

FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR FOSDYKE RIDER



Kerry Wright who lives in Bell Lane is mad about her horses and seems to enter them in as many dressage competitions as she can.

On Sunday, 7 August, her ethos paid off when she won the Equine Sports 2016 Novice Dressage Champions on her horse Born 2 Do It (aka Millie) held at the Arena UK, Grantham.

Back at Grantham a week later, on Saturday, 12 August she became UK Riders 2016 National Dressage Champion on the same horse although Kerry was almost thrown off the back of Millie before the event when her horse reared several times. In the Elementary she finished a very respectable fourth.

Prior to her win she had ridden her horse Empire Dancer (aka Pants) coming third in the prelims of the UK Riders National Ex-race to Dressage Horse Championships, then fourth in the Ex-racehorse Novice Championship.

The Olympics next?



Kerry Wright with Millie and (bottom right) with Millie and Pants.

RELIGION. A PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT THE PROBLEM

‘This is true religion,’ says the apostle James, ‘to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world’.

‘Little children,’ says the apostle John, ‘let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action’.

It is one of those falsehoods that the secular world loves, particularly when horrific atrocities occur, as at the beginning of the summer, with the murder of the French priest Fr Jacques Hamel; religion is bad, the world would be better off without it. Yet the real truth we need to hold on to and live out so that people can see, is that people of faith, real faith, the kind that God approves of, are intended always to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

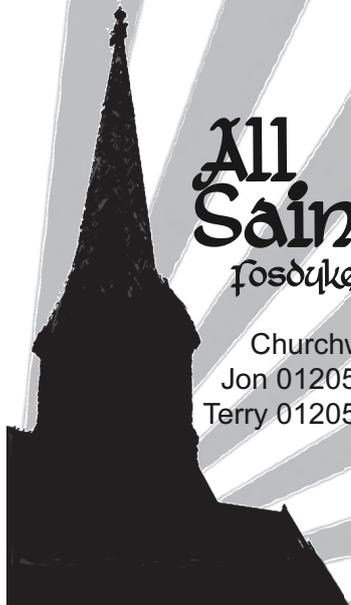
The Mission Statement of the Church I led in Cromer ended with we exist... ‘for the good of the world’. It is one of the reasons here in the Diocese of Lincoln we have our ‘Social Justice Fund’, so that we can look for the difference we can make in the communities we are

here to serve, and have the means, when they are needed, to make our plans and dreams a reality.

It is one of the fundamental mission questions each church, each mission community, has to face; if we didn’t exist, if we weren’t here, would it make a difference to the communities we are to serve? If we shut the doors tomorrow would anybody notice, apart from those who faithfully attend?

True faith, true religion is world affirming, seeks to make a difference – loves God, loves people, loves this world we’ve been given to enjoy. It is, to paraphrase a phrase recently used by President Obama, to believe in the ‘audacity of love’. That is the calling of people of faith. The challenge is whether that is what people see and experience in both you and in me.

+ David Grimsby



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at 9.30am

Sunday, 18 September
Holy Communion

with Fr Paul Slater
at 10am

Sunday, 2 October
Harvest Festival

at 9.30am

POP-IN

Thanks to all for your continuing support and a really successful August Pop-In Lunch. Thirty-six folks enjoyed a summer buffet lunch and raised a much needed £250 towards the cost of our work in the village. Thank you one and all.

GARDEN OF REST

Following the article in last month's Fosdyke Magazine, I am pleased to say that a volunteer has agreed to help keep the Garden of Rest tidy and will be starting duty soon, gathering up the various bits of debris that have accumulated in the area, and generally keeping it tidy for the benefit of all. Thank you very much Carole.

VICAR UPDATE – FR PAUL SLATER

Father Paul Slater has started work in our group of parishes and is here for the next few months. so we welcome him with open arms into our community. He comes to us from working in Boston as a parish priest and as a community and youth chaplain. He has already taken a wedding vow renewal and a baptism here, as well as being our guest at the last pop-in, so we will be trying to keep him busy! He will be taking various services here at All Saints with his first regular Sunday Service starting on 21st August. If you have the chance, please come along to service on Sunday 21st at 10am to meet with Paul.

THE PARISH HARVEST LUNCH

Followed by the annual auction of produce

Will be on Sunday, 2 October, this year, from 12.30 pm as usual.

Menu

Home-made harvest soup with crusty fresh bread
Stuffed Loin of Roast pork with Roast gravy
Roast vegetables
Home-made apple pie and fresh cream
Tea or Coffee

NONEXISTENT DRONES

Online shopping websites are being utilised by fraudsters to advertise nonexistent drones of various specifications for competitive prices.

Drones are personal flying devices that often carry cameras and can be navigated remotely by smartphones or hand-held controllers. Fraudsters are capitalising on their recent popularity and advertising nonexistent drones at a lower value than their recommended retail price to tempt buyers.

After victims agree to purchase the drone, the fraudsters request payment to be paid via bank transfer saying that it will quicken the delivery process. After transferring the money the buyers never receive the drone and the fraudster blocks the victim to prevent further conversation.

