

## LIFE SAVER

Thanks to Cllr Chris Cropley who made an application to the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund the village now has a new piece of life-saving equipment in the form of a defibrillator on the front wall of Fosdyke Village Hall.

There will be free defibrillator awareness training at 6.30pm on Friday, 23 March, at the village hall for an hour or two depending on take-up. While it's free, there are limited places so if you are interested then you need to contact

Chris as soon as possible on 07792424774 to book a space.

None of the costs for the defibrillator have come out of parish council's funds as it has been paid for by the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund.

## FOSDYKE ART CLUB

Well, there isn't one quite yet but two of our newer residents are all set to start one up. Venue yet to be decided.

Janet Swannell and Maxine Corroya are both keen artists and Maxine has also been an art teacher. They intend to be there to help you paint or draw or just to support you to allow you to do your own thing. Beginners through to experienced artists will be very welcome.

If you are interested, and you don't have to be a Fosdyke resident to join, please ring either Janet on 07814598651 or Maxine on 07986562454.

## WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

It's that time of year when we're all looking in the mirror and thinking we need to lose a few pounds, blaming it on our seasonal excesses.

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Chris Andrews'  
**WILD**  **TIMES**  
**Let's go fly, a kite!**



“When the kite builds, look to your lesser linen.” So wrote Shakespeare in his play “The Winter’s Tale”. What he was referring to was the red kite, the bird I would like to look at in this month’s column about local wildlife..

Back in Shakespeare’s day, the red kite would have been a very familiar bird to his audience. Although they are technically birds of prey, in reality they do very little proper hunting. Instead they prefer to live as scavengers, picking up the remains of larger predator’s meals. Medieval towns and cities often had a large midden, or rubbish dump into which things like rotten meat used to go. The kites would hang around and make their living eating these leftovers. Indeed, one nickname of the time for them was, if you’ll excuse the coarseness, ‘shite hawk’. In fact you can still find them hanging about today’s rubbish tips, doing exactly the same thing. Or over parks, sports grounds and the like, looking for dropped sandwiches and sausage rolls.

It is actually very good news that we do see kites like that these days. Back in the 18th and 19th centuries when shooting estates really took off as a thing, red kites suffered a dramatic decline. Gamekeepers jealously guarded their birds, and anything that might even vaguely be considered the smallest threat were targeted mercilessly. Kites were shot, trapped, poisoned and their nests were destroyed. Things got to such a state that they were extinct throughout much of Britain, with just a small colony remaining in Wales. Even that was not secure, as egg thieves used to rob the nests, and in the 1930’s there was only one breeding pair left. However early conservationists banded together with concerned locals to protect the kites, and the danger of complete extinction was averted. Then in the 1990’s reintroduction

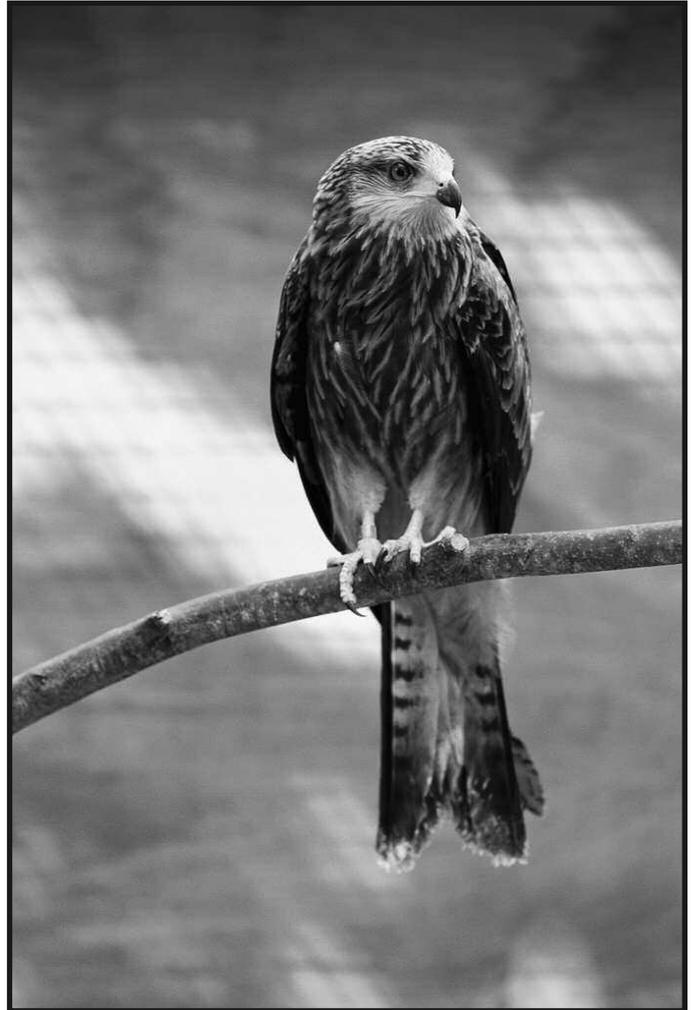
projects across the UK brought kites in from Spain and Sweden. With new legislation protecting birds, the population swiftly recovered and there are now several thousand gracing British skies once more. They are even moving into the Fosdyke area, out of Northamptonshire.

