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Very many thanks to our Readers
and Contributors during 2024

Wishing you
a Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

From the magazine team,
Monica, Sally, Hilary and Alan

Please remember there will be
no Findon News in January



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From the Rectory

Happy New Year! The Church Year begins on Advent Sunday (this year 1st December!) but as this magazine is for 2 months, it also covers the new calendar year, from January. Looking back over 2024, it has been another busy year for the Parish, like any year with its ups and downs. Sadly, we've lost a number of our friends this past year, remembering each with gratitude for all they brought to our lives. I've met some lovely new residents in Findon too over this year as I walk Tilly, welcome to everyone new to one of our villages! On behalf of the church, I'd like to record our thanks too to Michael Drakeford, who steps down from his role as PCC Treasurer from January 2025, having worked so hard and so efficiently for many years in this voluntary but vital role. Thank you to David for joining our team in his place.

Advent is a time of preparation. Everyone is 'getting ready for Christmas', busily buying gifts for loved ones and preparing seasonal goodies to eat, but within the church the preparations go much deeper than this. Through Advent, in the 4 weeks before Christmas, we are encouraged to prepare our hearts to welcome the Christ child in once more, by prayerfully reflecting on our own thoughts and actions over the past year and seeking to deepen our commitment to our faith. In our churches there are no flower arrangements during Advent, just the Advent stand with candles and perhaps a little greenery. Each Sunday a new candle is lit, so as

Christmas approaches, there is a little more light each week, building up to the lighting of the 5th candle at the Mass of the Nativity (Midnight Mass) late on Christmas Eve as we joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus, Light of the World.

Christmas decorations seem to go up earlier each year in our shops and homes, then many people take them down very soon after Christmas morning! In the church, the Christmas Season continues until the Feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) on February 2nd so theoretically decorations could stay up till then – a great excuse for not dusting! 12th night is however traditionally when our trees are taken down, and that is long enough for most people. But what is left, once the decorations are packed away for another year? January can feel like a cold, dark, sad month... but as Christians, we continue to remember God's wonderful free gift of himself for us all in Jesus Christ. Born away from home in poverty more than 2000 years ago, growing up to teach us all of his Father's great love for all of creation, culminating in giving his life for us on the cross and rising again to show the world that for all who believe in him there is the promise of eternal life, this is what we remember and celebrate each Christmas.

On 8th November in Findon Church, we were treated to a wonderful feast of folk music linked with stories and poems of Sussex by Cotillion in their concert 'Candlemas till Christmas' - a

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lovely way to hear of country traditions through the year. If you weren't there, you missed a great evening. We hope to book them in again in 2025 for a different programme, so keep an eye on our website and for posters in the

Village in the Spring! Colin and I, with our families, wish you all a happy and peaceful new year.

Every blessing, *Helena*

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The Late Pat Wild

We are sad to announce the death of our mother Pat Wild who passed peacefully away last month at the age of 101 years in Byway House, Middleton-on-Sea. Pat and her late husband Theo had lived very happily in Findon for over 40 years and it was only in the last few months that she had (reluctantly) moved into care to be nearer her family.

Pat had lived a full and contented life, spending the last few years in her beloved bungalow and garden in Cross Lane, she was a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be sadly missed by us all.

Jane Stather and Tim Wild

Email received by Findon News

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Findon Light Lunch

Light Lunch 2025 will be held at Findon Village Hall on the last Tuesday of every month. Starting January 28th 2025.

Doors open - 12.45pm Lunch served at 1pm

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Findon Light Lunch

Findon Village Hall Trust will be running Findon Light Lunch from January 2025. The lunch club meets at Findon Village Hall on a monthly basis on the last Tuesday of the month, except in August and December. It was started in September 2014 and has been running for 10 years, interrupted only by the closure of the village hall during the covid pandemic in 2020. Our thanks go to Dorothy Barber and her committed team who have been providing this popular event for local people.

We now have a new team of volunteers who will be helping us to run Findon Light Lunch as well as a few familiar faces. The format is unchanged – a 2 course lunch of homemade soup and bread and homemade puddings. We will also be offering tea and coffee at the end of the meal.

The cost remains £6 per person and we will continue to run a raffle which will include a voucher for a future Light Lunch.

We hope to welcome back all the regulars as well as anyone new who would like to come along.

We are also hoping to be able to offer a lift to anyone who might find it difficult to come to the hall – contact Elaine on 07598144802 or bookingsecretary@findonvillagehall.net if you'd be interested in offering or having a lift.

We look forward to seeing you on January 28th at 12.45pm for a 1pm lunch.