How to protect yourself:

- Check the validity of the post.
- Avoid paying by bank transfer and instead use an online

payment option such as PayPal, which helps to protect you.

- Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller. Feedback will give you useful information about recent transactions other buyers may have made.

- If the item is below market value consider whether this is an opportunity too good to be true.

THANKS AND KIND WORDS FOR KIDS

While returning home from bingo at Fosdyke Village Hall on Monday, 19 July, Lynn Prior, who lives on Old Main Road, took a tumble on her path.

Lynn is disabled and upon falling was trapped and unable to get up. Kelece Brown and her friend Chloe Maltby both of Randolph Road came to her aid.

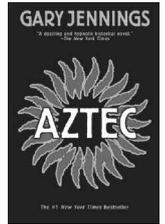
Lynn would like to thank the girls for their quick thinking in comforting her, calling the ambulance and organising help from Kelece's mum Sam Brown. Lynn would also like to express her thanks to Eileen, Matthew and Alan White who also came to her aid.

Lynn suffered some bruising but is well on the mend now and is back playing bingo. Lynn said she wished to thank the boys who often help her to lift the shopping out of her car. Lynn is concerned that young people often get bad press and she wanted to say that the children were absolutely great and that they should be very proud of themselves.

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Elizabeth Wallder's **Book Review**

AZTEC
by
Gary Jennings



This is a novel about the Aztec people in the fifteenth century; a narrative by the son of a quarrier called Mixtli-Dark Cloud, who lifts himself far above his humble beginnings and has endless adventures. He becomes a scribe, a warrior, a travelling merchant and generally explores all of the One World, or Mexico as we now know it.

It is a great insight into the lands and the people who differ greatly from us. There are a lot of blood soaked sacrifices; some welcome, others quite horrific, but all interesting. It shows how cruel, but also how proud and clever a civilisation can be.

Through it all I was waiting for the Spanish to appear, and they do, creating more blood soaked adventures. This is not a book for the faint hearted.

I really enjoyed this book, but the violence did shock in places and be warned-as he is a bit of a ladies man. The only thing wrong with it is the ridiculous length- at 754 pages it feels much longer and I'm sure wouldn't have lost much narrative if chopped in half. I did get slightly bogged down in the middle as the narrator was just meandering around all over Mexico meeting different peoples, but the last third was as exciting as the first third. It does help that there is a map of the general area in the front, but some of the spellings vary as each area has a different language.

I'm glad I read it, but it's not one I'd go back to.

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NOT QUITE A QUIET NIGHT



Tony Nuccoll, Andy Tymens and Dave Brackley (AKA Stuck With Nothing)



Kiya Brown

rendition of *Dire Straits*' "Romeo and Juliet" before the band got together to play a rocking set of covers.

Kiya Brown (pictured top right) then took the stage with her haunting voice and accompanying guitar. Strange how the conversation dies down while she's performing.

Phatt Knappii (pictured left) didn't round off the evening with their 80s covers and original material like they often do, though they played a thirty-minute set. That was left to the Heckington trio (pictured top left) returning to the stage. A superb night!



Terry Martin, Martyn Hayes and Liz Martin (Phatt Knappii)

A couple in the audience at the August Open Mic night held at Fosdyke Social Club couldn't understand why so few people turned up for the monthly event so they've written a review (see page 16) to encourage more people to come.

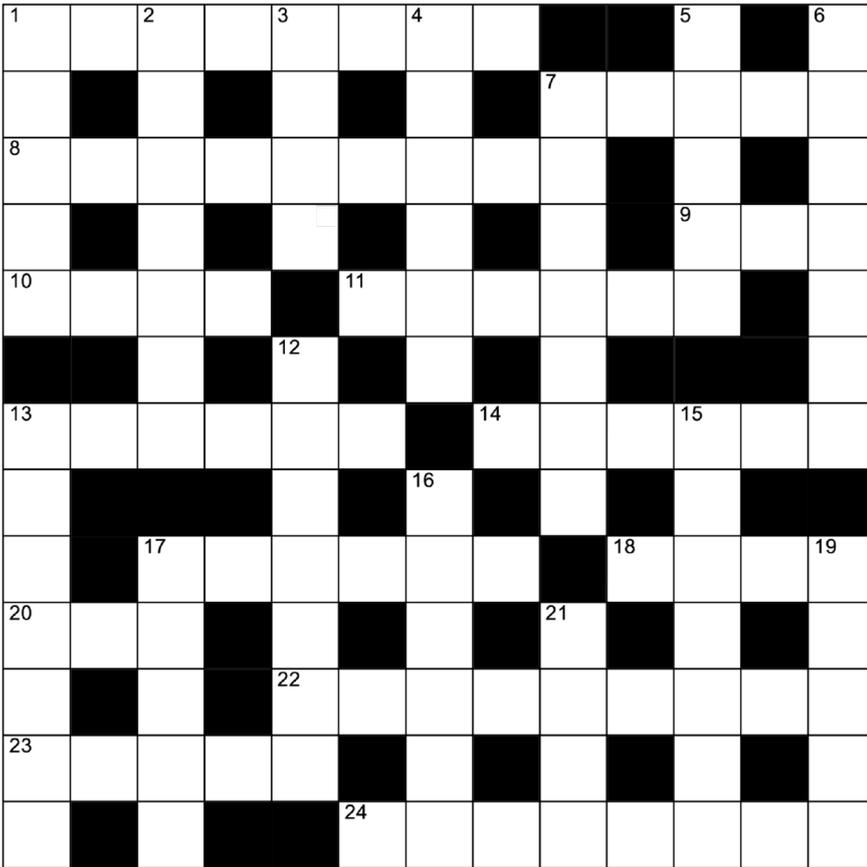
August is a month when lots of people take their Summer holiday and August's Open Mic was also without a few of the regular acts. However, Heckington band *Stuck With Nothing* (without their drummer) who not only enjoy playing at Fosdyke Social Club but also love the friendly atmosphere, more than made up for their absence. Tony Nuccoll, their lead guitarist played and sung a set on his own before being joined by the band's singer Dave Brackley. Then their new bassist Andy Tymens, who had been to an earlier Open Mic playing with his son, played a folky set including an amazing



