

# FOSDYKE FC SHAKE UP

Lots of things happening at Fosdyke Football Club. Andy Hardstaff who has been the mainstay of the club, not only as secretary but also as pitch marker and regular linesman, has finally announced he is retiring at the end of this season. After a bit of panic over a lack of successor Daniel Fletcher has volunteered as secretary to run the club from next season with Leon Marsh helping him manage the first team as Marv Gadgie who has held that position for six years has also stepped down. Alex McCann, who currently manages the reserve side, will continue in that position for next season. And there's more news!



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.Dave Clarey, from the Saturday reserve team has formed a new Fosdyke team on Sunday (on the nucleus of his best players from a previous team that used to play out of Cowbit) to play in the Spalding and District Sunday League. If you are interested in playing for them let *Fosdyke Newsletter* know and we'll put you in touch.

All this means, of course, that the social club bar will be opening more frequently during next year's football season. As well as being open from 2.30pm on a Saturday afternoon it will also be opening

from 12pm on a Sunday during home fixtures. We'll keep you up to date with progress

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# Beltane

The coming of summer changes everything around us, in the gardens and fields surrounding our village. I think most people feel a bit more positive and optimistic with the appearance of blossom and longer summer evenings. Ancient British festivals often tied in with the needs of rural communities. In springtime, at the beginning of the farming calendar, everyone would be hoping for a fruitful year for his or her families and fields.

In our peripatetic, deeply temporal, modern society, why would anyone choose to spend a long night marking the passing of winter and greeting summer? When you can sit at home with a boxed set of *The Killing* and a ready meal. Who celebrates change?

Actually, it emerges, increasing numbers of Britons – old, young, and of worldwide origin – still do celebrate Beltane (Beltane is a Celtic word that means 'fires of Bel' (Bel was a Celtic deity). It is a fire festival that celebrates of the coming of summer and the fertility of the coming year). Events have sprung up from Devon to Peebles, Cardiff to Ireland (where the festival is connected to the legends of Tara). All have seen annual attendance and interest on the rise

at a time when modern music festivals are seeing numbers slump.

So is Beltane just the latest groovy festival – albeit with a Time Team theme? Beltane is a rural pre-Christian prehistoric tradition that saw communities come together after long winters of isolation. It marked their connection not just to nature but also to each other. That need to belong to something or someone hasn't changed. We can be just as isolated living in modern day Lincolnshire as the ancient

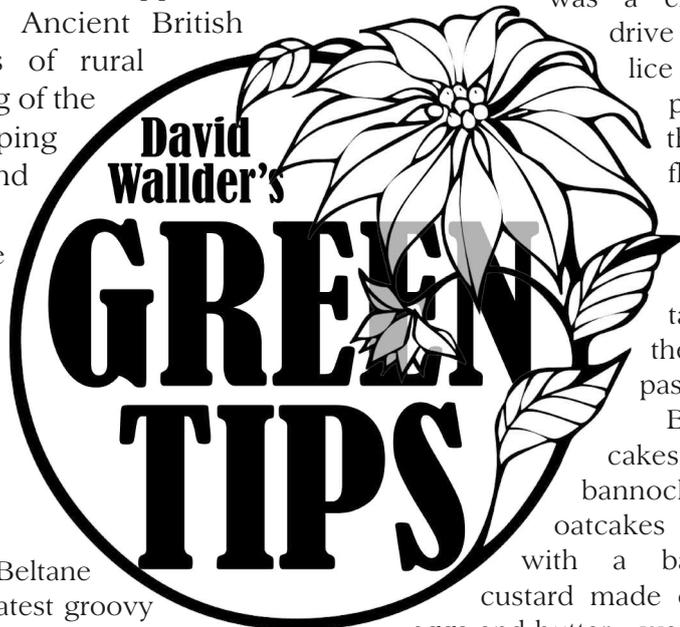
Britons were in their round houses.

Not all the traditions associated with Beltane are necessarily useful to the modern Brit, but many made sense at the time. Fires are lit as part of the celebration, with farmers driving livestock between them, and sometimes over the ashes. After the animals had been kept in close confinement over winter, it

was a chance to drive out the lice and parasites that had flourished, before they were taken to the higher pastures.

Beltane cakes or bannocks - oatcakes coated with a baked on custard made of cream, eggs and butter - were cooked over open fires and anyone who chose a misshapen piece or a piece with a black spot was likely to suffer bad luck in the coming months. They were also offered to the spirits who protect the livestock, by facing the Beltane fire and casting them over their shoulders.

Many Beltane ceremonies also involved beating the bounds -





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literally marching around the boundaries of the village with flaming torches. It was a chance to reinstate the shape of the village and check fences were in order.

Other rites included extinguishing the home's hearth fire (normally kept ever lit) on April 30,

and then relighting it on May 1st from the central village bonfire. Young couples might choose to become handfast on this day, 'tying the knot' using a ribbon woven around their joint hands as they pledged themselves to each other for a year and a day. If the romance

didn't survive, you were free to love again once the 366 days had passed. Some young women would even jump the fires to encourage pregnancy or a smooth birth.

The festivals have never completely disappeared. Unlike the other ancient so-called Quartering Days (which mark the changing four seasons) Beltane was not co-opted by Christianity into something else. The nearest Saints Day to Beltane is probably St George's Day on April 23rd. But the other three – Lughnasadh (August 1), Samhain (October 31/Nov 1), Imbolc (February 1) – have all been made over to feel more Christian: respectively Lammas, All Saints/All Souls Day, and Candlemas.

