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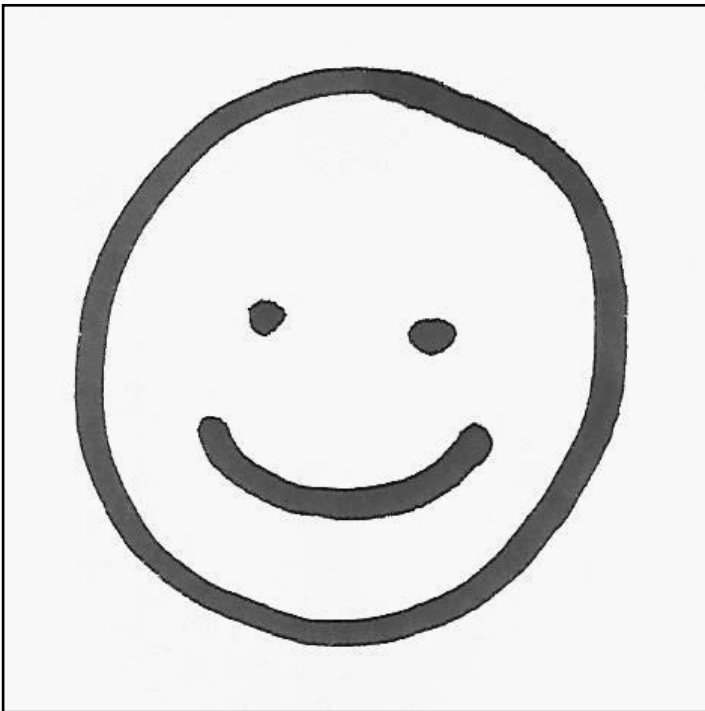
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In these grim days of Covid 19, fear and isolation, when you go out, remember to give everyone a smile, a wave, a greeting.

We all need a little cheer and warmth to help banish these dark times.

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From the Rectory

Alleluia, Christ is risen! These are very strange times we are living in, ones that our grandchildren (if not our children) will learn about in their history lessons of the future. We live in a world that my own parents would no longer recognise or feel comfortable in, even before the pandemic! Technology has moved so rapidly, and aren't we all grateful for this at this time of lockdown and social isolation. Being able to chat with family and friends through video links and social networks has eased the pain of separation, as we seek to overcome the spread of the deadly virus by staying at home.

But the message of Easter hasn't changed, even though the way we were able to mark and celebrate it as Christians was very different this year. Because Jesus is alive, risen from the dead, we can all have hope even in bleak and seemingly hopeless times, such as we find ourselves in just now. Death is an ending, but also a new beginning, and painful as it is when someone we love dies, the promise of Christ can bring light and hope into the darkness of bereavement. As a priest, I find it particularly difficult being unable to visit those of you who have lost a loved one, somehow an email or phone conversation just doesn't feel the same. You are held in my prayers.

The other sign of hope is the way that our villagers have worked together to help and support vulnerable and isolated neighbours. So many people have offered help should I hear of anyone who needs it, but to date I haven't had any requests, which shows we are all playing our part in keeping ourselves and our

friends and neighbours safe and well. I feel so blessed to live here.

It seems strange not to hear the schoolchildren playing at various times of the day, across the Rectory fence, but it has been lovely to see families out for a daily walk or cycle with their children, and to read on social media about the resourceful ways families are finding to keep busy and happy. A huge thank you to the staff who have kept places open for those pupils who need them, first here in School Hill, then at the Vale School in the Valley, thus saving on staff time and cleaning of the building by working together.

We are all so grateful to the NHS and it has been truly heart-warming to hear the cheers, applause, saucepan lids and horns on a Thursday evening echoing around Findon (and doubtless the other Villages too). There has been a real sense of community spirit and joy as well as thankfulness. Thanks also to our Village shops, and the pubs and cafés who have worked so hard to provide a take-away service, with thanks to the many volunteers who make this possible. We have no way of knowing how long this will continue, or how it will affect us in our daily lives as we begin to return to 'normal' life, but together we can stay strong, keep supporting one another and stay positive about the future. You are all in my prayers.

