

# FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

# APPARITION



When Robert Wainwright from Sutterton was helping his brother, who lives in Kirton and was about to marry Gemma Colwell, prepare Fosdyke Village Hall for the reception later in the day he took a few photos for posterity.

He didn't notice until a couple of weeks later the strange apparition that appears on the side exit doors.

Go to Page 2, if you dare, to see what he saw!

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# THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



Does the village hall have a ghost? It appears there were alms house where the village hall is now. Could this be a soldier or airman from the First World War?

On a closer inspection the soldier's badge is on the right whereas most forces have their badges on the left. So it appears to be a mirror image or reverse image. It looks like a typical posed photo that might have been taken at the time. Also the soldier seems conveniently to be directly facing the camera. So, supernatural phenomom or some other explanation? What do you think?

# FOSDYKE FC

## SEVEN-GOAL GAME - DEFEATED BY 1

What do Fosdyke have to do to get some points? A really good team performance on 20 March as they took part in a seven-goal thriller away against Sutterton, losing out 4-3.

Fosdyke were always in the game and competed well throughout but it was a quite brilliant strike that started the scoring for the home side when a man in blue struck a thirty-yard screamer.

Fosdyke did not lie down, however, and within minutes we were level. A Dan Sam cross was finished off by Jordan Inglis in the six-yard box and it was 1-1.

Sadly Joe Bradbury, one of Fosdyke's key attacking players had to be subbed as his hamstring wasn't having any of this footy lark and the same fate befell Jordan soon after! As if that wasn't bad enough, down the other end a soft goal was conceded when keeper Uncle Jack misjudged a bounce. 1-2.

The Tangerine Dream found a second equaliser though, hauling the score back to 2-2 when a Ben Lawton free kick came back off the bar to be poked home by Nathan Smith.

Half time came and things were looking good. Instead of capitulating after going behind, Fosdyke were showing some resilience. Things looked even brighter when they took the lead for the first time in the game, again Nathan poaching a goal when the keeper fumbled a Declan Wilson strike. As was the pattern of this

game, however, the other team were up at our end scoring a third. 3-3!

The game could have gone either way now as both sides created and missed a catalogue of chances, Fosdyke's best being when a Luke Smith chest fell nicely to Dan Sam who walloped a volley wide. Sadly, as seems to be the case at the minute, it was the home side who had the last laugh when a fourth goal was bundled home to give all three points to Sutterton.

**Other results:** (7 March) Fosdyke 0v Old Doningtonians 4.

**Forthcoming fixtures:** (28 March) Fosdyke v Freiston; (4 April) Freiston v Fosdyke

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# MILLIE'S ON THE MEND

After "Millie's Close Shave" breaking through the roof of the horse trailer last month, she is now fully recovered and travelling again with no ill affects.

Kerry and Andy would like to say thanks for all the well wishes, also a very big thanks to Mina & Noel, Cecillia & Paul for all the help recovering Millie from the trailer when she had the accident.



Millie looking happy in the new horse truck.



Resident Fosdyke Social Club trio Phatt Knappii at The Eagle on Red Nose Day.



# COMIC RELIEF CAPERS

The joint Open Mic nights held on Thursday 12 March at Fosdyke Social Club and Friday 13 March at The Eagle in Boston (and additional collections during February's Quiz Night) raised £342 for Comic Relief.

Fosdyke Social Club and Roadhouse music store in Boston would like to thank everyone who supported the events and helped to raise so much for a good cause.

# CANINE CONFUSION



Hopefully you will forgive *Fosdyke Newsletter* for confusing the greyhound sanctuary on the outskirts of Fosdyke and the one that last month's article was actually about in Holbeach Drove. Not that anyone has complained. Just thought we'd get the facts right, this time.

# RED KITE, RIGHT?

We can confirm that the recent reports of Red Kites nearby (just outside Peterborough) are not exaggerated. One of the birds was seen above the A16 Algakirk bridge quite recently.

