

FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

Wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Celebrations this month. A new addition to the family for Chris Cropley and Katie Elston.



Isaac John Cropley entered the world on Sunday, 22 November at 2.41 pm weighing 8lb 3oz. Doesn't he look a cutie?

Best of luck to the three of them.

NO ELECTION

John Cropley was the only candidate prepared to stand to fill the vacancy left by Carole Marshall on the parish council.

Jon Tofts, elected in May, has already helped the council to embrace current technology. Let's hope that John Cropley's return to the council will see further initiatives made and some proactivity from the council as a whole.

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Money talks.
But all mine ever says is
good-bye.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We currently need someone to take over a delivery route and wondered if anyone would be willing to volunteer to take it on.

On either the penultimate or last week of each month you would receive your batch of newsletters for delivery and have a few days to fit it in to suit your lifestyle. The round that needs a deliverer is in Snaith Avenue and Puttock Gate up to and including the Bede Cottages and constitutes thirty-five houses, a nice easy walking round. - no car or bicycle needed .

If you would like to volunteer or would be happy to be put on a list of volunteers please call Terry on 260275 or email him terry@fosdyke.org.uk.

SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Local Plan consultation dates and venues have been announced for next year:

Wednesday 13 January – Swineshead Village Hall and Pinchbeck Village Hall

Friday 15 January – Wyberton Parish Hall and Sutton Bridge Curlew Centre

Monday 18 January – Old Leake Community Centre and Long Sutton Market House

Wednesday 20 January – Kirton Town Hall

Friday 22 January – Butterwick Village Hall and Donington Ruby Hunt Centre

Monday 25 January – Sutterton Village Hall

Tuesday 26 January – Gedney Hill Memorial Hall

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Phatt Knappii's first pub gig (they have played at Holbeach United Services before) seemed to go down well, drawing in a few people who'd not been to the pub before, and they had the bar-propping regulars singing along at one point.



Phatt Knappii (left to right): Terry Martin (guitar, vocals), Martyn Hayes (Keytar, vocals) and Liz Martin (bass, vocals).

Their two forty-five minute sets featured songs from the 60's to the present with four of their bouncy self-penned songs thrown in for good measure.

Sarah Simms, owner of The Ship, gave her thanks to Phatt Knappii and said there was a decent turnout of locals and that she would like to book the band again some time in the new year.

She also went on to say The Ship will be having a special Party New Year's Eve Quiz and wanted to take the opportunity to wish all their customers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Phatt Knappii will be amongst other musicians playing at Fosdyke Social Club on New Year's Eve.

So if you are at a loss as to what to do or where to go on New Year's Eve, or you are worried about going too far or not wanting to drive you have a good choice locally, and they are both free. Support your village ventures!

The Ship will be closed on Boxing Day and 27 December and also on New Year's Day

VILLAGE HALL WINDOWS SMASHED

Wanton damage has occurred once again at the Village Hall incurring unnecessary costs and inconvenience.

Word is the culprits used a catapult and are from outside the village, so keep your eyes open for strangers.

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Fosdyke Social Club

Thursday, 31 December

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STUCK WITH NOTHING



Heckington band Stuck With Nothing made the trip to Fosdyke Social Club's Open Mic night on Thursday, 10 December, and rocked the (cas)bah.

Unperturbed by an audience that was outnumbered by musicians (see Letter) they thundered through two sets of old and modern rock classics from the Stones to Blur and commented that it was a brilliant venue with a great atmosphere.

Open Road, who had already appeared at the club on the previous Saturday, borrowed the Heckington drummer to up their rendition of (mainly) Beatles songs (well they were part of a Beatles tribute band once) and also did two sets as did resident band Phatt Knappii, though without the percussion support. Solo singer/guitarist Kiya Brown enthralled the newcomers to the Open Mic sessions with her beautiful voice. They'll be there for the New Year's Eve celebration too.

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IS THIS CAT YOURS?



After telling us that her household enjoys reading *Fosdyke Newsletter* and very much looks forward to it dropping through their letterbox, Isobel Conroy told us that they have a visitor that comes into their garden and has done so for as long as they have lived in Bell Lane. He sometimes comes and sits in their conservatory. They would like to know if he has a name.

They have two cats of their own who don't seem to mind him being about. Isobel would love to know his name. So if this is your cat let her know or tell us and we'll pass it on to her. would be great to be able to put a name to him regards isobel .

COLOUR ME

No prizes but colouring is supposed to be therapeutic so give it a go!



Keep watch!