Every blessing, Helena

Helena and Colin have recorded an on-line service each Sunday.
It is available on the Church website (see below)

Rev. Helena Buqué, Priest in Charge and Colin Cox, Curate:
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Hospital Care

At this time, we are very thankful for the care offered by the NHS to all who need it, often at risk to their own health. Communities across the country have paid tribute to their dedication on Thursdays at 8pm.

We none of us know when we or a loved one might be rushed into hospital and while we can trust that our physical needs will be very well met, it is less straightforward with our spiritual needs. It is a known fact that our emotional well being has a direct effect on our physical health and ability to recover. Sadly, unless permission has been given, the Chaplaincy Team in any hospital is unable to support a patient without prior permission from that patient. With this in mind, Deacon Rachel sent out the

form below, with the request that people would have one ready completed, should there be an emergency admission to hospital at any time.

A number of people from Findon Village are volunteer chaplains at Worthing hospital, and if I hear of a villager being admitted, I will notify the Chaplaincy Team myself, but this form would simplify the process, particularly in a situation such as we find ourselves in during the Pandemic. I leave this with you, with my ongoing prayers for the safety and well being of your loved ones.

Every blessing, Helena

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Next of kin name.....

and contact details.....

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Signed.....

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TERRY BAMFORD 1942 – 2020

I have been utterly overwhelmed by all the comforting letters, cards and messages following Terry's tragic accident in Marrakech. I will never be able to thank everyone enough; not only for their kind words but also for their practical support. It has been a truly terrible time but I have felt at all times to be held in a cocoon of love and shared grief. I have been truly blessed by our community and will always be profoundly grateful.

Thank you everyone. Margaret

Findon Sheep Fair 2020 – Covid-19 News **Updated 22nd April 2020**

You will no doubt be aware of the current Coronavirus/Covid 19 crisis and the "Lockdown" requirements made upon us all by the Government on the 23rd March 2020. The Sheep Fair committee will be guided by both central & local Government dictate as the crisis continues. Ultimately compliance and the safety of the public, Findon villagers, our suppliers, stallholders and volunteers are our paramount concerns.

The Sheep Fair committee have monthly video conferences and continually monitor the ever changing

situation. Our website and Facebook pages will be updated as and when any developments of note occur. (see links below).

Subject to the above we assure you that we are fully committed to delivering an amazing 2020 Show.

HM Government advice can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://findonsheepfair.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/findonsheepfair/>

Next review date: 20th May 2020

200 Club

The April draw was carried out under controlled circumstances due to the virus. The winning number was 22, the lucky owner being Andy Palmer, one of our great band of collectors for the club.

It has been decided that due to current conditions, the Major draw in May will not go ahead, instead we will have a draw of one number for a 25 pound

prize, the other numbers will hopefully be drawn at the November grand draw, for double the fun.

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balance in our flower fund, so no one needs to pay for their own flowers and neither is it necessary to be a member of the Church.

If you enjoy flower arranging and would like the chance to decorate our beautiful church on a regular basis as part of a team, we would be very glad to discuss details with anyone interested, if you would please call,

Dorothy Barber. 872508

Barbara Stibbs. 446844

And people stayed home – Kathleen O'Meara

And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper
someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow
and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal
and when the danger ended
and people found each other
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- ✓ Making beds etc
- ✓ Weekly or fortnightly cleans
- ✓ De-cluttering



From Cllr Sean Smith, Chairman, Findon Parish Council

Following an Easter unlike any we have known, the world seems a different place as we continue with the lockdown.

It is wonderful to see the example of so many organisations and individuals helping others in such testing times. We all think Findon is a great village and at times like these it is even more obvious.

Like other councils and organisations Findon Parish Council is unable to hold face to face meetings during this pandemic, however the rules have been relaxed to allow electronic communication and facilitate the discharge of necessary responsibilities. Many of us walking on Nepcote Green and Pond Green will note that the greens are being maintained, following assurance from local authorities that this is essential, after all it allows many of us to enjoy these spaces as part of our exercise or dog walking and certainly reminds us that in a difficult time we live in a beautiful location.

Leaflets have been circulated throughout the village giving information and offering assistance to those self-isolating that may need help. Findon Parish Council has been able to assist

a number of residents and it is through the voluntary help of villagers that a variety of tasks, shopping, prescription collection, dog walking and others have been delivered. Thank you to all who have and continue to help.

