

FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

CELEBRATIONS

PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVES



Parish councillors and other supporters of the Village Hall at the recent celebration of the Village Hall's fiftieth year.

Without Alan White and his helpers Fosdyke would have one less amenity. Let's keep it busy with bookings!



Belinda and James Needham with their son Jack George at his baptism at All Saints church - Story Page 3 PHOTO COURTESY OF PAUL TRUEPENNY

There were a lot of positives that can be taken from the meeting of Fosdyke Parish Council on Tuesday, 7 July, with two of the new councillors proposing initiatives that may go some way to help the elderly residents of Fosdyke and also make the business of the Parish Council far more transparent and accountable than it has ever been before.

Carole Marshal wants to give more support to the retired villagers who appear to make up a high proportion of residents and suggested bringing in outside consultants from an enterprise that offered advice back in 2012 but which was not taken up. Our youngest councillor, Chris Cropley, showed a cautious side by immediately asking how much this initiative might cost the council.

He was more supportive, however, of John Tofts' proposal to create a website for the parish council so that residents are able to see what the council is all about and what it spends your money on, an openness that *Fosdyke Newsletter* has been pressing for for some time. We wholeheartedly support this move which is in line with a consultation paper that covers proposals made in the *Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014* which received Royal Assent last year.

Interesting to note that, until recently, of the eighteen parish councils listed in Boston Borough on the Lincolnshire County Council website only Wigtoft and Fosdyke didn't have a hosted website or a link to their own website. Fosdyke does now thanks to John Tofts.

SPALDING POOL LEAGUE CHAMPS REACH CUP FINAL

While Fosdyke Sports pool team won the league they couldn't quite take the team cup but Daniel Rhodes took the individual trophy.

They have started the new season with back-to-back wins.



letter

Was everyone in the village invited to the wine and cake fest to celebrate the Village Hall's anniversary? If so, did I miss the invite in the Newsletter?

I was most put out that my friends from Holbeach got to join in the festivities when I knew nothing about it! Just wondered, that's all, hate to think that I, a villager, missed out on a jolly that non Fosdyke folk enjoyed.

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Days Gone By

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

1953 Canadian pilot killed on the 23rd June 1953: Joseph Jean Raymond Bédard (born 7 November 7, 1927, Ontario) crashed near Fosdyke.

1959 married Oct 1877 Lincs. Wife: Edith Harriet (Cragg) Barnatt: Born 1872 in Ancaster, Lincolnshire. (1911 living in Great Hale, Heckington.

1960 54 Old Main Rd built on the "Old Reading room building plot"

13 Old Main Road used as "Greeson Transport Café" run by Frank & Mary Greeson [believed to be the oldest house Fosdyke] known as Rose Cottage.

1963 River Welland frozen with abandoned small boats

1964 Mr Leslie Gibbons owned Mill Farm. Sold to Jim & Joe Tunnard farmers now demolished and top soiled over. Then sold to Lincolnshire Farm Produce (now owned by a London businessperson).

1965 The New Fosdyke Village Hall opened Charity No 521787 dated 6th August 1965. Trust Deed dated 8th May 1965.

1967 All Saints Church now topped off for its centenary with a gilded cockerel weather vane.

1970 Fosdyke Post Office ...Mr & Mrs Waters

1974 Fosdyke joined Boston Borough Council on 1st April 1974 (Local Government act 1972)

1979 Middlecott Hospital sold to a private purchaser

1979 River Welland frozen and ship trapped in the ice.

1981 21 November two new almshouses (bungalows) opened in Fosdyke & Algarkirk from the hospital sale monies.

1991 Fosdyke Bridge old Russia Pitch Pine wooden lock gates, sold to Baytree Nurseries. To make a permanent walk way cover.

ANJEL MAKES IMPACT AT OPEN MIC



July's Open Mic night at Fosdyke Social Club was one of the more busy nights with talented youngster Anjel Clark making her first appearance there. We hope she comes again!

Music started early too with a full hour set from The Unshaven who were warming up for their headline appearance at the Heckington Show. It was good to see Graham Hawks back again and this time with an acoustic set which suited the crowd rather better than his punk set, though the variety always makes for an interesting evening.

Also appearing were regulars Open Road and resident band Phatt Knappii and singer Kiya Brown. Both the former bands made use of The Unshaven's drummer to fill out their sets.

