whose response to God was tentative, but consistent.

The first commemorates Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary. The second festival celebrates Mary's experience of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus.

Christians of earlier generations found benefit in presenting the story of Easter as the culmination of Christmas when Joseph and Mary were so prominent. They did this through a cycle of mystery plays, the most famous of which are still performed in York, telling the Christian story from creation to judgement at the end of time. These plays were a bridge between ordinary daily life and the drama of heaven come to earth in the Church's liturgical worship.

This year, an early Easter places Holy Week between the festivals of Joseph and of the annunciation. It is one of those periodic occurrences when dates and timing become symbolic.

Mary and Joseph are two ordinary people, from the same working town, who fall in love and get married. In the middle of all that something incredible happens, that transforms their lives. They become players in the divine drama of salvation.

Their festivals stand on either side of Holy Week and they, as it were, invite us to connect with that drama through our experience today of God's call and God's power.

In this Year of Prayer, my hope is that the drama of Holy Week will assume greater importance in your Christian life, and in your diary.

I hope that you, like Joseph and Mary, will allow the call of God to draw you into the drama of salvation: not as a spectator, but as a player, or agent, who will attract others to its reality, as you renew your commitment to know, love, follow Jesus.

Bishop Martin



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Having given careful consideration to the cost of maintaining services in the parish throughout the financial year 2018/19 Findon Parish Council (FPC) has approved a budget for a precept of £43,000, an increase of £3,000 over the previous year.

This equates to an extra £3.00 per annum (or 6p per week) for Band D households.

This is in the main necessary to cover additional costs outside our control. West Sussex County Council has been unable to confirm that their contribution of £1.500 towards the cost of maintaining the grass verges in the village will be available for 2018/19. Furthermore, FPC now owns Pond Green, which will need to be maintained to standards expected by parishioners and any improvements considered. Arun District Council has advised they will no longer be hosting Parish Council Websites and since legislation requires us to have one, we have no alternative other than to budget for the build and ongoing running costs of a new website. In addition, the General Data Protection

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Currently FPC is in the process of developing a 3-5 year Strategic Plan to identify a clear focus and prioritisation for future initiatives/projects for the village which will provide parishioners and other interested parties opportunities for engagement where appropriate.

FPC strives to ensure the Village is well maintained throughout the year and we are very lucky to be supported by a fantastic team of volunteers that keep pathways and open spaces accessible and attractive which all helps to keep the precept as low as possible.

If you would like to join this team please contact the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Robin Carr on 01903 873596, who will be delighted to hear from you and pleased to give you more information.

Cathrine Gear Deputy Chairman, Finance & Governance Committee

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Findon Community Shop and Post Office Update

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We are very pleased to have appointed Annie Whitchurch to the part-time role of trainer for our volunteers. We were able to secure grant funding for this post and Annie has already started work on supporting and training volunteers who work in the store regularly. We want to ensure that they receive maximum support and comprehensive training. If you, or anyone you know locally, would like to give some time to ensure the continuing success of the business, please join our voluntary team. You are welcome to make contact, either via the website: www.findonvillagestore.org, by calling the store on 01903 877110. We need you!

We have to say farewell to Julie Leitch, our Volunteer Coordinator. Julie has a

full time job and family commitments and we don't know how she has managed to support and organise the recruitment of our volunteers as well, but she has done a great job. A big "thank you" to Julie and we wish her well.

This means, of course, that we need someone to take over the coordination of the voluntary team, organising rota's to cover regular sessions at the store. Interested in working for your village community? Contact Julie for answers to your questions about the role: jkays1@hotmail.co.uk

We recently welcomed shareholder and shop volunteer Steve Smith to the FVC Ltd Management Committee. Steve has already started work on our stock management system and is making a valuable contribution to the efficiency of the business. It's great to have him on board.

Committee members are currently working together on a major stocktaking exercise to ensure that in due course, we can provide you with good quality information about the financial performance of the business. Members of the Management committee are also covering some shifts in the store so we have first-hand knowledge of working at the "coal-face" and engaging with our customers. continued on next page

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The month of March brings two special occasions: Mothering Sunday on 11th March and the Easter weekend.

On the run up to Mother's Day we will have a selection of gifts for mums as well as some fresh flowers and plants.

For Easter weekend we will be holding an Easter egg hunt for children of all ages. The hunt will run from Good Friday until Easter Monday and will involve a short walk around the centre of the village with questions to answer en route. All returned quiz sheets will be rewarded with a sweet treat and will also be entered into the prize draw to win a larger prize. Entry is free and forms can be collected from the shop over the Easter weekend.