It may not be the idea of the festival to recreate ancient practices (however my wife has volunteered to march around the village with a flaming torch), but it may be beneficial to us all to carry on the spirit of our ancient forebears and create our own connection to the cycles of nature and each other.

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## Fosdyke Playing Field

# CHILDREN IN FARM MACHINERY INCIDENT

## FOSDYKE VILLAGE HALL STILL NEEDS YOU

Following a shout on Facebook, the culprits of criminal damage amounting to nearly £2,000 to a local farmer's machinery in his yard was established. They were two young lads, thankfully not from Fosdyke. Social media has positive uses after all.

The message read:

If anyone knows a couple of young lads about 13 been out in fosdyke today they have been in our yard and caused a lot of damage. Police have been informed and cctv is being checked any info would be appreciated thanks

The message appeared on the Fosdyke Playing Field and Social Club's FB page and seen by a resident who had been at the club on Saturday afternoon and noticed two boys returning to the playing field covered in dirt.

On the following Monday the resident's husband contacted the stepfather of one of the children, by FB Messenger, who immediately took his stepson out of school and questioned him. After revealing

there was CCTV footage the boy owned up and so did his accomplice.

The father then went around to see the farmer with the news and offered to pay for the damages but it was agreed that he would just cover the excesses on his insurances, even though the damage had affected his livelihood due to some of his equipment being out of action.

The father has since put up on Ebay his son's smart phone, X-Box, television and other loved items to help pay for the damage.

It was lucky that the children weren't injured or worse. There could have been fatal consequences.

As announced in the March edition the meeting on 8 March encouraged a few people to come forward and volunteer to help keep the Village Hall going as a successful venue. However it would be encouraging if a few more volunteers could join the band and as such a further meeting has been arranged for the evening of Wednesday 10th May at 7.00pm.

It is hoped that at this meeting a new Chairman will be elected to succeed Alan White and new Secretary and Treasurer designate to succeed Keith and Yvonne Crawford when they step down in November. So if you think you could help in any way, I am assured by the existing committee members that the job is not too onerous, please come along on that evening.

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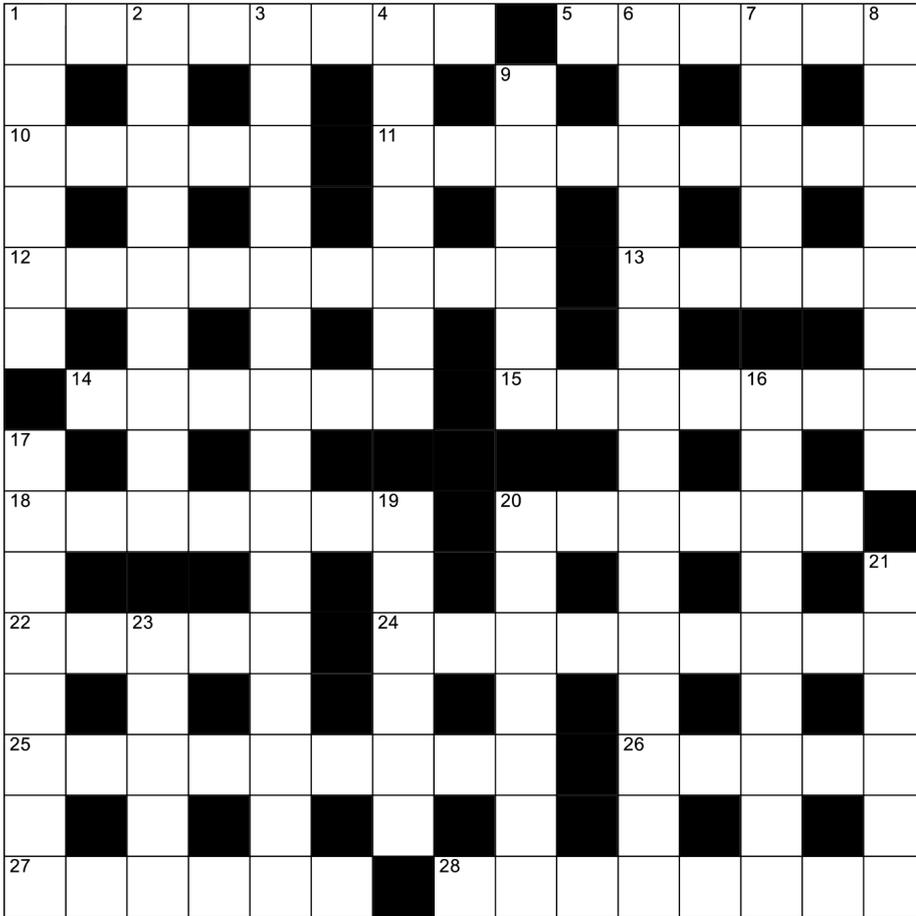
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# PUZZLES PAGE

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### Across

1. English church attender worldwide! (8)
5. Writer of documents (6)
10. Large beer? (5)
11. Person in office currently (9)
12. Flight of steps (9)
13. Become liable (5)
14. Stick to (6)
15. Melodious (7)
18. Omen (7)
20. Very small but having potentially devastating power (6)
22. Yearned (5)
24. Magnificence (9)
25. Brightness (9)
26. If this is on the cake, it is of additional benefit (5)
27. Reduce 25 across (6)
28. Not of this world (8)

### Down

1. Help (6)
2. Type of duck that looks a bit like another wildfowl without its tail and queen (9)
3. Recognition of mutual need (15)
4. Stir (7)
6. Uniformed doorman (15)
7. Relating to the lower part of the small intestine (5)
8. Completely (8)
9. Cry of fear (6)
16. Hooped skirt (9)
17. Spread out in a disordered fashion (8)
19. Herbal infusion (6)
20. Mild illness (7)
21. Economical (6)
23. Greek poet called Simpson? (5)

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Chris Andrews' **WILD**  **TIMES**  
**'Ave an Avocet!**

Hello there! I'm Chris, from the RSPB nature reserve up at Frampton Marsh. I have been asked to write a monthly column for you, covering seasonal wildlife. Both at the reserve and also with you in Fosdyke.