Naturally we encourage all to continue the recognition for those we rely on. Many villagers undertake the weekly cheering and clapping on Thursdays for our medical staff and we would urge you to reflect that support with others, refuse collectors, shop staff, delivery drivers, postal staff to name but a few. A simple thank you at these times can mean so much.

To try and list some positive reflections for you :

The weather is glorious
The flowers are in bloom
Gardens look fabulous
The birdsong is beguiling
The roads are quiet
Many have been baking
Many have been spring cleaning
We all need a haircut

Stay safe and best wishes from Findon Parish Council'

Findon Parish Council Website

www.findonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Findon Village Store News

Jo O'Dell Volunteer/Committee Member

We have been exceptionally busy in April and working hard to implement our new working practices so that we may offer an environment for customers, staff and volunteers reflecting the hygiene and social distancing disciplines needed during the current environment.

Our local suppliers have worked hard to increase their support to us and in some areas we have reached a more settled period in terms of stock availability but for many basic grocery items, it is still very challenging. Customers appreciate we put a huge amount of effort to keep supplies flowing into the shop and we have seen many new visitors as a result. As our Post Office counter is available more frequently than others in our vicinity, we are also seeing increased demand for these services.

We are very appreciative of the efforts of the team of paid staff and an army of volunteers, some of which are new to the role, that have enabled us to stay

open and continue to provide essential services to the community. As part of that commitment we are now offering a free delivery service to those who are self-isolating or unable to get to the store. We are currently accommodating those living within a radius of approximately 3 miles of Findon Village. Becky Fagan is taking the lead on providing this service and will be delighted to hear from those who would like to use it.

This ordering and delivery facility can be accessed by either email; findonvillagestore.orders@gmail.com or via our facebook page or by telephone 01903 877110 . Our phone line can be busy, so please bear with us.

Since we launched the delivery service we have steadily grown our customer base and are serving in excess of 30 customers in this way with new enquiries coming in daily.

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Moving forward we shall continue to monitor and implement changes to our operation based on government guidelines or instructions and do our very best to keep the shop and Post Office open and well provisioned.

We are also supporting other local business where possible and have recently joined forces with the Findon Garden Centre to offer some lovely spring plants which we are selling on their behalf.

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Findon Village Store – the story so far

On 29th May 2017 the previous owners, without warning, shut the shop, sacked the staff by telephone, and announced that they were putting the Grade 2 building up for sale at Auction on the 28th June.

Any village shop is a lifeline to many villagers, and within 3 days of the closure a public meeting was called, by the then Chairman of Findon Parish Council, to discuss a response to what was a real calamity for the village. The Village Hall was packed to overflowing, and it was quickly decided to attempt to raise funds to buy the shop and premises back as a village asset.

On 12th June another public meeting was held to outline the manner and detail of fundraising. We knew that a minimum of £400,000 was needed before the Auction on 30th June, so it was a question of 'Buy it or Lose it'. The self appointed Chairman of this new venture then contacted the Post Office to ensure that a new licence to operate the Post Office counter would be forthcoming, and that crucial issue was readily agreed.

Shares were offered to all residents at £1000/share, share commitment forms were rapidly printed and circulated throughout the village. The Plunkett Foundation had been contacted, who specialise in advising communities who wish to purchase village assets like shops and pubs, and gave valuable advice on registering a new company which is named Findon Village Collective Ltd. The new company had to be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority before the expected completion purchase date of 30th July, and that was achieved on 20th July.

Between 12th June and the auction on 30th June (18 days!) the villagers of Findon raised £440,000, and the premises were bought at auction for £350,000, leaving enough funds to re-equip the shop which had been totally stripped of all shelving and equipment by the previous owners. A further £40,000 was contributed before the completion date of 30th July. All the funds raised were lodged with Findon Parish Council, as until the new company opened a bank account, there was nowhere to keep this very sizeable fund. As of this moment we have 367 shareholders, who are all proud to have helped 'save the shop'!

A Management Committee was recruited during early July with the necessary skills to appoint staff, raise a Volunteer army, and put the new company on an organised and legal footing to start the process of refurbishing and re-equipping the shop.

The shop staff (5), management committee and volunteers (52) have since 30th July worked tirelessly to completely refurbish and re-equip the shop, and we had an initial opening on 28th October, and will have a proper celebration party once the shop is fully stocked and operating on Sunday 3rd December at 6.00pm.

