



# Findon

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

# News

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## The Wattle House Thinking Day – Have Your Say!

**Wednesday 15th July, 3–6pm Nepcote Hall,  
Findon Village Hall**

The Wattle House has been part of Findon's story for generations — and Findon Parish Council, with support from representatives of the

Findon Sheep Fair Committee, are now exploring ways to shape its future. We're inviting residents to come along, share ideas, and help us imagine what this much-loved little building could become.

Could it be **sympathetically restored**? Could it offer **new value to village life**? What would *you* like to see happen there?

Bring your thoughts, your memories, your creativity - and bring your family, friends and neighbours too. The more voices we hear, the stronger the project will be.

Free refreshments and ice cream for everyone (while stocks last!)

If you can't attend, you can still take part by emailing the Parish Clerk at: [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Do you have skills that could help us?

We're also looking for people with experience in **Business Development, IT, Conservation Planning**, or any other skills that might support the project. If you have a little time and would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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## News from the Rectory

I am writing this article on the Anniversary of D Day and the rain is pouring down, but we are in early summer and everything is growing. It is lovely seeing the gardens in all their glory.

The reason I am mentioning the weather is because after over 13 months, we are finally getting the work on the water goods at St John the Baptist underway. This involves new lead in the Gullies and Valleys, refurbishing and painting all the guttering and reattaching a lot of it to where it should be. Clearing all the downpipes as they are all blocked, moling through blocked drains to open them up again, clearing and re-bricking/repainting all the open gutters round the church and making a French drain and placing a membrane to get rid of the damp where a Victorian grave was placed 18 inches above the floor level in the Vestry! It also involves putting guttering on the boiler house roof, and finally, putting guttering around the roof of the Spire. All the water coming off the spire roof currently runs down all the walls and is causing damp problems and loss of lime plaster in the tower. When finished, it should leave the church pretty watertight, with the amount of water coming in equalling the amount of water coming out of the walls. We will need to repair and redecorate the Vestry, Sacristy and

Tower ringing room at some point, but need to wait 3 years before we can consider that. Walls 3 feet thick dry out at the rate of an inch a month. Luckily we are not in a hurry. It has taken a long time to get a Faculty, the Church of England equivalent of planning approval. It is made worse as we are a Grade 1 listed building and everything has to be done to Heritage standards. There are 155 pages of standards the builders have to apply, and we have had to consult every organisation that might want some input. I am so glad we have the church architect Julian Vallis to lean on and put it all together, and that he is a specialist in Ecclesiastical buildings and Heritage work. When we finally got the actual Faculty permit, the rain started after a long period of glorious dry hot weather! Normal summer weather. All this work will take 10-12 weeks, weather dependant. Pray for dry weather please.

I would firstly like to thank the Benefact Trust very much for a grant of £6,000 towards the work. A much needed boost to funds to help us afford the work. It is a very expensive job, around £80,000 plus vat. A Government scheme was closed in March due to too many applications, but a new one has just started for historic listed buildings and we can hopefully make a claim to recoup the vat.

