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

News

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Findon Parish Council

Findon Annual Parish Meeting – Celebrating Findon’s Community Spirit. Findon’s Annual Parish Meeting took place last month and once again brought together the many groups, volunteers and organisations that contribute so much to village life. It remains one of the most uplifting evenings of the year, offering a chance to hear about the work happening quietly across the parish.

A special ‘thank you’ was given to Robin Carr, who has volunteered an enormous amount of his time over many years as both a Parish Councillor and the Lead of the Open Spaces Volunteers Group. Robin has now stepped back and handed the shovels (and the high-vis vest) over to Nick

Keating, who has kindly taken on the role. Nick spoke about the generosity of villagers who often bring tea and coffee while the team is out working. Let’s keep that tradition going (and perhaps the occasional biscuit too).

The meeting also highlighted the breadth of activity across Findon: the Open Spaces Volunteers, the Litter Picking Group, the Wildflower Group, the Trees Group, Findon Village Stores, Findon News, Findon Community website, the Men in Sheds, the Sheep Fair Committee, the Bell-Ringers, the Christmas Lights team, and the School PTA . Each plays a part in keeping the village looking welcoming, supporting local people

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From the Rectory

Hi, I'm Dom, the Family Worker for the Parish of Findon Clapham and Patching. With the support of many church members, we have been organising church events on a regular basis for families.

To date, we have had many successful events including a regular cinema club, a rounders afternoon, family farm trip, games mornings and afternoons in the church with snooker, pool, table tennis, drum/guitar lessons, face painting and the scrummiest home-made cakes provided by our very talented church volunteers!!

Messy Church (the first Tuesday of every month at 3.30pm) has grown in numbers where there are crafts, songs, a prayer and a chat, all based on a theme from the Bible. We finish the afternoon with a meal.

Lambs Tails is every week at the rectory from 3.00pm with regular attendees, which is a wonderful chance to have a cuppa and a biscuit with other parents and grandparents, whilst the kids let off some steam for an hour or so!!

I've been welcomed into the two local Church Schools at both Findon and Clapham and Patching, where I'm presently helping create a peace garden and learning the ukulele, plus

assisting with reading, which is a complete joy.

We have a number of new events planned or presently being hatched, including a family swimming afternoon at Findon pool; a walk from Findon Church to the Junction Cafe in Clapham, giving a chance to exercise and chat plus experience the beauty of our precious woodlands and South Downs Way.

The first Sunday in the month at Findon at 10.00am, is a very informal service with a band and families involved. If you have never been, I can assure you the welcome will be very warm.

I would like to thank everybody who has supported me with various help in many ways.

To conclude..

Our churches are open every day, may I encourage you to pop along and just sit and reflect, perhaps light a candle or offer a prayer to others and experience the peace and comfort of the Lord's home, I feel truly blessed to be a part of our wonderful community

Please get in touch with any questions regarding events, my email is fcpfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Dominic Timm, Family Worker

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and creating the sense of community that Findon is known for.

Among the updates, the Fabulous Findon Ladies reported that, now in their third year, with the help of all the members, they have raised significant funds, which have been distributed to local causes including the Village Hall, the Swimming Pool and the Findon Relief in Sickness Fund and purchased a new first aid kit for the Men in Sheds. Their continued success reflects the energy and generosity that runs through so many of our community groups

For a village of around 1,900 residents, we are fortunate to have a remarkably strong volunteer base – higher than the national average. Their contributions range from maintaining green spaces to supporting events, renovating our beautiful village benches and keeping village traditions alive.

The Parish Council would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who gives their time. Volunteers not only help keep the village looking its best, but they also create the social connections that make Findon such a welcoming and resilient community. If you are reading this and would like to volunteer, there is always space - Findon Parish Council have a volunteer skills registration online form. There are opportunities to suit everyone, an hour a week or an hour a month or just the occasional supporting role.

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Volunteer/skills registration form

Last but not least, FPC was sad to receive the resignation of another volunteer, Paula Whitby, who has served as a Parish Councillor for several years. Paula has been a hardworking and committed member of the Council, contributing to the Working Spaces Group, overseeing the memorial benches, and taking on many of the practical, often unseen jobs around the village that help keep Findon looking clean, tidy and cared for.