If you weren't there you missed an entertaining evening!

TRACTOR TALLY

A total of £3345.22 was raised through sponsorship, entry fees, cake stall, refreshments, donations, auction and raffle at the Tractor Run this year. All proceeds were presented to Macmillan Cancer Support locally.

Julie Nicol commented, "We are very grateful to everyone who supported the event in any way and look forward to next years Tractor Run which will be held on Sunday, 8 May at Fosdyke Playing Field.

CHRISTENING

Jack George Needham was baptised at Fosdyke church on Sunday 21 June with the presence of friends and family.

This was followed by a feast of stew, new potatoes and endless desserts at Fosdyke Social Club which, Jack's mum, Belinda, said was a perfect venue with very helpful staff.

She thanks everyone who helped make Jack's special day so memorable with a special thank you to Sally Wilson for making four amazing christening cakes.

CONSTABLE RETIRES AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS' SERVICE IN FOSDYKE

PC Winn retired after twenty-seven years' service; he received eulogistic farewell from the County Justices and a handsome present from his comrades. More than that, the residents in the Fosdyke district held a supper in his honour, and gave him a massive marble time piece and a Queen Anne tea service

Source: *Lincs Free Press*
31 January 1899



SOCIAL CYCLING FOR ALL

Not many things cost you nothing these days. But if you have a bike and fancy meeting your neighbours for a chat why not join the Sunday evening peddlers? They start and finish at the social club in Puttock Gate, setting off on their ride at 6.30 pm. Various distances depending on ability and cycling frequency. Then relax with a drink in the club bar afterwards.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTYN HAYES

KIRTON LIBRARY OPENING

Just a heads-up to let you know that all being well Kirton Library will officially open at the New Life Centre on Saturday, 26 September.

WANNA LIVE IN CUCKOO LAND?

As part of National Allotments Week, Cuckoo land Allotment Association, Wyberton Low Road, are having an open day on Saturday, 15 August.

If you are interested in growing things why not go along? The most used tool on most plots is the kettle so there will be tea.

There are vacant plots available. Just ring Liz on 01205 724271 or e-mail claasecretary@hotmail.com or Sue on 077104388. e-mail yummyum.gray@gmail.com

SAD NEWS FROM OZ



Amanda Cook has sadly informed us that her father Maurice "Moggie" Bryant, who was born in 1930, passed away on 12 June 2015 in Western Australia. He was born and lived in Fosdyke for many years.

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PETTY ORDER IMPACTS FOSDYKE

Mr Butterfields, who lives at Lloyds Farm at the end of the cul-de-sac near the A17, has been voluntarily cutting the verge by the main road through the village for seventeen years. Now he has stopped and it's already looking a bit untidy. But why has he stopped?

Apparently an anonymous resident of Fosdyke has reported the Butterfields to the highway agency for putting traffic cones literally outside their house on Old

Main Road. They had put the cones there to try to stop people driving down their bit of Old Main Road, largely, it would seem, for nefarious purposes. There's no other reason

to go down this road than to visit the Butterfields home and business, so while the cones were not a problem to anyone with legitimate business at Lloyds Farm the Butterfields have been warned to take the cones down.

While the highway agency has every right to keep their roads clear it seems a petty order as the cones do not cause a problem, so understandably the Butterfields are quite miffed at afore mentioned anonymous villager for sticking their nose in and as a consequence the village no longer has one of their village's entrances kept looking neat and tidy. Perhaps this is a case for the newly proactive parish council to step in and resolve the issue with the highway agency, and then maybe, just maybe, Mr Butterfield will once again give the village his free time and equipment to keep the village looking attractive

FARMER WINS CLAIM FOR HIS COTTAGE

An Algarkirk farmer Mr W C Tunnard, successfully sought possession at Boston County Court of his cottage occupied by Mrs A P the widow of his waggoner. Mr W C Tunnard told Judge R S Shove that Mrs A P's husband died in 1945 and asked for possession in a month. Mr G G A Whitehead said Mrs A P had refused an offer of a Fosdyke charity house. She said in court, "I cannot settle in Fosdyke."

Source: *Lincolnshire Echo*
27 January 1950.

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BREAK-INS

The newsletter reports on the occasional theft from sheds and garages and one break-in at the Social Club a few months ago but, as far as we know, dwellings have been excluded from the grubby hands of burglars.