Theft from a motor vehicle, Hardwick Estate, Kirton, between 19:30 on 8 December to 08:00 on 9 December. Any information please phone 101 quoting inc 67-09/12/15

There has been a recent series of incidents whereby fraudsters either phone or attend the home address of elderly members of the public, claiming to be police officers.

On Sunday, 13 December, seven were reported for summons, relating to hare coursing offences in Deeping St Nicholas.

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DEFEAT AT BOSTON

Boston College 3

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Fosdyke 0

A 3-0 defeat away at Boston College was a most frustrating result on a bitterly cold afternoon at Rosebery Avenue.

Fosdyke acquitted themselves well against a quick, slick College side and the big difference was simply our hosts were clinical in front of goal and Fosdyke were ... well, they weren't.

The task was difficult right from the off as College took an early lead with a great finish from a very narrow angle. An equaliser was nearly found immediately afterwards when Marv Jolly's downward header from a corner was smothered by the keeper and a pattern for the afternoon was set.

At the other end a clearance was picked up on the edge of the box and a powerful shot was unleashed which deflected off Matthew Scott's shin and found the opposite side of the goal to that which the keeper had moved to cover. 2-0 yet Fosdyke were still in the game and competing well.

Chris Chapman was very unlucky to see an absolutely rasping strike rattle the cross bar and went close moments later when a speculative long range effort almost dipped in under the bar. Leon Marsh was next up to try his luck and when an in swinging free kick almost deceived the keeper, who got a hand to it to palm the ball away to safety, it started to feel like "one of those days".

The second half was no different: Leon was through with the keeper to beat but his finish was

high and wide. Matt Bates worked hard all afternoon and saw a fine run and shot end with the ball curling agonisingly wide before Fosdyke were hit with a sucker punch.

New signing James Lambley in goal made an excellent stop at the feet of a College striker but, unfortunately, the ball broke to the striker who curled the ball in to an empty net! 3-0 and there was still time for more misses! Matt Bates turned and held off a challenge in the box before letting fly with an incredible shot that brought an equally incredible save from the home keeper and by the time Fosdyke missed a late penalty it was pretty obvious that no matter how well they played it amounts to nought if they don't put the ball in the net!

Man of the Match? Matt Scott was a ball of energy on the left wing and took the honours.

IMPRESSIVE HOME WIN

Fosdyke 3 v Frieston 1

In a game pretty much dominated by the wind, Fosdyke picked up three points with a very impressive home win against Frieston on 5 December.

Starting the game kicking up hill and into the swirling wind, the first half looked like it was going to be a damage limitation exercise, but after the Frieston front line scuffed a couple of chances, it was Fosdyke who started to look the stronger outfit as the Tangerines adapted well to the blustery conditions.

Matt Bates was linking up well with Danny Beecham in forward areas and new signing James Munn, on his second debut for Fosdyke, was proving to be a good outlet on the left. The breakthrough came when Matt Bates was sent through with just the keeper to beat, and beat him he did, with a sublime,

curling finish. The same player almost added a second within minutes but as Matt surged goalwards the keeper was out quickly to deny him a second.

All seemed good and considering the conditions, Fosdyke's slender lead remained intact until a defensive error presented the frisky Frieston forward with a chance he was not going to miss and it was 1-1. Frustrating but there was still time for Fosdyke to show resilience and they were soon back on top.

On the stroke of half time a rather fortuitous opportunity came their way under strange circumstances. A James Munn cross from the left bounced over a centre back and bamboozled a second who had a wild swing at the ball and completely missed it. The ball somehow had found it's way over to Matthew Scott who seemed surprised and his strike rocketed back off the bar but set him up nicely to smash home a volley and give Fosdyke their lead back.

Knowing how this season has gone though, a one goal cushion is not usually going to be enough and persistent second half pressure from our visitors saw some nervy moments. Ian Jack Smith made a good save at the feet of the striker and the far post saved Fosdyke late on when a rasping drive bounced back off the upright.

It seemed as if Fosdyke were going to see out the game until virtually the last minute when Leon Marsh and Zac Chapman, both second half substitutes, linked up beautifully to kill off Frieston's hopes off a fight back. Controlling the ball with his chest, Leon hit a glorious cross field ball to the on-rushing Zac who kept his cool to slot the ball between the keepers legs and give Fosdyke a fine 3-1 victory.

Man of the Match? Plenty of candidates ...

James Munn still likes to run and run and was outstanding on the left, Craig Slater was rock solid in the defensive midfield position and

Danny Beecham also impressed with an adventurous attacking display but it's Matt Bates, who lead the line with aggression and flair, taking the honours.