Elaine Dibben, Booking Secretary
On behalf of Findon Village Hall Trust

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the start of December
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Family Service of Readings and Carols

Sunday 22nd December
Findon Church 3.00pm
Findon School Choir with a
Nativity including sheep and donkeys.

Christingle Service

Findon Church 3.00pm
Christmas Eve
Come to this wonderful Christmas Eve family service.

Live Nativity

Tuesday 10th December
Starting at the Village Hall at 6.15 pm
Walking along the High Street to the Gun
Led by Donkey, Sheep and
the St John the Baptist School Choir.



Family Worker for Findon, Patching and Clapham Churches and Schools.

Hi, My name is Dom and I am the Family Worker for Findon, Patching and Clapham Churches and Schools.

I'm extremely proud to have been selected for this rewarding position, working with both the kids, parents and families in our beautiful area nestled within the stunning South Downs National Park.

We have been fortunate to run a number of memorable and popular family events including "A days fun and adventure" at East Clayton Farm in Washington. There was animal petting, a woodland walk with foraging, table tennis and an in-house drum kit that managed to make lots of noise !!!

Rounders and paint spraying have been other recent activities at Findon church and a very successful film afternoon,

getting local families ready for the Christmas period with the magical film Elf.

We can't wait to see you at one of our fabulous events soon.

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I wish you all
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Dom



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As we move towards Christmas with Halloween and Guy Fawkes night behind us and the start of Xmas lights installation already underway, the focus of Findon Parish Council (FPC) turns to working on the Precept and budget for the 2025/2026 financial year, representing funds to maintain and enhance the village. This forms the overall budget for FPC for the financial year and is used for multiple purposes, including support for local groups and organisations within the village community, equipment and resources for keeping the village in good condition, and enables specific projects such as the regeneration of Nepcote Pond that occurred this year.

A number of groups that do support village life in Findon will have recently received a grant request form and we look forward to assessing these. FPC is keen to foster positive effects that benefit our village and welcome applicants to engage with the Council.

Many thanks are due to Findon Village WI who created an elegant and atmospheric tribute using poppies, around the lone soldier on Pond Green for Remembrance Day. During the service at St John the Baptist Church our local new MP, Beccy Cooper was represented by her father at the wreath laying. Beccy has expressed that she is keen to attend a future FPC meeting and, as our MP, listen and talk with residents. We will post the date

proposed and encourage attendance to cover questions and answers, for which we will create suitable time.

Across Findon we have numerous memorial benches carrying name plaques. FPC has undertaken an assessment and subsequently created a proposed maintenance plan, which has involved and will continue with our village Men In Sheds group. In addition a policy has been created regarding how memorial benches will be authorized in the future by FPC. Once approved, this policy will be placed on the FPC website. In a similar fashion the location of dog waste bins across the village, supporting our significant dog walker population whilst maintaining the village environment, has been mapped and will also be available for reference.

During the course of the year specific grant monies associated with house building are allocated to FPC by the South Downs National Park Authority. These grants are for specific purposes, such as local infrastructure, supporting health, or education. A specific team is tasked by FPC to scope these grants and propose projects that utilise these funds to village benefit. Results of this process should be available via our next article in Findon News.

Have a lovely Xmas and New Year !

Cllr Sean Smith

Chairman, Findon Parish

Council <https://findonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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We typically meet 6 times a year and the meeting dates and times are set well in advance, typically 4-6pm on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Previous experience as a clerk would be desirable but not essential – full training can be provided.

Hours of work outside the meeting may be worked flexibly at home to undertake agenda preparation, communications, monitoring of governor training and production of minutes.

The contracted role is approximately 80 hours per academic year.

You will need to be able to manage your time effectively, be comfortable chasing busy people to ensure deadlines are met and be confident in taking the initiative to find relevant information on behalf of the Governing Body.

If this is a role that you are interested in and you would like more information, please contact the school office on 01903 873072 or by email to: office@stjbps.co.uk

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The above is a free presentation from Daniel Sykes, Surrey Police and covers topics such as Online Account Security, Phishing Awareness, Digital Footprints, as well as an overview of the current threats and resources available. The event runs for approximately one hour, allowing for a 15min Q&A, and it is not overly technical!

The feedback from previous sessions has been overwhelmingly

positive with the majority of people saying they would change their online behaviour. They would be willing to set up a session in Findon if there is enough interest.

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The shop always looks at its best around Christmas-time. Well, that's not to say that it doesn't always look attractive, but it's even more sparkly and magical at this time of year! Actually, I think I'm getting myself into hot water here, so I'd better move on quickly. Our shelves are bursting with luxury panettones, frangipane mince pies, miniature festive cakes and even Cluedo crackers! I'm not sure that my idea of festive fun is to meet Miss Scarlet brandishing a candlestick down a dark hallway, but I guess the powers that be have decided that a murder after the turkey is sure to go down well! (Whatever happened to the goodwill and cheer traditionally associated with Christmas?)

