

FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

LIGHTS OUT IN FOSDYKE

If Fosdyke Parish Council don't take over the responsibility of the street lights in Fosdyke from Boston Borough Council then our roads will be in darkness from next year. It's all a part of BBC's planned savings for the future. It will also mean reduced grass cutting, which includes tree work, and election bills to pay.

Fosdyke parish councillors at their meeting in early May appeared to be leaning towards favouring the cut, but most of them live near the A17 (if they live in the village at all) so would receive some ambient light from the main road. One councillor reckoned that the security lights from houses would give enough light. another that everyone should carry a torch.

One resident at the meeting was heard to say it would be pitch black in the village but the clerk suggested that the comment was nonsense. *(Ed: The clerk obviously hasn't tried to traverse the Bell Lane/Old Main Road junction on foot at night or been down the bottom of my garden after sunset!)* Is permanently carrying a torch the simple answer?

Those residents living in Randolph Road and Snaith Avenue shouldn't be affected by the blackout as their lights are maintained by Mayflower and won't fall under BBC's cuts.

What would it take to keep the lights on? About £6,285 a year on top of the current precept, almost

trippling it. So, it's a darker village or a hefty, but arguably necessary, increase in the overall council tax.

But that's not all. The parish

Boston Borough Council's Transformation Programme (to save £5.6 million over the next four years)

- Remove the budget for footway lights and speak with Town & Parish Councils to see whether they wish to take on responsibility for footway lighting costs. *(Ed: £6,285 on the precept)*
- A reduced scheme for amenity land maintenance and discussions with Town & Parish Councils to see whether they wish to take on responsibility for local services. *(Ed: £2,725 on the precept)*
- Requirement for Town and Parish Councils to fund election costs. *(Ed: £450 per election on the precept).*

council will have to accept the cost of every parish election which, though an election every year is unlikely, could add a further £450 a year to the precept. *{Ed: This could persuade people not to press for an election if someone resigns - as has happened for the last two years - knowing that it will increase their council tax. Democracy threatened by cuts.}*

Rather than make a snap decision the parish council is going to give the residents of Fosdyke the chance to have their say and a decision made based on the general consensus. So if you feel strongly about keeping the light on at night keep an eye on the village noticeboard for news of a meeting. At the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held a week after the Parish Council Meeting (yes, confusing isn't it), a councillor said that all houses would receive a flyer with the details of the proposals.

The parish council have to make their decision by September and are planning some form of consultation so all residents can have their say well before then.

If all responsibilities are accepted by the parish council a band D property - bearing in mind the majority of houses in Fosdyke are band A - could expect an additional £50 a year on the council tax.

QUEEN'S OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY SERVICE

On Sunday, 12 June, there will be a special service in All Saints, at 09.30, to commemorate her majestys' 90th official birthday. This will be a simple, light hearted affair of appropriate music and readings. We warmly encourage one and all to come along and join us in celebrating with us at All Saints.

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Jon Tofts reports

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Desserts Buffet

We are asking those who come if they would bring a dessert item or small cheeseboard to contribute to the event, bring down costs and make more of a community feel to the occasion. Surplus desserts will go to the evening events being held on the Playing Fields, so please use a disposable container if possible. There will be the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at the Lunch, which are being organized for sale throughout the day and will be drawn in the evening.

ARCHDECON'S VISITATION

We had our four yearly inspection by the church authorities last weekend, which was passed with flying colours. Thanks to all concerned. We know, of course that we have some fairly urgent works to carry out – but of course it all takes money, without which we can do nothing.

CHURCH VACANCY

The advertising for our new vicar goes through this month, and we hope to have an interview process during July. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Jon or Terry in the first instance. If you wish to speak to a priest, here are the contact detail:-

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Fr. Paul has recently been appointed as Rural Dean (a regional church leader) for our area by the Bishop of Lincoln.

CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEER

Owarden is sadly leaving the village. Is there anyone out there who is prepared to give up half an hour a month or so to help out with this small task and keep our Garden of Rest as tidy as we can. There is a cordless strimmer available for use to help, and, of course the brown garden waste bin.

