

# A REAL TWEET

What have we in store for you this month? Well, we've had lots of response from last months appeal for more stories, reactions to Rachel's Rant, the anti-rant and complaints that we're always publishing tales of woe. So, we're leading with this piece from LR Stokes:

## GENTEEL OBSERVATIONS

Following comments from Terry that something that may not be of interest to me but may be of interest to others I duly offer the following:

During strolls around the local fields and drainage ditches over the last few years I have become aware of a relatively rare bird amongst us. This bird first came to my attention about four years ago because of its relatively loud call during the summer months. Having stood still for several minutes I saw a small brown bird flitting from reed to reed, but at the time was unable to identify it. Since then there have been several sightings and it has now been identified as a Cett's Warbler.

This, as stated, is a small brownish bird but can be easily identified because of the creamy coloured flash over each eye.

Apparently it did not arrive in this country until 1961 with the first breeding being recorded in 1973.

Whilst this bird feeds on insects and larvae we do wonder if it prefers the local fields when they

are planted with corn crops as this year I have seen them flying from the reeds on to the corn and then down on to the ground, whereas last year they were apparently absent when the fields were planted with cabbages.

It would be interesting if anyone else has spotted them or other birds that we do not normally see.

Next month Swallows and Peacock butterflies ??.



## 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

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Kit Tinsley

With two weeks to go before their relaunch at the Heckington Show after lead singer John's triple bypass, Unshaven took charge of the recent Open Mic night with a forty-five-minute set that showed they were in fine shape.

Also on the list was Kit Tinsley from Sleaford with some classic rock and a great rendition of David Bowie's "Ziggy Stardust" which he was happy to repeat during his second set later. Tom O'Malley's reggae set added a new dimension, while regulars Kiya Brown and Brian & Andy entertained in their usual style.

Opening and closing the whole evening were Phatt Knappii with their 80's "electro pop" set but their second set featured a mix of country, new material they've been rehearsing and some singalong tunes to keep the crowd tapping and clapping along.

Phatt Knappii will be one short for the August Open Mic night but Chris Clark from popular South Lincs band Glass Onion who have appeared alongside Status Quo is slated to make an appearance.



Tom O'Malley



Brian and Andy



Resident trio Phatt Knappii.

# The dark art

You may, like me, have always wondered about the mysterious dark art of mulching. Why is it done? With what? And how?

I'm sure I've mentioned it before, but this month I'm going to look a little closer and expose the secrets of the mulchers.

Mulching is essentially a method of weed control, it can save a lot of time and effort by suppressing weed growth. It also helps conserve soil moisture and increases soil temperature so encouraging growth. Organic mulches can improve soil fertility and texture, which can only be a good thing in some areas of Fosdyke.

Mulches are the easiest way of breaking new ground. Providing the top growth isn't woody and has been at least cut with a mower, an area can be turned into weed free soil in six months with little effort.

All weeds are killed by the exclusion of light and preventing any bit of them reaching it with an impenetrable mulch. The tougher perennial weeds are stopped only by thick plastic or fabric, such as old carpet (an allotment favourite). Most weeds can be seen off with a thick mulch of straw, hay or grass clippings on top of cardboard or newspaper.

Mulching new ground works best if put down as the weeds have started to grow, usually early spring, flattening them underneath. The weeds turn yellow through lack of light and rapidly rot, as do their root systems feeding the soil fertility. By autumn the mulch can



be removed and the area dug over if necessary. All the roots and weeds will have rotted leaving a rich texture, which may be better left undisturbed. It is possible to plant through the mulch, tomatoes, courgettes, marrows, cucumbers and sweetcorn will all do well.

Mulches can be applied to bare soil in autumn to encourage earthworms, so that when removed in spring the soil will be ready with an excellent texture and fertility. Autumn mulching can benefit less hardy plants by protecting the roots from frost, though plants that are more likely to rot in damp conditions may need a lighter mulch, such as straw or bracken.

All mulches can be applied at any time, but most benefit for moisture retention comes when it is applied in spring before the winter rains have evaporated. In a similar way, during a long dry spell, it is a good idea to rake aside a mulch when it rains and replace afterwards to prevent the mulch soaking up all the water before it can get to the soil.

