

# BUNNY BUSINESS

Looking out of her living room window the other Sunday a villager was surprised to see two domestic rabbits on the lawn.

Concerned for their safety, and thinking they belonged to her neighbour her daughter went outside to try to contain them but they hopped off down Bell Lane with her in pursuit. She met someone who also gave chase but they only managed to catch one of them. As her neighbours are on holiday she was unable to ascertain

ownership so she has it in a run and is keeping it safe until their return. The rabbit is a light sandy colour and the one that has disappeared was much lighter. She wonders if anyone has found the other one so that she can put them back together again or perhaps they belong to someone other than her neighbour. If so please ring 260275.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT

Little bites. Well, that's what media courses will tell you to do to encourage readers to stay with you. Apologies therefore (one of several this month) for some of the rather long articles last month.

It's interesting to note, confirmed by my experience in publishing periodicals, that apathy will always reign, Wigtoft Newsletter is also feeling neglected, unwanted and rather disappointed with its readers

Despite banging on about apathy, I am mightily encouraged by the recent influx of articles from villagers. So to those who enjoy receiving and look forward to *Fosdyke Newsletter* dropping through your letterbox: fear not, apathy doesn't surprise us and it's not going to stop us publishing *Fosdyke Newsletter*. It's often the case that you don't appreciate how much you enjoyed something until it's gone.

Some of what we publish might be controversial to some and enlightening to others. Some of what we publish is going to upset and disappoint some people but make others laugh and be encouraged. Some of what we publish is going to tackle issues that people might not want to talk about or would rather remain festering beneath the surface. All of what we publish is going to affect everyone in some way. Consequences. So, to the person who rang complaining, and finished the phone call with a veiled threat of physical violence: You are now a part of a police incident report.

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## FLOWER BED

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## POP-IN LUNCHES

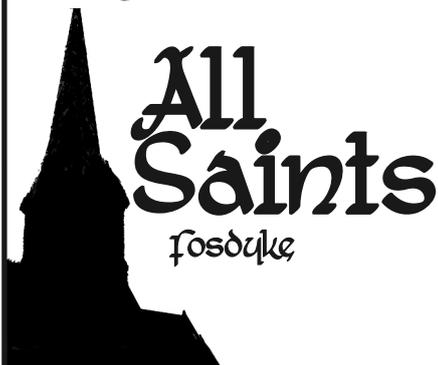
Back by popular demand, we will be starting up our Pop-In lunches again after a summer break. Next Pop-In is on Tuesday September 9th in the village hall. Posters will be up shortly with more details. If you want to book or need more information, please contact Margaret on 01205 260672. Prices are unchanged.

## CHURCH TREES

Just to say that following the recent Health and Safety work carried out by BBC in the churchyard the ivy which has been choking several trees for many years has been cut back, with the result that the top is dying off as planned, to preserve the trees. Unfortunately this does produce a little mess with the leaves blowing around as they die, so humble apologies if you are affected by that, but its better than the trees falling down!

## HARVEST LUNCH

Advance notice that the annual harvest lunch followed by the auction of produce will be on October 5th. Price remains unchanged.



# SURGEON SOUGHT

No, not a doctor, a tree surgeon. Here's a call for help from a desperate villager:

Can you assist with some contacts for me. Here at number 1 and 2 Whitecross Gate we have some massive trees that need bringing down (?in the autumn when the leaves fall). They are in number 2's garden but pushing my fence over and when there is a gale almost rocks over my old caravan

(used as shed/greenhouse). Number 2 are very concerned because they are gradually losing their garden space but the council (their half is council, ours private) won't do anything. None of us can afford 'professional fees' but we are all willing to work together, clearing, sawing trimming etc. Any help would be much appreciated.

# STORM STIFLES SPORT

The Annual Goodfellowship bowls tournament took place at Fosdyke on Sunday 10 August. With 26 triples teams entered the organisers were hoping for a change in the weather, alas it wasn't to be.

The first game got underway at 9am under a light drizzle which after a few ends soon turned to a heavy downpour, however bowlers are a resilient bunch and continued to play whilst getting soaked to the skin. (Some may say foolhardy but hey what one does for one's sport).

As they came off the green to dry themselves the rain came down in torrents but then eased allowing the next group to start their game, but it was a game of skimming

across puddles with woods not reaching or going off rink. However, eventually the puddles were absorbed by the green and they were able to finish their game.

With the weather appearing to ease slightly, and much deliberation over whether to continue, it was deemed by the organisers worth trying another couple of games. Managing to get these games played enabled the organisers to award prizes.