Lastly I would like to send our very best wishes to volunteer Peter Kirk, we hope he is well on his way to a speedy recovery.

Becky Fagan Marketing and Public Relations Findon Village Collective Ltd

In light of a few comments heard about the price of milk in our village store, the following article is re-produced from December 2015. Ed

Where Does Our Milk Come From?

Findon News investigates the Milk Story

Does it feel galling to pay more for a litre of milk in the village store than in the Supermarket? There is of course the convenience aspect, not having to leave the village for the sake of a pinta, but is there more to it?

The short answer is Yes! The reasons are numerous.

Our two Findon shops aim to source food locally, including meat, poultry, fruit & veg in season, eggs, bread and milk, a policy approved of by residents who see this as supporting local farms and helping maintain our rural way of life.

But why is milk such a key issue in all this?

From news coverage we know that Supermarkets under-charge for milk, a strategy that decimates the small dairies by extracting low prices from the wholesalers who collect farm milk. If the trend continues, the alternative to the dairy farm, with perhaps a 200 strong herd, is the "supersized factory" with hundreds even thousands of cows are

processed much like battery hens. **So is this just about animal welfare?**Not only, but also

Milk bought at Findon Village Store tastes much better than supermarket milk. Why should it? It comes from Southview Dairy Farm in Bury, better known as Charlie's Farm Shop. A visit there provided some answers.

Charlie and Sarah Hughes run the operation. Sarah gave us two reasons for their tastier product.

"The cows are grazed outdoors, on grass. They are milked robotically, which means they wander into the milking area when they feel like it, and are automatically hooked up to a milking machine. Charlie processes the milk himself the same day and next morning fresh milk is delivered to the village stores on our patch. The whole process is natural and quick."

The keys to better taste are freshness, milk from grass-fed animals and (less scientifically perhaps) happier cows.

The contrast is the industrial approach whereby very large herds are kept in barns, fed on concentrated processed food, and milked in stalls at set times. Once the milk is collected by the wholesaler, it's uncertain how long it's stored in tanks before arriving at its final destination, such as on a supermarket shelf.

Besides the quality of the product, there is also the rural environment to consider. Factory dairies need barns not fields, steel barriers not hedgerows, processed food not grass. At stake is our heritage, the English countryside and the wildlife it supports.

Does Southview Farm hold any hope for the future of the small dairy farm? The Hughes family think so. Charlie's grandfather founded the smallholding in 1919.

Its traditions are safe with the current generation but with a few tweaks. To prosper in today's climate has meant diversifying into other areas such as meat sales, ice-cream making and running a bustling farm shop.
But if these alternatives are profitable, why persist with the dairy side?
Sarah again (Charlie's down time is limited!):

"We are a dairy farm. It's our character. 50% of our milk output goes to village shops and makes money, the rest is contracted to the wholesaler and doesn't. But we can't process all the milk ourselves, so at least we get something for the excess. But we're here for the long term.

We hope the tide will turn in our favour eventually."

In the mean time the best we shoppers can do, in the cause of better quality milk, and retaining the character of our countryside intact, is to resist the Supermarket price war, and to buy milk from the small dairy farms, in our case via the village shop.

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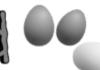
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Progress on the Updated Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you again to everyone for taking part in the second ranking preferences survey on possible new housing sites and for contributing further comments.

Over 200 responses were received this time, which although less than the first survey, still meant that a reasonable number of local people decided to have a further say on where the new houses should be located in and around the village.

Local preferences for the location of new housing in and around Findon is one of the fundamental democratic opportunities available to a community who want to prepare an updated Neighbourhood Plan to include housing site allocations for the 2018 - 2035 period of the Plan.

Here is a summary of the second ranking preferences survey:

- Part of the former allotments north of the Quadrangle (10 dwellings and allotments)
- Part of the paddock at the southern end of the Garden Centre (12 houses)
- 3. Former Fire Station (5 flats)
- Paddock north of Nightingales (10 houses and flats)
- 5. Small part of Monarchs Way field (11 houses, funding the replacement of the pre school)
- 6. Atalanta/Mayland site (4(net) houses and flats)

Locations 1 and 2 received significantly more than half the total response although there was little difference between preferences for the two locations. The south west end of the

village, on the other side of the A24, is clearly still a favoured location for some new housing, in line with the first ranking survey results.

