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

Editorial team led by
Nick Gore

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Wishing all readers

Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year



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From My Chair

Just enough space in this last edition of 2018 to say "thanks" for all your contributions this year.

Findon News would be pointless without the articles that are submitted each month so do keep our pages filled with whatever news and stories you have.

This is a community magazine aimed at bringing you local points of interest. You can submit your articles via email, or use the Findon News post box in the Findon Village store.

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available free of charge - our publishing expenses covered by advertising. So please use the wide variety of businesses that are found within these pages each month.

My grateful thanks to Monica Eastabrook & Hilary Langford for their continued editorial assistance in compiling and bringing Findon News to you throughout the year.

Hoping you have an enjoyable Christmas.

With best wishes for 2019.

Nick Gore

**Don't Forget Findon Christmas Lights switch On
"Light Up The Square"**

Sunday 2nd December - Findon Pond Green @ 5pm



Remember!



Test Your Alarm

AROUND THE VILLAGE



...no need to book for the Live Nativity, Tuesday 18th December
6.15pm from the Village Hall

by Richard Bell

From the Rectory

When you read this, I'll be in Australia, meeting my new grandson; what a joy! A new baby is such a miracle, isn't it, especially around Christmas; as you hold them in your arms, your heart melts at the perfection of this tiny scrap of humanity. One of the particular joys of being a priest is the opportunity to rejoice with a family as their new little one is baptised into the family of faith.

In Advent, as Christians we prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ child anew into our hearts. How amazing it is to think that God, who created heaven and earth, chose to come among us in human form, born into an ordinary family, in refugee and traveller circumstances, far from home. How much God loves us all!

The Advent Season is an opportunity for us all to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God, how close we are to Jesus as we live out our faith in word and action in our daily lives. Advent Sunday begins a new church year, this year has been dedicated in our Diocese as a Year of Vocation. In 2019, there will be opportunities to find out more about how God is calling you (yes, YOU!) to live a life of faith. So often, people dismiss 'vocation' as the calling to be a priest; perhaps a teacher, doctor or nurse also comes to mind, but vocation is for everyone, we all have a special 'calling', through the unique gifts God has given to you and to me. So many faithful people in our villages come to mind – men and women who quietly do what needs to be done in our

church buildings, among their neighbours – quietly making a difference every day, often unnoticed. My vocation, and yours, is to make God's love known in our daily lives; not through fanfares and speeches, drawing attention to ourselves, but quietly in the way that we are, the things we say and do. I so hope that you will join in with events in the new year to help you discern your own vocation more clearly!

The 'new' first Sunday Findon worship, led by visiting musicians, has got off to a great start, and we'll find out on 18th November how 'Spring into Soul' got on in the final of BBC Choir of the Year. A packed church enjoyed their music at Findon on November 4th, joining in joyfully! I'm looking forward to December 2nd when Barbara and John Taylor and friends will lead our music.

As this calendar year draws to a close, I'd like to thank you all for all you do in the Village, working together as a loving community and welcoming new villagers who move in. A special thank you also to those who decorate our churches so beautifully throughout the year (except in Lent and Advent!), those who keep them clean and tidy, and of course to all of you who help in any way during our worship. Colin and I are so grateful for all the support you give us.

So, I wish you all a holy Advent, a joyful Christmas and a peaceful and fulfilling new year!

Every blessing, Helena

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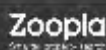
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We still have some of our original design Findon Village Store Christmas cards available by local artist Helen Cuppleditch. As well as being a lovely illustration the card has information on the reverse about our wonderful shop so we can spread the word as well as Christmas wishes to friends and family.

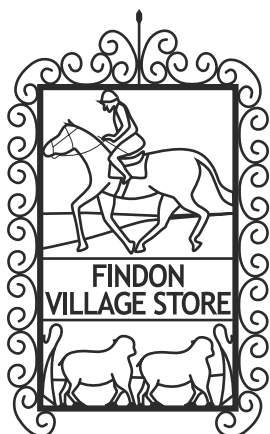
I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome Alan Holmes to the management committee, he has recently moved to the village after retiring from a career as a chartered accountant and he joins us as Assistant treasurer. We are incredibly grateful for his offer of help and we look forward to working with him.