DEFEATED AT HOME

Fosdyke 1 v Old Dons 2

A very narrow 2-1 defeat at home to Old Dons on 12 December and Fosdyke were left wondering what could have been ...

In a game, like last week, battered by the wind, Fosdyke found themselves with their backs to the wall in the first half defending deeply and hoping to catch their visitors on the break.

Although Old Dons dominated possession, the men in orange defended stoutly as a tight and compact unit. Luke Stocks fitted in to the back four for his debut alongside Tangerine legend James Hawkes and with Ben Lawton and Craig Slater shielding the defence the opposition could find no way through. Well, that was until an absolutely stunning thirty-yard free kick on the half-hour mark whistled in to the net and gave them the lead.

Chances fell to Fosdyke and Matt Bates stung the keepers gloves before a fantastic finish by Matthew Scott was harshly disallowed for a handball somewhere in the build up.

The second half saw Fosdyke bombard the Dons goal and within minutes of the restart they could have been level. Dan Beecham found himself in the six-yard box with only the keeper to beat but the custodian smothered the ball and the same player was denied again minutes later when a last ditch tackle by an Old Dons defender blocked his progress.

It was the guests's turn to hit the home side on the break and remained a dangerous threat

throughout the half, striking the post and forcing Ian Jack Smith in to a fine stop. The pressure continued to pile on from the home side and finally an equaliser was found when Craig Slater waltzed in to the box and neatly drove home the ball to the relief of all involved!

This joy was short-lived however, as minutes later the deficit was restored. Giving the ball away in midfield and being caught out Fosdyke frustratingly trailed again. They gave everything they could to draw level again though and really should have - Matt Bates saw a rasping drive hit the upright and bounce back while minutes later Leon Marsh looked to have rolled the ball past the keeper but somehow the stopper got a foot to the ball and diverted it on to the post.

The final chance to grab a point came when Matthew Scott was sent flying down the wing from a defence splitting curled pass from veteran Marv Jolly but the wing man's finish found the side netting

and Old Dons held out for the win.

A frustrating afternoon, where Fosdyke always seemed to be chasing the game, saw a few positives. Craig "Waffle" Slater opened his scoring account in tangerine while Man of the Match went to Luke Stocks who made an impressive first start for Fosdyke!

BOSTON TAYLORS SERVICE GARAGES SATURDAY LEAGUE - TAYLORS PEUGEOT DIVISION ONE

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2 Leverton Sheepgate	11	7	3	1	26	24
3 Friskney	9	5	2	2	35	17
4 Old Doningtonians	8	5	1	2	21	16
5 Freiston	8	5	1	2	4	16
6 Swineshead Res	10	4	2	4	0	14
7 Woodhall Spa United	8	2	0	6	-27	9*
8 Fosdyke	10	2	1	7	-8	7
9 F.C. Wrangle	9	2	1	6	-12	7
10 Sutterton	10	0	0	10	-75	0

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A Question of Murder

by Jane Crane

PART THREE

Gould sat watching the hands of the cheap plastic clock on the wall tick round. By his reckoning he'd been waiting for almost twenty minutes in the police station's reception area and his rear end was completely numb from perching on a hard plastic chair.

He stood and walked across to the noticeboard on the opposite wall. Pictures of the missing and the wanted overlapped and merged with posters advertising self-help services and drug counselling. Gould recognised some of the posters from back when he was a senior Detective and this station was virtually his second home; back when he was important and had a purpose, he thought. No one would have had the nerve to keep him waiting back then.

He could feel himself growing irritated; what the hell was he doing here anyway? This was all because of that bloody woman and her stupid ideas. She'd caught him at a weak moment, that's all it was, he'd been bored and her crackpot conspiracy theories had intrigued him. He shouldn't be here, this was ridiculous. Gould turned to make his way to the exit but was stopped in his tracks by a voice that made his heart sink.

"Gould? What on earth are you doing here?"

"Hello Sir. I was just making some enquiries about something, er, not for me, for someone else."

Gould turned to face his old Chief Inspector. He hadn't missed looking at his ugly mug every day that was for sure. The man was built like a brick outhouse and had a head that merged so successfully with his neck that you couldn't tell where one started and the other one ended. The only demarcation was a single fat crease in the back of his neck that sat just above the greasy collar of his nylon shirts. The fact that he was ... had been ... Gould's superior officer despite the fact that they had both graduated from Hendon at the same time, had been a constant source of irritation for

Gould. Chief Inspector Lawson was a lazy, inefficient and incompetent police officer but he had always known how to play the game. He had ridden on the coat tails of other, more talented officers, Gould included, and managed to convince the powers that be that he was a good policeman.