We have recently provided a brown bin for the disposal of flowers and foliage in the churchyard. Please do not put paper or other materials in this bin as the council will not then collect it and we will be forced to remove this service.

Sunday, 29 May Group Eucharist

at Algarkirk
at 10.30 am

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From PCSO 2246 Martin Pearson of Spilsby Neighbourhood policing team.

Unfortunately some time on Wednesday, 18 May, between 07:00 and 19:30 there has been some Stihl power tools taken from a property in the Langton area of Spilsby along the A16 corridor. We would ask everybody to be vigilant and security conscious at all times and to report any suspicious people and vehicles with the number plates if possible on 101. If you see suspicious persons in your property call 999

LOCAL BAND'S PROGRESS

Fosdyke's band Phatt Knappii are booked to appear at Boston venue The Folly on Sunday, 29 May between 6 and 8 pm during the pub's bank holiday celebrations.

They'd love to see you support them there and also at their forthcoming festival appearances: Bourne Festival on Saturday, 11 June at 2.15 pm and then opening Framfest on Saturday, 25 June. You can also catch them at The Ship on the third Tuesday of the month and Fosdyke Social Club on the second Thursday of the month.

DAILY PRAYER

So by the time that you read this, Ascension will have gone, Pentecost will have gone, the Archbishops' initiative of 'Thy Kingdom Come', an eight-day call to prayer for the renewal of the Church and the confidence to share what we know to be true, placed between those two great Christian festivals, will be over, and the Church will have entered into what we unhelpfully call 'Ordinary Time'.

Of course, no such time exists for the Church, unless by 'ordinary' we mean a time when we simply get on with the business of being the Church that we are called to be: living, proclaiming and growing the kingdom as Jesus told those who would follow him would be their task.

I recently took part in the annual Christian Aid walk across the Humber, meeting half-way with the Bishop of Hull, who was coming from the opposite direction. We stopped and with others we prayed

the simple prayer 'Your kingdom come, Your will be done'. Simple, but profound and what we're called to be about as Church – particularly when we also seek to be the answer to the prayer we've prayed.

Eight Days of Prayer was the call of the Archbishops; but what if we continued and

went beyond that? So that 'Ordinary Time' became what it was always intended to be, 'getting on with the business', 'simply growing and doing the work' time. What if we each committed to stop, to find a quiet space, and to pray daily a prayer like the one below. I wonder how 'ordinary' that time would then be?

Almighty God, source of our hope and of all good things; you have called the Diocese of Lincoln to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable Church, transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire. Lead us through this vision, give leaders wisdom and direction, equip your disciples to love you faithfully, others joyfully and to grow confidently through word and deed. So that through us the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev David
Bishop of Grimsby

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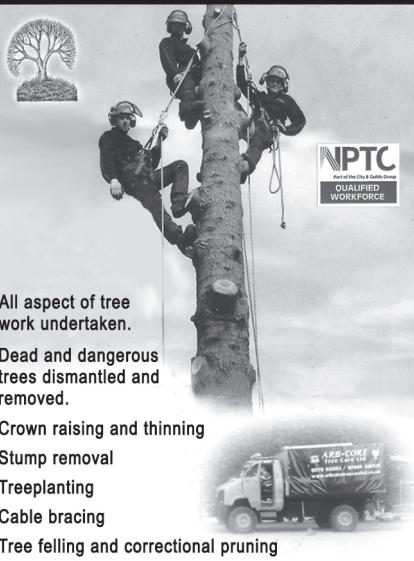
PAW PATROL

Fed up with all the dog poo that some dog owners are still allowing their mutts to drop in illegal places - namely the roads, footpaths and verges that fall within a speed limit of 40mph or less in the village? Then keep your mobile phone handy and take a picture of the guilty party and send it to us. They can be fined £50.

We've noticed three piles of poo along the footpaths in Bell Lane where children walk to the bus stop to go to school. Nice start to the day.

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Just down the road with Fosdyke's own band Phatt Knappii opening the music at 2pm.

Fun for all the family and you're raising money for the upkeep of Frampton's St Mary's Church. Last year was a scorcher so take your sun cream (or are we tempting fate!). Bouncy castles, beer tent and side stalls make it a great place for the family to listen to a broad spectrum of musical acts.