This year we have a team of volunteers creating fresh wreaths and table decorations for Christmas, please try and support them with your custom and if possible they would be grateful for donations of festive foliage if you have anything in your garden that can be spared, they will be making things throughout December.

The post office team would like to remind you that cheques can be banked with them for all major banks. So no need to make a special journey should you receive a Christmas cheque, just bank in it right here in the village.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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Coffees and Pumpkins

This summer saw the inaugural Gentlemen's Coffee Morning Pumpkin Competition. The men who gather on Monday mornings for coffee at Julia's Kitchen were offered a challenge to grow the heaviest pumpkin.



Plants were sourced by Graham Langford and sold to fellow coffee morning attendees, the proceeds being donated to charity.

Following a summer of mixed fortunes in the vegetable gardens and allotments across the village, the more successful were entered for a weigh in at the beginning of October at Julia's Kitchen. The first winner of what is hoped to be an annual event was Chris Frost whose pumpkin weighed in at 47lb (21kg).

'Spring into Soul' Gospel Choir

The Spring into Soul Choir has been on the BBC Songs of Praise Choir of the Year programme recently, so we were very fortunate to have them lead the music at our informal service on the 4th November.

We hope they will come back next year to sing for us again.

Graham Langford



It's 20 mph!

Despite the signs indicating otherwise, the speed limit within Findon Village is 20 mph.

Emails are regularly submitted to Findon News and to the Findon website from disgruntled village residents who are frustrated by the continuing ignorance of some drivers who continue to disregard the road signs. Is there an answer?

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Findon Village Firework Fantasia

Saturday 10th November,

“What a Guy - head teacher invited everyone to school fireworks”

St John the Baptist CofE School may have fewer than 150 pupils but they certainly know how to put on a good show, especially when it comes to bonfire night!!

The Findon village school is now well known for its sell out show-stopping fireworks event, which featured professional fire dancers, led performers, fire breathers, a pyrotechnic display to music, fairground rides, Guy Competition, BBQ food, candyfloss, toffee apples, licensed bar including hot chocolate, prosecco and mulled wine and a fantastic array of glowing gadgets for all.

And this spectacular evening was not restricted to pupils and their families - the head teacher extended the invitation to everyone!

“Bonfire night is a celebration which marks an important time in our nation’s history”, said Richard Yelland, Head Teacher at St. John the Baptist Primary School. “Everyone remembers going to see fireworks as a child - a family outing which holds such fond memories. It’s a pleasure to be able to host such an event and to see the whole village come together to enjoy this time of year.”

The rain may have come on the night but it certainly didn’t stop the hundreds and hundreds of families that enjoyed the incredible shows at this sell-out event!



PTA Chair Sadie Collis said “Wow what an eventful Findon Village Firework Fantasia 2018!!!

Hundreds and hundreds of families braved the weather for what turned out to be an amazing (if extremely wet) evening! A huge thank you to everyone that came that once again made it a sell-out show.

Can you believe everyone that served you were volunteers too?! A massive thanks to all who gave their time to make it the hugely popular and successful event that it is!

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Love in a Box 2018

Hilary Langford

The shoeboxes for this year's Love in a Box appeal for the Mustard Seed Relief Mission have now been collected from my house. Altogether we filled 155 boxes which is a fabulous response to the appeal and is a slight increase over last year's total.

A very big thank you to everyone who has participated by filling a box and to those who have collected or knitted goods to fill boxes. Thank you too to Lisa and her team at Railton Ward for saving shoeboxes for us and to the Village Store and Peckhams the Butcher for displaying our poster and leaflets.

Shoeboxes have been filled and collected in Findon for about 25 years and we will be doing it again next year. We hope you will wish to participate in 2019. Why not start collecting after this Christmas when there are some bargains to be found. Mustard Seed Relief Mission have a very interesting website on www.msrm.org.uk which shows some children receiving their boxes and gives more information about the scheme and information about their other activities.



