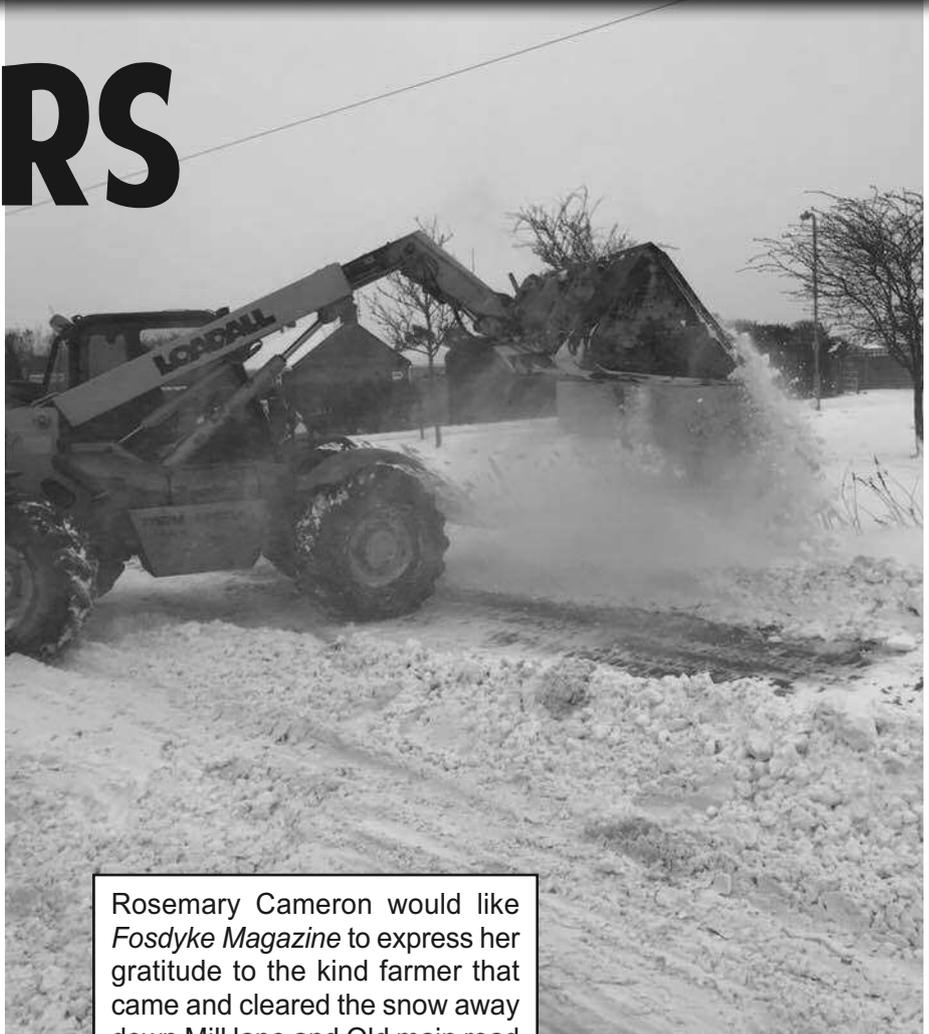


FARMERS CLEAR SNOW

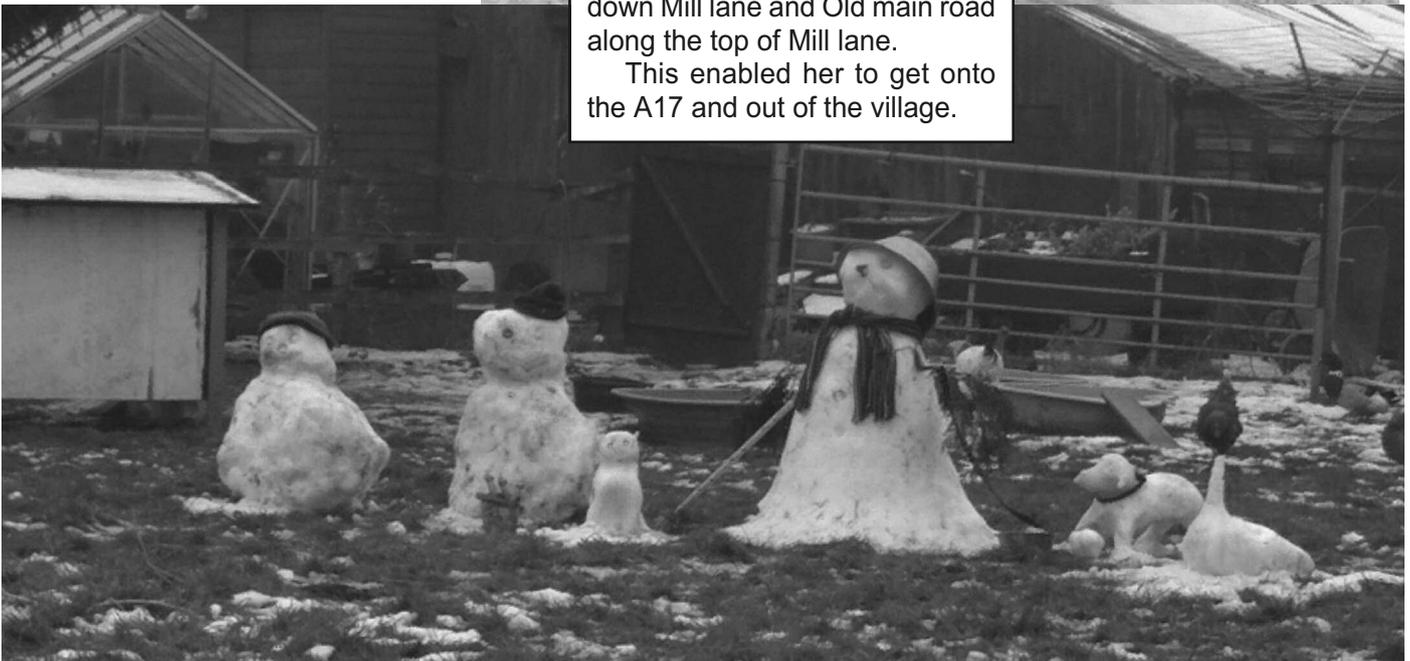
Most of us have a little moan now and then about farmers. How they leave mud on the roads, but credit where it's due.