All of this is great news as, in my opinion, they are lovely birds. They have a very distinctive long forked tail, which helps with identification. Brown and white underneath, they get their name

from the colour of the tail, which on top is a definite orange-red colour. Very dramatic to see too, with a wingspan of just over 5 feet. Not that they use them to fly per se. Kites, it has to be said, a very lazy. Not much flapping for them, instead they prefer to glide, or soar on winds and thermals. After all, if you are eating things that are already dead, you don’t have to chase it! They take courtship in the same relaxed manner. Unlike birds which defend territories and make up elaborate displays, kites gradually form pairs over the course



Red Kite in flight courtesy Neil Smith



Red Kite in flight courtesy Neil Smith

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of a winter, and are quite happy to all share the same area of countryside with no squabbling. They do have one quirk though, as alluded to by Shakespeare. Rather than using feathers or moss to line their nest, instead they search out other soft material. Fur shed from animals as they change from their winter to summer coats would have been the original item. But anything that looks soft and light-coloured is considered fair game. So over the years, many a person has done their

laundry and hung it out to dry, only for a kite to pinch an item off the line!

In terms of disturbance to humans though, a bit of petty pilfering is as bad as it is likely to get. Kites look big and dramatic, but there is actually very little to them. They are not going to try to steal lambs (though they do hang around whilst sheep are giving birth, looking for the placenta), and are very unlikely to target pheasants or other game birds. They just aren't built for it, with weak talons and very light bodies. Instead, if they aren't hanging around the tip, they tend to clean up all the squished rabbits and hares off our roads. Any actual hunting they do is of mice, voles and earthworms. They certainly are not going to have a go at your dog if you are out walking, though they may come low to see if you are going to disturb any small mammals. Or of course drop your sarnies!

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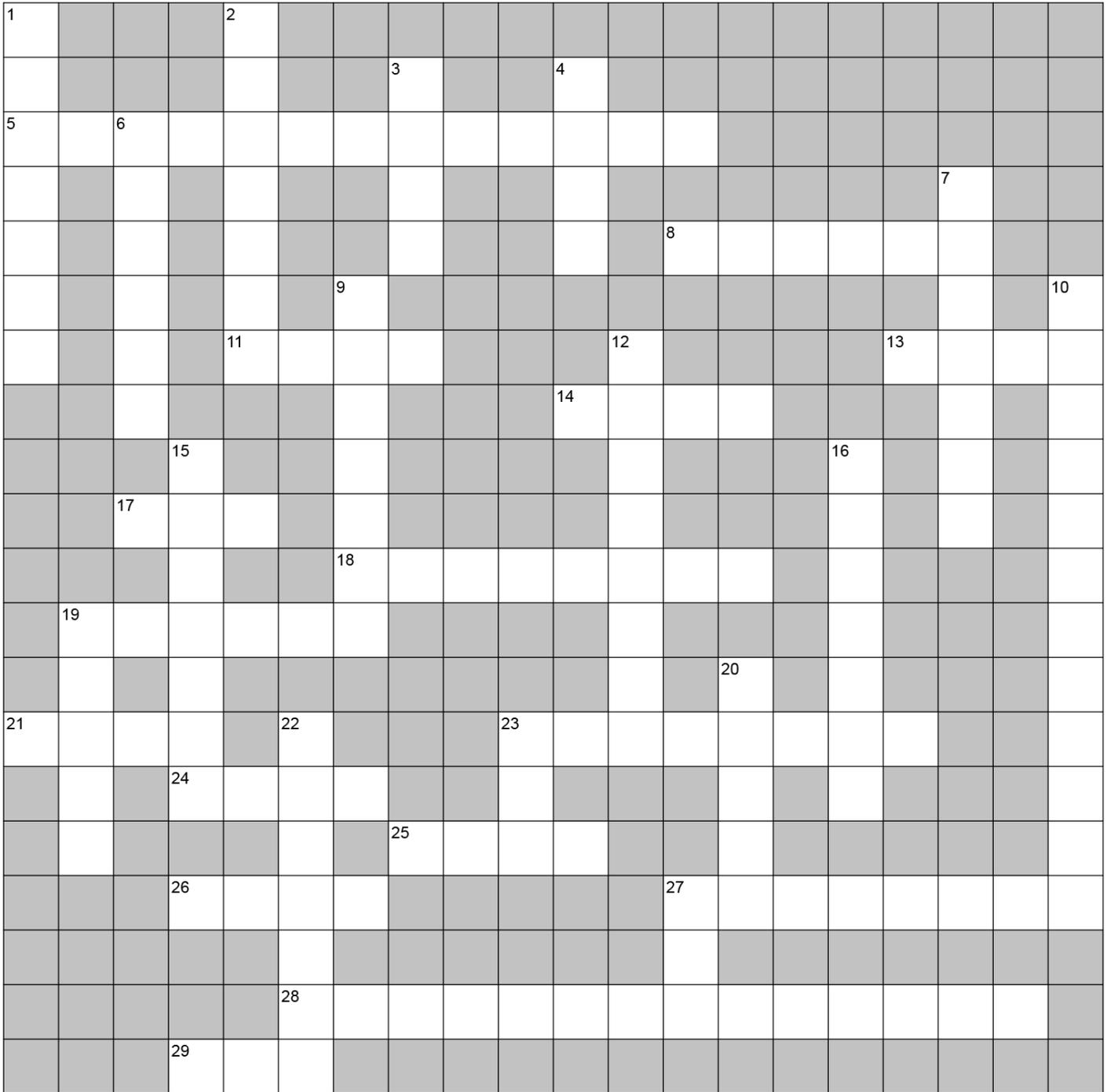
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# Fosdyke Puzzle