The winners on the day were triples team lead by Ricky Crane from Carters Park Bowling club, second place was Seamus Rooney from Wigtoft with third place going to Ray Dales.

Despite the foul weather there was laughter at the predicament they were all in and an excellent amount of revenue was raised for the Goodfellowship club which will help to sustain them for another year's bowling on the green.

The club would like to thank the sponsors who kindly donated to help make the day a success: Peter Ulyatt, Phil Duffy, The Ship and Fosdyke Yacht Haven.

Interested in playing bowls then contact the Chair, Sue Hoyles on 460305.

Sunday, 7 September  
at 9.30 am

Holy  
Communion

Sunday, 21 September  
at 6 pm

Sung  
Evensong

Sunday, 5 October  
at 9.30 am

Harvest  
Celebration

followed by  
Harvest Lunch  
at the Village Hall

# CLEVER COVER

September can still feel like summer, but now we have to start looking to the end of the growing season. Or do we? Yes we do, but it is possible to extend your garden's growing season using some clever cover.

Much of what makes a gardener successful is fitting the plant to the environment, but covering them allows you a certain amount of control over the environment, depending on the investment. Having a part of your garden under cover turns more days into gardening days.

Now, what do I mean by "cover"? Well, this can range from a simple bottle cloche, right up to an extensive greenhouse or conservatory. I guess if you haven't already got the latter, it will be the more modest, but no less exciting, methods you'll be more interested in.

A cloche of any size can provide great weather and pest protection and can extend the growing season by several weeks at both ends. They can make possible a wide range of plants, even melons and grapes.

Cloches are best used for getting earlier crops of favourite vegetables, set them in place a week or two early to get the soil warmed up. They can then be used for protecting young plants, such as tomatoes or courgettes, and afterwards be full of melons for the rest of the summer. In autumn they can cover crops to keep the weather off and are ideal for salad crops all through the winter.

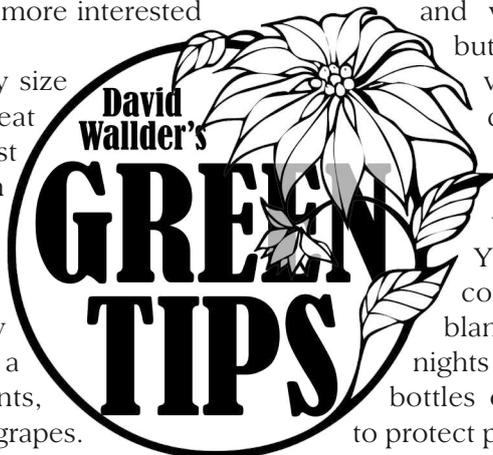
Cloches are easy and cheap to make too. A large clear plastic bottle with the base cut off and the cap removed is ideal for a young plant. Or you can make a larger one by stacking several plastic bottles horizontally around the plants and

covering with a plastic or glass sheet. A little water in each bottle will hold them in place, whilst allowing the sunlight through. They can be used to regulate the temperature by adding a little hot water on cold nights or making a small hole in the bottom to allow a little trickle to irrigate.

Coldframes are the next step up in the hierarchy of cover. Obviously they are less mobile than a cloche, so best situated in a sunny spot. The more time and care spent on construction, the better job they will do. You want them to be snug and well insulated,

but be careful on warm sunny days to leave the lid ajar as you may cook your plants. You can cover a coldframe with a blanket on frosty nights and even leave bottles of warm water to protect plants for longer into the winter. This will allow you to start off tender plants and grow them on before planting them out in late spring or early summer when the frosts have abated.

You can really go to town with a soil warming cable or a compost heap under your coldframe to over winter or propagate plants from seeds or cuttings, but then you may be better putting the whole set up under walk-in cover. As with most things to do with gardening, that is a matter of how much money you want to invest, but it shouldn't affect how much enjoyment you get from the garden, which I find is related to how much time you spend there.



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# LETTERS

**M**ore feedback from readers. Great. I hope this is a sign of good things to come. I'm holding my breath. Im holding my breath. I'm ...

**I**n reply to the latest newsletter. I think I've seen your Cetts Warbler. Our Frank, a bird watching expert (not admitted now he is a 16-year-old rapper!), agrees it looks familiar to a warbler we could not quite identify.

Upbeat events/village articles. Martin is a carnivorous plant expert, he is wondering if anyone would like to attend a carnivorous plant morning/afternoon to see the collection (long term planning here) and gain info about carnivorous plants. Very small local event, sure I can advise partners on apples, veg, vermin control if necessary!

