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## From the Rectory

The summer holidays have arrived! I'd like to thank all pre-school, school and further education staff for their hard work and dedication over the last academic year, particularly those in our own Villages. Well done to our youngsters who took their SATs this summer, regardless of results (though I've heard they went really well this year!) The important thing to remember is that everyone tried their hardest and did their best. My thoughts and prayers are with our Secondary and College or University leavers who await results later in the summer. Again, remember you all worked hard and did your best on the day, so enjoy your summer break!

At our final Messy Church Session in early July our theme was 'Do not worry', based on a passage from Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 6, verses 25-34), where Jesus was teaching his listeners not to worry about everyday things but to trust God. This is key teaching for us all to keep in mind, as we all tend to get hung up in things like what to wear or eat, which destination to choose for a day out or a short break, when these things are really just trivial! As Jesus said, the flowers of the field are more beautifully clothed than a King like Solomon! Goatcher's Field has now been mowed, but a

couple of weeks ago even Tilly was lost to sight in the long grass, and I loved to admire the variety of different grass flowers on either side of the path as I followed her through; beautiful nature!

Just like that grass, each of us is created and loved by God, unique, with our own particular gifts. Returning to our young people awaiting important exam results, some of you will be delighted, some may be disappointed, but God has a plan for each of you and even if you need to change your plans for the immediate future, all will be well! At the Findon School Leavers Service, Mrs Sharrock had a brilliant message for the Year 6 pupils as they move on into Secondary Schools; to continue to grow and develop as 'human beings' not 'human doings' – it is not so much what you do as what you become that matters in life, and being the best person you can be in every situation through life is something we should all strive for, whatever our age. Yes, exam results are important, but not everything!

Hopefully, the weather will be more settled in August after an unseasonably cold and unsettled June and early July, so we can all enjoy some warmth even if we aren't flying

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off for a holiday this year! I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer wherever you spend it and look forward to seeing those who like me

aren't away in August around the villages or in one of the churches.

Every blessing, Helena

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## Findon Village Hall - Light Lunch

**Elaine Dibben**

Thank you to all those people who have contacted me about helping to run Light Lunch in 2025.

are interested and want your name included on our potential volunteer list please contact Elaine Dibben on [bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net)

Following our meeting in July we are now planning for Light Lunch to continue in 2025 on the last Tuesday of the month. There will be another meeting held later in the year but if you

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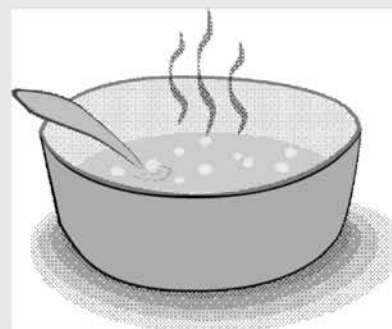
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**Light Lunch @ 1**  
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With now only six weeks to go until this year's Sheep Fair on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, most of the plans are in place. All 100 outside stalls are taken with just a couple left inside the marquee as we go to print. Sheep entries are coming in and we expect a good attendance of farms when the closing date of the 1<sup>st</sup> August is here. Already we have some different breeds attending. A good number of food outlets are booked as well as coffee vans.

We always want to have something different each year and as well as having some new stalls, we are having a Mock Sheep Auction run by an auctioneer from Hailsham market. There will be three auctions during the day up at the sheep end so look out for the times and come and experience

what used to happen in years gone by on Nepcote Green.

The Findon Valley scouts will again be helping with car parking and we thank them for their continuous support

In the middle of July the Cranleigh show was held for the first time in 5 years. Due to a lack of volunteers it could not run during that time. We never want to be in that position at Findon but we are lacking people to help during the Saturday.

Please Sign up **NOW** for an hour or so, at [findonsheepfair@gmail.com](mailto:findonsheepfair@gmail.com) Then come to the Skittle Alley at the Black Horse on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7-30pm for the volunteers meeting.

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We spent a very lovely afternoon cruising along the Wey and Arun Canal on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was the one day when thankfully the rain held off and we were able to enjoy the passing scenery.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, when our speaker will be Ellie Beadell, talking about the history of

St. Barnabas and their fundraising activities.

