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Community newsletter for  
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Including the Church Parish of Findon,  
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# News

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## From the Outgoing Light Lunch @ 1Team

Our last Light Lunch @1 on Tuesday 26th November was memorable in many ways. Never before have we catered for so many, but by a miracle (prayed for by Helena) there was enough food for everyone. As more and more people filed into the Village Hall, and extra tables were laid by our ever-efficient serving ladies, there was a slight sense of panic in the kitchen, but we needn't have worried. With the usual friendliness and good humour, everyone was eventually seated and fed.

It was extremely gratifying for us that so many had come to say farewell, and especially to be in the kitchen hearing, as always, the sound of people enjoying each other's company, chatting and sharing a meal together. This was the

sole reason we started LL@1 more than a decade ago.

At the end of the meal, after an epic raffle, we were presented with flowers, very generous gift vouchers and cards from our lovely, loyal "lunchers", for which we thank you all.

We now hand our ladles to the Village Hall Committee and the W.I. who will continue to serve freshly made soups and puddings at 1pm on the last Tuesday of the month, in the Village Hall. We hope you will continue to support them. We wish the new team every success and hope it will give them as much enjoyment and satisfaction as it has always given us.

Thank you and Goodbye from Dorothy Barber, Mary Childs and Barbara Stibbs.

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## From the Rectory

I hope you all had a healthy and happy Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations this year so successful. There are some photos from the Findon Live Nativity and family film afternoon on our website – why not have a look if you haven't seen them already? While you're there, check out all the extra things we have planned so far for the coming year.

2025 is a special year for Chichester Diocese too, as we celebrate the 950<sup>th</sup> birthday of our cathedral with many exciting events planned across the Diocese for all ages. Details can be found on the Diocesan website, or you can follow the link on our own website. Each Deanery is hosting a celebratory Service, led by one of our Bishops, and ours takes place at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Broadwater on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, led by Bishop Ruth, Bishop of Horsham. Everyone is welcome, and some of our own congregation are taking an active part, so do come along to support them if you can. If a lift is needed, contact the Parish Office and we will try to help.

This year is also the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed, the Statement of Faith initially agreed at the Council of Nicaea all those years ago, to combat heresy and provide a common ground for the faith of all Christians, believing in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This faith is affirmed every Sunday in our Services, and also at every baptism as we welcome new Christians, whatever

their age, into the fellowship of Christ's family.

The Diocese has prepared a Lent Course based on the Nicene Creed for this year and there will be the opportunity to join a daytime or evening group in the Parish using this material, with contributions from a different historical Spiritual figure each week of the course, available as a podcast or in the leaflet called 'I Believe', available to download from the Diocesan website. Just type in Diocese of Chichester Homepage and follow the links! Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and our Groups will start the following week (day and time tbc depending on take-up) Our now established Monday evening Homegroup will also be following this course.

Our March Messy Church session falls on Shrove Tuesday, so the theme will obviously be Lent and pancake based! We would like to invite you to join us for a pancake towards the end of the session should you wish to, or any time to see what we get up to with our families in the Chanctonbury Hall on the first Tuesday of the month 3.30-5.45pm. New helpers are always welcome, so popping in to see what we do is a great first step if you have a little time to volunteer. A small group of us meet a week or so before over coffee, to plan that month's crafts and it is always fun!

Finally, ending on a sad note, a loved friend and neighbour of many of us, especially in Patching, Pauline Prior

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died unexpectedly on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January. We seem to have lost so many lovely friends over this winter. Pauline will be greatly missed for her support of music and worship in the Parish, particularly in Patching Church, her valuable contribution to our Parochial Church Council and her hospitality and generosity in events for

the Friends of Clapham and Patching Churches. I have many happy memories of time spent with Pauline, enjoying her wisdom and her sense of humour. Our thoughts and prayers are with Richard and the family. May Pauline rest in peace and rise in glory.

Every blessing, *Helena*

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## A Thank You from the Christmas Lights Team

We had a wonderful 'turning on ceremony' of the Village Christmas Lights on 1st December – it felt like the highest number of attendees so far! We would like to thank Clive our master of ceremonies, the School Choir, The Gun Inn and The Village House staff for their support and for making it such a lovely evening. We also welcomed our local MP – Beccy Cooper who was keen to meet villagers.

We hope everyone enjoyed it.