Oh dear about the buses. I love driving. Wish I could set up the Fosdyke Charang Company with lots of classic buses we could run up the coast etc., and to Spalding, Boston, Holbeach.

Don't like to admit this but Martin & I reach our 25th anniversary in September. Not one for dates but your article about the Bristows reminded us. So an argument ensued because we couldn't remember the exact date! We had to delve in the boxes of

official paperwork and found it is the 22nd of September. Doesn't seem like it. If we had the money we'd put on a mega do for everyone.

Comment on muddy/grassy roads. Clear my own patch outside the house. Most of the time I am more concerned about aggressive drivers forcing me into a ditch anywhere along Whitecross Gate to Eleys Lane.

Just a few musings for you  
M at No 1

*Name and address supplied.*

**F**irst of all please accept my very grateful thanks for the village newsletter, It's a welcome read every month and while I appreciate that it's not to everybody's taste (but what is) I can see that it is trying to give a balanced view of villagers' opinions..

I was particularly drawn to 'Rachels Rant' August edition and her comments about the Parish Council and I got to thinking that being a fairly new resident to the village I actually don't know who they are, or for that matter what they do or what powers they have. Although looking on Boston Borough Council's website guide to Parish Councils I can see that there is a list of things that they can involve themselves in. I have seen

the list of Parish Councillors names in the Fosdyke Newsletter but a photo of each would help me identify them should I need to speak to one or more of them. Would that be possible? Also when visiting Sutterton post office I happened to notice their Parish Council minutes posted on the notice board outside and wondered where I can read Fosdyke Parish Council minutes.

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# KAREN'S KRASH

Karen Marriott had a very lucky escape last month when a car shot out from a side turning at speed while she was on her way to work at Oldershaw's in Moulton and

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## Swallows

The swallows this year have confused me somewhat because last year it seemed to be a simple matter. They appeared late March and with a flock of about 12/14 and nested in stables and buildings nearby. What particularly drew my attention to them was that during the summer months we regularly opened the French doors and because we have a vaulted ceiling with an exposed timber truss a pair of swallows decided to try and build a nest in the house. They would fly in and out all day with nesting material. This went on for two or three days from when the doors were opened in the morning until they were closed at night, personally I was prepared to leave the doors open at night for the little dears but a stronger voice rang in my ears stating that she was not going to bed at night with the doors left wide open, besides who did I suppose was going to clean up the mess. In the end the poor dears gave up.

By the end of the breeding season the number of birds appeared to have increased to around 23 in number, although it is difficult to be precise as they move so quickly and you are not sure if you have missed some or counted some twice. The numbers remained fairly constant right up to the time they migrated the last sighting being on the 23rd of September.

This year things have been different in that although the birds appeared late March early April only 6/7 birds arrived, this was disappointing because it is assumed that the breeding pairs return to sites used the previous year and whilst I accept with the great distances covered by these birds during migration possibly to Southern Africa, some fatalities will occur this figure of 6/7 appears low.

The numbers in flight dropped down to two which I assume was because the females were sitting, but surely this cannot be right as I believe they are mating pairs so the numbers do not add up.

**H**aving decided to accept the challenge to write articles relating to nature as seen around Fosdyke I thought that it may be interesting to comment on items seen purely from my own garden and the odd observation whilst driving to and fro from the village. It must be pointed out that I have very little knowledge about nature but here goes.

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If we accept that the females were sitting, once the clutch of eggs had hatched it should be expected that the birds in flight would increase back up to the original number as both parents would take on feeding duties, although this may fluctuate because clutches will hatch at different times. This did not happen as the number of birds in flight dropped down to one.

As there was only one swallow about perhaps "One swallow does not a summer make". By the middle of July all of the Swallows had disappeared from my view and I feared the worst that, as there are a number of cats in the area" ours included," there had been a severe deprivation of the numbers. This seems not to have been the case as there was no evidence to support this scenario as swallows will tolerate cats as their nests are usually inaccessible to cats. Having driven up the wash road and witnessed a large number of swallows at various locations it is more likely that the birds just moved on to areas with more food in the air. Over the past few days I have seen an increase in the numbers of swallows around my house and with the rain that's pouring down as I write the swallows are back in more numbers that I can count. Perhaps things are not as bad as seems to me.

## Peacock Butterflies

As with the Swallows last year's showing of Peacock butterflies along with Small Tortoiseshells was good with dozens of both species interspersed with a few Red Admirals, they all seemed to appear at the right time to take advantage of the buddleia's in the garden. We have one buddleia which is trapped between a south facing wall and the perimeter fence which forms a warm area out of the wind, this condition appears to suit both the plant and the butterflies and the area becomes very heavy with scent, the other buddleia's do not get the same attention.