We also have a great range of wrapping paper and Christmas cards, including a scenic one of Josh Gifford's Grand National winner, Aldaniti. Definitely one to be proud of!

Which brings me on to the last posting dates:

First class - Friday 20th December

Second class -

Wednesday 18th December

We have leaflets available in-store which give international dates. If you are sending something abroad, postage is cheaper for packages weighing under 2kg. If possible, please collect a customs declaration form from the shop ahead of time to speed the posting process up.

We've just had our volunteers' meeting, always a good time to put faces to all those names you see on the rota but never meet, and to make new friends. It was interesting to hear from the

committee members, and we all participated enthusiastically in the obligatory, but very necessary, first aid training! One thing that came out of the meeting is the need for more volunteers, so, especially if you are an early bird (well, 6.30am sort of early), please don't be shy in coming forwards! You are always well-supported, so it's not too scary. As well as knowing you're doing something important for the community, you cannot fail to be cheered by the friendliness and buzz that characterises the shop. It's great! For more information, please talk to Angus, our manager, Helen, our deputy, a volunteer, or ring Annie on 07946 748814.

We have our AGM in the Village Hall on December 5th at 7.30pm, with registration and the cash bar opening at 6.45pm. Do come to support our shop, and hear from the chair and committee members. It's a great time to find out how the shop is doing, as well as chatting with friends over a glass of a little something.

Before I finish, I need to tell you the shop Christmas opening times:

Christmas Eve: 7am – 5pm

Christmas Day: Closed

Boxing Day: 7am – 12.30pm

New Years Eve: 7am – 5pm

New Years Day: 7am – 12.30pm

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The Findon Wildflower Group have now completed the preparation for rewilding the southern end of the High Street embankment and the grass bank at the top of Steep Lane.

At the top of Steep Lane: following a profusion of wildflowers in the summer, the group have removed an extensive area of turf to join the existing beds, and more wildflower seeds have been sown. The area on the left of the site path (looking north) has been left fallow to see what wildflowers emerge naturally.

On the High Street embankment: existing wildflower beds, which saw a lovely display of wildflowers in the summer, have been extended and sown with more wildflower seeds. This site is less suitable for growing large swathes of wildflowers because of the intermittent shade provided by the trees and because of the relative narrowness of the site. It will therefore require a slightly different approach. We aim to grow more low-growing wildflower plants and have planted a few hundred spring bulbs around and in between the trees, including Bluebells, Snowdrops, Wild Tulips, Crocuses, Nodding Star of Bethlehem and Lily of the Valley. In

the spring, plug and more mature wild flowering plants, will be planted elsewhere on the site.

Wildflowers prefer nutrient poor soil. Unfortunately, the soil on both sites is surprisingly good (as can be seen by the amount of vigorous grass growth!) so for the past year we have been raking and removing the cuttings from the two sites each time the grass has been cut by AC Gardens, to avoid further enrichment of the soil.

The plan is now to rewild these two sites which will entail the grass being cut twice a year; once in spring, before the wildflowers grow and once in the autumn to cut back the dead flowers. At each cut, the cuttings will be raked and removed. An important element of the seed mix we use is the addition of Yellow Rattle which attaches its roots to those of grass, drawing water and nutrients from them and suppressing the grass growth – a pretty, useful little wildflower!

Findon Wildflower Group will maintain both sites which, if needed, include cutting growth which obstructs the footpaths and roads.