It is worth remembering that Parish Councillors are themselves volunteers, giving up their time to try to make the village a better place for everyone. Expression of interest forms are available and FPC would love to welcome another Councillor to join in the exciting projects coming to FPC.

Cllr Sean Smith
Chairman, Findon Parish Council

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Entrance and games are all free and there will be a bouncy castle outside and a soft play area in Nepcote Hall with entertainment from the Catalina Jazz Band and a dance display from the Baby Steps dance group so do put the date in your diary for an afternoon of family fun. There will also be a BBQ; a bar; the Pimm's and ice cream stall; afternoon teas will be on offer, which will be raising funds for the village hall, Findon church; and a tombola stall from the Friends of St Barnabas.

We do still need volunteers to help for a couple of hours on some of the Children's stalls – this is something that can be offered by teenagers or children and grandchildren getting involved with their parents /carers so do think about whether you could help out and if so, please contact ELAINE on 07598 144802 or bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net

What's on at the Hall

We were contacted this week by someone wanting to know about suitable exercise classes for them being held at the village hall. We gave them details of five different classes

we thought might be suitable – their response was *'I had no idea that there was so much to choose from'*.

We are so lucky to have such a range of classes on offer for all ages and abilities with several classes specifically designed to support people with mobility issues or restrictions. The benefit of opening Nepcote hall has been a number of new classes starting up initially with small numbers but gradually building up as they have become more known. Do have a look at the village hall diary in this newsletter and if you think something sounds interesting you can find all the details of each class/activity on our website. www.findonvillagehall.net/home/regular-activities?

Children's Parties

Our two halls, Chanctonbury and Nepcote, mean there are choices available for different sized parties and we have teamed up with Dave Hunt in Worthing, so bouncy castles and other inflatables can be safely used inside or outside the hall building. We offer Children's Party Packages with Findon village residents getting a 20% Discount so get in touch on bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net if you'd like to find out more.

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Cinnamon Trust

This is just a reminder of date for Cinnamon Trust Summer Fair and Cream Tea which will be held on Saturday 15th August from 2 till 4 30pm in Village Hall. Price will be £4 per person to include Cream Tea. Good doggies welcome!

If anyone would like to join our team of helpers it would be much appreciated. Please phone or message me.

As you know there was no Easter Fair this year but we still raised £347. I had a lovely thank you letter telling us how this has been spent on a back-up generator for the Poldarves Sanctuary in Cornwall. This will be very useful for keeping medication fridges and other essential

Maggie Martin



items running, heat lamps for the tortoises and warmth for all the pets in case of power failure.

I love the way I get such detail about how our fundraising is used. It makes it all seem so tangible.

Thanks again to all who support the Cinnamon Trust in any way. It is always appreciated. Enjoy the summer sunshine when it comes!

Best regards
Maggie and John Martin
07544 572702

Findon Sheep Fair - Saturday 12th September 2026

Podcast

Following the successful launch of our podcast **Not Just A Sheep Fair!** we have now released a second episode where you will hear from the volunteers and volunteer co-ordinators. The sheep fair would not be able to go ahead without the army of volunteers, and in this podcast you will hear from a handful of those involved and what it means to them. To access the podcast follow this link to our website – www.findonsheepfair.org.uk/podcast/ Listen, like and comment on the podcast and share it far and widely with your family friends.

Volunteers (Sunday)

Those who attended and helped out at last year's Sheep Fair will remember the 'inclement' weather. This resulted in extra work clearing up (e.g. moving and

cleaning ground mats) on the Sunday morning and we could have done with a few extra volunteers. Should we be faced with similar conditions this year, we would ideally like a small number of volunteers who could be called upon for a couple of hours should the need arise. If you are happy to be 'on call' please let us know at volunteers@findonsheepfair.org.uk.

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Congratulations to the lucky Draw Winners:

£500 - Jane Stevens - ball 137

£200 - Rita Simmonds - ball 69

£100 - Sue Schiff - ball 101

£50 - Pat Doyle - ball 61

£25 - Alan Bourne - ball 24

£25 - Chris Reed - ball 62

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Findon Village WI

Sara Clarke

May was our Resolutions evening when we had the opportunity to discuss the two most voted for resolutions nationally.

