

# FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

# VANDALISED

Some brainless moron had a smashing time recently damaging cars. Two were reported to have had windscreens broken by thrown stones on or before Friday, 12 March.

The photo here shows one of the cars involved. A cobble stone was found on the rear seat. Not much fun for the owners. To be confronted with that as you leave for work in the morning isn't the kind of thing you expect in a quiet village like Fosdyke. Fingers will no doubt be pointed at the youngsters in the village again but lets not start making accusations and just keep our eyes open and be a little more vigilant.

Were you a witness to any of this malicious damage taking place? Have you seen strangers driving or wandering about in the village? If someone is acting suspiciously ring the police. If there's a strange car around take the number and make a note of the time and date. It might help an investigation in the future.

While we report two cars being damaged *Fosdyke Newsletter* has only been contacted by one of the victims. Who was the second victim (reported to the first victim by the driver of the dustcart who'd seen the other car parked and damaged near All Saints church)?

Let's all try to be a little more aware and caring of our neighbours. We live in a civilised society which means getting on with everyone around us. .



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# NEWSLETTER BECOMES MAGAZINE

You may have noticed that last month's header on the front page said Fosdyke Magazine.

While this publication remains the *Fosdyke Newsletter* (for invoicing and banking purposes) it's more often referred to by people who talk to us as "the magazine".

We actually think that magazine better describes *Fosdyke Newsletter* so, unless a majority has any objections we're going to continue to call this publication Fosdyke Magazine.

# GRIT BIN PROGRESS

For those interested in the locations of the salt bins, the first one has been installed by Fosdyke Parish Council on Mr Parkinson's land at the bridge just off Wash Road on the steep incline to the A17.

The parish council is negotiating with Lincolnshire County Council to locate the second bin on the verge adjacent to the post box, but the highways department have so far refused the request. Talks are, however, still in progress and it is hoped that an agreement is reached in the near future.

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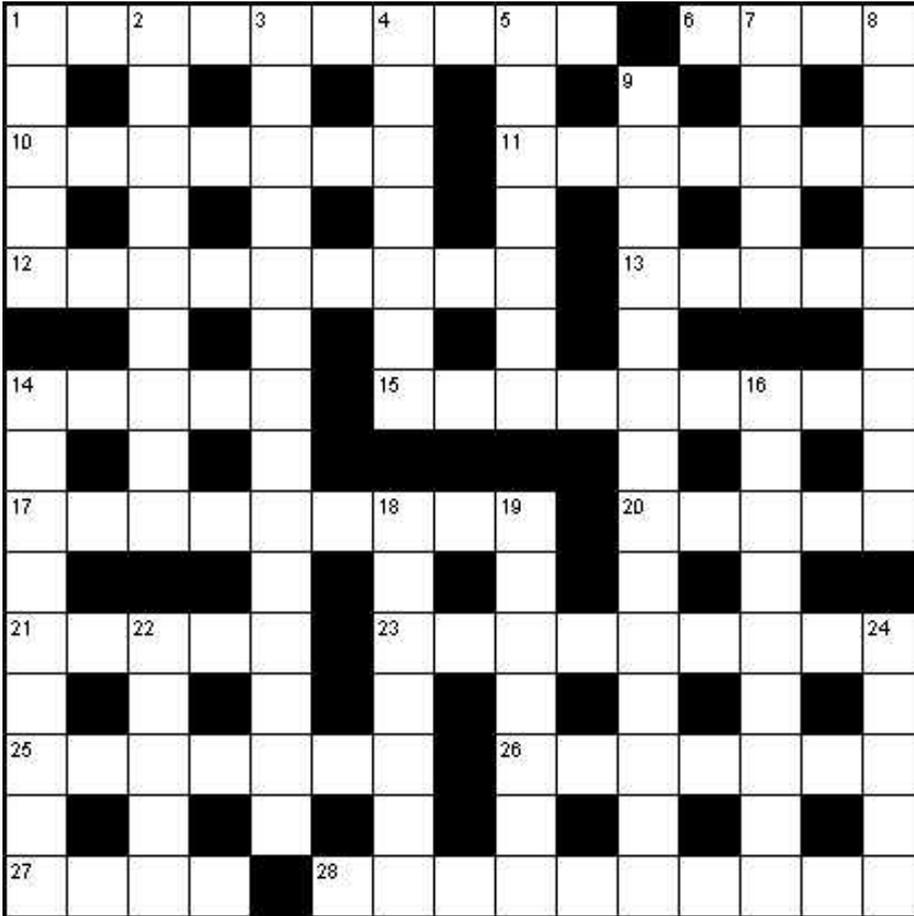
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# CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