Tony Nuccoll (solo)

CROSSWORD

WAS LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD STILL TOO HARD? TRY THIS ONE!



Across

1. Invented by Alfred Nobel (8)
7. Manufactured at Port Talbot (5)
8. Event in which Sergey Bubka competed (4,5)
9. Ashes container (3)
10. Dry outer covering of some fruits (4)
11. The right hand side in a coat of arms (6)
13. Old sixpence (6)
14. The scientific study of plants (6)
17. Lounge bar (6)
18. Children's writer Blyton (4)
20. Gratuity for waiter (3)
22. Where Still Open All Hours is filmed (9)
23. Bexley district north west of Dartford (5)
24. Non-believers in God (8)

Down

1. Distance from front to back (5)
2. Swedish soprano Birgit (7)
3. Player's turn in chess match (4)
4. Hairpiece worn to conceal bald spot (6)
5. Thigh-bone (5)
6. Meeting to be attended by all participants (7)
7. A large cattle farm in Australia (7)
12. Scottish social event with folk music and dancing (7)
13. Jack Dorsey was one of its founders (7)
15. Year's revenue of see paid to the Pope (7)
16. Poem of fourteen lines (6)
17. A small stem bearing leaves or flowers (5)
19. Dan Archer's wife (5)
21. Large underground chamber (4)

Solutions on Page 10

No cheating!

SUDOKU

WE'VE HAD A REQUEST TO
EXTEND OUR PUZZLES. SO
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FRIENDLIES START

Preseason friendlies got underway on Saturday, 16 July, with a tricky home tie against a slick Boston International side which ended all square at 2-2.

With a number of regulars away and a few "trialists" drafted in Fosdyke looked very solid for the first half but were found short of match fitness as the second half wore on.

It was Fosdyke who struck first when Leon Marsh got his scoring boots in to action from the penalty spot after the eagle-eyed referee saw a push in the back as a number of players rose to attack and defend a corner. The visitors were level within minutes however, despite a magnificent tackle from Luke Stocks which agonisingly rebounded to an International front man who had the simple task of smashing the ball in from a yard or two out.

Fosdyke surged forward again and once more, it was Leon who found the net as he rounded the keeper to roll home a second. The away side then really dominated possession and as Fosdyke legs weakened from all that chasing they found a second equaliser and would have hit a third were it not for an outstanding save from Ian Jack Smith as time ticked away.

It's clear Fosdyke have some good players but it's also clear they need to be fitter!

Man of the Match? Some contenders were Chris Slap Smith at left back who seemed to be the only one with ninety minutes of energy in him and trialist Dan at right back who looked solid throughout but today's plaudits go to Luke Stocks who held the back line together whatever was thrown at it in the second half.

RESERVES TOO

Fosdyke Reserves went one nil down but got back to one all by half time in their first friendly of the season (not sure who that was but they were a newly promoted team).

In the second half the reserves took the lead to hold on for thirty minutes. Unfortunately the back four switched off to allow their opponents to nick a goal back. But in the last few minutes the Fosdyke lads pushed one more time with some good passing into the box. Mikey got the ball to his feet turned the defender then dummied the keeper as if to shoot one way to smack it in the left corner. Great result. Man of the match goes to Fabi in goal for bossing his box for ninety minutes.

LACK OF FITNESS TELLS

It was a game of two halves on the evening of Monday, 25 July, in a pre-season run-out with Wrangle. First half Fosdyke looked off the pace fitness wise and rusty footy wise as they gave away two goals which could have been avoided.

The second half saw a much improved performance, and despite conceding a third from the penalty spot, Fosdyke created a number of chances: Zac Chapman saw a far post header go over the bar from Michael Beauchamp's glorious cross, Rick Elsom went on a swashbuckling run, beating three players but he just couldn't find a finish and the keepers legs blocked another opportunity.

Finally, however, Fosdyke's fortunes changed and a great through ball from trialist Jody Betts was about to fall to Leon Marsh but for a hapless defender to slice it in to his own net! An onslaught

followed and Chris Chapman was unlucky to see a belting strike come back off the post and Jody's cracking header was ruled offside ... 3-1 defeat then and what could have been if Fosdyke had got off to a better start.