As usual we could not put on such a great display without the helpers on the setting up and taking down weekends: Gez, Clive, Chris, Eric, and Ritchie and the helpers at the turning on ceremony: Father Christmas, Mollie our elf, and Jan for helping escort Father Christmas.

As always there are lots of supporters in the background, lending either their equipment or services, and we thank you too: Findon Parish Council, Southern Cranes, residents and businesses who allowed us to tap into their electricity; Puckamuck for the use of a van, Graham for the walkie-talkies and Mike for the use of his driveway for storage.

We no longer need to run a raffle as we have sufficient funds to purchase replacement lights and the FPC have kindly agreed to support the Christmas Lights on an ongoing basis.

Thank you once again for everyone who has helped support the Findon Christmas Lights.

We would also like to use this opportunity to ask for help. We are conscious of the years marching on and really need to start planning for a slightly younger team! We need an electrician (ideally someone who can also use a cherry picker although we can organise training for this) plus up to four volunteers to help with traffic towards the middle of November and just over one day (on a Saturday normally) to take them down as close to 12<sup>th</sup> night as possible. We were thinking of a shadow year next year with the existing team providing guidance and support and then the following year the team would just be on standby.

Anyone who would like to know more about this lovely, village enhancing project can ring on 07737707830.

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## 200 Club

The new 2024 / 25 year has begun for the Findon 200 club with the £25 monthly draws going to (29) Peta Onslow for December and (185) Mark

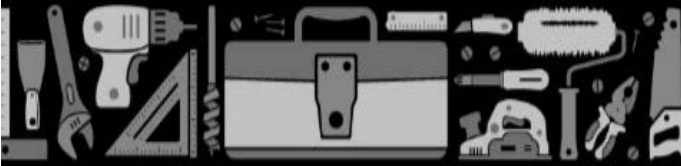
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Alan Wadhams (secretary)

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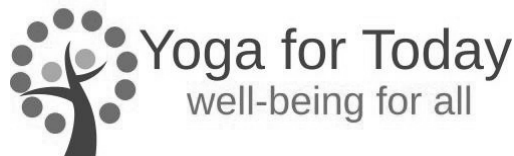
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## Family Service Findon Church

Sunday 2nd February  
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All donations welcome

**Everyone welcome**

## **Findon, Patching and Clapham Churches - Family Events 2025**

Hi, My name is Dom and I am the Family Worker for Findon, Patching and Clapham Churches and Schools. We have a number of exciting events coming up, details of which are below.

Games afternoon at Findon Church (St John the Baptist), starting at 2pm, with drum lessons, face painting, pool, table tennis and refreshments - 18th February

Film afternoon at the above church with the kids' film, Paddington. Donation required at door, refreshments served, all families welcome, starts at 2pm - Saturday 22nd March

Rounders and lunch round the fire pit at Wildheart, Long Furlong. 11 o'clock start, open to all families, come and

join us for our church service at 9.30 then join us for a fun event - 22nd June

East Clayton Farm trip in Washington, Donation required, open to all families, timings tbc, email Dom for any details - August (exact date tbc)

Film afternoon with Paddington 2. Donation required, refreshments available, all families welcome - 4th October.

Christmas tree festival at St John the Baptist church - 6th December  
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I would pass on massive thank you to Mr Roger Stone (take a bow) our retiring Chairman for all his work and commitment over those last few years, it has not, nor will not go unnoticed, Thank you Roger.

Both halls, Chanctonbury and Nepcote are fully available for hire, with our user feedback very positive. We continue

working to improve the facilities and to update where we can. The next projects include the car park and the Chanctonbury Hall redecoration.

Our first Light Lunch has been held and was a great success. This will become even more popular as it starts to establish itself and takes place on the last Tuesday of the month - details available on our website.

So short as this may be, I will endeavour to do my part in the running of the Village Hall, so that it's available and maintained to the best standards for everyone.

Mark R  
Chairman – Findon Village Hall Trust



## FROM MON 14<sup>TH</sup> OCT TEA, COFFEE, BISCUITS AND CHAT

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amounted to £2,156 and this means that in 2024 we raised £6,293 in total. Each and every one of you who has contributed is amazing and you can rest assured that every £1 will be wisely spent to help the people and pets. As always, the veterinary costs are a major and vital expense as most of the pets are elderly and many are infirm! The other ongoing expense is the upkeep and maintenance of the Sanctuaries where the elderly bereaved pets live.