But on Monday, 6 July, one house was entered and another showed evidence of an attempted entry. At the time of writing this no items of value were reported stolen.

The police were informed, and an investigation is under way. The police believe it may be a part of a spate of burglaries linked to a car seen near several break-ins that happened in the area on that day.

If you are unfortunate enough to be the victim of a similar burglary, however minor it might seem, you must inform the police - for the sake of the rest of the village.

So, as we said in the last issue, be vigilant. If you see anything suspicious ring the police on 01205 72202.

It appears the local Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Watch Association has lapsed (there are around 2,500 association co-ordinators in Lincolnshire) but our local police have recommended Lincolnshire Alert from which *Fosdyke Newsletter* extracts information relevant to our area. Anyone is free to join at their website to receive emails or telephone messages about criminal activity in our area.

LOTTERY FRAUD

Protect yourself from lottery fraud.

- Never respond to any such communication. If you have not entered a lottery then you cannot have won it.
- Official lotteries in other countries operate in much the same way as the UK's National Lotto.
- No official lotteries that we

know of contact people to tell them of their win.

- We do not know of any official lottery operators who ask for fees to collect winnings. Any request for a fee payment is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you.
- Never disclose your bank details or pay fees in advance.
- If they have provided an email address to respond to, be very suspicious of addresses such as @hotmail.com or @yahoo.com or numbers beginning with 07 because these are free to get hold of.
- Genuine lotteries thrive on publicity. If they ask you to keep your win a secret, it is likely to be a fraud.
- Many fraudulent lotteries have bad spelling and grammar – see this as a warning that fraudsters are at work.
- If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

ONLINE FAKE DESIGNER GOODS

People looking for a cheap designer bargain online are being targeted by fraudsters advertising fake designer goods. The items received are usually cheap and inferior counterfeits of handbags, clothes and sunglasses amongst other things.

The general rule is 'if it looks too good to be true then it probably is.' Designer products sold at heavily discounted prices are an immediate

sign that something isn't quite right.

What can you do to protect yourself?

- Where possible, buy from well-known, High Street retailers. If you've never heard of a firm, or it is based overseas, be sceptical.
- Avoid paying by cheque or bank transfer. Use PayPal or a credit card as they will give you additional protection.
- Search the internet. Type the website you are buying from and look for reviews of what others customers are saying about the company. Bad customer service feedback usually finds their way online quite quickly.
- Check for spelling mistakes or poor grammar on websites as this may suggest the website has been put together by a fraudster.
- Sign up to Action Fraud Alert at <https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/> to keep you updated with what's going on.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

QUAD BIKE THEFT, HUNDLEBY NR SPILSBY

Police are appealing for information about the theft of a quad bike from Hundleby near Spilsby.

The ATV 150cc quad is black with a distinctive red grill. It was stored under a tarpaulin at a property on Main Road, Hundleby on Monday 13 July 2015, sometime between 08:50am and 04:40pm. The offenders removed the tarpaulin and cropped the chain securing the quad.

Anyone with information, please contact PCSO Nigel Miller, Tel 101 quoting incident number 355 of 13 July 2015. Alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Letter

VERY OWN FAST & FURIOUS OR DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN

Fosdyke. A sleepy little village in rural South East Lincolnshire. No not really, as we have our very own budding racing drivers who use Puttock Gate, Old Main Road and Snaith Avenue, as their own personal race tracks. If we all remember in an earlier newsletter, one of our budding racing-drivers-in-training took out the fencing and hand rails of the Bungalow at the corner of Puttock Gate. Fair play to the youth or youths in question, they apologised to Mr and Mrs Howell, even offered to pay for the damage.

For a week or so after the publishing of the said newsletter, and apology, this guy's right foot became very heavy again. Maybe he has a lead-soled right boot. I think for arguments sake we should give him the racing name of Green Imp (AD02 HJJ) which seems appropriate, as he aims a green vehicle around our village. He now has a friend, competitor, rival, for the Stigg's Helmet. He too has an equally-heavy right boot. I think, for arguments sake, we should give this guy the racing name of Silver Streak (BN03 YVE). Again, I think appropriate as, yes you guessed it, he aims a silver vehicle around our village.

