

# FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER



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## TRACTOR RUN

An estimated fifty-six tractors attended Fosdyke's Vintage Tractor Run and it's reckoned that £3,000 was raised for McMillan Cancer (but we'll have the final figure in a future issue).

Considering there have been years when the figure was closer to one hundred tractors this year's attendance seems poor, yet getting even that many tractors to one spot is a logistical task that needs commending. It was good to see the old machines rumbling through the village and out to surrounding areas.

A complaint was heard that there was little in the way of other entertainment, particularly for the young, but it is difficult to find anyone prepared to volunteer to help with additional stalls and games. Many rue the day when the

annual Fosdyke Gala Day came to an end - this was even discussed at the recent parish council meeting - forgetting the amount of work that has to go into its organising.

A couple of years ago the *Fosdyke Newsletter* asked who would like to see the Gala Day reinstated. We don't remember receiving any calls on the subject.

At least the Tractor Run gives Fosdyke a little kudos locally. We must support it.

Thankfully the weather was kind this year and the BBQ sold out of hotdogs and burgers, so roll on next year!



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# APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

A charity is appealing for volunteers in the Boston area to help local people who have been diagnosed with dementia to pursue their favourite hobbies and interests.

Lincolnshire has been chosen as one of the areas for Alzheimer's Society's new Side by Side service which will initially be launched in and around Boston, Sleaford and Spalding.

Gary Headland, Alzheimer's Society Side by Side Manager for Lincolnshire said: 'We are very keen to hear from anyone who is interested in supporting people with dementia. As a Side by Side volunteer, you would be helping a person with dementia to continue with a favourite hobby or interest, or even try something completely new.

'This could be anything from walking, visiting historic sites, playing an instrument, joining local groups, going to the cinema, carrying on with a sport or leisure activity, through to just going out for a cup of tea and a chat.

The focus of Side by Side is very much on what the person with dementia wants to do. By enabling people with dementia to stay active and involved in their local community, we can really help to improve their quality of life.

'We are delighted Lincolnshire has been chosen as one of the areas to set up this exciting new service. Anyone interested in volunteering with us on Side by Side will receive full training and ongoing support to help them in their role.'

If you are interested in helping a person with dementia live a fuller and potentially happier life, and would like more information, please contact Gary Headland, Side by Side Manager for Lincolnshire on 01522 692681 / 07718 322323 or gary.headland@alzheimers.org.uk

# THANKS TO WRECKERS

Well, it appears the culprits who wrecked the walkway at Corner Bungalow in Puttock Gate have a conscience after all and had the guts to return to the site of their hit-and-run to apologise to Paul and Amanda Howell.

They even offered to pay for any damage but Amanda told them it was enough that they were adult enough to own up to the accident.

Fosdyke Newsletter would like

to say a 'thank you' to the lads too. It does make for a better and happier neighbourhood when everyone is on good terms, but like any kind of relationship it takes a bit of effort by all parties to achieve any kind of equilibrium.



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# GROW A WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Decades of regular mowing can leave your lawn looking bare and sterile. But in fact, the exhausted, infertile soil makes it the perfect place for a host of wild flowers to take up residence - some from planted seed, others blown-in, or from long buried seed lying dormant in the soil.

In early spring a mini wildflower meadow can look much like the other lawns - short grass!

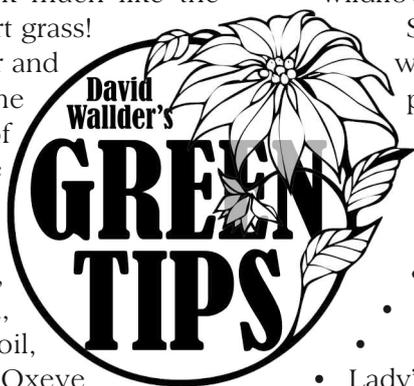
But look closer and you can see the leaves of Cowslips, some with flower heads, Common Vetch, Betony, Self Heal, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Field Scabious, Oxeye Daisies, Common and Greater Knapweed and tiny Yellow Rattle seedlings.

There can be a good number of Sweet Violets in flower amongst them, but there will also be some on the neighbouring lawns, so their presence will not indicate anything unusual to an onlooker.