So, where to begin? Well, maybe a good place to start is with the bird that is the emblem of the RSPB, the avocet. Elegant black and white birds, with a rather unusual bill. Most birds have bills that are either straight or curve downwards. Avocets on the other hand have bills that curve upwards, giving them a very distinct appearance. Why is this? Well, it is all to do with how they find their food. Avocets are members of the waders, a group of birds which generally have long legs (for wading in the water) and long beaks which they use for probing into mud and soft ground to look for food. Avocets though have developed a new technique. Instead of probing, they swipe their beak from side to side. This way they can catch things like midge larvae which are just under the surface of the water. Birds with straight beaks would have more trouble doing this, so it means the avocets have a great source of food all to themselves!



So why does the RSPB have the avocet as its emblem? Well, it is because it is such a success story. Back in the 1700s avocets bred all along the East coast, from Yorkshire down to Sussex. But pressures from egg collecting, taxidermy and other sources took their toll. They were extinct as a British breeding bird by the 1840s. It took 100 years for them to come back, and the reason for their recovery was the Second World



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War! As part of the defences against invasion, portions of the coastline were deliberately flooded. Terrible for paratroopers, but just right for breeding avocets. One of the best places was bought by the RSPB and became Minsmere, our flagship reserve which has featured as the home of Springwatch over the last few years. From those small beginnings, and with new nature reserves also providing the type of

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shallow pools they like, avocets have rebounded with a vengeance and there is now a healthy population once more.

The same tale has been repeated here at Frampton Marsh. Extinct in Lincolnshire for 160 years, once we had created the landscape they like, the avocets came right back. From none at all in 2009, last year there were over 90 pairs nesting. What a marvellous comeback!

So why am I talking about avocets today? Well, ours mostly overwinter on the south coast. Apart from one lone bird, nicknamed Avril, who seems to be made of sterner stuff and who stays all year round. The birds come back in the spring and now is the time when they are sorting out who



gets to pair up with whom, and where they get to nest. A lot of squabbling results! They really are very quarrelsome birds, however nice they look. But it does mean that they are particularly noticeable now. If you visit the reserve you can usually find them on either the reedbed outside the visitor centre,

or on the shallow pools just beyond. So do come and visit us, and see if you can find them. With a visitor centre serving some lovely coffee, loos, friendly staff and a variety of paths (some of which are dog-friendly), the reserve is a great place to visit. Hope to see you soon!

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Lincolnshire County Council website says, "Work will begin on Monday, 7 July, (they've since changed that to 17th) to restore the existing structure over Old Hammond Beck, with the bridge getting new parapets, waterproofing, surfacing and extensive concrete repairs. The project is expected to take around six weeks, and will be completed by Friday, 1 September.

"To allow the work to take place safely, this section of the road will be closed for the duration of the project, with traffic diverted via the A52 Swineshead Road, B1192

Holmes Lane, B1391 Ralphs Lane, B1397 London Road and West End Road, and vice versa. Access will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists.

"The junction of West End Road with Chain Bridge Road and Old Hammond Beck Bank Road will remain open throughout, but will be controlled by three-way temporary traffic signals.

"Vehicles will be unable to access the B&Q, Tesco, Downtown and Alban retail park from the east of the A52 roundabout, and customers will need to use the alternative route.

# LOCAL BAND PLAY SLEAFORD LIVE

As part of Sleaford Live, Phatt Knappii will be playing at Heckington Eight-Sails Windmill on Saturday, 6 May, between 3 and 5pm.

If you miss them there they will be nearer home when they play the social club on Saturday, 20 May from 8-11 pm when it's free entry.

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Next parish council meeting: Tuesday, 2 May, 7.30pm in committee room of Fosdyke Village Hall. All welcome.

The January minutes of Fosdyke Parish Council are still the latest minutes that appear on their website. There was no meeting in March so February and April's minutes have yet to be uploaded..

## POP-IN LUNCH

Thanks to all for your understanding due to our recently cancelled Pop-in. We will be holding the next one, on the 25th April, so please mark the date and get yourself booked in! These events offer a great opportunity to have a lunch with friends and neighbours, and also help us raise much needed money towards the cost of our work in the village. Thank you one and all.

## GARDEN-OF-REST

Our volunteer Garden of Rest Tidier has now left the village and is unable to carry on her work for us. Thanks for all you have done Carole, to keep the area tidy for the benefit of all.

We have a vacancy for a Garden of Rest Tidier! – Does anyone feel they can spare an hour, once a month to trim and tidy around our small Garden of Rest in the churchyard. The position is voluntary but we do provide a trimmer and rubbish bins to help. Please contact Jon on 260672 or Terry on 260408.

## All Saints Fosdike

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## VICAR UPDATE

We have recently interviewed candidates for the post of Vicar, and I am pleased to say we have made an offer to one of them. I am unable to give more detail at the moment, but hope to do so in next months Newsletter.

## CHURCH CLEANER

After many years of loyal service our church cleaner has reluctantly decided to leave the post following a serious illness.

The job involves hoovering, dusting and floor washing about twice a month before church services. Good quality, new equipment is available to help. This is a part-time position which attracts National Minimum wage rates for hours worked.

