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For Findon,
West Sussex

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Everyone welcome

St John the Baptist Church, Findon

Pancake Party!

Tuesday 9 February
Findon Church @ 3.30-5.00pm

Come along for some family fun

Traffic, Environment,
People

The TEP Project

A Vision for Findon

A date for your Diary

6:30pm

**Monday March 7th
Findon Village Hall**

*A presentation and initial public
consultation on:*

*Pedestrians, environment,
traffic, gateways, signs, parking,
speeding, quiet lanes
and much else besides!*

More details on page 16

Findon Film Nights

Friday 19th February

Far from the Madding Crowd

**** Starring ****

PG13

Matthias Schoenaerts - Martin Sheen
Carey Mulligan - Mark Wingett

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Findon Parish Council Report – January 2016

The condition of Findon Pre-School building is giving cause for concern, and we are about to commission extensive repairs to the rear and side walls to bring the building back to an acceptable standard. Councillor Young spent part of his Xmas break digging out the rear ground to allow proper access, for which we thank him.

The work will be undertaken in late February and is expected to cost about £3-£4000. This is in addition to a grant of £1500 for internal improvements.

Councillors Makerell and Young have been invited to attend all future Pre-School committee meetings.

The council have decided to appoint a new councillor to bring FPC back to its established strength, and are delighted to announce that Melissa Oligario of Pony Farm has been co-opted following interview by the council on January 25th. A fuller announcement with details of her background will be published in the next edition of Findon News.

The Operation Watershed works were completed on time and within budget, and have significantly reduced the amount of rainwater reaching the village following the December deluge.

The village Xmas lighting was another success story, with more lights purchased and yet another 'Lighting up Party' on Pond Green towards the end of November. Grateful thanks to all the volunteers erecting the lights, and to local business who have supported the council by providing power from their premises.

The newly formed Traffic, Environment, People (TEP) Working Group have met several times over the last 3 months to try and formulate an improvement plan for more sensible traffic flow and parking within the centre of the village, radiating out from the crossroads in the village square. The Working Group is formed from both qualified volunteer villagers and councillors.

A public consultation of their ideas will be made at 6.30pm, in the Village Hall on Monday 7th March, prior to the FPC meeting. They are particularly keen to have as many residents of School Hill, High Street and those living and working in the centre of the village to attend, as it is this area that any work would affect. *[see page 16 for further details]*

Peter Goldsworthy
Chairman, FPC

Findon Community Website Update

The Village Website team have finally agreed terms with the website hosts and in January work started on developing the site. The target deadline to complete and launch the website is Easter 2016 (end of March).

There will soon be a 'test' website which residents will be able to access. This will provide an opportunity to comment as the website is being developed. Details will follow, but to give a flavour, the site

will provide information on events (with an events calendar), a business directory, details of local clubs, organisations and facilities, local news and vacancies, lost and found and links to other useful websites, plus much, much more!

In the meantime, for those who use Facebook, a page has been setup called Findon Village Website.

Richard Bell

Findon Christmas Tree Festival

Thank you to everyone who supported December's successful Christmas Tree Festival at St John the Baptist Church. We welcomed almost 800 visitors over the weekend and raised just under £2,000 towards church funds.



A total of 21 local organisations generously took part, without whom the event could not have happened: Along the Furlong parish magazine, Broadwater Osteopathic Practice, Cutting It Fine, Findon Belles, 1st & 2nd Findon Brownies, Findon Church Bellringers (with a Battle of Britain theme), Findon Downs WI, Findon Flower Girls, Findon Probus Club, Findon Village Pool, Findon Village Pre-School ("I like Father Christmas because I was good yesterday"), Findon Village WI, Forever Living, HSE Guru Consulting, Men's & Ladies' Curry Clubs (complete with popadoms and indigestion tablets), Messy Church, Nepcote Flock, St John the Baptist Primary School, Vintage Crockery Company (decorated with vintage cups and saucers), Worthing Churches Homeless Projects, and the Worthing NCT (featuring baby booties and angels) .

