

FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

SUPERSLOW

An article in a recent *Fosdyke Newsletter* prompted a resident to contact BT to enquire when Infinity would be up and running in the village. As a user of a rival network (the likes of TalkTalk, Sky and PlusNet all use BT cables and consequently BT's fibre optic technology) we wondered how BT's response would affect us.

They told him that fibre optic cabling had been installed in the Fosdyke exchange cabinet (which is true but... See County Council On The Case) and now they are just waiting to assess whether or not there is enough of a demand to begin offering the service. Virgin Media say they have no plans to install fibre optics in the area.

The BT spokesman also said that the way they determine demand is by recording the number of inquiries and requests for the service being made in an area. The same is the case for Virgin Media, but if you are with Virgin don't hold your breath.

THREE MONTHS ... MAYBE LONGER

Determining demand, as far as BT is concerned, could take from two to three months, maybe longer, but the BT spokesman said a good way to speed up this process was for

people to contact BT and just enquire about it. This will be registered as demand for the service, and with enough enquiries they will start accepting orders right away. Infinity is also cheaper than standard broadband, so BT will not be in a hurry to upgrade you!

If you go to the link below and enter your post code or phone number the site will log this action as a request for the service: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

You need to contact BT, Virgin Media, or your broadband supplier, to let them know if you are interested in high speed broadband.

Most people with BT are paying a lot of money each month for a mere 3mb download and 0.3mb upload speeds.

BT Infinity is supposed to have 10 times faster download and 100 times faster upload speed and it's a

fraction of the cost of what customers are paying at the moment, including line rental. In reality BT will most likely only be supplying FTTN (fibre to the node - not cabinet) so fibre optics stops at the exchange and it's then copper cable to your home. Still, the expected 75Mbps is still going to be a lot faster than we have at present.

COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE CASE

We followed up this response from BT by contacting Mike Brookes, our Lincolnshire County Councillor, who we know is keen to see the rural areas of the county given a comparable service to the urban areas. He passed our query on to Steve Brookes the LCC project manager who said:

"The majority of Fosdyke is fed via Cabinet No. 1 which isn't completed as yet, but is due before the end of September.

"However, other parts of the community were previously Exchange Only (EO) and these have been converted into Cabinet No. 2 which was completed on 15th July and is located at the following address: O/S Sunkyst and OS Exch Bldg A17 Fosdyke PE12 6LH.

"Because it was an EO conversion, we often see that BT's records take some time to be amended on EO lines, but those fed from this new cabinet will see full availability in the next couple of weeks. I will press BT to ensure they get on with this. It is an unfortunate circumstance that where EO lines are concerned we see this issue arising, but we will monitor it across this week to see what's happening and update accordingly."



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FASHIONABLE

Fosdyke Social Club played host to one of their popular Bonmarche evenings on Thursday, 30 July. With 10% off everything on show.

Once again, catwalk stars were found from within Fosdyke, in fact the same ones as last time! From left to right; Liz Martin, Jane Bristow and Margaret Johnson.

ROAD CONDITIONS

When it was pointed out to a resident recently that brakes wear out and need replacing more often on muddy and gritty roads they rang us to complain again about the condition of last winter's Puttock Gate.

Yes, we expect muddy lanes, but not in the village.



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For further details contact terry@fosdyke.org.uk or ring 01205 260275

Fosdyke Social Club

Thursday, 10 September

LIVE MUSIC

@ OPEN MIC NIGHT

Opens 8 pm, Music 9 pm
Second Thursday of every month



Saturday, 12 September

WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Saturday, 19 September

THE EVOLUTION BAND

£5 members £5.50 non-members



Sunday, 20 September

CAR BOOT

AND TABLETOP SALE

Third Sunday until September
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Saturday, 26 September

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The mainstay of the British Army bands are the boy bandsmen like Dennis Arnold of Bell Lane, a youngster of seventeen who is acknowledged to be quite an expert with either clarinet or flute. Dennis, who writes for the military observer, arrived in Germany March 1948 being flown into Berlin via the “air-bridge” Recently he took part in the Trooping of The Colour ceremony. When questioned about his future he said, “I’m staying in the Army.”