If you would like to know more, or to apply, please ring Terry 260408 or Jon 260672.

## ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. It seems particularly appropriate that we carry on this tradition in our own village where so many of us rely on the land and produce for our livelihoods. This is a short special service of thanks and involves a small procession onto our farmland. WE hope as many folks as possible will support this. If you would like to know more, or to apply, please ring Terry 260408 or Jon 260672

## Sunday, 7 May Holy Communion

with Fr Peter Green  
9.30am

## Sunday, 21 May Rogation Sunday Group Service

with canon Fr Paul Noble  
10pm

## BECOMING

I always think of May as the month of becoming. This is true in nature around about us as we see trees coming into full leaf, fields becoming full of crops, lambs and calves no longer looking frail and new-born. It is true for the many children in our church schools, as they move towards the end of the school year and the exams and assessments which both measure progress and shape futures.

We can take all the small signs of becoming which are around us as symbols of a much larger picture about becoming – becoming the people that God would have us be. We are told in the Bible that we are all made in the image of God. And that is the great challenge to all of us: to live up to that reality so that people can see the image of God in us and in the way we live our lives. It is a lifelong journey but one that we can only take step by step, day by day: all the while allowing God's image to come to the fore.

What does this mean? It sounds rather difficult, but, with God's help, it is not. To enable the image of God means (as Paul says) to show faith, hope and love towards other people. When we allow God so to work in our lives, we are becoming the best people we can be, and the person God made us to be.

*Rt Revd Christopher Lowson,  
Bishop of Lincoln*

# WEATHER WATER WEEDS

Last month I started my column by saying how quick the state of the land had changed from being far too wet to even travel on to suddenly being just dry enough to crack on with the long list of jobs that had developed.

I don't think we have had any significant rain since I wrote my last column. We have suddenly found ourselves in a position where we could just do with a good dollop of rain as the grassland is looking rather parched with many cracks appearing in the soil. To enable us to produce plenty of grass for haylage we need plenty of rainfall.

Unfortunately, we are in one of the driest parts of the country which is not a renowned area for grass production.

## IRRIGATION

I ordered a new irrigation reel last week for when we grow larger scale seed crop outdoors and I can see us using it regularly on the



grassland which is not common place. The water tanks that we use to water all the glasshouse crops are running low as they are filled with rain water from the glasshouse and shed roofs and we may need to start filling them with mains water soon. I also have a shed full of Urea fertiliser which I am desperate to get spread on the grass fields but this needs to be applied prior to or during rainfall otherwise you can get a scorching effect on the crop



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and we haven't had a drop of rain since it was delivered.

On the plus side the great weather we have been having has meant that we have been able to get up to date with most jobs outdoors. All the grass fields have been harrowed, rolled and aerated with our new 6m aerating machine. All the DAP and calcified plus fertiliser has been spread and all the fields have been sprayed with Pastor which is a selective

herbicide for controlling broadleaf weeds in grass fields.

The dry period has also forced the new grass leys to develop a great rooting structure as they follow the water through the soil as it dries. We have also been able to get on with putting new waterpipes in across the new fields ready for when the cows go out and we have also managed to level out a piece of land ready for the next block of glass to be built next month.

## NEW TOYS!

I have also taken delivery of some new toys or should I say equipment this week. I picked up our new Massy Ferguson 2240 square baler on Tuesday and half an hour later our new JCB 535-95 loadall turned up. It's always an exciting time getting some shiny new kit to play with.

It has been a busy time generally in the farming calendar over the past month as spring cereal crops and vining peas have been sown, although some of the spring cereals have not even germinated yet in some areas due to the dry condition after sowing which could cause some problems later on. Potato crops have also started to be planted in good condition allowing for good progress and with soil temperatures in double figures they should get off to a good start.

## INCREASED YIELD?

You will have noticed many of the oil seeds rape fields are in full flower already, I can't remember the last time they flowered so early. This could be a good sign for high yields as the longer the crop is in flower the greater the chance of a yield increase. Many farmers will be busy over the Easter period continuing to push on and get ahead of planting, fertilising or spraying as the weather is due to make a change with some rainfall forecast which is no surprise for a bank holiday weekend and also some frosty morning are forecast for next week.

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# THREE-DAY ROAD CLOSURE YET WORK INCOMPLETE

Following a number of complaints from residents about the closure of Whitecross Gate for three days *Fosdyke Magazine* contacted Lincolnshire Highways on 23 March to find out why it was closed for so long when only one patch was made..

We received a reply on 8 April to say that the works along Whitecross Road [*well they got that wrong for a start*], were for a patch at one location where the edge of the carriageway was falling towards the dyke (not pothole repair), and installation of a gully connecting to the existing drainage system.

We noticed that a couple of pot holes had also been filled, but this work may have been carried out on another time occasion.

They went on to say that due to the location of the works a road closure had to be put in place with appropriate diversion routes, then their Alliance Partner had to programme the works.

“The patch near Rustlers Cottage was completed and we will be inspecting the works to ensure that it is to the required standard.

“The new gully that was to be installed [...] was scheduled to be completed as part of the planned works. Records initially indicated that the drainage system was located within the public highway. Unfortunately, upon commencement of the works it was

found to be within the resident’s land opposite [to where the gully was to be installed]. As a result excavation and investigation to connect to the system was refused by the resident and therefore this element of the works had to be cancelled. The next nearest point would have been on Bell Lane, twenty-two metres away and this would not have been possible to complete during the two day

remaining closure and within the current budget available for this scheme.