The competition will be "**Famous Last Words**"

**HEADS UP** – This year we are attempting to create a wonderful poppy arch on Pond Green. The knitting and crochet patterns appeared in last month's news. If you missed them and want to get involved, you can email us below. **WE NEED HUNDREDS!** to make it look spectacular.

**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

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

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### CINNAMON TRUST CREAM TEA & SUMMER FAIR



Cinnamon Trust Cream Tea and Summer Fair 10th  
August 2pm.

Please can I remind everyone that I am collecting items for the Cream Tea/Summer Fair and I would particularly welcome pet goods, items for our gift stall, plants and goodies" for our "foody" stall. (Sorry no electrical items, clothes or books). Call me on 07754 572702 and I can collect if necessary) or bring to 13 The Willows.

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Best regards, Maggie

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Well, if you have visited the shop recently you will have seen our new fridges. And very smart they are too (as well as easier to keep clean!). More efficient, they boast sliding doors to keep the food cold, and comply with the latest energy regulations. They are, in fact, bespoke, so that they could fit through the door! You won't see any quite like them, so, if you know any fridge enthusiasts, tell them to come and take a look at ours! One challenge they created, however, was how to display our confectionery. The sides are unfortunately not magnetic, so the hooks we used before won't 'stick'. We've tried magnetic tape, but it's not very strong, as some of our customers have noticed when they touch a bag and everything comes clattering down with rather too much enthusiasm! Anyway, hopefully that will be a thing of the past by the time you read this, because we are due to be fitted with a unit that, we have been assured, will hold everything we could ever want to display – well, confectionery anyway!

Last month I told you about the questionnaire we are doing. Responses so far are very positive e.g. we are lucky to have such a well-stocked shop, both the Post Office staff and the volunteers are very friendly and welcoming. It's not too late to complete it. We will take all responses seriously, so please keep

them coming in. We're always looking for ways to improve this invaluable village resource and make it as good as it could be.

And we are lucky. Our trusty band of volunteers are always ready to cover extra shifts, even at the last minute, and, even if it's at 6.30am. I take my hat off to them! (Wherever did that expression come from?) And I heard a lovely story recently of a customer asking if we knew where her ex-neighbour who moved to Findon might live, and, from the brief description she gave, the shop staff managed to work the address out, and even escort her there! Wow! How's that for a service that goes above and beyond!

So, having read this, you might just fancy working here (wouldn't we all?) If you think you might like to join the happy band of staff, we have just the thing for you. A vacancy has come up for a paid Post Office and shop assistant, which obviously needs to be filled as soon as possible. Full training will, of course, be given. If you think that you might be the right person to fill this position, or even if you're unsure but would like to find out more, please see the advert in Findon News, or pop in and chat to Angus, our manager, or Helen, our deputy. Thank you.

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Well, the first thing I should do this month is correct my “fat finger” error last month! Chanctonbury Hall will be closed for repairs to the floor for the week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> August NOT the 29<sup>th</sup> as stated in my report last month... Nepcote will, of course, be open as usual.

We are delighted to say that the response to our “Light Lunches” appeal was very encouraging and we are really pretty confident that we will be able to maintain the activity as a “break even” rather than a fundraising event (like our winter “Tea and Biscuits” sessions) from the New Year – so there will be no interruption to the service!

We were also very pleased with the Summer fete we held recently, attendance was very good, the weather was kind (though it had us worried early on!), everyone seemed to have a good time and we raised a good deal of money.

We think that we now have solutions both for the Chanctonbury toilet floors and the hall-to-hall sound transmission issues. The toilets will be done one at a time to avoid the need to close the hall while the work is ongoing. The sound proofing will be addressed in 2 stages: firstly a significant upgrade to the partition wall on the Nepcote side followed by reinstalling the existing interconnecting door so that it is flush with the modified wall surface plus

inserting an additional, similar, door on the Chanctonbury side of the same doorway – so there will be two doors in series, like is found in interconnecting doors between hotel rooms. Neither of these sound insulation actions will require hall closures – just synchronised timing! There is still the possibility that work will also have to be undertaken in the roof space but this can't be realistically assessed until we have address the direct transmission paths.

The first of the new heating controllers has been fitted in Chanctonbury, and we hope to get it talking to the Hallmaster Booking software within the next week or so. Nepcote will be slightly more fiddly, but we will complete that as soon as we are happy with Chanctonbury.

