

COMMUNITY SHOP?

We've heard people in the village bemoan the fact we no longer have a village store or post office and mumblings of starting a Community Shop have come to nothing. One of the letters we received this month led us to do a little research and we discovered the Plunkett Foundation gives support to villages wishing to rise to the challenge.

VITAL LIFELINE

For most villages a shop is a vital lifeline and for some people, especially those without transport (as we've highlighted in previous issues), it is an important connection with the world beyond their front door. It is a meeting place, communication centre and an important lynchpin of village life. Much of the appeal of our village rests on its sense of community. It is the reason many people have moved here and remain here. The presence of a shop would, we feel,

greatly enhance that community spirit.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Asking you to take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire on Page 5 is therefore the first step. We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers! Your response will be treated in confidence. It is entirely anonymous, unless you wish to add your name at the end.

Please return the questionnaire to the address on the bottom of the form by 8 November.

SURVEY RESULTS

The results of this survey will be published in the Newsletter and if there is enough interest we will arrange a public meeting when the proposal can be discussed further.

We would also like to hear from you if you feel you could help in any way with the running of the

shop. There will be a wide range of tasks to be done from the initial setting up of the project to managing the enterprise and being involved in the day to day practical operation.

SUCCESS

This kind of venture has been successfully achieved in other villages. There are currently 360 community-owned shops in England, Scotland and Wales and most of these have been set up with the support of the charity Plunkett Foundation (www.plunkett.co.uk). Will our village be the next one?

We need to keep an open mind about a shop's possibilities. There have been many different shop models that have started with ingenuity and enthusiasm. Let's not be pessimistic and put barriers in the way at this stage. If other villages can make it a success so can we!

If you have any questions about this project please ring Terry on 01205 260275.

UNSHAVEN BACK!

Popular Boston-based band *Unshaven* with their energetic mix of blues and rock have promised to perform a forty-five-minute set at Fosdyke Social Club on 13 November.

While you'll find two or three of their members performing at the Open Mic nights it's not often you get to see them all playing together, and open-mic spots are usually just fifteen to twenty minutes.

Not only that but also on the bill will be Phatt Knappii, Brandy and Kiya Brown. Other artists slated to be there are Tom O'Malley, Kit Tinsley (from Sleaford) and Graham Hawks.

It's going to be a crazy evening of eclectic musical tastes. Something for everyone ... and yes, it is free!



Unshaven's previous appearance ...

Jon Tofts reports



All Saints
Fosdyke

Sunday Services
2 November
at 9.30 am
Holy Communion

+

16 November
at 6 pm
Sung Evensong

+

30 November
Special Celebration of Advent Sunday
the beginning of the preparation for Christmas season

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!

Harvest Festival

A very big thank you to all who helped with this years Harvest celebrations – by decorating the church, cooking lunch, buying tickets, donating produce - - it was a real piece of team work, as usual, this year. 75 people had the chance to a good lunch, had the opportunity to chat with friends and neighbours, and had the good grace to spend some of their hard-earned cash in support of our village church. nearly £750 was raised, after expenses were paid out, and has been a big help towards paying for the contribution towards the cost of our vicar that we have to meet every year. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre

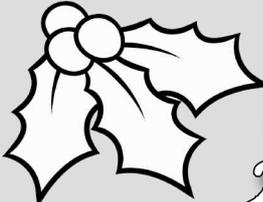
This years Annual Village Christmas Fayre will be held in the village hall on Saturday 29th November

Family News

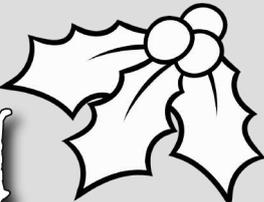
It was with great sadness that I learned of the recent passing away of Maggy Smith – a lifelong village resident. Unkown to me, Maggy's neighbour passed away in May, leaving a distraught husband who then moved away to London leaving a blind Maggy to fend for herself, move in to Woodlands Nursing Home and then pass away herself, last week. It is a greatly sad reflection on village life that this has happened unknown, it would seem, by friends and neighbours. The great traditional strength of villages, is that they are close-knit communities who live and work together, and support one another. I would ask all of us to let the Newsletter know when family events - sad or happy, occur, so that we are all informed.