The different materials for mulching all have their pros and cons. Black plastic isn't cheap, but

is good for tough weeds, clear plastic allows sun to warm the soil, but lets weeds grow underneath. Woven materials are available allowing better aeration and less water run off but are very heavy and expensive. Carpet is the best woven material, weed resistant and often free, but can look a bit of a mess, best turned upside down. Paper and cardboard are no good on their own, unless covered with another mulch they will blow away. Bark chippings are more attractive than most mulches, but are expensive and birds just love to fling them all over the lawn. Compost, well rotted muck and manure (my personal favourites) can be applied more for their fertility giving properties than as mulches, but they can be full of weed seeds. They are more use in vegetable beds and around trees and shrubs and will need repeated top ups.

So, there's a mulch for most occasions and situations. You'll have to chose which suits your garden best depending on what you hope to achieve, what time of year it is and how much you want to spend.

## CHURCHYARD

Nothing is ever easy, is it? After a risk assessment was carried out by Boston Borough Council Officers, it was decided that some trimming and felling was required in the churchyard to reduce the risk to life and limb of our large trees. They are very beautiful to look at, but we cannot allow them to cause harm, so a 'short back and sides for ivy choked trees' was ordered and a few diseased trees have been felled – so we may be a little less glamorous, but we are much safer for it.

Many thanks to those villagers who knocked on my door and asked to purchase some of the felled logs. We would never fell our trees just for money, but it has proved a useful little help in our bid to get the church boiler serviced this year, so Thank You to those who stumped up for the stumps!

## POP-IN LUNCHES

Are having a summer break at the moment, but don't worry folks – normal service will be resumed after the summer hols! Thanks to everyone who has supported these events so well this year.

Sunday, 3 August  
at 9.30 am

Holy  
Communion

Sunday, 17 August  
at 6 pm

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Saints  
Fosdyke

# BOMBER COMMAND

The Kirton and District Branch of the Royal British Legion is holding a talk (followed by a Q&A) by Tony Worth, HM Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire on the Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial at 7.00 pm on Thursday 18 September at Kirton Town Hall. Entry is free.

## FOSDYKE VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN

The popular Fosdyke Vintage Tractor Run, which was held on Sunday 11 May earlier this year, raised a fantastic £3230.75 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The organisers thank everyone who supported the event.

Next year's event will be held on Sunday 10 May at Fosdyke Playing Field as usual.

Also, next year will be the fifteenth year for this event which is quite a milestone!

## SAD FAREWELL

It is with no small sense of sadness that the village says goodbye and good luck to Jim and Val Prince. Jim and Val have been stalwart supporters of the Church during their many long years here in Fosdyke and we shall miss them greatly as friends, and for their many good works in this village. Newsletter delivery, sick visiting, fundraisers, church committee members, Sports and Social club support etc. On behalf of us all, Terry and I would like to wish you both the best of health and happiness in your new home in Sutterton. Jon and Terry.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are being served.

All donations received will go to the Trust. For any further information please contact Roland Reece on 01205 722501 or [roland.reece@btinternet.com](mailto:roland.reece@btinternet.com)

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# SHE'S BACK!

Ouch! got a bit of a mauling in last month's Fosdyke Newsletter, but I guess if you give it you've got to expect a little in return.

But I would like to pick up on a couple of points that were not quite correct.

First is to any perspective local employers out there. I must confess I have only every had two jobs, both started as temporary positions, the first was for six months and was made permanent after three and ended twenty years and one month later, the second was for six weeks that turned to seven months until I moved out of the area, so no problem holding down a job then (just finding one).

Next on the list! It's a shame that the editor did not bother to read my piece or remember the conversation we had when I submitted my last rant, where I declared I would only be writing a column every other month (no great loss, leaves more room for everyone else).

Next I would like to comment on the 'completing menial tasks' part, but to be honest I didn't really understand it (so is writing a menial task or not?) when I do write I don't really see it as scribbling, in fact trying to write an (attempted) humorous rant without getting, or being, personal is quite a hard task (for me at least) which bring me on to my last correction.

Where or when did I say the parish council was unreliable? To be honest I don't know a lot about what they do, only that they are now doing it less frequently! But words have power which is why I try to be careful with mine, the problem is that other people tend to read what they want into them and interpret them according to their own beliefs and views, so if anyone other than the editor and especially

# RACHEL'S RANT



anyone on the parish council thought that I was questioning their reliability I wasn't (just the amount of times you now have to be reliable ho ho).

