

FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

NO SAY FOR WALKERS

If you'd heard that there was a meeting in Fosdyke Village Hall to explain the process and proposals for the England Coast Path, a national trail that is planned to follow the coast of England and be completed by 2020, would you go?

A coastal path would have to pass through the parish of Fosdyke and could give extra trade to The Ship and the Moorings Café from passing walkers or offer an opportunity to a local entrepreneur with a bit of vision.

Disappointing therefore to hear that there has been a meeting in Fosdyke Village Hall to discuss the England Coast Path. It was held last year (Tuesday, 10 November, 2015, to be precise). Two other events, in Friskney and Long Sutton, were also held.

An email, informing of the date, time, and location of the pop-in event, was sent by Natural England to the Clerk of Fosdyke Parish Council but it was obviously not received, or perhaps ended up in a spam or trash folder, because as far as we know the parish council weren't informed of the meeting and, when asked recently, the chairman of the parish council, Cllr Martin Pitt, was also unaware of any meeting. Not surprisingly the event was attended by very few people in the know.

Natural England will inform the newsletter of any future discussions but maybe it's a bit late for any of us in the village to put forward our views on how access to the coast can be improved between Sutton Bridge and Skegness.

WINDSCREEN CARNAGE

Remember last month's main headline about vandalism to two cars at either end of the village? It appears the same kind of projectile was used on both cars - a cobble stone.

We've also had a call from someone else in Mill Lane who had their motorhome damaged around the same time.

Our advice would be to keep your cars parked as far away from the road as possible. The recent habit of parking outside homes along Old Main Road seems to be asking for trouble.

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POP-IN LUNCH

A huge thank you to all those who made our recent lunch the biggest ever! Almost £300 was raised for much needed church funds - THANK YOU. Another pop-in is planned for May 2016, but yet to be confirmed. Details will be up on posters and on the church notice board soon.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SHIRLEY GRATTON

Local craftsman, Stuart Glenn has created a wrought metal flower pedestal in memory of the late and

much missed Shirley Gratton. This will be dedicated at the Easter Service by the Revd Graham Williams. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the purchase of this.

QUEENS OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY

On Sunday 12th June there will be a special service to commemorate her majestys' 90th official birthday, followed by a lunch in the village hall. More details to follow next month. *Editor: If you can't make either of them or you're still feeling hungry Fosdyke Social Club is holding an evening bonfire and BBQ to round off the day.*

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

Was held on 15 March 2016. Officers were re-elected en bloc and so Terry and Jon continue to be your churchwardens. Thanks to Fr. Paul for presiding at the meeting and to

those members of the public who attended. Details of those elected will be on the church notice board shortly.

COACH TRIP TO LINCOLN

There will be a (Cropleys) coach trip to Lincoln from Fosdyke to Lincoln Cathedral with a special service by the bishop of Richborough on Saturday, 9 April. Details from Petina Hayes if you are interested. Cost is £6. petinahayes@hotmail.com or 260642. *Editor: At that price, even if you're not a church person and don't fancy the service in the cathedral, it's a great offer.*

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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.

Jon Toffs reports

All Saints Fosdyke

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Sunday, 3 April Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

Sunday, 17 April Morning Worship

at 09.30 am

GENEROUS GOD

As I sit down to write my letter to you, I do so in the same week that many of our clergy and readers have been preparing to preach on the anointing of Jesus at Bethany. It's a familiar story from the gospel of John, which tells of Mary taking a jar of expensive perfume and, in a moment of seemingly reckless extravagance, pouring the sweet-smelling perfume over the feet of Jesus before wiping it away with her hair. This apparent waste horrifies Judas Iscariot, who will go on to betray Jesus and hand him over to the Jewish police, and ultimately to the occupying Roman Army to be crucified.

It is a poignant and powerful story of human love and generosity,

jealousy and betrayal. I encourage you to reach for your bible and read the story again for yourself, because it is also a wonderful illustration of the generous and extravagant God whom you and I profess, and whose love is most perfectly expressed for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus, which we celebrate at Easter.

In her care for Jesus, Mary's actions speak of love and generosity, of honouring Jesus. By contrast, Judas is consumed by jealousy, spite and, ultimately, betrayal.

The irony is that both Mary and Judas are needed in our story: Mary's extravagance points to the overflowing generosity of God, which we see most profoundly in the death and resurrection of Jesus; it is Judas' betrayal of Jesus that

leads to Jesus' death, making the resurrection possible. Then, as now, we find the best and the worst of humanity existing side by side.