Pop-in Lunch

A big thank you again to all those who supported the recent Pop-In Lunch



Fosdyke



Annual Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 29 November
from 2 p.m.

Fosdyke Village Hall

- Visit from Santa
- Grand Christmas Hamper draw
- Produce Stall
- HOME-MADE Cakes and Puddings etc.
- Bric a Brac
- Raffle
- Refreshments
- Childrens colouring competition
- Books, DVDs, Games
- etc.etc.etc.

WOODBINE WILLY

This year's time of remembrance is particularly poignant, given that it is the centenary of the dreadful tragic events of the First World War. By the end of the war a million British men were dead, and two million more had been wounded. There was not a single family unacquainted with grief, nor a corner of life unaffected.

Many of us have become familiar with the story of Amy Beechey, a mother from Lincoln who saw eight sons go to war, and only three return. We can only imagine her grief; but every day of the war, her pain was known and understood by grieving relatives in households all over England.

The horror of the trenches, the scale of the slaughter, the tragic loss of so much human potential –all these things meant that long-held notions of an all-powerful God began to be questioned. Put simply: If God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God seemingly indifferent to our fate?

One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament.

Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could, and those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being



absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real and palpable force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer a remote and detached figure at the peak of a great social pyramid. No longer was God the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives, in the agony of Amy Beechey and all those like her back home. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

Writing in 1918, he said this:

‘God loves us enough to bear our burdens and suffer along with us; the destruction of war will not have the final word, because

Christ's example promises us resurrection from death.’

The first world war brought the horrifying reality of modern warfare to every home in the land; it brought a new awareness that God is not distant and other, but is involved through Jesus Christ in our struggles and sufferings.

Despite all the evil in the world we continue to have faith in this God: the God who brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; and life out of death. This is our God: the God of Love and Resurrection.

Bishop of Lincoln

MEMORIAL BINGO RAISES £1,000

A Bingo afternoon in memory of Sylvia White was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 18 October in aid of the Doctor's Surgery at Sutterton. The Village Hall was overflowing with players paying their respects to Sylvia.

After expenses, a grand total of approximately £1,000 was raised.

Thanks go to everyone who came and gave raffle prizes, sausage rolls, fruit cake, etc and all the helpers and people who gave donations (I could go on). It was overwhelming, so thanks again from Alan, Tim, Matthew, sister Eileen, Maisie and Tony.

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The Food Bank is up and running in St Mary's Church Sutterton on Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon. It is not just for the people of Sutterton, but for anyone in our local communities who needs it. For those in need, enough food for 3 days can be accessed on production of a voucher. Our vouchers are interchangeable with those of the Boston Food Bank, open on Tuesday and Thursday from 12noon until 2pm, at St Christopher's Church Fenside.

Vouchers can be obtained from various organisations such as Children's Centres, Schools, Nurseries, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services, Mayflower and Healthcare Professionals.

If you know of anyone who is in a crisis situation and where the Food Bank could help please direct them to one of these organisations as the Food Bank can only provide food to those with a voucher.

The food is largely donated by the general public e.g. supermarket collections. If you would like to donate items such as: cereal, jam, biscuits, pasta, tea bags, tins of soup, beans, spaghetti, macaroni, vegetables, rice pudding, there is a

box in St Mary's Church near the font where these items can be placed. I thank the Sutterton Post Office and two private donators from the village for their generosity.

If anyone would like to know more about the Food Bank please contact Janet Martin on 01205460386.

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BOOTIFUL

The Table and Boot Sale at Fosdyke Playing Field and Social Club was such a success that there are plans to have a regular monthly event starting in the Spring and ending at the beginning of Autumn next year.