We are now coming to the time of school holidays, where young children tend to congregate at the corner of Puttock Gate and Old Main Road on route to the playing field. These two guys, Green Imp and Silver Streak, are regularly observed racing around this corner, in both directions, without a concern for their own safety, other road users, children, or pedestrians in their vicinity. We have been

made aware of the lack of driving skills of Green Imp when he wiped out fencing at Mr and Mrs Howells property. It has also been observed that Silver Streak lacks a large degree of skills too. What happens if one or both of these budding racing drivers, hit either another road user, pedestrian, child, etc etc? Are we going to say, ah well there only boys. We were all young once.

To Green Imp and Silver Streak a small piece of advice - that is if you have enough grey matter between your ears to digest and understand the following - for every action there is a reaction. These are only words, but the Boys in Blue will take a very different approach if you hurt someone on our streets. The cost to you will be huge. Therefore Green Imp and Silver Streak, make sure your vehicles are one hundred percent legal and safe. If they are not, then you both will have to get used to the taste of porridge. Take notice, read and understand the Highway Code, remove your lead soled boots, take driving lessons, pass your driving test, do not be selfish and stupid, if

you hit someone then there will be a huge price to pay. Fences etc can be repaired or replaced. Lives cannot. Finally if you wish to carry on racing each other or just showing off, please find a race track to do it, not the roads and streets of Fosdyke.

A question for the residents of Fosdyke, if this is a waste of time do we just get the Boys in Blue to deal with these reckless youths before anyone is seriously hurt?

Name and address withheld

BOWLS TOURNNEY

Goodfellowship's annual Triples Bowls Tournament will be held on Sunday, 9 August, at their bowls green in Puttock Gate.

Entries are still being taken with latest entry on 1 August. If you fancy putting in a team it's £12 a team (£4 each) with prizes of £90 for first, £60 second and £30 third. Contact Liz on 01206 260275 for entry form.

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The Case of the Missing

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CHAPTER FOUR

The Kettle Black

By the time Danny Driss answered his mobile Nancy Laws was getting ready to leave a message. "Hi, Nance," Danny whispered. "Can't talk now." And hung up.

"Drat!" Nancy threw her iPhone down onto the bed only to see it bounce up and disappear over the opposite edge by her white-stressed dressing table. She looked across the bed at her reflection in the mirrors. The red frilly underwear that Danny seemed to like best - her husband preferred the black - was beginning to look a tad shabby but she smiled at her body beneath. Her weekly trips to the gym and swimming pool were helping to maintain a physique that she knew other men in the village, and elsewhere for that matter, found interesting enough for a second look. And Nancy was rather fond of being ogled.

She had wanted to tell Danny about Morgan seeing her leave his house. They were usually more discreet. There was always somewhere, away from prying eyes, where they could meet up and enjoy each other's company, but the police and media had been everywhere recently and Danny and her had taken a chance. *Stupid*, she thought. *Stupid! Stupid!*

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"So," DCI Gould continued. "Let's go over this again. You took Jessica Rolls' doll because you wanted to be reminded of her?"

Silvia Edgeard fidgeted in the plastic seat that had been taken from the stacks leaning forward precariously along the wall behind her. Health and safety would have something to say about that, Gould thought abstractedly. DS Brian Wallace seemed equally bored and tapped a black Bic pen - he usually had at least half a dozen somewhere on his person - on his A6 notepad. A page mostly filled with doodles, interesting though they might be to a psychiatrist, showed the interview was not progressing well.

"Like I said, she popped around nearly every day to see me. She ... likes looking at my books. She's a bright kid and I missed her."

"After just a day?" That's when he'd caught her leaving the Rolls' house with the doll and confiscated it with the promise of questioning her further. Although Jessica had been found unharmed - her father was driving her back from Wales under escort as they spoke - Gould was still unconvinced that the Witch of Fenney, as most of the villagers called her behind her back, was as innocent as she made out. There was a connection somewhere that he failed to see and he needed to find it to salvage his career. Jessica's disappearance had turned into something of a farce and the media were bound to rip him to shreds. Unless he could ...

"What books were these then Silvia?" It was Wallace asking the question. He'd put down his pen and was suddenly interested. Gould felt himself correct his slouching posture and sit up straighter. When Wallace wasn't holding a pen it usually meant his sixth sense was kicking in.

"I've loads of books. Bookshelves of them. I prefer printed books. Though I do have a Kindle. There's power in a book you can hold. They tell stories besides the stories they tell."