"So, who's this 'someone else' you're helping out then?" asked Lawson.

"What? Oh, no, really, it's nothing to worry about."

"It must have been something for you to come all way down here from that cottage in the middle of nowhere you bought. Where was it you ended up again?"

"Fenney."

"Oh yeah, that's right. Funny you decided to hang about in the place that saw the end of your career, but then you always were a contrary old boy weren't you?"

"I chose to retire, Sir, nothing contrary about it."

Lawson gave Gould a small, insincere smile, the kind that made Gould want to smack him in his flabby face.

"Who are you waiting to see then, Gould? Not me, I'm sure."

"Sullivan. He said he would be right down but ..."

As if on cue the tall rangy figure of DS Sullivan came bounding into reception.

"Gould! I'm so sorry, mate! I got stuck on a call ... Oh sorry, Sir, I didn't see you there." Sullivan almost ran into the back of the man mountain that was Chief Inspector Lawson.

"Not a problem, Sergeant. I was just on my way out for lunch with the Chief Superintendent, so I'll leave you to it. Gould, it was good to see you again. I hope you find whatever it is you're looking for." Lawson stuck out his fat hand for Gould to shake.

"Good to see you too, Sir. Enjoy your lunch, tell Terry I said Hello." It was a cheap shot but Gould couldn't resist. He knew the Chief Superintendent quite well, they went way back and Gould liked reminding Lawson that he wasn't the only one with a few connections. Lawson ignored Gould's last remark and waddled out of the front doors.

"He's such an utter ...' Sullivan stopped himself before he could complete the insult. Gould smiled; he'd always liked Sullivan. He was a straight up no nonsense copper who just liked getting the job done and wasn't interested in any of the politics.

"Nothing's changed then?" asked Gould.

"Nope. More's the pity. Let's go up shall we? You can fill me in a bit more about what you're after."

"Sounds good to me, I might even let you get me a cuppa, you know, just for old time's sake."

Half an hour later and Gould had shared with Sullivan the reason for his visit; Catriona Randall and her theory about the death of her Uncle.

"Blimey, she sounds like a bit of a handful. Are you sure she's not just having you on?"

Gould swallowed the last dregs of his tea and then shook his head.

"I can't be sure obviously but part of me says that she might be onto something. From what I know

about the case it was certainly over and done with very quickly. Not a lot of investigating was done.” Gould gestured to the slim manila folder on the desk in front of him. It contained barely twenty pages. The only witness statements were from Catriona, the hospital director and the man who found the body on the onion farm.

“This is the proverbial open and shut case, Sir,” said Sullivan. He came around to the computer terminal on Gould’s side of the desk and tapped something in.

“What are you looking for?” asked Gould, as Sullivan leaned nearer to the screen.

“Nothing really, just a hunch. I’m just wondering if we had any more information on the witnesses. Just curious really. The witness statements are what the investigation was based on so it stands to reason that you would want to have some background on them, you know, to see if they’re trustworthy, that sort of thing.”

“Makes sense to me,” said Gould, well aware of police protocols.

“Yeah, it’s basic procedure really but I can’t find any record of it having been done.”

Sullivan tapped a few more keys and then went over to the printer to pull off three sheets of paper.

“Here. That’s everything we have on the witnesses. There’s Catriona Randall. There’s a farm worker with no previous record, never been in trouble. But the hospital director is a bit more interesting,” said Sullivan.

“How so?” Gould took the papers and began scanning through them.

“It’s not the first time he’s been involved in the death of a patient.”

“How many times are we talking about?”

“Six. But I’ve only gone back five years so who knows? There might be more if I look,” said Sullivan.

“And this didn’t crop up during the investigation?” Gould was stunned at the incompetence.

“Doesn’t look like it. Maybe this Catriona woman isn’t totally barmy after all.”

END OF PART THREE

BEST NEW COMPANY



Though The Lincolnshire Game Company aren’t based in Fosdyke they do support *Fosdyke Newsletter* by advertising in its pages so we thought you might like to know that they were recently awarded “Best New Company” by Chartered accountants and business advisers Duncan & Toplis.

Their advert in *Fosdyke Newsletter* (see below) has apparently been very successful and The Lincolnshire Game Company are very pleased with their modest investment.

So, if you are thinking of advertising your business in these pages the above praise should act as a recommendation. Contact terry@fosdyke.org.uk for rates.

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ENGLISH TAKEAWAY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The English Takeaway caterers provided fantastic food freshly cooked for Fosdyke Social Club's annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 28 November.