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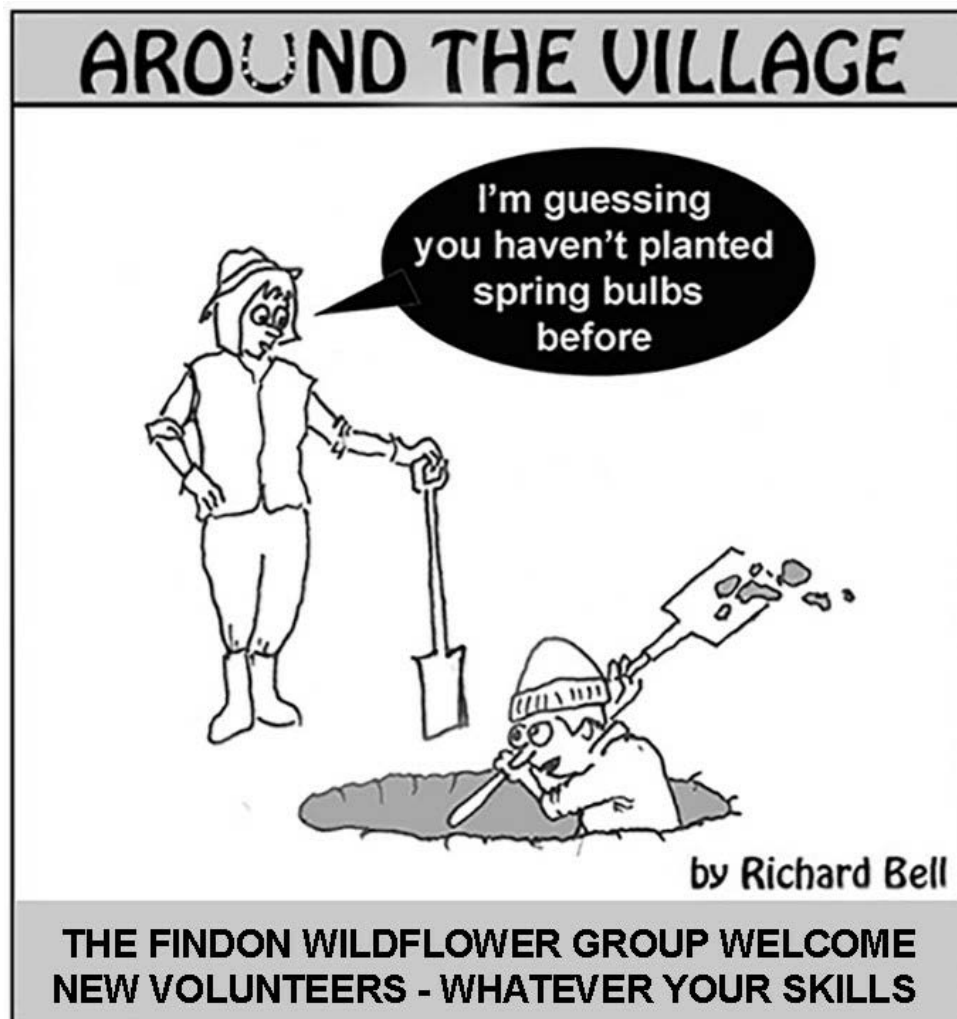
Rewilding and establishing wildflower sites take several years, and we will continue to monitor and review the success of the rewilding project which is sponsored by Findon Parish Council and the South Down National Park Trust who have also provided valuable advice and guidance for the project. Of course, there is no guarantee that the wildflowers will flourish and thrive, but we feel it important to try!

We are a small group of 9 volunteer village residents and are therefore somewhat limited in our scope for developing further wildflower sites in the village. We joined forces for our recent 'big dig' on both sites, with the Open Spaces Team which, was greatly appreciated. We would very

much welcome further volunteers to join our group. We meet as and when required for 2-3 hours at a time. If you are interested in joining our group or wish to enquire about anything to do with the project or indeed wildflowers, please contact Siân Keating via email: doders1@hotmail.co.uk.

In the meantime, we rather hope that we have a cold and frosty winter which are the perfect conditions to enable the seeds to germinate in spring and produce a beautiful profusion of wildflowers next summer.

After a Merry (and wintery) Christmas, let's hope for a Happy (and colourful) New Year!





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WI Report

We had an evening of Star making at our November meeting. Our ladies put their creative skills to the test cutting and folding stars from recycled Christmas cards. When all strung together they will adorn the Village Hall ready for the festive celebrations. Hopefully, you will get to see them when attending one of the many groups, classes and events taking place during December.

REMEMBRANCE COMMEMORATION – many people commented on the poppy arch and display on Pond Green this year. We hope you enjoyed our efforts and took a moment to reflect on the sacrifice made by so many people in conflicts all over the world. Did you notice the purple poppy? Placed to honour animals who have served alongside Allied Forces; recognising the comfort and good luck that they provided to those on active service.

AUTUMN PRE-LOVED FASHION SALE

A big thank you to all who donated clothing and came along to support this event. We made a

profit of £250 which is fantastic and will be added to our total for the Community Swimming Pool. The leftover coats have been donated to 'Wrap Up Worthing' to help vulnerable people in the local community this winter.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm, which will be our Christmas celebration. We are looking forward to a fun evening of fizz, nibbles, a quiz and sing-a-long. There will be a competition for the most fabulous, festive headwear and a raffle.

On behalf of the Findon Village WI Committee, we would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. See you in 2025.

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



Christmas Family Fun Morning

Findon Friends of St Barnabas

The Fair on Saturday 23rd November raised a magnificent total of nearly £800, despite the awful weather. Many thanks to all who visited and to those who helped on the day.