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## Across

5. See 3 Down. (3)
8. See 23 Across. (6)
11. See 19 Across. (4)
13. See 22 Down. (4)
14. See 4 Down. (4)
17. See 3 Down. (3)
18. See 23 Across. (8)
19. Open Mic is held here amongst other events. (6) (and 11 Across)
21. See 12 Down. (4)
23. Labelled, Thereapeutic Horsemanship. (8) (and 8, 27 & 18 Across)
24. See 29 Across (4)
25. See 26 Across. (4)
26. A ring road, perhaps. (4) (and 25 Across)
27. See 23 Across. (8)
28. Name of Fosdyke's bowls club. (14)
29. Where you can have a pint and a meal. (3) (and 24 Across & 23 Down)

## Down

1. Award-winning builder in 2012. (7)
2. Produce website solutions. (7) (and 19 Down)
3. Fits kitchens and bathrooms. (4) (and 17 & 5 Across)
4. Get a respray there, amongst other things. (4) (and 9 Down, 14 Across & 7 Down)
6. See 27 Down. (6)
7. See 4 Down. (7)
9. See 4 Down. (7)
10. Has goalposts either end, but not just for football. (12)
12. Fosdyke's breakfast place. (8) (and 21 Across)
15. See 16 Down. (7)
16. Hire one from here and take a trip. (7) (and 15 Down)
19. See 2 Down.(5)
20. Which Ronnie welds? (5)
22. Bingo is played here on a Monday evening. (7) (and 13 Across)
23. See 29 Across. (3)
27. Fosdyke's Church. (3) (and 6 Down)

# PARISH COUNCIL-UPS AND DOWNS

The parish council seems to be scoring lots of points at the moment. The latest being the acquisition of a defibrillator,

However, their publication of minutes still leaves a lot to be desired, with last October's minutes still being the most recent minutes available on the parish council's website at the time of going to press for this issue (14 January).

The minutes don't seem to appear on the village noticeboard either, which would be easier if the council has issues with uploading files to their own website. But, then, some villagers don't live so conveniently close to the noticeboard.

# WHIST WINNERS

January's Whist Drive winners at the social club were Gary Britchford and John Sellers with 115 points closely followed by Malcom Epton and Mary Baldwin with 112 points.

# 250 DRAW WINNERS

The village hall 250 draw takes place every second Monday of the month at bingo. Each individual selection of a number includes all numbers. So you can win multiple prizes!

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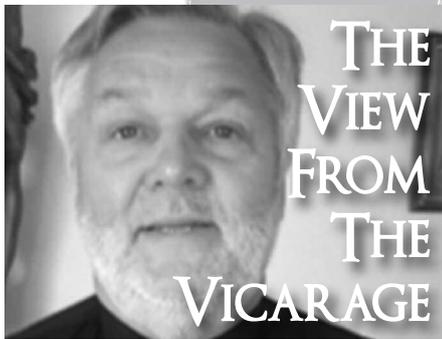
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In response to last month's Editor's Comment:

Dear Editor of the *Fosdyke Magazine*,

I was somewhat surprised at the tone and vehemence of your editorial in the Newsletter for December on matters pertaining to Church life in our small but growing Church of All Saints in Fosdyke.

I think that I can see where you are coming from, and can fully appreciate what you think you see on the surface, but perhaps I might be permitted to set the record straight on a few points contained within the editorial.