Dates for your 2025 diary:

Easter Fair: Saturday 12th April 10am-12:30pm  
Cream Tea: Saturday 9th August 2pm-4:30pm  
Xmas Fair: Saturday 13th December 10am-12:30pm  
(All in Findon Village Hall).

I will be taking orders for Easter Cakes in March and will welcome suitable items, especially pet items and tasty goodies for people for the Easter Fair. Watch this space!

Best regards  
Maggie Martin  
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[maggiemartin8@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemartin8@gmail.com)

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## Findon Sheep Fair Sat 13th Sept 2025

Planning of this year's Findon sheep fair is well under way, with various attractions already booked. We have Ken Wheeler taking over from Su Pearce as the volunteer coordinator for the sheep end. Ken will work alongside Elaine Dibben who manages the volunteers at the marquee end of the green.

If you are new to the village, or find you can now help for an hour or so, we would love you to contact us on

[findonsheepfair@gmail.com](mailto:findonsheepfair@gmail.com) It's a great way to meet people and be part of this very good community. Last year we had over 130 volunteers from Thursday evening through to Sunday. This tradition goes back hundreds of years and we want to maintain it and pass it onto future generations.

As in previous years, at the end of our financial year in March, we will review if we can provide some surplus funds for local charities, schools etc.

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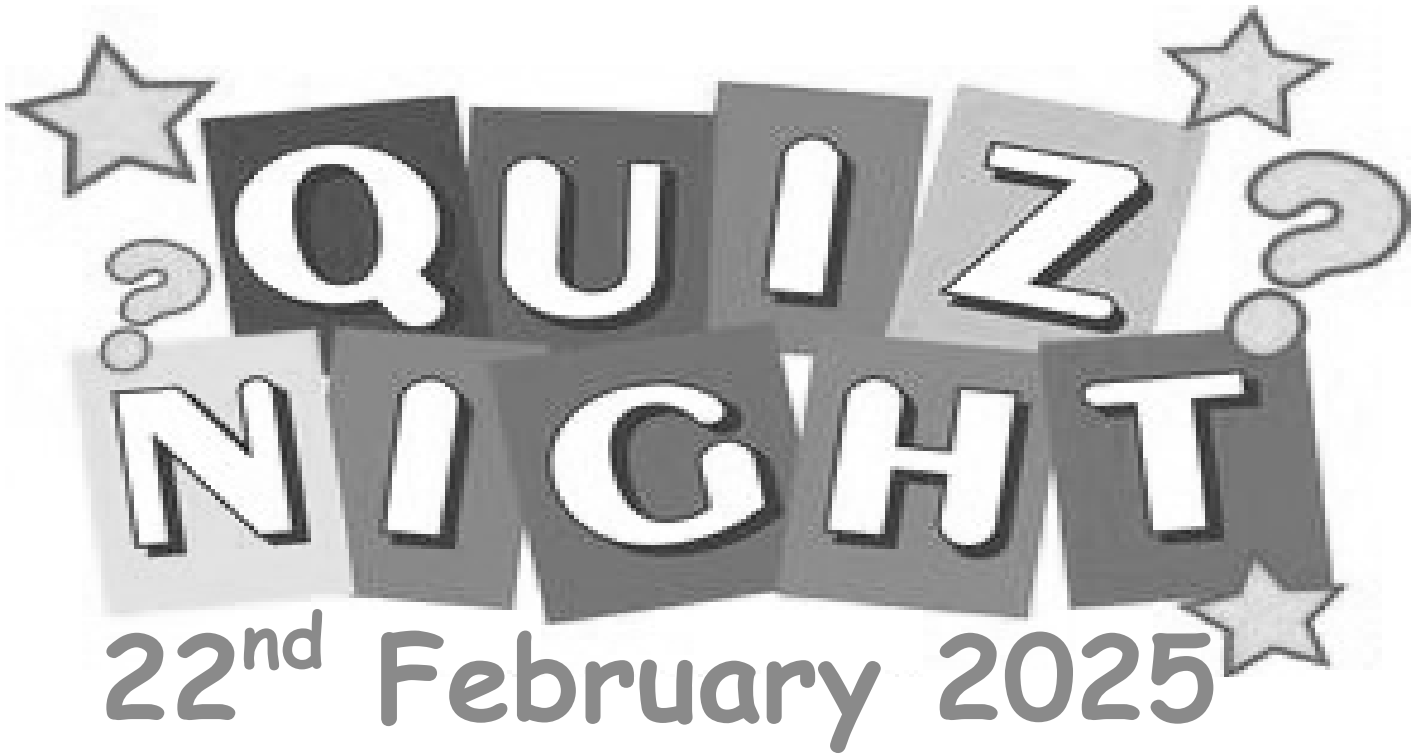
world to rights, as well as consuming coffee and biscuits.