In the recent cold snap they were out and about in Fosdyke trying to make the roads a little more accessible for residents. So thanks to Alan Mowton, Martin Ulyatt and James Needham for their work.



Rosemary Cameron would like *Fosdyke Magazine* to express her gratitude to the kind farmer that came and cleared the snow away down Mill lane and Old main road along the top of Mill lane.

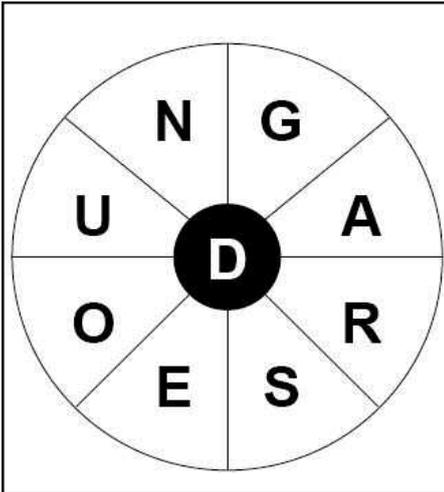
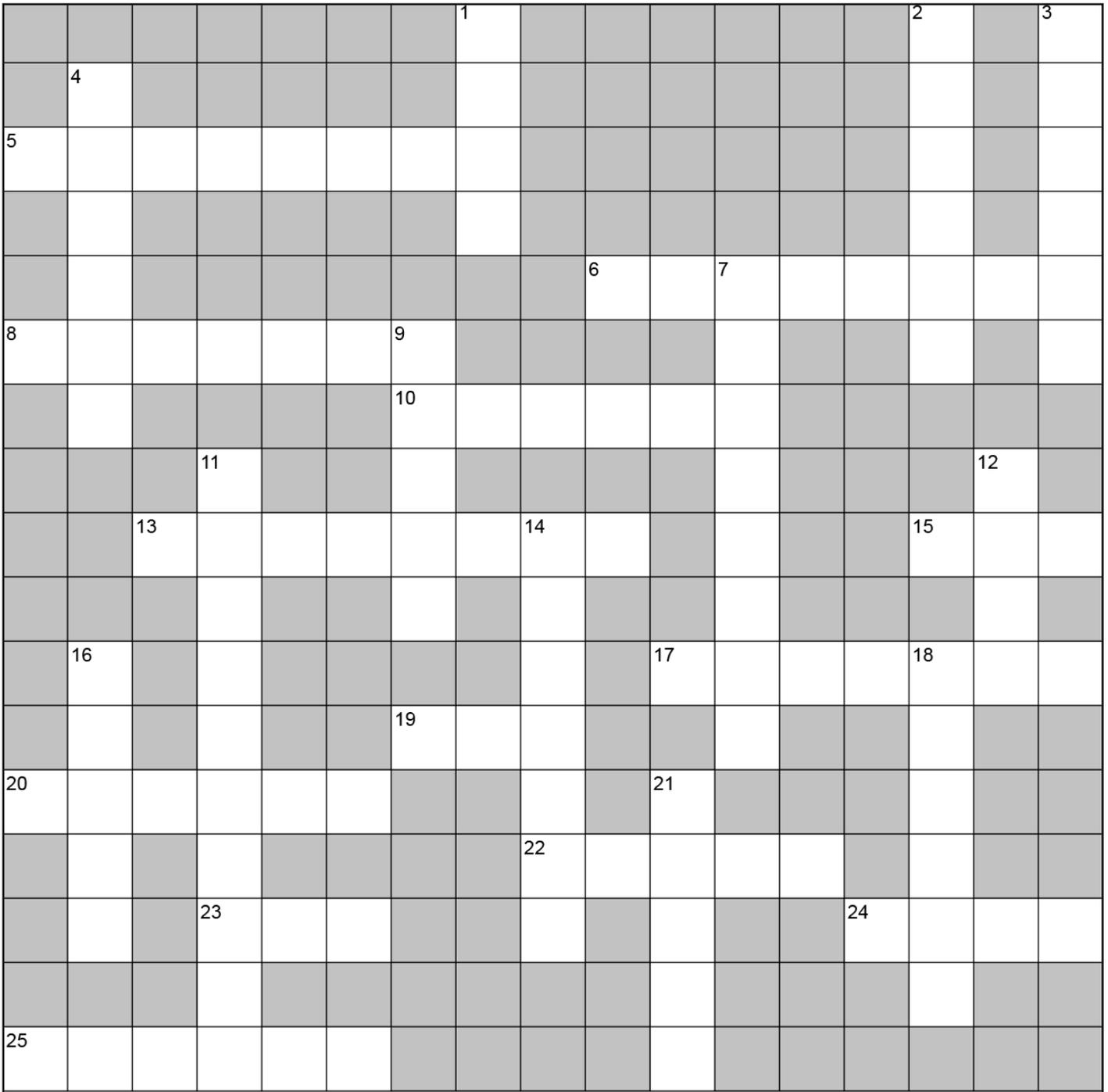
This enabled her to get onto the A17 and out of the village.