Love in a Box- Shoebox Appeal



The boxes have now been collected and hopefully will soon be on their way to Moldova. There was a magnificent 87 of them, far more than expected and more than last year. Thank you to everyone who has filled a box or donated goodies towards extra boxes. The driver who picked them up told me he'd been as far away as Cornwall and would then be making a number of other visits on his way home to Eastbourne where the offices of Mustard Seed are. He was impressed with our boxes

Why not get a head start and begin collecting goodies for next year now!



Christmas Lights in the Chase

Friday 15th November was a crisp clear winter's evening with a full moon above The Chase. Gill Silver's front garden was abundant with Christmas decorations. Friends and neighbours started arriving at 6.00pm and the grand switch on of lights took place with a countdown at 6.30. What a display! Regent Street would be proud of it!

I was delighted to have been invited to be there and also to bring my Cinnamon Trust collecting tin and some Christmas cards to sell. It was a wonderful surprise to find that the evening had raised £170 for the Trust!

Maggie Martin

I would like to thank Gill for a fantastic evening including delicious sausage rolls and mince pies. It was a great idea and an event enjoyed by all.

Whilst on the subject of thanks I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Findon News Team for their super efficient job throughout the year. You are all brilliant!

Happy Christmas to you all from
Maggie and John Martin

From the Editorial Team - Thank you Maggie for your kind comment.



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Tea and biscuits on Monday afternoon 2:00 until 4:00 are proving popular again this year so do come along if you are available and want a chat! It's 50p for as much tea or coffee as you can drink and another 50p for endless biscuits.

We have the new heating control system running but we need help from the supplier to get the Hallmaster link working properly

This will be my last article as chair of the village hall trust as I am standing down at the AGM this year. I would like to thank all my fellow trustees, both past and present for the generous help and support they have offered me. At the time of writing the elections for the new committee have not yet been held but I would also like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the new chair. The next major capital project for the new team will be the car park re-surfacing.

The new sound-proofing doors for the interconnecting doorway between the two halls are ready to fit and we have identified a contractor to do this work – by the time you read this they may be all finished and we hope that we will have a very acceptable level of noise isolation between the rooms.

Remaining on the subject of acoustic issues, we have been lucky enough to receive a gift of some additional, albeit very different, anti-reflective panels and these will be fitted over the coming days. We hope these will further improve the acoustic characteristics of both halls.

As of January, we are delighted to say that we have successfully established

a team of volunteers who will maintain the tradition of Light Lunches started by Dorothy Barber and her team many years ago. This will now be activity managed by the Village Hall Trust rather than an independent activity that simply takes place in the village hall. The first of the "New Teams" lunches will take place at 12:45 on 28th January. As ever, there is always room for further volunteers! We think that both the Light Lunch and the Tea and Biscuits afternoons are important in that they help the Hall to reach villagers who don't otherwise use the hall very much – and it is there for everybody! Personally, I think a big thank you both to Dorothy and her team and another to the new team is richly deserved.

Lambs Tails is now an area where we need a significant boost and we are hopeful that we can achieve this – rather like we have for the Light Lunches. The fact is that we need new volunteers or we won't have Lambs Tails any more. If you are interested, please contact Sue Stone on lambstails@findonvillagehall.net

We have had an excellent response with respect to volunteers for the events team – although we could still use a few more – events@findonvillagehall.net for those that are interested. However, whilst we have had some interest in the gardens team, we need more volunteers both for gardens and maintenance -I am sure the new chair would be delighted to hear from those interested... chair@findonvillagehall.net

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200 Club

Saturday the 16th November, was the Autumn Grand Draw for the Findon 200 Village Hall Supporters Club.

We're very pleased to say that we had a very good response of 70 people to our Fish and Chip evening. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our lucky winners were :

- (101) S.Schiff £500
- (154) L.Blaber £200
- (76) C.Pelling £100
- (73) M.Stooks £50
- (182) S.Steer £25
- (125) R.Dean £25

The winning ball on the night went to (96) S.Line, which was a voucher for Afternoon tea for 2 at Dee Dee's.

After all cash prizes had been given for the year 2024. The 200 club was pleased to present Roger Stone FVH

chairman a cheque of £2250 for the hall operating fund.

Our thanks to everyone who attended and renewed their support for the 200 club for the 2024/2025 season.