Man of the Match? A number of new players impressed - Jody was a constant source of creativity on the left but the award went to Dan Bates who had another solid game at right back.

RESERVE DISAPPOINT AT POINTON

The reserves had an unlucky 4-1 defeat on Saturday, 30 July, at Pointon. A penalty, which never was a penalty, plus referee let a free kick be taken while wall and keeper were still setting up, didn't help.

Fosdyke hit the post in the first half and crossbar and good save by their keeper in the second half. It was a bit "backs to the walls" until Jamie Clark scored a curling free kick, but it was a chance to try out new players. Man of the match went to Fabi in goal.

BATTLED WELL TO 1-3 DEFEAT

A hot and tough 1-3 reserve's defeat to Boston International. After putting pressure on their back four Fosdyke looked steady only to give away a light penalty, then another goal before half time from outside the box.

For the second half Fosdyke changed formation and battled well only to concede again, but they didn't stop and a good free kick from Lloyd was saved, only to see young Jake put the ball in the back of the net, The lads battled well, just the other team had the edge. Man of the match? Fabi in goal.

MIXED SQUAD DRAW AT HOME

A mixture of first and reserve team players played out a competitive and enjoyable 3-3 draw against Burgh athletic from near Skegness at *Stadio del Fosdykeon* Thursday, 11 August.

The visitors started the stronger and took a deserved lead on ten minutes. However, Fosdyke were level within a minute and then took the lead soon after with goals from Joe and debutant Liam.

The second half again saw Burgh start the better and deservedly drew level. With both teams tiring, a long ball saw Joe again through on goal. This time he was fouled in the box and duly despatched the spot kick 3-2. With time running out a collision in the Fosdyke box saw the visitors awarded a penalty which gave Fosdyke's keeper, Jack Smith, who had had a great game, no chance.

RESERVE DISAPPOINT AT POINTON

After a mix up on Sunday, 14 August, the reserves managed to move their fixture to Cowbit which meant they were down a few players due to them being unable to get to the away pitch.

Fosdyke started the game with a good bit of pressure. From the halfway line Scott put a great ball through to Dave upfront and who finished it well. Ten minutes later Cowbit had a shot outside the box which look like going over but dipped in. In the second half Fosdyke put on plenty of pressure after a slow start, with chance after chance. Jamie headed a cross towards goal for Mikey to head in finishing the game 1-2 winners. Man of the match was Jamie Clark.

As the majority of Fosdyke Reserves are from the old Sutterton team they have decided to use Fosdyke Social Club as their preferred after-game watering hole which means from just before half time the social club will be opening it's doors when the reserves are at home. Not only an opportunity for an afternoon beer but also a chance to watch decent football live and free and support the local village team.

HOME FIXTURES

First team:

Saturday, 10 September, 2.30 ko, v AFC Tetford

Reserves:

Saturday, 3 September, 2.30 ko, v Boston College Reserves

Saturday, 17 September, 2.30 ko, v Leverton SFC Reserves

Saturday 24 September 2.30 ko, v Spalding Harriers.



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HARVEST

In my last column I mentioned having my fingers crossed for better weather. This certainly came but as a heat wave with temperatures reaching 35 degrees! This did not do my salad crops any favours as temperatures were getting to 46 degrees in the polytunnels where we grow all the baby leaf crops. Delicate salad leaves were really suffering in this heat and required continual irrigation. Salads prefer cooler growing conditions which enables them to grow slower with thicker leaf, stronger roots resulting in healthier plants. The extreme heat caused my salad crops to breakdown resulting in lower yields.

We have also had to contend with heavy hail storms a few weeks ago causing damage to crops grown outdoors. The hail shreds the delicate salad leaves making it unsalable to retailers with strict specifications on quality. This is why we grow our salads in different locations and not all together in one

area as this reduces the risk of hail damage.

As you will have noticed the combine harvesters have been on the move for a couple of weeks now starting with oil seed rape and barley and then moving into wheat crops so I wanted to concentrate on the cereal harvest this month.



This is an anxious time for cereal farmers after spending a whole year growing and nurturing a crop they get to see their reward. In salads we are continually harvesting from April to November with fast growing crops, some baby leaf varieties are ready to harvest from seed in as little as 10 days. If we have a poor crop we can quickly move onto the next. In cereals it all comes down to a single harvest. Yield is everything with current poor prices and the higher the quality the higher the price.

The lack of sunshine in June has caused yields of oil seed rape and barley to be below average this year with small seeds in rape and pinched rather than plump grains in barley. Generally yields have been 3.1 – 3.3t/ha in rape against an average of 3.6t/ha and barley yields have been 5.9 – 6.3t/ha against an average of 6.8t/ha. The wheat yields seem to be more promising as these later maturing crops have benefited from the rainfall in June



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over a quarter of a million pounds you would expect nothing else.

I popped over to watch Peter Ulyatt and Sons combining a field of wheat adjacent to the River Welland the other night. I managed to hitch a ride on the combine with my five-year-old daughter Phoebe who found the experience very exciting. It was nice to see three generations of farmers working together to bring in the harvest. Pete and his son John were on the tractors and trailers taking the grains to the store while Grandson Martin

and sunshine in July. Still it is unlikely any records will be broken this year unlike the world record wheat yield of 16.5t/ha on a farm in Lincolnshire in 2015.