A snowman family and their pets seen along Wash Road during the recent post-snow thaw.

Tree Puzzle

Solutions
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KIDS WORD WHEEL

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Across

- 5. Beautiful flowering tree from the island of Martinique (8)
- 6. Native to North America can grow to massive proportions. Main theme in the movie 'Flipped'. (8)
- 8. Christmas tree of the United States, General Grant's Tree. (7)
- 10. To smarten one's self up. (6)
- 13. Children's circle singing game, refers to fruit tree. (8)
- 15. One of the largest trees in North Queensland, roots dangle 15 meters to the ground known as the strangler tree (3)
- 17. Evergreen plant of the Cypress family bearing aromatic. (7)
- 19. Said to be the oldest in Britain (3)
- 20. Valuable furniture wood. (6)
- 22. Bearing green and black fruit traditionally made into oil (5)
- 23. Roman soldiers wore these leaves as crowns. (3)
- 24. Evergreen, with large fan shaped leaves arranged on top of the stem. (4)
- 25. Known as the 'Peace tree'. Dedicated to WW1 as a reminder of Germany's armistice with USA. (6)

Down

- 1. Something has gone terribly wrong. (4)
- 2. weeping timber (6)
- 3. Dark leaved evergreen cultivated for two spices (one being Mace) (6)
- 4. Famous tree in Poland visited by Kings (6)
- 7. Tree of Genus Castanea (8)
- 9. Mining camp during the Colorado Silver Boom named after an abundance of these in the area. (5)
- 11. Tree which once stood at the foot of Wall Street in New York City where stock traders gathered. Now known as the New York Stock exchange. (10)
- 12. Produces small green acidic fruit. (4)
- 14. The tallest tree in the world at 115.5m tall found in 2006. (7)
- 16. Hippocrates taught under this one. (5)
- 18. Are of London synonymous with 'Call the Midwife' (6)
- 21. Rod of punishment. (5)

Sudoku

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DOGS DO ... AGAIN

Puttock Gate seems to have become a dog toilet again. Remember there's a £100 fine for not picking up your dog's poo within the village.

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

We'd love you to make us a crossword puzzle to be published in Fosdyke Magazine. There's a nifty little free crossword maker that can be downloaded at eclipsecrossword.com.

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Chris Andrews' WILD TIMES

Hare today

If you think of one animal in March, it would have to be the mad March hare. All around the Fosdyke area, if you look out over the fields, you can see them. From gently lolling along, two or more hares suddenly go into high speed chases. They then rear up onto their hind legs, battering each other with a flurry of blows. So what on earth is going on?



Brown hare pictures, courtesy Neil smith

Well, it used to be thought that these antics were actions of two males. Two rivals, fighting for the attentions of a female, with the winner getting to be her mate. After all, you see it with many other animals, such as male deer locking antlers.

But the reality is quite different. Instead of being two males, it is really a male and a female. The bloke finds a lady hare who he likes the look of, and tries to court her. He pushes his luck, by creeping closer and closer. A bit like sliding along a pub seat to be near to a girl. If she isn't interested, the female hare does the equivalent of edging away by hopping off a short distance. But often the male doesn't take the hint, and hops after her.

This continues, with the female moving away, and the male following her. The distance and speed moved increase, until the female is running off. Sometimes even this isn't enough of a hint, and the male chases after her at full speed. When this happens, violence is the only answer. The

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female turns round and biffs the male, raining down blows until he gets the message and leaves her alone. At least for a while!

Hares have another reason to be the animal of the moment, in that they are the original Easter Bunny. The hare was the familiar animal of the old pagan goddess Eostre.

Eostre was a goddess representing the dawn and fertility. An ideal character for the lengthening days and burst of vitality in spring. Hares, rather like rabbits, are very good at breeding and so an ideal choice to be the companion to a fertility goddess. Of course, when Christianity came to Britain, the old religions were either suppressed or borrowed from. So the new Christian festival in springtime was given the name of an old goddess, and became Easter.

Now unlike rabbits, hares do not

make burrows. Instead they lie in long grass, relying on camouflage to keep them safe. But if you go to close they will suddenly shoot off at high speed.

Hares would not be the only animals to be living in grassy fields though. Some birds like to make their nests there too, notably lapwings (also known as peewits or pie-wipes). They make their nest in a clump of grass, to hide it from predators. So someone walking across a field might well disturb a hare, causing it to run off. And then in the same area you might also find a nest with eggs in. Put all this together, and you get the Easter Bunny, hopping around and

scattering eggs for people to find!

Finally, another old tradition is that the dark marks on the moon form the shape of a hare. And that on spring nights, you can see hares gazing up at their large relative, up in the night's sky. A case of from hare to eternity?

