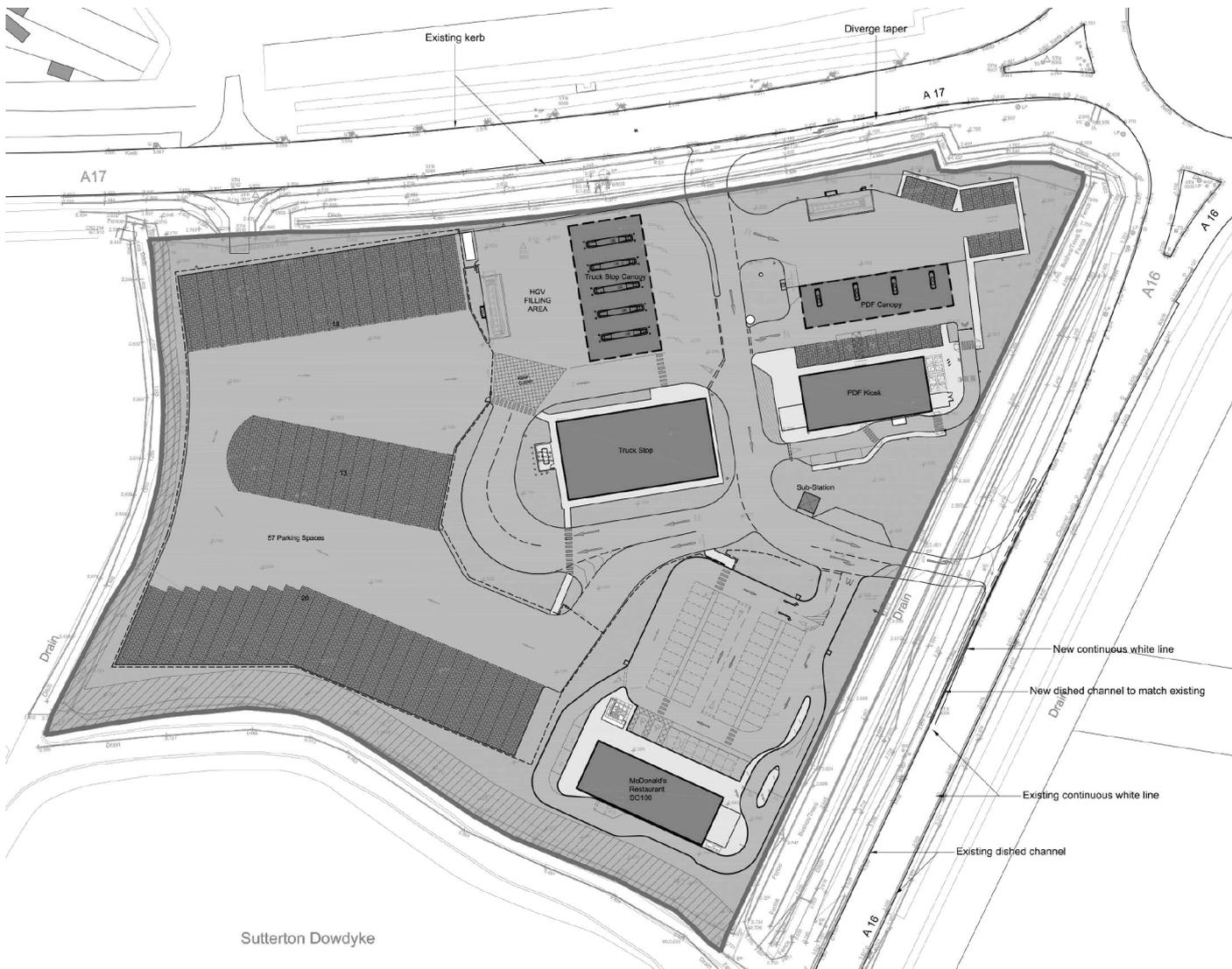


FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

65 NEW JOBS LOCALLY



Thirty full-time and thirty-five part time (the equivalent of forty-five full-time) jobs could be up for grabs soon if plans submitted to Boston Borough Council are approved.