Your lawn may have low soil fertility because when the lawn has been cut over the years, the cuttings will be removed and the lawn may never get fertilised. Had the ground still been very fertile, it would be necessary to remove the top 5-6 cm of soil before sowing the seeds.

Initially, if you stop mowing the grass, you may find only a couple of species, such as Field Scabious will germinate from dormant seed.

A better way to start would be to cut the grass very short with the mower, so that it scuffs the earth and leaves bare patches for the wildflowers and Yellow Rattle to germinate. Yellow Rattle is especially good for establishing wildflower meadows as it is semi parasitic and so reduces the vigour



of coarser grasses which allows wildflowers to set seed.

Sow a small packet of wildflower seeds. The packs will variously consist of varieties such as:

- Betony
- Birdsfoot Trefoil
- Common Vetch
- Cowslip
- Field Scabious
- Lady's Bedstraw
- Lesser Knapweed
- Meadow Buttercup
- Meadow Cranesbill
- Meadow Vetchling
- Musk Mallow
- Oxeye Daisy
- Ragged Robin
- Ribwort Plantain
- Self Heal
- Yarrow
- Sorrel
- Yellow Rattle

Your patience, hopefully, will be rewarded

It is said that it takes at least three years for wildflowers to establish themselves. So you could plug plant a few Field Scabious or Greater Knapweed grown from local wildflower seed and hope!

At this point you can't just walk away from your wildlife meadow and leave it to it's own devices. There is a small amount of maintenance needed. Cut the grass at the end of summer after most of the wildflowers have had a chance to set seed. If you only have a small area use a strimmer and cut again in spring. After removing grass,

rake up all debris to prevent nutrients from being returned to the soil.

Nature is full of surprises - you just never know what you are going to find! It is one of the delights of having a wildflower meadow. Nature is in charge and after the first year, can cope with drought or flood.

It will be a haven for butterflies - no pesticides here! A sure way to make certain that we are able to enjoy butterflies is to provide their larval food plants, so that they can complete their lifecycle from egg, to caterpillar, to chrysalis, to butterfly and round again.

The Marbled White caterpillar needs beautiful meadow grasses, such as Yorkshire Fog, Cocksfoot, Red Fescue and Sheep's Fescue. The Scabious and Knapweed flowers are needed for nectar when it transforms into a butterfly. Meadow grasses tend to be finer and shorter than coarser grasses, so that they do not dominate wildflowers.

You do not need any expertise to attract wildlife to your garden. It is as simple as providing the habitats they need to turn your garden into a wildlife haven.

## BOOTS BACK!



Not long after the last *Fosdyke Newsletter* was delivered we heard from Jeff that Boots, the missing grey and white tom, had returned. Thinner but nevertheless in good health. Jeff reckons he must have crept into someone's shed and been accidentally locked in.

Name of Candidate	Number of Votes*
CROPLEY, Christopher Leonard	135 Elected
CROPLEY, John Raymond	91
GLENN, Denis Robert	170 Elected
MARSHALL, Carole Ann	136 Elected
PITT, Martin John	152 Elected
TOFTS, Jon	138 Elected

# THANKS

In the last issue of *Fosdyke Newsletter* we thanked the retiring councillors but we now know that John Cropley also deserves our thanks for his services. Between them they were parish councillors for seventy-two years.

Peter Ulyatt served for an amazing thirty-six years and is one of several local farmers who, perhaps, hasn't been given enough credit for what they have done in the village. Maybe they should be less modest about their input and let the newsletter know so that we can tell all the residents, rather than just those in the gossip groups.

John Cropley spent twenty years on the council and, although he has moved to Wyberton, still runs the coach company. Some of you may not be aware that Randolph Road was named after a Cropley.

Anne Yates has just moved from the village and served for sixteen years on the council.

# AGM?

Apparently the council meeting on 12 May, where the new councillors were introduced, was the Annual General Meeting (their term). We knew there was a meeting on that day but not that it was an annual meeting. Terry Martin was told afterwards that it's "always in May". Like we all should know.

It seems the notice of an AGM was posted in the village noticeboard over a week before, and they only have to give three-

day's notice. However, how many of us take a look at the village noticeboard once a week let alone every couple of days? Why not advertise it in *Fosdyke Newsletter*. At least that way no resident of the parish can say they weren't informed.

Whoever worded that notice, made an error though as parish councils can't hold AGMs. It's an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council or a Parish Council Annual Meeting.