Also a special thank you to Richie Line for helping to set up the hall, David Gear and Sue Brown for manning the bar and support from Christine and Cathrine, and everyone who helped to clear away,

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Regards Alan Wadhams (secretary}
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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 website:

T1 - Sycamore: Permission to fell dangerous tree suffering from large cavity at stem from buttress. T2 - Sycamore (or potentially a Maple): Permission to prune lowest two branches. These are overhanging the road, and are potentially dangerous. 29 Steep Lane Findon BN14 0UE Ref. No:SDNP/24/04809/TPO



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I have a landline and a mobile phone, both ring constantly all day. I never use an ansaphone, because, I need to write everything down and would never have the time to ring people back. I dread looking at the in- box on my computer 1222 emails, this week, most of them will be rubbish, special offers, and irritating adverts. So, I answer the telephones every day and try patiently to listen to everyone who needs to find a new home for an animal , chicken etc. Or, someone who is looking for a Cat, Rabbit, or Guinea-pig.

Just yesterday a Lady rang me from Woking, she said her Father had a fall could I take 4 kittens?

I asked their ages and have they had their Inoculations and does he have the Mum? It was such a very bad line! She said " They are babies and haven't had any inoculations and he doesn't have the Mum because he hatched the eggs out in an Incubator", then I fell in, she was talking about chickens !!! Not Kittens !

We still have lots of Cats, two Kittens, Rabbits, Guinea-Pigs, nine Hens, as well as the Donkey, Pony, Parrot and a new Gerbil. All need cleaning out, grooming and feeding every day, A lovely friendly Norwegian Forest Cat has just arrived. The owner has moved into a flat and Pepsi the cat is missing a garden to roam in.

Our elderly resident Dogs were so upset when somebody very close was letting bangers off one evening. One dog Bruno couldn't stop shaking on my lap all evening then had Diarrhoea all over my kitchen floor for two nights running. Bluey the other dog was being sick over and over in his bed. All the Hens stopped laying. We haven't had one egg since that dreadful night.

I really feel sorry for Rabbits and Guinea-Pigs living in hutches outside in gardens in the cold. People ring me asking if I can look after their Rabbits or Guinea-Pigs for the winter. When I ask if the have a shed they often say they keep their bikes in there. I explain our Volunteers are already overworked with too many of our own animals to look after. Maybe somebody could start a business from home, the Bunny and Squeaks Holiday Hotel that was In Littlehampton run by a friend has now closed.

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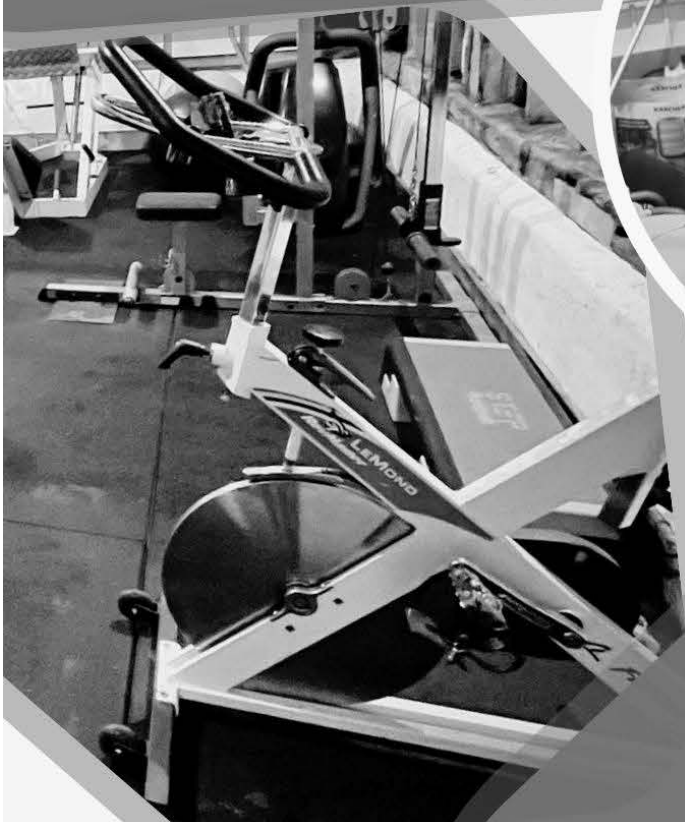
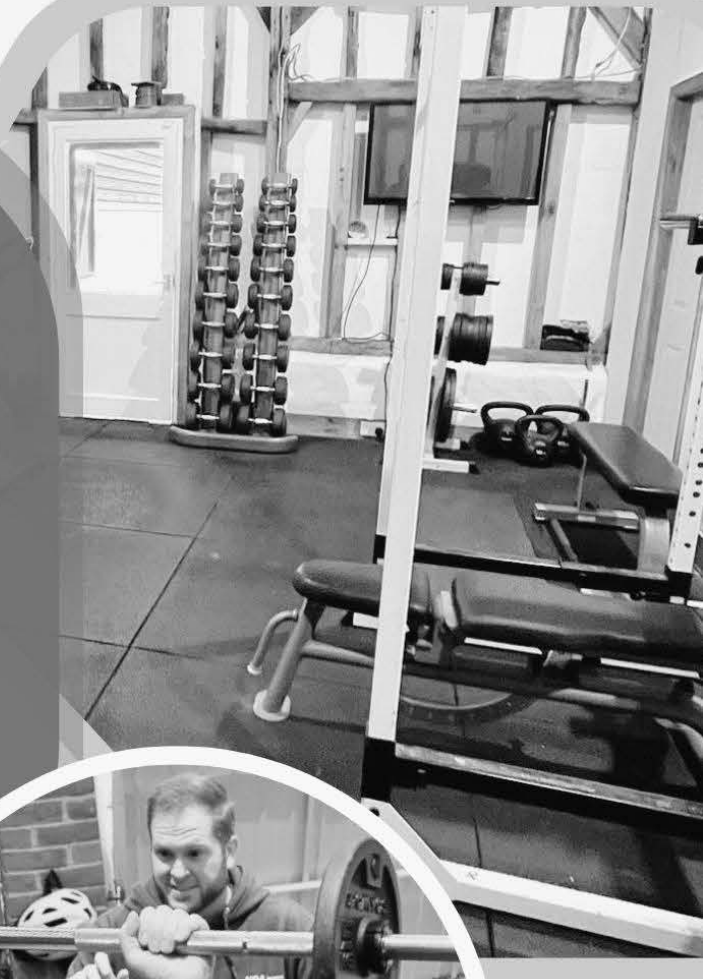
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Please contact organisers directly for further information about activities/classes.