Visitors had the chance to vote for their favourite tree, and the joint winners were the Nepcote Flock (donating their winnings to skin charity DEBRA) and the Findon Flower Girls' beautiful mannequin (donating their winnings to the Cumbrian Flood Appeal). Runners up were Findon Village WI and Findon Village Pool. Photos of all the beautiful trees, taken by Richard Bell, can be found at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/127350549@N06/sets/72157662107800615>

The event could not have run without a huge army of volunteers – at least 60 people involved - helping with such things as collecting tables kindly lent by Nightingales and setting them up in the church, laying out extension leads, putting up road signs and posters, wrapping tombola prizes, baking cakes, greeting people as they arrived, manning stalls, serving refreshments, volunteering on the car parking rota, devising the children's treasure hunt, and clearing up the church afterwards. THANK YOU to absolutely everyone who helped out, especially to those on the small committee who helped plan it all: Rev. Helena Buqué, Liz Pratt, Gill Gostick, Claire Kersley and Karen Roberts, with the support of Lindy Laker and



Tessa McCormick. Thanks should also go to Curtis & Son who generously sponsored the event with publicity support.

Hopefully there'll be another Christmas Tree Festival in December 2017!

Jacqui Greaney
Findon Christmas Tree Festival
Co-ordinator

Terry Routh - January 1924 To December 2015

Pauline Routh and her family wish to thank everyone for all the kindness they have shown to us following the recent loss of a beloved husband and father. It has been greatly appreciated by us all and our sadness is tempered by the knowledge that we have so many good friends and neighbours in the village who have offered their help and sympathy.

Findon Neighbourhood Plan - Update

Good news! Subject to ratification by the Parish Council, Findon's Neighbourhood Plan is now ready to send to the South Downs National Park Authority for its final consultation followed by independent examination. This marks the culmination of a huge effort since the project started back in 2013.

Some rather impressive statistics are involved – about 10% of all residents

volunteered their time in one way or another and an estimated 10,000 hours spent in finding out what is important to Findon, how we as a community wish to see the parish develop over the next 20 years and developing all this information into the Plan.

Whilst the timings are out of our hands, we hope the referendum can be held by early summer.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



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Progress report...

It was a hectic run up to Christmas and the New Year for us with many of you noticing the various smaller changes that have been taking place in our little store. Yes, we have been running on 'basic' stock levels but this is in no way a reflection of what is to come! Purely an attempt to keep a little of everything that you have all come to know that we stock for you – we've even managed to creep a few new lines in to 'see how they go'.

As we move into February – and closer to our 3rd of March 'D' Day, you will start to see some of the larger changes. By the time this article is printed, we should have our raised flooring in which will allow easier disabled access into the store for the first time.

We will have to close for a very limited period of time at the beginning of March, whilst the Post Office Engineers come on site and move the Post Office around. We have negotiated with the Post Office that the closure will be as minimum as is

achievable. It is currently hoped that it will only be for one day – however at this stage, we are unable to confirm the exact date but promise to try to give you as much warning as possible.

Gayle and I would like to say a big thank you for your continued support in our efforts to retain and improve your Village Store and Post Office. A huge thanks also to the fantastic staff who are working tirelessly with us ...arriving each day not knowing what changes will have happened overnight or whether they are serving customers, moving fridges or taking down old shelf racking. They do it all with a great sense of humour and support, which is much appreciated!

As always, if you have any concerns over the changes to the Post Office or suggestions for products that you'd like the store to stock, please come in and have a chat with Gayle or drop us an email on findonnewsagentsandpostoffice@gmail.com.

Happy New Year !

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A Gardener's View

First things first, no you haven't missed it! Our episode of Monty Don's 'Big dreams small spaces' has yet to get an air date. All we know is that it will air this year! Great help!

Now to the garden. It has been wet, cold and grey and I was beginning to think we would miss the frosts altogether but as the saying goes "as the days get longer the cold gets stronger" and that it did!

The frost is essential in the garden killing off pests and diseases and even triggering germination in certain seeds such as *Moluccella laevis* 'Irish bells'.

I can live with the cold bright sunny days but it's all the sloppy wet mud I can do without.

Cold outside but plenty to be doing if you have a warm sunny window sill. You can start sowing seeds such as Sweet peas, Aubergine, asparagus, peas and basil.

If it's not too cold now is a good time to get outside and start tidying up. Clearing borders, cutting back grasses and the last of the winter pruning.

It is also a great time to plant fruit trees as it allows the roots to get a good head start before the weather warms up.

On Friday 26th I shall be talking to the Findon Village Garden Association about our experience with Monty and crew and how we created our sensory garden - so feel free to pop along!

Spring is on its way and I have a really good feeling about the year ahead.