If you are interested in a table or a plot let Jane Bristow know on 01205 260455 and she'll get back to you when the first one is arranged.

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COMMUNITY SHOP QUESTIONNAIRE

1. If a new village shop was opened in Fosdyke would you or any member of your household use it?

- Daily 2-3 times a week Weekly
 Fortnightly Occasionally Not at all

2. What products would you be most likely to buy?

- Newspapers/magazines Ready meals
 Local Produce Frozen food
 Fresh fruit & vegetables Ready meals
 Meat and dairy Greeting cards/wrapping
 Bakery Sandwiches Pet food
 Sweets/ice cream Household goods
 Beers, wines & spirits Stationery
 Packed goods: tins, packets Craft items
 Cigarettes/tobacco Gifts
 Cleaning materials Coal/logs
 Toiletries Organic/Fair Trade products

3. What services would you be most likely to use?

- Postal Services Deliveries Internet
 Advertisement board DVD rental
 Tickets for local events Photocopying
 Dry cleaning Photo processing
 DVD rental Tea room/coffee shop
 Shoe repairs Top ups for mobile phones

4. Are there any other products or services not listed above you would like to see on offer?

5. At what time of day would you be most likely to use the shop?

- Before 8am 8am - 12 noon
 12 noon - 2pm 2pm - 6pm
 After 6pm After 7pm

6. How many miles do you currently travel

a) To do your main weekly shop?

b) For convenience/top up shopping?

7. On the scale of 1-5 below please show how important you think it is to have a village shop in Fosdyke?

- NOT IMPORTANT VERY IMPORTANT
- 1 2 3 4 5
-

Please state how many in each age range in your household:

- 0 - 16 17 - 25 26 - 45 46 - 65 over 65
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8. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping a community shop project in any way?

- Join the steering group
 Help with fund raising
 Provide professional advice/services
 Skill/profession: _____
 Involved in running the shop/volunteering
 Making a donation
 Buying a share/s Making a loan

If you have ticked any of the above boxes in Question 8 or you would like us to contact you then please give us your name, address and phone number.

9. Personal details (optional)

- Do you live in Fosdyke:
 Full time Part time Occasionally

10. How many cars are there in your household?

- 0 1 2 3 3+

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to:
6 Whitecross Gate, Fosdyke

FOSDYKE FC

TRIUMPH

Fosdyke! 3-1 away win at Donington! After a week spent wondering if they had enough players it all came together wonderfully in their Fishtoft Cup fixture against Old Dons.

A highly competitive game saw plenty of fast-moving football and crunching tackles but it was the visitors in tangerine who struck first when the clearly excited David Scott was sent scampering down the middle after a defence-splitting through-ball from Marv Jolly. To the surprise of everyone Dave let fly from a full thirty-five yards with an absolute screamer that incredulously went in off the keeper's head! Dave had a smile on his face visible from space when the ball dropped in to the net and we lead 1-0.

Old Dons rallied and we were forced on to the back foot and some backs-to-the-wall defending was called for. Just when it looked as if Fosdyke would see out the storm the home side were gifted a golden opportunity to equalise when James Hawkes was adjudged to have handled in the box as he brought it down to control.

The ref pointed to the spot! The touch of luck that had deserted Fosdyke of late however, returned and the Donington forward blazed the ball over the bar. He did make amends minutes later, to his credit, getting in front of everyone to head home at the near post from a wicked corner.

1-1 at the interval yet Fosdyke were still confident of a victory and it came in fine style. Total defensive lockdown with quick counter attacking was the order of the day and as they increasingly frustrated

their hosts they started to create chances.

Firstly a lovely move was finished off when Joe Bradbury struck the bar and secondly Zac Chapman saw his effort blocked by a huddle of defenders. Fosdyke didn't have to wait long though as Zac Chapman combined well with Nathan Smith to angle a low finish in off the post with only fifteen minutes to go.