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| Weekly | Day | Hall | Time |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Just Yoga | Monday | Nepcote | 10:30am |
| Afternoon Tea Drop In | Monday | Nepcote | 14.00pm |
| Encore Choir | Monday | Chanctonbury | 18.45pm |
| Keeping Fit with Enzo | Tuesday | Chanctonbury | 9.15am |
| | Tuesday (21 st only) | Nepcote | 9.15am |
| Lambstails | Tuesday (from 14 th) | Nepcote | 10.30am |
| You Yoga | Tuesday | Chanctonbury | 18.00pm |
| Chair Yoga | Wednesday | Nepcote | 9.30am |
| Line Dancing | Wednesday | Chanctonbury | 10.00am |
| Cloud Nine Yoga | Wednesday | Nepcote | 19.00pm |
| Strictly Dancing with Lisa | Wednesday | Chanctonbury | 19.00pm |
| Pilates | Thursday | Chanctonbury | 9.30 / 10.30 /11.45am |
| Carpet Bowls | Thursday | Chanctonbury | 14.00pm |
| Tai Chi | Friday | Chanctonbury | 10:00am |
| Cloud Nine Yoga | Friday | Nepcote | 10.00am |
| Keeping Fit with Enzo | Friday | Chanctonbury | 16.45pm |
| Dionysus Drama Club | Saturday | Nepcote | 15.00pm |
| Danceaholics | Sunday | Chanctonbury | 18.30pm |
| Monthly | Date | Hall | Time |
| Findon Village WI | 9 th January | Chanctonbury | 19.30pm |
| Parish Council Planning Mtg | 9 th January | Nepcote | 19.30pm |
| Tastevin | 19 th January | Chanctonbury | 19.00pm |
| Meditation | 19 th January | Nepcote | 19.30pm |
| Bead Magicians | 21 st January | Chanctonbury | 10.00am |
| Parish Council Full Mtg | 20 th January | Chanctonbury | 19.30pm |
| Light Lunch | 28 th January | Chanctonbury | 12.45pm |
| Findon Garden Association | 31 st January | Chanctonbury | 19.30pm |

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Every Monday afternoon - Drop In Afternoons - Nepcote Hall - 2pm – 4pm

Friday January 10th Bright Lights Comedy Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm

Friday January 24th FVHT Film Night - Joyride - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm.

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February Dates

Friday February 14th Bright Lights Comedy Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm

Friday February 21st FVHT Film Night - Film to be confirmed - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm.

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Saturday February 22nd Friends of Findon Church Quiz Nite - Chanctonbury Hall

Village Hall Diary December 2024

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Please note the Village Hall will be closed from **Tuesday 24th December – Thursday 2nd January** apart from pre-booked private events.