## DOWN

- 1 Diana's got energy back (5)
- 2 Order to a brigade I revoked and rescinded (9)
- 3 Islander presenting Wyss's family with empty pot? (8,6)
- 4 Seasoning mainly left out of a foodstuff (7)
- 5 Forgives former partner's swearing right away (7)
- 7 Girl, one concealing Ecstasy, is frightened (5)
- 8 Members of RC sect will include fashionable Italian poet's followers (9)
- 9 In summary, the soldiers surrender (14)
- 14 Insomniac skins up on fewer occasions (9)
- 16 Trees from Europe with typical problem (9)
- 18 I am getting almost passionate about favourite Egyptian architect (7)
- 19 Authorise note lifting pressure on debtor (7)
- 22 God involved with rain (5)
- 24 Some of letter's extremely concise (5)

Set by Alberich [www.alberichcrosswords.com](http://www.alberichcrosswords.com)

## ACROSS

- 1 Exact lookalike of the late Quasimodo? (4,6)
- 6 Travel across river from Belgravia, say, to Maidenhead (4)
- 10 Undercooked part of dish (7)
- 11 Company's chief gets less productive daily (7)
- 12 Contrives to disconcert sneering European (9)
- 13 Outspoken heretic of race favoured by the Nazis (5)
- 14 Engage in a fight (3-2)
- 15 Chap's a non-starter, being in

- inferior health (9)
- 17 New codeine recipe damaged certain type of gland (9)
- 20 A French scoundrel's right off the hook (5)
- 21 Soldier turned up carrying fuel (5)
- 23 He's to follow story written out in seven languages (9)
- 25 Ultimately dedicated doctors in hospital department get farthest (7)
- 26 Spread rumours – very quietly? (7)
- 27 Tie up an animal (4)
- 28 The old man put back price to tempt student (10)

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## A Question of Murder

by Jane Crane

### PART FIVE

Gould woke early the next morning after a night of disturbed sleep. He had been dreaming that he'd been carted off to a mental hospital and locked in a room. No one would listen to him when he screamed that he didn't belong there and he woke up many times in the night, tangled in his duvet and covered in sweat. This sense of anxiety stayed with him even after he was dressed and had downed a strong cup of tea. Grabbing his car-keys he gave himself one last talking to in the hallway mirror.

'Get a grip Gould. You've interviewed plenty of shifty customers in your time, Dominic King is just one more.' Giving himself one last hard stare, Gould shrugged on his jacket and left the house.

By the time he'd reached the hospital Gould had rehearsed his cover story over and over, he was just an ex-cop doing some research for his first book. He was confident that Dominic King would have no reason to suspect that it was anything other than that. He wasn't going to mention Dr Randall, all he wanted to do was get a look around the hospital and get a feel for the place.

Ashton Secure Hospital was nestled quietly in the middle of the village of Beckwood. The main building dated back to 1912 and was used to house those patients, like Dr Randall, who had been sectioned but were not convicted criminals. Newer, more secure facilities had been built in the grounds of the hospital over the last ten years that were used to house those patients convicted of a crime and were deemed to pose a more serious threat to the public. As Gould drove up the long tree-lined driveway to the main building he passed these newer facilities, with their secure windows and high fences. From the outside they looked fairly innocuous but Gould knew from experience that they housed some of the most dangerous people he had ever encountered. The

memories of those crimes were the ones that woke him up at night, the ones he knew he would never forget.

By the time Gould made it to the hospital's main entrance in the old building, his heart was racing and his palms were clammy. Parking his car in a spot near the door he took a minute or two to compose himself. He knew he needed to keep a lid on his feelings if he was going to stand any chance of getting anywhere with Dominic King. He stepped out of his car and made his way to the entrance, only to be confronted by a sight that made his heart sink; Catriona Randall standing by the hospital's main doors. She may have been wearing tortoiseshell rimmed glasses and a black wig but it was her. Gould hurried over to her and grabbed her by the arm, pulling her away from the doors.

'What on earth do you think you're doing?' he hissed.

'I'm here to help. Will you let go of my arm please?'

Gould released his grip on her arm and just stared at her.

'What? I thought you could pass me off as your assistant, here to take notes and such.'

'That wig and glasses won't fool anyone Catriona. King will spot you a mile off and we'll get kicked out. Just get back in your car and go home, now.'

Gould tried to sound intimidating but it made little difference to her. She lifted her head and the determined line of her jaw immediately told Gould that his orders were falling on deaf ears.

'I want to help. I owe my Uncle that much at least.'

Gould shook his head and let out a long, exasperated breath. He had no time to stand there and argue so reluctantly he just nodded.

'Okay. Fine. You can come in but keep quiet. If King hears that uptight, plummy voice of yours he'll recognise you straight away.'

'Uptight and plummy am I? We'll see about that.'

Catriona hoisted her handbag higher onto her shoulder and stomped off towards the hospital doors.

'We're screwed,' Gould muttered and followed her.

Once inside he announced their arrival to the stereotypically frosty receptionist and Catriona disappeared into the ladies' toilet. The receptionist spoke briefly to someone on the phone.

'Mr King is on his way down, he'll be with you in a few minutes.'

'That's great, thank you.'

The receptionist didn't even acknowledge Gould's reply, she just returned her attention to the computer screen in front of her. Gould turned to go and sit down just as Catriona came out of the toilet; his jaw almost hit the floor.