For all Donington's pressure, the back four and midfield stood firm and when Nathan Smith was sent through one on one with the custodian, the home sides keeper brought down the young winger and saw red. Joe Bradbury was on hand to coolly dispatch the spot kick and make the result safe.

Lots of positives - Nick Reynolds made his debut in an orange shirt and Joe Bradbury looked a natural in the number 10 role! Man of the match was Zac Chapman who covered every blade of grass as the lone striker.

DEFEAT

Same fixture, different result. Saway at Old Dons in the league Fosdyke returned home pointless after a 0-2 defeat.

They huffed and puffed but ultimately were left frustrated and although the two goals they conceded were of their own doing, their hosts profligate finishing spared Fosdyke a heavier defeat.

The game started where the previous week left off, with the ball fizzing around and the tempo high as Old Dons attacked Fosdyke from the start, though it was Fosdyke who created the first opportunity of the day when Chris Spooner found himself with space to get a shot off but saw his finish sail over the bar.

At the other end a goal was

coming and it wasn't long before Fosdyke's back line was breached. A Donington player was left unmarked from a throw in and given time to turn and fire a glorious strike across our keeper to the far post and in. Things got worse when a difficult bounce caught out Fosdyke's keeper and as he juggled the ball a grateful striker nipped in and pounced for a second.

The second half saw more of the same and Old Dons missed an open goal and at least two one on ones to keep Fosdyke in the game, not to mention a spectacular goal-line clearance by Daryl. Dan Sam raced through late on and although he hit the target the keeper parried the ball away to safety.

As time ticked away the tangerines created one more chance when a cheeky reverse ball from Marv Jolly was latched on to by Luke Smith whose clever movement created a chance from a difficult angle but sadly the side netting was the only net troubled. Compared to last week it was a poor afternoon, and it didn't get any better when Daryl Marsh Junior was sent off for an altercation in the final seconds.

Positives? Tom Collins made an impressive second half debut at left back and, until the red card Daryl had performed with the expected tenacity he brings to the team. Man of the Match this time round however was Michael Beauchamp who put in a great shift in the middle.

TWO HALVES

Football cliches. They are great aren't they? Game of two halves and all that. Well the game on 4 October proved to be true as Fosdyke were narrowly beaten in a cracking game against Division Two leaders Westside at home.

To begin with Fosdyke's visitors stroked the ball around and looked the more composed of the two

sides and when a rash challenge in the box saw a penalty awarded Fosdyke were soon trailing 1-0 and got worse as they failed to clear a corner and an unmarked Westsider, on the edge of the box, rattled one in to double their lead.

The interval gave Fosdyke a chance to have a much needed re-focus and the second half saw them looking like a completely different team. James Hawkes unleashed a rasping drive from thirty yards that the keeper found too hot to handle and the comeback was on!

New signing Alex Marulli De Barletta looked impressive up top with clever movement and fancy footwork that the away sides defense were struggling to deal with and the centre forward came agonisingly close to equalising on his debut. A glorious cut back from Tom Collins saw the striker chest the ball goalwards from yards out only for a miraculous clearance by a Westside defender.

The pressure continued to be applied and a goal was surely coming. Fosdyke didn't have to wait much longer. Zac Chapman held the ball up well and rolled James Hawkes in to send a pinpoint cross to the near post where Alex was on hand to flick the ball over the keeper to a grateful Tom Collins on the line to score his first goal in a tangerine shirt. 2-2 and Fosdyke were flying!

Sadly they were brought back down to earth with a bump as a controversial penalty was awarded when Adam Poole was adjudged to have fouled the Westside striker in the box. Football's all about opinions and in the ref's opinion it was a penalty ... 3-2 with minutes ticking away and there was still time for drama. Alex picked the ball up and took on half the Westside team before rolling the ball goalwards. Once again however, an amazing goal line clearance denied Fosdyke's lively striker and saw them exit the cup by the odd goal in five.