Alas, hare numbers are declining across the UK as a whole. There used to be 4 million in Britain, current estimates put their numbers at no more than 700,000 with a continued downward trend. One of the things that really doesn't help is hare coursing. An illegal blood sport, people with dogs (usually lurchers or greyhounds) walk field margins. When a hare is disturbed,



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the dogs are set on it, to kill it. The corpse is then just discarded. There is a lot of evidence to suggest criminal gangs make special visits to this area, purely to carry out these activities, trespassing on farmers' fields and causing damage to crops and gates. Thankfully the police to treat it very seriously. If you see anything suspicious, please don't try to intervene yourself as the coursers have a reputation for violence. Instead phone the police, using 999 if the coursing is happening right then. The police have a special task force, called Operation Galileo, set up to deal with it. They can seize vehicles and dogs, make arrests or force the suspected coursers to leave the county. Together we can beat this blight on our countryside.

TOP MARKS!

The March issue of *Fosdyke Magazine* was, unusually, available online last month several days before the printed version was delivered to the residents of Fosdyke.

On Page 6 the question was asked of the parish council why the minutes of its meetings (it has ten a year) weren't, at the very least, available on the village noticeboard.

Actually, January's minutes, which would have been approved at the February meeting, were available to see on the noticeboard, though when they were posted there is uncertain. The January minutes are also now available at the council's website which is hosted by Lincolnshire County Council.

Fosdyke Magazine therefore apologises to Fosdyke Parish Council for not checking the noticeboard earlier, though the January minutes had still not been posted to the council's website when the March issue went to press on 18 February.

An ingratiating magazine might pat itself on the back for convincing the council that posting the minutes on the village noticeboard (when it doesn't actually have a legal requirement to publish minutes in a prominent place in the parish) is

down to its persistent campaigning, but its more likely the council has realised of its own accord the importance of being open and accountable, particularly now that it has taken on additional responsibilities (in the form of street lights) and a greater percentage of the council tax by way of the precept.

The minutes of the February meeting won't be approved until the April meeting (the council doesn't have a meeting in March) so their appearance will be looked forward to.

Regularly posting the minutes both on its website and on the village noticeboard is supported by *Fosdyke Magazine*.

Correspondence was sent to the council offering help in uploading its minutes to its website but recent events suggest that it has already found someone capable of uploading them. *Fosdyke Magazine* hopes that past minutes will eventually also be uploaded to the council's website to fill in the current gaps.

GOOD COUNCILLORS

According to the Good Councillor's Guide, notice for a councillor to attend a council meeting is, in law, a summons, because they have a duty to attend.

While it seems likely that an occasional meeting cannot be attended for personal reasons, missing several meetings is neither fair on other councillors nor to the electorate they represent. Based on the publicised minutes one of the councillors has missed more than one meeting since July last year (often without apology). Perhaps someone else from the village would be interested in stepping into the position. However, the next election of officers isn't until next year.



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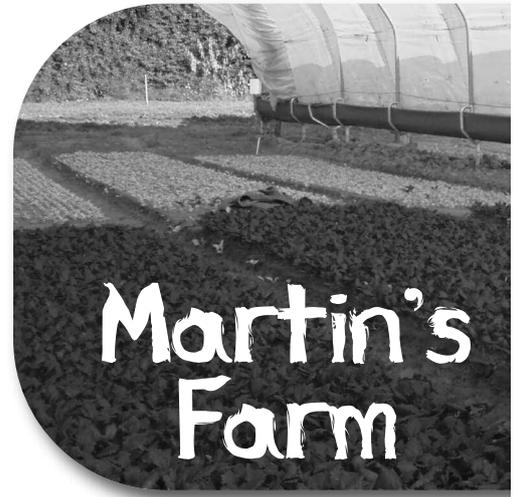
BIG FREEZE

As you probably know I have started to write this article on a quarterly basis due to my increased work commitments. I have started to take on the responsibility of seed production through Europe and China and enjoying the addition to my role.

A couple of weeks ago we had the so called "Beast from the East" sweep across Britain causing major disruption to every day life in many areas. I have always been quite used to the snow with coming from the edge of the Peak District, we regularly had good coverings each

mid-day that we were able to get out and even then it was by 4X4 after local farmer and contractor Martin Ulyatt kindly cleared the lane with his JCB, Thank you.

The cold arctic blasts brought with is some positive and negative things to the farming community.



applications can't be applied and harvest of brassica crops will have slowed or stopped. The thawing of the snow will have made things worse still and farmers will be praying for a settled period to enable them to catch up.

The big freeze however has brought with it many positives. The freezing temperatures for a good period of time will have had a positive affect on over wintered pests by reducing their numbers significantly. Disease that can survive over the winter period on green material or in the soil will be killed off or significantly reduced. This will reduce insecticide and fungicide applications in the spring. The freezing and thawing process will also have a positive on the soil which has been ploughed before the winter. It will break the soil clods down naturally making the soil more friable and easier to work down for spring sowing or planting and this process is called frost mould by farmers. This will reduce the number of passes across the field to makes a seedbed with



Snow on Smeetons Lane .

year. When I moved to Lincolnshire I thought I would never see decent snow again. Even though the media had built up what was about to happen I was pleasantly surprised when I woke up on Wednesday morning to see a blanket of white fluffy snow. I took the opportunity to take the day off and take the kids sledging and make the most of it.