CASUAL VACANCY - ANOTHER ONE!

We're not sure if the exodus of new councillors from Fosdyke Parish Council is a reflection of the council or the staying power of the councillors who have resigned.

Whatever the reasons, and we're not at liberty to say, it's the second resignation in two years. This time it's Jon Tofts, not a person to give up easily.

When Carol Marshal left the council last year - frustrated that her plans weren't being given one hundred percent support - at least ten people sent letters to Boston Borough Council requesting a proper election. Remember that of all the people on the election paper earlier last year only John Cropley was not re-elected.

Though rumour was rife that someone was going to stand against Mr Cropley it never materialised so he regained his position as a councillor and is now the chairman.

If residents don't request an election then the council is free to co-opt whoever they wish onto the

council. We'd rather see an election and are aware of at least one person who would like to be considered. If an election is not called then that person might be overlooked by the council. On the other hand they could welcome that person in with open arms. But the only way of assuring they stand a chance of being on the council is for at least ten people to request an election.

If you would like to see a free election rather than a co-option please contact: Phil Drury, Returning Officer, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, Lincolnshire PE21 8QR. Ref: Casual vacancy in the Office of Councillor for Fosdyke Parish Council.

Dear Phil, As an elector in the parish of Fosdyke, I request that an election be held to fill the above vacancy.

David Wallder's Film Review

It follows (18) 2014

Written and directed by

David Robert Mitchell

A malevolent spirit stalks a group of teenagers one by one in a bland, suburban world of broad avenues and handsome detached houses; it is seen in a perpetual dusk. The ruinous remains of what used to be the city of Detroit casts a spell over all that transpires.

It's not often I feel the urge to immediately watch a film from the start all over again, or indeed write a review, but "it follows" mesmerises from the very first panoramic shot to the last ambiguous scene.

There are many commendable features of this film; firstly, I love the title; a clear, deadpan, pitiless description.

The score has a fantastic 80s synth feel, which is by no means the only comparison with early John Carpenter films.

There are some fantastic details, the bizarrely retro electrical equipment, although the film is set in the present, lend a surreal ambience. References to classic sci-fi and horror films suggest an explanation for the events, although nothing definitive enough pin the story down to an easy explanation.

As for the scares, the camera constantly peers over the shoulders of the embattled teens, catching something moving in the background – often in a far corner of the frame – that may or may not be an unearthly threat.

The slow pace and subtle suggestion of evil, make this a massively disturbing, but totally captivating and original horror movie.

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Saturday, 30 April, saw five members of the Playing Field committee getting stuck into £1,400 worth of wood chip to give the adventure playground a makeover. Despite the open offer in last month's newsletter no children turned up to help with the spreading - well, it was hard work.

Thanks go to Steve Thorley Potato Equipment for lending the teleporter without which the work would have been nigh on impossible and to Jane Bristow for cooking the workers lunch and keeping them hydrated with tea.

It seems the work of the playing field committee was not appreciated by some children (and we know their names – new HD CCTV cameras had been recently fitted). Shortly after completing the resurfacing some panels on the adventure playground equipment were kicked out. Thanks guys. More hard-earned funding and voluntary time to go on replacing damaged equipment to make it safe. As long as you had fun, eh?

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A Question Of Doubt

by Jack Hard

CHAPTER 1

THE LITTLE RED BOOK

He was careful. They'd told him not to disturb anything. He'd spotted things of value that were worth a few bob. A decent stereo system. A fifty-inch telly, smart too. An HD video camera. An iPad. A Macbook. Couple of one terabyte SSD's linked to an equally impressive desktop. An old Wurlitzer jukebox and shelves stacked with old vinyl forty-fives - but that wasn't going to be something lifted easily. His fingers itched, but he wasn't one to break his word. The book was what he was after. A little red book. Possibly leather bound. Maybe faux, but definitely quality looking. Probably not lined but it would contain a list of people and addresses neatly hand written. A glance was all they told him to take. He wasn't to make any kind of a note of who was included in the book. Not often you got offered two grand to nick a book.