The hail storms also played havoc with oil seed rape crops by splitting the pods before they could be harvested in some cases 50% of pods were smashed. A local farmer also reported hail stripping wheat grains and massively reducing yields.

Although I am no longer involved in cereals I still find this an exciting time seeing the combines enter the fields. They seem to get bigger and more powerful year on year. I remember when I was younger working on a dairy farm, we had a contractor in to combine the barley. He came with an old Massey Ferguson combine with no cab and the header on the front was only eight feet wide. It seemed to take days to harvest just a few hectares and then all the straw was baled into small bales and stacked



Martin Ulyatt operates the combine

The world record is 800 tonnes in just 8 hours by a single combine harvester, again on a Lincolnshire farm. Drivers no longer have to worry about steering these beasts as they are controlled by GPS, they can give the operator all the information required including yield mapping, moisture content of grains and rates of work to name a few. With new combines costing

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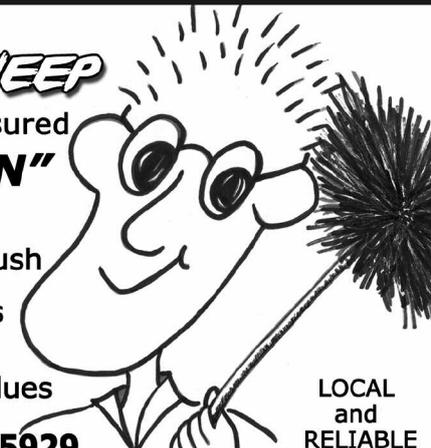
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It's to the latter minority that we appeal (apologies for the constant reminders).

Dogs can be great companions and a well-disciplined dog a joy to behold. So don't spoil it for the majority of dog owners who care what other people think about the behaviour of all dog owners. Have a little consideration for people like yourself who own dogs. Take a bag and pick up the mess, please.

Regardless of the fact that dog faeces is toxic and can cause debilitating disease, particularly in young children, it's just unsightly and smelly if not collected and taken away by the owner. Accidentally treading in dog poo is also unpleasant to say the least. So please?

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CONGRATULATIONS



FOSDARK

The parish council will be discussing whether or not Fosdyke will continue to be lit by street lights at their next meeting on Tuesday, 6 September, and also whether they will take on the grass cutting costs.

If you missed the consultation evening you still have a chance to voice your opinion. All the contact details for the councillors and the clerk are available on Page 3.

Once the street lights are turned off it's very unlikely that they will ever be turned back on again. It would be a shame to see yet another Fosdyke service lost

If you are a home owner it's possible that property prices could be affected.

If you were at Puttock Gate's playing field on Saturday, 16 July, you'd have seen the above being prepared for their journey from All Saint's Church to Kirton Village Hall for a wedding breakfast (the picture was taken by Steve Woods as the carriage

was about to leave Puttock Gate into Old Main Road.)

Who were the occupants going to be? Kala England and Matt Dawson, or more precisely Mr and Mrs Dawson after their wedding ceremony. What a lovely way to travel together as man and wife!



Kala (nee) England and Matt Dawson

FRUIT GROWING

Fruit trees are always tricky to maintain in a healthy and productive state. There are many and varied ways to grow fruit, some requiring less maintenance, others may be better suited to the garden or area that is available.

The least effort to grow fruit is as trees, either standards, or bushes. Pruning is minimal with only in growing, rubbing and diseased growths needing to be removed. Obviously big trees take up more trees and they are slow to start producing, so small spaces will need dwarf varieties or trained forms. This will need more work and will need permanent supports.

Cordons: quality and quantity

Cordons are effectively one branch of a fruit tree grafted onto a dwarfing rootstock. They are trained at an angle to make more efficient use of space, but need posts and wires to support them all their lives. They can be planted in close intervals along the side of a path. Though each cordon produces much less than a bush or tree, they produce more per acre and much better quality, especially apples, pears, white currants and gooseberries.

Limitations of espaliers

Espaliers have a vertical main stem off which are trained several horizontal tiers. They make attractive cover for walls or used as a screen. Step-over espaliers have only one low tier running parallel to the ground and a foot or so high. Again this is suitable for apples and pears, but not many other tree fruits.