Man of the Match? Alex Marulli De Barletta had a great debut and

came so close to opening his account with a goal. Tom Collins impressed greatly on the left but Gavin Paul Cox takes the award this week for a rock solid performance at left back.

POSITIVITY

It was a 3-1 defeat away at title hopefuls Swineshead Reserves even though Fosdyke put in a great team performance which left them feeling positive.

The game started very evenly at a frenzied pace as both teams tried to gain control of the midfield. Swineshead were a physical force but the men in tangerine stood up to all that was thrown at them and played some great football.

Fosdyke were undone however in the simplest of fashions when a good through ball saw the hosts' striker get the wrong side of his man and send his team one up.

A fightback was lead by Craig Spooner who grabbed an equaliser not long after Fosdyke went behind. Nathan Smith defending from the front pinched the ball and laid it back to Dan Sam for the midfielder to send a great cross in to Joe Bradbury who saw his effort bounce back off the post before Spooner poked home the rebound. A real poacher's goal!

Spooner nearly went one better with a spectacular bicycle kick that wasn't far off giving us a lead!

Tom Scott came close as he drove the ball across the keeper and at the other end Ian Jack Smith was in fine form keeping out a number of Swineshead efforts. Half time and 1-1.

Fosdyke were holding their own and this continued into the second half. With the scores equal Fosdyke nearly snatched a lead when Marv Jolly sent Craig Spooner through on goal with a long-range pass but the striker saw his effort roll agonisingly wide.

Joe Bradbury also came close when a Daily Richardson corner

found him at the near post but he volleyed over the bar.

At 1-1 Fosdyke were matching the blues of Swineshead but it was the home side who took a lead when smart work from their front men lead to a low finish that alluded Fosdyke's keeper. Still, there wasn't much in the game and as Fosdyke pushed for a second equaliser a sucker punch finished them off.

Swineshead's lively forward found himself goal side of Michael Beauchamp and as the two players came together he was sent sprawling. The result? A penalty and 3-1.

A really good team performance against a very good opposition meant that 3-1 felt harsh but with the positivity in the squad it surely won't be long before results go Fosdyke's way.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday, 1 November: Pointon Reserves away, 18 November: Railway Athletic away.

WIGTOFT & DISTRICT WEDNESDAY POOL LEAGUE

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FOSDYKE SPORTS A	20	10	10	54
GOLDEN FLEECE B	20	10	10	46
SPORTSMAN B	20	6	14	45
FOSDYKE SPORTS B	20	0	20	9

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SPORTSMAN	8	8	0	33
FOSDYKE SPORTS	8	5	3	21
GOLDEN FLEECE A	8	3	5	20
KIRTON LEISURE	8	3	5	17
GOLDEN FLEECE B	8	0	8	9

Sunday table reflects the Black Bull and The Queen dropping out. Fosdyke Sports are joining the Spalding League on Sundays but the club will still be open on Wednesdays for pool competitions.

THE BAT, THE CAT AND THE MAT

At the outset in relating this story several points need to be made. The writer is well aware that bats in this country are a protected species and the demise of the bat was not intended nor expected under the circumstances, it should also be noted that the relevant facts are true but some licence should be given according to the readers own phobias and beliefs.

Some years ago when our daughter was a young girl we lived in a village much like Fosdyke. It was a village deep in the country side with a small community with its inward thinking personality.

At this particular time my mother-in-law was on holiday and we had her elderly cat Jason staying with us, to say he was elderly was an understatement my mothering law believed that when she bought him he was a direct descendent from the pair in the Ark. At this point I will resist any reference to the age of my mother-in-law

HEARD SCREAMING

On this occasion I was attempting to build a set of wardrobes and because it was a warm summer's evening the bedroom windows were open. As the darkness descended I needed to go down stairs to collect a saw. On re-entering the house our daughter was heard screaming upstairs, both my wife and I rushed upstairs to find our daughter standing on a chair waving a hammer around her head whilst screaming there's a bat there's a bat, on looking round there was indeed a bat flying around the room.