Source: *Lincolnshire Echo*
18 July 1949

Fosdyke Social Club

Forthcoming attractions

Saturday, 1 October

HARVEST SUPPER



Saturday, 31 October

HALLOWEEN VINYL DISCO



Saturday, 14 November

RACE NIGHT



Saturday, 28 November

XMAS MEAL

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Fosdyke Village Hall Lottery 250 Draw - Latest Winners

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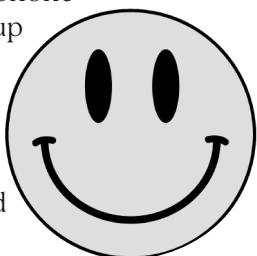
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REUNITED

We received an email at the end of last month from Richard Verity saying his granddaughter had found a phone at the play area in Puttock Gate.

Not knowing who else to contact, the editor of Fosdyke Newsletter seemed as good a place as any to start.

A Facebook message later and we had the phone matched up with its rightful owner. Social media does have its good points.



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SEA BANK MURDER AT FOSDYKE BRIDGE

A shooting affair on the sea bank in Fosdyke, resulted in the death of the licensee of The Ship Inn, Fosdyke Bridge, John William Simpson. At Lincoln Castle, Joseph Henry Stedmans, aged 52 years, a labourer of Moulton Marsh was charged with the murder of Mr Simpson, his uncle by marriage. Stedmans pleaded not guilty.

Opening the case for the prosecution, Mr Stimson said Stedmans had held the licence of the Ship Inn for a number of years up to 1924, when it was transferred to Mr Simpson. Although, for a time Stedmans continued live in the Ship Inn, Mr Stedman appeared to have harboured a grievance concerning the transfer of the licence. Stedman remained at the Ship Inn until 1935 when he became ill. In October 1935 he was certified and detained in Bracebridge Heath Hospital until the following April. When he came out he lived with his brother-in-law George Staff. Being detained in the institution Stedmans said... Simpson was the man responsible for it.

Later Stedmans lived in an old hut that belonged to Mr James Lane close to the Ship Inn. On 10 October, 1935, Stedmans was helping Mr Lane and at about 6pm Simpson, the licensee of the Ship Inn, left the inn and crossed the marsh to his allotment near the sea bank, near where Stedmans was working.

Simpson was working on his allotment when Stedmans went up to him, and Mr Lane heard a gunshot. He turned and saw Stedmans pointing a gun at Simpson. Simpson crawled up the sea bank and heard him shouted something: "He's murdered me." Stedmans followed him and shot again. and returned to his hut.

Simpson was in a very distressed state, was attended to by a doctor and taken to Boston Hospital where an operation was performed, but he died the following morning. Stedmans left his hut and was surrounded by soldiers. Then Stedmans, who was still carrying the gun, stopped, stooped with the muzzle near his face and pulled the trigger, inflicting serious injuries on himself. PC Tatman said: "Stedmans after shooting himself, said 'Well, PC Tatman, I tell you it's an old grievance. Mr Simpson took my home away from me and turned me on the road'.

Stedmans was moved to Boston Poor Law Institution for observation -the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty but insane" - and was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.

Source: *Lincolnshire Echo*
9th February, 1942

£180-WINNERS IN GOODFELLOWSHIP TOURNEY

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Chris Chamberlain and his team accepting the £90 for first place.



Terry Crane accepting the £60 for second place (all top three teams came from Holbeach).

Keiron Crane accepting his teams £30 for third place.

EVOLVING

It's party time at the Social club on Saturday, 19 September, with a BBQ and entertainment by The Evolution Band, a five-piece from Boston who play all the favourites from the sixties to the noughties. Tickets are limited so best book yours now with Jane Bristow on 01205 260455.

PARISH COUNCIL'S FAILED PROMISE

While it's encouraging to see the new website for Fosdyke hosted at the Lincolnshire County Council website (nothing to do with fosdyke.org.uk) neither minutes nor notes of meetings have been posted yet. The promise of minutes of meetings being sent to the newsletter (though two months old) seems to have been forgotten and we do not feel we should be continually reminding the clerk to send them. We had hoped the new website that Jon Tofts has set up would rectify the lack of transparency but we are guessing he has not received the minutes either as we are sure he would have posted them by now.