Now that's out of the way I can pick up on a good lead from the Rantmaster.

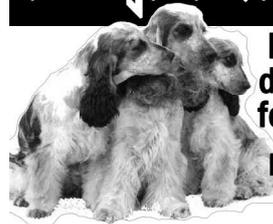
Where is the transport to get me to a job?

When my partner and I came to Fosdyke to view our home to be we, of course, had a quick look around the village. Unfortunately it was not good enough! Spotting the bus stop I thought 'well that's okay then' (I had a spoilt upbringing on the edge of the city, and was used to strange things like Buses and Trains so I never learnt to drive!). Oh what a mistake that was!

It seems strange that in this day and age, and living in a country that has invented and organised just about the whole world (whether it wanted us to or not!) we still have villages without any public transport links (not even a horse and cart). In the time it takes to walk to Boston or Spalding we could fly half way across Europe or pop into space! With an ageing population, the need to renew your driving licence every three years after turning seventy, more cases of ill health and poor eyesight, and the sheer expense of running a car, you would think we should be looking more closely at providing a decent bus service (yes it would also be good for the young wanting to go out shopping without mum/dad playing taxi, anyone wanting to have a drink and not be arrested on the way home and, yes I admit,

those poor souls wanting to find, keep, and just get to work. Of course, I don't expect the bus companies to just turn up on the off chance I might be standing there, but ours is not the only village here abouts that has no regular service so why not combine us all into one route? The odd bus during the day with a few extra first and last thing, all we have to do is leave the cars at home and make use of it! (That, I guess, is the hardest part). Maybe one for our council friends to campaign for?

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# LETTERS

It is always good to receive feedback from readers, but generally the response is letters of encouragement. This month, however, we have had several villagers who feel strongly enough to write in to share their feelings.

One of these letters we received through the post (yes, a stamped snail mail delivered through our letterbox by the postman) did not include a name, and while it's our policy not to print anything from people who aren't prepared to say who they are (it could be a hoax letter) this one sounded genuine enough. Fear not if you want to say something but wish to remain anonymous (as did the other two writers) as we will respect your wishes, but any future pieces that we receive from an unreliable source will go straight in the bin. All you need to say is 'please don't publish my name'.

Here goes:



*RE: Comments on 'Rachel's Rants'*

*I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rachel for a peaceful month last month. There is enough negativity and bigotry in the world, without having it presented to us in a village Newsletter. It was really nice to have a month free from ranting. Long may it continue.*

*Anonymous contributor*

*(Name and address supplied)*

[Editor: Sorry, she's back this month on Page 5!]



*Re Rachael's Rant. Not too sure about this. I am cynical at the best of times but I found it bordering on PC uncorrect and I think a lot of the gentlefolk in the village would find it offensive.*

*With regard to nicely typed articles... I did send you a few but you never included them - wonder*

*if this is the same for other people?*

*Re Open Mic night - to me it's a seriously professional set up - I am still trying to sort my music to perform as I don't think I'm up to the standard and at the moment haven't got time to practice but that might change!*

*Talent show. Good idea but who are you aiming at? Kiddies talent show etc, general sort of fair/festival day, sporting contests or more like TV Britain's Got Talent? Again not sure if I have any other talents for this, perhaps other people too are not sure as our village talent reflected in the newsletter seems to be focussed on singing and dancing etc.*

*Just a few thoughts for you to ignore.*

*Kind regards*

*M*

We emailed the sender (they emailed this to us, which is our preferred means of receiving comments) asking if they'd mind their name being used but they never responded so, to be on the safe side, we've just included an initial (randomly chosen, we might add).

To M's first point in regards Rachel's Rant we initially thought the same, but everyone has a free voice. We were encouraged though when we heard that several village elders agreed wholeheartedly with Rachel's views, and sometimes you have to be a little bit politically incorrect to make people think. It's what comedians do.

We apologise for not publishing M's nicely typed articles, they're one of the few to do that, but we don't always have space.

We're pleased M thinks the Open Mic nights are professional (particularly as they are free for people to come and watch), although, as far as I know, M has only been to one Open Mic night to

make that judgment. We try to make it as professional as possible, though it does depend on the acts that turn up, and the three of us (that's Phatt Knappii) are still aspiring to reach the heights of the other acts. We hope you can find time to practice. We know how difficult it is for us.