Findon Church Bells

On behalf of all the Bellringers I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone for all the support we have been given regarding our Bell Project at St John the Baptist Church, Findon. We were delighted to welcome many people to our Afternoon Tea on the 6 October and the Coffee Morning on 3 November, and were encouraged by the enthusiasm of all those who had 'a go at Bellringing'.

The total raised at both events was just under £1,000, however with the Smartie tube exercise and donations we now have in excess of £1400. This will go towards the cost of professional maintenance to the machinery and to replace two headstocks on the oldest two bells installed in the 16th century.

It is anticipated the work will be carried out in the New Year when the bells will have to be silenced, as the two bells needing new headstocks will be dismantled, lowered to the ground floor and taken to the Works of Whites of Appleton.

Barbara
(Tower Captain)

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Space can be a problem if too many turn up at once, especially if it is too wet to work outside. Because of space limitations, we aim to rely on requests and commissions rather than make and stock pile items for sale.

Any one is welcome to come and see what we do on a Tuesday or Thursday morning.

For more information contact Bob Eastabrook on 01903 873963 or email meninshedsfindon@gmail.com

Bob Eastabrook



National Garden Scheme

As the Publicity Officer for the National Garden Scheme, West Sussex I am currently masterminding a county-wide publicity campaign to raise our local profile and appeal directly to garden owners to consider opening their gardens under the scheme in 2020. We also welcome group openings where we insist only that the entrance fees are donated to the local NGS, thus enabling the option of proceeds from plant sales and refreshments to be retained by parish, village or other community organisations.

As you may be aware, the charity raised more than £4 million nationally in 2017 for various health charities including £500,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support, £500,000 to Hospice UK and £150,000 to Parkinson's UK. In order to continue

to raise these vast sums, we must continue to attract new gardens to the scheme and replace any gardens whose owners are no longer able to welcome visitors.

Your support would be a huge boost for the primary aim of the campaign, to increase the number and range of gardens open under the scheme in 2020.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions arising.

Yours sincerely,

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Our Open Spaces Team, comprising Parish Councillors and Volunteers, are the unsung heroes of Findon Village, working hard every week to maintain the communal spaces around the village.

Autumn is always a challenge for them with vast quantities of falling leaves to deal with. But this year the job of keeping the drains and gullies clear so that rainwater can run freely was made easier with the addition of the Billy Goat. Purchased by the Parish Council, this is a great piece of equipment that vacuums up leaves at speed, even from those hard to get to places.

Featured in the photograph are Parish Councillors Robin Carr and John Wilson accompanied by Volunteers Del Henty and Peter Kirk. All agree the Billy Goat is a great success in our efforts to reduce the risk of flooding and keep Findon looking good and it will prove invaluable throughout the year, not just during Autumn.

Findon Parish Council working to enhance life in the village for everyone.



The Monarchs Way Singers

Live at the following Events:

Tuesday 11th Dec

Cissbury Barns Charity evening.

Sunday 16th Dec

9 Lessons and Carols at Findon Church

Tuesday 18th Dec

Live Nativity following the procession and at the Gun.