'Uptight and plummy. That's what you said wasn't it?' she asked. The wig and the glasses were still in place but now there was a slash of red lipstick to go along with them. Catriona had taken off her jacket and undone enough buttons on her shirt to allow for a generous flash of cleavage and lace. Gould was also pretty sure that her skirt hadn't been that short before either.

‘What the ...?’

‘Mr Gould, I’m so sorry to have kept you.’ Dominic King’s voice echoed across reception before Gould could finish his question. He came across to them, arm extended ready for a handshake.

‘Erm ... yes ... Mr King ... erm ... right.’ Gould forgot for a minute where he was and why he was there. Thankfully the ever resourceful Ms Randall came to his rescue.

‘Och, Mr King, what an absolute pleasure to meet you. I’m Samantha Dark, Mr Gould’s assistant.’ The near perfect Scottish brogue that tumbled out of Catriona’s mouth only stunned Gould further.

‘Well, well. The pleasure is all mine Ms Dark,’ said Dominic King, taking Catriona’s proffered hand in his and giving her a look that just confirmed to Gould what a slimy creep he was. King’s leering grin, coupled with the fact that he was still holding Catriona’s hand, was enough to snap Gould out of his stupor. He suddenly felt strangely protective of her; if King was capable of harming someone he didn’t want Catriona on his radar.

‘Samantha and I are very grateful to you for taking the time to see us today,’ said Gould, casually placing his arm across Catriona’s shoulders. King looked at Gould and smiled.

‘I see. How interesting.’ Without skipping a beat King let Catriona’s hand drop and continued. ‘I’m not sure how much help I can be though. You told my secretary you were researching a book? I would have thought you would have known all about places like this one after your many years on the Force. I don’t know how much else I can tell you.’

Gould didn’t know how to answer that. King was right; what else would Gould need to know that he didn’t already?

‘Oh, Mr Gould is being typically modest, as usual. You see he wants to write this book from the perspective of the criminal rather than the police officer. He needs to know what being in a place like this is like for the patient you see. It really is a ground-breaking concept. He’s so clever.’ Catriona came to Gould’s rescue once again and threw in a stroke of Gould’s cheek for good measure to further strengthen their cover story.

‘Right, I see. Well, we’d better get on with it then. I don’t have that much time before my next appointment. If you’ll come this way, please.’ Dominic King gestured for them to follow him towards a set of double doors.

Twenty minutes later Gould and Catriona had almost completed their whistle-stop tour of the hospital’s low security wing. King had shown them all the happy patients and their happy visitors, all the contented staff working in their clean and tidy offices and wards. Everything looked perfect but in Gould’s experience that’s usually where the biggest lies were being told.

‘Well I think that just about concludes our tour, I’m afraid I really must be getting back to work.’ King made a move to shake Gould’s hand but Gould had spotted something over to the side of the corridor that

intrigued him. He walked across to another set of doors, they had no windows and appeared to be locked.

‘What’s in here?’ he asked. Mr King walked across and placed himself between Gould and the doors.

‘That’s the old wing of the hospital. We were hoping to have it renovated like the rest of the building but unfortunately the Trust ran out of funds before it could be completed.’

‘Can we take a look? To get a real feel for the history of the place?’ said Catriona, walking across to join the men by the doors.

‘Not possible I’m afraid. The builders had already started gutting the place just before the money dried up so it’s been left in quite an unsafe condition. We just use it for storing old furniture and equipment at the moment. Now I really do need to be getting back to work if you don’t have any more questions for me?’

Gould saw Catriona open her mouth to speak but he interrupted her.

‘No, no more questions. I think you’ve covered everything. You’ve been very helpful Mr King. Thank you for your time.’

‘Not at all Mr Gould, Ms Dark. Good luck with the book.’

King swiped his ID card through the security lock that opened the doors and watched them as they walked through and back into the reception area. Gould kept a hold of Catriona’s arm until they were back outside.

‘Will you stop grabbing my arm and dragging me about like a child?’ she exclaimed.

‘I had to get you out of there before you started asking questions.’

‘Well someone needed to! You let him off easy! All that nonsense about derelict parts of the building and furniture storage. What a load of rubbish!’

‘Keep your voice down. I know it’s rubbish. That door had some pretty high-tech security, it was well hidden but it was there. Way too much for somewhere that’s just being used to house old equipment.’

‘So what happens now?’ asked Catriona.

‘I need to come back and take a look, probably tonight. And before you say it, No, you aren’t coming with me this time.’

END OF PART FIVE

## DISMANTLING SWINGING BOATS IN FOSDYKE

An accident befell a small Fosdyke boy on Monday. Ronald Bryant aged eight, a son of Mr W Bryant, a river pilot, of Fosdyke in a company with some more boys were watching the dismantling of some swinging boats in the New Inn paddock, when a strong wind blew over a ladder fell across the boys. Ronald was severely cut across his nose and sustained other head injuries, necessitating medical aid. Reginald Pearl, another onlooker was also stuck by the ladder but escaped with minor bruises.