Then that night the winds whipped up from the East which caused huge snow drifts on our lane which made it impassable with several cars from neighbours left abandoned. We were now snowed in which is the first time for thirty years apparently according to a local source. It wasn't until Friday

The negative being the obvious inability to get on with spring operations. Spring sowing cereals will be delayed, brassica and salad crops will be behind, fertiliser



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which we use as a weed suppressant and the trickle irrigation system is being set up ready for the plants.

We are also waiting for the field conditions to dry up slightly to get on with outdoor fertiliser applications and also to re-seed

grassland. We will then be busy spring tine raking grassland which pulls the dead grass and small weeds from the bottom of the grass sward. We then need to run through with the aerator which is a series of spiked rollers which put slots in the soil. This improves the

cultivations, reduce power inputs required to pull or drive cultivations equipment which will also reduce fuel and labour costs.

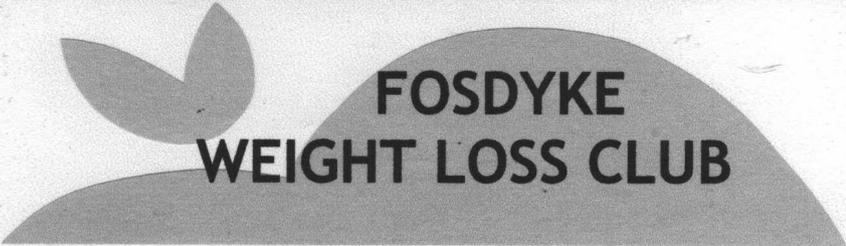
Spring is a busy time for us at work as many of our seed orders are being processed and we have been busy sowing for stock seed production which will be planted out hopefully next week. Green manures have been chopped up and incorporated into the soil and the soil has been prepared for planting. Matting has been laid



The aerator machine

drainage of the soil surface, breaks any surface compaction and encourages deep rooting, which is essential on black fen soil as the grass can dry out quickly. We then roll the grass which will be cut for hay to make sure the surface is free from lumps of soil, stones or mole hills which can contaminate the hay or damage machinery.

Although everywhere is currently saturated it always surprises me how quick things can change and dry up. It will soon be all systems go. Cereal farmers will soon be getting anxious as later sowings could start to affect yields and those who have managed to sow crops will be wanting to get the first fertiliser applications applied to maintain yields. Potato growers will also be keen to start planting as soon as the conditions allow as trying to start in unfavourable conditions could have consequences further down the line. Snow is due to grace the flat lands of Lincolnshire again by the weekend, as I write this, so let's hope it's a brief spell and we can get on with spring.



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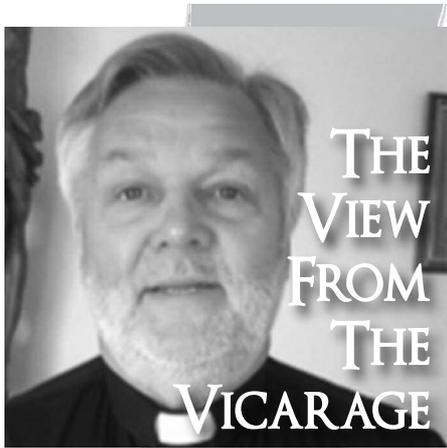
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April 1st - is Easter Day 2018 and April fool's day! Many people say that the Easter story as told and preached in the Church is a stretch too far. And who wants to be seen as a fool?

Here is story that might help you re-evaluate the Easter story.

It was just after the second world war at the famous Portsmouth Naval dockyard. One day a Ministry of Defence policeman stopped a worker who was walking out of the dockyard gates pushing a wheelbarrow with a suspicious looking package in it. The policeman opened the package and found it contained nothing but some old bits of rubbish, sawdust and floor-sweepings.

The next day he stopped the same worker who was again pushing a wheelbarrow containing a suspicious looking package. Once more it contained nothing of any value. The same thing happened

several days on the trot, until the policeman finally said, 'OK, I give up. I know you are up to something, but I just can't tell what. Please, I promise not to arrest you, but put me out of my misery; tell me what you are stealing.'

The worker smiled, leaned towards the policeman and whispered: "I'm stealing wheelbarrows."

Some things in life are almost too

obvious to see, and easily missed. There are often different ways to look at and understand the realities of life as we experience them. Remember the wheelbarrows.

At this Easter season I want to apply this very simple observation to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We have a tendency, even in the church, to marginalize the resurrection. We spend time in front of the Cross on Good Friday. We do suffering well, perhaps because it resonates so closely with our experiences in life. But we hardly do resurrection at all.

Once we move into the season after Easter we don't dwell long on the resurrection.

The resurrection is so far beyond our human experience that, of course, we will be uncomfortable with it. Human beings do not, generally speaking, come back to life from the dead. Any of us raised with the critical mindset of western scientific, rational thought will therefore spin a variety of plates in our hands: the early disciples were simple men, there were other explanations for what happened but they took the path of least resistance; the psychology of resurrection is powerful. If you come to be convinced that Jesus is alive you'll write this back into the

events themselves and remember them in a particular way that makes sense of your current experiences.

They say history is always written by the winners. Different interpretations of these events got lost as, over the years, a powerful orthodoxy emerged. We are children of our time, programmed to read these events in a particular way. What if that programming is wrong? What if we've missed the wheelbarrows disappearing before our eyes?

It is hard to escape the transformation of the first disciples from frightened, uneducated, powerless, ineffectual men to a group of people who changed the world. The resurrection is the key. It is very difficult to explain the change and transformation within these ordinary men, except by virtue of the extraordinary thing they had witnessed.