There was no statistically significant difference in preferences between locations 4 and 5. However as the Village Hall Trust have not given any indication that they would wish to meaningfully engage in discussions to improve the access to location 5 from the High Street via part of the car park or verge, during the period of the updated Neighbourhood Plan, this location can no longer be considered 'deliverable', an important criteria when allocating housing sites, at the next formal stage of the updated Neighbourhood Plan process, the publication of the Regulation 14 Pre Submission version.

The Working Group have now finalised this Regulation 14 Pre Submission version which includes housing site allocations informed by the ranking preference surveys. It has been ratified by the Parish Council and will be published, for formal consultation by statutory bodies like the SDNPA, Arun DC, WSCC, Historic England and more, local people, businesses and landowners, by the end of March. It will be available to view on the FPC and Findon Village websites with hard copies at the Community Store and other local venues, together with details of how you can make further comments and give support during this statutory six week consultation period.

Updated Neighbourhood Plan Working Group



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Equally, we are always on the lookout for volunteer drivers and other helpers and we would love to hear from them as well.

Nikki Jones Transport Co-ordinator ACCT

Burn's Night celebration 20th January

I accepted the India Trek Challenge to raise money for St Barnabas House. Part of my fundraising target was met at the Burn's night as we raised £958.00.

A huge thank you to all those who attended and to my band of helpers:

Rev Helena Buque and husband Chris. Ruth Housley, Helen Butchart, David Gear, Anne Brooks, Irene and Richard Adams. John Haskey, Liz Pratt, Jacqui Greaney, Hannah Kearsley and Amanda Gibbs (St Barnabas House volunteer).

The evening would not have been so successful without your amazing contribution.

Special thanks for Adam Collard's donation of a beautiful cut glass decanter for our raffle, Antiques at 2 The Square.

Feedback received from attendees was that the evening was great fun and the food was traditional and well received.

Keep a look out for St Barnabas posters for my next fundraising event. Your support is greatly appreciated not only to reach my target but the hospice cannot deliver care and support to our loved ones without our help.

Sue Davis

200 Club

The winner of the February 200 club £25 prize was

No. 121 Peter Goldsworthy.

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Molly Garman

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

Rear single storey extension with roof terrace over and related works Open for Comment

Le Manor Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RH - Ref. No: SDNP/18/00856/HOUS

Proposed detached bungalow; vehicular access off Paddock Way (revised scheme). Open for Comment

Land adjacent to 1 Paddock Way Findon BN14 0TX - Ref. No: SDNP/18/00213/FUL

Change of use and conversion of redundant farm building into 2 No. holiday lets Open for Comment

Outbuildings Gallops Farm Stable Lane Findon BN14 0RP - Ref. No: SDNP/18/00253/FUL

Proposed loft conversion with raised ridge & dormer to south elevation Open for Comment Glymur 7 The Quadrangle Findon BN14 0RB - Ref. No: SDNP/18/00205/HOUS

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Crime Report

Since the last edition of Findon News the following local incidents have been recorded:

Second dog attack on sheep at Cissbury Ring

A second devastating dog attack on sheep in less than a fortnight has left another in lamb ewe dead and two others with bites to their neck. The attack happened on Friday morning February 2.

The dog is thought to be the same one that seriously injured three ewes in January and following an appeal by the National Farmers' Union, a video has come to light showing the first attack. The video has been widely circulated on Social Media websites.

Sergeant Tom Carter said: "I am frankly astounded how whoever owns this dog can return and let their animal wreak havoc once again. We know that some dogs will attack sheep and their owners are horrified at how their docile pets can quickly turn into killers. However, if as we believe this is the same dog, then its owner's action is recklessly irresponsible.

"The dog is very distinctive. It is quite a big animal with a tan body and white forequarters, head and tail. It has been described as having a long face.
"There is a second black dog in the video, but we don't think that was involved in the attack and wasn't seen during the second incident. However, its owner may have important information that could help us identify the other dog and I would urge them to get in touch."

Anyone with information can report online or call 101 quoting serial 493 of 02/02.

Tom continued: "We urge people to keep their dogs on a lead while they are walking in rural areas and around livestock. So often in these incidents the owners are horrified by what their dogs have done, but they have to accept that even the most docile of pets can quickly turn into a killer given the opportunity......A farmer can legally shoot a dog that is chasing livestock and seek compensation from the person responsible for the animal, so please don't take the risk."