# COUNCIL CARES

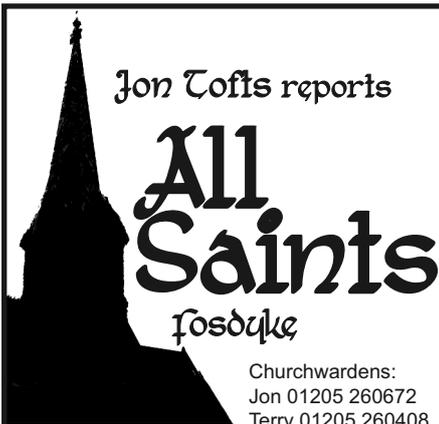
At the March parish council meeting the mud on the road issue was discussed and the council agreed to send a letter to the farmer responsible for not clearing up Puttock Gate and Old Main Road.

## Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

136	Mr D Glen	Fosdyke	£10
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241	Mr P Aylward	Fosdyke	£25

Next draw: Monday 13 April at the Bingo

Are there any other faiths in the village that would like to share their news?



## EASTER COMMUNION

A reminder that this popular service will be held at 09.30 on Sunday April 5th. We have been very fortunate this year to secure the services of a cannon from Peterborough Cathedral to take our communion for us, as the parish remains in vacancy. All Welcome.

## ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Church annual meeting was held on the 17th and all church officers were re-elected. The Electoral roll was revised this year, and three names were added to the roll.

## NOTICE BOARD

Many thanks to councillor Glenn for supporting this project through to its completion, and to Elwyn Hayes for installing the new board.

## POP-IN LUNCH

The next Pop-In Lunch is on Tuesday 28th April, so please make a note in your diary. The next after that is provisionally booked for 9 June.. Thanks to all for your continuing support.

Services  
5 April  
Holy Communion  
at 09.30 am

19 April  
Evensong  
at 6 pm

# 5 HOLY or SACRED WOUNDS

In Christian tradition the Five Holy Wounds, or Five Sacred Wounds, are the five piercing wounds which Jesus suffered during the Crucifixion. We can see the way in which they have been a particular focus for devotion by the way in which they have often been depicted in art – most famously in depictions of Doubting Thomas, or in music, like Bach's St Matthew Passion, or Handel's Messiah, as

well as some of our well-known Passiontide hymns.

In these first days of Easter, when we experience the joy of the resurrection afresh in our lives, the image of our risen Lord walking the earth yet still carrying the wounds of the crucifixion is powerful and poignant.

I was struck recently by the text of a contemporary hymn whose first line speaks of the risen Christ 'walking with wounded feet'. That image, of Jesus walking with wounded feet, reminds us that, through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, God



knows what it is to carry pain in this human life.

Through Jesus, God has experienced the reality of searing physical pain, as well as the anguish that comes from rejection and betrayal. And yet, God does not allow it to contain or define Jesus, nor does it crush his spirit. Instead, the experience of it becomes part of who he is and shapes him for the work he has to do. So, too, our experiences as human beings and children of God shape us and become part of who we are; but they need not contain or define us.

The work of resurrection is ours to share, and God calls each one of us, wounded as we are, to play our part in proclaiming the wonder of the resurrection to our broken world.

Bishop Christopher

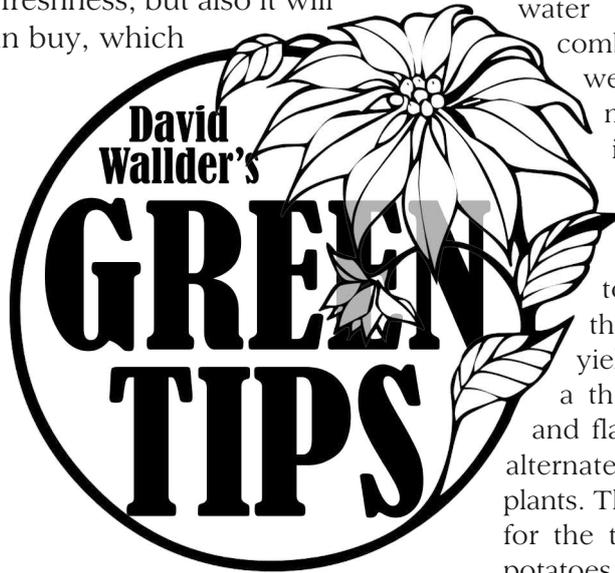
# GETTING THE BEST FROM YOUR PLOT

The advantages of homegrown vegetables are many fold. Not only can you guarantee their freshness, but also it will taste better than anything you can buy, which will be selected for high yields.