Remember, these were people who had heard the amazing words of the sermon on the mount at first hand and not been changed; seen extraordinary miracles happen before their eyes and not been changed; spent 3 years in the close company of the most remarkable and inspirational man to walk the planet. But those things didn't change them. No, it was the

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experience of the resurrection.

This is an event that cannot be ignored.

Do you remember that little detail in the Resurrection story, that the big stone had been rolled away from the tomb?

We naturally think the point is that it was rolled away so that Jesus could get out. But we're wrong. Time and again the gospel writers are at pains to tell us that Jesus after the resurrection inhabits a completely new dimension - he appears through locked doors, jumps alarmingly through time and space completely against the laws of physics, thermo-dynamics and everyday experience. They clearly didn't think he needed to move the stone to get out of the tomb.

So why do they record it being rolled away?

It was not rolled away so that Jesus could get out. It was rolled away so that we could look in. This is for our benefit, not his. The rolled stone is an invitation to all disciples down the ages to come close, and look inside the empty tomb, and

ever thereafter see the world differently. We're not just meant to do this every Easter, but regularly, as part of a pattern in our lives. That's why we go to church each week and celebrate the Eucharist. It's a weekly reminder of the resurrection. It alters perspective. C S Lewis once summed up the meaning of Easter like this: "I believe in the resurrection of Jesus, in the same way as I believe the sun rose this morning; not only because I can see it, but because now I see everything else in the light of it."

This Easter, as we gaze in past the rolled stone to the empty tomb, can we see the wheelbarrows disappearing before our eyes? Can we see past our pre-programmed tendencies and glimpse a new truth. The stone is rolled away for our benefit, inviting us afresh to gaze in, ponder the scene before us, and walk away seeing the world around us with a vision freshly born.

I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

Fr Paul Blanch

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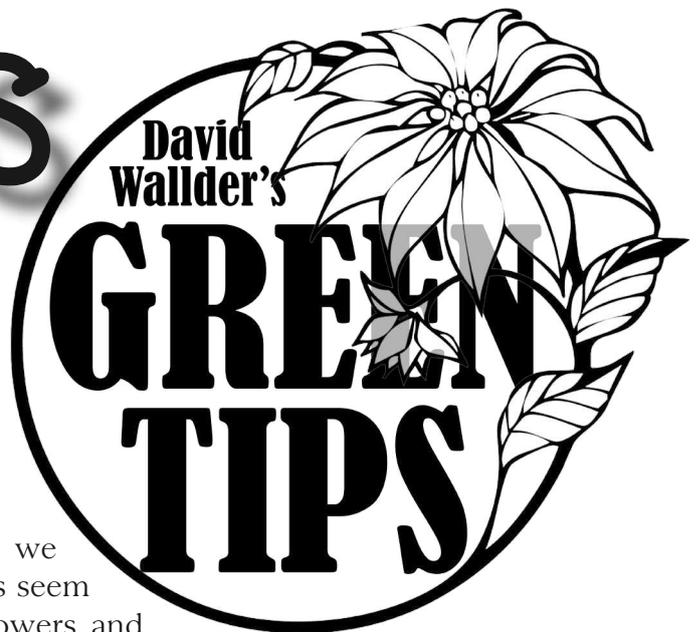
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Fosdyke Playing Field

Spring's sprung



After a late cold snap at the end of February, we should be well and truly into spring. All plants seem to start growing really fast this month, April showers and warmer soil provide ideal growing conditions. Colour and interest come not only from bright flowers, but also from the unfolding foliage on trees and shrubs.

Walking around the garden on a warm spring day, taking in the sights and smells of spring will really lift the spirits. But we mustn't be complacent; with all this exuberant growth around us, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done.

Pests

Pests are on the move now, with the warmth and the spring rains, get on top of them now and you can stop them getting a hold. Huge increases in the population of slugs and snails can cause enormous damage to plants. If you're not organic, spread slug pellets in amongst the plants affected. There's no need to put down a lot of pellets; it doesn't take many to kill off slugs. There are several organic ways to control slugs, including a biological control, a tiny nematode (worm to you or I) that attacks them can be watered onto the soil. Traps are also effective. One of the oldest and best known is the beer trap. A jar sunk into the ground with the lip just proud of the surface, filled with beer, which will attract slugs.

Hedgehogs, frogs, toads and thrushes all prey on these pests, so encourage these creatures. Lay a flat stone in a border, and you will soon notice whether a thrush is using it as a handy anvil on which to smash snail shells.

Tidy your borders

Set aside a morning or an afternoon to go around the garden doing those small jobs that make all the difference to its appearance. Lightly fork over the soil, pulling out any weeds you see. Any plants taking up too much space and growing into other plants can be lightly pruned into shape to keep them looking tidy. Don't be too hard with the pruning, or you may cut off all this year's flowers. Put in plant supports as you go, then you don't have to keep treading over the borders to do different jobs.

Watch out for aliens

It is amazing how many plants seed themselves freely around the garden. A lot of hardy annuals seed quite prolifically, and many shrub and herbaceous perennials can at times almost become weeds. One group of plants particularly good at self-seeding are the foxgloves. They are quite happy to be moved at this time of the year, and will flower later, so it's a good time to "edit" the foxglove population in your garden. Sadly, seedlings from white foxgloves often turn out to be purple in flower. Remember to water any seedlings you move.