As for the talent idea we're open to suggestions. That was the idea. We did mention that people might have pets that were capable of tricks so maybe we overemphasised the singer and dancing.

We'd never ignore what villagers say. Sorry you feel that you have been.



*Terry.*

*Could we please have some pleasant reading in the Fosdyke Newsletter. Poor Fosdyke what depressing reading on our lovely village.*

*Fosdyke is typical of any village in the fens, a farming community, you get mud on roads! Most farmers clear up behind them best they can. All local residents know what farming life is all about, it's been our life and those that move here should expect that life in the fens is not the same as in the city. Why move here if you do not except the village life and all that goes with it?*

*Miss B, whom I am guessing has not been used to village life, for your information the roads are cleaned regularly by the council, mostly early morning.*

*Resident of Fosdyke, appalled by negative comments and not looking at the wider picture of village life.*

*No name or address supplied.*

Thank you to whoever posted this letter to us.

We try our hardest to have a balance of stories and would love

to have more pleasant and uplifting reports. Unfortunately most of the news we receive IS depressing. Few people give us positive news or stories.

We would like to point out to the person who wrote the above letter that we get complaints about farmers from people who were born and bred in the village with families going back many years, so it's not just new villagers who have been complaining. And I'm sure that people moving to the village don't come here with their eyes closed (maybe their noses) and from our experience it's the newer people who have tended to bring a little life into the village (please don't say you don't want any life in the village)..

I'm glad that someone has seen the council cleaning the roads, but how often? I'm still awaiting the call-back that was promised from Boston Borough Council over a month ago to give me that information.

Perhaps our letter writer could give us some details about the wider picture of village life so that we can publish it in the *Fosdyke Newsletter* and let everyone know that this IS (and we won't deny that) a lovely village.

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Terry.

You said that you didn't have any replies ref a talent show. Sorry can't help you on that. Neither my sister nor I can sing, etc. so that's out for us.

But, I have a couple of gripes:

1. About the roads being cleaned. I have lived here in Whitecross Gate for almost thirteen years now and I have NEVER seen a road sweeper up here. I did have quite a surprise one day last summer though. I saw a man actually cleaning out the dyke. When I said to him it was the first time I had seen anyone actually in the dykes cleaning them, he told me it is done every year. Well, I've never seen it done before. Oh, I never saw him come up as far as my bungalow either!

2. About those crows. Why a cull? They were here before any of us. That is a terrible thing to have done coming from me, who is terrified of feathers let alone the birds themselves. I feed the birds every morning even though I am scared of them, and of course they make a mess. They haven't got a loo. like we have, where else can they do their poo?

I've finished having a moan now, sorry about that, but you did say you would like feedback.

Sheila Needham

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This one is a letter to Lincolnshire County Council but cc'd to us:

Dear Sir/Madam

We live in Fosdyke, half way between Holbeach and Sutterton where the road has been and still is closed at 8pm until morning. When doing my cleaning job last week I could not access my home from Holbeach so followed divert sign Via Spalding then onto the A16, having done all this I could not access my home at Sutterton round about. There were no signs for access to fosdyke any where! Our village is in the middle of your road works and no access to Fosdyke. I had to leave my car and walk to find workmen to explain, not being local workmen and not knowing the area they were no help, telling me I must go back Via Spalding to access Fosdyke from Holbeach, I explain this was not possible! In the end they opened the road to let me get access to my home. Other Fosdyke residents were trying to explain to them also.

Last night not finding any work men to let me by I had to go to Kirton to pick up a back road to get to my home. A road I would not use in the daytime let alone night.

How can this happen? We need access to our home further more signs to let people know how to get to Fosdyke.

I await your reply.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs R Cameron

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# PUBLIC TRANSPORT. WHAT'S THAT?

I've had a number of readers of Fosdyke Newsletter complain about the state of our bus service (not least Rachel in her rant this month) and why the parish council hasn't done more to ensure that Fosdyke isn't a backwater confined to those who can drive and afford to run cars. "What bus service?" you may ask.