Four courses with coffee was well worth the £16 charged and a quick quiz finished off an enjoyable evening.

The English Takeaway would like to thank the members of the club for their donation of £50 towards their plan to supply a Christmas Dinner to those in need on Christmas Day at the Methodist Church, Broad Street, Spalding..



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While there were a lot of familiar faces missing from the audience - maybe due to the fact that Open Road can be seen and heard every month at the Open Mic night for free (though seven regulars from the open mic nights were the first to buy tickets) - there was still a

great atmosphere and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Lead singer and guitarist with Open Road, Brian McDonald, has pledged to return with his kilt on New Year's Eve having enjoyed himself so much at last year's hogmanay celebrations at the club.

PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

The Playing Field Association committee met recently to discuss the playground and it was decided that any decision on new equipment would be made only after the damaged items have been repaired and the area resurfaced.

The resurfacing work is to be carried out in the spring and the committee would be interested to hear from any youngsters who would like to be involved in spreading the safety surface. If you are interested or need more information please email fpfa@fosdyke.org.uk or ring the newsletter number on 260275.

If the children were given a little more responsibility and ownership

of the playground it was felt that further willful damage might be averted. It's in their interests to see that the equipment that is provided for them is maintained as best as possible to sustain its life and enjoyment for future children.

There have been positive signs that the youngsters are beginning to appreciate that they have better facilities than a lot of villages the size of Fosdyke.

QUIZ ME

CHRISTMAS CONNECTIONS

If you were at the social club's Christmas Quiz you'll remember the answers to these. If not see how well you do. Answers on Page 16.

- 1 What nickname for Hollywood sounds Christmassy?
- 2 Which country invented the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe?
- 3 What is the name of the Ocean current that appears between 5 and 8 years around Christmas time off the pacific coast of South America?
- 4 What bird did Elizabeth 1st decree should be eaten at Christmas?
- 5 Which British Colony surrendered to the Japanese on Christmas day in 1941?
- 6 When and where were the first Christmas stamps issued (point for each)
- 7 What do the US States- New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky and Indiana have in common?
- 8 Which ghost did Scrooge fear the most (full title needed)
- 9 When were flashing Christmas lights first introduced, was it 1930's or 1950's
- 10 Which carol contains the words 'Star with royal beauty bright'?
- 11 True or False you can go ice skating on the Eiffel tower during the xmas holidays?
- 12 For what reason did Mary and Joseph travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem
- 13 Which book begins with the line 'Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without any presents'?
- 14 What did Dirty Den give Angie on Christmas day in 1986?
- 15 According to the song what is given on the seventh day and what were they doing (point for each)
- 16 Which group of people made headlines when they refused Christmas dinner in 1906?
- 17 According to an old wives tale bread baked on which day will never go mouldy?
- 18 What was Brenda Lee doing around the Christmas tree in 1969?
- 19 Which way does the Queens head face on a 2015 Christmas issue 1st class stamp? Our left or our right?
- 20 From which pole did Robert Scott set out on Christmas day in 1911?

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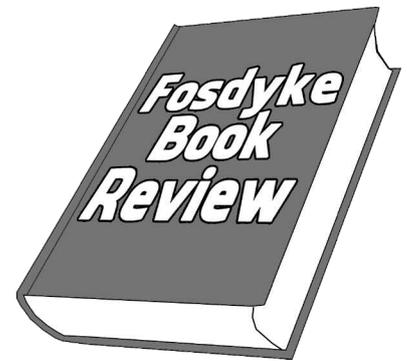
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FOSDYKE TAKE SPALDING POOL HONOURS



League Winners (from left to right): Jeff Johnson, Karl Appleyard, Gavin Rhodes, Michael Walls, Daniel Rhodes and Dave Bristow.



Runners up: Daniel (above) in the singles and Jeff Johnson & Michael Walls (right) in the double.



The second season in the Spalding Sunday Pool League and Fosdyke not only took the league title but had players in all the finals.

The presentation and finals night took place on 13 December at Fosdyke Social Club where their luck seemed to fail them going down to Holbeach "B" in the knock-out cup, but only after drawing and having to take part in a shoot out.

Seems that 13 was unlucky all round as both Daniel Rhodes in the singles and Jeff Johnson and Michael Walls in the doubles lost their finals matches.

Still, having Fosdyke players in all three finals was an achievement.

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Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

The Last Letter From Your Lover by Jojo Moyes

A love story: The contrast between modern freedom and constraints of the 1960s ploy heavily in the novel, often the lines blurring. A loose sense of morals, the agonising choice over whether to follow your head or your heart being the leading theme, as we follow Jennifer and Ellie on their emotional journeys of Love and fate (nothing like a Mills and Boon).