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Gould picked up his pace through the lengthening grass as he passed the piles of rotting onions, where the body of Dr Peter Randall had been found when he was still a police officer, and rounded onto a straight section of the old sea wall. Mind the rabbit hole. He leapt over the spot where from memory he had almost broken his ankle when running this route for the first time. The grass, only trodden by occasional dog walkers and cut by the council just once a year – soon to be none if the suggested cuts happened - hid many obstacles.

He had felt like an OAP when he'd reconnoitred the, supposedly, secure psychiatric hospital at Bobington and had decided he needed to do something about it; he'd enjoyed the thrill of a "case" again. Once Catriona Randall was satisfied and off his back he had joined the gym and begun running a couple of times a week. He was now running every

day except Saturday and feeling more like he did at thirty than he expected to feel at forty-eight. His new cross-country trainers with their aggressive spiked rubber tread made easy work of the muddy pathway and safer than the local lanes, both on his knees and away from the boy racers who were as intent on risking other people's lives as their own.

It hadn't taken him long to realise regular trips to the gym were expensive so his garage was now home to a multi-gym and a multitude of free weights. He was enjoying his daily sessions there too. He had slimmed down by nearly two stone in the first six months of his regime and, while he still looked slim in his clothes, he'd put back on a stone and a half of pure muscle. He was aware he'd become a little obsessive with his training but another plus had been that ideas for his novel seemed to pop up during his runs and difficulties with a plot resolved themselves as he pumped iron. The habit of carrying a notebook everywhere proved as useful now as it did when he was a copper.

The downside of running along the old sea wall was that dog owners seemed to encourage their mutts to dump as much mess as they could and invariably he'd arrive back home with stinking trainers that had to be scrubbed under the outside tap in his back yard.

He slowed as he came off the path onto a farm track and joined the lane about half a mile from his house on the outskirts of Fenney where he'd lived for nine months since being "retired" from the force on a full pension. His conscience wasn't one hundred percent clear on accepting the offer but he was a realist. Had he taken the route of most resistance he would most likely have met the kind of bureaucracy that shortens lives and he felt he still had a lot to offer.

This morning's run had taken him along his ten-mile route. He'd only intended doing six but he felt good and there was a warmth in the spring air that made him want to enjoy it for longer. He slowed to a walk for the last hundred yards and stopped to do his usual stretching at the back of a beech tree just off the road. There was a stump alongside where he stretched his hamstrings. First the right. Leg horizontal at hip height as he gripped the end of his shoe.

From here he could see his back garden, looking far more respectable than the overgrown jungle it had been when he moved in. He stopped breathing for a moment, remained still. At the bottom of his garden he could see a figure wriggling through his bushes into the field that backed his property. Without another thought he leapt across the shallow dyke and into the field, deep furrows hampering his run. But his trainers were better suited to this terrain than the hooded man who was making slow progress, slipping and sliding in what looked like brand new Nikes, along the back of other properties, seemingly unaware of Gould's approach.

"Excuse me," he said as he came up behind the figure, who lost his balance with surprise and fell into the fertile soil, floundering in an attempt to rise. "Stay there until you tell me what you were doing in my garden," Gould demanded. He realised he was using his detective inspector voice.

The man didn't heed Gould's request. Had his feet kicked from under him as he went to flee again.

"I said stay there. I want an answer."

The man rolled over onto his back, supporting himself with his hands and peddled back awkwardly a few paces like a crab. He was young, maybe early twenties, lanky with jet black hair and a dark complexion that cried unwashed. Beneath his disrespectful gaze was a hint of uncertainty. Not something the average person would have noticed. Gould did and smiled to himself. His new physique had more than just health benefits.

"So?"

"What ya doing creepin' up on people?"

"I'm asking the questions."

The lad thought about that for a few seconds.

"You could've given me a heart attack."

"True. A carefully placed punch in the solar plexus might do that too."

"You threatening me, man? You don't know who I am."

"You're a kid that's been trespassing on my property

and I'm going to find out what you've been up to."

"How?"

Before the youngsters could react Gould reached down, yanked the hoody down over the guy's shoulders so he couldn't move his arms and pulled him to his feet. He realised he'd seen the lad before in the village, riding around on an old motorbike without his helmet on; remembered that the local police had called at his house a few times to caution him. Not that it had done much good. He seemed to be hell bent on making a nuisance of himself until he either ended up in prison or someone bigger and tougher took umbrage at his attitude and made him disappear.