*Source: Lincolnshire Standard & Boston Guardian  
11th August 1934*

# BELL LANE FLY TIPPING UPDATE

Following the article in last month's Fosdyke Newsletter regarding Bell Lane dyke rubbish (and it has become worse), Malcolm Gwynn arranged a meeting with a representative of Boston Borough Council at the town hall on Friday, 12 February.

He took along a copy of what was reported in the February newsletter and also some photos he had taken himself. Malcolm passed on the news that he had already spoken to a Fosdyke Parish Councillor who had told him that a complaint had been made from one of Fosdyke's parishioners at the February parish council meeting. The parish council had promised to write to Boston Mayflower who they thought tenanted the house next to where the rubbish has been deposited.

Boston Borough Council work closely with Boston Mayflower and the borough representative agreed the litter etc was quite bad and a site visit would be carried out. They also promised that one way or another if Boston Mayflower were unable to do the clearing it would be cleared.

It was also commented on at the recent parish council meeting that the rubbish in the dyke could be construed as fly tipping which carries a maximum fine of £50,000 and five years in prison. While we doubt this deserves that kind of penalty it's a warning to all.



A bit of negotiation between Sutterton Parish Council and Fosdyke Parish Council and Malcolm Gwynn gets a trolley to help with his voluntary work. A thumbs up for our parish council.

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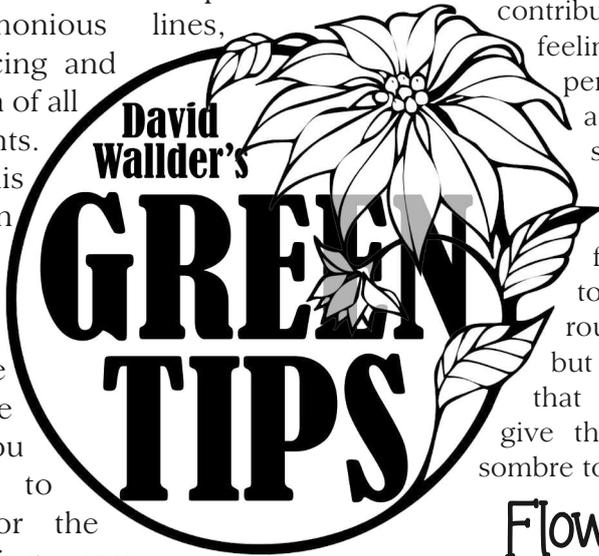
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# The five Fs

It is possible to be an attentive gardener and pay no attention to the appearance and even neatness, but you are much more likely to want to make your garden a beautiful place with harmonious lines, natural placing and composition of all its elements. To make this easier, when considering your garden, follow the five fs. These will give you ideas to consider for the new gardening season.



## Framework

The bare bones of a garden are always visible throughout the year, so it is especially important to have this right. The shapes and edges of the beds and borders and paths are most important, but pergolas, walls, hedges and trunks of trees also create the solidity and endurance of any garden design.

## Foliage

Although welcomed in the spring and appreciated in the autumn, during summer deciduous foliage is seen as only a backdrop for flowers. Yet foliage is important in its own right, differing texture, colour and scent add interest to any garden. You could almost dispense with flowers entirely as many plants have beautiful leaf colour, Populus candicans "Aurora" and Jasmine stephanesne have brilliantly coloured new leaves in the spring and there are countless plants with variegated leaves in many patterns and shades adding more colour.

Many evergreens, such as

Elaeagnus, Euonymus and Holly have forms with white and yellow variegated and coloured leaves and these are especially useful for brightening up dull, wintry days and dark corners. Evergreens contribute to the feeling of permanence of a garden and should be considered with the framework to give year round interest, but be aware that too many give the garden a sombre tone.

## Flowers

A garden is incomplete without flowers, not only because of their beauty, but also as they provide nectar and pollen for insects. The gardener wishing to increase the total life within their garden must ensure a constant succession of flowers using as varied plants as possible to sustain the maximum number of creatures. Of course, flowers are followed by seeds and berries, which add to their value. To us these fruits can be as attractive as the flowers, especially in the case of Holly berries and Gladwyn iris.

## Features and Themes

These can be the icing on the cake, but beware that they don't overwhelm or replace the rest of the garden. Features can be anything from a statue to a wheelbarrow full of gnomes. Water in any form, pergolas, timberwork, rustic arbours, urns, special beds and specimen plants can all be features. It is the setting that makes them effective. Too many features

and the garden becomes a junkyard. We've all been to gardens where you can't see anything but pots or statues have taken over in the manner of a Doctor Who episode. One feature in an area or view of a garden is usually sufficient.