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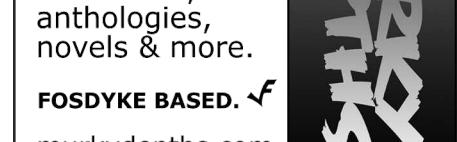
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The Case of the Missing

by Nina Mercetter

CHAPTER FIVE The Switch

Little Tanya Teggy was practising her skills in Burger King a couple of miles up the road from Fenney. She had walked along the verge of the A17, which she did most mornings when she was bunking school, blown this way and that by the articulated lorries thundering by, carrying their cargoes of vegetables to the rest of the UK. She dipped the busy breakfast queue and managed to acquire enough change for a Crunchy BBQ Whopper and a Pina Colada Smoothie. With a confidence and out-of-character benevolence, no doubt due to her full belly, she slipped the two flash drives she had lifted back into the pockets of their owners before she left just to show herself how adept she had become.

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Gould looked from the flash drive to the doll. It was one of those dolls that appeared to be a real baby, only smaller than a real baby would be. As soon as he had confiscated the doll from Silvia Edgeard several of his investigation team had suggested that it might contain something, but no one had been willing to damage it while the hunt for Jessica was still ongoing. Gould's number two, DS Wallace, said he would not be surprised if the Witch of Fenney had put an enchantment on it. But only after the interview with her just now. It had been her who eventually unscrewed the hand that contained the memory stick.

This might be his only chance of saving his career. Figurative beheadings would happen over the Jessica Rolls case and he was clear in his own mind that his normal thoroughness had eluded him. *I'm not losing it. I'm not going the way of my father.* Superintendent Jack Gould's dementia had appeared suddenly. A result of a head injury while apprehending a suspect, the doctors suggested. But his son had seen earlier signs. Paperwork left unfinished. Appointments not kept. But forgetting to brake when a lorry stopped in front of him meant a teenage Gould had lost both his parents.

He and Wallace were back in the mobile unit with the Kingston 64GB Flash Drive. Already the photos

had been ripped down off the walls; the names and leads wiped off the whiteboards, and papers were stacked ready to go into boxes. The command centre looked as forlorn as Gould felt. They had left Silvia in their interview room in the village hall under escort; a young copper by the name of Benson who seemed as edgy as hell at being left alone with her

"Are we going to see what's on it then, Guv?" Wallace had been calling him Guv since he had been made up to sergeant in the Met too many years ago to remember, but Gould was beginning to find it irritating. *Too late to change that now ... and maybe it wouldn't be for much longer.*

Gould fired up the laptop allocated to the case and slipped the drive into a USB slot. When the other two officers in the mobile unit came up behind him to take a look he didn't complain. Their futures in the force could be affected by the internal inquiry too.

"Damn. It's asking for a password." Gould turned to DC Turner, their tech wizard, although he'd never been on a computer course in his life, who held his hands up.

"That's got integrated encryption. I'd have trouble getting into that type without wiping off the files. You'll need the password."

"Go ask Miss Edgeard if she knows it." Gould noticed Turner look reluctant. "She probably doesn't else she'd have told us, but we've got to check. I'm sure she won't turn you into a toad."