Joshua (the Gardener)



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Findon Planning Applications

Planning applications for Findon are under the authority of South Downs National Park and listed on the SDNPA website (www.southdowns.gov.uk).

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

Proposed loft conversion with front and rear dormers. Open for Comment
30 Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SG - Ref. No: SDNP/16/00095/HOUS

Change of use of two barns from agricultural buildings to D2 assembly and leisure with associated works including alterations to barns, extensions to Barn B, petanque court, fire pit, new parking area and lighting and alterations to access track. Open for Comment

Cissbury Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SR - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06392/FUL

Loft conversion with two front facing rooflights and one rear facing dormer window. Open for Comment

Charteris Horsham Road Findon BN14 0UY - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06362/HOUS

Lateral prune on low branches to facilitate a crown lift of 6 metres on 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) and lateral prune on low branches to facilitate a crown lift of 5 metres on 1 no. Sycamore tree (T2). Open for Comment

40 Nepcote Lane Findon BN14 0SL - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06105/TPO

Construction of additional dwelling.

Ramsdean Horsham Road Findon BN14 0RH - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06358/PRE

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29 Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UE - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06074/HOUS

Raise canopies to 2.25 metres over footpath on Field Maples (1), remove deadwood over path on 1 no. Sycamore tree (2), remove fallen Hazel tree (3), remove deadwood on 1 no. Ash tree and 1 no. Sycamore tree (4 and 5), raise canopies and but back various small trees/shrubs (6), remove deadwood and raise canopies to 4.5 metres on trees/shrubs adjacent to Nepcote Lane (7 and 8), Remove dead/hanging branches on 1 no. large Macrocarpa tree (9), remove deadwood and heavy low branch over footpath on 1 no. Larch tree (10).

Land adjacent to Convent Gardens and Nepcote Lane West Sussex BN14 0RZ - Ref. No: SDNP/15/06250/TPO

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**Findon Parish Council Planning Committee meetings** are scheduled monthly to consider any planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority and any other planning related matters. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on such matters. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings, and take part in the Public Question Time item. Planning Committee Agendas are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall and published on the web site (<http://findon.arun.gov.uk>) 3 working days before each meeting. Residents are encouraged to check the Notice Boards and web site regularly to view scheduled/additional/cancelled meeting details and Agendas.

Findon Parish Council Planning Committee Meetings are held in Findon Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next two meetings are:

- 4 February - upstairs Committee Room**
- 10 March - Committee Room**

*Please Note:  
Meetings may be cancelled if there is no business to transact.*

**Findon Downs WI  
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## Christmas Lights

'Light up The Square' was even bigger and brighter in December 2015 and everybody seems to agree that the lights help make Christmas in Findon that much more of a special event. We were delighted that Father Christmas and one of his elves were able to spare time in their busy schedule to join us for the switch-on - the children supplied them with mince pies and mulled wine to keep them going. Vocal entertainment was superbly provided by the Findon School choir, and very importantly, the lights were powered courtesy of The Gun Inn and The Village House.

Unfortunately, no magic elves were available when it came to putting up and taking down the lights, so Gez Parton, Mike Maidment, Ritchie Lines and Chris

Reed stepped in to do the job instead and lifted to their task by the generous donation of a cherry picker from Southern Cranes and Access Ltd (special thanks to Clive Sadler). They were protected from passing traffic by the Findon Cones Squad. We are grateful to the everyone around The Square who allowed support poles to be attached to their properties.

Sincere thanks must also go to the Gardens Association and the Sheep Fair Committee for their community-minded sponsorship that helps to make the lights a sparkling reality.

2016's display is already in the planning stage, so we look forward to welcoming you onto Pond Green once again.

Jan, Corinne, Gez and Mike

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## Gentlemen Members wanted!

Findon Probus Club

Gentlemen, if you live in the Findon area and are retired or semi-retired and would enjoy a monthly 'school boy' lunch with others then you could be the ideal person to join Findon Probus Club.

**What is Probus?** Simply a group of retired or semi-retired PROfessional BUSinessmen getting together to meet, chat and 'munch a lunch'!

Formed in 1986 we have 44 members, (upper limit is 50), at present meeting on the third Thursday of the month at Hill Barn Golf Club, just off the Grove Lodge

roundabout. Lunch is served at 12.30pm followed by a Guest Speaker finishing just before 3pm.