Parish councils can also hold an Annual Meeting of the Parish (not to be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), where open discussions can take place and where the council's standing orders are suspended.

Can anyone remember the last Annual Meeting of the Parish held in Fosdyke?

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Jill Wilson has asked us to let Fosdyke residents know she is raising money for Marie Curie, the charity that offers care and support through terminal illness. If you'd like to make a donation pop along to 46 Old Main Road. Jill will be most grateful.

# COUNCILLORS WELCOME

A big welcome to the new councillors on the parish council. It was the votes of the residents of Fosdyke that put them there and they are your servants. They will, no doubt, want to hear what YOU would like to see happening in the village.

We wish Carole Marshall, Chris Cropley and Jon Tofts all the best in their new roll. Apologies for not adding their details to the list below. We hope to have the info next time.

# CLERK'S PAY

We were asked recently why we had been so persistent in requesting information from the parish council about the clerk's salary. One doesn't usually pry into how much someone earns.

Well, there's no other reason than being inquisitive and the fact the money paid is what we've contributed in council tax. I doubt there's many of us who would actually want the job.

It's interesting to note that Wigtoft Parish Council have no qualms about publishing in the May issue of *Wigtoft Village News & Views* that their clerk's annual salary and expenses was £2,190. Others publish their accounts online for all to see. Unfortunately Fosdyke Parish Council accounts are only available to view (physically) and for just 20 days (that's all they are obliged to do)..

If you check out the bottom of the March minutes (opposite) you can work out how much the clerk earns for yourself. So why all the secrecy?

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# MINUTES OF FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 3RD 2015 at 7.30 pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM.

Present: Cllr. Pitt, Chairman  
Cllr Cropley, Vice- Chairman  
Cllrs Glenn, Ulyatt  
Cllr. Mrs. Yates  
CPSO Carsson Davies  
Cllr. Spencer, BBC  
Cllr. Witts, BBC  
3 members of the public  
Mrs Depear, Clerk  
Apologies were received from  
Cllr. Brookes, LCC

A 10 minutes Public Forum was held

011/15 Minutes of the meeting held on January 6th 2015 were read, it was proposed by Cllr. Glenn and seconded by Cllr. Cropley that they be signed as a true record.

012/15 Matters Arising

The sign on the A17 has now been bent in the other direction

The Christmas tree lights have been removed, but the box needs repairing for next year.

Following reports that the Minutes are not available at Boston Library the Clerk has visited the Library and within 5 minutes was able to view as many copies of minutes as she would have liked.

013/15 Matters for the Police

PCSO Carsson Davies explained to the meeting that there was no reported crime in Fosdyke in the last month, but warned the meeting that Catalytic converters were being stolen in the area.

No further incidents had been reported at the Bingo on Monday night.

014/15 Correspondence (17)

015/15 Grit Bins and the Supply of Grit

The Clerk has received an email from Mr. O'Malley regarding web-site selling grit bins.

Councillors agreed to a Grit Bin being placed at the A17/Wash Road junction – the Clerk to

contact Mr. Parkinson, It was also agreed to try and obtain permission to site a bin at the Whitecross Gate / Bell Lane junction.

016/15 Standing Orders

It was proposed by Cllr. Glenn and seconded by Cllr. Cropley and unanimously agreed that the revised Fosdyke Parish Council Standing Orders be adopted.

017/15 Mud on Roads

The issue was raised again, it was agreed that the Clerk write to LFP and Alan Mowton, Mud on the road is a Police matter

018/15 Any Other Business

It was agreed that an article on Floodline be included in the next Newsletter.

It was agreed that the Emergency Plan for Fosdyke be updated.

It was agreed to that Cllr's Pitt and Glenn investigate the installation of an extra set of Christmas tree lights fro next year.

019/15 Financial Matters

Cheque signed for £ 173.08 being the Annual subscription to LALC

Cheque signed £12 for Christmas Tree light bulbs.