The book begins in the present day before moving back into the '60s where the bulk of the story takes place, only to return to the present where the story concludes. This book is cleverly written contrasting a modern love affair with a similar past dilemma. The book is interspersed with beautifully written love letters and modern e-mails. Your heart will ache, your mind boggle and your pulse race within the pages of this book. I was so eager to find out what happened that I rushed through it, don't make the same mistake (I'm reading it again!).



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Margaret is an experienced dog trainer and competitor in Obedience Competition. She has also trained her Golden Retrievers to work for the gun and has carried out demonstrations of gun dog training at County shows including All About Dogs in Brentwood, Essex, for three years running. She currently offers Behavioural advice for problem behaviour in pets.

www.petbehavioursolutions.net
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Save the hedgehog

Recently an MP stood up in Parliament and made an impassioned speech in defence of the hedgehog. He suggested that in order to protect it, we should make it the national symbol of the UK. It's a shame that it's taken so long for our representatives to wake up to what is happening to the natural world.

Britain's hedgehog population has dropped below a million for the first time. This is largely due to rapid development and agriculture disturbing their habitat and normal daily activities.

A national hedgehog survey estimates that the animal's total population has declined by at least 50 per cent in rural areas in the past 15 years. The urban population has declined by a third in the same period.

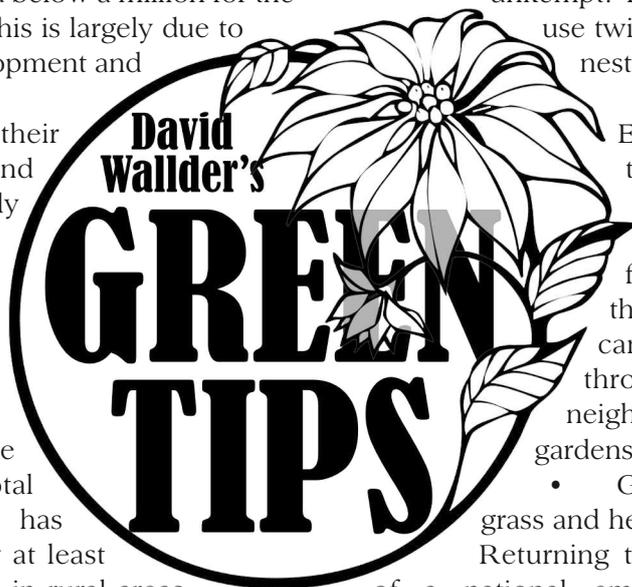
The decline is down to breakneck development reducing habitats for hedgehogs, a problem that is compounded by the move to tidy, sterile, fenced-in gardens, which effectively shut them out. In rural areas, the intensification of agriculture and growing field sizes are reducing the prevalence of the hedgerows and grasslands in which the hedgehogs live. There is less

food out there for them. Numbers of worms, slugs, earwigs, millipedes, caterpillars and beetles are falling as the way we farm reduces plant diversity.

Gardeners need to show greater consideration to hedgehog habitats.

- Grow plants that attract large numbers of invertebrates that the hedgehogs eat, such as bluebells, primroses and sweet brier.

- Leave at least some areas unkempt. Hedgehogs use twigs to make nests.



- Ensure there are spaces in any fencing, so that animals can pass through to neighbouring gardens.

- Grow more grass and hedges.

Returning to the idea of a national emblem, the hedgehog is just about perfect. If you look through the folklore surrounding this animal, you will see that there is great wisdom associated with the snuffling beast. As the ancient Greek poet Archilochus said, "The fox may know many things, but the hedgehog knows just one, and it is a good thing." The cleverness of foxes will only get you so far; it is the wisdom of the hedgehog we should embrace – carefully, of course.

BINGO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party was held at the Village Hall on 25 November - the eleventh year. There were one hundred and twenty invited guests who each received a table present and bag including Thornton sweets.

A Christmas dinner was served with wine, followed by bingo plus a free raffle ticket. They all had a whole chicken to take home at the end of the evening.

The Christmas Party is made possible because money is collected to cover all expenses during the year and is a thank you to the people who support the bingo every week.

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Fosdyke in the year 1842

Fosdyke is a small and pleasant village, on the Holbeach road, near the Fosdyke Wash Bridge, eight and a half miles south of Boston town.