There is no work as hard as wasted work, and twice is too often for a crop to be left to rot unused and to no one's benefit except the slugs.

There are many ways to get the best out of a small plot and these are made easier if you raise as many plants as possible in seedbeds or in pots (remember some crops, such as root vegetables, have to be sown in situ). The idea is that many crops, especially the slower growing ones, do not need all the space allocated to them all the time.

sufficient air, light, nutrients and water are available, some combinations work particularly well together, others not so much. For example, instead of three separate beds growing peas, potatoes and sweetcorn, I find that all three crops together in each of the three beds gives a higher yield overall. The peas go in a thin row down the middle and flank it on either side with alternate sweetcorn and potato plants. The peas provide the shelter for the tender young shoots; the potatoes keep the soil covered and moist, which the sweetcorn and peas enjoy, while none shade the others out.



Catch cropping means using the quickest growing crops, such as radishes, baby turnips and other salad plants to fill the space before another crop has grown very big.

## INTERCROPPING

Intercropping is a similar method and basically involves growing crops together. When the main crop has finished growing and is standing waiting to be used, as with cabbages, intercropping means starting off the next crop in between, so that when the main crop is removed the follow on crop is already established and grow rapidly to fill the space available. Don't overdo this though as overcrowding will give poor results. Crops will compete as fiercely as weeds unless the spacing and timing are well controlled.

## COMPANIONS

Companion plants are those that can be combined together most successfully and give added benefits over intercropping. Again care must be taken not to overcrowd plants, but provided that

## MIX THEM UP

Very importantly, combining and mixing up plants significantly reduces the damage from pests and diseases. For example, I have found that birds do not attack beetroots grown between Swede and parsnip, and brassicas surrounded by French beans suffer far fewer pests. Most useful of all perhaps, are French marigolds, which should be planted in every plot and by paths and gates so that you brush against them releasing their pungent, pest confusing smell. Similarly some annual herbs, such as chervil, dill and summer savoury, are beneficial when grown amongst crops as their strong scents help hide the plants from their pests. Perennial herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, sage, chives and lavender are beneficial when confined to the edges of the vegetable plot, where their scents are effective pest deterrents and their flowers bring in predators and pollinators.

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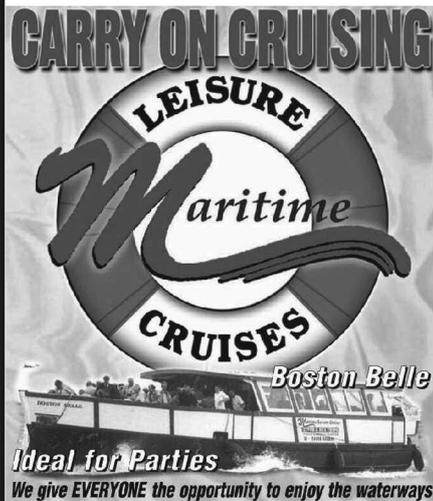
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# MOLES WON'T ...

During the past eighteen months we have been inundated with moles under the lawn and they have been a right pest. We were constantly removing the hills so that we could get round with the mower.

The main problem was that all of the proprietary solutions were quiet expensive and did not cover a sufficient area to be practical. We also tried battery powered vibration devises driven into the ground and because of the area involved these were of limited use.

Although it was a pain to constantly remove the mole hills it did give us an opportunity to mix the soil with compost and make some new flower beds and level out some areas in the garden. The soil when dry whilst clay was quite light and crumbly and when mixed with the compost was ideal. When the soil was wet it was a cloggy mess and was unusable. If someone knows of an efficient way of getting rid of moles I would welcome the advice as there is a limit to what you can do with surplus mole hill soil, plus the fact the Lawn is becoming unsafe to walk on.

One strange thing about the moles themselves is that last summer we found at various times 6 moles that had expired. All of them whilst at different positions around the lawn appeared to have died in a similar way. All of them were found on their bellies with their legs spread out. It was if they were running across the lawn and just died.

We do have cats but there were no marks on the moles to suggest that they had been predated by any animal and usually the cats would bring them into the house as a present, and what a noise they make when that happens.

The fact that six had died had no effect on the number of mole hills produced, we assumed that moles were fairly solitary creatures and only congregated to mate but this would suggest that we have dozens of them.