“As a result we will now propose a new scheme for the resolution of the drainage matter and this will be considered as part of a future programme of works.”

They estimate that the area of damaged carriageway will be repaired within the next two weeks, however this will not resolve the immediate drainage issue until the future scheme has been completed but may reduce the impact of the standing water.

Condition of road along  
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# Fosdyke

*Saturday, 18 March*  
Boston Athletic 17(!) -  
0 Fosdyke Reserves

## OH DEAR!

*Saturday, 18 March*  
Railway Athletic 9 - 0 Fosdyke

Fosdyke were hammered at home by top of the table Railway. Alex Marulli De Barletta was good. Danny Bakes at lefty back was Man of the Match. Marv Gadgie headered it lots when I came on...

*Saturday, 25 March*  
Fosdyke Reserves 0 -  
6 Northgate Olympic

*Saturday, 1 April*  
Fosdyke Reserves 1 - 10  
Boston Athletic

0-8 at half time looked as if Fosdyke Reserves were going to be slaughtered. They'd already lost away to Boston Athletic 17-1 on Saturday, 25 February.

A sixty-five-year-old Fosdyke resident who'd been running the line and hadn't played football for twenty-five years found himself living the dream and playing the best part of the second half. Final score? 1-10!

*Saturday, 8 April*  
Leverton Sheepgate Reserves  
5 - 1 Fosdyke Reserves

## CLOSE

*Saturday, 5 April*  
Old Doningtonians 2 -  
1 Fosdyke

Fosdyke first team had a really close game, losing 2-1 at Old Dons - and a massive improvement in effort and endeavour.

With a team that had something of a freshened up look about it they got off to a perfect start. Leon Marsh rolled the kick off to Marv Gadgie who sent a pass over to full back Ben Parker. The right back sent super Sam Melson scampering down the wing and his square ball

was latched on to by dynamite Dan Beecham who shrugged off a challenging defender and unleashed an absolute rasper that nestled in the top corner of the net. 1-0 to Fosdyke and barely a minute played!

Old Dons were bamboozled and



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# FC

hadn't even touched the ball yet! Stung in to action however the home side launched a sustained offensive and by the twentieth minute had found an equaliser when good work on the wing lead to Tristan Thomas Gilbert making a scrambled save but the follow up from an Old Dons player found the net. 1-1.

A penalty which, to be fair, was a blatant penalty gave the home side the opportunity to take the lead and they took it. A great goal line clearance from Gavin Paul Cox - back in Tangerine after a while away - prevented the score line increasing and Fosdyke made the break still well in the game.

The second half saw Fosdyke in kitchen sink mode - throwing everything at the Dons goal but just could not find a break through. Tristan Thomas Gilbert was on hand to keep out a number of breakaway attacks but most of the action was at the other end: Daniel Fletcher had a thumping header cleared off the line, Dan Beecham almost levelled with the cheekiest of chips that hit the post and the two combined to almost score with just minutes left as Fletcher's goal-bound cannon of a shot smacked Beecham in the head and knocked him sensible! With a new look to the side there was a great deal to be positive about - the midfield three

of Marv, Michael Beauchamp and Danny Beecham worked tirelessly in attack and defence. Leon Marsh battled away up top while Danny Bakes and Sam Melson took to their new positions as wide men superbly. A really impressive performance, but no point.

Man of the Match - Daniel Fletcher who was a colossus at the back and equally potent when Fosdyke pushed him front late on.

*Saturday, 15 April*  
Friskney 4 - 0 Fosdyke

## A WIN ...

*Saturday, 15 April*  
Fosdyke 2 - 1 Cowbit FC

First run out for the Fosdyke Sunday side in a friendly against a Peterborough team on Sunday. 7-0 win.

It started off a bit slow but once the ball was played on the floor there was some great football being played. Jordan got the first after many missed chances by all. Then second half Fosdyke just went for it and the goals kept coming.

Marv Gadgie was man of the match he was everywhere on the pitch. Big shout to Andy coming back from injury and playing solid as always. If they play like they did in the (second half they will have a positive season to look forward to.

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# EMERALD ENTERTAINMENT ENJOYED

With the social club celebrating St Patrick's weekend (with a Whindig on Saturday. 18 March, you'd be quite within your rights to ask why they aren't also celebrating St George's Day too. Does that show how unpatriotic we are around here, or just lazy? The committee member who arranged the evening is from the Emerald Isles.

It was very enjoyable with tried and tested band Footloose, all the members of Evolution bar the lead guitarist who took the name when he left the band, enticing everyone (well not quite everyone) up and dancing. *Come On Eileen* was one of a few songs that could be called Irish though words were handed out for a brief sing along. New guitarist "Gaz" Revel especially impressed a packed club and Leprechaun ale was just £2 a pint.

It remains a popular annual event and Footloose have already been booked for next year.

## OPEN POOL DOUBLES WINNERS

Pool Doubles on Saturday, 8 April, was won by Clive Rhodes and Michael Walls.

## WHIST WINNERS

The monthly Whist Drive at the social club on Saturday, 1 April, was won by Jane Bristow and Michael Walls by four points.

Nine pairs competed for the prize money. The next Whist Drive is on Saturday, 6 May.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

Lincolnshire County Council have finally updated their route schedule. The next mobile library visit will be on 8 May outside the village hall between 12 - 1pm. It appears that the mobile library visits every four weeks so this year it visits twice in July.

## FOSDYKE TOP

Just over half way through the season and Fosdyke are just holding their own at the top of the table with Royal Mail Cart A close behind.