My wife grabbed our daughter and got her out of the room whilst I tried to usher the bat out through the window with no success. Suddenly the bat dropped on to the

mat at the edge of the bed and crawled under the bed, at this point it is worth noting that Jason on hearing the commotion had lumbered his way upstairs and had plonked himself on the edge of the mat, at this time this fact hardly registered with me as I was considering how I was going to get the bat from under the bed.

My wife re-entered and it was decided that I would hold a towel at the edge of the bed, slide the bed from over the bat and once clear drop the towel over the poor animal. As the bed was moved and the bat was exposed and before I could drop the towel the BAT TOOK OFF and the most



incredible thing happened THE CAT with a speed that I could not believe just stretched out a claw pulled the bat from the air gave one bite at the back of the neck and just dropped it on the mat, he then gave it a cursory glance and walked out of the room (job done then).

Unfortunately this was not the end of this sad tale, as most of you will be aware boys and girls of a certain age like to bury dead pets and the like and they can be quite morbid about such things. The following morning I was persuaded to bury the bat in the garden. The daughter and I duly went outside with the bat in a box and proceeded to dig a small hole to give the bat a decent send-off. Again my judgement was poor as I forgot about the ducks, we had at the time six ducks and they liked nothing better than to follow me around when I am digging in the

garden to take any worms that are exposed, at this point this was not a particular problem, the bat was buried and we went back inside. My wife made the comment that did I see the teeth on the bat perhaps you should have buried it with a little cross and a clove of garlic.

SPINE-TINGLING

During the day it rained and the ducks went about their business filtering any muddy ground for any morsels they could find. The next day whilst walking around the garden I noticed that where the bat was buried the water had ponded and the ducks had filtered the area causing the bats coffin to come to the surface, on closely inspecting the scene it was apparent that the poor bat was missing, at this point a small shiver ran down my spine, surely it was just a fox that had run off with it. Two days later Jason died.

I am not a superstitious person but no chances were going to be taken this time. As Jason was my mother-in-laws cat he was taken back home and buried in her garden complete with a cross and a full bulb of garlic. On her return from holiday the mothering law was informed of Jason's demise to which she commented that whilst she was sad it was to be expected!!!

We gave the incident very little thought after that and all was quiet, so much so that after the mother-in-law had been back from holiday for three weeks the wife rang a neighbour of her mother's to check that she was alright, oh she's fine the holiday appears to have done her a lot of good whilst she's quiet during the day they have been pleased to see that she gets out and socialises more in the evenings.

Next month: George Clooney and the birds of prey.

Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 1 November

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WILDLIFE FRIENDLY

Last month I was saying that it was a good idea to have some "pests" to benefit the general health of your garden. This month I want to tell you more specifically what you can do to make your garden more friendly for wildlife.

If we want the amount and variety of wildlife in our gardens to increase, we have to provide for their needs. All creatures have a niche in the environment and if we create the right conditions, they will move into it. Within your garden you may have a damp corner, a warm dry spot or a shady overgrown area. Even a strip of long grass alongside a hedge is a surprisingly good habitat and will soon be full of beetles, spiders and other predators, add bulbs for a bit of interest in the spring and you've pollen and nectar into the bargain. Installing nest boxes for birds and hedgehogs will increase their numbers.

All these creatures need water, so make it as accessible and in as many different places as possible. Water will lure and retain more forms of life than any other garden attraction. Birdbaths, waterfalls, fountains, a deep pond, a shallow pool, a muddy stagnant ditch, even just an old buried sink will appeal to different creatures. Jam jars or plastic pots can play useful roles in providing water for small animals and birds – though you must be sure they can get out of them or they could turn into a bit of a death trap! Some plants are useful for trapping water; alchemilla condenses dew on its leaves, Lupins have similar water trapping

properties and teasels have cupped stem/leaf joints that trap a small pool of water (as you may find out to your cost when cutting them back after a wet spell).