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Well, now I've got that off my chest, I can turn to other matters. Sales were good over the Christmas period – thank you to everyone who supported us, customers, volunteers and staff. I would like to mention one volunteer in particular, a certain Dorothy Barber, who has just retired after celebrating a very significant birthday. Always committed, Dorothy even braved ice and snow at 6.30 in the morning to do her final shift. She will be very much missed!

We are aware that we are a community shop, here to serve you all. We were very pleased to be able to completely fund the production of Cinderella, put on by Rainbow Theatre Company at St John's School. (And don't start saying "Oh, no, you didn't!" We really did, and

that's an old joke anyway.) By all accounts, everyone thoroughly enjoyed it - well, definitely the staff did and the children tolerated it! I jest of course, in the true spirit of pantomime!

Mindful that it may be difficult to get out, or carry goods home, especially over the winter months, we are happy to offer a delivery service to your front door with a £10 minimum spend. Of course, the flip side of this is that we need volunteers who could deliver said items. So, if you like driving and feeling you're doing something really useful, please don't be shy to offer your services. The more the merrier!

There's a lot of flu about this winter, so we want to assure you that we are doing all we can to keep you all safe, by providing masks and hand gel, and implementing an enhanced cleaning programme.

Do take a look at our website. We're in the process of updating it, and it's looking good and very informative (BTW, quick plug: our wonderful Post Office is open until 5pm on Saturdays and 12noon on Sundays). We do need some up-to-date photos, however. If you have any showing shop life, do let us know (no children, and with the permission of anyone in the photo of course).

Well, that's about it for this month – take care, keep warm, and support our shop!

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Findon Parish Council (FPC) is fortunate to have a number of volunteer groups, Christmas Lights, Open Spaces, Wildflower group and our Litter Picking group and our financial support to these groups is key to ensuring their continuation and success. All perform fabulous service for our village for which we are grateful and all face the challenge of gaining new and replacement volunteers. These groups are welcoming and see their activities as useful to the village and fun to undertake, should you be interested in helping please contact Fiona, our Clerk, at [clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@findonparishcouncil.gov.uk) or on 01903 877225.

One of the FPC councillors, Mark Robinson, has taken on the role of Chairman of Findon Village Hall and

has therefore had to step down from the council to create the space and time for the Hall. We wish him well and believe that this can only help and continue our excellent relationship with the Village Hall, one that was strongly supported by Roger Stone, the previous chair. Indeed, that relationship was pivotal to the successful extension facilities now in place. Mark stepping down will lead to a total of two vacancies on FPC and we would be very interested to hear from anyone keen to join and help the village by co-option to FPC. There are a lot of projects underway this year and I can promise anyone interested that they will receive the support and opportunity to make a difference to Findon.

Sad news to hear of the passing of a former FPC councillor in Del Henty. He was a much respected member of FPC and his happy and smiling approach often helped our meetings flow.

As a start to 2025, the FPC budget for the year and the 2025/2026 precept application have been created which will outline our plans for the year and on approval these will be published on the FPC website.

Cllr Sean Smith  
Chairman, Findon Parish Council  
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## Findon Friends of St Barnabas Say Thank You

In 2024 we held our usual fundraising events – quizzes; fish & chips and skittles nights; the Xmas Fair; along with two extra special ones which were the Golf Day and the Black Tie evening. All these events were a great success, and have raised a massive total of **£12,266**.

We want to say thank you to everyone who joined us on all of these events; to the local businesses that let us use their venues; the sponsors that helped

towards the cost of holding them, and everyone who donated prizes for our raffles. Not forgetting anyone who has put money in the various collection tins and buckets.

It is really is an amazing amount so, once again, from our group and on behalf of St Barnabas Hospice, thank you.

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At the end of the session we have a relaxation or guided meditation. And then it's time for tea and biscuits as we get to know others in our community. The classes are always fun and students really look forward to this special time in their week.