The first Resolution is 'Action on Women's Homelessness'. We heard Emma Fletcher from Turning Tides talk to us about the work of the charity across West Sussex with a particular focus on their work in Worthing. There is a worrying hidden population of single homeless women who are reluctant to engage with mainstream services, so it is so important to have the specialist support that Turing Tides offers. We presented Emma with a cheque for £125, raised from our Auction in January.

Findon Village WI are going to look at ways in which we can support Turning Tides as our Charity of the Year going forwards.

The second Resolution is: 'Accessible Public Toilets Facilities to Promote Dignity, Health and Social Inclusion'. We had a light-hearted quiz about the history of toilets and then discussed the facilities available in Worthing.

Following the discussions we voted in support of the two resolutions. Our results will be forwarded to our regional delegate who will vote at the WI Annual General Meeting in June.

PINKS PARLOUR TRIP

Some of our ladies spent a wonderful afternoon at Pinks Parlour in Bognor Regis this month. We learned about the art of making gelato and had a hand in making some Apple Strudel Gelato. We tasted some very unusual flavours, rhubarb to name one, made our own sundaes and took home a pot to share with family!

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th June 2026, when we will welcome Pat Langford to talk about the 'Arts and Crafts' of Chichester Cathedral.

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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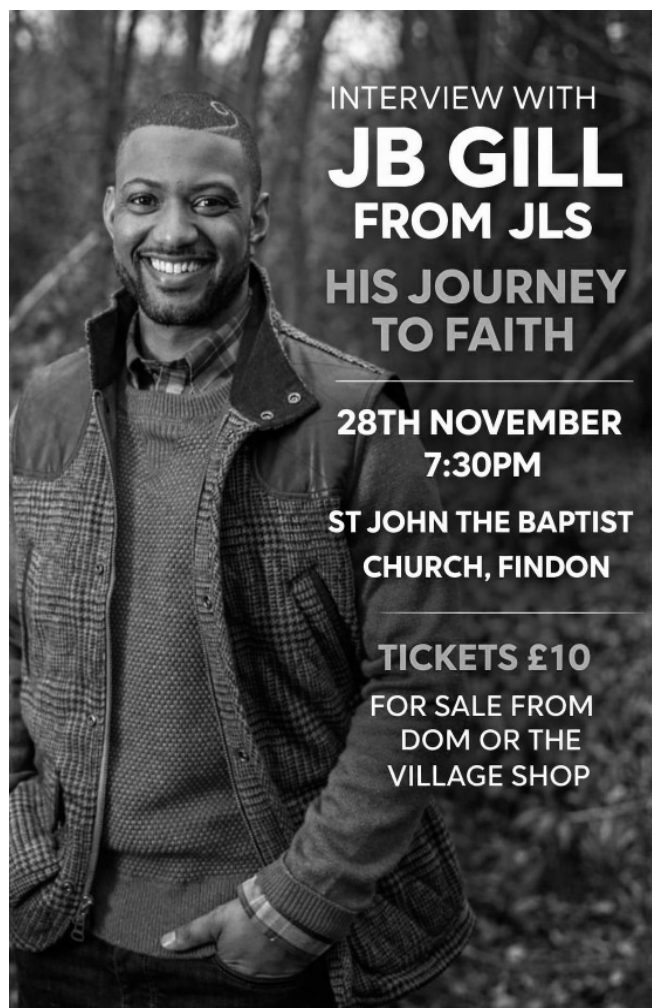
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We've just enjoyed our Open Day at the shop, and what a success it was! Beautiful weather, a great turnout from our local suppliers, and customers queuing up to taste their wares! Actually, as I write this, it hasn't yet happened, so it's a little bit tongue in cheek! But I'm sure that it will have been just as good as that, if not better.

If you've been to the shop recently, you'll have seen our new floor, or at least I hope you have. I have to confess that my observation skills were a bit rusty the first time I visited the shop after the floor was laid, and it had to be pointed out to me! It was often children who noticed it straight away. I guess they're closer! Anyway, if, like me, you need a gentle nudge to focus your gaze downwards, please take a look next time you are in there, and, whatever you think, please encourage us by saying you like it, whether you do or not!

I am somewhat vertically challenged, and getting something from a high shelf can be a bit of a problem. One time, when I had my walking pole with me, I was sorely tempted to wait for a quiet moment, and then, quick as a flash, hoik the desired object down with my pole! How mischievous that would be, but how much fun! But, and here's the rub (to quote Shakespeare); what if someone appeared just at the moment? They could get hit by a flying tin of beans! And they might not see the funny side! That would not do. So, if you, like me, can't reach an item easily, please ask for help. We have steps expressly for this purpose.