**What do we do?** We enjoy 3-course lunches with coffee or tea, listen to a wide range of guest speakers enjoying a couple of hours together and (if inclined) a pre-lunch drink at the bar. There are other social activities arranged together with the ladies, one very popular activity being a coffee morning on the 1st Thursday of the month. There are also theatre visits, a twice yearly 'Ladies lunch' plus trips out. For those keen on golf there's a small golf programme.

**What does it cost?** Annual subscription is £15.00 pa. The monthly meals only cost £16 a time and when possible, special dietary needs can be met.

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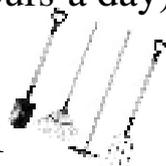
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## Findon Village WI

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The next meeting is Thursday 11th February; the speaker for the evening is " Scarf Tying Magic", where we will

be shown lots of different ways to wear our scarves.

Bring with you a long and a square scarf.

All visitors welcome. The meeting start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Enquires to :

[findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:findonvillagewi@hotmail.co.uk)

You can also find us on Facebook:  
Findon Village WI

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## Findon Downs WI

2015 ended with a happy Christmas meeting. St. Margaret's Hand Bells Ringers from Angmering looked very attractive in their red and white outfits as they played Christmas music and carols and encouraged us to join in and even try our hand at ringing.

Christmas tea with a delicious cake followed, and traditionally we each had a gift to take home, and some with a prize from the special raffle.

January 2016

Adam Collard, Antiques & Interiors, who lives and runs his business in the village was welcomed to our January meeting.

Confronted with members treasures and collectable's, he spoke of each one and gave values where possible. He encouraged us to buy what we really liked and to save our family heirlooms. He was warmly thanked for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Our Next meeting is Tuesday 9th February, 2.30pm Findon Village Hall. Sally Course - " The Eternal Harp" Bring your favourite CD which you will be able to play.

Remember - our jumble sale will be on Saturday 20th February from 10am. In the Village Hall All items for sale to the Hall from 8.30am.

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Family Favourites

Parsnip Soup

1 tablespoon oil

1/2 small onion finely chopped

1/2 carrot finely chopped

4. oz. Chopped parsnip

4 fl.oz. Vegetable stock

Salt & Pepper

Snipped chives to garnish

Heat oil in large pan & add onion, fry for 5 mins.

Add carrot & parsnips, cook until golden

Stir in stock and bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for 30-40 mins. until tender.

Blend in processor until smooth. Return to pan, season to taste

Heat & serve with chive garnish.

St John the Baptist Church Findon

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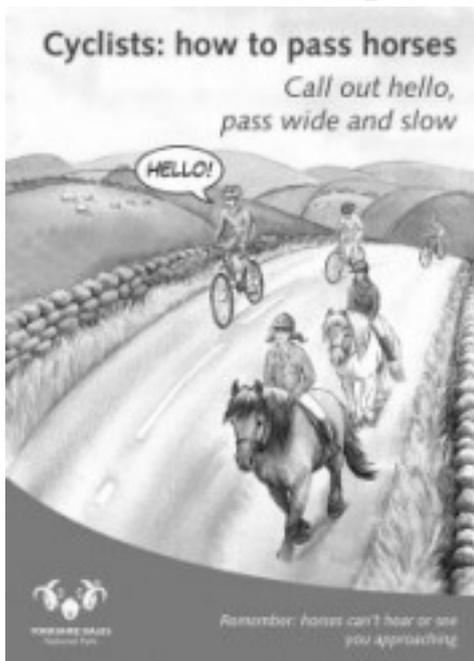
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Horse Sense: Cyclists



Although a common concern for horse riders on the road are cars, bikes can also be scary for horses. This poster was spotted on Facebook, and it's a really good for our horse and cycling friends to be aware of the importance of safely passing horses on the roads. Cyclists approaching quickly from behind can be daunting for the horse. Please cyclist, do call out to announce your presence.

Cyclists should pass wide and on the right. Most horses are used to traffic passing them on the right so pass them as you would anyone else; don't cut inside, and allow plenty of room in case the horse is surprised or startled. Riders may need to ride two abreast for safety, particularly when escorting a young or inexperienced horse or rider – please give them a

chance to sort themselves out before you go by.

Large groups of cyclists are very scary for horses. If you are in a large group passing in small groups will really help.

Traffic, Environment, People

The TEP Project

Regular readers of Findon News will remember that we promised to keep you updated on current thinking as to how Findon Village could be made, safer and more attractive.