Fosdyke, originally part of the parish of Algarkirk, is not named in the Domesday Book, but it appears in 12th century records. It was "the dyke of Fote" or Fosce, probably the name of a Conquest Scandinavian settler. In the early 17th century Fosdyke was separated from Algarkirk for lay services such as poor relief, village constabulary, and road and dyke maintenance, but the two remained an ecclesiastical unity until about a century ago, Fosdyke being a curacy until that time. Since then, it has been a vicariate.

The evidence of geology and place-names indicates that both parishes were salt marsh or under deep sea until the Anglo-Saxon settlements of the 7th century. By the time of the Norman Conquest, reclamation had been carried out nearly as far as the so-Roman banks-not Roman at all, but Anglo-Saxon or mediaeval. In later times there have of course been further reclamations, especially in the 13th, late 16th, late 18th and during 19th centuries.

Its parish, or chapelry, comprises upward of 2000 acres, and 450 inhabitants, including an extra-parochial allotment of 740 acres and about 140 souls, in Holland Fen, adjoining the North Forty-foot-bank, and the Fen Chapel 12 miles North of Fosdyke. The principal free-holders are John Milnes, Rev Basil Beridge, W Lawrence, W Hall, Robert Clement, J and R Thorpe and C Dodd.

Fosdyke has its name from the great Roman "Fossway" which where you crossed the stream and swamps of the Welland near the entrance of the Great Wash.

Drovers on horseback would bring their sheep and cows on route from Kings Lynn to Boston Cattle market they encountered the Welland River crossing, they had to know the

low tides times so that they could cross with their cattle as the changing tides were changing daily by forty eight minutes later each day. Despite it being something of hazardous journey the Wash - way had been used for hundreds of years King John found knowledge of the tide and marshes was essential, or make the long detour via Spalding. . The Ship Inn Fosdyke Bridge was used as a stop over and resting place before travelling onto Boston.

The Fosdyke inhabitants comprised of farmers

Farmers in Fosdyke Village

Robert Blanchard
Thomas Chapman
Robert Clement
John Cocking
Thomas Clay
Brewster Craven
David Craven
Christopher Craven
William Hall
Joseph Harrison
John Head
Matthew Head
John T Bellars
William Bett

Fosdyke Bridge Farmers & Fosdyke village Businesses

John Smith [surveyor of the River Welland outfall]

Thomas Kemp [farmer]
John West [Fosdyke Inn 1842]
David Wilkinson beer brewer
John Smith [beer brewer]

Thomas Wilson [shoemaker and coal and timber merchant]

John Smith [corn miller/shopkeeper and post office letters via Spalding]

Guy Herman [beer house and coal merchant]

William Markham [beer house and coal merchant]

Thomas Rothwell Old Inn [beer house]

Maximillan Massam [butcher]
Joseph Parker [beer brewer]
Rebecca Taylor [school mistress]

Thomas Martin [schoolmaster]
J West Burnett [farmer]
Thomas Goodman [shoemaker]
Ann Jeffery [shopkeeper]
William Overton [tailor]
Richard Reford [miller & baker]
Richard Whitaker [brewer & maltster]
William Neal [coal dealers]
James Ogden [coal dealers]
Thomas Rothwell [coal dealer & cattle dealer]
Carriers to Boston [Wed & Sat]
Ann Jeffery
William Elsom

Source: 1842 Whites Trade Directory and other local knowledge.

THE FAKE 'FOSDYKE HOUSE' IN HOLBEACH

Mr Samuel W R Morris aged 48, obtain by false pretences in Gedney, on the 6th May last, 12 quarts of brandy and 12 quarts of whiskey, with the intent to cheat and defraud Robert H Wintle and another person. It appeared that the defendant wrote a letter to the prosecutors, dated and from 'Fosdyke House' near Holbeach, requesting the spirits to be sent to him: and that they were sent by coach and the invoice sent by the post. The invoice was returned through the dead letter office, no such person as the prisoner being found, and no house called 'Fosdyke House' was in the neighbourhood of Holbeach. The defendant conducted his own defence. He was found guilty and jailed for six months imprisonment and fined 20 shillings, and to imprison until the fine is paid.

Source: Lincolnshire Chronicle Friday 5th July 1844

THE GREAT FOSDYKE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of everyone at All Saints we would like to wish all our parishioners a happy and prosperous 2016, and to thank you all most sincerely for the help and support you give to your village church.

POP-IN LUNCH

The next in our series of Pop-In Lunches is confirmed for Tuesday, 19 January, 2016. Details will be up on posters and on the church noticeboard soon.

GARDEN OF REST

Still getting good comments about the Church Garden of Rest so thanks again Carole Marshall and her volunteers.