"But Jessica liked looking at certain kinds of book didn't she?" Wallace persisted.

"She liked them all." Silvia lifted her cheeks off the chair for a second. Gould sympathised with her. He could imagine leaving a stripe of sweat behind on his own seat when he eventually stood.

"Picture books?"

Silvia shrugged. Neither detective mentioned the shrug for the recording device.

"Magic books?"

Gould looked at his sergeant. While she was called a witch he knew there was no such thing as witches. At least not these days.

"Study books," Silvia corrected. Gould snapped his head back to the interviewee.

"So you have books about magic?" he said. A question, but less a question than a surprised remark.

"I have books about lots of things. Magic's just one of many subjects."

"But Jessica liked the magic books best?" Wallace again.

"Not especially." Gould could tell a lie. Wallace was onto something.

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Nancy had just showered and slipped into jeans and T-shirt when her iPhone buzzed on the polished floorboards on the other side of the bed. It had to be Danny. She rushed around, grabbed it before it vibrated itself under the divan. Yet even as she pressed 'answer' she realised it wasn't Danny's photo displayed, but his. She's been ignoring his calls for three months.

"Nancy. I have to see you."

"You don't. It's over. It's been over for months." Why had she been so impulsive in answering the call?

"But we had something really special. We're good together."

"And we're both married. It couldn't go on."

"But we could make a new life together. We could emigrate."

She swiped him away. Why hadn't she blocked his number ages ago? He'd never have the guts to tell Gilbert, not that her husband would believe him. Gilbert was just so convinced of her loyalty he'd have to catch her with someone, and she made sure that never happened. She was concerned about Morgan though. He may not have appeared to notice she was coming from Danny's house but she knew he was always looking for ways to gain leverage over people, falling just short of blackmail. Well, he had in the passed ...

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Nial Langton stared at his phone, then dialled another number. It was answered on the second ring.

"Now then, Nial."

"You have the photos?"

"I said I would, didn't I?"

"I need them."

"I'll come see you."

"No. We'll meet in Neros. Four o'clock."

"Just a sec ... Yep, that's fine. See you then."

"With the photos?"

"I have them on a memory stick." With that the call ended.

Nial checked his wallet. He always carried plenty of cash; didn't believe in cards. Today he also had an extra ten fifty-pound notes.

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FOSDYKE FATHER AND SON FINED FOR BREAKING BACON RATIONING ORDER

James Arthur Cannon farm labourer of Villa Farm Low Road Fosdyke pleaded not guilty to slaughtering pigs contrary to the Livestock Restriction Slaughtering Order in Fosdyke about 23rd February 1942 and his father Philip Cannon at the same address pleaded not guilty to obtaining certain bacon from his son contrary to the Bacon Rationing Order.

Inspector Albert Davy of the Ministry of Food, said more than two pigs being killed in one house in a year were very serious offences. The bacon ration per individual was approximately 13lbs per year. It was mentioned that while the father's application for two licences were signed by him as living at Villa Farm, his son's application was signed as coming from J Cannon Low Road Fosdyke.

"Had both been signed as coming from Villa Farm the third licence would not have been issued at Holland Sessions at Boston: We feel the smallest fines we can put on you are £20 and £10."

Source: *Lincolnshire Echo*
30th April 1942

CAR BOOT SALE CONTINUES GROWTH

From humble beginnings come great things? Well, Fosdyke's very own Boot and Table Sale is beginning to pick up trade.

Any new venture takes time to get established and the word is beginning to spread. With just two more sales to go in the spring/summer season they look likely to be busy affairs. Boasting a BBQ, bar and proper toilets the event is attracting more sellers and buyers each time.

THEFT FROM CLUB

A desperate criminal seems to have been present at the recent Boot Sale at the playing fields in Puttock Gate.

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This is one of my favourite times of the year, the lower light flatters the garden (and my gardening), emphasising the glorious colours with the longer shadows giving everything more depth. The bright and bleaching summer sun earlier in the year is not nearly so kind.

More importantly for me, now there is much less need to fire fight with weeds, lawns and hedges, as all the growth is (thankfully) slowing down, allowing me to do more leisurely and enjoyable tasks.

But big changes can still happen fast, even overnight, with downpours, mini gales or plummeting temperatures causing whole stands of plants to be flattened, blooms to dissolve, or even new stunners to appear.