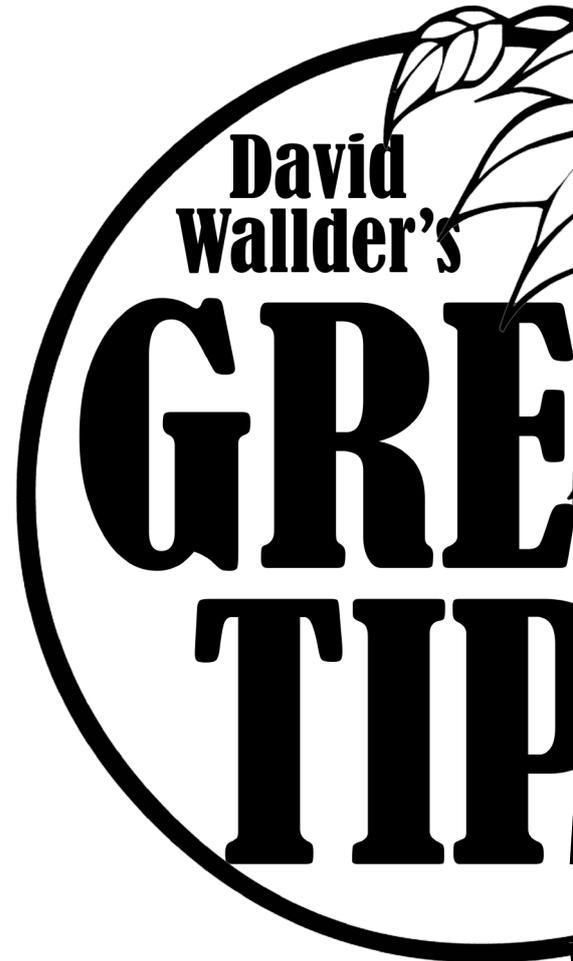
Fans

Some fruits are better as fans, where all the branches radiate from the top of a short trunk. They are best suited to stone fruits, which are difficult to maintain as espaliers.

Seasonal pruning

Generally, once the shape has been established, pruning is fairly simple. Winter pruning is usually done to initially form the shape of the tree as it stimulates replacement growth, but too often excessive winter pruning is done in place of summer. Remove crossing, rubbing and dangerous, dead and unhealthy growths as soon as they are spotted— usually when the branches are bare. However, winter pruning is best avoided with stone fruits, such as plums, as these may be attacked by silver leaf disease. Winter pruning is worth the risk when major surgery is required, if it's carried out in the summer the tree may die of shock. Also, when vigour has been lost, winter pruning and feeding may stimulate new growth.

Often ignored, summer pruning is far more useful and important for looking after trained trees and soft fruit than winter pruning. It does not stimulate growth, but fruiting. Summer pruning is simply the removal of half to three quarters of each new shoot once mid-summer is past. This allows air and light access and checks growth, encouraging the formation of fruit buds.



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Soft fruit pruning

Soft fruit pruning is easier than for tree fruit and the plants are much quicker to respond to training. Those grown as stools, such as blackcurrants, are the simplest. Immediately after fruiting cut one third of all the branches back to ground level starting with the oldest stems. Raspberries, blackberries and their hybrids are also grown as stools, with young growth being encouraged from ground level to replace the old on an annual basis. The oldest are cut away after fruiting to leave the new – this simultaneously removes most pest and disease problems. Tying these young canes down and either, or to one, side then allows the new flush to grow straight up and keeps them clean of disease spores dropping from the older. I find bicycle inner tubes fitted with wire hooks are ideal for holding back new growth until I'm ready to tie it in.

Stone fruits, currants, summer cutback, sun penetration, heavy feeding

Stone fruits, when trained, are treated the same way with constant removal and replenishment of young shoots coming from a central core frame. Red and white currants are very forgiving and can be grown in almost any form imaginable, as can gooseberries, which make for easier picking when well trained. All of these require their young growths cutting back by half to three quarters in summer and then again by a bit more in winter. They are best pruned to form an open goblet shape, or failing that as bushes on short legs, so that the sun can penetrate and air can circulate, which helps keep them disease free. If you want grow prize berries, grow them as cordons and feed the soil heavily!

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A Question Of Doubt

by Jack Hard

CHAPTER 3

MEETINGS

Why was Gould so interested in Major Moulson? The abundance of CCTV cameras on the major's property for a start. Gould hadn't intended to make a big thing of it. Just indulged his inquisitiveness. Now, though, his interest was really piqued.

"And you are?" he said to the agent who now stood about two metres away. She brushed back the short dark hair off her forehead as if until recently it had been longer.

"Scully," she said with a straight face.

"Yeh. And I'm Moulder," Gould answered.

She slipped her hand into the suit jacket she was carrying and pulled out her ID. He just managed to catch it, though she threw it with some force.

Gould flipped open the case: *Special Protection (SO1), Officer Brenda Scully*.

"My apologies," he said. "So, what's the Met doing out in the sticks? There's no ex-prime ministers around here. And I thought you preferred the Glock 26."

She glanced down at her shoulder holster, back at Gould. "The Glock 17's fine with me. But I'm asking the questions."

"And I'm sure you know who I am already."

Her eyes told him that she didn't. "Why would I ask the question then? Not many people know what SO1 is. So ... your a cop."

Gould decided to be upfront. "I was. Took early retirement."

She raised her eyebrows. "You don't look old enough."

"Technically I'm not."

"Forty-ish?"

"That'll do."

"Retired. So you weren't thrown out." She thought about that for a moment as she continued to study

him. Gould noticed her eyes wandering across his chest and biceps and the stream of sweat running down her shirt from between her breasts. "Interesting."

"And I've signed away my right to tell anyone about it."

"Ah." She seemed disappointed.

"And I doubt any investigation on your part will find any reason why I was retired early."