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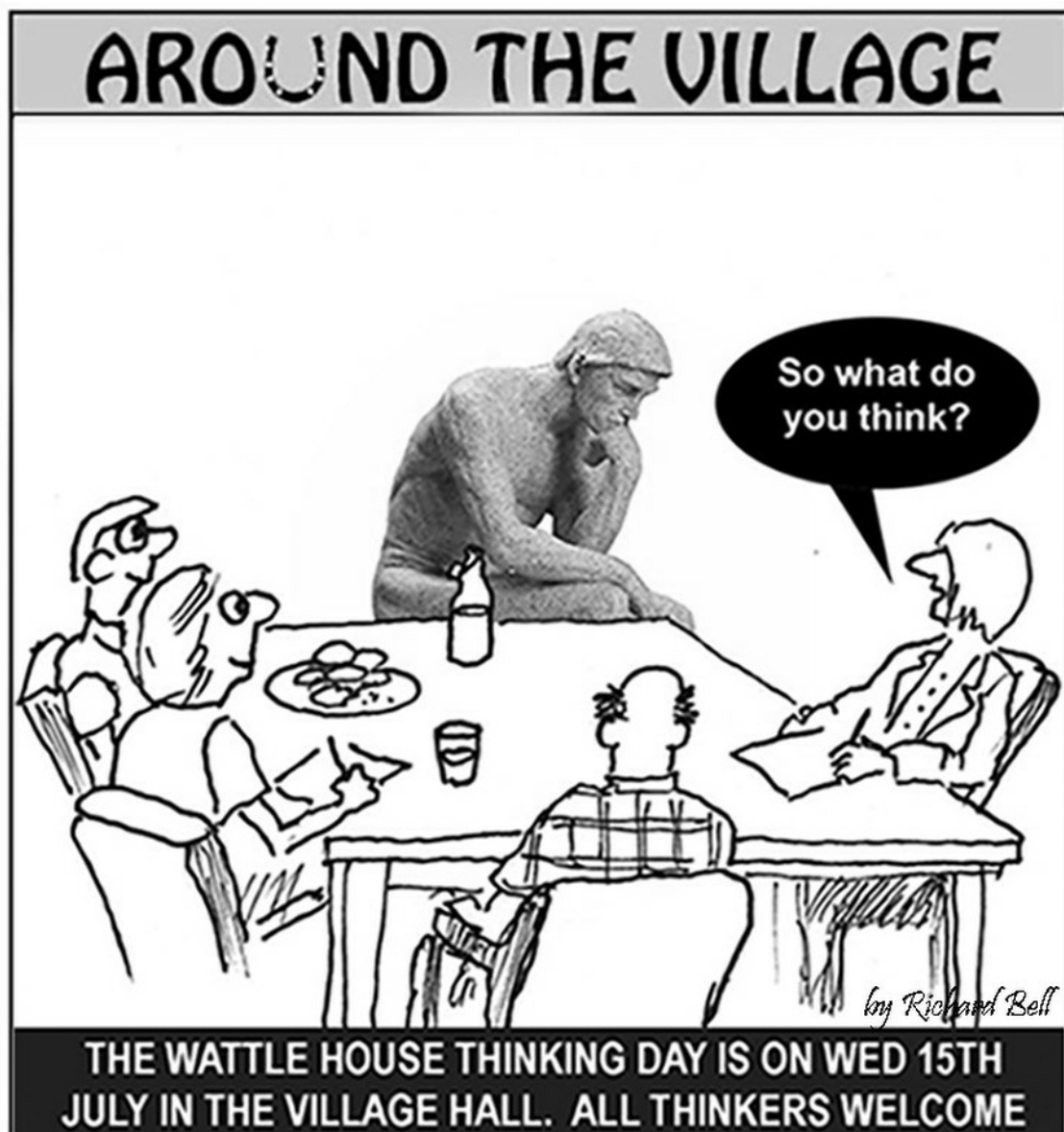
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I would also like to thank the Friends of John the Baptist very much for helping us with costs. They raised £1600 at their Car rally at Findon Place on Bank Holiday Monday and fund raise continually to ensure the Church can be passed on to future generations in a good state. We would be lost without them. I would like to thank Caroline for the use of her magnificent house and her work as Chair of the committee. If you would like to help in any events in future, please get in touch. Becoming a friend costs £10 a year.

On a final note, I would like to thank Evelyn Stanford who has retired as Verger and Sacristan after many years work. If anyone is interested in taking over either of these roles, either on their own or with others to share the load, please get in touch. I literally do not know how Evelyn did both on her own for years. Happy retirement.

*Simon Knights* Churchwarden St John the Baptist, Findon



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# Friends of St John the Baptist Church Findon

## Fundraising Car Rally at Findon Place, 25<sup>th</sup> May

Planning an outdoor event on a Bank Holiday weekend is always risky, given how often, whatever the weather has been like the previous week, the day dawns overcast, with wind and rain to follow. When the idea of holding another classic car show at Findon Place on one of the May Bank Holidays was first mentioned, memories of having to cancel on the day due to torrential rain a couple of years ago soon surfaced. Happily, the committee decided to go ahead for May 25<sup>th</sup> and, although it was a rather last minute decision,

Caroline's amazing organisational skills, plus a willing team of assistants, **The Friends of St John the Baptist Church Findon Vintage and Classic Car and Motorcycle Rally 2026** proved to be a roaring success.

Volunteers were at Findon Place early in the morning to set up seating areas, gazebos and barbecues and exhibitors were welcomed from 9am with a complimentary croissant and hot drink. Over forty beautiful and cherished vehicles were lined up by decade along either side of the main drive with the bikes on the grass area, ready for the first visitors to arrive at 10am to admire them. When I opened the church just after 9, I found a young family waiting there in the shade - having arrived early to beat the rush - their young son couldn't wait to see the cars and he enjoyed watching them arrive from the lych gate!