020 15 Staffing Issues

The public were asked to leave the meeting at 8.25pm

Following discussion of the Clerks terms and conditions it was proposed by Cllr. Cropley, seconded by Cllr. Ulyatt and unanimously agreed that the Clerk's salary be at Scale Point 17 for the equivalent of 2 hours per week.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approx. 9.00pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday May 12th 2015 9 the date has been moved to take account of the election. At 7.30pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room

# THE FENNEY MYSTERIES

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## The Case of the Missing

by Nina Mercetter

### CHAPTER TWO Found

They'd found a body. Four days of searching hadn't been totally fruitless and it gave some meat to the vultures that haunted the media caravans bursting out of Fenney Social Club's car park. On the bright side the village economy had been boosted and DCI Gould had heard that the social club had ordered a special delivery of beer because they'd run out on the first day of the hoard's decent, and the Marina Restaurant was doing a roaring trade in all-day breakfasts.

A small group of constables had branched off from the Holsea River wall to search along what the Ordnance Survey map called, in a medieval font, the Old Sea Wall. It had helped protect Fenney from the tidal machinations of The Wash for centuries before the floods of the '50's had convinced Westminster that if Britain was to be self-sufficient in food then the Fens needed better protection. Holsea River had once been bridged at Fenney, but firmer footings for the busy A road from King's Lynn to Grantham had been found at Fenney-Seas-End about half a mile further upstream. The main road still passed by on the north west of Fenney by the Marina Restaurant, which was actually nowhere near Fenney's marina, at a roundabout that sent traffic along the side of the Holsea until another roundabout turned traffic across the bridge. Rotting stumps of water-worn oak posts marked where Fenney's old bridge had been but it was now back to being a ford at low tide. It was usually only respectful locals that dared to use it now. Warning signs on either side announced the number of people who had drowned while foolishly underestimating the flow of the river and the power of the in-rushing tide.

The constables had demanded face masks even before finding the body as the route took them past Young's composting site where tons of onions were heaped and left to rot in a massive concrete lagoon, almost half again the size of a football pitch. One end of the pit wasn't filled with onions, and a vile slurry of

decaying skins and thick juices had drained there from the mountainous piles of waste. It was here that the bloated body had been found face down in this obnoxious liquid. An autopsy had yet to be carried out to establish the cause of death and a DNA sample had been sent for testing. DCI Gould expected the tests back within twenty-four hours - TV crime dramas just wouldn't work with that kind of delay. Even so, the body wasn't that of Jessica Rolls, and in all likelihood it was the patient who had escaped from the secure psychiatric hospital at Bobington. Gould had ordered Knobby Young, the proprietor of Young's Onions, based in Brompton about six miles south-west of Fenney - noticeably well away from the stench - to carefully check through the composting pit overseen by DS Frobishire, a university upstart. If the mental patient had abducted Jessica then there was a chance they'd find her body near his. Young was adamant that finding another body within the onions was impossible and he refused to oblige. Gould enjoyed the look on Young's face when he pulled out the court order.

The superintendent had yet to call in Silvia Edgeard for questioning. The doll leaned against the side of his laptop monitor in the foyer of Fenney Village hall where the crime team had set up headquarters; his desk a fold-up table hastily extracted from the hall's storeroom and erected in the furthest corner from the entrance doors. The main hall would have been too big and this cooler room suited his purposes better.

"That Russian doctor," Gould said thoughtfully to DS Wallace who sat at another table a few feet away.

"Korichnevi?"

"That's him. Have we done a really good search of his house and gardens?"

"First place we took apart, Guv. Dogs couldn't get a whiff of Jessica's scent."

"Still, mud's usually thrown for a purpose."

"Trust me, Guv, the only reason that mud was thrown at him is because he's a foreigner. Roxan Newman's a malicious bitch and it was her accusations that started the rumours. You want my opinion? Forget about him and concentrate elsewhere."

Gould studied Wallace's face. Saw the look that confirmed to Gould that his DS was applying his sixth sense. "Will do, Brian," he said with a smile.

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Dr Alexei Korichnevi was dozing in his comfy armchair in the back lounge when there was a knock. Slowly he rose onto creaking legs that protested at the sudden flow of blood to ageing muscles and shuffled through the front room to the door. He was about to open it but hesitated when the knock came again.

"Doctor?" a husky voice whispered outside but the uPVC door seemed to amplify the witch's delivery.

"Silvia?" He knew it was her but still felt it necessary to ask.

"I need to talk to you." Korichnevi's left hand was on the key in the lock, the right hand on the handle, but the strength seemed to flow out of both of them. "Open the door. It's urgent!"

With a sigh he did as she asked and Silvia almost knocked him off balance as she pushed past.