Sadly, a lot of the breeding places for frogs, toads, newts and other water-loving creatures are in decline. Farm ponds get filled in, ditches scraped clean or replaced

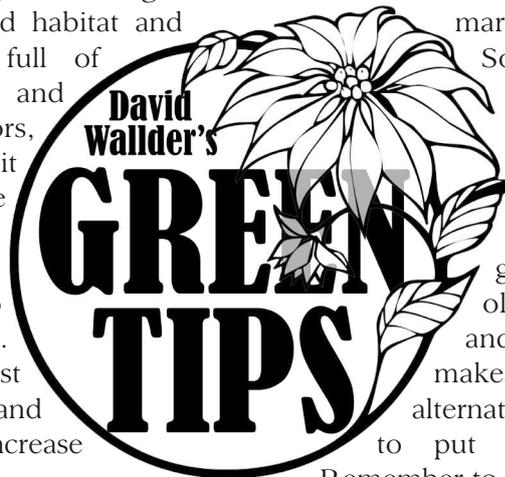
with pipes and marshland drained.

So, it is up to us to provide an alternative.

Fortunately this is easy to do with a garden pond; an old bath dug in and camouflaged makes a cheap alternative (don't forget to put the plug in).

Remember to make a way out for small creatures by placing a bit of wood against the side of the pond.

Bear in mind that pests are only pests when they eat our crops or ornamentals. Otherwise we would see them as an essential part of the garden ecology. For instance woodworm in a tree, post or table is a pest, but in a dead log is a recycler. Some pests can be a gardener's friend; thrips and capsid bugs damage some plants, but also eat a tremendous number of spider mites. Plants in nature come to a balance with their pests. It is only in a monoculture or when we eliminate the natural controls that they run rampant.



LETTER

INAPPROPRIATE

I was very dismayed to read in last months newsletter, so much copy relating to a meeting of the Parish Council. In a democracy we are all free to express opinion and to seek change in a democratic way.

I do not think it is appropriate however, to place such a heavy amount of copy about the council's relationship with the newsletter, when it is reported by the newsletter itself. At least three pages of copy, with two pages of one persons views alone, is not a fair representation or a balanced piece of editing. It does little credit to slant copy against those members of our community who are prepared to give of their time for unpaid community service.

Jon Tofts

Old Main Road



FREE SPEECH

As a supporter of the Fosdyke village newsletter, I am glad it is there to inform our community of all the goings on in the village. Be it social, educational and political (without being partisan). It also acts as a mouthpiece for "free speech" which all are entitled to. Especially in these days of gagging censorship, that is present in today's controlled mainstream media.

We have a newsletter that informs and encourages people to be "active" in the village if they choose to. Which in turn keeps Fosdyke's varied community colourful and interesting (not a boring village). Our newsletter has

no profanities and no libellous slander. To the editor, Terry, "I take my hat off to you, sir."

Indirectly, myself and other local businesses provide a financial contribution to the newsletter through an annual subscription for a business entry in the Fosdyrectory, or individual adverts. This goes towards the running costs of producing the newsletter.

I recently learned that Terry was summoned (laughable) to the last Parish Council meeting, and it seems it was hinted that the Parish Council would like to influence the content of the Newsletter. This is way beyond unacceptable. They have no jurisdiction over the content of the Newsletter. It belongs to the people of Fosdyke, and no political-driven entity should have any influence over it.

I would like to remind the Parish Council that they are the public servants, and should be demonstrating their transparency and accountability, by submitting for publication in the Newsletter unedited and detailed minutes of their meetings.

It takes all shapes and sizes to make up a village. And the Fosdyke Newsletter in its organic form, proves that we have a village of good character, community and integrity. I would be wary of anyone who would want to control these values.

Tom O'Malley

Bell Lane



GIZZA SHOP!