This story is one of a village community coming together, extraordinarily quickly, to save a valuable village asset, which in future will be operated for the benefit of the village. Should the shop make any surplus, over and above its statutory needs, then that surplus will be used for the benefit of organisations within the village that need financial help and support in the years to come.

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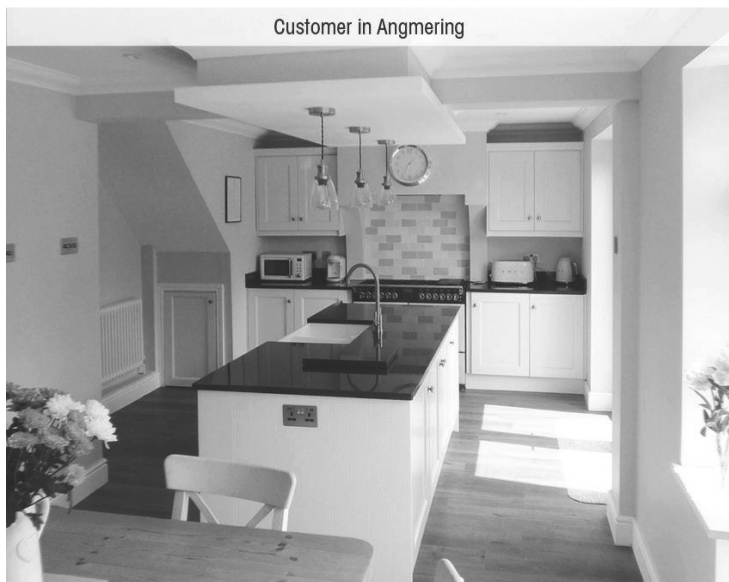
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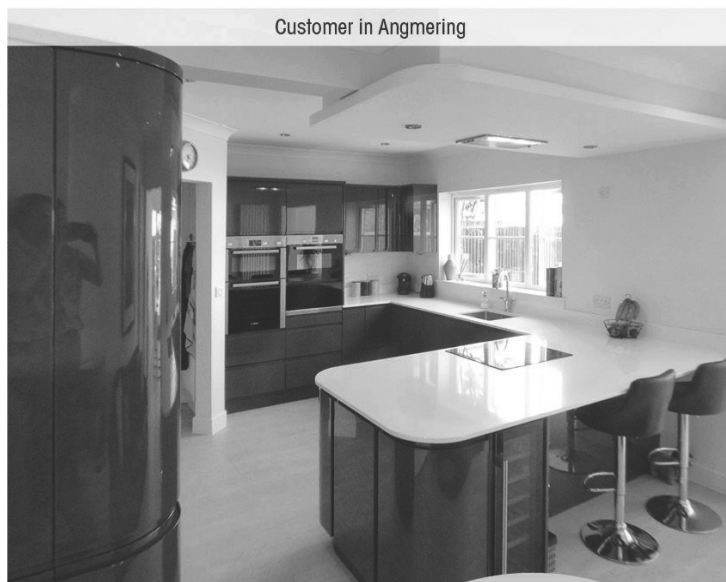
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The Tea House Findon

Some of you might remember the Tea House which was where the Beauty Salon is now, in the small parade opposite the Black Horse. Next door was a small grocers and sweet shop. I can remember seeing children riding up on their ponies to buy sweets. There was also an Antiques shop and a Hairdressers.

My mother moved to the Tea House over 50 years ago to take on a new challenge. She was very successful in her venture and counted many of her regular customers as friends. She started by offering just afternoon teas, but soon progressed to traditional home cooked lunches. My brothers and I ate

Monica Eastabrook

so many cakes, to this day I don't have an appetite for creamy cakes! Many local children's parties were held there – including my own children's. Bank Holidays, Mothers' Day and any sunny weekend she would be very busy, usually selling out of everything. I did help sometimes, but always reluctantly.

In 1980 she was very pleased to be included in the Egon Ronay guide. She was mystified by a customer who took a bite of everything on his plate and then just left it. Turned out he was an Egon Ronay inspector.

She continued baking and cooking for approximately 20 years before retiring and passing the reins to Joan Ralph.



Cinnamon Trust

The Spring Event, Afternoon Tea in the garden at 48 Cross Lane on 16th May has sadly been cancelled due to the Coronavirus



Origins of Findon News as we know it, and some personal reflections.