"What is it?" he asked, allowing his accent to accentuate the words.

"You still have that package?" she asked as he closed the front door and turned. She stood in the middle of his front room hands plunged into pockets of her trademark pale blue woollen cardigan that almost reached her knees. Thick calf-high walking socks were tucked into pink Nike trainers yet Korichnevi always admired her legs, or at least what he could see from knee to Khaki shorts. Her hair was short cropped and black, making her pale skin seem translucent. The lines there suggested her life hadn't been an easy one. With a cousin like Morgan McCoy he could understand why.

"Safe as ... how you say? ... horses?"

"Houses. You know it's houses. Don't play that game with me. You've lived in England longer than I've been alive."

Korichnevi sighed again. It was something he did often. Silvia never minced words with him. That he had been dreaming about Jessica Rolls when Silvia knocked marred his thoughts with unfounded guilt. The dream had faded quickly but Jessica's face remained staring at him, pleading.

"The package is safe," he said.

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Nial Langton pulled his pick-up into his drive spitting gravel into a miniature dam that his wife, Mary, religiously raked flat each morning when he left for work; a jack-of-all-trades he never went short of work.

His friends had seen his wife leveling the drive and had a laugh about it with Nial over a pint in the Fisherman's Arms at Fenney-Seas-End, the last of the seven pubs that the two villages had shared. It hadn't stopped him from entering his drive too fast, in fact he had a secret pleasure in seeing how high he could push up the stones. Mary didn't complain, at least not to him, and he never mentioned it. In fact they didn't talk much about anything at all.

A grunt from the kitchen, after he'd locked the truck in his garage, was the only acknowledgment he had that she knew he was home. He grunted back, sat down on the sofa and switched channels to the news.

"I was watching that?" she said entering the lounge with oven gloves on her hands.

"No you weren't. You were in the kitchen. Anyway you've probably been watching it all day."

"I've been busy all day," she protested.

He didn't ask her "doing what?" Probably buying more clothes or jewellery. That's about as busy as she got.

"We're going live now to Fenney where Banduka Paff has the latest on the missing eight-year-old girl Jessica Rolls who disappeared four nights ago."

"She was a pretty little thing, wasn't she," Nial said absently as Jessica's picture flashed up on the screen.

If he'd turned he would have seen Mary giving him a very strange look.

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# EVOLUTION AT FOSDYKE

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You may already have heard of Evolution. They are a five-piece band from the Boston area, having played in pubs, clubs and at private functions for some time and have built up a good reputation for faithful covers of your old favourites.

You now have the chance to hear them in the comfort of the social club. Tickets are £5 for members and £5.50 for none members and there will also be a BBQ selling burgers and hotdogs. It's looking set to be a great night.

Tickets are available from the club when it's open (Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - and the second Thursday in the month when the club features a variety of free live music acts - from 8 pm) or ring Jane on 260455.

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## LAST GAME

### Friskney 2 v Fosdyke 1

Another season done for the **A**men in orange. A narrow 2-1 defeat at Friskney brought the curtain down on Fosdyke's season and it was the story of the season encapsulated in one game.

Starting brightly Declan Wilson looked lively and caused the home side problems. Seeing an early effort go wide spurred Fosdyke on. They laid siege to the Friskney goal!

Dan Sam ghosted in at the back post but his header sailed high over the bar and Marv Jolly's speculative long range effort was smothered by the keeper.

At the other end the hosts were proving tricky opponents and a thumping header bounced back off the post.

The half ended all square and there was, as the cliché goes, nothing in it. So far so good. Second half and Fosdyke were undone by a clever moment of skill.

The Friskney striker flicked a through-ball to his partner who beat the keeper to the ball and poked home the opener. A mix up and a misplaced pass later and it was 2-0. Good work undone.

Not to be outdone however, Fosdyke pushed forwards to get back in the game. Zac Chapman

was a great outlet on the right wing and his speedy and tricky feet looked their most likely way of creating something.

Fosdyke did pull one back but it was from the most unlikely of sources. Luke Smith was in the box as a long throw-in from Jordan Inglis dropped to his feet at the back post and the big centre back cut inside, dropping his ample shoulder and a defender, to curl a wonderful effort into the far corner despite the custodian's despairing dive!

Kitchen sink time for five minutes but to no avail. Fosdyke finished, as we have so many times, narrowly and frustratingly defeated.