## Finish

Get rid of any piece of litter and junk. Junk can be anything not intended to be a garden feature; tools, pots, canes, string and buckets are best tidied into a shed. Finishing touches such as the edging of turfed areas is critical, little improves the appearance of a garden more than well-cut edges and the removal of tufts of grass growing up against trunks and fences. When adding anything to the garden or repairing a fence say, try to blend the new in with the old by painting them the same. Most timberwork can be stained to the same hue and a coat of black bituminous paint will give an enduring, inexpensive and sympathetic finish to metal work.

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# FOOTBALL

## PRESSURE

Old Dons 2 v Fosdyke 1

Matthew Scott scored what must be the goal of the season on 23 January but unfortunately it was the last kick of the game and nothing but a consolation as Fosdyke lost 2-1 at Old Dons.

There was very little to pick between the sides and it came down to who put their opportunities away on a very heavy pitch that churned up as the afternoon wore on.

Both teams pressed for an early goal and it was Fosdyke who almost took the lead when Matt Bates thumped a header wide from a glorious Zac Chapman corner. Matt then went on a swashbuckling run into the heart of the Old Dons defence but just as he was about to let loose a rocket, a last ditch slide tackle took the chance away and the Donington winger was flying away with the ball, putting in a cross and seeing it finished off at the other end by his striker. Fosdyke were so close to a goal and within seconds were 0-1 down!

Frustratingly, the same sort of thing happened minutes later. Craig Slater followed up a scrambled clearance, pouncing on the ball and unleashing an absolute rasper that was blocked by a defender and from the rebound, another counter attack caught out Fosdyke and they trailed 2-0.

In the second half Fosdyke applied a huge amount of pressure and restricted Old Dons to break-away chances and they came very close on a number of occasions but couldn't find that finishing touch.

Donington had a goal disallowed for off side but it was Fosdyke who dominated. Matt Bates struck a low

drive across the keeper that almost crept in at the far post which gave us the feeling that we could play all day and we would never score. Up stepped Scotty though with an absolute screamer that was struck from the edge of the box, had the keeper at full stretch and hustled the top corner of the net! A fantastic goal that deserved more than being merely a consolation ...

Man of the award this week goes to a rejuvenated Chris Chapman who returned to the side in fine style.

Next week we entertain Woodhall Spa United at Stadio del Fosdyke.

## CLINCHED

Fosdyke 3 v Woodhall Spa 2

A scruffy and scrappy affair on 30 January down at Stadio del Fosdyke saw the home side claim all three points against a determined Woodhall Spa United.

The beautiful game it was not, and the first forty five were notable for just two things - a visiting defender was given his marching orders reducing his side to ten men and the Woodhall striker scored an absolutely fantastic goal. Watching a long ball drop over his shoulder, the target man hit the sweetest of volleys that ricocheted off the inside of the near post and settled in the net. Honestly, that was it in the first half.

Fortunately the second half proved to be a livelier affair and Fosdyke pushed home their numerical advantage. Skipper Luke Smith rose above a pack of players to nod home an equaliser and minutes later new signing Alex Marulli De Barletta surged through

the United defence to round the keeper and poke the ball in to an empty net. 2-1 and Fosdyke looked to increase the lead which didn't take long.

Alex was again at the centre of things with another determined run that ended with him being upended! A spot kick was awarded and up stepped Matthew Bates. The Woodhall keeper managed a great save to keep the strike out but much to his despair, and our relief, the ref insisted on a retake as a visiting defender had encroached before the kick was taken. Not one to turn down a second chance, the next penalty was despatched successfully and a two goal cushion gave us breathing space.

Woodhall did snatch a very late goal to set up a nervy finale, and Ian Jack Smith was on hand to pull off a great save but Fosdyke saw out the game and clinched the points.

Plenty of positives! Another three points, a great hours work from new signing Dom Cridland and a great performance for our other new face, Alex Marulli De Barletta up top. Man of the Match this week though goes to James Hawkes who was outstanding in the full back position that Fosdyke fans have become accustomed to seeing him in. But on the other side of the pitch.

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# CLOSE GAME

## Skegness Res 1 v Fosdyke 0

Fosdyke's last chance of cup glory this season on 6 February out at Skegness Town Reserves saw them lose a very, very close game by the only goal of the match. Very disappointing, especially as they matched their Premier League opponents from start to finish ... except obviously in the goal scoring stakes.

The first half saw Fosdyke kicking up hill into a strong wind and it was always going to be a difficult task to retain a clean sheet but with a defensive master class they managed it! The back four stood resolute and the midfield five took a "They Shall Not Pass" approach.

Leon Marsh, with the thankless task of playing the loan striker role, was a good outlet and the forward almost gave us a surprise lead when Fosdyke managed a rare foray up field but his finish was hit straight at the keeper.

James Munn, minutes later, went even closer, striking a shot across the keeper and seeing a defender get the slightest of touches to clear it for a corner.

At the other end all Ian Jack Smith had to do was palm away a few in-swinging corners as Fosdyke kept their Premier League hosts at arm's length. The back line was breached however, when the

Skegness striker found himself with just Ian Jack Smith to beat but the keeper was off his line to stop him. 0-0 at the interval and Fosdyke had survived an absolute onslaught!