Peter Goldworthy

I have been asked by one of the joint editors (Hilary Langford), to share some memories of the history of the villages favourite newspaper.

I moved to Findon in 1993, with the task of completing the building of Goring Hall Hospital, and then to run it until illness finally defeated my stay running GHH in 2000 and allowed me (eventually) to take an even greater interest in my secondary role as a Parish Councillor, having joined the Council in 1998.

At that time (early 1990's) 'Jordy' Jordan was editing Findon News, having taken over the task from Pam Ockenden and Sue Elliot, who had been jointly running it since the early 1980's. There was then a cost per copy of 20p, but the print run was under 100/month, and only limited advertising.

In 2007 I had reached the dizzy heights of Chairman of Findon Parish Council, and became aware that Jordy's health and well being was giving cause for concern. Jordy asked me in 2010 to find a successor who could take on the job, and it was only then that I discovered Jordy had been subsidising the cost of printing from his own pocket for some years!

I was aware that Nick Gore had been editing the local copy of MS news for Sussex, was computer literate and had already had Desktop Publisher installed. He wanted to hand over his MS work to someone else, having been doing it for some years, so I asked him to think about it!

So, it came about that there was a change of editorship from Jordy to Nick, with a radical change of look and feel to the publication. Meg Gore became increasingly involved, and Michael Jones

then approached Meg with a very generous offer to start double page advertising, with the hope that Findon News could become a free publication.

Print run rose from about 50 to 300+ very rapidly, the finances improved, and circulation through the Post Office, Peckham's, Village pubs and Findon Valley gradually established Findon News as a primary source of news for the village. This coincided with Richard Bell designing a village website, and Findon News was published there every month in addition to the printed copy, which by then ran to 32 pages.

In May 2019 Nick had a serious stroke. The current joint editors had been editing and publishing 'Along the Furlong' for some time, and that publication was 'merged' into Findon News a few months earlier, as by then Hilary and Monica Eastabrook had started working with Nick on the way that the two publications could be combined.

Since Nick had his stroke, Monica and Hilary have continued to jointly edit Findon News, with Sally Evans joining the editorial team and Alan Holmes taking on the advertising and accounting duties.

This brief history shows the willingness of villagers to rally to change, we have a robust desire to help Findon function for the benefit of everyone, with the volunteer principle very high on the agenda. The Village Shop, Findon Village Hall, Findon Parish Council and numerous clubs and activities rely very heavily on the volunteer spirit, long may it continue.

Keep safe during a difficult time, Findon will come out the other end even stronger.

The Earth Breathes

Caroline Berry

In the midst of this global crisis, I have written a poem to remind us of all the reasons to remain positive and thankful.

Aircraft sit grounded on runways
Fewer travel by train, bus or car
As industries grind to a halt,
Harmful emissions reduce by far
And the Earth breathes...

No holidaymakers take to the beach
Their rubbish swept out to sea
Parks and playgrounds clear of human
debris
Nature and wildlife roam free
And the Earth breathes...

Everyone tends to their gardens
Pruning and planting away
The soil is enriched, the insects will
come
Bringing life to another day
And the Earth breathes...

The streets are cleaner, quieter, safer
We know all our neighbours' names
Families unite in comfy togetherness,
Rediscovering favourite games
And the Earth breathes...

A note from a random stranger,
A street united in clap and cheer
A new wave of kindness, respect and
love,
As we hold our loved ones dear
And the Earth breathes...

As nature carries on regardless
Simple pleasures bring us delight,
The blossoming trees
A gentle spring breeze
The warmth of the sun burning bright
And the Earth breathes...

The promise of summer is near
Birds singing in cleaner, blue skies,
Renewed and recharged, we'll never
forget
The World's beauty in front of our eyes
And the Earth breathes...

Reader's Letter

From Sue Hogan

I would just like to thank our Village Store, Butchers and Village House for their help during these difficult times, particularly our butchers, Nick and David, who only having a small shop and limited space, have managed to provide us with fresh meat and vegetables, always smiling and although my orders are small, it is never too much trouble to them.

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Message from Paul Marshall, Leader of West Sussex County Council to Residents



I know these are challenging, worrying and unprecedented times for everyone in West Sussex, the whole country and indeed the whole world. Our priority is to make sure we protect the vulnerable members of our community, working with colleagues across the NHS and all of our partners, to get them the support they need.