In this, the story mirrors the reality of life as you and I live it today.

However, the message of the resurrection is that goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. The challenge for all of us is to hold fast to the values of love and compassion, generosity and service, particularly when the prevailing culture around us makes it hard to do so, and jealousy and spite, hatred and betrayal can seem to have the upper hand.

I wish you a blessed and a happy Easter.

+Christopher Lincoln:

POOP PROTESTS

We're always harping on about the uncivilised ways of certain dog owners who allow their pets to foul in areas where they should be picking up the mess and either take it home or place it in the dog bin provided.

A recent leaflet from Boston Borough Council also warned of the dangers, particularly to children, and the possibility of a fine.

It has been pointed out to us that the footpath running along the side of the old Methodist church from Mill Lane to Whitecross Gate seems to be deemed a dog toilet. Unfortunately for the dog owners it is not only a public footpath but it also falls within the adjacent land of a road designated less than 40 mph - two reasons to do the good deed.

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Why is it that they choose to poo on their neighbours lawns and never their own?

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POISONED CAT

Here's a piece we meant to include in last month's Fosdyke Newsletter. It's from someone who was looking after their neighbours cat while they were on holiday.

Unfortunately the cat had to be put to sleep while his owners were away because it had ingested anti freeze which is a killer of animals and humans. If you look on Google it tells you that if a cat ingests anti freeze, after three to five hours it is almost impossible to save the cat with the antidote. Dogs are a little longer at eight to ten hours.

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TWO COACH TRIPS

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FOOTBALL

BOGEY SIDE

Fosdyke 2 v Friskney 3

A very frustrating 3-2 home defeat on 20 February for Fosdyke FC against a team that are something of a bogey side for the Tangerine Dream, Friskney.

Fosdyke were well aware that it was not going to be easy as they were facing a side towards the top end of the league and without a recognised keeper! Leon Marsh, more used to knocking 'em in at the other end rather than keeping 'em out volunteered and started well, commanding his area and pulling off a stop.

It was the visitors who were the strongest team of the two and Fosdyke were restricted to quick breaks on the wings. They did manage to keep the away team at arm's length but two farcical goals saw Fosdyke trail at half time by 2-0. The first saw a fluffed clearance, basically an air shot, somehow trickle in, and when a second squirmed through a sea of legs it had a feeling of one of those days.

The second forty-five however was a completely different game and although Friskney extended their lead with a strike from a free



kick, it was Fosdyke who dominated and should really have got something from the game.

Matthew Scott was unfortunate to see his spectacular volley ruled out as someone had been offside in the build-up apparently. While Fosdyke may have been aggrieved at this, they then had a slice of good fortune when a penalty was awarded for hand ball that may have seemed harsh on the defender.

In no mood for sympathy, Matt Bates hustled the net and the comeback was on. It was Friskney's turn to be restricted to breakaway chances and would have added to their lead but for some woeful finishing. Matt Bates went close again for Fosdyke when his turn and strike struck the post though a second goal was grabbed with minutes left when James Munn cut in from the right and hit a cracker that left the keeper grasping thin air. Too little too late.

Man of the Match - two candidates stand out this week - Matt Bates was his usual swashbuckling self but the award goes to Ben Lawton who played in front of the back four spraying passes all over the park, pretty much running the show in the second half.

FLUKE GOAL

Leverton 3 v Fosdyke 0

The first half saw Fosdyke defensively solid and giving little away though their attacks were rare.

They trailed 0-1 at the break from a bizarre goal that sort of went straight in from a corner. The second half was a more open affair and Fosdyke's Premier bound opponents, to be fair, ran the game and extended their lead through two more "conventional" goals.

Man of the Match? The monster of midfield that is Matt Bates was awesome.



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CONTESTED

Frieston 1 v Fosdyke 0

Fosdyke's league campaign was wrapped up on 5 March in a hotly contested game at Frieston though sadly, they fell to a narrow 1-0 defeat that was not without controversy.

The two teams were very evenly matched and a ferocious battle ensued in all areas of the pitch. Goal scoring opportunities were few and far between in the opening exchanges: a long range effort from Ant Slater that dipped over the bar and a Frieston effort that was hit straight at the keeper were all the goal mouth incidents the first forty five minutes had to offer.