This year I believe the plants

flowered early and were nearly over before the Peacocks arrived with the result that very few appeared although there was a marked increase in the Red Admiral population. It was also noticed that there was a large number of the black peacock caterpillar's munching away on the local nettles, this year I have not seen any, is this a bad omen for next year.

One curious observation was that although the numbers were reduced coming up to the beginning of August a fairly large number of half butterfly wings of all the species mentioned littered the ground at the bottom of the bush, there were no bodies. What caused their death the wings were only around the bush and nowhere else in the garden. At first I thought it might be birds but they would fly off with the whole body, the only explanation I can come up with that they were natural deaths relating to their feeding habits and the whole butterfly fell to the ground with the carcass being eaten by mice, shrews and the like, Has any one any ideas.

Note, The Cettis Warblers were seen again on the 31st of July and the 6th of August;

*Next month. The night of the Long Weasel and the Bionic Cat*

# LOCAL LAD STARTS LOCAL VENTURE

Ben Sanderson from Bell Lane will be holding a Grand Opening day on Monday, 1 September at his new butchers shop in Sutterton. He has acquired the premises behind the Thatched Cottage in Pools Lane.

Sanderson's Butchery, as it will be called, will be selling premium local produce at competitive prices and has a loyalty scheme for everyone who shops there regularly, and why shouldn't we when it's nearly on our door step and owned by a Fosdyke villager? He's also running a saving scheme to make Christmas and those special occasions less of a financial shock.

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# BLUNDERFUL

It seems we've been upsetting lots of people recently. So there are a few things that need to be cleared up.

## MARK SIMMONDS, MP

Firstly to Mark Simmonds, MP. We were led to believe he was a director of Brylaine Coaches, but Rose, from his office, has made it quite clear since our last issue that he is not. That's a journalistic faux pas on our part and we accept that we should have double-checked the information; at the time, though, we had no reason to question our source. Also, apologies for spelling his name wrong, though Rose didn't even mention that; but then, that's nowhere near as potentially serious as the directorship error. You'll probably be aware that Mark Simmonds recently resigned his post as a junior foreign office minister and will also step down as an MP at the election next year to "put family life first".

## PARISH COUNCIL

I have received a letter from Fosdyke Parish Council asking me to attend a meeting at the beginning of September to discuss the future of *Fosdyke Newsletter*. If you have

anything pertinent that you would like me to bring up re the newsletter please let me know by the end of August.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Like anyone in a local community (or nationally for that matter) who stands up and speaks out about issues that affect individuals and groups, someone is going to want to shoot you down. Any position of local authority, too, is going to be a prime target for people's grievances.

I've noticed that Wigtoft Newsletter publish their parish council's minutes. I'm positive our parish council does some excellent work in supporting the Fosdyke community, so for heaven's sake SHOUT ABOUT IT! Leaving it to hearsay and Chinese whispers creates distrust and suspicion. We need facts to quell the gossip.

## FIVE VILLAGES WARD

The insinuations aimed at the Parish Council in the newsletter recently might have been more appropriately aimed at our own Boston Borough Council Five Villages Ward representatives.

Maybe they don't read the Fosdyke Newsletter and for that reason have no reason to come to the defence of the Parish Council - not that they need to, of course.

I have been in the village for seven years and if not for passing conversation wouldn't know that one of the two council representatives (the Five Villages Ward covers Bicker, Wigtoft, Sutterton, Algakirk and Fosdyke) actually lives in Fosdyke. I may have seen him, but I wouldn't know who he was if I had. He is a phone call away, if you know what the phone number is (it's published in the *Fosdyke Newsletter* every month).

I note from a Taxpayers Alliance report that the biggest increase in the basic allowance for councillors between 2010-11 and 2011-12 were Boston Borough Council, with a twenty-eight per cent increase. That's not intended to cast aspersions, just a fact I picked up while trawling the net.

We'd like to scan and publish your old photographs of people in the village. Doesn't have to be too long ago. Have a look through your old snap books. There's bound to be something interesting...

## 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 September

## Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

20	Mrs O Rolph	Moulton Seas End	£10
214	Mrs M Dennis	Gosberton	£10
3	Mrs J Perkins	Boston	£10
206	Mrs J Hicks	Fosdyke	£10
91	Mrs D Barnard	Heckington	£15
215	Mrs F Gott	Fosdyke	£20
43	Mrs M Balkow	Sutterton	£25

Next draw: Monday 8 September 2014 at the Bingo