I want to thank you for doing all you can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home and for your understanding as we stop providing some of our services, services we take so much pride in delivering under normal circumstances.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking all of the dedicated council staff who continue to deliver services; social care staff supporting children, young people and their families; supporting our older residents and carers; and teachers who are keeping our schools open so that parents and carers can help in the fight against the virus.

We will continue to do all we can to tackle this outbreak and keep West Sussex residents safe. We can get through this together by staying apart for now.

Service updates

Some of our services have changed due to the coronavirus. Check their current status online.

Need some extra help? - Vulnerable residents can get support with our community hub. You can also volunteer to help. Find out more.

Schools and education - Find the latest guidance on keeping children at home during school closures on the GOV.UK website.

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Paws Animal Sanctuary

I have been so lucky with offers of help from Volunteers taking animals home until this is all over. Seven Guinea-pigs, four Tortoises, fifteen Cats, and one Degu. We still have four Dogs, five Cats and one Rabbit fifteen Guinea -pigs, Hamsters, Gerbils, Parrot, Turkey, Quail, one Rooster, twenty three Hens, eighteen Silkie Hens, and the Donkey and Pony.

One of the neighbours was so upset because her cat had to be put to sleep last Saturday. She adopted the cat from us years ago, she adored it. Her daughter rang me and asked if I could find her another cat. I rang our Volunteer who was fostering a very friendly old 13 year old female cat in Egham. She works here every weekend. She bought the cat back today, we put the cat in a basket and I took it over and put it on the neighbours doorstep with a bag of cat litter and cat food. Then walked out of the gate and the neighbour opened the door to take the cat in. She rang her daughter to tell her she is so delighted with her beautiful new cat and who rang to say her Mum is over the moon, the cat is rolling all over the floor and purring when she speaks to her

A lady from Hove had two Cats from PAWS many years ago and has now gone to live in a care home. Her gardener asked if I could take them back, there were three dogs and three cats. The local vets said they would take the Dogs as the nurse knew them and said she would like them all. I said I would take all three cats if the gardener would deliver them. They were very old, one of them was a Sphinx (hairless cat). I immediately rang one of our

Volunteers who I knew would want the Sphinx as she already had one. The other two were very friendly healthy tortoiseshells. A lady from miles away in Southampton rang to ask if we had a tortoiseshell cat as hers had just died of old age. When I said we had two she said "Really, I have been ringing round all the rescues and no one had one". She asked if she could have them both, and I was so glad because I didn't want to split them up because they are sisters. We arranged for them to drive down to pick them up and had to plan how we would do it. They said they would put the cat carriers outside in our drive, then get back in the car. Then I went out and picked up the carriers, wiped them over, said goodbye to the cats, put them in the baskets and took them out to the drive and came back in, they then picked them up and put them in their car and drove home. They rang to say they are wonderful.

Our Pony Elvis has been limping badly and had to have an x-ray. The Vets can't find anything wrong, no breaks, and no injuries, he has been on Bute (a painkiller) for a month. The Vet came back and gave me more painkillers but said there is nothing more they can do. I do not want to give up so decided to try acupuncture/laser. I'm hoping this might work but it's too early to see if there will be an improvement yet. But we are also trying all sorts of other remedies.

One of the dogs has bad back legs, she is very old hobbling around so she will be also starting treatment tomorrow.

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We have been getting our hay and straw and animal food collected alright. But it is not been easy to get cucumbers and celery for the Guinea-pigs. I am not going out at all. My Daughter gets shopping for me. I last went out to Waitrose last month. I only had twelve cucumbers in my basket, they didn't have any celery. A Lady customer came up to me and shouted at me "Why have you got all those cucumbers in your basket, they will all go rotten before you can eat them all?" I told her they were for my Guinea-pigs. She walked off huffing and puffing.

Every Thursday night at eight o'clock all the neighbours in The Oval come out of their houses and clap and whistle for our NHS, its so nice.

Stay at home and Stay safe everyone.

Stacey

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Reader's Letter

From Sue Line, Cross Lane

As a volunteer I am often told by customers how wonderful the shop is and how lucky they are to have it and thought that I would pass this on. We do have a wonderful shop and it is all down to the team of staff, volunteers and committee members (who are also volunteers) who give up their time.