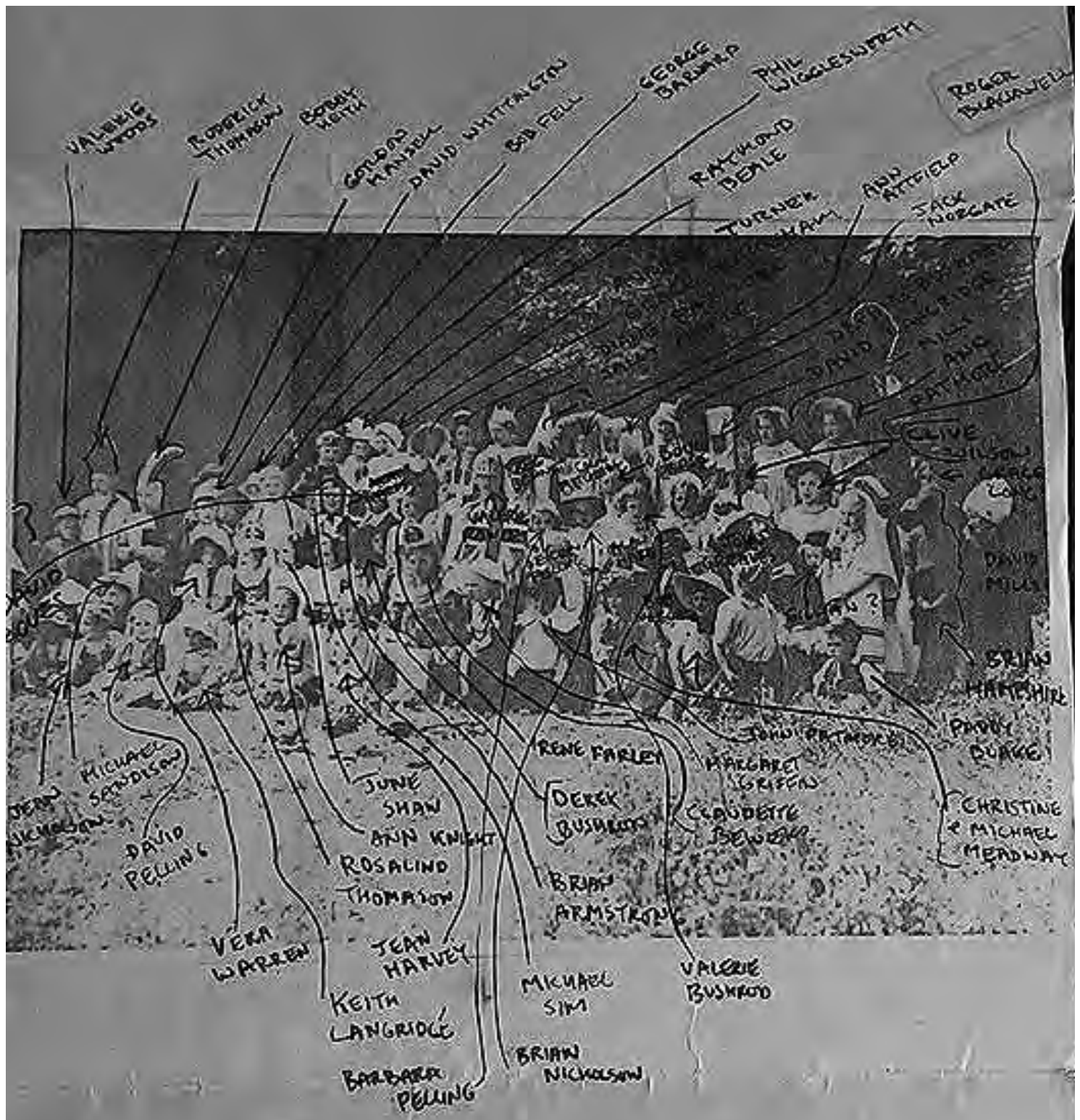


Old Findonians? See photo opposite →

On the adjoining page is an old school photograph that has been submitted by Sadie Collis.

The picture was taken about 1945 when her Father, Phil Wigglesworth, was at Findon School. Names have been added to the copy.

Do you recognise anyone? And what was the occasion?





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This was always planned as a non-profit making enterprises, aiming only to cover our costs and provide a comfortable meeting place for people in the village. It seems to have become very successful, with the result that numbers are growing and we do infact make a small monthly profit, which we donate to various charities.

Over the last two years we have donated £500 towards a Shelter-box, £650 to the church and most recently £500 to the Indonesian disaster appeal. Last Christmas we made a donation to

the Mustard Seed Charity to help with the transportation to Moldova of the Shoeboxes packed with little gifts for impoverished children in that country. Our profits prior to that went to Findon's St John the Baptist Church. We are planning next to help Findon Pre-School in their endeavours to provide a new building for the children.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last five years, to all who attend (and say such nice things about our cooking) and all our loyal helpers. We couldn't have done any of this without you. Thank you all.