A Findon Parish Council sub group composed of Councillors, representatives from the school and local volunteers has been meeting regularly since September last year and they have put together some initial thoughts.

Much of the work has been informed and guided by David Hutchison a local architectural and planning consultant. David will be displaying a few sketches of the group's initial ideas in local

venues later next month. He also needs your feedback and suggestions so look out for them, and be prepared to comment.

It is also planned to hold a 1 hour public consultation in the Village Hall starting at 6:30 on Monday 7th March to be followed by the formal Parish Council Meeting. Our understanding is that this is all very early days and further consultations will follow so that a "Master Plan" and vision for the village will be the result.

The group are optimistic about the possibility of securing a visually enhanced appearance for the village, particularly in the Square, and one which is made safer for pedestrians, and horse riders.

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Nestled in the heart of Findon Village is a little gem just waiting to be discovered for those seeking some fun in the warmer months. Sitting in the grounds of St John Baptist Primary School is a wonderful outdoor heated swimming pool that serves the local community as well as the school.

The pool is unique - it was built by the village residents in 1966 for the use of everyone in the village and the surrounding areas. For 50 years the pool has been used by children, families and adults of the local area for fun and learning to swim (and teachers get thrown in at the annual Summer Revels held at the school!).

Findon swimming pool has been managed since its construction by a committee of volunteers responsible for all aspects of running such a facility from water testing, maintenance, membership, pool hire, publicity and fundraising. Over the years, hundreds of volunteers have been involved in the smooth running of his unique facility. Through the summer months from May to September, the pool is usually open to the public after school hours, 6 days a week, although opening hours are reliant



The pool in the summer

on the weather and availability of supervisors.

Many families enjoy the use of this little luxury in the heart of the village but for the pool to open for the upcoming season, the committee needs to recruit new members, especially a new chairperson and secretary as our current ones are having to commit more time to growing families.

Are you able to spare a few hours a month to join this wonderful team who provide such a special service to the children and families of the village community? Without your help, the future of the pool opening to the public hangs in the balance. For 50 years, volunteers have made the swimming pool a success, let's embrace this jewel of the village and ensure its continued use in the future. If you would like to join the team, please contact Tracey Jude (07940 545094 or tn_jude@hotmail.com) or any committee member for further details.



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News from PAWS Animal Sanctuary

More unwanted cats continue to come through to PAWS. Although we are used to sad reasons why owners cannot keep their pets, one in December was particularly upsetting and one which we will never forget!

A couple arrived with a dear little ginger cat in a basket, they told us he was almost three years old. The wife said they couldn't keep him because she was about to become a child minder. We told her we didn't think that would be problem and certainly no reason to give the cat away. The lady became agitated and insisted we took the cat saying there was no way they could keep the cat. They signed the cat over to us. Just as we were about to take the cat to a pen in desperation three little children rushed in, the lady angrily told them she had told them to stay in the car. They all clung to

the man crying loudly and begging "Please Daddy don't give our cat away". One child pleaded, "Please give our fish away, don't give our Obi away"!

By then staff and visitors were all upset, but there was no reasoning with the woman. I reluctantly took the little cat in the cat carrier and put him in a pen, Daddy carried the youngest child, and all three children cried loudly, "No, no, no". To no avail. The parents took absolutely no notice and took the still begging broken hearted children out to their car.

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Readers' Dogs

Findon News invites Findon dog owners to submit a picture of their dog to feature in a new "Readers' Dogs" section.

The photo of your dog should include a background that is recognisable as being taken in Findon.

Pictures along with a short résumé about your canine friend should be sent through to the Findon News email address - findonnews@zoho.com - or hardcopy via the "Findon News" box in the Findon newsagency.

When emailing please submit photos as a separate high resolution JPEG file.

If we get enough entries we'll aim to publish a 2017 calendar to raise funds for the Findon PAWS Animal Sanctuary.

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Meet Robbie!

Robbie (pictured right) belongs to Findon News Editor Nick Gore and his wife Meg. Robbie has been a Findon Resident for nine years.

When he was just ten months old Robbie was found wandering the streets of Glasgow at Christmas in 2004. He was taken into care by Dogs Trust and transported to their Shoreham branch from where Nick & Meg gave him his 'forever' home.

Robbie was named from his Scottish roots and a (estimated) January birthday shared with Robert (Rabbie) Burns!