"You're coming with me," Gould told him.

"The police don't frighten me, man."

"Who said anything about the police?"

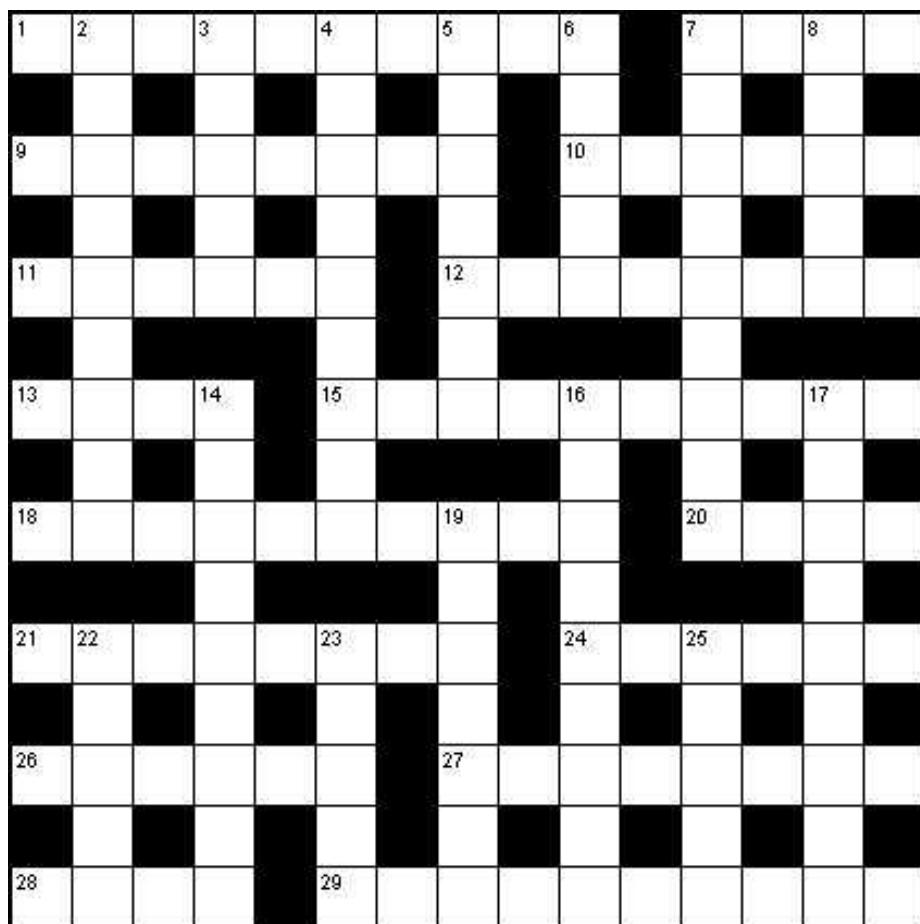
"But you used to be a copper, right?"

"Once upon a time. But I do things differently now. Get a move on." He tapped the lads ankles as he pushed him forward, sending him sprawling in the mud again. "Ooops. You need to be a bit more careful."

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ACROSS

- 1 One so has designs on her body! (8)
- 5 Fair-haired beauty, initially single, secures date (6)
- 9 Involved in argument, drunk's about to produce dagger (8)

- 10 Expression of appreciation for sexy woman who sports short split skirts (6)
- 12 Well, a market will stock this wool (5)
- 13 Consequences of a chubby husband stifling expression (9)
- 14 Motion, say, to repeal EU act fails

- without Conservative (4,8)
- 18 District nurses treated artist making recording (12)
- 21 Procession of vehicles turned out to carry old metal band (9) German politician's true love (5) Raid fashionable bar, arresting American (6)
- 25 Leaves a note on feature article (5,3)
- 26 Lesbian poetess apparently invested in second house (6)
- 27 Laurel's worst influence, according to Spooner (5,3)