Man of the Match? The final award of the season goes to Declan Wilson for a swashbuckling performance up top.

## AWARDS

**Player's Player of the Year** - Luke Smith

**Manager's Player of the Year** - Michael Beauchamp

**Top Scorer** - Joe Bradbury

**Goal of the Season** - Joe Bradbury

**Club Man of the Year** - Luke Smith

**Trainers of the Year** - Gavin Paul Cox and Nathan Smith

**Window cleaner wanted!** Joe and Shirley Moore are looking for a new window cleaner. Ring 01205 260656.

## Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

56	Mr M Hilton	c/o Fosdyke	£10
84	Mr F Burdall	Fosdyke	£10
136	Mr D Glen	Fosdyke	£10
160	Mr P Edwards	Wigtoft	£10
1	Mr L Jackson	c/o Sutterton	£15
250	Miss L Ingham	Sutterton	£20
237	Mrs S Woods	Donington	£25

**Next draw: Monday 8 June at the Bingo**

# WELCOME TO FOSDYKE!

A big welcome to all the new residents in the village.

If you've investigated Fosdyke you'll know there's no shop or post office and the only pub is The Ship on the King's Lynn side of the bridge. They do cracking meals. The Moorings Cafe will serve you an almost-all-day breakfast at a very reasonable price (almost because they close at 2 pm). For other evening entertainment in the village there's the very popular Bingo every Monday night at the village Hall and dog training there on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening. All Saints church also hold a Pop-In lunch there, usually on a Tuesday, most months.

Something we are very proud of is Fosdyke Playing Field & Social Club. The play facilities are exceptional for a village the size of Fosdyke and a great deal of time and effort has been put in to make it that way.

## ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND FACELIFT

The adventure playground, a popular feature with the local children, is soon to have a facelift with new parts ready to replace worn equipment and the roofs of the towers are to have a lick of paint. Hopefully this will be completed within the next month.

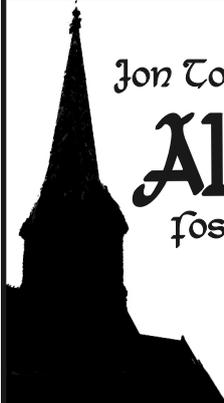
The multi-sport hard-surface arena is the envy of many villages and can be used for football, basketball and volley ball (equipment available from the Social Club when it's open).

## LIVE MUSIC

The Social Club itself hosts various social events almost every Saturday with the monthly Quiz being by far the most popular event, although if you like live music then you can't go far wrong with the monthly Open Mic nights every second Thursday featuring talent from not only Fosdyke but Boston and Holbeach too.



Fosdyke band Phatt Knappii performing their song "This Is Love" at the Social Club Open Mic Night. You can also see a video of their new song on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/r6TjG0uhB0U>



Churchwardens:  
Jon 01205 260672  
Terry 01205 260408

Jon Tofts reports  
**All Saints**  
Fosdyke

Services  
**Sunday, 7 June**  
**Holy Communion**  
with the Chaplain for Europe,  
the Venerable Peter Potter  
at 09.30 am  
**Sunday, 21 June**  
**Sung Evensong**  
at 6 pm  
**Sunday, 5 July**  
**Holy Communion**  
with Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox  
with Martin  
at 09.30 am

**POP-IN LUNCH**

There will be a Pop-In Lunch held on June 9th – as usual, doors open for 12.30 start. Full details are on the Church Noticeboard.

**CHURCHWARDENS**

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, Terry and Jon were elected churchwardens for the year, and will be sworn into office at Bourne Abbey.

**CHURCHYARD**

You may have noticed the neglected look of the churchyard recently. Boston Borough Council seem to have us at the bottom of their list for respectful and tidy churchyard maintenance. We are planning to ask for help in the next Newsletter for a public 'tidy-up our churchyard' morning to be held in July.

# SOCIAL CYCLISTS

Invariably we make promises to ourselves that we're going to participate in a little exercise but often find reasons not to. If there was a reason to drag out the push bike, oil that rusty chain and pump up those flat tyres then just maybe we would poodle along the country lanes.