Dogs Trust had Robbie's breed as a Lurcher cross, but we think he is a Dwarf Scottish Deerhound! He certainly has the looks and the independent temperament!



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## Looking Out For Your Dog

### Information on Alabama Rot

*Alabama Rot is a canine disease that has made headlines with the media, With more suspected cases being identified Findon News publish the following information for all dog owners:*

Cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy (CRGV or 'Alabama rot') occurred initially in the USA in the 1980s with dogs (mainly greyhounds) presenting with ulcerated skin sores, and kidney failure.

In the UK since 2012 there have been numerous cases of dogs presenting similar signs - all breeds and ages are equally susceptible.

Should CRGV be diagnosed then early treatment is better for the prognosis - there have been cases of fatalities with this disease.

The clinical signs to look out for are skin sores below the elbow or the knee where the skin is inflamed and may show ulceration (other body areas have also been found to be affected).

Within a few days of the lesion(s) appearing dogs show signs of kidney failure (a loss of appetite, vomiting & lethargy).

The cause of CRGV is still unknown. It is therefore difficult to advise owners how to protect their dogs from getting this disease.

It is suggested that dogs walked in Woodland areas are at risk, and it is advised to wash the dogs feet following a walk in such an area. Owners should also check the dog's skin daily - the earlier lesions are detected the greater the chance of recovery.



Owners should be aware that sore patches of skin on their dog, along with signs of kidney failure, can be the associated with numerous other more common diseases other than CRGV.

If your dog does show any signs of skin sores or kidney disease it is vital to make an appointment with your Vet as soon as possible.

Further details regarding CRGV are available on the website [www.alabamarot.co.uk](http://www.alabamarot.co.uk).

Crossways Veterinary Group also have leaflets on the subject.



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## NGS Snowdrop Festival - Cissbury 2016

In February 2016, the National Gardens Scheme (NGS) will be holding their first ever Snowdrop Festival. It will be the perfect way to get some fresh air and have a walk in lovely surroundings, and the experience will whet the appetite for the joys of garden visiting throughout 2016.

Founded in 1927, the NGS has donated more than £45 million to charity. In 2015, the NGS gave £2.637 million to its beneficiary from money raised by opening gardens the previous year. The charities supported include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute and Perennial.

Right here in Findon, Geoffrey and Etta Wyatt are delighted to re-join the National Gardens Scheme after an absence of some 33 years, and are opening their garden at **Cissbury on Saturday 27 February and Thursday 3 March 2016.**

***Cissbury, Nepcote Lane, Findon, West Sussex, BN14 0SR - Open for the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday 27 February and Thursday 3 March, 10am - 4pm, admission £4.00, children free – for full details of this and all our gardens see [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)***



The Wyatt Family have lived at Cissbury for over 200 years and the ten acre garden is set in its own parkland within the South Downs National Park, with far reaching views towards Cissbury Ring and the sea. There are spectacular drifts of snowdrops, bluebells, and daffodils, and the original L-shaped greenhouse, featuring cork screw winding gear is still in situ. This is central to the walled garden, which is divided into plots let out to members of Findon Village Gardens Association.

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## My Granny Mitchell

Born and raised in Findon Village over 80 years ago Gladys Lambourne recalls memories of her grandma and health issues.

Most grand mothers of today use mobile phones and go "on line". They look younger than their years and are trendy. Not a bit like the grandmother I remember who died at age of 69 looking very old and worn out.

Gran was there for the first ten years of my life. I remember many of her sayings and cures for all ills. Doctors were only visited when Gran's cures failed.

Granddads' Lumbago was treated by him laying on the bed with a piece of flannel on his back to which Gran applied heat in the form of ironing his back with a flat iron.

Many times a bread poultice was tied to my knee with a strip of old sheet to what she called gravel rash when I had fallen over.

My chesty cough was treated with Tallow spread on a piece of brown paper held in place by my vest, not the best scent in the world I remember.

Cheap port mixed with sugar and powdered Arrowroot was the cure for frequent visits to the toilet, I did enjoy the taste of that, Brimstone and treacle once taken was never repeated by me, If one had a temperature the diet was bread and milk.