NEW VICAR

As we continue our search for a new vicar, Fr. Paul Noble continues to look after us at Fosdyke and will arrange all services for us. Fr. Paul can be easily contacted on:-
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Fr. Paul has recently been appointed as Rural Dean (a regional church leader) for our area by the Bishop of Lincoln.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2015

Sincere thanks to one and all for supporting the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 25 November, by giving your time and money. We cleared an amazing £780.00 towards church funds – Thank you.

CHURCH BOILER

Unfortunately the church boiler, which is now some twenty years old has developed a fault and requires expensive repair which we can ill afford. However, we will have to find the money somehow, so we can be nice and cosy for the baptism which is planned for January, and we must express our very grateful thanks to our wonderful service engineers who, once again, have come to our rescue in diagnosing the issue, and refuse to charge for their services.

CAROL SERVICE

Don't forget the village carol service at 6pm on Sunday 20th December (details in last month's newsletter) – followed by warming Christmas refreshments and a chance for a good old natter and swapping of cards etc. Please come along and bring your family with you.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Well – when you are in between vicars you can't get a midnight mass at midnight! This year our very special 'first communion of Christmas' will be at 9pm and we are very fortunate indeed to be joined by the Rural Dean – the Revd. Fr. Paul Noble.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

I said it last month and I'll say it again: On behalf of the Churchwardens – Terry and Jon, and the PCC of All Saints, we would like to wish all of our friends and neighbours in the village a very, very happy Christmas, with a chance to celebrate, and perhaps also a chance for a little rest.

Services:-

Thursday, 24 December
First Communion of Christmas
by candlelight (Midnight Mass)

at 9 pm

Sunday, 3 January, 2016
Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

Sunday, 17 January
Evensong

at 6 pm

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Letters

I have lived in Fosdyke for a few years and despite moving here with the heartfelt intention of becoming immersed in village life I have never really made the effort to get off my backside and do it. So it was that on Thursday, 10 December, I finally made the decision to visit an event and venue which is regularly advertised in the newsletter, the Open Mic night at the social club.

Well, I made my way there around 8.30pm. Understandably I was feeling a little anxious as one does on visiting anywhere new and not knowing what to expect and perhaps a little awkward not knowing how I would be received. Well I need not have worried. What a lovely atmosphere welcomed me, people were friendly and chatty, I bought myself a lemonade (or was it something stronger, good beer there by the way) and found myself a seat.

A group were warming up ... I had heard them as I was approaching the venue. On enquiring I was told they were called 'Stuck With Nothing'. Anyway the evening got underway and Stuck With Nothing (they certainly weren't) THEY WERE AWESOME, as were resident band Phatt knappii (strange name) and

Open Road, a two man ensemble with borrowed drummer from (Stuck) and a local girl with the sweetest voice.

I would have happily paid money to sit and listen to these groups and have indeed done so over the years. However, I did notice that the audience was a bit sparse on the ground but it didn't detract from my enjoyment or the groups either, they were having a hoot, but I did wonder why there weren't more people from Fosdyke there. Perhaps like me (or not) they haven't yet made the effort to get off their backsides. Sad really isn't it? Fosdyke has this great venue offering free music. If you live in Fosdyke, and if you're reading this you do, then try to make the effort to go along because, as they say, if you don't use it you will lose it. I am kicking myself for not having made the effort sooner.

I will be making a New Year's Resolution to support the village venues. Next, the Village Hall.

Name and address supplied.

Editor: It's what we've been saying for ages. The social club is a

great venue. lots going on, but it's not supported like you'd expect. See Page 4 for what's coming up next at the social club. Next open mic night is on 14 January, but there will be live music on New Year's Eve at the club too.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Tinsel Town, 2 Great Britain, 3 El Niño, 4 Goose, 5 Hong Kong, 6 United States in 1962, 7 They all have a city called Bethlehem, 8 The ghost of Christmas yet to come, 9 1930's, 10 We three kings of Orient are, 11 True, 12 He had to return to his city of birth to take part in the Census, 13 Little Women, 14 Divorce papers, 15 Seven swans a swimming, 16 The Jailed Suffragettes, 17 Christmas Eve, 18 Rooking, 19 The Queen looks to our right (she looks to our left on a regular 1st class stamp), 20 South Pole

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110	Mrs A Baxter	Sleaford	£10
190	Mrs K Bristow	Donington	£15
136	Mr D Glen	Fosdyke	£25
125	Mrs J Baxter	Bicker	£50

Next draw: Monday 11 January at the Village Hall Bingo Night

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 or phone: 260275 or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box 6 Whitecross Gate

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