You speak of how the Church may have had a new parish priest much sooner had it not been for Fosdyke PCC and their insistence on a male priest. In fact the PCC of Fosdyke openly in the Parish profile which was made available to all applicants said that they would be more than happy with a female incumbent, but would seek to have a retired male priest celebrate the Holy Eucharist. The truth of the matter is that almost all of the Diocese of Lincoln's churches are at present struggling to recruit clergy. This has more to do with the particular problems of rural ministry and the task of servicing multiple churches rather than male versus female clergy. The average vacancy in our Diocese runs from eighteen months to three years, and this is

common in almost all of the Church of England's deeply rural areas. The task of pastoring tiny and under resourced parishes does not attract the younger clergy sadly. This is a fact we have to live with, and the current Bishop of Lincoln and the senior staff are releasing more historic funds to fill more and more of our smaller and deeply rural churches. There might be an onus on the people of these smaller

communities to support their clergy more effectively in what can be a very lonely ministry.

Secondly, the Church of England has always prided itself on being a "broad Church" since the Elizabethan Settlement of 1559 - holding together divisions of belief, polity and practice following the Reformation. Even today the Church of England has created a rightful and honoured place for traditionalists within the life of the Church in the spirit of Elizabeth the 1st and her masterful settlement that allowed us all to exist in peace and mutual respect. Thus the PCC of Fosdyke exercised their right under Synodical procedure to remain faithful to the tradition teaching of the Universal Church, both Catholic and Orthodox and to retain a male priesthood. Talk of Vicars alone suggests a mere functionality of role, when in fact the whole Church has always understood ordination and priesthood as an ontological reality way beyond functions only.

Regarding my more liberal attitude, let me say that while I am theologically open minded, I deeply respect the teaching of the Church, and my intent is not to allow my

<p><b>Thursday, 25 January</b>  <b>Noontide Prayers</b>          followed by vicars surgery          12 noon</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 28 January</b>  <b>Holy Communion</b>          8.30pm</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 1 February</b>  <b>Noontide Prayers</b>          followed by vicars surgery          12 noon</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 8 February</b>  <b>Noontide Prayers</b>          followed by vicars surgery          12 noon</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 11 February</b>  <b>Holy Communion</b>          9.30am</p>
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more liberal views to rub off on the PCC, but to lead the entire Church family to a deeper and fuller experience of the Jesus I find changes so many closed minds on a myriad of subjects. Liberal I may be on some matters, but there is nothing worse than an illiberal liberal who cannot listen and respect the views of others that differ from one's own.

I am minded of the quote from the great G K Chesterton who once said "I believe what really happens in history is this: the old man is always wrong; and the young people are always wrong about what is wrong with him. The practical form it takes is this: that, while the old man may stand by some stupid custom, the young man always attacks it with some theory that turns out to be equally stupid."

We are all different, we all have our own views, and we all want to be heard! Patriarchal roots yes of course, bigots and misinformed women, no!

I have always found in my thirty-two years of parish ministry that one of the most sincere forms of respect is actually having the good grace to listen to what another person has to say fully before allowing own views to either attack, diminish or affront .

*Fr Paul Blanch*

Editor: Thank you for clearing up the matter of the choice of vicar. Maybe I've been a victim of misinformation. I base my opinions on what I've been told or have read. I haven't the benefit of "faith", but I do believe the Church has an important part to play in local communities.



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## DIARY DATES

Fosdyke Social Club has two of its most popular events coming up soon.

First is Paddy's Night on Saturday, 17 March, organised by social club committee member Tammie Ryan who lives in Holbeach. It's a celebration of St. Patrick's Day and is now in its third year. The band entertaining everyone this year is Kit and The Knight Ryders. Kit, AKA Chris Tinsley, from near Sleaford, has

made solo appearances at the social club's Open Mic nights, and purely as an individual musician is worth watching. Tickets go on sale at the end of January at £6 for members and £6.50 for non-members.

An event that has been going for eons is the annual Ham Supper which includes a Race Night which, this year, will be held on Saturday, 7 April. It's worth contacting Jane Bristow on 01205 260275 if this event interests you as places can go quickly.



# GARDEN WASTE REGISTRATION

Wednesday, 31 January, is the day that, with a simple click of your mouse, you can make this growing season's gardening duties that much easier by signing up for brown bin garden waste collections.

The place to register is [www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste). Say goodbye to the garden waste blues. For just £1.50 per collection (£30 for a complete growing season's single bin collection) Boston Borough Council will take your garden waste away every fortnight from this April to the end of November and then again from the end of February, 2019, to the end of March, 2019.

Grass cuttings, leaves, hedge and shrub trimmings, weeds and plants can all go in the brown bin.

You could even get the coming season's service for free – all existing online direct debit customers continuing with the service, and new online customers signing up by direct debit, can enter a prize draw and ten lucky winners will receive the 2018/19 garden waste collection service for FREE, to the value of £30. All those eligible will receive notification.

If you don't have the room, or don't want to home compost your garden waste, and don't want to ruin your car taking it to the tip – with the best of intentions garden waste can get left until its slimy and smelly - then a brown bin is the sensible option.

Sign up online - no queuing, no waiting, no journey out into the cold and wet. There has been no price increase from last year – it will still be £30 for the collection of a single bin and £15 for each additional bin. Still great value for money at just £1.50 per collection. New customers will have to pay £25 for the purchase and delivery of their brown bin.