These are just a few of Gran's remedies that got me through the almost yearly epidemics of infectious deceases of that time but rare today, By the time I was nine I'd had Mumps, Measles, German Measles, Chicken Pox and Whooping cough (for which I was taken up to the Cricket Pitch to breathe in the fumes of

the Tarmac as that road was being resurfaced), I had Diphtheria at the age of five and spent weeks in Swandean Isolation Hospital. Scarlet fever arrived on my tenth birthday and I spent five weeks in Portslade Isolation Hospital. I must have soon adjusted to hospital and upset my mum when I cried the day I came home because I missed all the friends I had made in hospital.

I never knew how I missed Polio when I was nine but my school friend Gladys Small was not so lucky - her grave is at Muntham Clump Cemetery (she lived in a tied cottage on the Muntham Estate). Years of the National Health Service has certainly changed peoples lives for the better.

I was very nervous of thunder storms until Gran told me it was just God moving his furniture, and snow was Mother Goose plucking her feathers I cannot see today's technology wise children being content with such answers

Today it is hard to find something from that era that is unchanged. I am just happy with my memories of my Granny Mitchell.

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On 7 January, a lawn mower and pressure washer was stolen from

a shed at a property in Cross Lane (crime ref 0498)

If you have any information regarding these incidents, please ring the 101 telephone number with details.

You can also report crime and incidents by ringing 101 or online at [www.sussex.police.uk/reportonline](http://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.

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## Findon Parish Council Web site

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| <b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                             | 9.30am            | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church<br><i>+ Messy Sunday in the Den</i>                            |
| <b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>                             | 8.00am<br>9.30am  | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Communion, Findon Church                                  |
| <b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                             | 9.30am            | Sung Eucharist, Findon Church<br><i>+ Messy Sunday in the Den</i>                            |
| <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>Mothering Sunday</i> | 8.00am<br>10.00am | Eucharist, Findon Church<br>Family Service at Village Hall<br><i>+ breakfast from 9.15am</i> |

- Monday 9.00am & Tues-Friday 9.15am, Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 10.00am, Holy Eucharist Service at Findon Church
- Tuesdays 10.30am Ladies' Coffee Morning at Julia's Kitchen.
- Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00pm Quiet Time at Findon Church
- 1st Tuesday of month during term time, 3.30-5.45pm, Messy Church in Findon Village Hall.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, Coffee Plus, 7.30pm – a varied social programme at members' homes in Findon
- Last Tuesday of month, Light Lunch @ 1pm, Findon Village Hall. Soup & a pudding with friends for £4.00.
- First Monday of month, 7.30pm Ladies' Curry Night, Tajdar.
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17 Feb (venues tbc) up to Holy Week. Sign-up sheets are at the back of each church, or contact the Rectory (873601, [findon.rectory@btinternet.com](mailto:findon.rectory@btinternet.com)). Everyone welcome, just for an hour each time.

### Ash Wednesday Eucharist

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# Village Hall Diary - February 2016