Well, Liz and Terry Martin are giving you the incentive. Starting on Sunday, 31 May, and then every Sunday afterwards, they'll be gently cycling around the village, chatting not racing, starting and ending at the social club. Anyone who is interested should meet there and be ready to set off at 6.30 in the evening. The route is very gentle and of course, there are no hills! Don't worry if you've not cycled for a while as there will be no rush and we'll be going at the pace of the slowest cyclist with rests if necessary.

At the end of the ride everyone will be welcome to join Liz and Terry for a tea, coffee or pint in the social club. If you need further details feel free to contact them on 01205 260275.

## NEW BOY

Related congratulations to Belinda and James Needham on the birth of their son, Jack, on 11 February.

Fosdyke  
**Village Hall**

# BINGO

**Every Monday**

Doors open 6 pm for eyes  
down at 7 pm

Strip of six books £5  
**Alan (260654) will find  
you a seat!**

In response to last month's Roy's Genteel Observations

## CHARLIE CHAFFINCH REPLIES TO ROY OF 'THE CATS'

Your comments about a 'lone Chaffinch, poor sod...' in your garden have been brought to my notice.

I feel it my duty to inform you that we chaffinches are all over the village, singing our loud song to impress the ladies at this time of year.

We have to sing loud to compete with those scary crows (you're lucky if they're not nesting in your chimney pots), and those depressing pigeons (coo, coo coooo...). Not forgetting the constant warring blackbirds, (ping, ping ping!!!).

And of course, if it isn't birds, we have to watch out for 'the cats'.

Our singing gets louder once we've found a mate and our offspring appear. What dad wouldn't look out for his young.

We like Fosdyke, we come back every year, well, some of us never go away. Perhaps your lone chaffinch was a juvenile who hasn't quite mastered the chatting up techniques, I can't speak for all.

Anyhow just thought I'd let you know, so now you can appreciate our beautiful song.

*Thank you to Marriane Goodman for translating the chaffinch's letter.*



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# Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 6 June

## WHIST DRIVE



Thursday, 11 June

## LIVE MUSIC

@ OPEN MIC NIGHT

Opens 8 pm, Music 9 pm  
Second Thursday of every month



Saturday, 13 June

## BEETLE DRIVE

8 pm



Saturday, 20 June

## BINGO

8 pm

£6 a set of books



Sunday 21 June

## CAR BOOT AND TABLETOP SALE

Third Sunday until September  
See Page 12 for times



Saturday, 27 June

## QUIZ

8 pm start -Fish, scampi, or chicken and chips supper  
£5.50 members £6 non-members

For inquiries or to book tickets contact  
Jane Bristow 01205 260455

# Days Gone By

All information compiled from The British Newspaper Archive and local newspaper archives by John Wilkinson.

## KIRTON SUB DISTRICT OF BOSTON DISTRICT & ALGARKIRK. FOSDYKE & FOSDYKE BRIDGE

**1800'S** Welland River a popular bathing area on Sunday afternoon.

**1805** The Old Inn. Fosdyke Bridge...the Fosdyke Tidal Clock made by William Bothamley (Watchmakers) Boston

**1810** Fosdyke was flooded. 13 November, Saturday 7 am until 6 pm blew hard and then to a hurricane. Fosdyke Wash to Boston was horse belly deep in sea water (4ft 7ins). Mr Birkett, maid was surrounded by the high sea water in field while milking the cows was washed away. Two elderly women Esther Tunnard and Ann Burton washed out of their upper cottage window.

Friday, 16 November. Three vessels were driven up the Wash nearly as high as the Fosdyke Inn: one boat, the Ann Cartwright remains there; of another ten fishing vessels belonging to Boston only one weathered the storm.

Wednesday 10th October. At a meeting in the Fosdyke Inn: Sir Joseph Bank nominated Mr Rennie as the Engineer to erect and maintain a bridge over the Welland River.

**1811** 14 May a Royal Assent too erect the Fosdyke Bridge over the river Welland, designed by John Ronnie.

**1812** Fosdyke Bridge built using "Russia pitch pine" for the lock gates and large English Oak beams for the bridge (100yds long x 22 feet wide Baytree Nurseries purchased the Russia Pitch Pine wood in 1991 to make a walkway feature).

Fosdyke: All Saints Church rebuilt in the reign of King George 11 with one bell.

**1813** Sir Thomas Middlecott donated his hospital and 98 acres of land to Fosdyke & Algarkirk poor.

January 4th Fosdyke Bridge started construction.