Fosdyke Social Club is open every other Sunday for home pool games from

### Spalding Sunday Pool League

<i>Fosdyke</i>	12	68	21
RMC A	12	65	21
Dray A	12	70	19
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Holbeach.	12	36	13
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Swan A	11	36	5
RMC C	12	30	5
Pinchbeck	12	23	4
Swan B	12	27	2

## Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 6 May

### WHIST DRIVE

8pm



Sunday, 7 May

### TRACTOR EVENT

9am - 4pm



Thursday, 11 May

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Saturday, 20 May

### PHATT KNAPPIL

8pm

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Sunday, 21 May

### CAR BOOT

9am - 4pm



Saturday, 27 May

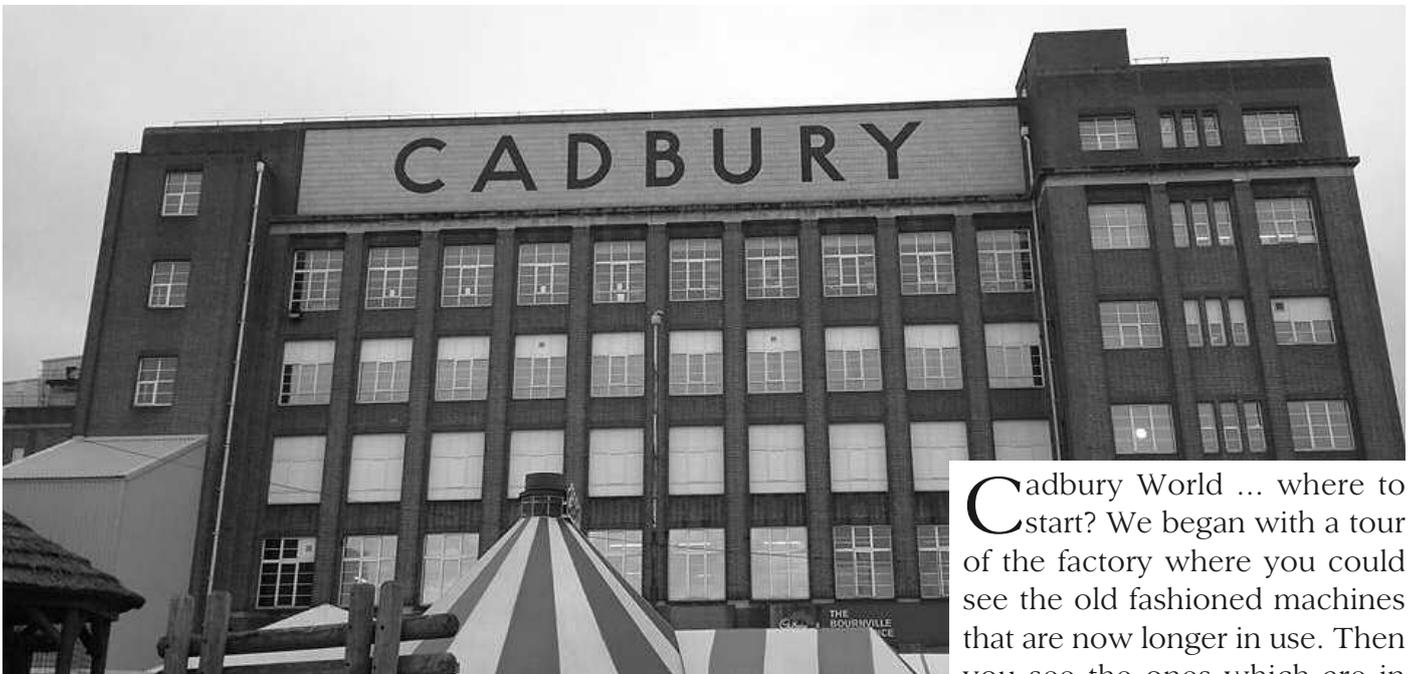
### QUIZ

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# CADBURY WORLD

*Inspired by their trip to the Emmerdale studios a group of local residents decided to try Cadbury World using Hallum Travel from Holbeach. Although they thoroughly enjoyed the visit the coach was not as comfortable as the previous one as the travel firm use different companies to hire their coaches from. Here's Tammie Ryan's report.*

Cadbury World ... where to start? We began with a tour of the factory where you could see the old fashioned machines that are now longer in use. Then you see the ones which are in use now so you can see how much they have evolved over the years.

The museum displayed all the different bars and wrappers from day one until now. Karl, Jane, Carole and I walked around the grounds where the old rest house is and school. We all received four bars of chocolate free to try.

We also had a tour and tutorial of how the chocolate is made where we were able to sample some warm liquid chocolate and a choice of different toppings. We watched a 4D movie which was really funny. To get to the theatre we had to go up a lift (which actually didn't move) that shook about and gave you the impression you were going to crash. Once in the 4D cinema we all put on glasses on and off we went on a roller coaster with the caramel bunny. The seats moved about so you really got the impression you were on a roller coaster trying to dodge flying caramel bars.

There was a massive play area for kids (there was lots of brownies and scouts there on trips). The shop was a child's dream; every type of chocolate was there so of course we all purchased some. On the tour there was a life-size (fake) gorilla that played the drums to the Phil Collins' song, In The Air Tonight, that Cadbury famously used for one of their TV adverts.

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Fraudsters are sending out a high volume of phishing emails to personal and business email addresses, pretending to come from various email addresses, which have been compromised.

The subject line contains the recipient's name, and the main body of text is as below:

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*Best Wishes,"*

The emails include an attachment – a '.dot' file usually titled with the recipient's name.