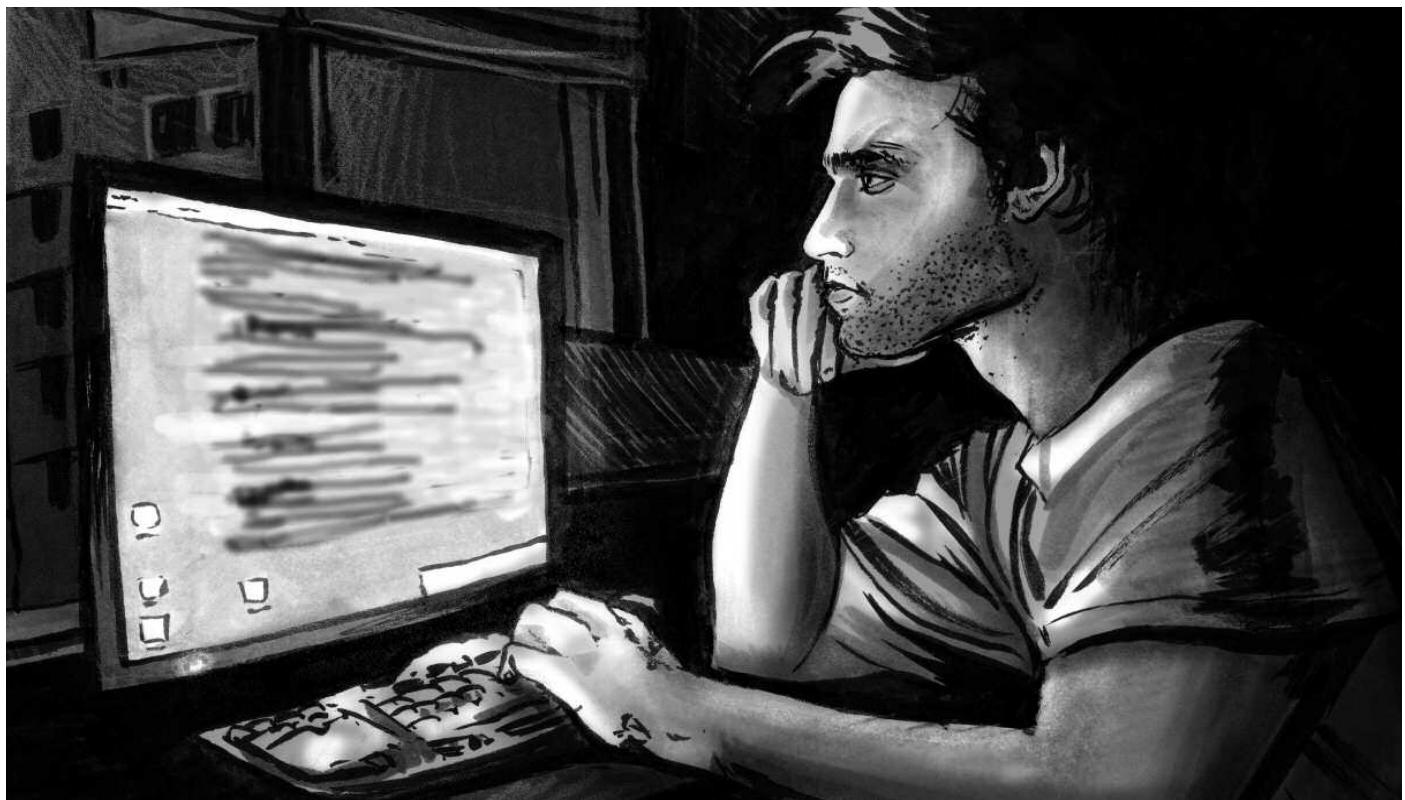
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A cold latte sat on the table in front of Nial Langton. The private investigator had left Caffè Nero twenty minutes earlier, not even bothering to have a coffee or a snack. Apparently he had stopped off at a Burger King nearby on his way to their meeting. If Langton was at home he'd have stuck his latte in the microwave for thirty seconds. He considered buying himself a fresh one but half a dozen people were waiting at the counter. He studied the memory stick as if studying it alone could extract the photos. His laptop was in the car in the nearby car park and, in any case, opening the files in a cafe in the middle of Boston town centre wouldn't have been a wise thing to do. Not if the private detective's description of what they contained was anything to go by.

Oblivious of what Langton was about to discover, the rest of the cafe's patrons continued sipping their coffee, surfing the net with the free wi-fi on their tablets and mobile phones, interacting with their social media friends, and some were even having real-life one-to-one conversations. Lives were about to change.

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McCoy took a bite of his Steakhouse Burger and stuffed a handful of chips into his mouth before he plugged the flash drive into his iPad. It wasn't what he expected. First of all it didn't ask for a password and secondly it didn't contain the pdfs promised. He took another bite from the burger. Mayonnaise squirted out the sides and dribbled down his hands which he wiped on his tatty jeans. Now he knew what Nancy Laws had been up to when he saw her leaving Danny Driss's house. Thankfully no one could see the screen but he



shut down the Apple just in case. *Don't do it on your own doorstep*, crossed his mind, but the files that he expected weren't on the drive. As he dipped a couple of chips in the pot of tomato sauce he wondered if Silvia had tricked him somehow, but even she wasn't stupid enough to cross him. The chips seemed to stick in his chest.