Then however, the first of a number of controversial incidents livened things up right at the start of the second half. Leon Marsh, leading the line, found himself with just one defender to beat before rolling the ball forward for James Munn to run onto and blast home. The linesman's flag was raised and



the goal disallowed much to Fosdyke's dismay and, just when they thought it couldn't get any worse, Frieston went down the other end and saw a penalty awarded (and despatched) when their target man striker was felled in the box.

Losing 1-0 moments after



seemingly taking the lead was tough on the team but Fosdyke have battling qualities and pushed hard for an equaliser. Ant Slater went very close when a dipping cross from a Ben Parker free kick was spectacularly volleyed goalwards only to find the keeper who pulled off a fantastic save to deny Fosdyke.

The game continued to go from end to end and Fosdyke gave everything but just could not find a breakthrough. It was Frieston who came closest when they had a very good penalty shout turned down but the referee waved play on.

There was one final twist to the game in the closing minutes when centre back Michael Beauchamp, of all people, went on a surging run into the heart of the Frieston defence, ending up with a one on one against the home side's keeper. Biceps Beauchamp got to the ball first and poked it towards the goal, and Leon Marsh, like every good striker should, followed in to smash home what they thought would be

an equaliser but yet again the linesman's flag went up and we were denied a point. Heated words ensued but the goal was disallowed and the score line remained in Frieston's favour.

Positives? Despite the frustrations of the afternoon, Fosdyke gave a great performance



with Matt Bates and Danny Beecham at the heart of everything in midfield. Defensively they were very solid and it took a penalty to beat them.

Man of the Match week was Ant Slater who, on his debut for the Tangerine Dream was outstanding linking up the midfield and attack.

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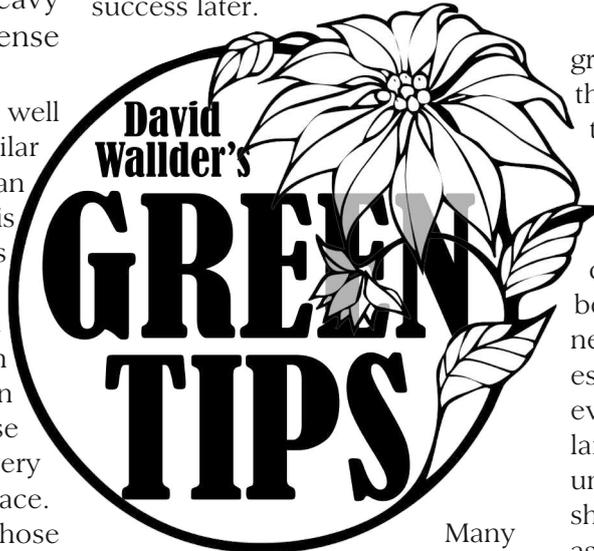
Herbaceous borders are often considered a lot of work, but with careful planning and choice of plants the only regular chores are tidying back the withered growth in autumn and weed control. Spacing groups of plants well makes it easier to weed between them, and heavy mulches are an immense benefit.

Herbaceous plants combine well with bulbs that have a similar habit, but obviously climbers can only be added if a framework is put in for them. Many shrubs can be planted alongside herbaceous plants to make a mixed bed, but they soon predominate. This combination will only work if you choose dwarf varieties, prune them very hard or give them plenty of space.

Herbaceous beds. Even those containing bulbs and annual flowers, tend to be rather empty for much of the year, so are best positioned where they will be appreciated in the summer, but not so conspicuous from windows in winter. Or you can give those beds year-round interest by adding a backdrop of winter and early spring flowering shrubs, which will draw the eye before becoming obscured by the spring and summer growth.

Bedding plants, especially if brought in, are so wasteful in ecological terms, as they are started off with heat, peat and plastic containers, and in order to get continuous colour and interest their beds need replanting for winter and spring interest. Some, such as sweet alyssum, zonal pelargoniums, Impatiens and fuchsias are ideal for creating small, colourful features throughout the summer and will survive even if contained in pots and containers. One of the best companion plants for any part of the garden is the French marigold; this is a bedding plant that everyone

should grow. It attracts beneficial insects, discourages many pests and kills eelworms as well as having compact form and brightly coloured flowers over several months. French marigolds should never be transplanted whilst in flower, so nip out any flowers and buds beforehand to ensure more success later.



Many bedding plants are not annuals, but are merely grown for one season only, then discarded. True annuals may be used in their place. Annuals offer some of the brightest blazes of colour, often growing well in very poor soils and sites, particularly when direct sown. Some, such as sweet peas, night scented stock, pot marigolds and the poached egg plant have outstanding value and should be included in every garden. One problem with annually replaced bedding plants is that most need starting off early in the year under cover, where they compete for space and time with the vegetables.