This attachment is thought to contain the Banking Trojan Ursniff/Gozi, hidden within an image in the document. The Ursniff Banking Trojan attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords. The data is subsequently used by criminals for monetary gain.

# BALE STORAGE SCAM

Farmers in Lincolnshire are currently being targeted to illegally store waste bales on their land in exchange for storage payment terms.

No official documentation is received in respect of the contract and two farmers have been found to have had hazardous waste left on their land for which they now face a bill of up to £3,000 and £300,000 to have removed.

Please ensure that any contact by these contractors is reported to the Environment Agency and Lincolnshire Police.

You should ensure that correct paperwork is in order i.e. Waste Carriers Registration; obtain the name of the carrier and registration details of the transporting vehicle.

The costs of legally removing these bales far out ways the cost of having them stored and you may be at risk of cross contamination.



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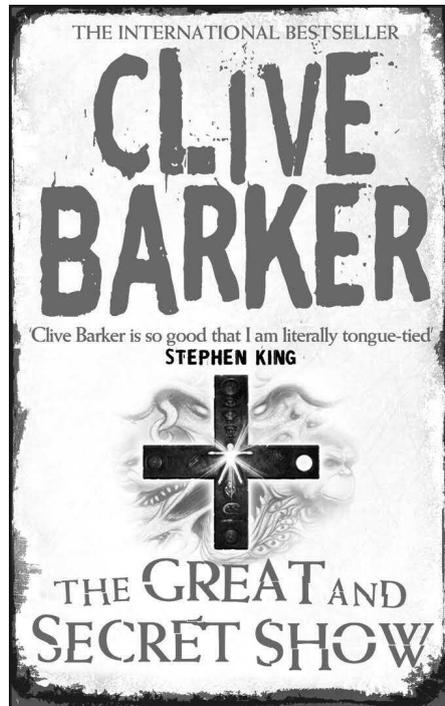
## Book Review

The Great and Secret Show

by Clive Barker

I have been a fan of Clive Barker's fiction for many years and this book lives up to expectations. His series of short stories, including the one that the film "Hellraiser" is based on, are well worth reading if horror is your thing. They are collected in one of "the Books of the Dead" along with a load of other creepy tales, some of which have also been made into films. Barker has also written quite a few of these 'other world' fantasy books of which I'm probably even more a fan of.

This is a tale that moves around in time, starting with two spirits fighting for the world. The Jaffe, who is obsessed with darkness and



power, and Fletcher, who is fighting to stop him. After they become locked together they use their children to carry on the fight, but the children have other ideas and all hell breaks loose, literally.

It's a well-written book that I had difficulty putting down and even though I'd read it 20 odd years before, I couldn't remember where it was going at all. At 700 pages it

could have been too long, but I flew through the book loving every page. It was a brilliant mix of funny and horror and general bizarreness with a huge cast of characters, so occasionally I found myself flicking backwards and forwards checking facts and names, but it didn't detract from the story at all.

This is definitely worth reading if you're a fan of Barker and if you like horror fiction in general but have never come across him before, then 'The Great and Secret Show' is a good place to start.

## WELCOME TO FOSDYKE!

We offer a warm welcome to anyone who has moved into the village since last month's *Fodsyke Magazine* was published. There always seems to be a stream of comings and goings.

It might be a small village but it has a surprising amount of amenities. For the younger and more athletic members there is an adventure playground and multi-sport playing area at the sports field in Puttock Gate. There is a bowls club (Goodfellowship) at the bottom of the playing field and next season the football pitch will be in use both Saturday and Sunday.

The Social Club itself is open in the evenings of Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; Sundays when the pool team are playing at home and the second Thursday of every month for the Open Mic night.

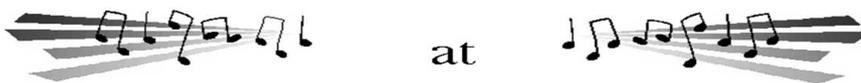
The Ship Inn serves excellent food and has a fun Quiz night every other Monday.

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## What Goes Around Comes Around

Jane Lacey-Crane

### PART 2

Gould shoved his key in the front door and pushed it open. It was late – his train from London had stopped at every station along the route – and he was exhausted. He blamed tiredness for his bad mood but in reality he knew it was more likely to be his conversation with Marcus Warner that had left him feeling out of sorts. His former colleague's theory that a mysterious someone was systematically bumping off members of their old C.I.D team, had sounded totally outlandish on first hearing but the interminably long train ride home had given Gould plenty of time to think about it. He'd worked his fair share of major cases during his time with C.I.D but none of them stuck out in his mind as the kind of case that would provoke the need for revenge.

The sound of a cupboard door banging shut in the kitchen brought Gould back to the here and now and lightened his mood.

'Is that you, Ian?' The voice of Catriona Randall floated down the hallway. Gould allowed himself a small smile. After she'd come to him for help finding her Uncle's murderer they'd become close. Gould never imagined she'd eventually become his ... what was she? Girlfriend? No, that sounded ridiculous. She was fifteen years younger than him and way out of his league in the looks department. Occasional lover? That description made Gould feel like a dirty old man. He shuddered slightly. Whatever they were to each other it suited them both, for the moment at least.

'Hey, yes, it's me.' Gould threw his jacket onto the stairs and made his way to the kitchen.

'You're later than I thought you'd be. Train trouble?'

'Yes. I missed the fast train so got stuck on the one that stops everywhere between here and London.' Gould watched as Catriona moved comfortably around his kitchen, opening the fridge to take out the bottle of wine she'd already started and fetching him a glass so he could join her.

'You used your key?' he asked.

'Erm, yes, sorry, was that alright?' Catriona sounded

nervous. Gould smiled and walked across to her.