It takes a lot of work behind the scenes to maintain the shop, from the committee members who get up very early two or three times a week to get to the cash and carry at around 6.30 to queue to make sure that they are first in to obtain all the offers and to make sure that they can stock the shop, especially since the Coronavirus pandemic, where groceries have been scarce. The stock that comes through the shop is amazing. Lots of items (toilet rolls, kitchen rolls and flour that

are unavailable in supermarkets are on our shelves.

My husband, Richie, was amazed at the amount of bread and milk delivered on a Saturday and Angus assured him that it would all go.

Speaking of Angus, we are very lucky to have him as our Manager, he will go the extra mile working very hard indeed, even on his day off. He is always on the end of the phone organising deliveries to those who cannot get out to the shop. It is also thanks to those who are willing to deliver the orders.

Without all the staff members (Post Office included), behind the scene helpers and grateful customers we would not have such a happy and fantastic Village Store

"Many of you will know of the Cinnamon Trust as I have been promoting it in and around the Village for almost 10 years now with a wonderful team of helpers and supporters. However, I suspect that many of you still think the Trust only walks dogs for the elderly so I thought I would tell you a little more.

The Cinnamon Trust was founded over 30 years ago by a lady in Cornwall called Averil Jarvis who in her role in social care witnessed just how important pets were to the lonely elderly or terminally ill. She started with a group of friends helping such people to keep their pets for as long as possible and providing loving homes after the owners had died or gone into permanent care. Over the years the Trust has grown to be the only National Charity for the Elderly or Terminally Ill and their Pets. Last year it helped over 200,000 people and pets and there are over 20,000 volunteers throughout the country.

Dog walking IS an important part of the work, especially in times of crisis like now, as so many people worry that they can no longer do this for themselves. However, many other services are just as important, not least the assurance that a beloved pet (of any kind) will be looked after if the owner is in hospital or needs residential care. Thousands of volunteers are on a register to take on short-term fostering, either in the pet's home or their own. This takes such a worry away and indeed is often the difference between a patient refusing

to get the treatment they need or not. The Cinnamon Trust also provides peace of mind to pet owners about what will happen if they die. Provided they have let the Trust know their wishes in advance, any pet can be left to the care of the Trust who will guarantee life-long care either in a volunteer's home or in one of the two excellent sanctuaries. There are NO kennels or catteries!

Dogs and cats make up the majority of pets involved but there are many other varieties including goats, donkeys, rabbits, birds and yes a lobster.

A pet friendly care home register has been built up over the years and now covers most of the country. So many people who need care refuse to go if they are separated from their beloved pet and such problems have been reduced considerably by this register and all of the homes are inspected.

Many elderly people would love to take on a pet but feel they are too old and worry what would happen to the pet if they die. This is where the fostering scheme, whether short term or life-long, works both ways. A bereaved pet, no matter how elderly can be fostered by an elderly volunteer, often whose own beloved pet has died. The Trust will keep in touch and help with any problems and also pay all the vets' bills. It is a two-way win-win situation and I have seen many heart-warming cases of how this works in my years as a volunteer. Lonely people - lonely pets - no longer!

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Of course, all this costs a lot to run even though the Trust keep their expenses to a minimum and have just the one office and call centre in Cornwall. The two sanctuaries are like home from home for the pets and the staff, both paid and voluntary, are exceptional. The thousands of volunteers are the backbone of the Trust and it is wonderful to be useful to both people and pets.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Village who has supported the Cinnamon Trust in any way at our events and I look forward to getting back to these when the current crisis is over.

(Contact the Cinnamon Trust on
01736 756790 or
Cinnamon.org.uk)

Maggie Martin - Findon Botanical Artist



Meanwhile, like so many other good causes, fundraising has been severely damaged in these times.

Many of you may know that I am a botanical artist and sell my work locally. If you would like to commission me to paint a watercolour of any botanical subject, be it flowers, fruit, trees, funghi, etc I will be happy to take this on and donate my fee (on average £100 for an A3 unframed painting) to the Trust (or a charity of your choice if you prefer). If I get several requests it may take some time as botanical work is not fast - so bear with me!

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Do I Go Home Today?

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Author Unknown

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They played with me and laughed at me, they showered me with toys.
I really love my family, the boisterous girls and boys.