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Liz Wallder's
Book Review

**NORWEGIAN
WOOD; CHOPPING,
STACKING AND
DRYING WOOD THE
SCANDINAVIAN WAY**

By Lars Mytting

**NORWEGIAN
WOOD**

**CHOPPING,
STACKING,
AND
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THE
SCANDINAVIAN
WAY**



LARS MYTTING

This was a present from my husband - as we live in Fosdyke and most of our heating comes from our open fire with back boiler, then we take our wood stack very seriously. This book has revolutionised how we dry the wood we bring home.

There's a chapter on all the important aspects of fire wood; from the finding of trees, the safest way to take them down, the best ways to log and chop and how to stack it all depending on length etc.

There's a ridiculous amount of info in this book- whole sections on the best type of wood, how to test how dry your wood is by cooking it in the oven and weighing it before and after. There's a section of cold facts at the back which gives info on which wood is best for what kind of fire, heating values of various trees, drying rate of birch

and the number of kilowatt hours contained in it. How to work out the volume of a tree. Most of it irrelevant to us as the wood we have is what we've cut down at work, so have no choice on type.

This was a brilliant book to read- it may seem very dry, but it was funny, full of funny stories and ways to show off with logs and amazing photos. In Norway there are a lot of local competitions for prettiest stack, which I'm hoping might catch on here?

Obviously, Norway is much colder even than Fosdyke, and the drying of wood there is even more important - there, the way the wood is dried might mean the difference between life and death of your family. I don't think we need take it this seriously, but we are thinking of changing the way we stack. Probably a circular stack out in the end of the garden and then once dry, a tight stack against our shed wall.

If you have a log fire in Fosdyke this is a book for you. Read it and have better, hotter fires.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church in Sutterton is holding a flower festival. It's called "Scarecrows Visit the Countryside"

It opens on Saturday, 28 April through to Monday, 7 May, between 10.30am and 5.30pm daily.

There will be refreshments, lunches, plants, bric-a-brac, and flowers, etc..There is disabled access, parking and toilet facilities. Contact Janice Despicht on 01205 460590 for more information.

RACEY NIGHT

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THANKS

It's not always that someone will come to your aid when you are having trouble, so I really appreciate the help I received from a certain kind woman on 10 March.

Earlier that day our new cat arrived to live with us. After a few hours we thought he had calmed down a bit and it looked like he needed to go to the toilet, so we decided to let him go outside under supervision and had my dad hold him down. However, the cat obviously had other ideas in mind as he decided to run off down the road.

Due to the fact that he is a mostly black cat it was not an easy task to find him in the dark, and it was an even harder task to catch him. Would it not have been for a very kind woman coming down the road in her car as he ran off, we probably wouldn't have seen him again.

Once she pulled over and insisted that she helped, she soon began to coax the cat back towards us with a bag of treats. Thanks to

her distraction my dad was able to grab our cat and bring him back home.

Although we don't know who she is (all we know is that she was once Miss Fosdyke and lived in the village a while ago), we would all like to thank this woman for her act of kindness and quick thinking, so thank you. (We are pleased to report that the cat is now home and making himself very much part of the family!)

Thomas McMeechan

CALLING ALL YOUNG FOSDYKE REPORTERS

The *Fosdyke Magazine* is looking for budding young reporters to tell us about themselves. It can be about absolutely anything that you have done, seen, read, played, or achieved.

Write to us at *Fosdyke Magazine* giving details of yourself. Please remember to get your parents' permission before you e-mail it to us at. liz@fosdyke.org.uk

REMEMBERING THE COLD

Never mind the 'Beast from the East' one of our residents, Mrs Lynham of Randolph road remembers the 'Big Freeze of 1963' this was particularly poignant to her as she was in hospital in Holbeach at the time giving birth to her son.



The River Welland at Fosdyke, looking out to sea, frozen over in 1963.



Cargo ship stranded by 1963 big freeze

GOING nowhere fast in the winter of 1963 was the Danish vessel *Janne Lindinger*, which on her maiden voyage became stuck in a frozen River Welland at Fosdyke Bridge. Villager Alan Clay, 61, who brought the photo to *The Standard*, explained: "It waited for a little more cargo, an extra tonnage, instead of going when it could." The ship, which was in the area to pick up wheat, remained there for six weeks and the skipper was fired on its return to Denmark, Mr Clay reported. Pictured standing on the frozen river was Jim Rowson, a river authority employee.

EASTER SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS

For the first time in many years we are able to hold a full programme of services here at All Saints for Holy Week - the week leading up to Easter Sunday. I particularly commend you to our 'main service' the Holy Saturday Service which will see the baptism of an adult church member, a chance to meet with one another after the service for a chat and refreshments and a very special service including fireworks - if you want to know more - come along, and celebrate the meaning of Easter with us at All Saints and find out!