I have been teaching BWY yoga for 25 years and I am an advanced teacher. I run two regular classes one in Findon village hall on Wednesday 9.30-10.45am and Shoreham community centre on Tuesday 2-3pm. For more information and bookings please email [katybroomfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katybroomfield@yahoo.co.uk) or contact 07854 761124  
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## Tribute to June Harris

Ian and Jane wish to announce the death of their mother June Harris on the 9th of January 2025. Unfortunately, June died just 5 months short of her 100th birthday, she lived in Cross lane, Findon village for 65 years and worked as a dinner lady and playground assistant at St John the Baptist school

during the 1960s through to the 1980s. There will be children who are adults now who will remember her being there. She thoroughly enjoyed her time working at the school making lifetime friends with some of the colleagues she worked with.

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## Findon Village WI

Our January meeting incorporated both a vote on the 2025 WI Resolutions and our annual Charity Auction.

A presentation introduced us to each of the resolutions, before our members voted on the option they wished to take forward to the national forum. The four choices were: let's talk about incontinence, bystanders can be lifesavers, join the repair revolution and eliminate landfill of medication packaging. The majority vote went to bystanders can be lifesavers which is very relevant for our village which has defibrillators at four locations. (Do you know where they are located?)

After coffee, we moved on to our Charity Auction in aid of Findon Community Swimming Pool. Our ladies enthusiastically attempted to outbid each other on a range of items including food, drink, cosmetics, books, crafts and other interesting novelties. We raised an excellent total of £179.50. Our fundraising efforts for the year surpassed our target and the grand total is **£1068.00**. We will be presenting a cheque to the Swimming Pool

Committee at our birthday meeting in February. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended our fundraising activities throughout the year.

### NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30pm, which will be our 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration. We will be joined by harpist, Margaret Watson who will give us a talk, and entertain us with some enchanting music. It wouldn't be a birthday without some 'bubbles' and cake. Visitors are welcome to join us. The competition will be a Valentine card or gift.

**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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## Village House Dart Evening

Sunday 29th December the Village House held a fun darts competition, there were 20 players consisting of men and ladies, along with quite a few spectators. Sarah offered to put out some nibbles and Oliver cooked some lovely warm “picky bits”.

The collection bucket for St Barnabas was put out and we raised £129, which was a great amount.

After whittling it down to last two players, the final was between Butch Prior and Neil Puttick. A nail-biting game took place but was eventually won by Neil.

Everyone had a really great evening and hopefully there will be another one.

The dart board is in the restaurant and is there for everyone to use, so dig those old darts out, pop along, buy a pint and throw a few darts, you never know you might just get 180!

Thank you to Sarah and the VH team for a good evening.

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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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**T1 - Beech, Remove the lowest limb growing over the swimming pool, to balance the shape of the tree. Crown raise the remaining canopy to 6m. Reduce radial spread by up to 2m. To maintain a natural shape and improve light into the property**  
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## South Downs National Park Local Plan Review – have your say

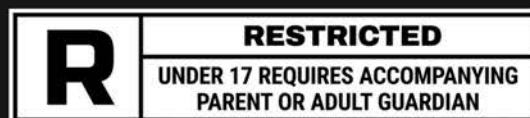
The public consultation on the Local Plan Review started on 20 January 2025 and will run until 17 March 2025. This is the main opportunity for people to help shape the final Plan and the National Park is encouraging the public to get involved. All information about the Local Plan is available at

[www.southdowns.gov.uk/local-plan-review](http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/local-plan-review) including the draft revised Local Plan and evidence-base. A press release on the consultation is available at <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-south-downs-national-parks-local-plan-review/>.  
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# Findon Film Nights

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## Paws Animal Sanctuary

I hope everyone enjoyed Christmas. Luckily, we had re-homed almost all the cats and kittens and guinea-pigs during autumn, allowing most of the volunteers to have a few days off during the holiday. Then we had many volunteers phoning to say they were really ill. We had to cope with just a couple of us. We have been going round with cloths, disinfecting everything, wearing rubber gloves; as if it is Covid all over again.

We still have lots of resident animals to care for. Elvis the pony rolls in the snow and loves it and gallops around. Elvis the donkey hates it and sulks in the field shelter, you only see his nose. The hens don't mind the snow, but they hate the rain and disappear inside in the dry at the first drop.

We were asked to take four cats from a house in Brighton because the owner has died. David from Billy Bears Cat Rescue offered to pick the cats up, but the snow was so bad in Brighton David got stuck behind a big traffic jam, then the roads were closed and he had to turn back. Barrie our early morning volunteer was out spreading sacks of salt\grit on all our paths to stop Volunteers slipping over, we were well prepared for snow.