Let's pause and take a little look into our futures. The first future: we've a good enough pension to lead a decent life when we retire; our mortgage is paid off; we can afford to run a car; we can go out for the occasional meal and afford a holiday once a year; and we remain healthy until we pop our socks. The second future: our second pension didn't pay out as much as we thought and the state pension means we're going to struggle to maintain a comfortable existence, stuck at home, with no social life. Run a car? You've hung on to the one you had when you retired and now it's costing too much to keep on the road. Your joints are showing signs of wear and tear from (1) your younger days of sport, (2) being consistently overweight or (3) just being one of those unlucky ones whose genetics means arthritis is guaranteed. Whatever your lifestyle, age hasn't been kind.

If you're in the first scenario you'll not give a damn about the fact there's no proper bus service in Fosdyke, but can you be sure that's going to be you? If any of the second scenario rings your bell it's likely you'll be wanting to get in and out of Fosdyke - after all, what's here? A Village Hall, that's probably

booked more by people from out of the village than in, a Social Club that most people in the village seem averse to visiting despite a vibrant variety of entertainment and effort from the committee to keep it that way; an adventure playground that has been vandalised by older children (this has lessened since the introduction of the new swings, but the summer holidays aren't far off ...); and a pub-come-restaurant which could be more central to the village. Don't worry, I hear you say, your children will be grown up and will then be able to take you wherever you want to go. Ah ... but they emigrated or moved to a big city. You have friends who will help? They'll most likely be in the same position as you by then and, anyway, age tends to bring out the selfish side of even the best of us, and they'll be wanting to enjoy their retirement not be anchored by yours.

So, you need to get out of the village and do a bit of shopping. You could do your shopping online, of course, but the broadband connection is so bad you might just as well get a cab to the shops and back for the amount of time and fuss it's going to take

your clicks. And speaking of taxis, one OAP in the village has already spent £500 this year on fares and estimates their annual cab bill to be around the £1k mark.

## WHY NOT CATCH THE BUS?

Let's start with a tale of woe, there are several actually. A Fosdyke Newsletter speciality unfortunately.

The car of an OAP in the village eventually gave up the ghost and its owner needed to get to Boston to do some shopping. Checking the noticeboard near the Village Hall they see there are two buses a day, operated by Brylaine (school and college days only), Monday to Friday, one at 8.16 am and the next at 9.30 am. Great! And it says pickup and drop off is at the Village Hall. Perfect! Being aware of bus reliability, after all this is the UK, they wait from 9.15 till 9.45 am one Thursday. No bus. They do it again on the Friday. No bus.

A kindly neighbour informs the OAP that the buses now pull into the layby by the Moorings Café and don't come into the village at all. So much for the noticeboard information! But it does say Village Hall on the Brylaine website too.

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## CROPLEY COACHES

Originally founded in the 1920's, Cropley is a family run business that's been handed down from generation to generation. Their founder started by taking local folk to market in a horsedrawn cart – a far cry from the fleet of impressive Setra and Volvo coaches they run today.

The fleet includes a coach with integrated lift and dedicated space for two wheelchairs for customers who have disabilities.

Current owners John and

Sandra Cropley have been in charge since 1986.

Cropley runs regular coach excursions to France, Belgium, Holland and Spain as well as trips within the UK. Their European 'shopper' trips have proved extremely popular and new excursions are being introduced each season.

Due to their wealth of European travel experience, their services have been chosen by several Twinning Associations and they can also provide corporate, educational and works transport facilities.



Now our OAP has to take their life in their hands to cross the *Death Race 2000* A17, and they're not as light-footed as they used to be. Ah, there's the bus, coming over Fosdyke Bridge. But wait! It's not pulling into the layby its driving straight passed. After madly waving at the bus driver it eventually stops, but the driver isn't particularly polite when our OAP arrives out of breath. However, the male driver did accept his bus pass.

A call from us to Brylaine confirmed that they don't pull into the layby and that you have to stand on the side of the A17 and flag the bus down. Doesn't sound very safe to us and it's not where they say the bus stops on their website. We guess they don't drive into the village for the convenience of their passengers because they'd have to wait to pull back out again onto the A17. Which, of course, is for their own convenience, not their passengers. Call that a service? (Since then Brylaine has sent us a new timetable which does state the A17 as the stopping point for Fosdyke.)

It means that while Fosdyke has a bus service, of sorts, it's in no way convenient for the people it's supposed to offer a service to. And what happens outside of school term. Scuppered!