The second half was a much more open affair and it wasn't long before all Fosdyke's good work was undone when a defensive mistake proved costly. A square pass across the edge of the area found, not the intended orange shirt, but the grateful Skegness striker who thumped home the ball to give his team the lead.

Fosdyke then had something of a wobble and their opponents in white threatened to overwhelm them. Fortunately they held firm - and Ian Smith pulled off a couple of great saves - and started to look for an equaliser and as time ran out they almost found it, almost ... Substitute Marv Jolly caused mayhem in the Skegness back line and when a flicked header found Craig Slater in the box for the hard working midfielder to slide in, beating the keeper to the ball but he agonisingly saw the it roll the wrong side of an empty net ... Nearly took 'em to extra time.

Plenty of positives today - a great team performance in defending against a Premier side against horrendous first half wind and some tough tackling shifts put in from Craig Slater and Chris Chapman in the middle. Man of the Match? The outstanding performance of the day was Ben Parker at right back who was rock solid in defence and gave Fosdyke good options going forward all afternoon.

could have finished 8-8! The opening exchanges saw the hosts dominate and Fosdyke had to rely on the agility of keeper Ian Jack Smith to keep us in the game.

Fosdyke finally got a foot hold on the game and it wasn't long before it was their turn to start missing chances! Good link up play between Matt Bates and Marv Jolly saw Matthew Scott sent through on goal but his finish was wide.

This pattern continued and good footwork from veteran target man Marv Jolly saw the striker create a great chance but his left footed strike was high and wide. At the other end it was no different with shots flying in from all angles high and wide.

The second half however saw the deadlock finally broken but not before Matt Bates rattled the bar with a thunderous strike, Leon Marsh struck the post direct from a corner, Matthew Scott saw a speculative lob almost creep in and Chris Chapman's spectacular volley sailed over the bar. Loads of chances!

The opening goal finally came when a glorious cross field pass from Matt Bates was sent goalwards by Zippy Zac Chapman and Leon Marsh was on hand to nip in front of the keeper and poke the ball home. At last!

Minutes later though Ian Jack Smith was picking the ball out of Fosdyke's net after a penalty was awarded and despatched.

Fosdyke had the final say however when a cross eluded everyone except Zac Chapman at the back post who stooped to head home the winner. There was time for one final scare, mind, when a Wrangle player found himself free in the box from a corner with the simplest of tap ins but lashed the ball wide! Phew! A fast and furious game of attacking football and dodgy finishing ended with Fosdyke 2-1 winners.

Man of the Match was Fosdyke's flying winger Zac Chapman for a great performance capped off with the winner!

# LEAGUE WIN

## Wrangle 1 v Fosdyke 2

Another three points successfully bagged for Fosdyke on 13 February as they continue their quest to finish as high as possible this season.

A 2-1 win away at Wrangle in a fixture that saw an incredible amount of chances missed and



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# Letters

Firstly, thank you again for producing such a wonderful community newsletter.

I've been wondering how to approach this for a while now, and since you've brought up the prospect of the Best Kept Village award I thought this might be a good time.

I was wondering if people would be interested in creating foraging spots in the village?

Three things have influenced my thoughts on this:

1) A trip to a friend's wedding in Cornwall's Kingsand and Cawsand - I was blown away by how much bio-diversity there is in the roadsides there compared to here. I know we're reclaimed land and all that, but to walk among roads teeming with snow drops and ferns and other stuff, you could just feel the energy as opposed to what's on offer from grass and the odd Dandelion present here.

2) A chance encounter with James Wong's "Homegrown Revolution" book from The Works has made me excited about all manner of wonderful, exotic edibles that thrive on British weather conditions.

3) Cycling around the village backroads has brought me into contact with Rosehips, Sloes, and the back of the graveyard has hazelnuts (though I've yet to find viable nuts from it).

I thought it would be fab to utilise a few dykes, hedgerows and spare land for a community bounty of goji berries, fiddlehead ferns, blackberries and the like so we can scoff ourselves silly on free "super foods". Plus, perhaps, a liberal introduction of wild flowers to spruce up the roadsides.

I admit, it's not exactly traditional Best Village fare of regimented flower beds, but I would like to see if anyone else would be interested in this idea. Would you be kind enough to consider this?

Helen Weighill

*Editor: We think this is a great idea. Would landowning council be willing to allow a little verge space to be turned into a wild fruit and veg patch? Perhaps this is something the parish council could help instigate? Maybe it's something to put on the agenda for their next meeting on Tuesday 5 April.*

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## WHIST WINNERS

Eight teams took part in the Whist Drive at Fosdyke Social Club on 6 February.

After sixteen rounds and a very tight contest the eventual winners were Clive Rhodes and Ronnie Wickes.

The Whist Drives have proved very popular and even if you're not the best card player they are great fun. Why not give it a try on the first Saturday of the month.