There are several ways to avoid this, other than having permanent herbaceous or shrub beds. Sowing annuals in situ saves space, but they need very careful weeding and even the quickest do not flower until late spring. Hardy annuals sown in the autumn and overwintered flower earlier than spring-sown plants, though they

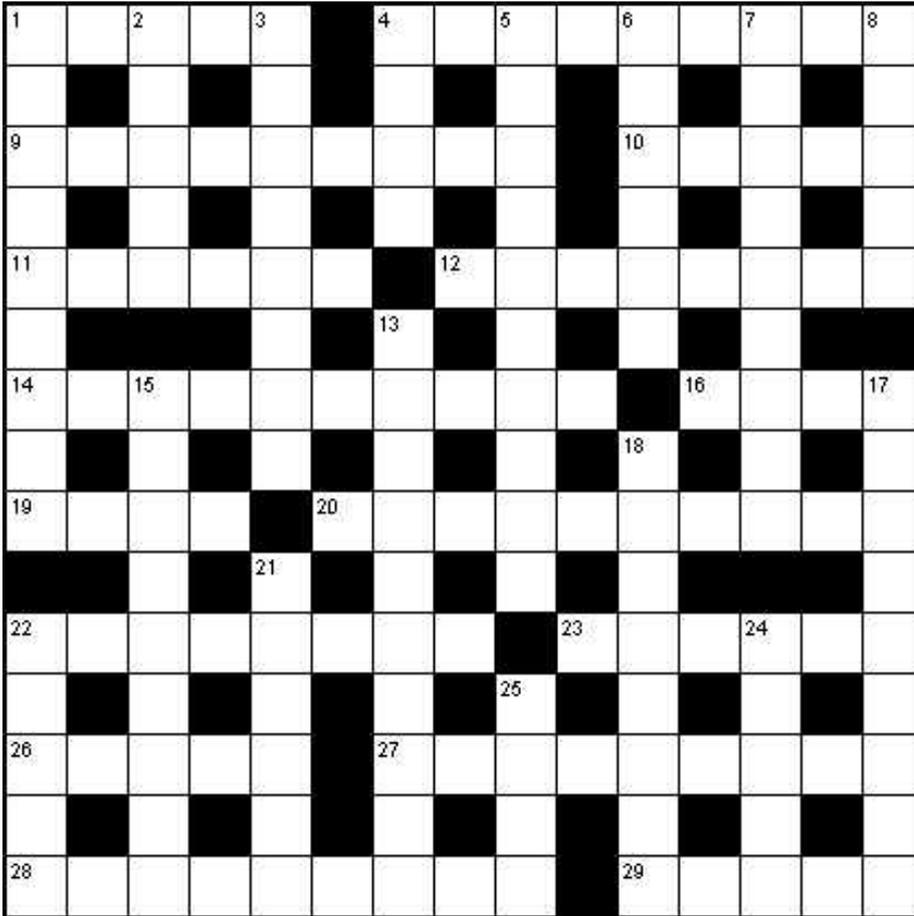
may also finish sooner and then need replacing.

Biennials are the best solution; sow them in a seedbed in late spring and summer, after the brassicas are planted out and no longer need the space, then plant them out in their flowering position in autumn or early the following spring. Sweet rocket, sweet William, foxgloves, wallflowers and stocks are very useful in this way and give a lot of effect for little effort.

Flowers for cutting are better grown on the vegetable beds where their loss will be less noticeable than it is from the middle of your best border. Growing them on the vegetable plot also breaks the rotation and benefits the crop as well as bringing in beneficial insects. Shrub borders need the least maintenance, especially if they contain evergreens. The dense shade of large shrubs keeps most weeds under control and few ornamental shrubs need much pruning as long as they are well spaced. As a general guide, leave most shrubs unless they get too big; prune those that flower early in the year immediately after flowering and those that flower later as soon as the leaves drop; prune evergreens, tenderer plants and those with hollow stems such as Buddleia in spring, and the Prunus family in mid-summer. All shrubs benefit from soil enrichment and watering, but this is rarely absolutely necessary – they are mostly very tolerant of different soils.