There was a steady stream of people throughout the day, enjoying refreshments in the shade in between looking round the vehicles and enjoying



chatting to their proud owners, finding out about their history. The weather was perfect in a beautiful venue, with enough shade for everyone. Chris and Ian, with other helpers, were kept busy flipping burgers and turning sausages, and did a fantastic job feeding our hungry guests. The Pimm's tent was busy all day, serving iced coffee and other cold drinks, so welcome on such a hot day.

Thanks to Caroline, Nikki and Katy for mixing and serving non-stop from 10am till 3pm! Thanks also to the team who took turns serving tea, coffee and cake, and for the sterling work of the folk with the donation bucket (entry was free!). People were incredibly generous, and the end result was a profit of just over £1,600, which will help towards the cost of current (notice the scaffolding on the bell tower) and further planned renovation works on our beautiful historic church building here in Findon Village.

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It was a joy to hear people talking about how much they had enjoyed the rally, and particularly the comments from exhibitors, who told us how valued and welcome they had been made to feel, and how they were looking forward to coming here another time!

Thank you to everyone who helped setting up and with clearing up afterwards.

Most of all, heartfelt thanks to Caroline of **Findon Place** for all her help and expertise and for allowing us to use the front area of her beautiful property; Caroline, without your support, this amazing event would not have been possible.

Finally, if you are not already a **Friend of Findon Church (or of Clapham and Patching Churches)**, would you consider joining us? For a minimum donation of £10 p.a. per household you'd join our mailing list for future events, have fun helping with events when you can (or just coming along to support) and play your part in keeping our beautiful heritage buildings in good condition so that future generations can continue to enjoy and admire them.

**Helena Buque** on behalf of the **Committee of Friends of St John the Baptist Church**

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If anyone has a suitable raffle prize or good quality items for sale at the Fair please let me know. (No books, CD's, clothes or electrical items though thank you).

If anyone would like to join our team of helpers on the day or by baking please let me know.

Many thanks and we look forward to a bumper day especially as this is our first event since last Christmas!

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## Findon Village WI

We had a wonderful talk from Pat Langford at our June meeting. Pat is a Blue Badge Guide who gave us a fascinating insight into Chichester Cathedral; from its construction in 1075, through a series of fires, the ransacking during the English Civil War and subsequent restoration, to the present day.

Pat talked about the people that influenced the architecture, sculptures and artwork within and outside the Cathedral. Did you know that composer Gustav Holst's ashes are buried in Chichester Cathedral at the request of his wife? He was great friends with the bishop and supported local choirs. Also, Leonard Bernstein composed Chichester Psalms in 1965 for the Southern Cathedrals Festival in Sussex, highlighting the message of brotherhood, harmony and peace.

## Sara Clarke

Pat's talk has inspired many of us to plan a visit to the Cathedral to see it with fresh eyes and our new knowledge.

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026, when we will hear from Chris Hare about the History of Cissbury Ring and the Sheep Fair. Visitors are most welcome.

**Website** – Take a look at our website. It has lots of news about our activities, sub-groups, and upcoming initiatives – Check it out.

**Sara Clarke** – *President*

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Light Lunch 2026 will be held at Findon Village Hall on the last Tuesday of every month. ( except August and December)

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### **Volunteers (Sunday)**

We would like to say a big thank you to those who have offered to help this year so far. We are still in need of more volunteers over the weekend. On the day of the Sheep Fair we could do with more traffic marshals. If anyone could spare an hour or two directing traffic, please let us know at [volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk)

### **Attractions this year**

Most of the events and attractions for this year have been arranged and as well as many of the regulars, we will also have Camels, Donkeys, a Medieval display and Archery to name just a few. As for the evening events, our Barn Dance will take place on Friday as usual and the Saturday Party on the Green will again feature Murdoch's Crazy Eyes and Blue Dakota. Please note tickets for these events will be available from the beginning of August.

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*Jean Burden*

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Do look at our beautiful window boxes and hanging baskets when you next pass the shop. Our manager's wife, Jane, has done them this year, and they look colourful, bright and generally all things lovely. They really add to the appeal of this little corner of Findon. Thank you, Jane.

Bob Govett does colourful, fun, quirky collages of Findon, and we sell his prints as greetings cards. Well, we have just had another delivery of his cards, with some different designs, including Cissbury Ring. The cards are hugely popular, and sell very quickly. Especially to me! So, please don't go buying up all his cards for a few days, until I have got myself down there.