So, back to one of the original

questions. Why doesn't the Parish Council do more to give Fosdyke a decent bus service? It seems they are powerless to influence Lincolnshire County Council, the body responsible for transport, to help our rural community.

Perhaps our parish councillor who runs the village's coach company might be prepared to offer a service on one day of the week to Boston. Say Wednesday's market day? But we're talking about business not charity and maybe it's only a charity that would be able to run a rural bus service. Certainly local and central government doesn't seem concerned about the people it's willing to hammer with red tape and nanny laws.

We rang Cropleys Coaches to see if they allow adults on the school bus from here to Boston only to be told it's Phil Haynes Coaches that run the Boston school route. And a call to them received a "no we don't" answer.

Lincolnshire County Council decide which routes are approved services and therefore which accept concessionary bus passes. It's interesting to note that in Lincolnshire these passes can be used locally before 9.30 am, whereas most other counties don't allow the passes to be used before then.

Brylaine doesn't allow them, but

travel for just £1 one way until 6 September this year but there are conditions.

The service operates from 7am to 7pm but you can only book in office hours and if you don't get through they have a callback service within 30 minutes. Haven't been able to ascertain a cost yet but they have left voicemails.



our intrepid OAP, having had his pass accepted the first time argued for five minutes with a female driver and was threatened with a call to the police by her before accepting that not all routes take these passes and that he'd actually saved £2.30 (the single fare) on his first trip with them.

He was so annoyed about how he was treated that he contacted our local MP Mark Simmons, and it transpires that Mr Simmons is actually a director of Brylaine. Interesting ... We'll let you know how this pans out. Let's hope we're pleasantly surprised.

## BRYLAINE TRAVEL

Brylaine Travel was formed by Brian and Elaine Gregg, who began the business in 1980 with the purchase of Fenwicks Coaches, operating just 4 vehicles in Old Bollingbroke, Nr Spilsby.

They settled into the business and over the next ten years they began expanding and improving it until 1989/90 with the purchase of Hogg International Coachways in Boston as well as Sams Coaches and Atkins of Skegness. Brylaine Travel became the largest independently owned bus operator in the county, second only to the mighty Stagecoach operating in the region.

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# BOWLS NEWS

Goodfellowship Bowls Club, will be holding their annual bowls tournament on Sunday 10 August on their Fosdyke-based bowls green, considered to be one of the best greens in the area this year thanks to Sue Hoyles tireless efforts.

Although entries are down on last year, no doubt due to the mallicious damage caused by a youngster from the villager, there has still been a good take up with the promise of car park marshals - all additional costs to the club, of course, to ensure that no damage is done this year. Consequences.

## BURGLARY STATISTICS

According to the Office for National Statistics, the most recent crime statistics have revealed that domestic burglary has halved over the last ten years and the likelihood of becoming a repeat victim of burglary has reduced by 60%. Some around here might disagree!



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# MARRIED BLISS

Congratulations to Jane and David Bristow on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. They celebrated twenty five years of marriage with friends and family at the Social Club recently.

There will also be some more partying in August at the social club when Clive Rhodes reaches sixty and David Bristow reaches fifty - all on the same weekend.

# CLOSE SHAVE FOR KAREN

Karen Marriott was lucky to get away with just a few cuts and bruises recently when her car was rammed as someone came out of a side turning while she was travelling to work.

The force of the impact sent her Suzuki car rolling down the road and finally coming to a halt on its roof. We were hoping to show you some dramatic shots of the aftermath but unfortunately they hadn't arrived in time. Maybe next month. Karen has since taken possession of a new car to replace her writeoff.

# ROADSHOW

The BBC Antiques Roadshow, is being filmed at Belton House, Belton near Grantham on Thursday, 31 July 2014 between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Police Crime Reduction Tactical Advisors, Sally Picker and Alex Parkin will be on hand to discuss all things security, whether that be property marking, intruder alarms or CCTV. They look forward to meeting you and hope you have an enjoyable day.



# ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES A 'MA'LADY

Mill Lane seems to be inundated with droppings. Last month it was crows' this month it's ...