Collections for the new 2018/19 growing season will start in April. Existing customers who signed up

last year will receive the last of the current growing season's collection until the end of March. Those who signed up online AND made a direct debit payment arrangement AND want to continue in April need do nothing more. Those who signed up online but did not make a direct debit payment arrangement need to go to [www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste) from today to sign up and pay again. Or make a direct debit arrangement and save themselves a job next time.

Once we have received your payment you will receive your

2018/19 stickers. You must write on your stickers, in permanent ink, your property number/name, street name and postcode. This will help safeguard your brown bin (which you own) and ensures your continued access to the service. Your sticker must be visible on your bin from April 1.

Cllr Michael Brookes, the council's Cabinet member for waste services, said: "I hope to welcome old and new customers to this service. They will find it to be the cleanest, most efficient and cost effective way of properly disposing of their garden waste. It is also a reliable and regular service which can be depended on."

For further information see Frequently Asked Questions and terms and conditions at [www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste).

- Not online? Don't worry, you can sign up for this service in person at Municipal Buildings in West Street, Boston, or by phone (01205 311 112) but not until Wednesday, February 14.

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Liz Wallder's  
**Book Review**

**The Princess Bride**  
by William Goldman

As I am a fan of the 1987 film starring Cary Elwes, when I saw the book for sale in a charity shop I snapped it up. On reading the cover I saw that it was actually written by a S. Morgenstern and Goldman only translated and abridged the original story. To my surprise I found out that William Goldman had written a number of screenplays, the most famous of which was "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid".

My confusion only got worse when I started reading the introduction by Goldman, in which he went off on many tangents about his father, his son and ex-wife. And all of the actors involved in the film. Then in the actual story

he abridges whole chapters out of the book, but always politely tells the reader what he's cutting out and why.

It's a book that has everything; fencing, fighting, torture, poison, hate, revenge, giants, spiders, chases, escapes, lies, truth and true love. It covers just about everything really and is such an exciting read that I found I couldn't bear to put it down, or not for very long.

It reads like a fairy story, but gets very dark and scary at times- the cover calls it a spoof fairy-tale and I can understand that.

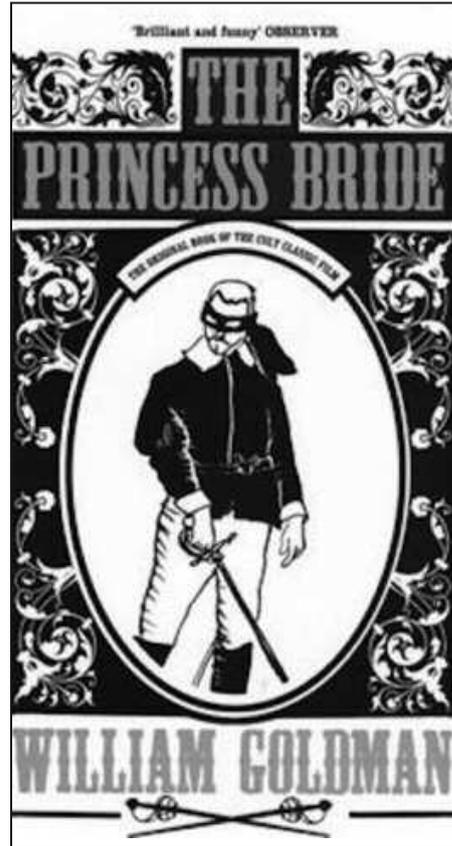
It is one of the most confusing

books I've ever read but also one of the funniest. The film is very funny in places and I always put this down to the exceptional cast, but

found out that it's all word for word taken from the book. In fact, if anything, the book is funnier.

On finishing the book, I had to immediately Google exactly what was going on, but I'd recommend reading it all first and I'm not sure if I believe everything I read on line either.

Read it and then you too can be confused. Just don't Google too early.



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# Plenty still to do in the garden

There's a noticeable difference in the length of the day and a feeling of anticipation, too, as a new season is just around the corner. It's a lovely month just to wander around the garden and look at the buds beginning to swell. Many of the buds are beautifully coloured at this time, and they're packed with youthful energy, ready to burst forth. Towards the end of the month, early flowering bulbs should be in flower, however, I have seen a few jumping the gun already this year.

A mild spell of weather can fool us into thinking that spring may have sprung, but beware, winter can often return with a vengeance. However, there is still plenty to do as your garden slowly begins to come to life.

Plant and divide snowdrops and winter aconites after flowering, but while the foliage is still green. Both of these bulbs should be bought "in the green" as it is known in bulb circles. They often do not grow

well when they are planted as dry bulbs in the autumn, it is a conundrum that I am often grilled about when people are trying to cultivate snowdrops into their gardens. Look through the gardening press now and you will see plenty advertised by specialist nurseries, who will supply them in the green by mail order. Many garden centres will supply them in pots. It's as well to buy snowdrops in particular from a reputable

supplier, then you can be sure they haven't been uprooted from the wild, an illegal practise which is causing great conservation worries.