## *Roy's Genteel Observations*



## ... BUT THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

At the outset I wish to assure anyone reading this article that I do not wish to offend those that hold strong religious beliefs, the story is more about my views on the way society is developing to the detriment of Men.

Whilst trying to find a suitable interpretation of the phrase The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth I came across the following that in some way suits my purpose.

The meek are happy. The meek are those who quietly submit to God. Who can bear insult, are silent, or return a soft answer, who, in their patience, keep possession of their own souls, when they can scarcely keep possession of anything else. These meek ones are happy, even in this world. Meekness promotes wealth, comfort, and safety.

Now whilst the bible appears to be heavily slanted towards references to Men, Man, He etc. it

could be argued that the above paragraph relates to an interpretation of female attributes as viewed from a male prospective and eventually it will be women that will inherit the earth.

Obviously this view point is very sketchy and lacks any real insight or evidence save for the general history as societies have developed. It is my view that since humanity developed, the overriding impulse for men is to strive to give women what they want from finding shelter, food etc. Though thousand's of years this has not been a straight line progression but has come in peaks and troughs like waves crashing on the sea shore eroding men's role in this world.

If you look at modern times scientists have invented domestic appliances purely to make the life of the modern women easier with the view that would free them up for other things and to some extent this has worked. And whilst I accept that most women reading this will be throwing their arms up in the air and calling me a chauvinist so and so, it is true that more women are going out to work now compared to fifty years ago some by necessity but many by choice.

But the real reasons why I feel that the role of men is doomed started with the advent of the contraceptive pill which I believe gave women a greater control over their lives. Further scientific breakthroughs have meant that there will be possibilities for choosing the sex of a child prior to conception. How will and who will keep the balance right between the sexes, with more women taking up the sciences and same sex marriages the risk of an imbalance being created is growing.

It is possible that in another hundred years men's role in society could be seriously at risk with us being selected for menial tasks and I bet there will be some female scientist somewhere trying to produce artificial sperm or have they already?

These views are purely the views of Roy.

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# CHALLENGED

Local artists Terry Martin's Art Blog at [lucifal.com/blog.php](http://lucifal.com/blog.php) is stuttering a little with pressures from elsewhere but these are three of the most recent weekly paintings which make up a trio of art to be hung together. The challenge is to paint one picture a week during 2015.

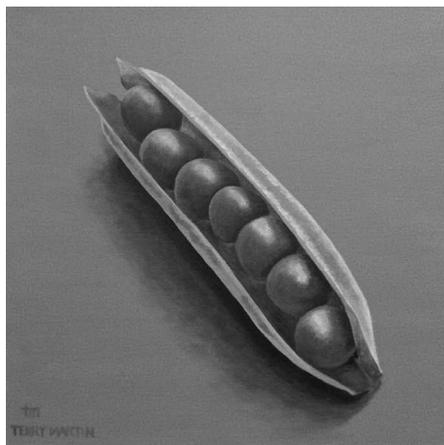
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## PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of Fosdyke Parish Council** held on Tuesday January 6th 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.

**Present:** Cllr's Cropley, Glenn, Pitt & Ulyatt; Cllr Mrs Yates; four members of the public; Mrs Depear, Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllr. Brookes.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all a Happy New Year.

The Chairman opened the proceedings with ten minutes Public Forum.

Members of the public declined to speak, but expressed a desire to take part in the meeting, it was explained that this was not possible.

**001/15 The Minutes of the Meeting** held on December 2nd were read, one amendment made, The Pot holes along the River Bank were reported by Cllr Ulyatt to the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Glenn and seconded by Cllr Ulyatt that the minutes be signed

**002/15 Matters Arising.**

The sign opposite Cropley's Yard is loose and needs attention – Clerk to

remind the Highways Dept.

The replacement plate is ready to be fitted to the Village Sign

**003/15 Matters for the Police**

Cllr Ulyatt asked for details of the need for the Police to be asked to visit the Bingo on a Monday night.

**004/15 Correspondence** (10 items)

**006/15 Grit Bins and the Supply of Grit**

More research is required before decisions on the bins that are required.