We moved to Fosdyke a few years ago and on the whole I consider the village to be idyllic and have never regretted our decision to move out into 'the sticks'.

'On the whole' refers to the smelly onions season! but that did actually seem a little less this year. My main gripe is the lack of a village shop. It would be a lovely addition to the village both as a convenience to just nip to the shop for a pint of milk instead of getting the car out and travelling to either the BP garage, Kirton shops or Holbeach and also as a focal point and 'hub' of the village.

I cannot imagine that a village shop would not be profitable (I'm not talking Richard Branson profit) but I'm sure it would be popular and welcomed by the village.

My neighbours have told me that there was until fairly recently a Post Office/general store and that they still miss it. I don't know the reasons for it's closure but since it closed there have been quite a few new builds and therefore it follows new customers.

Is there anyone in our fine village that has the money, the time and the inclination to open a convenience store? I have neither the money or the time but I do hope that someone in the village has....

Liz

Bell Lane



MEDICAL CONCERN

I would like to answer to the letter that " G " wrote in the last newsletter re tumours.

We have lived here since 2001, from Rochester, Kent. We have lost quite a few animals to tumours/cancers, Dogs, cats chinchillas, hamsters & pet rats since we have lived here.

Our vet Michael who owns

S Marshlands vets in Boston, told us several years ago, that this IS an area where there are a lot of people and animals who are dying or having treatment for cancers. He said that there are vets and doctors that are interested in the treatment of the disease that actually come here to learn about it.

At the moment we have a little cat that is living on borrowed time. She has a lymphoma up her nose.

Also the wild life. We have noticed that the amount of birds that usually come to our garden to feed have subsided, even the bigger birds aren't here either. Since we have been here we have seen one squirrel, no foxes, and certainly no deer, even though we do have a large garden.

Sheila & Mary
Whitecross Gate

Editor: On checking government statistics for cancers in the UK our area doesn't seem any worse than the average though their figures don't drill right down to small communities. Is there anyone else concerned that occupants of Fosdyke (be they animals or humans) might be more susceptible to tumours than elsewhere?

SAVE MONEY!

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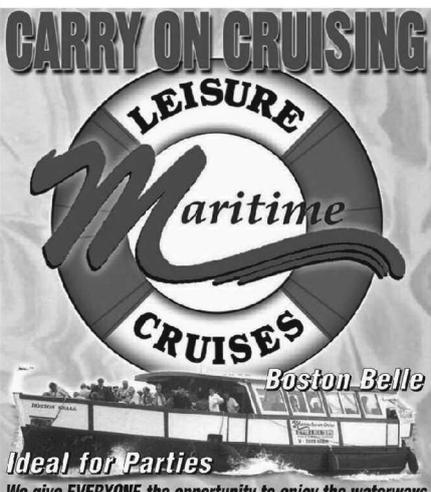
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FLYTIPPING SPOTTED

Most of us have invested £20 or £25 in brown bins for our garden waste to be collected by Boston BC but it's been noted that some people have dumped their waste (hedge trimmings and grass cuttings in this case) on the roadside verge along Puttock Gate.

We would like to remind people that dumping garden waste constitutes fly tipping and can incur considerable fines. Not only that, you're sticking your fingers up at your neighbours. Have a bit of consideration.

Incidentally, this was reported to Boston BC but nothing has happened, ie the waste is still there. Someone might well have maliciously dumped their own waste to incriminate someone else because the waste is directly opposite a house where the hedge was recently trimmed. We'd have expected some action by now.

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

We have two vacancies amongst the voluntary team that distribute your Newsletter every month.

If you can spare up to an hour a month we need someone to take over a round of twenty-five houses and we also need a Distribution Manager to get the copies to the nine distributors in Fosdyke (you will need a car for that). Please contact Terry on 01205 260275



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no later than 15 November

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33	Mrs J Potter	Sutterton	£15
3	Mr J Perkins	Boston	£20
183	Mrs L Woods	Fosdyke	£25

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