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ACROSS

- 1 Confused sound of voices coming from the infant wing? (5)
 4 It's a common situation for jockey to put money on filly coming first (9)
 9 Composer's entered in Grove incorrectly (9)
 10 Volunteers return to desert to find a race indigenous to 16 (5)
 11 Leaning type associated with Pisa? (6)
 12 One's said to fall asleep around noon (8)

- 14 Henry's to dash to church, substituting for one in city of 19 (9)
 16 Country displacing capital after revolution; royal leader being last (4)
 19 Poet has no love for 16's news agency (4)
 20 Having given ear to Cockney's arrogance, love, you finally admitted it is tedious (10)
 22 The French gent's criminal – he goes inside for stretch (8)
 23 One to laze about before afternoon may well be found in bed (6)
 26 Plies the product, possibly, with

- sales patter (5)
 27 Reckon he's mad to hold scorpion's tail (9)
 28 One who arranges for newspaper to rise in circulation (9)
 29 He brings wine from Bordeaux to American city (5)

DOWN

- 1 In the US it's expensive for epicene to get credit accepted (3-6)
 2 Head of secret service in 16 is lifted away from part of 16 (5)
 3 Having a bit of foliage that's present in the smallest possible amount? On the contrary (8)
 4 Ditch bowler before end of spell – twice? (2-2)
 5 Feel 'unger very badly – desiring dish that's best served cold (10)
 6 Former partner's wrong to demand money with menaces (6)
 7 Give barman tip as token of appreciation for providing starter? (9)
 8 Drink half finished by murdered statesman of 16 (5)
 13 Agrees to be silent, mostly, about controversial c-cases (10)
 15 Standing for salesman doing a bunk – and feeling bitter about it (9)
 17 Surgeon's tool found in grate by a politician (9)
 18 British leader never ordered Zurich to be evacuated and captured (8)
 21 Left without a blemish (6)
 22 Money given by fool for old rope (5)
 24 Riefenstahl's associated with Nazism, chiefly (5)
 25 With sun's endless heat, river is to dry up (4)

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Letters

Just a short letter from the Royal British Legion Kirton and district Branch to let you all know what the activities are for the coming year.

For those of you who may not beware Lincoln castle will be staging the poppy wave from May to September. This is part of the ceramic poppies that were on display at the tower of London last year which are now touring the country.

We are organising a coach trip to see the display on Thursday 2nd June 2016 leaving Kirton at 1000hrs and arriving back about 1500hrs the cost will be £7.50 if we have a full coach this will reduce to £5.00 anyone wishing to go please contact me, Roland Reece as soon as possible on 01205 722501 or roland.reece@btinternet.com

Entry to the castle to see the poppy wave is free of charge but if you wish to visit the other attraction around the castle or the cathedral there is the standard entry fee. To find out more on what to see at Lincoln go to www.visitlincoln.com.

For future activities that the branch are hoping to organise are a Race Night, a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, the annual fishing match which is arranged for Friday 15th July, we are also having a stall at the Classis Car Rally at Graves Park on Sunday 14th August we will also be supporting the ladies section at the Church Flower Festival in June. If we have any surplus revenue from any of these activities it will be go towards the Poppy appeal.

On Sunday 26th June there is also a service for Armed Forces Day and this will take place at the Methodist Chapel in Kirton.

Thank you all for your support.
Best regards
Roland
Poppy Appeal Organiser

PAYBACK TIME!

Having read March's *Fosdyke Magazine*, you were correct in printing two cars were vandalized. one of our family left their car outside our house (opposite church in Mill Lane) on Thursday, 11 February.

First thing Friday morning a very kind dustman knock on our door to inform us the back window had been smashed. Next to the car was a large cobble stone like the ones you find on a beach so the very sad person who threw it came prepared. Who carries these sort of missiles with them. One hopes when they get a car they work hard for the same thing happens to them, hopefully payback time! It took five days to get a replacement, the fitter pointed out the rock had hit the bottom of the window, damaged the metal then the window blew outwards. On the morning it happened I then had to take the owner of the car to work, back home clear all the glass off the road. As any car owner knows we then have to pay excess towards the replacement window. Nice one.

R Cameron

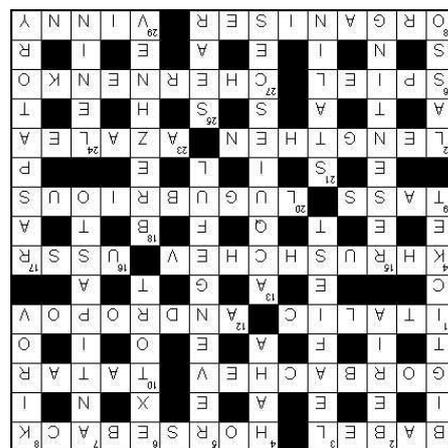
WHIST WINNERS

Seven pairs took part in the Whist Drive at Fosdyke Social Club on 5 March.