The children loved to feed me; they gave me special treats,
They even let me sleep with them – all snuggled in their sheets.
They used to fight to hold my lead I'm very proud to say.
These things I never will forget – a treasured memory.
I now live in a dog rescue without my family.

They used to laugh and praise me when I played with that old shoe,
So, I didn't know the difference with more shoes old and new.
The kids and I would play with rags, for hours we'd pull and tug.
I didn't know I was doing wrong, when I chewed the bedroom rug.

They said that I was out of control and would have to live outside.
I didn't understand all this, although I tried and tried.
The walks all stopped and one by one said "Didn't have the time".
I wish that I could change things – I wish I knew my crime.

My life became so lonely, in the backyard on a chain.
I barked and barked all day long, especially in the rain.
So they brought me to this rescue, embarrassed to say why.
They said that I caused allergies and didn't say goodbye.

If only I'd had training classes as a little pup.
I'd not have been so difficult when I was all grown up.
"You've only got one day left" I heard the kennel maid say.
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Introducing Tilly

Many of you will have observed that I am walking a different dog around Findon Village! Before you ask, Scamp is still with us, but now living with Chris in our own house in Durrington. A bouncy puppy was just too much for an elderly gentledog of 15 to cope with. After 6 days together, he was exhausted!

There was no plan for a puppy before Scamp had left us, however in January I was asked to visit a couple in Old Cottages and when I rang the doorbell, the excited barking showed canine inhabitants. Shown into the kitchen by Gary, I found a mass of bouncy bundles of beige fluff with waggy tails – 9 Golden Doodle puppies (with mum and dad through in the utility room!) After saying hello to them, I asked anxiously if they had homes yet, and was told they had, well someone was coming to see the last one later that day and the family were thinking they might keep one.

“That’s good, or I’d have had to have one – they are so lovely!” my reply. I had my conversation with the people in the house, then went to say goodbye to the pups. This time only 2 came up to me; one of them sat on my right foot, so I bent to make a fuss of her. She sat still, tail wagging, looking up at me. As I left, Gary said, “That one hasn’t been homed yet. Looks like she’s chosen you.” The rest, as you say, is history!

Helena Buqué

Tilly (short for *Chantilly Lace*, as that song popped into my head that first evening after I’d met her) came to live at the Rectory on 20th February and has made herself very much at home. She must have trebled in size already and, just like a toddler, the challenge is to move things on surfaces out of her long paw-reach! Just yesterday evening, after leaving her to take part in a video conference, she located a notepad and I returned to the kitchen to find small white paper squares sprinkled over the floor, some with teethmarks, some torn! There are several holes in the back lawn, and we had to move the compost bin once she’d learnt to remove the front (eating it’s contents had interesting consequences!!) but I wouldn’t be without her!





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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.

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This provides links for Worship at Home, Family Worship, and also links for children –



‘Diddy Disciples’ for free audio storytelling



and ‘Scripture Union’ for daily activities and videos.

Chichester Diocese have also launched a Helpline in partnership with Together in Sussex to provide pastoral support for the recently bereaved and people suffering from the pandemic.

The line will be staffed by volunteers who will be able to point callers to other organisations offering specialist support if appropriate, and also to parish clergy. Listeners will offer to pray for the caller or for their concerns.

The phone line is open to anyone, churchgoer or not, living in Sussex.

The number is 01273 425047 and will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm.

Please note, this is a listening service and not a counselling service.

Colin and Helena continue to pray for everyone, and please look at the website and Facebook page for any updates.

Stay well and remember to care for vulnerable neighbours

A Prayer for Hospital Staff and Medical Researchers

Gracious God
Give skill, sympathy and resilience
To all who are caring for the sick,
And your wisdom to those searching
for a cure
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
That through their work many will be
restored to health;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

A Prayer for Those in Need

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid
or in isolation.
in their loneliness, be their
consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness be their light;
through him who suffered alone on
the cross but reigns with you in
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Crime Report

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I have completed an online Police report regarding the break in but as of the publication deadline date, do not yet have a crime reference number. Once received, this will be published on the Parish Council and Community web sites should you be able to provide any information.

Please be extra vigilant regarding the security of sheds etc and report any incidents to Sussex Police.

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Fiona MacLeod

Clerk to Findon Parish Council'

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- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
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