Sunday, 25 March

Palm Sunday

Holly Communion with Procession and Palm Liturgy
9.30am

Thursday, 29 March

Maunday Thursday

Eucharist of the Last Supper
12 noon

Friday, 30 March

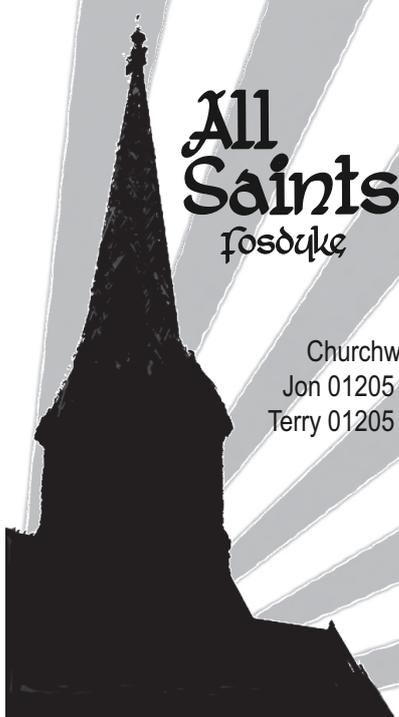
Good Friday

"The Way of the Cross"
12 noon

Saturday, 31 March

Easter Saturday

Easter Vigil with adult Baptism and Easter Party celebrations
7.30pm



All Saints
Fosdyke

Churchwardens:
Jon 01205 260672
Terry 01205 260408

Thursday, 5 April
Noontide Prayers
followed by vicars surgery
12 noon

Sunday, 8 April
Holy Communion
8.30am

Thursday, 12 April
Noontide Prayers
followed by vicars surgery
12 noon

Thursday, 19 April
Noontide Prayers
followed by vicars surgery
12 noon

Sunday, 22 April
Holy Communion
9.30am

Thursday, 26 April
Noontide Prayers
followed by vicars surgery
12 noon

CRIB SET APPEAL

It's a long time to next Christmas - however, our church crib set has become very shabby and really no longer fit for purpose after 150 years of good service. These are expensive items and would have a real challenge in replacing them from our very limited church funds. We are launching an appeal to ask of anyone could find it in their heart to sponsor a figure from the set, on behalf of themselves or perhaps a loved one. The total cost of the set is over £500 and we are hoping to find sponsors for each of the eleven characters at £45.00 per figure. If you are able to help, please contact the vicar or Jon on 206672 or Terry on 260 408.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING AND ELECTIONS

At the recent Annual Church Meeting a number of new folks were elected to office and Mr Terry Harrington and Jon Tofts were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year. Full details will be posted on Church Notice Board.

FR. PAUL IS HERE IN THE VILLAGE

On Thursdays to help anyone who wishes help, after our weekly short service at 12pm. If you have been bereaved, need a sick visit or perhaps just someone kindly to talk - he is your man, and here every week in Fosdyke. Just pop in church and have a chat.

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The ever popular *Openroad* with Beatle classics.

Thursday, 8 March, proved to be another great Open Mic at the social Club.

Graham Hawkes opened the evening, followed by host band Phatt Knappii. Other acts from the night feature in the photos accept for Western singer Karen Claire.

Enjoying ourselves too much to take pictures! Next one? Thursday, 12 April.

OPEN MIC



Folk duo *Peppermint Junction* (aka John and Bev) enjoying the other acts before making their second Open Mic appearance.



Despite her nerves Ariana Fleuriot showed her amazing voice range.



Angus Hannan, the Billy Bragg of Sleaford, performing one of his songs in his unique voice and style accompanied by *Paragon 5* bassist John Warrilow.

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FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

There weren't many games played over the last month due to weather. Unusually the Playing Field committee stepped in on Saturday, 10 March, to cancel the weekend games due to a waterlogged pitch. The ground mostly drains well but a heavy downpour on Friday night after the thaw was just too much. The previous week all games had been cancelled due to the snow.

Fosdyke first team are top of Division Two in the Boston Saturday League as Fosdyke Magazine goes to press but Park United in second place have four games in hand and just three points behind. The reserves remain in ninth place in Division Three

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Copy Deadline

If something has happened to you or a friend, or is going to happen, we want to hear about it. So, contact Terry - preferably via email: terry@fosdyke.org.uk or phone: 01205 260275 or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box
6 Whitecross Gate

no later than 14 April

DEAR CHRIS



Question: Had this little chap in the garden for a few days. I wonder if you tell us what sort of feathered friend it is please?

Duncan McMeechan

Answer: The bird is a fieldfare.

Question: We were pleased to see a rare thrush in our snowy garden, drawn by the food on offer. He mounted guard for over three hours defying our more common visitors of goldfinches, blue tits, robins, blackbirds and sparrows.

Even collared doves were intimidated. He first ate his fill but chased the rest away. Is this usual?

Richard Verity

Answer: Yes, thrushes can get pretty aggressive in protection of 'their' food.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION FOR CHRIS?

Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

36	Mrs J Thompson	Bicker	£10
222	Mrs L Lord	Billingborough	£10
28	Mrs E Glen	Fosdyke	£10
83	Mrs A Coleman	Sutterton	£10
197	Mr G Hicks	Fosdyke	£15
83	Mrs A Coleman	Sutterton	£20
98	Mr N Sharp	Heckington	£25

Next draw: Monday 10 April at the Village Hall Bingo Night

Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 7 April

HAM SUPPER & RACE NIGHT

8 pm
Booking required



Thursday, 12 April

OPEN MIC

Opens 8pm - music 8.30-11pm



Saturday, 14 April

WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Saturday, 21 April

QUIZ

8 pm

Chicken/fish/scampi and
chips supper.

Members £5.50, guests £6

For bookings and inquiries contact
Jane Bristow 01205 260455

Don't forget if there's a question you have about animals or birds Dr Chris Andrews, who writes the Wild Times column for *Fosdyke Magazine*, is your man.

Let us know if you have, preferably by email at terry@fosdyke.org.uk or by phone on 01205 260275. If you don't get an answer just leave a message with your name and number