Boring, and not so much fun, but safer. Which is quite important. Actually.

I have several requests to make this month. As I've said before, the shop runs on the hard work and commitment of an army of volunteers. We could really do with some more help now. We need volunteers happy to work in the shop and **serve on an ad hoc basis**, to fill the odd gap here and there to cover sickness and holidays. Our volunteers always come up trumps, but it can be tight, and we could always do with more help. The other very necessary job that absolutely has to be done is **cleaning**. Now everyone tells me that cleaning anywhere apart from your own home is good fun and enjoyable, a bit different. So, if you are part of this 'everyone' group of people, please talk to us about helping with this vital job. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes.

My last request is for help on **Saturday 12th September**, when we have to run both the shop and our stall at the Sheep Fair, which is a considerable challenge! So, all you wonderful volunteers, if you are around, please offer your services.

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

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

Proposed single storey side extension

Downsfield 4 Nepfield Close Nephote
Findon BN14 0SS
Ref. No: SDNP/26/01712/HOUS

Addition of rear-facing dormer and front-facing dormer. Removal of four rooflights, widening of one rooflight and addition of one rooflight.

1 Lime Road Findon BN14 0UL
Ref. No: SDNP/26/01598/HOUS

Non-material amendment to planning approval -

SDNP/25/02549/FUL - To amend the rear elevation materials from tile hanging to brick

Steepdown Cottage Stable Lane
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**Tuesday 2nd June at 3.30 pm
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**Saturday 13th June 2.30 until 4.30 Findon swimming pool.
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Weekly	Day	Hall	Time
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Soccer Tots	Monday	Chanctonbury	9.45am
Yoga for Today	Monday (Not 1 st or 8 th)	Nepcote	16.30pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (16 th only)	Nepcote	9.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Chair Yoga	Wednesday (Not 17 th)	Nepcote	9.30am
Pilates	Wednesday (Not 24 th)	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 (Not 6 th and 20 th)	Nepcote	9.00am
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 21 st)	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

Monthly	Date	Hall	Time
Messy Church	2 nd June	Nepcote	15.00pm
Art Workshop	6 th June	Nepcote	10.00am
Findon Village WI	11 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
WI Crafty Ladies	15 th June	Nepcote	14.00pm
Bead Magicians	16 th June	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Sound Bath Session	21 st June	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	22 nd June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	25 th June	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	26 th June	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Stay and Play	28 th June	Nepcote	9.30am
Light Lunch	30 th June	Chanctonbury	12.45pm

Dates for Your Diary in June

Fabulous Findon Ladies Race Night – **Friday June 12th** – Chanctonbury Hall – 7pm

Light Lunch– **Tuesday 30th June**– Chanctonbury – 12.45pm for 1pm

Dates for your Diary in July

FVHT Family Fun Day – **Saturday July 4th** – Starts at 12pm until 4pm. Free entry.

Light Lunch– **Tuesday 28th July**– Chanctonbury – 12.45pm for 1pm

PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING

JUNE 2026

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer.

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every **Tuesday**.
Morning Prayer is said in Findon Church every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

Sunday 7 th June Fifth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)
	10.00am	Worship and Praise in Findon Church with Cornerstone and speaker from Turning Tides (Rev. Bill Meyer)
	10.00am	Eucharist in Patching Church
Sunday 14 th June Second Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church
	10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church
Sunday 21 st June Patronal Festival at Findon (Third Sunday after Trinity)	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church
	10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Zachary Allen)
	10.00am	Eucharist in Clapham Church
Sunday 28 th June Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church (Rev. Roger Walker)
	10.00am	Eucharist in Findon Church (Rev. Bill Meyer)

FAMILY EVENTS:

	Next Messy Church – Tuesday 2nd June – 3.30pm in Findon Village Hall 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.	

Weddings	9 th May – Thomas Prideaux de Lacy and Leslie Morgan 16 th May – Joseph Maton and Joy Talbot 30 th May – Daniel Smith and Lauren Wheeler
Funerals	27 th May – Susan Campbell

Rev. Colin Cox, Associate Vicar:
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