"Now that's just got me more curious."

"Maybe I hoped it would." It had been his intention. Gould still felt guilty about accepting the payoff over the fracking fiasco. If someone else blew the cover-up he'd be in the clear.

"So. Your name?" Her voice carried a note of exasperation.

"Nigel Gould. Ex-DCI."

Something flickered in her eyes. Then was gone. "Now we're getting somewhere."

Gould threw her ID back, which she caught deftly with her left hand despite the holstered Glock telling him she was right handed.

"Let's walk," he said. "And talk," he added. "Your partner will be getting concerned."

She came up beside him as he turned along the grass track. "I need to ask you ..." she started.

"Why I'm interested in Major Moulson?"

"Yes." She glanced his way, but not for too long. There were clumps of grass that made the path uneven and you had to watch your step.

He told her he'd just gone to visit his new neighbour to introduce himself and noticed the high level of security. Didn't mention the intruder at his own house.

"Is that all?"

"Well, no one has that many CCTV cameras unless they have something to protect."

"CESG clocked your interest."

"Why were they monitoring my PC?"

"They weren't. Your searches just came up on their system."

"Ah. Of course." Yet he'd been using incognito mode. He decided not to ask how the cyber unit of GCHQ had cracked through that. "I don't suppose you're going to tell me why a unit of the Metropolitan Police that usually protects ex-prime ministers and visiting dignitaries is looking after a retired major."

"Correct."

"Just forget about him?"

"Might be in your best interests."

"Once a copper ..."

"... Always a copper," she finished.

Gould nodded with a smile. Noticed how her face also lit up when she smiled. *She could almost be your daughter*, he told himself. *And she's not going to be interested in an old bloke like you*, another voice in his head piped up.

"What's wrong?" she asked him.

"Nothing. Must have been away from attractive women for too long. Race you back to mine." With that he sprinted off before embarrassing himself even more. But she was back alongside him before he'd regained his composure.

“By the way. I like older men.”

* * *

After Scully took off after the major's neighbour, Blake parked the Lexus at the back of Fenney Village Hall where it wasn't so obvious, aware however that his suit was going to look as much out of place as the car. But he'd had enough of sitting in cars at stake-outs and needed to stretch his legs. He knew Scully was mega fit. She'd not only run several marathons but competed for her local athletic club in the 400 metres when duty was quiet and her shift allowed. So she was fast when she needed to be but had immense stamina. Running in her work clothes wasn't going to be a problem for her.

Sauntering along the village's high street which had once been the main road through to Kings Lynn before the road was straightened he was impressed by the well-kept gardens of the mostly detached properties. There were no shops or places to meet. It was quiet and idyllic-like. No more had this thought crossed his mind than a blue turbo Fiesta roared around the corner with a battered silver Astra barely feet behind it. A young lad in each was hunched over the driving wheels like manic demons. Blake was so shocked by their appearance that he failed to get either's number plate as they took the bend at the other end of the road at double the village's speed limit.

“Wan...” he started to mumble at the drivers before an elderly lady burst from her house next to him.

“Did you see that?” Blake wasn't given a chance to answer. “I've been telling the police about them and they've done nothing. They're going to kill someone one day. It'll be too late then. We pay our taxes and the village gets no support from Boston. Their talking about turning the street lights off at night now too. What are we going to do then. We'll be sitting ducks for all the ne'er do wells and footpads. Hello,” she

suddenly said, thrusting her hand over her garden fence, “I'm Tracy Dashford.”

Blake had no option but to shake her hand, which once held seemed to be imprisoned in a surprisingly strong grip. Her other hand started patting his.

“I've lived in Fenney for years. My husband passed away five years ago. He wouldn't have put up with these joy riders coming through here. What's your name, son?”

“Blake,” he blurted, confused by the woman's tirade and introduction.

“That's a nice name. Is that like Blake's Seven? My son used to do the special affects for that. Didn't get paid much in those days. His brother. Now he went to university and got a degree in engineering. Lives in Spain. Has a goat farm ...” She trailed off as if realising the incongruity of her statement.

“Nice to meet you, Mrs Dashford.” His hand remained firmly in her grasp. “I have to go.”

“Call me Trace. Everyone else around here does. They all know me.” With a sly look in her eye she pulled her hand away quickly leaving Blake's hovering in the air.

“What are you doing here? Is there a wedding on at the village hall? That's odd. Don't usually have weddings on a Tuesday.”

“It's Wednesday,” Blake corrected.

“It's Wednesday?” Mrs Dashford, aka Trace, repeated, looking at her watch. “Oh, it'll be on in a minute,” and proceeded to dash back up her path and disappeared through her front door before Blake had a chance to say anything more.

“Strange,” he mumbled, as he headed towards the major's house, oblivious of the greasy skinned lad with black hair who'd moments before been driving the turbo, peering around a hedge at the far end of the road.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

Dear
editor



Apologies to Jim Cobb whose letter we missed out of the last issue. But we're putting things right and publishing it this month. We believe it's still relevant.

Dear Editor

I would like to begin by saying 'thank you' for all your hard work producing the Fosdyke Magazine. I always get very positive feedback when I chat to people as I am delivering it.