Relax, relax. His newly acquired skill in controlling his anger was threatening to crumble. *Deep breath, deep breath. One, two, three, four, one, two ...*

Steve Edgeard, Silvia's brother, had passed McCoy the flash drive in Burger King's car park, a take-away bag in his other hand, and the smell had drawn McCoy into the clinical atmosphere of his favourite fast food chain. Silvia had told her brother to contact him and they'd arranged the meeting, but it wasn't the drive he had been anticipating - though interesting. Still, the two drives only contained copies. Silvia had assured him the package containing the original documents was still safe. *So, who has the second drive? And more importantly, what are they going to do with the information?*

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Silvia looked up as one of the detectives she had seen around the village came into the room. He flinched momentarily to his right, most likely due to the piles of chairs that looked ready to crash down into the room at the slightest touch. She had decided to co-operate with the police, had never been happy with McCoy's plans, particularly once she had discovered what the documents contained.

"I'm DC Tanner." He shook his head at the young constable, who she had earlier tried to converse with, as he went to leave the room and she saw a look of hope drain from his eyes.

"The flash drive needs a password ..."

"... Oh, I'm so sorry. Yes, it's fracked. F, R, A, C, K,

E, D. Fracked."

Though surprised, the detective thanked her and disappeared. Given the contents of the flash drive it was not a very strong password. Not only that, it also hinted at the contents. She smiled at the constable.

"Not so hot today, is it?"

He fidgeted from foot to foot and avoided looking at her.

She could have so much fun with this one ...

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"What are you playing at?" Langton shouted into his mobile. "It's asking me for a password." He had made himself another coffee when he arrived back home. Coffee might not be his only vice but it numbered high up on the list. Mary was at work and wouldn't be home until six. Savouring compromising photos with a latte and a freshly toasted crumpet had heightened his anticipation. Though always proud of his self control langton had lost it once he'd inserted the USB drive.

"It doesn't need a password," the voice on the other end insisted.

"So why's it asking for one?"

"Sure. It's possible to encrypt a drive like that but it shouldn't ..."

"But it is. I paid you a monkey for this useless piece of ..."

"I can assure you I don't cheat on my customers and pride myself ..."

"So get round here and sort this out."

"I have other..."

"Now!"

Langton closed the call and managed to avoid throwing his phone across the kitchen. Instead he placed it carefully on the table next to his laptop, opened up Chrome and typed in "how to break into an encrypted flash drive".

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SLOWLY BUILDING

The social cycle group are slowly building, though on Sunday, 26 July, just three cyclists braved the weather and returned to the social club drenched through! A hot chocolate soon had them sorted.

The best attended ride so far has seen nine people pedal the surrounding lanes although fourteen people have taken part since the group started their Sunday evening rides. You're welcome to join them! Ring Liz or Terry on 01205 260275 or just turn up at the Social Club for 6.30 pm if you fancy giving it a go.

APPLICATION TO RECLAIM ABOUT 30,000 ACRES LAND FROM THE SEA

Application is being made to Parliament for an Act to incorporate a company for reclaiming land starting at Fosdyke Bridge. This will vastly improve the drainage and navigation of many thousand acres of land. Earl Fitzwilliam and Earl of Yarborough

Source: Norfolk Chronicle
1 February 1851

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Harvest time

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While the harvesting time for most vegetables is often not that critical, most fruits are more demanding and only thoroughly enjoyable when perfectly ripened. Melons are improved by chilling first, but most fruits are tastiest warmed by the sun and eaten straight off the plant. A few fruits, such as pears, have to be watched until they are nearly ripe, picked a tad early and brought to perfection in a warm, not too dry, dim room that is inspected daily. Long-keeping apples need careful picking for storage if they are to last ten months.

Best date to pick

The best date for picking fruit depends on the cultivar, site and season and can be determined only by experience as these factors vary considerably. For storing for home use, fruits need to be just at the right stage. Most store best when picked just under-ripe. They may keep longer picked younger, but very much at the cost of flavour and sweetness. On any tree, the sunny side ripens first and morning sun is stronger than afternoon because the air is cleaner.