Although it was a close thing eventual winners were Pauline Fish and Alan Bristow.

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SIMNEL CAKE

Margaret Tofts made some lovely fluffy chicks which are looking to spread their wings and leave home for Easter.

Unless you've ordered them from her already (by 20 March margarettofts@btinternet.com) you're unlikely to receive one.

They come with their own five-inch marzipan-topped simnel cake. Margaret has made the cakes with brandy soaked fruits and lots of love.

Below is a photo of some of the actual cakes, and the story behind simnel cakes, which remains something of a mystery in origin. The cakes were sold on behalf of All Saints, Fosdyke at £3.75 each.



The Debated History of the Simnel Cake – its much older than you might think and did in fact exist long before the traditional stories about children in service!

Simnel Cake is an Easter time fruit cake, made with lemon, dried fruits and peel, treacle and marzipan. It turns out that an interesting mythology has formed around this ancient fruity fare. The Simnel Cake according to many, is an Easter Cake, baked during the Easter period. You see it has eleven little balls of toasted marzipan on the top that Christians believe alludes to the true disciples of Jesus (Judas doesn't figure in this equation). You can even put a ball in the centre, just for Jesus, if it

pleases you. Others say the Simnel Cake is a post-Lent delicacy, containing all the goodies that you are not allowed to enjoy during the fasting period.

Another popular legend attributes the invention of the Simnel cake to Lambert Simnel, but this has been debunked since the Simnel cake appears in English literature prior to Lambert's bid for the throne. I've also read that it is traditionally baked on Mothering Sunday, made by many a young girl to bring home to their long-suffering mother.

Other research suggests that the name most likely derives from the Latin word 'simila' meaning fine, of course referring to the white flour used in the mix and possibly to the rich ingredients found in the recipe.

About.com suggests that the name came from a sister (Nell) and brother (Simon) who wanted to make a cake for their mother. One wanted to bake the cake, the other to boil it. They decided to do both and bring them together in one which became the Simnel Cake.

So many stories and so little time to ponder on which could be the true meaning behind the unusually named Simnel Cake. I don't particularly care where it comes from or what it means, but I do care deeply what it tastes like. I'm not usually big on fruit cakes; I can think of so many more tantalising ingredients outside of the dried fruits. But I have seen the error of my ways people. I have repented.

Thanks go to Margaret Tofts for the stories behind simnel cake.

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A Question of Murder

by Jane Crane

PART SIX

Gould was beginning to realise that creeping about in the dark was a younger man's game. He'd managed to sneak over the fence with only minimal damage to his trousers but navigating his way to the hospital's main building was proving to be a tougher proposition. As he clambered through a particularly dense patch of brambles he swore repeatedly under his breath. He could just make out the outline of the building up ahead, the only lights coming from the main reception area.

He positioned himself behind a row of hedges and waited. After a few minutes he saw two security guards cross the reception area and take their places behind the front desk. From Gould's experience of night security staff they weren't particularly interested in venturing from their positions unless they saw something suspicious on their monitors. As long as he could evade the cameras he would be fine.

The bushes that ran around the car parks' edge provided the perfect cover for Gould as he slowly made his way to the side of the old building. According to Dominic King this part of the hospital complex was abandoned, only used to store old furniture; so why then, Gould wondered, were there four massive air conditioning units attached to the back of the building, all running?

Adjacent to the building's rear entrance was a small tarmacked area, a makeshift car park by the look of the three black Transit type vans parked there with their rear doors open.

Gould watched as half a dozen men unloaded assorted metal containers from the back of the vans. Some of the containers were small and able to be carried by an individual but there were larger ones that needed to be manoeuvred onto waiting trolleys before being taken through the back doors of the hospital. After about half an hour, each of the vans were driven

away and the activity around the back of the building stopped.

Once he was sure that no one was coming back, Gould, keeping low and sticking to the darkened perimeter of the makeshift loading area, jogged quickly to the back door. Yep, definitely a young man's game, Gould thought. His knees were pinging a bit and he could feel a slight twinge in his back that didn't bode well. Shaking off these niggles he rose up to peer through the window in the top of one of the doors. The area beyond was empty apart from a couple of plastic chairs and a bucket full of sand and cigarette butts.