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| Just Yoga | Monday | Nepcote | 10:30am |
| Afternoon Tea Drop In | Monday (16 th only) | Chanctonbury | 14.00pm |
| Afternoon Tea Drop In | Monday | Nepcote | 14.00pm |
| Encore Choir | Monday (Not 23 rd) | Chanctonbury | 18.45pm |
| Keeping Fit with Enzo | Tuesday | Chanctonbury | 9.15am |
| | Tuesday (17 th only) | Nepcote | 9.15am |
| Lambstails | Tuesday (3 rd only) | Nepcote | 10.30am |
| You Yoga | Tuesday | Chanctonbury | 18.00pm |
| Line Dancing | Wednesday | Chanctonbury | 10.00am |
| Cloud Nine Yoga | Wednesday | Nepcote | 19.00pm |
| Strictly Dancing with Lisa | Wednesday (4 th and 11 th only) | Chanctonbury | 19.00pm |
| Pilates | Thursday (5 th and 12 th only) | Chanctonbury | 9.30 / 10.30 /11.45am |
| Carpet Bowls | Thursday | Chanctonbury | 14.00pm |
| Tai Chi | Friday | Chanctonbury | 10:00am |
| Cloud Nine Yoga | Friday | Nepcote | 10.00am |
| Keeping Fit with Enzo | Friday (6 th only) | Nepcote | 16.45pm Friday |
| | | Chanctonbury | 16.45pm |
| Danceaholics | Sunday (Not 8 th) | Chanctonbury | 18.30pm |
| Monthly | Date | Hall | Time |
| Parish Council Full Mtg | 2 nd December | Nepcote | 19.30pm |
| Messy Church | 3 rd December | Chanctonbury | 15.30pm |
| Meditation and Sound Bath Healing | 3 rd December | Nepcote | 19.30pm |
| Parish Council Planning Mtg | 5 th December | Nepcote | 19.30pm |
| Findon Garden Association | 6 th December | Chanctonbury | 19.30pm |
| Findon Village WI | 12 th December | Chanctonbury | 19.30pm |
| Bead Magicians | 17 th December | Chanctonbury | 10.00am |

Dates for your Diary and Future Events

Every Monday afternoon - Drop In Afternoons -Nepcote Hall - 2pm – 4pm

Saturday December 7th Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair – Chanctonbury Hall – 10am

Tuesday December 10th Live Nativity leaves FVHT car park at 6.15pm

Wednesday December 11th Antiques and Collectables Roadshow – Nepcote hall -10am – 3pm

January Dates

Friday January 10th Bright Lights Comedy Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm

Friday January 24th FVHT Film Night - Joyride - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm.

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PARISH OF FINDON, CLAPHAM AND PATCHING JANUARY 2025

All three Churches are open daily for private prayer

There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,
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| Sunday 5 th The Epiphany Second Sunday of Christmas | 08.00am 10.00am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church with local musicians Eucharist in Patching Church |
| Sunday 12 th Baptism of Christ First Sunday of Epiphany | 08.00am 09.30am | BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church |
| Sunday 19 th Second Sunday of Epiphany | 08.00am 09.30am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church |
| Sunday 26 th Third Sunday of Epiphany | 08.00am 09.30am | BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church |



Messy Church - starts again on Tuesday 4th February
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There is a 10.00am said Eucharist in Findon Church every Tuesday,
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| Sunday 1 st Advent Sunday | 08.00am 10.00am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church with Cornerstone Eucharist in Patching Church |
| Sunday 8 th Advent 2 | 08.00am 09.30am | BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church |
| Sunday 15 th Advent 3 | 08.00am 09.30am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church |
| Sunday 22 nd Advent 4 | 08.00am 09.30am 03.00pm | BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church Family Carol Service with a Nativity tableau in Findon Church |
| Tuesday 24 th Christmas Eve | 03.00pm 11.30pm | Christingle Service in Findon Church Midnight Mass in Findon Church |
| Wednesday 25 th Christmas Day | 08.00am 10.00am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Christmas Eucharist in Findon Church Christmas Eucharist in Patching Church |
| Sunday 29 th First Sunday of Christmas | 08.00am 10.00am | BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Parish Worship in Clapham Church |

Additional Christmas Celebrations

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Saturday 1 st | 05.30pm | Findon Christmas lights are switched on. Carols, mince pies, mulled wine and a visit from Father Christmas. |
| Saturday 7 th | 10.00am - 12.30pm | Cinnamon Trust Christmas Fair in Findon Village Hall |
| Tuesday 10 th | 06.15pm | Walking Nativity in Findon Village, starting at the Village Hall, with carols in the garden of The Gun Inn. |
| Monday 16 th | 06.15pm | Carols Round the Coals at Patching Church, (starting at the Old Forge, to follow the donkey to the churchyard), Father Christmas is expected to make a visit too! |
| Tuesday 17 th | 07.00pm | Carol Singing with the Monarch's Way Singers in Findon, meeting outside the Post Office. |
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