Early ripeners

Fruit will also ripen earlier if extra warmth is supplied – next to a wall, window, chimney or vent, or just close to the soil, are good places for early fruits. Likewise, when the rest have gone, you may find some hidden in the shade. So wait for the fruits on the sunny side

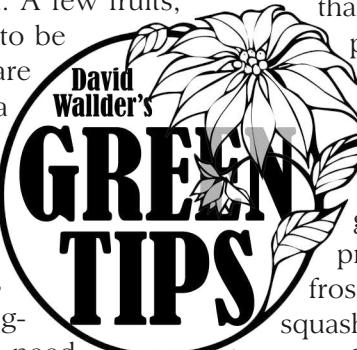
to ripen – the rest of the crop is probably perfect for picking to store or process.

What to store

Vegetables can usually be picked over a long season and many vegetables are easier to store than fruits, as they are less prone to rots. Indeed some, such as parsnips and most roots, brassicas and leeks, are best left in the ground if they are protected against hard frosts. Some, such as the squashes and the onion tribe, just need carefully drying and keeping in an airy, frost free place. A few crops, such as petit pois, ripen and go over rather rapidly, so you need to plan your harvest carefully so that they can be used fresh on the day and the rest processed in one efficient swoop, otherwise it's tough peas or save them for drying.

Pick at dawn

Harvesting herbs is best done at the last minute for fresh use. It is not widely appreciated how quickly valuable nutrients diminish in food once it is picked. Time spent wilting in poor conditions can halve the vitamin content as well as spoil the texture and flavour. If herbs are going to be stored, pick them at their peak – often just before they flower. Do not let them to go over. Crunchy salad crops should always be picked at dawn with the cool dew on them; then they will have maximum crispness and can be kept in the refrigerator until required.



GRATEFUL CUSTOMER THANKS THE SHIP INN FOSDYKE BRIDGE

Mr John Spikins begs leave to return his grateful thanks to his numerous friends and the public in general for the support they have afforded him in the said Ship Inn, John Spikins has laid in a fresh assortment of the best wines, spirits and liquors, and fitted the inn up in a neat and commodious manner, with good beds and stabling for horse, and every other requisite which may be required for the convenience of gentlemen travellers and drovers. Excellent accommodation for sea bathers.

*Source: Stamford Mercury
30 May 1817*

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AGREEMENT REACHED

Following on from our article last month about the Butterfields being reported to the Highways Agency by some petty-minded resident, we are pleased to pass on the news that an agreement has been reached with the Highways Agency.

Not only, that, but you may have noticed that the verges at the west entrance to Old Main Road have once again been cut - thanks to Mr Butterfields.

The newsletter would like to

thank the voluntary work that he does to make Fosdyke look attractive and welcoming.

There are lots of people in Fosdyke who don't receive the recognition they deserve.



DOMESTIC CAT OWNERS ALERT – POISONING!

The police are recording incidents whereby domestic cats are being fatally poisoned with anti-freeze.

They are asking members of the public to be aware of their cat's whereabouts where possible and to report any one seen acting suspiciously with anti-freeze containers.

ACTION TO TAKE

If you suspect your pet's come into contact with antifreeze, leaked water coolant or if showing any of these symptoms, get them to a vet immediately:

- Vomiting
- Seeming depressed/sleepy
- Appearing drunk and uncoordinated
- Seizures (fits)
- Difficulty breathing
- Increased thirst
- Increased urination

Signs of antifreeze poisoning can show 30 minutes after ingestion. It can be two/three days before signs of kidney failure are seen.

The sooner your pet receives veterinary treatment, the better their chances of survival.

If left untreated, antifreeze poisoning can cause pain, suffering and distress and ultimately death.

PROSECUTION

Antifreeze poisoning can cause pain, suffering, distress, and ultimately, death. Poisoning cats can constitute a criminal offence; under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 the maximum penalty for anyone found guilty is up to 6 months imprisonment and/or a £20,000 fine.

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Sunday, 6 September

Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

Sunday, 20 September

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at 6 pm

Sunday, 4 October

Harvest Festival Communion

at 09.30 am

POP-IN

Margaret is planning a Pop-In Lunch for the third Tuesday in September, so please make a note in your diaries for Tuesday, 15 September. As usual, please book your lunch to avoid disappointment on 01205260672. It's all good news – no price increase and the same chance to have a good hot lunch and a chat with your friends and neighbours from around the area. Details will be on the notice boards shortly.