A local vet had a stray cat that was left with them because of the cold weather. I said they could bring it in, it was microchipped but the records were three years out of date. So we know the cat's name and microchip number but not the current owner. The previous owner said she gave the cat away three years ago when she moved and got a job travelling around. We will try to trace the current owner with a photograph posted on facebook. He is a such beautiful, very friendly boy.

We also have two white cats coming in. They were a Mum and four kittens dumped in a car wash in Birmingham, visitors rescued them and brought them home (two kittens rehomed), Mum is staying, so two left to be rehomed. They are flea'd, wormed, neutered and spayed, inoculated and microchipped ready for new homes.

Sadly, our oldest resident cat Google died of old age on my lap couple of days after Christmas. She stopped eating and just sat next to a radiator in her bed, with the rabbit next to her. We all miss her, especially the rabbit. The parrot keeps calling out "Google".

We are very grateful to all our members, supporters and friends who kindly sent Christmas cards containing donations at Christmas. We no longer attend fetes, markets or jumble sales with our stalls, because the pitches cost too much and if it rains all day we don't take any money, and you have to book in advance. Hopefully in the future we will raise funds by selling our PAWS Animals Rhyming Poetry Book. It's still not ready as we are still choosing the drawings to go with the poems. I hope it will be ready soon, so watch this space. Stay indoors, keep warm, it will soon be Spring.

from Stacey.

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<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Just Yoga	Monday	Nepcote	10:30am
Afternoon Tea Drop In	Monday	Nepcote	14.00pm
Yoga for Today	Monday	Nepcote	16.15pm
Encore Choir	Monday	Chanctonbury	18.45pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	9.15am
	Tuesday (18 <sup>th</sup> only)	Nepcote	9.15am
Lambstails	Tuesday	Nepcote	10.30am
You Yoga	Tuesday	Chanctonbury	18.00pm
Chair Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	9.30am
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	10.00am
UDanceUK	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	17.00pm
Cloud Nine Yoga	Wednesday	Nepcote	19.00pm
Strictly Dancing with Lisa	Wednesday	Chanctonbury	19.00pm
Keeping Fit with Enzo	Thursday	Nepcote	09.15am
Pilates	Thursday (Not 20 <sup>th</sup> )	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
Danceaholics	Sunday	Chanctonbury	18.30pm

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Time</b>
Messy Church	4 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	15.00pm
Parish Council Planning Mtg	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Nepcote	19.30pm
Findon Village WI	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	19.30pm
Bead Magicians	18 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	10.00am
WI Crafty Ladies	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	14.00pm
Light Lunch	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	12.45pm
Findon Garden Association	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Chanctonbury	19.30pm

### **Dates for your Diary and Future Events**

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

Light Lunch 2025 – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 12.45pm

Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> Bright Lights Comedy Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm [Rob Deering!](#)

[Star of BBC TV and Radio 2 Tickets, Fri, Feb 14, 2025 at 8:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> FVHT Film Night -The Critic starring Ian McKellern - Chanctonbury Hall – Doors 6.30pm. <https://findon-village-hall-trust.sumupstore.com/>

Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friends of Findon Church Quiz Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 6.30pm for 7pm start

### **March Dates**

Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> Bright Lights Comedy Night - Chanctonbury Hall - Doors 19.15pm

Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> FVHT Film Night – film to be confirmed - Chanctonbury Hall - 6.30pm.

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and Morning Prayer every **Wednesday** and **Friday** at 9.00am.

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	8.00am 10.00am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Worship & Praise in Findon Church with local musicians Eucharist in Patching Church
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> Fourth Sunday before Lent	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Clapham Church Eucharist in Findon Church
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> Third Sunday before Lent	8.00am 9.30am 10.00am	BCP Holy Communion in Findon Church Eucharist in Findon Church Eucharist in Clapham Church
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> Second Sunday before Lent	8.00am 9.30am	BCP Holy Communion in Patching Church Eucharist in Findon Church

 <b>Next Messy Church - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!	<b>Lambs Tails</b> - Parent & Toddler Group for babies, toddlers, & parents/carers. <b>Tuesday mornings</b> at 10.30am in Nepcote Hall, Findon Village Hall. Contact Sue Stone: <a href="mailto:belgiumsue@hotmail.com">belgiumsue@hotmail.com</a>
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### Baptisms:

17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024 – Kitty Morrow

### Funerals:

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2024 – Molly Carpenter

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024 – John Caines

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