During the recent election, Nepcote was used as the village polling station and we were surprised at how many people commented that they were surprised that it was there, that it was the first time they had seen it – and how nice it is! So – it's around 8x8 metres, has a sound system (thank you to the Village Shop for their kind donation) and a kitchen with hob, microwave, dishwasher etc and it is there for you to use!

We are also pleased that we have an extra activity for younger people in the hall these days – a modern dance class run by UdanceUK from 16:30 to 18:30 on Wednesdays.

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We are still looking at improvements to hall access by integrating the door locks with the Hallmaster booking system – but this is likely to have to wait as the toilets and soundproofing together will make a Big Dent in our funds and probably drop us into the zone where we are operating with just enough cash

to satisfy the statutory “rainy day” level of funding that we must maintain. Investment levels have been high since Nepcote opened and we cannot maintain that indefinitely. We must also consider the resurfacing of the car park – which will be a major expense.

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## 200 Club

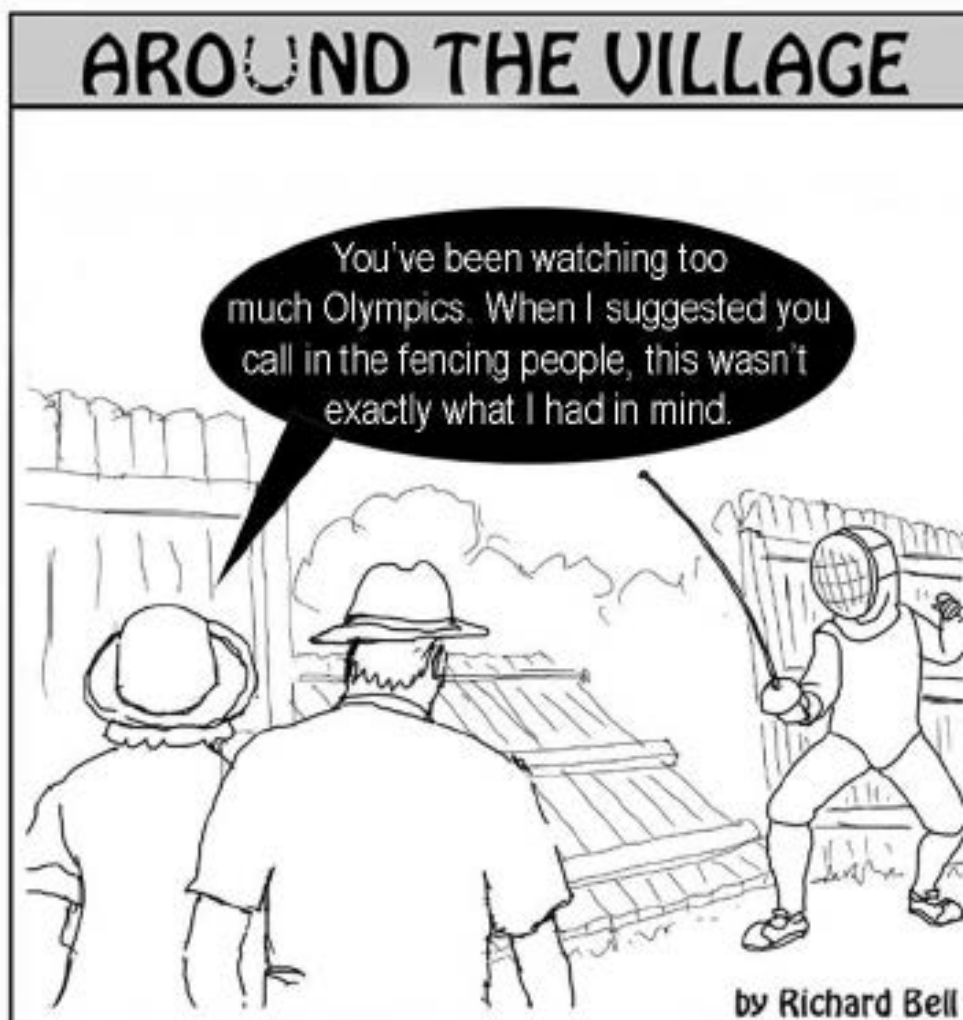
The July winner of the 200 club draw for £25 was number 13 Chris Harnshaw.