DOWN

- 1 Fight thugs regularly, getting almost killed (6)
- 2 Bachelor enters competition involving a race (6)
- 3 They work to rule, disrupting musical dramas (9)
- 4 No longer crazy about farm machinery? It'll clear the air (9,3)
- 6 First off, Mahler is fantastic composer (5)
- 7 Rewrite a page on new supporter of contemporary religious movement (8)
- 8 Groundnut sauce, after short time, is introduced to Eastern region (5-3)
- 11 Who else's that disposed to attract the most admiration? (5,3,4)
- 15 River rising mostly precedes danger at sea (3,6)
- 16 More than one citadel's king beheaded mischief-makers (8)
- 17 A fool to support seditious material (8)
- 19 Is it possible for ban to exclude University of Cambridge? (6)
- 20 Turned on, cheers extremely raunchy legal official (6)
- 22 Arrive at right place to sunbathe, going topless? (5)

Culinary delights

There is a lot more that we can eat from the garden besides carrots and courgettes. How about calendula and cowslips?

In general if we eat the foliage of a plant then the flower is safe. However, we may eat the root or fruit of a plant, whilst the foliage and the flowers can be poisonous. Potatoes, tomatoes and rhubarb stems are good examples of edible parts of rather poisonous plants where the flower would be toxic if you were foolish enough to experiment.

It is also worth pointing out that although most of us can eat the petals of edible flowers with no problems, some people may be allergic and react to even a small amount. Floral parts, other than edible petals may be bitter or even toxic and it's better to remove the base of most petals.

There are countless edible herbs where the flowers are also edible and usually similarly flavoured to the leaf. Salads and savoury dishes are much improved if the flowers, fresh or dried, are used. Rosemary flowers are especially delicate, thyme flowers very strong, sage blooms, but rarely, clary sage flowers bloom briefly.

Of course, most herbs should be cut back and not let go to flower and seed, but even so, some can be left for use. Basil flowers are delicious, but chives chewy unless trimmed. Sweet cicely flowers are a

sweet treat; chew them when fresh and the foamy heads are as sweet and aniseedy as regular sweets.

Many flowers of common ornamentals are edible though not often known for it. Day Lily, especially the orange ones, have a very tasty petal, delicious if candied

apparently. Violets, pansies and heartseases go very well with sweet dishes and are often crystallised. Dahlias were introduced for their uneatable tubers, the petals turn out to be more edible.

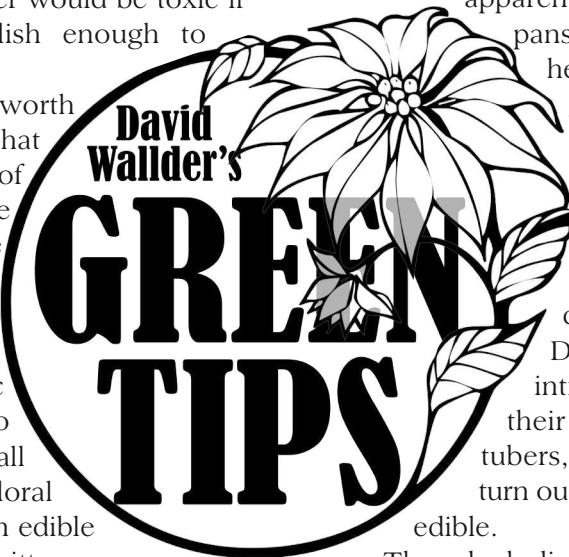
The alcoholic extract of sweet violets is a delicious liqueur and claimed aphrodisiac. Just takes an awful lot of picking. Wallflowers, stocks, pinks and carnations were used to flavour ale and where would pimms be without the borage flowers. Rose petals are wonderful in salads, but also go well in rice puddings – as do lavender blooms surprisingly, and these taste yummy in shortbread biscuits.

The garland chrysanthemum has yellow or yellow and white flowers, the petals of which are really good in stir-fries although a little bitter if used in excess.

Ordinary pot marigold petals

give a lovely aroma to stews and really must be tried.

Although we are conservative with the flowers we consume, other cultures have long known their value. You may not guess it, but the petals of the white waxy yucca blooms are much prized in the Americas. Likewise the oddly borne (straight out of the trunk and branches) red pea like blooms of the Judas tree are considered good tucker with a crunchy texture and a bean come apple taste. Some adventurous folk eat runner bean flowers, others geranium and even those of chicory, dandelions and daisies. Indeed we are really missing a huge number of potential culinary delights by not examining the potential of edible flowers and their future development.