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Second Thursday of every month



Saturday, 19 March

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Saturday, 26 March

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# FOSDYKE GROUP TO OPEN FRAMFEST



## REGULAR LIVE MUSIC FOR THE SHIP

After the success of their one-night show in The Ship near the end of last year Phatt Knappii have been offered a residency at the pub.

Their first regular performance will be Tuesday, 15 March, with music starting at 8pm. The residency will initially run for four months to gauge the response of patrons. So, if you'd like to be entertained once a month in the friendly atmosphere of Fosdyke's last remaining pub which, incidentally, cooks some cracking food, make sure you give The Ship and - if you like live music, Phatt Knappii your support on the third Tuesday of each month.

## FOR SALE

Smart Panasonic 32-inch TV £100 ono.  
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Phone Alan on 260380

Have you an item to sell or something that you want that someone else might want to sell? Advertise here [ad@fosdyke.org.uk](mailto:ad@fosdyke.org.uk)

Unbeknown to the Fosdyke trio, Phatt Knappii, Jo-Anne Overton, who organises and books the bands for Frampton's mini festival, Framfest, visited Fosdyke Social Club on Saturday, 30 January, to check them out.

They were surprised therefore when the following day she contacted them and asked if they would like to perform their mix of 80s covers and self-penned songs at 2 pm when the festival begins.

They happily accepted.

Framfest, now in its fourth year, is a music festival which attracts five hundred people. It also features side shows for all the family. This year it will be held on Saturday, 25 June in aid of the church funds.

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# HOW MANY HOMES IN FOSDYKE?

The precept is supposed to be based on the government's valuation website. As reported in the February edition of *Fosdyke Newsletter* we were able to count 213 homes in the Fosdyke parish using the information at the government's website.

We deliver 248 newsletters within the parish. Or at least we thought we did but Cllr Denis Glen has calculated the parish to have around 232 homes so we must be delivering to more houses than we thought that are just outside the border.

There are 263 letter boxes that get tickled by the newsletter which suggests that at least thirty of the houses our team of volunteers deliver to aren't a part of the Fosdyke parish. A further eighteen are left in The Ship, The Moorings Cafe and Fosdyke Social Club for people to look at or take away. So the circulation of *Fosdyke Newsletter* is 281, but likely read by twice as many.

Of course, any new homes built in Fosdyke will actually reduce the amount that an individual household pays as the precept is then spread over more homes.

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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# NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

Well, that's not true if you are trying to put together the village newsletter. No news means an empty newsletter.

And, despite what you might think, there's always news of some description to report on. Just, it doesn't always reach our ears. Don't think that just because we're the newsletter we hear about everything that goes on in the village. We often hear, too late, about a newsworthy item. And what seems silly or uninteresting to you might be the opposite to someone else. Please let us know of recent or impending happenings. Thank you!

## NEW STEEL FOSDYKE BRIDGE WITH A BIG BUMP

Fosdyke Bridge, For some considerable time there have been complaints by various people, including motorists and cyclists, and others, that when passing over the bridge a considerable bump has been felt where the span which swings and joins the stationary span. Opinions were expressed that the bridge must be sinking. On Friday morning the bridge was lifted with a hydraulic jack and some thin steel plates were inserted. On inquiry we were informed that the bridge had not sunk at all but that one of the bearing plates was bent.

Source: *Lincolnshire Standard & Boston Guardian*, 17 November, 1928

## COME AND BE ENTERTAINED BY LIVE MUSIC

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LOCAL and RELIABLE

*We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.*

Familiar words from the Communion Service which many of us use every week – but words which also came alive for me in a fresh way on two particular occasions over the past year.

The first was at the ‘Shared Conversations’ – those regional gatherings of people from across the East Midlands, including some from our own diocese, gathering for three days to explore some of the current issues regarding human sexuality and how we handle together the different views and feelings that issue evokes. To be able to be part of a group of people, who, despite our differences on that particular issue, met around the communion table, were able to break bread together and so recognise the Jesus in each other, was, for me, an incredibly moving and profound experience.

The second, and more recent, occasion was sharing ten days with almost thirty other relatively recently new bishops from across the different countries of the Anglican Communion, and again that real sense as we took communion together of being united because of our common faith and trust in Jesus, despite all the different cultural and theological understandings contained in the room.

An experience of the Risen Jesus which then unites across time, place and some of the theological differences we may have with each other. That, it seems to me, is at least part of what is happening as we take

communion, as we break bread, together. It is one of God’s gifts to his Church.

I pray, says Jesus, that they be ‘one’. Not the same, not identical, but ‘one’. Able to recognise, rejoice and celebrate the reality of the Risen Jesus in each other, despite our differences, as we share in bread together. That’s been my experience, on those two special occasions. I pray that it might be yours as well.