It seems the neanderthal is on the loose again with its dog. Doggy doos were left in the middle of the pavement in Mill Lane, and there's not much pavement there! Remember, if you're in charge of a dog and it fouls anywhere within a speed limit of thirty miles an hour it is your duty to clear it up. Leaving it is a criminal offence liable to quite a hefty fine if convicted.

Aside from that it's plain downright disgusting and a toxic hazard, particularly to children (so if your dog and your children play in the garden you should be vigilant and clean up afterwards).

We would advise people who are tempted to pick up the said substance and drop it through the culprit owner's letterbox to refrain from such action. Better to report them to the local authority who can slap a fixed penalty of £80. If they

choose to contest this and go to court they can receive a maximum of £1,000.

Doos number 2: We had a phone call complaining about a huge amount of horse manure being dumped, by the horse of course, outside someone's house in Mill Lane. Most of us would have hurriedly gone outside with a spade and wheelbarrow and picked up the smelly mound to spread on our garden. (Horses poo isn't toxic or dangerous and it's not an offence to leave it ... however.)

Armed with something less able to remove the said substance, a camera, our enterpid complainer proceeded to the crime scene only to drop and break their camera. Was that some kind of message from above? So the saying that being pooed on is lucky might not be correct.

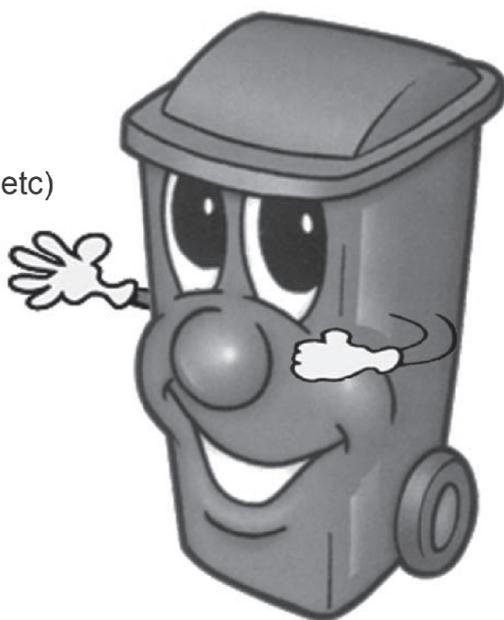
# WASTE NOT AND GET IT RIGHT

The media has recently highlighted the fact that different district councils have different rules for what you can and can't put in your blue recycle bins. Here's Boston Borough Council's guidelines taken from their website

## Items that can be put into the blue recycling bin

Aerosol cans  
 Aluminium cans  
 Cardboard boxes  
 Catalogues  
 Cereal boxes  
 Drinks cans  
 Cardboard Egg boxes  
 Envelopes  
 Foil  
 Foil trays  
 Food tins  
 Glass bottles (wine, beer etc)  
 Glass jars  
 Greeting cards  
 Junk mail  
 Magazines  
 Newspapers  
 Paperback books  
 Pet food tins  
 Plastic bottles  
 Plastic detergent bottles  
 Plastic drink bottles  
 Plastic milk bottles  
 Plastic shampoo bottles  
 Steel cans  
 Telephone directories  
 Writing paper

Confidential waste, that is to say, personal details, bank details etc should be shredded to minimise the risk of identity theft



All other items must be put into your green landfill bin such as the following:

Food waste/animal faeces (double bag)  
 Polystyrene packaging  
 Waxed milk and juice cartons  
 Nappies  
 Plastic carrier/black plastic bin bags  
 Plastic film  
 Bubble wrap  
 Yoghurt pots  
 Ice cream containers  
 Crisp packets  
 Margarine tubs  
 Crockery/utensils

## WANNA PLAY POOL?

Now that the Wigtoft pool leagues are coming to a close the Social Club are planning to run friendly competitions amongst members and youngsters from the village.

If you are interested in playing pool and you are sixteen or over let the social club know by contacting them on their What's On display on Page 4

**Fosdyke Village Hall**  
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### Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

67	Mrs A Cook	Heckington	£10
25	Mrs J Stocks	Sutterton	£10
72	Mrs J Robinson	Long Sutton	£10
214	Mrs M Dennis	Gosberton	£10
148	Mr P Ulyatt	Fosdyke	£15
31	Mrs R Northern	Heckington	£20
219	Mrs A Smalley	Sutterton	£25

Next draw: Monday 11 August 2014 at the Bingo