'It's fine, great actually. It's good to see you.' He leaned closer and kissed her on the cheek. He was surprised, he'd always fancied himself as a bit of a loner but he had to admit that it did feel good to come home to someone, to hear another person in the house for a change.

Catriona poured him a glass of wine and gestured for him to sit with her at the kitchen table. 'So, tell me everything. How was the meeting?'

For a second Gould was confused; how did Catriona know about his run in with Marcus? But then he realised she meant the brunch with his agent. Marcus Warner and his crazy theories had pushed that to the back of his mind. Gould took a long mouthful of his wine before he spoke.

'It wasn't the most positive exchange I've had with my agent. He seems to think that the storyline of the new book is too far-fetched. He said the publishers are looking for something a bit more realistic. More Lee Child, less Invasion of the Bodysnatchers.'

'How can he say that when it's all based in fact? All that stuff really happened!'

Gould shrugged. 'He said he'd get back to me once he'd spoken to the publisher. Just have to wait and see I guess.'

'You don't seem that bothered,' said Catriona.

'What's the point in stressing about it? Plenty of other stuff to be thinking about.' Why did he say that? Now she was sure to want know what he meant. He held his breath, waiting for the question but nothing came. Instead Catriona drained the last of the wine from her glass and stood up, holding out her hand to him.

'I'm tired. Let's go to bed, shall we?'

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Gould lay very still, staring up at the ceiling, trying to focus on his breathing; he couldn't sleep. Catriona had fallen asleep with her head on his chest and Gould was doing his best not to wake her. After they'd passed a very enjoyable half hour in each other's company, Catriona had quickly fallen asleep, leaving Gould to stare at the cracked plasterwork and curse his tendency towards insomnia. After a few more minutes of lying there Gould had had enough; his right arm was falling asleep and Catriona's blonde hair was tickling his chin. Slowly he slid his body out from under hers and sat on the edge of his bed. He retrieved his trousers from the heap of clothes on the floor and pulled on a t-shirt that was hanging over the bed frame. He tip toed quietly from the room and made his way downstairs. He needed a cup of tea and he needed his laptop. He knew what was keeping him awake and he knew that

the only way to fix it was to do some investigating of his own.

He tried to be as quiet as he could, filling the kettle, flicking it on to boil, finding a mug but every tiny sound seemed to echo through the house. He didn't want to wake Catriona, mainly because he didn't know whether he wanted to share what Marcus had told him with her. It could all turn out to be just paranoia on the part of his former colleague and he realised that he didn't want to worry her. Blimey, I'm starting to care about her feelings. This thought made him feel simultaneously happy and worried. The woman had well and truly insinuated herself into his life, hadn't she? Since all of Gould's previous relationships had been ruined by his commitment to his work, the idea of starting a new one at this precise moment didn't bode well.

Pushing those thoughts aside, Gould made his way to his small study and fired up the laptop. He decided to start with a few basic searches of the names that Marcus had given him. Dave Coombs, Rob Foster, Terry Clow, Peter Fraser and Simon Durning, the man they'd buried today. It was easy to locate their obituaries in various local newspapers and Gould managed to find all of their profiles on various social media outlets. Dave, Rob and Peter all still had active Facebook accounts, and Terry and Simon were listed on a recruitment website. It appeared to Gould that the only thing these men's deaths had in common was that they were sudden and unexpected. No long illnesses bravely borne; instead three of them had suffered heart attacks and two had been killed in road traffic accidents. Try as he might Gould couldn't find any reason to think that these deaths were anything other than tragic accidents or natural causes.

'What are you looking at?' Catriona's sleepy voice mumbled from the doorway behind him.

'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to wake you. It's nothing important. Go back to sleep.'

'Nope, can't. I'm awake now so you might as well tell me what you're up to.' She wandered into the room and plonked herself onto the armchair in the corner. 'Have you started researching the next book already? You haven't even heard from the publishers yet, they might love your new manuscript just the way it is. You might not need to write something else for them.'

Gould contemplated going along with Catriona's assumptions - it would be easier than explaining

what he was really looking for after all - but he wasn't a fan of lies in any form so decided against it.

'I'm not researching a book, although it does sound like the plot of novel.'

'I'm confused. What are you looking at obituaries for then?' Catriona got up and came to look over his shoulder.

'All these men are former coppers I worked with at CID. At the funeral today I was approached by another man I used to work with and he shared his theory with me that all of these men were murdered.'

Catriona clicked on some of the open documents on the desktop and read through the details of them.

'Why would he think that? All these deaths were explainable.'

'I was hoping I'd be able to find that out just by doing my own research but nothing is jumping out at me. The most worrying part is that Marcus was convinced that he was next on the hit list and that I'd be a target too.'

Catriona stopped reading and stood up straight.

'But why?'

'Don't know. Haven't figured that out yet. Thought I'd pay a visit to some of the men's families, go and see where they ended up, ask a few questions about how they died, that sort of thing.'

Catriona nodded. 'Good plan. I'll start packing. Where are we off to first?'

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# LETTER

I read the opening article in last month's *Fosdyke Magazine* with a heavy heart. I hope the local council takes into account the job losses that may happen locally if the plans for the new services are passed. Many of the Little Chef and Burger King employees live in Fosdyke and surrounding villages and are concerned with the possibility of this happening so although 'sixty-five jobs locally' sounds good the reality is that over twenty jobs locally may be lost. Food for thought don't you think?

Jan M.

## Village Hall

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Doors open 6 pm for eyes  
down at 7 pm

Strip of six books £5  
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**no later than 15 May**

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