Don't forget the November grand draw is on Saturday 16th November. Rather than doing the usual buffet food, I was considering getting a fish and chips van in for a change. I would love to get

## Alan Wadhams

members' feedback on the idea. If we go ahead people would need to purchase tickets for the event, so that we could cover the cost. Paying on the night wouldn't be an option. Please get in touch.

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Firstly, Findon Parish Council ( FPC ) would like to extend its thanks to Linda Martin who stood down as Council Chair on 28 June 2024. As the Deputy Chair of FPC, I will discharge the responsibilities of the Chair until our Full council Meeting on 29 July 2024, when the council will debate next steps.

Linda joined FPC in December 2018 and thereafter became chair of the Planning committee from October 2022, subsequently becoming chair of the Full council in May 2023. These roles amply demonstrate both the time and commitment given by Linda to FPC, qualities that will be sorely missed. At the time of writing, FPC has vacancies for three councillors – please contact our Clerk, Fiona MacLeod at [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01903 877225 for more information.

Many of us would have noted with a heavy heart the recent traveller incursion onto the north verge of Nepcote and the unfortunate ensuing damage. This was doubly frustrating, since FPC had purchased and was expecting delivery of more robust and secure fencing before the summer but manufacturing delay meant that it will now be installed after the event.

Following letters and calls by residents as well as a formal letter from FPC to the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne, the travellers departed after 12 days. A letter of thanks has been sent to the office of the Police and Crime

Commissioner. The reporting of the incursion to Sussex Police was covered in our last piece by Linda but I would add that letters by residents do count and increasing “the voice” of the village undoubtedly creates a pressure for action with those relevant authorities.

A fantastic response from volunteers and the FPC working party saw the verge cleared, rubbish collected and binned within less than 24 hours and the area fenced off including a temporary barrier, to prevent further incursion. An external contractor duly collected all material and is in the process of sanitizing the area.

The dismantling of the old fencing and replacement by the already purchased more robust fencing as well as further long term solution, whilst avoiding any damage to our village assets in the conservation area around Nepcote Green is planned. FPC thanks those residents who have written to FPC with their thoughts and would encourage any residents to do likewise if they are concerned, since this creates an evidence base of village opinion and assists FPC in any actions it may take.

Dialogue has been extensive in partnership with South Downs National Park Authority, with FPC making it clear to SDNPA that swift and cooperative action is required to assuage village concerns. In the interim a soil drop has been arranged to bar entry to the North Verge, preventing further ingress.

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Several comments regarding a heavy covering of algae on Nepcote Pond have been noted and our associated expert Pete the Pond (google him, amazing guy!!) has been contacted and is already looking to deploy an

appropriate ecologically sound solution through selective plants.

Cllr Sean Smith  
Deputy Chairman, Findon Parish  
Council  
([findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk))

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## **Findon's Dogs - a polite request**

There are many dogs in Findon, most of them well-behaved and delightful, but there have been a number of incidents over recent months of over-enthusiastic dogs pestering other dogs; causing distress to both dog and owner. The police and dog warden will not deal with these incidents, so it might be worth reminding ourselves of good "doggie etiquette".

I often hear "he/she only wants to play" when an unknown, unmanaged or over-friendly dog comes bounding up to my on-lead dog. It's not that my dog is unfriendly, but when an unknown animal runs up to her, bouncing and sniffing around and refusing to leave her alone, it can be extremely distressing. There may not be any physical injury involved, but an incident like that may make any dog more nervous than it already is.

Please remember that an on-lead dog cannot play, so if you see someone with a dog on a lead, please don't allow your dog to run up to them, expecting to play. Dogs are usually on their lead for a reason, sometimes for training purposes and sometimes because they are nervous or injured. There are many rescued or adopted dogs in the village and these may be especially vulnerable.

All of these dogs should be allowed to stay calm and enjoy their walk.

So if you are walking your dog off the lead, please ensure you always have sight of where they are; are paying attention to what they are doing; and never let your dog run up to a dog that is being walked on the lead, regardless of how friendly you believe your dog to be.