GARDEN OF REST

I am pleased to say that our churchyard warden will be taking up her

Jon Tofts reports

All Saints

Fosdyke

role as from September 1st. Carole, Our volunteer, has agreed to help keep the Garden of Rest tidy – gathering up the various bits of debris that have accumulated in the area, and generally keeping it tidy for the benefit of all. Thank you

HARVEST FESTIVAL

How can October possibly be nearly upon us!

On the first Sunday in October All Saints will be holding its annual harvest festival Service, and everyone is welcome to come and join in this very traditional celebration of the bounty of our land and to give thanks for that.

ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCH

The Harvest Festival Service will be closely followed by our ever popular, and the best in the area – Harvest Celebration Lunch, followed by the auction of produce. Details will follow soon, so please make a note in your diaries to bring your whole family to our Lunch – they'll love it, and its on October 6th in the village Hall .

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 have now been 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.

No message from the Bishop this month. He has holidays too!

NEIGHBOUR WATCH

Cllr. Marshall has started the process of gathering information on how we might proceed to implement a meaningful Neighbour Watch Scheme, and will be making a presentation to the Parish Council at the September meeting. Hopefully there will be more to say on this matter soon.

SCANDALOUS

Unfortunately I have to report two items of news that seem to be connected:-

1. Three different parishioners have complained to myself during the last week that flowers and other ornaments have disappeared from their loved ones graves in the All Saints Garden of Rest.

2. A couple of young girls have been reported to me as attempting to 'doorstep sell' cut flowers around the village during the last week

Of course, it may be that these two items have nothing to do with one another and I am just a suspicious churchwarden, but there does seem to be a bit of a coincidence here.

Maintaining churchyards is a challenging task at the best of times, as local councils (who have the responsibility to maintain our village churchyard) become so short of cash. It is for this, and for other reasons, that we are going to be so lucky to have the services of Carole, who will look after the Garden of Rest, as a volunteer – much like our good friend and neighbour Malcolm the litter-picker.

Carole takes up her duties from September and will strim and generally tidy this area, as a mark of respect for the departed.

I can only apologise to those families who have been upset at the recent goings-on. It is the downside of living in a moderate democracy and not a police state perhaps? Perhaps we could all be a little more vigilant about the proposed 'good neighbour' scheme and include the Garden of Rest?

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Fosdyke Parish council is pleased to announce the development of a website, so please check it out on <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Fosdyke/>

The website is in development, so please don't expect the full polished article just yet.

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6 Whitecross Gate

no later than 15 September

It will contain information on the following areas when fully operational :-

- Home
- Parish News
- Parish Council
- Minutes & Agendas
- Parish Map
- All Saints Parish Church
- Fosdyke Newsletter
- Local Business Directory
- Fosdyke Village Hall
- Fosdyke Playing Fields Association
- Neighbour Care Scheme
- Useful Contact Numbers from Fosdyke

Jon Tofts would love to hear from potential contributors – just use the contact info. provided on the website.

The aim of this website is to provide information of use to the parishioners of Fosdyke. Jon has already been challenged with the comment – ‘what about those who don’t have access to the internet?’ and his response would be that nothing in life is perfect - the aim of the council is to improve. Perfection is a little more difficult!

HISTORY BOARDS EYESORE

On the west side of Fosdyke Bridge, on the south side of the main road, there are some interesting boards giving a little detail about Fosdyke’s history. Unfortunately they are now unreadable.

The condition of these boards was brought up at a parish council meeting several months ago but still the boards look dilapidated and neglected. Not a good indication to walkers who pass that way of the value residents put on their village. It’s disappointing that it has taken the parish council so long to react. There have been no updates at recent parish council meetings as to when the boards will be repaired or replaced. It would be a shame to remove them but that would be better than sending out a message of not caring.

DOG BIN'S DEMISE

Dog owners had to take their doggy dirt home with them during mid August when the dog waste bin at the entrance to Puttock Gate was reported to the parish council as damaged. We contacted Boston Borough Council at least five days after we noticed the bin needed some TLC only to be told, while it was their responsibility, that we needed to go through the parish council. They also claimed at the time that they knew nothing about a damaged bin in Fosdyke.

When we contacted the parish council chairman, Martin Pitt, he told us that he had been informed by a resident and passed the information on to the clerk to the parish council about four day's earlier.

The next day the bin was back up and ship shape, so at least Boston Borough Council are quick to respond to problems that could be detrimental to health.

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