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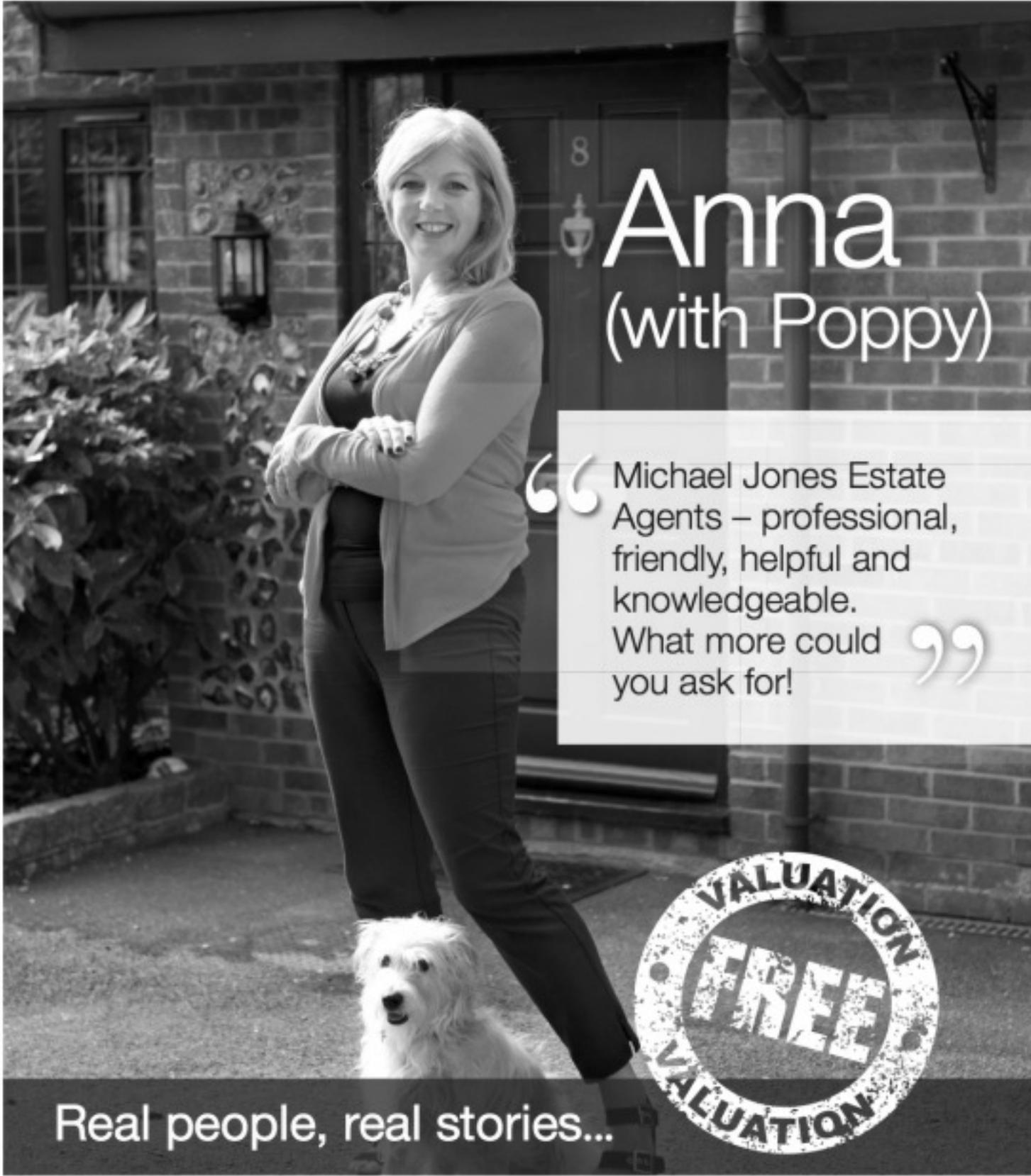
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| <b>Weekly</b>         | <b>Day</b>                                      | <b>Time</b>                            |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Carpet Bowls          | Monday                                          | 14:30                                  |
| Cissbury Players      | Wednesday                                       | 20:00 – 22:00                          |
| Exercise Class        | Monday                                          | 09:15                                  |
| Lambstails            | Thursday                                        | 10:00 – 12:00                          |
| Line Dancing          | Wednesday                                       | 09:45                                  |
| Danceaholics          | Sunday                                          | 20:00                                  |
| Yoga                  | Monday                                          | 11:00                                  |
| <b>Fortnightly</b>    | <b>Date</b>                                     | <b>Time</b>                            |
| Circle Dancing        | Monday 1st, 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> | 19:10                                  |
| <b>Monthly</b>        | <b>Date</b>                                     | <b>Time</b>                            |
| Art Class             | Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>                       | 09:00                                  |
| Auction               | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | 18:00                                  |
|                       | (goods 2-4pm, viewing 4–6pm, Auction 6 pm)      |                                        |
| Bead Magicians        | Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | 09:00                                  |
| Canasta Club          | Last Tuesday                                    | 15:00                                  |
| Downs WI              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday                         | 14:30                                  |
| Family Church Service | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                          | 09:30                                  |
| Film Evening          | Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>                         | 18:30 door open<br>(Film starts 19:30) |
| Gardens Association   | Last Friday                                     | 19:00                                  |
| Light Lunch           | Last Tuesday                                    | 13:00                                  |
| Meditation            | Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>                       | 19:30                                  |
| Messy Church          | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday                         | 15:30                                  |
| Village WI            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday                        | 19:30                                  |
| <b>Committee Room</b> | <b>Date</b>                                     | <b>Time</b>                            |
| Gardens Association   | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>                         | 19:30                                  |
| Probus                | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | 19:00                                  |
| Rummikub              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday   | 14:00                                  |
| Village WI Darts      | Mondays                                         | 14:00                                  |
| <b>Other Events</b>   | <b>Date</b>                                     | <b>Time</b>                            |
| Downs WI Jumble sale  | Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | 09:00                                  |

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