Gould gave the door a gentle push and was surprised when it swung open easily. On the other side of the room was a goods lift; the doors were open and inside were three of the large metal boxes that he'd seen being offloaded from the vans. Gould looked around quickly when he heard voices coming from outside. With nowhere else to go he jumped into the lift and squeezed himself behind the boxes.

'Is this the last of 'em?' said a voice.

'Yep, thank god. Bloody creepy if you ask me.'

'Well no one asked you, did they? Just send the lift up and keep your mouth shut.'

Gould heard the lift doors being pulled across and then it was moving. From his hiding place he could see that he was alone in the lift but there would no doubt be someone waiting to unload the cargo at the top. What the hell was he going to do? How was he going to explain the fact that he was hiding in this lift? All sorts of scenarios ran through his mind, most of them ended with his body being thrown into the boot of a car, but luckily for him, when the lift stopped no one came to unload it.

Gould waited for a few seconds and then decided to make a break for it. He opened the lift doors and was careful to make sure that he closed them again behind him before tip toeing quietly down the corridor. The gleaming white walls and floors were about as far removed from derelict as it was possible to get. So much for King's story about this area being out of bounds and unused. Gould's instincts had been right, there was something going on here. Now all he had to do was work out what it was and get the hell out of there before someone saw him.

He made his way down the corridor, trying each door handle in turn but they were all locked, until he reached the very last set of double doors at the end. As quietly as he could Gould pushed open the doors and poked his head into the room. The surroundings looked familiar to Gould, a man who had spent more than his fair share of time in mortuaries. One wall was covered with square metal doors, behind which Gould was sure he would find refrigerated bodies, but it was the doors on the other side of the room that troubled him the most. They were glass, six of them in total, and inside Gould could see rows of jars and some of the smaller metal boxes that he had seen being unloaded downstairs.

He pulled open the door nearest to him and took out one of the metal boxes. Tentatively he lifted the

lid only to be confronted with the sight of a human heart on ice! Gould almost dropped the box. Slamming the lid shut he thrust it back onto the shelf, almost knocking over a whole row of glass jars holding what looked like eyeballs! I'm going mad, he thought, eyeballs and hearts on ice. It's absurd.

In a rush of trepidation he wrenched open one of the square metal doors on the opposite side of the room. Inside he found a body, at least he found most of a body. There was a gaping hole where the chest should be and the sunken hollows where it's eyes would have been had been crudely stitched shut. Gould felt nauseous. What was going on here? Bent double and wheezing in panic as he tried to make sense of what he'd seen, Gould ran through all the possibilities and suddenly realised that there could be only one explanation; Dominic King was harvesting body parts! But what for? And what did any of this have to do with Catriona Randall's uncle?

Gould pulled his phone out of his pocket and switched on the video camera. He recorded himself opening boxes and filmed close ups of all of the items floating in jars. Suppressing his gag reflex was tough but He knew that if he couldn't provide proof then no one would ever believe him.

Not for the first time since all this began, Gould wished he was still a serving police officer. If he had his badge he would be able to call for back up and catch

King red-handed at whatever he was up to. Without it he was just a civilian and a trespassing one at that!

He headed back out of the doors and into the now empty goods lift. He'd been so preoccupied recording evidence that he'd not heard anyone removing the big containers. He needed to be more careful. Pressing himself against the side of the lift he pushed the button marked 'G' and prayed for just a bit more luck to get him out of there in one piece.

By some miracle he made it down and out of the building and within minutes he was back in his car panting like an overheated dog.

What was he going to do now? Who should he tell? It just didn't seem possible that what he'd just witnessed was real. Gould decided the best thing to do was head for the police station and talk to his old friend Sullivan. He knew he could trust him; it was Sullivan who'd first called Dominic King's reputation into question. He would be able to help Gould figure out what to do next. Looking at his watch he saw that it was barely five a.m., too early to call Sullivan and too early for Sullivan to be at work, Gould reasoned. He would just have to head to the station and wait.

Throwing his car into gear Gould pulled away from the kerb and drove off, images of floating eyeballs and icy hearts still filling his mind.

END OF PART SIX

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Although that this read like a story, it is a particularly vivid and unpleasant picture still in the mind of Aircraftman Thomas Arthur Booth, stationed at the Holbeach Bombing Range, who is recovering from this terrible experience.