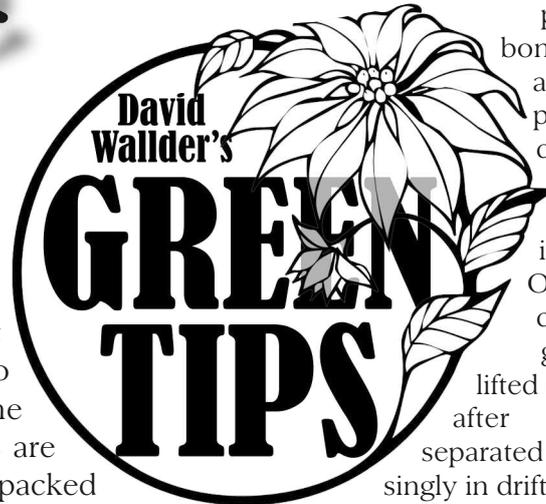
Work in some compost or leaf mould to enrich the soil before planting; a little bone meal won't go amiss either. Put the plant in a little deeper than they were previously and water them in if the soil is dry. Overcrowded clumps in the garden can also be lifted carefully with a fork after flowering, and separated out. Replant them singly in drifts at the same depth as they were growing.

Pot lilies for planting later. Lilies are normally planted in autumn in borders and patio tubs, but if you didn't manage to do it then, you can still have lilies in flower this summer. Even if the soil is too wet for planting outdoors you can pot up some lily bulbs and either move them or plant them out later in the spring. There should be plenty of lily bulbs to choose from in the garden centres now. Look for good plump bulbs, avoiding those which have become shrivelled and dry in the sun.

Plant the bulbs three or four to a 7" pot and keep them in a cool greenhouse or cold frame. Grow on inside, watering whenever the compost feels dry, to plant out later.

Protect emerging bulbs in the rock garden. Lovely dwarf Iris bulbs will be coming into flower this month. If they are growing outside they will benefit from some overhead protection. Use a sheet of glass or Perspex on bricks or a cloche to prevent the flowers being spoiled by heavy rain and snow. Covering with a cloche brings them into flower a little earlier too.

An ideal way of growing these excellent bulbs is in pots or shallow pans. The containers can then be stood on a table or on a low wall, and the flowers can be appreciated without having to get on your knees, and that's always a big plus for gardeners.



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# TWO NEW LIVE ACTS

Two new acts came along to the Open Mic night at Fosdyke Social Club on Thursday, 8 January.

You may have seen Antoine Fleuriot busking in Boston town centre but you are unlikely to have seen his daughter Arianne who made her debut at the club with both her own accompaniment on guitar and a couple of songs with backing tracks. Great voice and she hopes to be back.

The other new act for open mics was Peppermint Junction from Spalding. A four piece with folksy roots.

Angus from Sleaford was also there, as was Open Road (Brian and Andy), and Kiya Brown. And, of course, Phatt Knappii. And a great crowd!

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3	Boston International	14	6	1	2	28	18	3	0	2	12	12	9	1	4	40	30	10	28
4	F.C. Hammers	10	4	1	0	15	5	4	1	0	20	9	8	2	0	35	14	21	26
5	Railway Athletic Reserves	13	5	0	2	29	20	3	1	2	13	17	8	1	4	42	37	5	25
6	Colsterworth Sports & Social Club	15	2	1	3	24	16	3	3	3	30	19	5	4	6	54	35	19	19
7	F.C. Wrangle	12	5	2	2	20	17	0	1	2	8	10	5	3	4	28	27	1	18
8	Holbeach Bank	11	4	0	2	23	20	1	0	4	5	11	5	0	6	28	31	-3	15
9	Wyberton "A"	16	2	1	3	18	11	2	0	8	19	31	4	1	11	37	42	-5	13
10	Boston Athletic	12	3	0	4	14	20	0	1	4	9	19	3	1	8	23	39	-16	10
11	Coningsby Reserves	12	2	1	0	7	5	0	1	8	8	30	2	2	8	15	35	-20	8
12	Caythorpe	14	1	1	5	15	31	0	0	7	3	41	1	1	12	18	72	-54	4