**1815** 3 January the Fosdyke Bridge was finished by contractor Mr F Pinkerton of Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Old Inn Mr Thomas Rothwell aged 56 made bankrupt a Fosdyke Allotment publican in the Wash Road.

**1817** Ship Inn. 30 May newly fitted out with new beds and horse stabling.

**1825** Whites Directory No entry of Fosdyke village.

**1826** The first Fosdyke Methodist Chapel on Mill Lane was erected costing approximately £100 to build.

**1836** Fosdyke Bridge had extensive repairs to the wooden bridge.



**1837** UK 1 July. All Births, Marriages and Deaths registered with the Registrar.

**1839** Middlecott Hospital reroofed with pan tiles.

**1842** Middlecott almshouse tenants received 5s weekly and yearly cauldron of coal & turf, plus a coat and gown of four yards.

Fosdyke Post Office sub postmaster John Smith & shopkeeper in the pair of Waddingham Cottages (41 Old Main Road) (Police (left side) & Post office) aged 57 years.

**1849** 20 April His Highness Prince Albert... husband of Queen Victoria visited Boston and districts.

**1851** Mr Joseph Harrison a beer retailer & farmer. 45 Church Lane, Fosdyke aged 56.

**1852** Fosdyke Inn owned by farmer David Wilkinson.

**1853** 23 September: Mr & Mrs Rev Basil Beridge with two hundred church goers having tea & cakes...raising monies for the church funds.

**1856** Fosdyke free holders: John Milnes, Rev Basil Beridge, W Lawrence, B Clements, C Dod.

Fosdyke small school for village children Miss Ann Thornhill ...the schoolmistress.

Fosdyke Benefactions to the poor; Sir Thomas Middlecott 13s 3d...10s Mr Robinson.20s... Solomon Willson 20s out of Middle Marsh Farm.

**1860** Old Inn by the river Welland... the Johnson family lived there.

**1861** Canon Basil Beridge living at 1 Church Road, Algarkirk.

Sarah Ann Barnsdale gifted Church-Gate House almshouse.

The 2nd Methodist Chapel erected...the 1st chapel was in a very bad state of repair.

**1866** The Fosdyke Dial Clock owned by John Kingston purchased from Mr Rothwell.

**1867** First School erected by Canon Basil Beridge erected a school in Mill Lane next to the All Saints Church complete with a teacher.

**1868** Fosdyke Post Office Mr F B Snaith (Fosdyke Postmaster) died.

**1870** All Saints Church was demolished, because it so badly built with fire damage materials and was unsafe.

The Bell public house 1 Bell Lane. Taken down to make way for a new Church vicarage house.

MORE FROM THE 1800S NEXT MONTH.

Grey skies for the car booters



Photos courtesy of Karl Fawcett

# HI-SPEED COMING

For the cinics among us who never actually thought that hi-speed broadband would ever come to Fosdyke will be pleased to hear that work seems to have started on BT's substation.

A coincidence perhaps that our new councillor Jon Tofts happened to ring the person responsible for the rollout at Lincoln a few days earlier.

## CAR BOOT SALES BEGIN

After the success of last year's Car Boot and Table-Top Sale at Fosdyke Playing Field & Social Club it was decided to hold a series of monthly sales throughout the summer, and Sunday, 18 May, was the first one for this year, with subsequent events on the third Sunday of the month.

Despite the cold wind, though the rain did hold off, there was a constant stream of visitors with the BBQ being one of the most popular features! And not many car boot sales have a licensed bar.

The next Car Boot Sale will be on Sunday 21 June but will be an hour earlier due to a private function in the social club in the evening. So: 11 am until 2 pm. Subsequent months will be 1 pm until 4 pm.



Popular BBQ

Fosdyke Social Club are holding there own in their first season in the Spalding Sunday Pool League as at the halfway point they lead.

### SPALDING SUNDAY POOL LEAGUE

	pl	leg	pts
Fosdyke	16	91	29
Fishermans	13	81	24
Draymans B	14	66	21
Holbeach	14	61	19
Bell	16	70	18
Fishermans B	14	53	11
Vine A	12	43	11
Draymans A	12	42	10
RMC	14	43	8
Vine B	15	40	6



Tables inside, out of the wind

## Copy Deadline

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

**no later than 15 June**