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VILLAGE MATTERS

Fosdyke Magazine was invited by Fosdyke Parish Council to attend the Annual Parish Meeting – not to be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which took place a week earlier – along with representatives of Fosdyke Village Hall, All Saint's Church and Malcolm Gwynne, the village's voluntary rubbish collector.

Neither Fosdyke Playing Field Association nor Fosdyke Social Club were invited, just an oversight we're sure, but there were three people at the meeting who sit on both committees so they did have a representation. The meeting was open for anyone to attend and a number of residents made the effort to see what the parish council had to say.

We can't remember when Fosdyke Parish Council called an Annual Parish Meeting before, though no doubt they have and, while we'd like to think it was something to do with Fosdyke Magazine's little pokes last year which has also resulted in the council no longer calling their own annual meeting an AGM – which legally it isn't – , they probably saw

it as an means to go over Boston Borough Council's cuts that affect the village, potentially affecting house prices. A consultation meeting is also planned for July. See also Front Page.

Other than asking those invited for a recap of their affairs during the previous year the parish council didn't use the meeting as an opportunity (a missed opportunity, as it happens) to tell residents of the work they had done themselves during the previous year – one of the things that the newsletter has always said they should do more of, ie be more transparent.

But that's by the by.

VILLAGE HALL

Representatives of the Village Hall committee said the village hall

was running well but due to vandalism made a loss of £109. They were also looking for volunteers to sit on the village hall committee as none of them were getting any younger. Interested parties should contact Alan on 01205 260654.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

All Saints Church needed something like £10,000 for repair work which would take some significant fund raising to achieve, but the church representative was optimistic about the future of the church.

RUBBISH COLLECTOR

Malcolm Gwynne reported that people were still complaining to him that he had not picked up some rubbish when they could quite easily have picked it up themselves. Malcolm does his work voluntarily in his own time and was thanked by the parish council chairman for his diligent work.

FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

The newsletter – Fosdyke Magazine – reported that due to advertising revenue it was now able to fund itself so long as businesses continued to advertise.

FOSDYKE SOCIAL CLUB

AND PLAYING FIELD

The Social Club has continued to raise money for the registered charity, The Fosdyke Playing Field Association, and recently completed the resurfacing of the adventure playground.

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VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN



Fosdyke Playing Field played host again on Sunday, 8 May, to this annual event which raises money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

It's always well attended by farmers and residents of Fosdyke alike. We'll let you know how much was raised in due course.

CAR BOOT START

On Sunday, 15 May, the social club hosted the first of their series of Car Boot and Table sales that run through the summer months.

Though clashing with a similar event at Graves Park (that won't happen again) it was still quite busy.

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"What would we have done if they hadn't erected these swings?"

"We should appreciate more what the playing field association do."

THE NEXT QUESTION

The Ship's fortnightly Monday Quiz Nights are becoming very popular but the same team seems to be winning the £20 meal voucher each time!

Anyone else fancy getting a team of four or less together to challenge them?

The quiz starts about 8.15pm



HUNGRY LIKE THE FOX



While we hear of foxes making themselves at home in urban environments we should still expect to see them in rural areas and they're always on the lookout for an easy kill. Especially larger game for their cubs.

Unfortunately for some residents of Bell Lane and Whitecross Gate they have recently been at the sharp end of fox attacks with nine chickens being taken or killed over a few nights. Guesses are the fox or foxes are feeding a new litter.

The UK is estimated to have twenty-seven foxes per square mile [Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust] yet their sightings are rare. However, Jody Ellis was called by her daughter, Maddy, at 6.30am the other morning because she saw a fox in the chicken enclosure. They had lost two chickens a few weeks earlier. They have since re-inforced their netting.

It's disturbing to lose, what to some are, family pets, but the fox is only trying to fend for its young.

So, if you have chickens make sure they are locked up save early and let out late as foxes hunt mainly at dusk and dawn.

One of the upsides of having foxes around is that they help to keep down the population of rats, and we're sure that everyone in Fosdyke is aware of the seemingly-increasing rat presence.