I try very hard to let Angus's football banter go right over my head, and I do remind him that not everyone is a football fan. But even I can't ignore all the football paraphernalia in the shop right now, and bunting adorning the walls. We are stocking World Cup albums and stickers, and even Football Frenzy Haribos! And, of course, we sell your favourite drinks and refreshments to either drown your sorrows or celebrate, as appropriate.

As you know, we are a community shop, which means that we have the opportunity to buy shares in it. Actually, in buying a share or two, you are not only investing in the shop, you are also

playing a big part in ensuring that Findon remains the vibrant, busy village it is now. Apparently, before we bought the shop in 2017, Findon was quiet, and business subdued. Now, people come to the shop, then stay in the village, and maybe have a coffee, or enjoy a meal. Which is good for Findon, and helps our village remain a sought-after place to live. We are actively exploring ways to make shares affordable for everyone, so, if you are interested in buying a share or two, please talk to Angus or Helen, who will give you more details.

Lots of our lovely customers are dog owners, and duly tie said dog up outside the shop before they come in to make their purchases. I guess their thoughts are of their next meal, and their hands full of goodies, but it is not unheard of for them to leave their faithful friend behind, waiting patiently, as they wend their weary way home. Our services are comprehensive, and we are the keepers of lost things, but, please, I think your dog would prefer to go home with you!

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## Findon Swimming Pool - Operation in 2026

Over the past two years, a great deal of renovation work has been carried out on our lovely school pool by our hard-working swimming club committee and members. We are extremely grateful to them, and to all our kind donors and supporters, for restoring our pool to its current condition. In particular, we would like to thank the executive of the committee, headed up by outgoing chairman Mick Dicker. Thanks to Mick's guidance and professional approach to pool management, we now have a pool that we intend to use on a much wider basis in the near future. Our new Chairman, Neil Williamson, is doing an excellent job of helping to ready the pool for live operation, including all the necessary first-aid and pool-rescue training for pool supervisors.

Whilst the pool itself is ready for use, pool opening for this year is currently delayed because of procedural issues to do with pool documentation and insurance. Over the last few years the rules covering pool operation, including health & safety, have been tightened considerably and continue to be the subject of ongoing review and update. Pool opening last year was delayed for similar reasons. This year, when we came to do our annual audits, risk assessments and hire-agreement review, we were advised that our existing documentation required a thorough overhaul in order to be

compliant with current WSCC regulations and statutory guidance.

These mandatory requirements are applicable to all pools regardless of size and the pool committee have worked diligently to comply with all the necessary regulations. Our completed documentation is now lodged with WSCC Legal department for review. This is done to ensure that all areas of pool operation, public safety and liability are covered for insurance purposes by our pool operating procedures, supervisor training, water quality test processes etc.

In order that this administrative impediment does not become an annual delaying factor there is a lot of work being done to make this the final time that we have to update our operational procedures so late in the year.

Whilst we await this certification we cannot announce a date for pool opening and wish to apologise to all our stakeholders for the inconvenience that this may cause.

Thank you.

***John Roche*** Vice-chair of Governors  
***Jane Sharrock*** Headteacher

St. John the Baptist C of E Primary  
School Findon.

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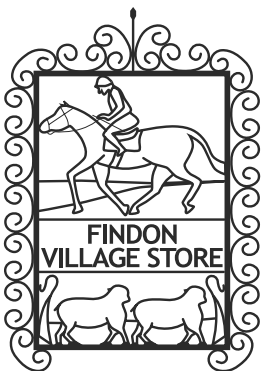
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Findon Parish Council (FPC) Planning Committee meetings are scheduled monthly to consult on planning applications received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Parish Consultation Letters (PCL) received from the SDNPA are displayed on the Notice Boards outside the newsagents and the Village Hall, and published on the FPC website

(<http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>) along with the schedule of Committee meeting dates.

Please note that due to Findon News publication deadlines, some applications may have already been placed before the Committee. Residents should check the Notice Boards and FPC website regularly to view notices and meeting details.

Any enquiries should be address to the FPC Clerk - 01903 877225.