If you are approaching an on-lead dog, the safest and politest thing to do is to put your own dog on a lead. And don't forget that your enthusiastic dog will be frustrated by an on-lead dog too, due to the other dog's unwillingness and/or inability to play. So it's best for all if the situation is avoided.

Similarly, long lines are a useful tool in dog training. However, a long line that does not have a human attached to the other end is worse than useless – it is dangerous. An excited dog can run around someone very quickly; winding the long line around their legs and causing a considerable hazard.

We all love our dogs, and they enrich our lives, but please let's not forget to be considerate towards other people's dogs too.

Thank you.

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## **Love in a Box**

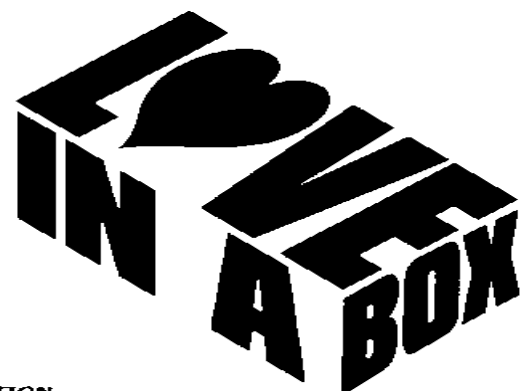
Again, this year we will be collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies to send to Moldovan children living in impoverished circumstances. Why not get ahead and start collecting bits together now to fill a box.

Each box should be filled according to age either for a boy or a girl age 3-5 or 6-11 or 12-15. Suggestions to include are, flannel, toothbrush and toothpaste, comb or brush, stationery items, a ball, cuddly toy, playing cards, jewellery, hat, gloves and scarf, sweets. Whatever is age appropriate. No socks or other clothing.

## **Hilary Langford**

I have a small number of shoeboxes available and the new Pavers shoe shop at the garden centre may have boxes available too.

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

There must be some kind of communication among hens, every day I collect the eggs, then suddenly each hen stopped laying - for two weeks no eggs. Today there were four eggs. It's weird, did they have a discussion?

Costa our Mobile Vet from Vets Care Vets spent most of the day here today inoculating all the recent arrivals. Also giving all the other cats check-ups, including a pregnant cat from London who arrived at 8.30 pm last night (no other Rescues had any room to take her in).

All the Rescues are struggling to take in unwanted cats. I am told that if your landlord uses section 21, and has sold the house you live in, you must find somewhere else to live; this is the reason for so many cats needing new homes. Most vacant properties have the same rule - No Pets. One cat here is seventeen years old, her owner has had her from a kitten, her landlord gave her notice that the house was sold and she had eight weeks to find alternative accommodation. She said every one she tried said No Pets. Time was running out; she had to take one she could afford. The poor old cat is missing her, wanting attention from everyone, its difficult rehoming a 17-year-old cat that is not fond of other cats.

All the latest cats have been neutered and spayed. Costa our Mobile Vet arrived with his travelling operating theatre and parked outside and did all the procedures. It was so convenient,

we also asked him to trim the nails on a dog belonging a resident who lives in Nightingales.

Having a mobile Vet is good news, especially for pet owners who don't drive. Some cats and dogs hate going to the Vets. We had pets that suffered travel sickness, or had to have calming medications before going to the Vets, to help with the stress. In this heat if you own a tortoise never leave him out in the sun, their shells heat up so quickly their body overheats and swells, virtually cooking the Tortoise. They need some shade in your garden. If you have a rabbit or guinea-pig in your garden remember they have fur coats. Hutches are like ovens, so ensure they are in the shade, and their water bottles are filled daily.

Every day we have phone calls about birds falling out of nests -seagull babies running around, and injured pigeons. The best organisation to contact is Sompting Wildlife Rescue - they are so helpful. If you can, google them. Nerys usually sorts them out.

from Stacey.

### **Paws Animal Sanctuary Findon**

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# Findon Village Gardens Association

We are now days away from our Summer Flower Show, which is held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, from 2pm.

There are classes for Vegetables, Flowers, Floral Art, Cookery, Handicrafts and Photography – something for everyone! There is also a class specifically for children to make an animal from vegetables and/or fruit! Any child in the village can enter on the day, so get creative and bring your entry along between 8am and 10am.