Witnesses sought after lorries collide on Long Furlong

Police are trying to trace two lorries, one of which collided with another heavy goods vehicle on the A280 Long Furlong shortly before 12.30pm on Thursday 1 February.

The two lorries were travelling in convoy westbound and did not stop. They are described as new six-wheel 18-tonners, both left hand-drive and both on trade plates. Neither bore any sign-writing. The other HGV involved was damaged and its driver sustained facial cuts. Police are keen to hear from anyone who saw the collision or noticed the two plain lorries quoting serial 560 of 01/02.

You can report crime and incidents such as anti-social behaviour and vandalism by ringing the 101 telephone number or online at

www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline.

If you see any people acting suspiciously and you believe a crime is in progress or about to occur call 999.

Findon Parish Council Web site posts any recent local crime events http://findon.arun.gov.uk



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News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

I cannot remember ever having a days illness or indeed a day off in 20 years. Then I had a bad bout of flu. I came down to the kitchen and do not remember falling over. When I woke up about an hour later all five dogs were lying on top of me trying to keep me warm and licking my feet. I was freezing cold and couldn't get up. I managed to get across the floor on my bottom to the telephone and called Sheila who called an ambulance. I had hit my head and had concussion and injured my back and neck. I spent a week in the emergency ward, I still have Vertigo so I cannot look up or bend down or the world swings around but I am assured it will wear off.

Sheila has worn herself out trying to do everything, going for hay and animal food, sacks of carrots, and food for the cats and hens - we get through so many vegetables a day. She has struggled mucking out the stables and cleaning out the hen house. We do have lots of Volunteers but many of them are ill or not always available - especially at the weekends.

Prior to getting flu I had left lots of animal food in the back of my van which was left standing idle while was in hospital and on return I was still too ill to drive it. Unfortunately a Rat had got into the Van and made a nest under the passenger seat. Worse still, it chewed through the wiring so the lights, brake lights and indicators didn't work, the fuel gauge too wasn't working and the seat belts were chewed and the front carpets were covered in rat droppings. The van had to be cleaned and there is no sign of the rat now, but the van will have to be rewired.

I looked on line to see if there is a way to keep rats and mice out of vehicles. It has happened to hundreds of car owners. From the hundreds of messages it seems the best remedy is moth balls, so we sent for some. When they arrived we found that these days moth balls no longer smell, so we need to find somewhere that still sell the potent old fashioned moth balls.

We are always open to visitors every Sunday afternoon from 12.00 (summer and winter). Although it was very cold recently we still had many visitors; children love our Donkey and Pony and we have never had so many Guineapigs and Rabbits for them to see. We also have a 13 year old Resident Ginger Cat called Elvis. He is one of the favourites and is very popular with the children because he clearly says "Hello" and "Wuv You"!

Stacey

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Readers' Email

TV Programme Village of the Year Competion

I like lots of villagers was thrilled that the village had got through to the semi finals of the village of the year programmes, but extremely disappointed at what was presented.

The views from Nepcote Green were beautiful but to then go to the stables and say how we used to have four stables and now only have one made it sound as though the village was dying not thriving.

The judges were looking for activities as well as beauty. Why was there no mention of our village hall where various activities, such as WI meetings, bowling, film shows, lunches, the gardens association, the village school with its vegetable garden, chickens, beehive, heated swimming pool, also used by villagers, and the volunteers who are there to help keep everybody safe. and the annual dancing of the traditional May pole.

The view of the beautiful old church did not do it justice, and no mention of those non church goers who subscribe to help keep the fabric in repair.

No mention of the various eating houses and the coffee shop where friends meet for a chat.

Showing the volunteers cutting back an overgrown area was good but to then say the prize money would be used to buy more tools was pathetic, it was not a strong enough reason.

The village needs better accommodation for toddlers, and play ground for the older children, or maybe a toilet for all the many walkers and cyclists.

I am sure the committee worked hard, and it is disappointing that they seemed to rely only on our countryside and not our activities.

Findon is great, and we should have had more success.