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



### **Erection of New Single Storey Dwelling, Landscape Enhancements and Associated Works**

Land East Of Pony Farm Findon West  
Sussex BN14 0RS  
Ref. No: SDNP/26/02327/FUL

### **Premises Licence Application - Arun District Council - Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises between 08:00 and 21:00 daily**

Steep Side Cross Lane Findon West  
Sussex BN14 0UG  
Ref. No: SDNP/26/02140/LIC

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# Findon Parish Council response to the New South Downs Local Plan Reg 19 Consultation

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## Response to Reg 19 Consultation for the New South Downs Local Plan.

Please see below the responses on the legal requirements, soundness, and compliance elements of the Reg 19 document following a meeting of Findon Parish Council on 22 June 2026:

### 1-SDA51 land south of Findon (Wyatts Field) Nepcote Lane

The Land Availability Assessment (LAA) for this site clearly states that this site was promoted during the 2025 Regulation 18 public consultation and is available for development. This is clearly not the case as the site only came forward in December 2025 and has now been included in the Reg 19 documentation as 'has potential';

As a result, there was no opportunity for FPC or residents to discuss and comment on its justification, deliverability, compliance/conflict with SDNPA and FPC policies such as development outside the settlement boundary, and compliance/conflict with National Planning Polices during the Reg 18 Consultation phase;

The SDNPA will be aware of the previous assessment of this site in 2016 under its earlier reference AR022 which resulted in its rejection for the reason that development on the site would have a potential adverse impact on the character and appearance of the landscape. What has changed ?;

For the above reasons, FPC considers the New South Downs Local Plan not to be sound, requiring withdrawal and further discussion in order to become sound.

### 2-AR068 land south of Soldiers Field House, Findon

The Land Availability Assessment (LAA) for this site clearly states that this site was promoted during the 2025 Regulation 18 public consultation and is available for development. This is clearly not the case as the site only came forward in December 2025 and has now been included in the Reg 19 documentation as 'has potential';

As a result, there was no opportunity for FPC or residents to discuss and comment on its justification, deliverability, compliance/conflict with SDNPA and FPC policies, and compliance/conflict with National Planning Polices during the Reg 18 Consultation phase;

For the above reasons, FPC considers the New South Downs Local Plan not to be sound, requiring withdrawal and further discussion in order to become sound

FPC would also like to highlight the level and strength of feeling in Findon Village regarding the inclusion of SDA51 site as powerfully evidenced by the Representation being submitted by a local group of residents. At the time of the FPC meeting in excess of 600 residents (30% of the village) responded negatively in the Representation relating to the LAA.

Regards

Fiona Macleod

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Years ago we had so many more animals. Specially Guinea-pigs and chickens. Silkie chickens were so popular we used to hatch our own chicks. Silkies are ideal for children. They are gentle and sit down if the child wants to pick them up.

Over the years most of the hens and the cockerel have died of old age. We are down to one old white Silkie hen and three rescued bantams that arrived recently to keep her company. We are fortunate to have our own eggs for breakfast again.

The local council asked us to help out a welfare rescue case to take in two adult cats and five kittens (all black). They were starving, the mum feeding week old kittens. They are all fat and thriving now and had their first inoculations yesterday.

Jasper the donkey, and Elvis the pony are looking very well. The volunteers groom them and shine their feet. They are spoilt. We are very lucky to have so many volunteers.

I used to drive up to Mrs Wyatt at Wyatts Farm for years to buy our hay. So I am sad to see that they are proposing to build 20 new houses on Wyatts field at Nepcote.

Once the fields are gone, they are gone for ever .

### **Stacey.**

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### **So Silly!!**

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.  
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## Wyatts Field - SDLP consultation

Dear Editor,

I recently became aware of a South Downs National Park consultation on potential development sites in Findon, including Wyatt's Field — a site the village previously rejected during the 2019 Neighbourhood Plan process. What has surprised many of us is that this consultation was published back in December, yet very few residents seem to have known about it.

When I spoke to neighbours, most had heard nothing. Many long-standing villagers are not online and do not follow digital newsletters or planning portals.

These residents care deeply about Findon and deserve to be informed when proposals arise that could shape the future of our community.

This raises an important question: how are we meant to stay aware of major planning matters? Not routine applications, but the significant issues that affect the whole village. We need to make sure we are all kept properly informed on these really important matters, and perhaps our local village news could help play a key role in that.

Yours faithfully,

*Concerned Villager*

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### Reply from Ed

Dear concerned villager

Thank you for your article. We love to hear from our readers. Indeed we would love to hear from more of you.