## DIVISION 3

POS	HOME					AWAY					OVERALL					GD	PTS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				
1	Skegness Town "A"	15	8	0	0	52	4	5	0	2	22	12	13	0	2	74	16	58	39
2	Eagle United	13	7	0	0	41	11	5	0	1	29	7	12	0	1	70	18	52	36
3	Benington Reserves	16	4	2	1	19	6	6	1	2	29	15	10	3	3	48	21	27	33
4	Northgate Olympic	17	4	1	1	27	7	4	4	3	24	19	8	5	4	51	26	25	29
5	Woodhall Spa United Reserves	17	4	3	3	22	18	3	1	3	13	16	7	4	6	35	34	1	25
6	Digby	15	4	2	2	19	12	3	1	3	20	18	7	3	5	39	30	9	24
7	Boston College Reserves	16	5	2	1	24	16	2	1	5	15	22	7	3	6	39	38	1	24
8	Fosdyke Reserves	15	3	0	2	17	11	3	3	4	26	37	6	3	6	43	48	-5	21
9	Spalding Harriers	13	3	0	5	13	17	3	0	2	9	12	6	0	7	22	29	-7	18
10	Old Doningtonians Reserves	16	2	1	5	15	26	3	1	4	21	21	5	2	9	36	47	-11	17
11	Swineshead Institute "A"	17	2	1	6	28	44	2	1	5	15	38	4	2	11	43	82	-39	14
12	Leverton Sheepgate Reserves	17	2	1	6	16	30	0	0	8	12	46	2	1	14	28	76	-48	7
13	Mareham United	15	1	0	7	15	41	0	0	7	8	45	1	0	14	23	86	-63	3

# FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Just over halfway through the season and Fosdyke first team have a chance of gaining promotion back to Division 1 of the Boston Saturday Football League.

With a game cancelled against league leaders Park United whose form has dropped off recently Fosdyke has a potential twelve-point difference if they take away the six points from an away and a home win.

Fosdyke Reserves have come into form a little too late to challenge the leaders but this is football so you never know until it's over!

## RESULTS

**Saturday, 13 January**

Fosdyke 5 - 1 Boston International

**Saturday, 6 January**

Fosdyke 4 - 3 Colsterworth Sports & Social Club

**Saturday, 23 December**

Fosdyke 0 - 3 Park United

## HOME FIXTURES

**Saturday, 27 January**

Fosdyke v Boston Athletic

**Saturday, 3 February**

Fosdyke v Holbeach Bank

**Sunday, 4 February**

Fosdyke Sunday FC v Pinchbeck Utd Sunday FC

# CLUB OPEN

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# TALKING OF WASTE ...

You'll no doubt have noticed the article from Boston Borough Council on Page 8 regarding the garden waste collection.

We've mentioned before about people burning their garden waste at inappropriate times and using the brown bin collection service means getting rid of garden waste in an ecologically friendly way. Garden waste is composted down rather than burnt.

While we're on the subject of waste we'd like to remind those few irresponsible dog walkers who continue to allow their dogs to foul the footpaths and verges in the village that it is an offence with a fixed penalty notices of £100 if you don't carry anything in which you can pick up and take away your dog's mess. Refusal to pay the fine

can end you up in the magistrates' court with a further £1,000 penalty.

If the thought of picking up your dog's poo disgusts you then perhaps you shouldn't have a dog in the first place.

So, for those not clear of where they need to pick up their dog waste, it's within any area that has a speed limit of 50 mph or less. That includes paths, verges and the road itself.

For instance, although the path across the field between Whitecross Gate and Mill Lane is on agricultural land the pathway itself is a public footpath and therefore falls within the area in which dog waste needs to be removed.

Dog waste has been spotted in a number of location in Fosdyke recently, notably along Puttock Gate, which is the prime route to the playing field. Thankfully the people who use the field to exercise their dogs appear to be responsible dog walkers as the field is usually clear of dog waste. Which must be appreciated by all who play there.

# PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



2	9	1	6	2	8	5	7	9	3	6	7	5	8
8	3	9	7	5	7	4	6	5	6	4	1	4	2
7	4	5	8	1	8	3	2	1	3	9	3	6	6
3	1	3	6	7	2	5	7	5	8	4	8	4	9
5	8	2	8	5	4	9	3	4	6	7	1	7	1
4	9	7	9	4	3	2	5	1	8	6	7	5	3
6	2	6	4	2	7	3	1	8	9	5	4	3	6
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# KIRTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

There's a new community group for the over sixties in Kirton which meets each Thursday starting from 10am until 12.30pm in the New Life Community Church building,

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# THE BERIDGE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Beridge Educational Trust was set up by The Reverend B Beridge in 1907 to promote education (including religious education in the doctrines of the Church of England) of persons under the age of 25 in the area comprising the parishes of Fosdyke and Algarkirk.

This trust now has three new Trustees and invites applications for small educational related grants from residents within the two parishes stated above.

Application forms are available from the Diocesan Trustee. The Vicar of Kirton, Algarkirk and Fosdyke, the Reverend Paul F Blanch at Kirton Vicarage, Penny Gardens, Kirton, PE201HN Tel 01205 624128.

## MESSY CHURCH

It sounds disgusting, but it is growing at our sister church in Algarkirk. It's a way for young people to experience church, and locally. If you would like more information, please ask Fr Paul or one of our churchwardens.

## POP-IN LUNCHES

Resume on Tuesday, 13 February.