To keep the garden looking its best and maintain as much glamorous colour as you can, deadheading and tidying is vital. Happily, it is also relatively relaxing, and is simple to master.

Deadheading is a smart piece of trickery: you are fooling your plants into believing they are still youthful. As soon as they are allowed to set seed, chemical messages are sent back telling flower production to stop. Stop them doing this, and they will continue to look beautiful.

HUGE DIVIDENDS

Dahlias, Cosmos, roses, abutilons, Galega, pelargoniums, knautias, and many more will repay huge dividends for a quick snip. Delphiniums will sometimes flower again in September if you cut them back hard, leaving just a bit of foliage.

Early flowering camellias, rhododendrons, lilacs and late-flowering Fremontodendrons also fall into this category, and the spent flowers are best removed.

Other plants go pretty rank after flowering, especially Brunneras and Bergenia, but cutting off the deadheads and stalks has a huge

effect on the foliage, which will perk up and get going again.

Aquilegias I attack with an almost manic attitude, as their ubiquitous seed enables their progeny to take over the garden, so off their heads always come. Astrantias are not as prolific on the seeding front, but the odd seedling that can develop does not equal the quality of its parents.

The secateurs are usually, but not always, the best tool for this task. With my Alstroemerias, I just pull the spent stem from the ground, and it comes away with very little force, leaving more shoots to come up in response. Finger and thumb is great for some (such as early tulip heads).

THE ONES TO LEAVE

I do believe that some flowers should be left as they are, however. I let seeds form from the last flowers on buddleia to ensure smaller birds have some tasty food, likewise on my sunflowers. I love the look of them as the pungent yellow changes to a sludgy brown, framed by contrasting bright green sepals. Others such as Cornflowers and Rudbeckias are left attached for handy bird snacks, too.

Another plant I never dead head is Canna, because it sends up another flower shoot from within the dead flower head, usually doing this three to four times from the one stem, so if you deadhead it you usually end up cutting off the rest of the potential flowers.

Other flowers that do not benefit from deadheading include those that are sterile and don't set seed (which generally flower for longer

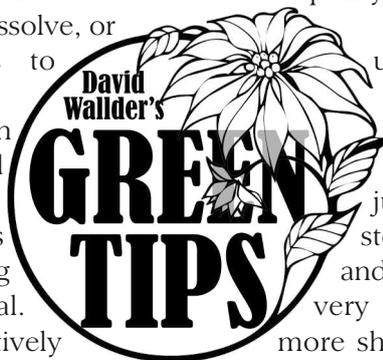
periods anyway). Plants such as Cleome 'Senorita Rosalita', a tender perennial that flowers from June until the frosts, fall into this category.

Other flowers that need little or no deadheading are fuchsias and bedding lobelias, but also plants with eye-catching seed pods or hips, such as Nigella, Bladder Cherry and hippy roses, such as Rosa moyesii 'Geranium', partly for its geranium red flowers but more for its fabulous flagon-shaped hips, which will definitely be left intact.

TIDY UP

When you do find time for the flowers that need deadheading, it is also a good time to tidy up. Any sluggy leaves go (the Acanthus and Cannas are usually top candidates here), plus rose leaves sporting black spot.

At the same time I am often pushing in extra stakes or metal hoops to hold up any new windblown "flopsters", a gardener's work is never done.



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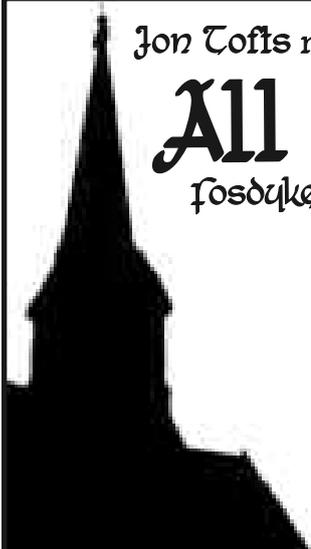
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Services

Sunday, 2 August

Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

Sunday, 16 August

Sung Evensong

at 6 pm

Sunday, 30 August

Holy Communion

Holy Communion for the Kirton Group
at KIRTON
at 09.30 am

POP-IN LUNCH

Pop-Ins are having their summer break, and are planned to be back in full swing for September

VICAR UPDATE

As you will know, we have been without a vicar since Fr. Gary left us in January for the glories of Wainfleet! Things have been going on behind the scenes to recruit a new vicar, which is quite a lengthy process. Over the summer national press adverts will be being placed, with a view to

interviewing in very early October, and an appointment for the end of the year if we are lucky. In the meantime we are being looked after by Fr. Paul Noble – who is our Rural Dean (aka area manager) and we continue to be so grateful to him and his volunteer team of retired priests who are looking after us so well.