Unfortunately we had not been informed of the proposed development. Please read the letter on *page 23* that has been sent to SDNP from our Parish Council in response to the proposals.

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### A24 Gas Main Works – Findon Valley

Gas main replacement works on the A24 Findon Road are due to start on **13 July** and will last for around **six weeks**. Work will take place in stages at the Mayfield Close, Hillview Rise and Marshall Avenue junctions. During the works, three-way temporary traffic lights will be in operation between **8am and 5pm**, with smart technology being used to help keep traffic moving. Some bus stops may be temporarily relocated, and measures will be in place to discourage through-traffic from using residential roads. To help reduce disruption, other planned roadworks in the area have been postponed during this period.

Update from Findon Parish Council

*Fiona MacLeod, Clerk to Findon Parish Council*

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## Mad Cap Corner

One of our readers has suggested that we should start a new section in the Findon News - Mad Cap Corner - and ask other readers to write in with their amusing stories, whether it be *Senior Moments* or *Out of the Mouths of Babes*. See his example below -

My friend Mave was taken by her sister-in-law to the dump with garden debris and they parked near the relevant container when she encountered a senior moment.

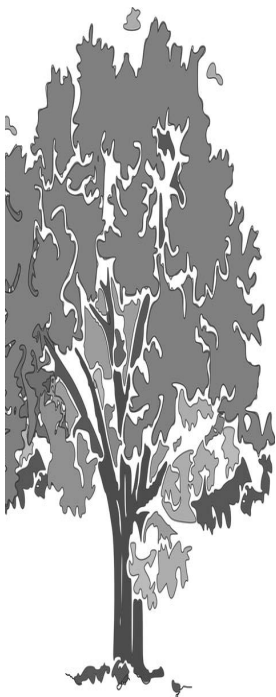
First, she started emptying her sister-in-law's boot. Then she started taking the goods out of another car parked nearby.

It was not the same make of vehicle.

It was not the same colour.

It was not the same refuse product.

And the owner of the vehicle; who was much younger than my spritely 80-year-old friend turned to her and said; "Thanks for helping me with that love."



**Tree Walk  
with the Village  
Tree Warden**  
**On Saturday July 18th,  
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### **The 200 Club draw**

was held on 8 June.  
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**Tony Brimyard**  
Secretary FVHSC  
200 Club

### Village Hall Diary July 2026

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Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Soccer Tots	Monday	Chanctonbury	9.45am
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (21 <sup>st</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	9.30am
Pilates	Wednesday	Nepcote	10.45am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Pilates	Thursday	Chanctonbury	9.30am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
Carpet Bowls	Thursday	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Circuit Training	Thursday	Nepcote	17.30pm
Tai Chi	Friday	Chanctonbury	10:00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Baby Steps Dance Group	Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.00am
	Saturday (11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	9.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday ( Not 26 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Tastevin	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Messy Church	7 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	15.00pm
Findon Village WI	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Art Workshop	11 <sup>th</sup> July	Nepcote	10.00am
WI Crafty Ladies	20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nepcote	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Parish Council Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Nepcote	19.30pm
Light Lunch	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	30 <sup>th</sup> July	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

#### Dates for your Diary in July

Terranium Workshop – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Nepcote Hall – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

FVHT Family Fun Day – Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> – Starts at 12pm until 4pm. Free entry.

Findon Parish Council – Consultation Meeting- Nepcote Hall – 2.30 -4.30pm

Light Lunch– Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June– Chanctonbury Hall – 12.45pm for 1pm

#### Dates for Your Diary in August

Summer Flower Show – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Chanctonbury – 2pm

Cinnamon Trust Summer Cream Tea – Chanctonbury – 2pm

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## JULY 2026

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Morning Prayer is said in Findon Church every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer) Worship and Praise in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer) with Cornerstone and speaker from Compassion UK Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July Sixth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church (Fr. Felix Smith)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Eighth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker) Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)

### FAMILY EVENTS:



Next Messy Church – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – 3.30pm in Findon Village Hall – Last one before summer!  
All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food

Lambs Tails – Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. Tuesdays 3-4.30pm at Findon Rectory. Contact Dom: fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com for more information and dates.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am start.  
Walk from Findon Church through the Downs and woodlands to the Junction Café in Clapham

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, from 1pm  
Fund raising Barn Dance and BBQ at Holt Farm, Clapham. £20 per adult, children free

Funerals	18 <sup>th</sup> June – Frances Ellis 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Patricia Worrall
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