**007/15 Financial Matters**

The Clerk distributed a print out of donations that have been made in previous years

Discussions took place about the donations that will be made this year It was proposed by Cllr Glenn that £35.00 be donated to Citizens Advice, Age Concern and the Butterfly Trust.

£500 would be donated to Fosdyke PCC to help with the purchase of a New Notice Board, and £500 to the Village Hall Committee to help with the upkeep of the Village Hall, and £500 to The Playing Field Committee to help with the upkeep of the Social Club, these were agreed unanimously.

Cllr Cropley also proposed that £35 be donated to Cruise Bereavement this was also agreed unanimously.

**008/15 Precept for 2015/16**

Discussions took place and although the Clerk has not received definite figures for the precept was decided to keep the Precept to £3,000 the form would be completed when the Clerk has been informed of the Grant.

**009/15 Standing Orders**

Because of an update in the Standing Orders in August 2014 it was felt that it is the time the Standing Orders for Fosdyke were updated.

Cllr Glenn presented the Standing Order to the meeting and went through them and agreed on the items that need to be individualised.

They will be presented to the March Meeting to be formally adopted. Once adopted each Councillor will be presented with a copy.

**010/15 Any Other Business**

Cllr Glenn reminded Cllr's that he has disconnected the electricity to the Christmas Tree in readiness for the lights to be removed on Saturday morning.

The meeting closed at approx. 8.40pm

The next meeting will be on March 3rd 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

## OOOPS

Having been at the above meeting as a representative of *Fosdyke Newsletter* I have to say that the minutes are inaccurate as far as the preceding "public" discussion is concerned. Perhaps I'm being pedantic but to start with if we, that is the residents of Fosdyke who were at the meeting, had declined to speak how were we able to express a desire to take part in the meeting? And it was only one person out of the four who raised that desire.

In actual fact residents asked: Would police have a representative at future meetings? Had anything

been done to restore the historical notice boards on the west side of Fosdyke Bridge? Would it be possible to ascertain the salary of the parish council clerk? Councillors did explain that items raised at the public forum that preceded a meeting could not be discussed at the meeting but would need to be added to the agenda of the next meeting in two month's time. As the public cannot speak once the meeting has started they aren't able to challenge the correctness of the minutes, which are agreed by the whole council.

Visit:

<http://fosdyke.org.uk/pcm01-15.php> to listen to the full recording of the January meeting. The public forum part of the recording lasts about eleven minutes.

A new competition comes to the social club on 11 April. Pauline Fish has devised a version of The Chase. Pauline and her partner Ronnie Wicks already run a successful Cube adaptation each year.

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Back when Fosdyke actually had a Post Office (yes we did) you could take a parcel or large letter (though it probably wasn't called that then) to post inside the Post Office. Nice and convenient. Your little messages and cards could easily be slipped into the box that sat outside.

Of course, it still stands outside, but the post office has gone and the nearest one is Sutterton, though I've heard of some less than complimentary experiences there. Kirton is further but their customer service levels appear consistently higher.

And those are the nearest places that you can post anything larger than 8" x 1¼". So, while online postage saves you queuing up at the post office it doesn't save you the drive there to use their larger post boxes.

Is there any chance of having a larger one to replace what we have? It would save time and petrol and help us to do our bit towards reducing carbon emissions. Apparently not. According to a Royal Mail spokesman the current box is the standard size and complies with the rules (their rules, of course); regardless that the service is now reduced because of the closure.

The parish council claims they wrote a letter to the Royal Mail around the time of the closure (we reckon that could be 1992 - if someone knows for sure we'd like to hear) and another a year later, but no response was received. (I've asked the clerk to the council if those letters are still on file and available to look at and she confirms that they probably are but might take a while to find). As usual businesses have to put costs above customer service.

Maybe there really isn't a big requirement for residents to want to post a large letter - after all, with social media and email who wants to use physical mail? And who's to say what the future will bring? Remember the film *The Fly*? One day we might be saying, "Beam my parcel to my son in Australia, Scotty," with an almost instant response, "It's just what I wanted!" Would a bigger post box help you?

## Copy Deadline

News that means nothing to you might be interesting to someone else so don't be afraid to contact Terry - preferably via email: [terry@fosdyke.org.uk](mailto:terry@fosdyke.org.uk) or phone: 260275 or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box 6 Whitecross Gate

**no later than 15 April**