NEIGHBOUR WATCH

It cannot have escaped your attention that there were a number of deaths this year of lonely older folks in the village, and that there were occasions when it took some time before this came to light. The situation has prompted the Parish Council and the Church to consider what might be done to raise the profile of care for those less fortunate than others in the village, and who are elderly. Cllr. Marshall has been tasked by the council to investigate what might be done in a small community, and is currently working with All Saints PCC, AgeUK, The Community Hub, the Boston Community Development Office and others to come up with some working proposals. in Ancaster.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

At this time of year, as the days draw out and the sunshine begins to turn the barley a golden yellow, many of us are fortunate enough to be looking forward to the prospect of a summer holiday and a break from our normal routine.

This year, however, it is inevitable that some of us will do so with a twinge of anxiety. One inevitable result of the recent appalling acts of terrorism in Tunisia, Kuwait and France is a heightened sense of our own vulnerability and mortality. For the friends and family of Carly Lovett and Claire Windass, who were so tragically killed in Tunisia, there is



immense sadness as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

These atrocities were perpetrated by a tiny minority who have a very warped

and horrifically misguided view of what it means to be a Muslim, particularly during the month of Ramadan. The teaching of the Christian faith is that love is stronger than evil, and while proper justice is appropriate, revenge and scapegoating are not. It is incumbent upon all of us who follow Christ to continue to welcome the stranger among us, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Please hold in your thoughts and prayers all those who have been affected by these tragedies, that through the grace and love of God they may find strength and comfort in the very difficult days ahead. Pray too for the peace of our world, and for men and women of goodwill wherever they may be, that together we may be united in our work for peace and justice in the lives of all God's children.

Bishop Christopher

ACCOUNTS ERROR

Thanks to Dennis Glen for spotting the error in the accounts that we published last month, though the bottom line was still a deficit of £44.94.

In transferring the accounts from the spreadsheet to the newsletter we accounted for the pantomime donation twice. Apologies for the confusion!

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!

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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 or phone: 260275 or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box 6 Whitecross Gate

no later than 15 August

editor's comment

NEWSLETTER CRITICISED

Fosdyke Newsletter was recently criticised for publishing too much news about Fosdyke Social Club. But news is news, and the social club is the most active amenity in the community so it's little wonder they appear to have a predominance of stories. We do our best to bring you a wide range of news, stories and features to make Fosdyke Newsletter as interesting as we can – and have been told by people outside of the village that our newsletter is better than theirs! So we're neither going to apologise for featuring news from Fosdyke Social Club nor will we decrease our coverage, unless they stop putting on great events.

Thankfully criticisms are few and far between with at least one email or telephone call each month praising us for the Newsletter. We can only publish what we know about and you'd be surprised at what people are interested in reading, so don't be afraid to tell us what you are up to or any projects that you are involved in.

We also had a surprise email not long after the last newsletter was published from two grateful residents who have paid off the Newsletter's deficit saying that they "appreciate the delivery and content of the Fosdyke newsletter" and that "it's good for the village community". A big thank you to them. During the same week the longstanding debt of £12 for an advert in the Fosdyrectory from 2014 was also paid.

Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 1 August
WHIST DRIVE
8 pm

Thursday, 13 August
LIVE MUSIC
@ **OPEN MIC NIGHT**
Opens 8 pm, Music 9 pm
Second Thursday of every month

Saturday, 22 August
BINGO
8 pm
£6 a set of books

Sunday, 23 August
CAR BOOT AND TABLETOP SALE
Third Sunday until September
Table £5. Car £5. Trailer/Van £7

Saturday, 29 August
QUIZ
8 pm start -Fish, scampi, or chicken and chips supper
£5.50 members £6 non-members

Forthcoming attractions

Saturday, 19 September
THE EVOLUTION BAND
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Saturday, 31 October
HALLOWEEN DISCO

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