Christine Cooke

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Service Rota for Clapham & Patching - March 2018

DATE	SERVICE	PRIEST	LAYMOC	READINGS	READERS / INTERCESSOR
4th March Lent 3	Clapham 10am Sung Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Kath Hutchinson	Exodus 20:1-11 John 2:13-22	John Croft/John Hammond
11th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	Patching 8am Holy Communion	Nancy Ford	Pauline Prior	Exodus 2:1-10 Luke 2:33-35	Dorothy Barber
18th March Lent 5	Patching 10am Sung Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Kath Hutchinson	Jeremiah 31:31- 34 John 12:20- 33	Helen Butchart/ John haskey
25th March Palm Sunday 1 before Lent	Clapham 8am Eucharist	Helena Buque		Mark11:1-11* Phil 2:5-11 Mark 15:1-39	Dorothy Barber
	Patching 10am Family Service	Colin Cox		as above	Children
28th March Wednesday	Clapham 2pm Stations of the Cross	Helena Buque			
29th March Maundy Thursday	Patching 10am Stations of the Cross	Helena Buque Colin Cox		1 Cor 11:23-36 John 13:1-17	
30th March Good Friday	Clapham 12 Noon Service of Meditation	Helena Buque Colin Cox		Isaiah 52:13-53 John 18:1-18	
1st April Easter day	Patching 1.00pm Service of Meditation				
	Clapham 10.am Sung Eucharist	Nancy Ford	Kath Hutchinson	Acts 10: 34-43 Mark 16:1-8	Pauline Prior/ John hammond

Rev. Helena Buqué, Priest in Charge and Colin Cox, Curate: c/o The Rectory, School Hill, Findon, BN14 0TR.
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Palm Sunday Procession

Palm Sunday 25th March.

A procession from Findon Rectory on School Hill to Findon Church will be led by a donkey.

Breakfast will be served in the rectory from 9am before the procession leaves for the church at 9-40am.

Please phone to give number of Bacon Butties or Toast and Marmalade to **Graham Langford - 07753 755889.**

Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - March 2018

Walking together in the Way of Christ and sharing His love with others

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Sunday 4 th Mch	08.00am 09.15am 10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist, Findon Church Breakfast, Followed by Village Hall Family Service Sung Eucharist Clapham Church
Sunday 11 th Mch Mothering Sunday	08.00am 09.30am	Eucharist Patching Church Sung Eucharist Findon Church
Sunday 18 th Mch	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Eucharist Findon Church Family Communion Findon Church Sung Eucharist Patching Church
Sunday 25 th Mch Palm Sunday	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist Clapham Church Sung Eucharist Findon Church Family Service Patching Church
Mon 26 th Mch Holy week	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross, Findon Church
Tues 27th Mch	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross, Findon Church
Wed 28th Mch	2.00pm	Stations of the Cross, Clapham Church
Thurs 29 th Mch Maundy Thurs	10.00am 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross, Patching Church Agape at Findon Church
Fri 30 th Mch Good Fri	09.30am 12noon 2.00pm	FVH for Messy Church followed by Walk of Witness, Pond Green Service Meditation service Findon Church Meditation service Clapham Church
Sunday 1 st April Easter Day	6.00am 09.30am 10.00am	Dawn Service Findon Church Sung Eucharist Findon Church Sung Eucharist Clapham Church

Deaths: Joyce Duke, Joan Elliott, Pamela Gallott, Thomas Harris, Pauline Lyon,

Gladys Sanger and Margaret Walker.

Baptism: Scarlett Rees-Matthews.

Afternoon Plus: Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheet.

Light Lunch @1pm: Last Tuesday of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome.

Curry Nights: Findon Tajdar curry nights are 1st Monday of the month (Ladies), and last Thursday of the month (Men) at 7.30pm.

Youth Club: Every Thurs, with different themes every week. Term-time only. Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

Messy Church: 1st Tuesday of the month (6th March). Term-time only. 3.30pm – 5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

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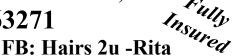
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Fortnightly	Date	Time
Circle Dancing	12 th /26 th	19:10
Monthly Auction	Date 9th (goods 2–4pm, view	Time 18:00 ving 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)
Arts Class	17 th	09:00
Bead Magicians	20 th	09:00
Downs WI	13 th , 29 th	14:30
Family Church Service	4 th , 30 th	09:30
Gardens Association	20^{th} , 30^{th}	14:30, 18:30
Messy Church	6 th	09:00
Village WI	5 th ,8 th	19:30, 18:45
Meditation	15 th	19:30
Committee Room Village WI Darts	Date Mondays	Time 14:00
Other Events	Date	Time
Italian Quiz	3rd March 16 th March	19:00 (Doors Open)
FVHT Film Night		18:30 (Doors Open)
Tastevin	1 st March	19:00

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13th & 27th March

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