What you missed ...

Phatt Knappii's latest cover is Duran Duran's *Hungry Like The Wolf*



Kit Tinsley from Lessingham with new Les Paul and pre-recorded backing-track pedal board.



Tony Nuccoll, from Heckington, lead guitarist with Stuck With Nothing doing a solo set.



Antoine Fleuriot, often seen gigging in local pubs with a mix of popular covers.



... at the recent social club Open Mic Night.

Regular duo, Brian and Andy, from the cover band Open Road

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CELEBRATING THE QUEEN

Hopefully you will have seen details about what's going on for the Queen's Official 90th Birthday Celebrations.

But in case you've missed it in other parts of *Fosdyke Magazine* here's the schedule:

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH

All Saints' Church will start the day off at 9.30am with a "light hearted affair of appropriate music and readings" and they "warmly encourage one and all to come along and join" them in the celebrations.

VILLAGE HALL

At 12.30 for 1pm there will be a lunch in the Village Hall. Catering is just for fifty people so you'll need to book early, and definitely by 25 May, margarttofts@btinternet.com or 01205 260672.

SOCIAL CLUB

Finally, the social club is pulling out all the stops. There will be games etc starting at 3pm when the bar opens. Bring along a picnic and enjoy some family fun and games for all ages.

From 7.30pm you can fill your bellies from the BBQ and there's a bonfire at 9pm. As the evening draws in, bearing in mind the longest day is on 21 June, there will be a firework display.

Tickets for the Queen's 90th Draw (raising money for equipment at Sutterton Surgery) are available all day. Top prize is £90 cash and various other vouchers, cash and gift prizes, etc all donated by local businesses will follow the fireworks. We'll be listing the donations next month. (Give Jane Bristow a ring on 01205 260455 if you'd like a ticket for the raffle before the day or purchase tickets from the social club or if you'd just like to make a contribution).

So, all in all, a day to remember.

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Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 4 June

WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Thursday, 9 June

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Sunday 12 June

QUEEN'S OFFICIAL 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

3pm

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Saturday, 25 June

QUIZ

8 pm

Chicken/fish/scampi and chips supper.

Members £5.50, guests £6



Sunday, 26 June

CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE

Sellers 12pm, buyers 1pm

For inquiries contact Jane Bristow
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Elizabeth Wallder's Book Review

The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August

By Claire North

This is a book about Harry August, who is born in 1919 and lives an ordinary quiet life. He dies in hospital in 1989 as the Berlin wall comes down, but then finds himself back at his birth. This book cleverly jumps around through his first 15 lives and ends up slowly building into one of the most exciting books I've ever read.

Harry has the chance and time to explore whatever he comes across; languages, travel, religions, love and even insanity. To be honest who hasn't made mistakes in life and on looking back would do things differently, but are we sure that we'd do anything the same? It's not just a list of experiences though and quickly turns quite dark in places, but it's very difficult to tell you more without giving away too much.

The story reads more like a book on time travel as it reaches back into the past through the stories of others, known as "kalachakra", but



also into a myriad of future happenings by whispers and messages coming back and forth through the years. Harry is given one such message on the deathbed of his eleventh life by a little girl, which sets him on an adventure that will change at least his next life.

This book has kept me thinking and asking questions as Harry's lives have evolved, but isn't the easiest of reads. The chapters are mostly short though and I found that I couldn't put it down, finding myself reading at any opportunity. Claire North has obviously thought long and hard about how living again and again could affect the way people lived and acted. It's a very well planned book as it could have just so easily turned into a confusing mess and I'm already looking forward to her next novel.

I finished Harry August today and I may start it again tomorrow.

250 DRAW TICKETS AVAILABLE

The Fosdyke Village Hall 250 Draw tickets are on sale now for the 2016/2017 period. The winning tickets are drawn at the Monday Bingo sessions in the village hall and numbers are published in *Fosdyke Magazine* every month.

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16	Mrs A Thorlaby	Bicker	£15
59	Mr A Clay	Fosdyke	£20
222	Mrs L Lord	Billingborough	£25

Next draw: Monday 13 June at the Village Hall Bingo Night