At the Spring Show, we had more than 120 entries over 39 classes, so with a bumper 60 classes at the Summer Show, we are hoping for a really fantastic display from our members.

There will be a raffle with some wonderful prizes donated by local businesses, a plant stall and cake stall. Chalk Farm Flowers will be selling their gorgeous blooms and Maggie Martin will be selling her lovely cards and pictures.

It's free entry so please join us from 2pm to celebrate our talented members and treat yourself to a drink and cake or even an ice cream!

Everyone is welcome to join our meetings, which start at 7:30pm on the last Friday of the month. Members £2, Non Members £3. Our Annual Membership is still only £5.



## Be Safe Be Seen

Even during these short nights you cannot be seen by motorists if you are wearing dark clothing, especially in unlit areas.

Carry a torch or wear reflective light clothing.

# Fire safety on the farm



If you live or work on a farm, it's important to be aware of the risks and take simple steps to protect your family, home, and business this harvest season.

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Robin Carr, leader of the Working Party, presenting new recruit Alan Hilson with his fluorescent jacket on his joining the Working Party recently.

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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](http://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 website:

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**External Alterations - Take out existing patio doors and side windows, take down brick piers and install new powder-coated Al. triple glazed screens, including sliding side doors.**

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**Single Storey Rear Extention.**

24 The Oval Findon West Sussex  
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Ref. No: SDNP/24/02783/HOUS

## Village Hall Diary August 2024

For one off events e.g. children's parties, meetings and weddings please email Elaine Dibben on [bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net](mailto:bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net) or visit [www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall](http://www.findonvillagehall.net/home/hire-the-hall). Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes. Their details are available on the Village Hall website - [www.findonvillagehall.net](http://www.findonvillagehall.net).

**PLEASE NOTE - Chanctonbury Hall** is closed for work from **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**. **Nepcote Hall** is open as normal during this time.

A number of classes are taking a break or have moved to Nepcote hall this month so please check dates carefully for when classes are being run.

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday (not 26 <sup>th</sup> )	Nepcote	10:30am
Encore Choir	Monday (not 19 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (20 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
	Tuesday (20 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	18.00pm
Line Dancing	Wednesday (not 21 <sup>st</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	10.00am
Udanceuk	Wednesday (28 <sup>th</sup> only)	Chanctonbury	16.30pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Tai Chi	Friday (9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	10:00am
	Friday (23 <sup>rd</sup> only)	Nepcote	10.00am
Cloud Nine Yoga	Friday	Nepcote	10.00am
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Friday (9 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> only)	Chanctonbury	16.45pm
	Friday (23 <sup>rd</sup> only)	Nepcote	16.45pm
Danceaholics	Sunday (Not 25 <sup>th</sup> )	Chanctonbury	18.30pm
<b>Monthly</b>			
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Findon Village WI	8 <sup>th</sup> August	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Garden Association	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

### Dates for your Diary and Future Events

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – Summer Garden Show in Chanctonbury Hall at 2pm

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August** – Cinnamon Trust Cream Tea from 2pm – 4.30pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Chanctonbury Hall will be closed for repair work to the floor. Nepcote Hall will continue to be open for bookings.

### September Dates

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Film Night – **6.30pm** doors open. **7.30pm Vindication Swim** – This film which celebrates the first British woman Mercedes Gleitze to swim the English Channel on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1927 'serves as a poignant reminder of the indomitable spirit of a woman who dared to dream beyond the confines of her era.' It was mostly filmed in Sussex and partly in Worthing

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<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b> Tenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Worship & Praise at Findon with 'Hope Rising' Eucharist at Patching
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b> Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Clapham Eucharist at Findon
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b> Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	Traditional Communion at Findon Eucharist at Findon Eucharist at Clapham
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am 9.30am	Traditional Communion at Patching Eucharist at Findon



**Next Messy Church -**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>ST</sup> October**  
 3.30 - 5.30pm 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,  
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**Tuesday mornings** at 10.30am in Nepcote Hall,  
 Findon Village Hall.  
 Contact Sue Stone: [belgiumsue@hotmail.com](mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com)  
**Starts again in September**

### Weddings:

6<sup>th</sup> July – Jack Davies and Lorna Young  
 27<sup>th</sup> July – Oliver Setchell and Amy Jenking

### Funerals:

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Barbara Harbut  
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