As the Village Hall will be unavailable due to refurbishment over the next weeks, our next Light Lunch will be on **Tuesday 29th January.**

We look forward to seeing you.

Dorothy Barber

Ditch the problem !!

Managing flood risk in Findon involves both private landowners and local authorities including Findon Parish Council, and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) works with its partners to tackle the issue. You may have already seen the WSCC grant funded Operation Watershed works that have just been completed at Pony Farm/Stable Lane and Steep Lane as part of the flood risk management.

However, if you are a landowner and have a watercourse, ditch, stream, river or culvert on or next to your land then

you are a 'riparian owner' and you are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of watercourses on your land to prevent flood risk to other people or properties.

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Findon Village Hall

It has been a very busy year since I took over the role as chairman of the village hall last November. The exciting project to extend the village hall is well under way and whilst this has been disruptive for some we will have a village hall to be proud of and ready for the next 80 years.

It is the largest building project that the Village has taken on since first building the hall in 1938 and will cost in excess of £200,000.00. There are sufficient funds available because of generous donations and exhaustive fund raising to cover most of this cost, however, there are no funds left for fitting out the kitchen, providing chairs, blinds etc. The Village Hall Committee is seeking some

funds from government grants but these are always over subscribed and very difficult to obtain and at best will provide a few thousand pounds. I therefore appeal to all villagers to think of ways they can contribute to this community asset: we need to raise at least £30,000.00 and any contributions small or large will be most appreciated and will benefit generations to come.

I am very fortunate to have an excellent committee who ensure the smooth running of our hall in what have been difficult circumstances and would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

Angus Watts,
Chairman Village Hall

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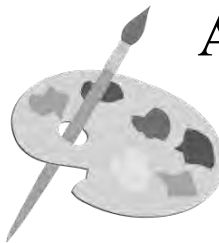
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Christmas Past!

I came across the following extracts while doing some family history. I thought some or all of these might amuse. Rather apt in these times of an increasingly "Secular Christmas". I liked the "Mad Lords of bad rule"

Norman Allcorn
Beech Road

1653: Oliver Cromwell becomes Lord Protector and the Puritans tighten their grip on the life of England. Parliament issued the following statement about Christmas: *"With the more solemn humiliation because it may call to remembrance our sins and the sins of our forefathers who have turned this feast, pretending to be in the memory of Christ, into an extreme forgetfulness of him, by giving liberty to carnal and sensual delights"*. John Taylor (a poet) hit back. *"All the liberty and harmless sports with merry gambols, dances and friscals by which the labourer were wont to be recreated and their hopes and spirits revived for*

the whole twelve months are now extent and put out of fashion as if they had never been. Thus are the merry lords of misrule suppressed by the mad lords of bad rule at Westminster." Richard Stubbes countered with The Anatomy of Abuses. *That more mischief is in that time committed than in all the year beside. What masking and mumming, whereby robbery whoredom murder and whatnot is committed. What dicing and carding, what eating and drinking, what banqueting and feasting is them used, more than in all the year besides, to the great dishonour of God and the impoverishing of the Realm.* The last word must go to A Woman. *God deliver me from such authority, it is a worser authority than my husband, for though he beats me now and then yet he gives my belly full and allows me money in my purse---Cannot I keep Christmas, eat good cheer and be merry without I get a licence from Parliament. Marry gap, come up here for my part I'll be hanged from the neck first.*

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Sunday 7th January 2019

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Findon Village Hall Supporters' (200) Club

Report for year to November 2018

The final draw of the year to November 2018 took place in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th November. The 6 major prizes were as follows:

6th (£25) number 158 - G Roberts, 5th (£25) 9 - P Hills, 4th (£50) 61 – P Doyle, 3rd (£100) 133 – D Cox, 2nd (£200) 196 – P Clark. The top prize (£500) went to number 47 – J Munro.

A £50 voucher for the Village House was won by number 60 – W Hegerty.

A cheque for £2100 was presented to the Secretary of the Village Hall Trust. I would like to thank all members for their continued support and it is good to see the new extension getting ever nearer to completion. However, more money is needed to complete the project. [See report elsewhere in this edition].