*Source: Lincolnshire Free Press
13 February, 1939*

BELL LANE DYKE CLEARANCE

Thanks go to Welland and Deeping Internal Drainage Board for clearing up the rubbish strewn across the banks of the dyke at the end of Bell Lane.

Thanks must also go to our voluntary street cleaner Malcolm Wynne meeting with Boston Borough Council who then contacted the drainage board. Through *Fosdyke Newsletter* bringing up the issue at a Fosdyke Parish Council meeting, Mayflower were also alerted and reacted positively to the complaint.

Hopefully this will see the end of litter being discarded in this particular location. A lot of time and energy has gone into clearing up this area. All unnecessary if the culprits had just been a little more responsible. These seemingly minor events all contribute to higher taxes that everyone (excluding tax dodgers, of course) have to pay. That's us.

STOLEN VEHICLE ALERT

There is currently an ongoing crime series where vehicles are being stolen from rural locations.

Vehicles are being targeted where the keys have been left in the ignition whilst a delivery or visit is being made.

Builders vans, delivery vans and 4x4 vehicles have been stolen.

Please ensure that you do not leave keys in the ignition, keep your vehicle locked whilst making deliveries and be aware of other vehicles in the same location.

If you notice any suspicious vehicles please obtain the registration and contact Lincolnshire Police on 101.

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WHO ARE PHATT KNAPPPII?

You may have heard of Phatt Knappii, or read about them in *Fosdyke Newsletter*. You may have seen them play at the Social Club on Open Mic nights or even more recently at The Ship. But probably not.

With their rise in popularity, and being a band that has its routes in Fosdyke - all its members live here - we thought you might like to know more about them so you could give them your support. We dare you to go see them.



TERRY MARTIN

Before moving to Fosdyke at the beginning of October 2007 Terry had been the Project Manager for Calibre Consultancy working within the Ministry of Justice's facilities management team consolidating their Victoria estate and other London buildings and came into contact with Lord Falconer and Jack Straw on several memorable occasions. No-one ever asked him to sign the official secrets act! His arrival in Fosdyke coincided with the launch of a publishing venture gaining him an award in 2011 for the Best Magazine/Periodical at the British Fantasy Awards. He has a degree in Literature, his short stories have appeared in several anthologies, and his artwork shown at a variety of exhibitions. He currently works at a primary school in Wisbech as Artist In Residence, edits *Fosdyke Newsletter*, appears in his son's CBBC series *Art Ninja*, and writes songs for Phatt Knappii. Terry didn't pick up a guitar seriously until 2008.

MARTYN HAYES

Martyn has lived in Fosdyke all his life, went to Lincoln University where he majored in Public Relations, coming away with a degree in the subject. He currently works at Steve Thorley Potato Equipment Ltd. He likes beer and is Phatt Knappii's lead singer and keytar player.

ROOTS

Phatt Knappii first got together in 2012 as The Unrehearsed to support a Comedy Night at Fosdyke Social Club - finishing the evening with a little live music. Back then they were just three voices and a guitar. They enjoyed it so much that they have stayed together, expanded their skills and built up a repertoire of songs from the '60s to the present though predominantly '80s and self-penned songs.

REGULAR APPEARANCES

Second Thursday of month. **Fosdyke Social Club**
Last Sunday of month. **The Eagle, Boston**

LIZ MARTIN

Like lots of mums, Liz has had a multitude of jobs. She studied nursing on leaving school but finished her career, once the children started fleeing the nest, with several years as a Learning Mentor in Essex and then in a nearby junior school. She moved to Fosdyke with her husband Terry and was closely followed by their daughter and son-in-law. Her (almost) full-time job now is looking after two grandchildren, commuting to Sleaford every day, while her daughter studies for a degree in midwifery at Cambridge University and Peterborough City Hospital. Liz has always loved singing but only picked up her first musical instrument, the bass guitar, eighteen months ago.

FORTHCOMING GIGS

Friday, 22 April. **The Hole In The Wall**, Spalding. 9 pm
Saturday, 11 June, **Bourne Festival**. 2.15 pm
Saturday, 25 June. **Framfest**, Frampton. 2 pm.

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DARTS CHAMPS

The annual darts pairs competition took place at Fosdyke Social Club on Saturday, 12 March, a new date as it had originally been scheduled for Saturday, 20 March due to decorating the club.

In previous years the current

holders stay together to defend their title but this year everyone was put in the hat and new pairs drawn. The eventual winners from the knockout tournament were Martyn Hayes and Michael Walls.

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