David Grimsby  
*Bishop of Grimsby, The Rt Revd Dr David Court*

**Sunday, 6 March  
Holy Communion  
for Mothering  
Sunday**

with Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox  
at 09.30 am

**Sunday, 20 March  
Concert**

with the Choir of Lincoln  
Cathedral at Algarkirk  
at 6 pm

**Sunday, 27 March  
Holy Communion  
for Easter Sunday**

with Fr Graham Williams  
at 09.30 am

Jon Tofts reports

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**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox will be leading our service for Mothering Sunday this year. Its always nice to see new faces and young ones at this service, after which flowers are given out and there is the chance for a chat with your friends and neighbours over a hot drink and a nibble. We especially look forward to welcoming into the body of the church, newly baptised Isaac Cropley. All Welcome.

**POP-IN LUNCH**

The next Pop-In Lunch will be held in Fosdyke Village from 12.30 on Tuesday, 15 March. This months main course will be a lovely home-made Lincolnshire sausage pie with onion gravy. Everyone is welcome to this popular village event, but do please remember you must book a space so we know how many we are catering for. Please call Margaret on 01205260672 by Saturday 12 March.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

All Saints will be holding its annual meeting in church from 7pm on Tuesday 15th March. Any parishioner is welcome to attend and have a say or be considered for election to the PCC. Notices will be on the church boards shortly with details.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

Fr. Graham Williams will be celebrating Easter Sunday with us this year, and at this very special service we will be focussing on the light that Easter can bring to our lives. We are especially pleased to be inviting parishioners with new youngs to this service.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR  
THE QUEEN**

Her majesty will be celebrating her 90th birthday shortly, with the official birthday in June. On Sunday, 12 June, we are hoping to arrange a special light hearted Songs of Praise service at church, where you will be able to vote for your favourite hymn, followed by a whole village event during the day including a lunch on the village green or in the village hall. Too soon for details, but not too soon to make a diary reminder. *Editor: Fosdyke Social Club is holding an evening bonfire and BBQ to round off the day.*

# FOSDYKE ARTIST IN SPALDING EXHIBITION

Local artist Terry Martin recently heard that his tri-canvas work "Crops" painted in acrylics has been accepted into the 16th South Holland Open Arts Exhibition which is held between Thursday, 3 March, and Thursday, 10 March, (but closed on Sunday, 6 March) at South Holland Centre, Spalding.

The exhibition aims to showcase the best work created by professional and amateur artists who live and work in the district of South Holland and the surrounding region.

"Crops" was one of three pieces of work that Terry entered into the exhibition.

"I'm chuffed that even one was accepted as the exhibition is extremely popular and receives hundreds of entries," said Terry.

To see his work in its full colour glory amongst many other artists entry into the exhibition is free and opens at 10 am each morning except for the first day when it opens at 2 pm.

Closing times vary so check <http://www.sholland.gov.uk/article/4141/16th-Open-Arts-Exhibition>

## Copy Deadline

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

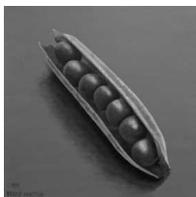
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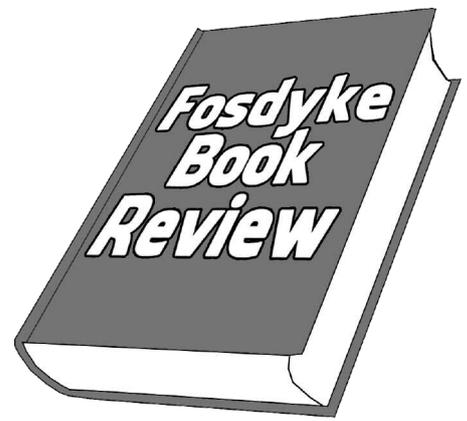
You will be able to register from 23 February for the new brown bin collection service which we all now have to pay for at [www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste).

Cost for the collection of existing bins is £30 with subsequent bins being £15 each. To acquire a bin you will need to pay £25 plus the collection charge. Each bin will be issued with a unique sticker with your home address. Garden waste collection resumes on 1 March.

Residents have been urged not to be tempted to put garden waste into their green bin (household waste taken to the Energy from Waste plant near Lincoln, no longer sent to landfill) or their blue bin for recycled materials. This would contaminate the load and the bins will not be emptied.



'Crops'  
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three  
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935 mm



## SPLINTER THE SILENCE

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I have been eagerly awaiting the return of the Val McDermid's ninth instalment of the 'Tony Hill Carol Jordan' saga (TV's 'Wire in the Blood' being the first)

'Splinter The Silence' sees the original investigating team back together in Bradfield pursuing yet another serial killer. However I found the murders being investigated missing the macabre of the earlier series and found the murderer completely unbeguing. I was expecting much more of the usual twists and turns or OMG moments from McDermid, sadly they didn't materialise. The real emphasis throughout the book concentrated on the relationship between the two main characters which although entertaining at times became rather dull. I hasten to add that McDermid mostly weaves a damn good tale but this one was a little tame and predictable but if you, like me are a fan of the series then it's worth a look, expensive though for a kindle book

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65	Mrs C Allen	c/o Fosdyke	£25

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