There are a few numbers still available for the year commencing December 2018.

The yearly subscription of £20 gives members a chance of winning any of the 22 cash prizes, from £25 to £500.

Please contact Bob Eastabrook (01903 873963) if you are interested.

The first monthly draw for the coming year will take place in Julia's Kitchen at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 10th December.

Bob Eastabrook

(Hon. Secretary, Findon Village Hall Supporters' Club).

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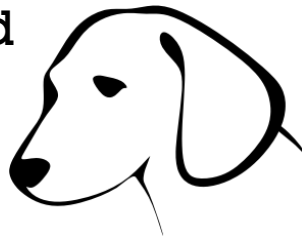


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It is Christmas day today,
And all are full of cheer,
But I lay freezing on the step,
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I never get to go inside,
And join in all the fun,
I'm what they call a yard dog,
When all is said and done.

They have given me some scraps,
I think it was last week,
Now laying in the snow today,
I am feeling tired and weak.

I can hear the children playing,
As my head lay on my paws,
This time just last year,
I was a gift from Santa Claus.

I don't know what I did wrong,
To be shut out in the yard,
I only lived inside 6 months,
Since then my life's been hard.

The snow is falling heavy now,
I'm just a block of ice,
And when I breathe the cold cold air,
My lungs feel like a vice.

A miracle then came to pass,
An Angel did appear,
She glowed, and I could feel the heat,
As she floated near.

She reached her hand and beckoned,
It was such a sight to see,
She smiled and said "Good Dog,
It is time to come with me.

I will take you to the bridge,
Where all the Good Dogs go
You can play there in the sunshine,
There will be no freezing snow."

My bag of bones stood up then,
I shook the snow off my fur,
And, as I slowly followed,
This is what I said to her.

"I am not a Good Dog though,
In that I think you're wrong,
No one would shut a Good Dog,
In the garden for so long."

The Angel turned and smiled,
As I walked with head hung low,
Then she said "I'm sorry,
I thought that you would know.

You really are a Good Dog,
The reason why your time is up,
It is just unfortunate,
You were born a Christmas pup."

I now live at the Rainbow Bridge,
And I am filled with joy,
But remember this at Christmas time,
A dog is NOT a toy.

To clarify this message,
To which I have eluded,
Animals are living things,
Batteries are not included

~ Author unknown ~

Crime Report

Once again no Crimes have been reported In our area during the past month. Scanning through all the Sussex Police crime reports each month in our search to find any local crime news is a protracted process. Therefore Findon News will not publish any Crime details unless they are directly communicated.

Don't forget that the Findon Parish Council Web site
www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk posts any recent local crime events.

Paws Animal Sanctuary

I imagine everyone in Findon Village is once again glad November is over. The fireworks were the worst I can ever remember. Our poor animals really did suffer.

Our Pony and Donkey hid in the back of the stables at night (with the light on all night) and were too nervous to come out in the mornings. Two Hens were so upset they had to be brought inside, and have had to stay in because we still had fireworks going off night after night.

They jump out of their skins every time a banger goes off. Concerned residents in the village rang asking me if the animals were alright saying how awful it was. So many people (mainly horse owners) have complained how much louder the bangs were this year, scaring the horses. Apparently we were told they were called The Ultimate Armageddon Fireworks.

We sprayed our catteries with 'Calm Spray' but most of the Cats hid until it was over. Our Dogs bark at every bang even though the TV sound is turned up. I read in the paper silent Fireworks are now invented and on sale here. Let's hope next year the shops will only be selling the silent ones. That's all you can buy in Italy.

You cannot buy Fireworks in Germany. Only licensed organised displays are permitted. A Dog at the local kennels was so traumatised he tried to bite his way out of the kennel and ripped all his front teeth out. They said there was blood everywhere. We had a terrified baby Hedgehog brought in but it sadly died.

On a happier note this month we have re-homed all of our stray cats. We take in cats when the owners die. We have three pairs of cats this week we want to keep together, all from owners that have died. This makes it quite difficult to re-home them, not many people want two cats. But we can't bear to split them up. It's bad enough their owners have died and they have lost their homes, but at least they have one another.

Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas.

Stacey and Sheila

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December letter from the Bishop of Chichester

One of the aspects of Narnia, in C S Lewis's novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, is that it is always winter and never Christmas.

We get quite excited about the arrival of winter if it brings snow at just the right time for enjoyment – sledging, making a snowman, snowballing.

But in Narnia, seasons are suspended in the grip of a ferocious frost. Silence is a pervading atmosphere in Narnia as it is in today's world where justice is denied to prisoners of conscience, and the needs of women, children, the elderly and vulnerable are ignored.

Silence is the refuge of the deceitful, just as it can be the medium of corporate grief and respect for our dead. It is the symbol of our sin and our mortality.

One of the hallmarks of Christmas, however, is that the silence is broken. It is broken by the cry of a new-born child drawing breath and needing food – Jesus Christ, one with us. It is also broken by the

song of the angels who announce his birth to people of goodwill.


Music can plant a song in our minds, letting it inspire us, as one of God's gifts to us.


But we can take music for granted, and too rarely appreciate the skills and contribution of those who are our music-makers.

This Christmas, as we sing our carols, let us be grateful for musicians, as they help us to be mindful of the silent places in our world and closer to home, where the good news of peace and hope and justice has not yet penetrated.

Those who are frozen in silent poverty and despair, await more than a seasonal hand-out. They look for a melting of hearts and minds that will bring social and material release and encourage them to join the angel song of peace that we are still trying to learn.

Correction. Last month, Bishop Richard's letter (Bishop of Lewes) was wrongly attributed to Bishop of Guildford!



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Findon Parish Council (FPC)

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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:

Non Material Amendment on planning Addition of conservation style roof light to eastern roof hip for fire escape and removal of two windows on the East and West elevations.

The White House Steep Lane Findon
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Ref. No: SDNP/18/05655/NMA |

Findon Village WI

The November meeting was our AGM. Tricia reported on our finances, Sharon looked back at the events of this year and I thanked the committee and the ladies who run our clubs for all their hard work. I was delighted to be elected as president for another year. We finished the evening with delicious cakes baked especially for the occasion.

Following the successful coffee morning at Julia's Kitchen we have arranged another date; Tuesday 4th December from 10.30 – 'another chance to natter'.

The Weary Walkers enjoyed a lovely walk around the vine yards and mills of West Chiltington and the lunch club

enjoyed a meal at the Indigo restaurant at the Arlington Hotel.

Our Christmas meeting (ticket required) is on Thursday 13th December - a buffet and skittles evening at Black Horse.

Visit our website –

<https://findonvillagewi.wixsite.com/mysite>
or find us on Facebook -Findon Village WI for the latest information of our various groups, or email findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk

Wishing all past, present and future members a very Happy Christmas.

Paddy Winter
Findon Village WI President

Findon, Clapham and Patching Churches Christmas Celebrations.

Saturday 1st December	10am	Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair, Findon Church
Tuesday 11th December	5pm	Carols at Cissbury House/Barns (Rocking Horse Appeal)
Wednesday 12th December	3pm	Clapham & Patching School Nativity (also 9.30am 13 th) Patching Church
Saturday 15th December	5.00pm	'A Sussex Christmas' Concert, Clapham Church
Monday 17th December	6.30pm	Nativity Procession and Carols Around the Coals, Patching Church
Tuesday 18th December	9.30am 6.15pm	St John the Baptist School Christmas Service, Findon Church Nativity Procession from Findon Village Hall to The Gun Inn, with Carols; refreshments available
Wednesday 19th December	6.00pm 6.30pm	Carols at Clapham Lodge; Nativity Procession to Clapham Church for Carols Around the Coals and refreshments

Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - December 2018

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

Sun 2 nd	08.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Eucharist at Findon Church Worship and Praise at Findon Church Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church
Sun 9 th	08.00am 09.30am	Eucharist at Patching Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church
Sun 16 th	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am 3.30pm	Eucharist Findon Church Family Communion at Findon Church Sung Eucharist Patching Church 9 Lessons & Carols at Findon Church
Mon 17 th	6.30pm	Walking Nativity at Patching Church
Tues 18 th	6.15pm	Walking Nativity Findon VHall to Gun Inn
Wed 19 th	6.30pm	Walking Nativity at Clapham Church
Sun 23 rd	08.00am 09.30am 10.00am 5.00pm	Eucharist at Clapham Church Sung Eucharist at Findon Church Family Service at Patching Church 9 Lessons & Carols at Patching Church
Mon 24 th	3.00pm 11.30pm	Crib/Christingle service at Findon Church Midnight Mass at Findon Church
Tues 25 th	08.00am 09.30am	Eucharist at Clapham Church Family Communion at Findon Church
Sun 30 th	10.00am	5 th Sun Parish Eucharist at Patching Church

Findon, Clapham & Patching Churches - January 2019

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

Sunday 6th Jan	8.00am	Eucharist at Findon Church
	10.00am	Worship and Praise Service Findon
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church
Sunday 13th Jan	8.00am	Eucharist at Patching Church
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist, Findon Church
Sunday 20th Jan	08.00am	Eucharist at Findon Church
	09.30am	Family Communion at Findon Church
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at Patching Church
Sunday 27th Jan	08.00am	Eucharist at Clapham Church
	09.30am	Sung Eucharist at Findon Church
	10.00am	Family Service at Patching Church
Sunday 3rd Feb	08.00am	Eucharist at Findon Church
	10.00am	Worship and Praise Service, Findon
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist at Clapham Church

Afternoon Plus - Last Thursday of the month at 2.30pm. Different events every month, details on the pew sheets or contact the rectory office.

Light Lunch @ 1pm - Last Tues of the month, at Findon Village Hall. £5. Everyone welcome. **Note: There is no Light Lunch @ 1 in December.**

Curry Nights - The next Findon Tajdar Curry Nights are last Thursday of the month, 31st January 2019 (Men) at 7.30pm and 1st Monday of the month, 4th February 2019 at 7.00pm (Ladies).

Quiet Time - Monthly quiet time will resume in February 2019. Findon Church 6pm, 2nd Monday each month, 11th February 2019.

Youth club - Every Thursday, with different themes every week (during school term time only). Ages 12+, 5pm till 6.30pm at The Rectory, Findon.

Messy Church - 1st Tuesday of the month (6th February). TERM TIME ONLY. Starting at 3.30pm-5.45pm at Findon Village Hall. All children and their grown-ups welcome.

Ladies Coffee Mornings

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	Day	Time	Day	Time
Carpet Bowls	Monday 31 st	14:30	Monday	14:30
Lambstails(Term Time)	Thursday	10.00-12.00	Thursday	10:00 – 12:00
Line Dancing			Wednesdays (from 15 th)	09:45
Danceaholics	Sunday 2 nd 9 th	19:30	Sunday	19:30
Just Yoga	Monday 31 st	10:30	Monday	10:30
Tai Chi			Friday	10:00 – 13:00
You Yoga	Tuesday	18:45	Tuesday	18:45
Reduce Stress & Stiffness Yoga	Wednesday	19:30	Wednesday	19:30

Fortnightly	Date			Time
Circle Dancing	3 rd /17 th	19:10	14 th /28 th	19.10

Monthly	Date			Time
Bead Magicians	n/a		15 th	09:00
Downs WI	n/a		17 th	14:30
Gardens Association	7 th		25 th	14:30
Messy Church	4 th	15:30	n/a	
Village WI	n/a		24 th	18:45
Meditation	20 th		21 st	19:30
Strictly Dancing	n/a		n/a	15:00
Tastevin	n/a		31 st	19:00
Light Lunch	n/a		29 th	13:00
200 Club	n/a		n/a	18:00

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Gardens Association	15 th , 17 th	19:00, 19:30
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Other Events	Date		Time
Art Class	n/a	n/a	09:00
Film Night		18 th	18:30

Bookings subject to change in relation to building work

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