Every month you ask for people who have got something to say to contact you. Without your contributions there would be very little in the magazine.

You and the other social club members should be praised for all the events you organise and all the fund raising you do.

With regards to the letter, 'Editor Slated', in this month's magazine, I have no idea who this man is as I've

never met him at any social functions in Fosdyke.

Please continue your good work keeping us informed of what's going .

Yours faithfully

Jim Cobb

PS I would not appreciate the Magazine being run by an 'editorial board' and like the editor I too would 'step down' from my delivery post!

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A REVIEW BY PETER AND WENDY

In these days of online this and internet that, with reviews for everything from a cordless drill to a pair of novelty socks that play Beethoven's Ode to Joy when you put them on, (could these socks be a European Union initiative to bring culture to the masses?), we thought we might try to write a review ourselves. The following is a review of our recent visit to Fosdyke's live music night, which might be of interest if you have not been before or never visited the social club.

So, when is it? That's easy, it's always the SECOND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH, from about 8pm until late.

So what is it called? The OPEN MIC NIGHT. But before you go rigid with fear the reference to the open microphone is for the musicians, who will be entertaining you. You, like us will be firmly in

sitting at a desk trying to sell us a ticket or checking our identity, it was just the same as entering any bar in any pub, you just walk straight in. As we entered a local band to our right was already playing, and the female bass player welcomed us with a smile as she continued to play.

We made our way straight to the

either. There was no formality and no cliquey atmosphere, it was just the same as any bar in any pub, with the added advantage of enjoyable entertainment for free!

About eight musicians played and the music covered a broad range of taste from folk to rock and much in between. The audience barely outnumbered the musicians to start with but increased as the evening progressed.

In the past when visiting large towns and cities, we have paid to see bands and folk singers that were sometimes not as enjoyable as the local talent that was playing in Fosdyke.

So our star rating – 4.5 stars out of 5.

Pros – A really enjoyable evening.

Cons – It is only on once a month. So don't miss next month's, second Thursday in the month, because there are only twelve chances in the year to catch this live music night.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the musicians for their time and talent, we are totally hooked and look forward to the next evening.

This is now the time to go back to the future, switch off your computers and tablets, power down the virtual reality, pull out the wires, ditch digital and GO ANALOGUE. Enjoy a real beer with real people playing real live music.

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the audience and required to do nothing except enjoy yourself.

Where is it? It is held in the building next to the recreation park and playing fields in Puttocks Gate.

Will I have to pay to get in? No it is free!

Is there any age requirements? You do need to be old enough to legally drink, so that's 18 to 120 years old, we are thinking of taking mum and she is 80 years young.

Now to our review, we arrived at about 8.30pm and entered into a short hallway, there was nobody

bar which was to the left. There were three beer pumps to choose from, Carling lager, Tiger beer and Bombardier. The Tiger beer was not on that evening, so we went for the Bombardier (just £2.80 a pint) and a strawberry infused pear cider, which I am informed was so delicious that it would be easy to forget it was an alcoholic drink.

The room itself was quite large with plenty of tables and chairs, so if you want to chat at the bar or would rather sit at your own table you should feel comfortable doing

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BOWLS TOURNEY

Goodfellowship Bowls Club (the club based at the back of the playing field) held their annual tournament on Sunday, 14 August.

Once again it was a great success and winners were Paul Ray's set from Ruskington. Second place went to Terry Crane from Holbeach United Services and third place to Geoff Harris from Swineshead. Booby prize went to Joe Moore's set.

CAR BOOT

The social club's Car Boot and Tabletop Sale has grown in popularity during the Summer managing to increase both the amount of sellers and browsers.

No doubt the BBQ and bar will attract people even without the cars! The next one is on 28 August and starts at 1pm..

TREASURE HUNT

An enjoyable Treasure Hunt was held at the Social Club on Sunday, 14 August, with several teams pitting their wits against the questions set by Seamus Rooney..

The route took the cars through Holbeach St Marks, the picturesque Holbeach Clough and finished at Saracens Head before dashing back to the club for a BBQ and gateaux. Winners were Sue and Malcolm Epton.

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DRESSAGE SHOW AT SUNSET FARM - FREE TO WATCH



On Sunday, 24 July, the new outdoor ménage at Sunset Farm was hired for a charity dressage show that raised nearly £800 for Age UK.

On Bank Holiday Monday (29 August), there will be another dressage show at Sunset Farm. This one is the culmination of a series of small shows being run by Claire Burrow to promote Classical Dressage.

As this is the final show, there are some additional classes including a "Concours d'Elegance"

where the rider dresses in richly coloured period costume.

Smokies BBQ will provide the catering at this show.

The show starts at 10 a.m. and will probably finish about 2 p.m. (the actual time will depend on the number of entrants). If you would like to come and watch some dressage and partake of the BBQ then please do, everything is very informal and friendly and there is no charge to spectate.

DELIVERER VOLUNTEER

Thank you to Emma Waters who quickly volunteered to take on June's Fosdyke Magazine round while June is recovering from her fall.



MOBILE LIBRARY

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| 174 | Mrs G Bailey | Weston | £25 |

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