## All Saints Fosdyke

Churchwardens:  
Jon 01205 260672  
Terry 01205 260408

Apologies to our readers for postponing the Pop-In, this was due to illness. Lets hope for a great turn-out and a great meal in February.

## COME AND SEE

Feeling depressed – like something is missing from your life – but what?

What's it all about – is there a meaning to life?

Father Paul is in the village every Thursday at noon, as well as for our Sunday Services. If you want to come and chat – just pop into church – come and see.

## ART GROUP

You are invited to join a new Art Group in Algarkirk Village Hall led by Mary Briggs, Mary is the treasurer of our parish church. It will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 10am – Noon. Cost is £2. Session begins on February 21st. This is not an art class, but is designed for people to enjoy art,

have social time together and enjoy painting!.

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING NOTICE

Fosdyke parish church annual meeting and election of officers will take place on Tuesday, 13 March, at 7pm in church.

## PREPARING FOR EASTER

Lent is traditionally a season of preparation with a spiritual focus. The Ash Wednesday liturgy calls us to prepare for focusing on Jesus arrest, trial and crucifixion – what we call his passion by a season of penitence and fasting. We are invited to observe in the name of the Church, a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.



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#### Palm Sunday

Fosdyke Church 9.30am Procession and Palm Liturgy.

Kirton Church 11am Procession and Palm Liturgy

#### Maunder Thursday

Eucharist of the Last Supper at Algarkirk 9.30am

Fosdyke Church Eucharist of the Last Supper 12 noon

Sung Eucharist with Footwashing and Watch at the Altar of Repose until 10pm at Kirton 7pm

#### Good Friday

The Way of the Cross at Algarkirk 10.30am

The Way of the Cross at Fosdyke 12 noon

The Solemn Liturgy of the Passion at Kirton 3pm

#### Easter Eve

The Easter Vigil for the Benefice at Fosdyke with Easter Communion 7.30pm

#### EASTER DAY

Sung Eucharist at Algarkirk 9.30am

Sung Eucharist at Kirton 11am

Evening Prayer (said) at Kirton 5pm

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN

### Chris Andrews' WILD TIMES

Dr Chris Andrews, who writes the Wild Times column for *Fosdyke Magazine* has asked if our readers would like an article about something specific in the animal world that they are interested in.

The article about Red Kites in this month's issue stemmed from a reader's question. So, if you have a burning question to ask or just a little inquisitive about something then let us know, preferably by email at [terry@fosdyke.org.uk](mailto: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



## GOES QUARTERLY

You will be disappointed to hear that due to an increasing workload Martin Heathcote is unable to continue his very popular monthly farming column 'Martin's Farm'.

However, all being well, Martin will begin a quarterly column with the next one appearing in the April issue of *Fosdyke Magazine*.

His column gives those of us who don't work on the land a useful insight into the trials and tribulations of feeding (and supplying energy to) the UK.

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Dear Friends,

‘Well, if he thinks he’s going to get me talking about my faith, he’s got another thought coming!’ The reaction of a churchwarden (not of this diocese) to the suggestion made by a particular bishop that they might have a mission in his diocese, where they tried to share what they knew of Jesus to people who had not yet made the same discovery.

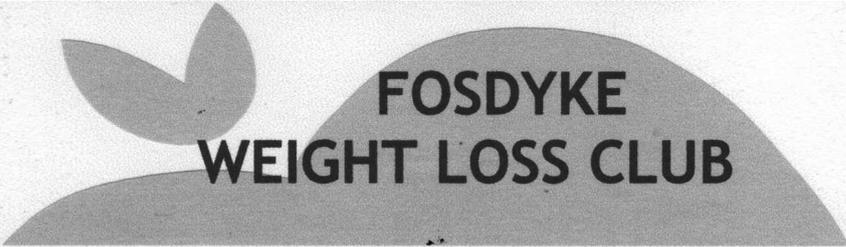
It is a sad, but reasonably common, response. Faith seen as a private affair, something we’re reluctant to talk about even with our friends, those we trust, let alone those we might not know as well. Maybe we’re afraid of being asked questions to things we haven’t got the answers for. Maybe we’re afraid of being thought of as strange. For whatever reason we keep firmly quiet, which means those around us are prevented from discovering the treasures we know – the difference that Jesus can make in an ordinary life, even like ours.

By contrast, one of the things that all three of the bishops in our diocese are looking forward to this year, in response to a challenge from the Archbishop of Canterbury,

is to work with our second-year curates and their parishes to see how, together, we can creatively, intentionally and appropriately share what we know to be true with those we are in contact with. That is, across the diocese, in a variety of ways, simply sharing what God means to us, in the hope that others will open themselves up to all that he might have for them as well.

We have a prayer that has been written for these events. Perhaps, at the start of this year, it is a prayer you could use too:

Almighty God, source of our hope  
and all good things,  
You call us in love to share in  
your work of making your love  
known to all.  
Bless, we pray, all that we do in  
sharing the story of your love  
with those amongst whom we  
live,  
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