An application has been made by the Lindum Group Ltd to create a new service area at the Sutterton

roundabout which would include a new petrol station, truckstop, McDonalds and Starbucks. The site area covers 2.6 hectares with the entrance on the Sleaford side of the A17 and exit on the Spalding side of the A16

If it is approved let's hope that the current alterations to roads meeting the roundabout, which

while claiming to be making the roads wider seems to be doing the opposite, will be adequate to cope with additional service traffic.

Questions have also been raised about the feasibility of sustaining the current Little Chef and Burger King against rivals McDonalds.

The site has been earmarked for services for several years.

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WINTER JUMPER OFF



Martin's
Farm

It was only last week when I was walking the grass fields looking at what state they were in after the recent rain thinking when are we ever going to be able to get on and start with the list of jobs slowly backing up. I could hardly walk in some places as the soil squelched beneath my feet as I went from field to field. Permanent pastures need harrowing and rolling, the new leys need aerating, Cambridge rolling and spraying for weeds and everything needed its first application of fertiliser.

Then suddenly over the past few days we have seen increased daytime temperatures and day length along with some dry settled weather and some cracking sunshine meaning the winter jumper has been off and the short sleeves on. I walked the fields again

on Monday and couldn't believe how things had changed, it was suddenly all systems go. We have gone from trying to find people jobs during the winter to not having enough people or tractors to get on and do everything before the weather inevitably turns.

The soil where I now work is very different to what I have just got used to in Lincolnshire. We are mainly on Fen Peat or what is known as Black Fens along with some heavier clay fields. The soil is very high in nutrients with a high organic matter content. It has traditionally been used for growing high value vegetable crops as the soil is very deep, easy to work and has little to no stone content. It is however very difficult to grow grass on it! This is because the soil dries

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Fosdyke Playing Field



area to the next and the different methods and techniques required to grow crops in the variety of soils, it is completely different and extremely challenging but I love it.

Glyphosate approved

In last month's article, I wrote about the potential ban for the use of Glyphosate and the affect this would have on not only the farming community but for everyone.

It has however been announced today (15 March) that European scientists have given glyphosate a clean bill of health and rejected any suggestions that it can cause cancer and the available scientific evidence does not meet the criteria to class glyphosate as a carcinogen, as a mutagen or as toxic for reproduction. There is now no reason why glyphosate should not be re-authorized for another fifteen years. Sarah Mukherjee who is the chief executive of the crop protection association, and formerly a BBC environment correspondent for the Today Programme on Radio 4, said:

"This ruling is another reminder this debate has never really been about safety, it has been hijacked and politicised to force a wider debate on modern agriculture.

"Over forty years of robust scientific evidence, supported by one of the most extensive human health, crop residue and environmental databases ever compiled, shows no risk to safety. It's right that we're having that debate, but it's wrong to use health scares to get there."

I personally think this is great news for farmers and other users of glyphosate products and even better news that we have sufficient evidence that a product we have been using for forty years is safe and not a risk to health. We just need to hope that once this goes to Brussels and the EU commission it will be re-registered on a more permanent basis.

out very quickly in the summer which can have a big impact on hay yields. When we establish new leys of grass the soil is very prone to "wind blow" if the conditions are dry. This can blow the top layer of soil away which exposes the newly sown seed which then doesn't germinate. Due to the high nutrition

Cambridge rollers are a gang of segmented rings on a frame or axial. They are mainly used for rolling newly sown cereal or grass seeds which leave the classic rippled look in the soil. They are also used on young grass or cereal crops to encourage tillering.

content, it can also stop the grass from developing deep roots as they are not working to find nutrients at depth which also means the uptake of water is limited in drier conditions. The high nutrition can also lock up essential trace elements which are vital for the cow's health such as Magnesium which can cause "grass staggers" so we need to apply additional trace elements and supplement the cows diet.

I have now gone from the heavy clay soils of Derbyshire to the rank sand land of Nottinghamshire to the pure silts of Lincolnshire to the black peat land of Cambridgeshire. I never really appreciated how different farming can be from one

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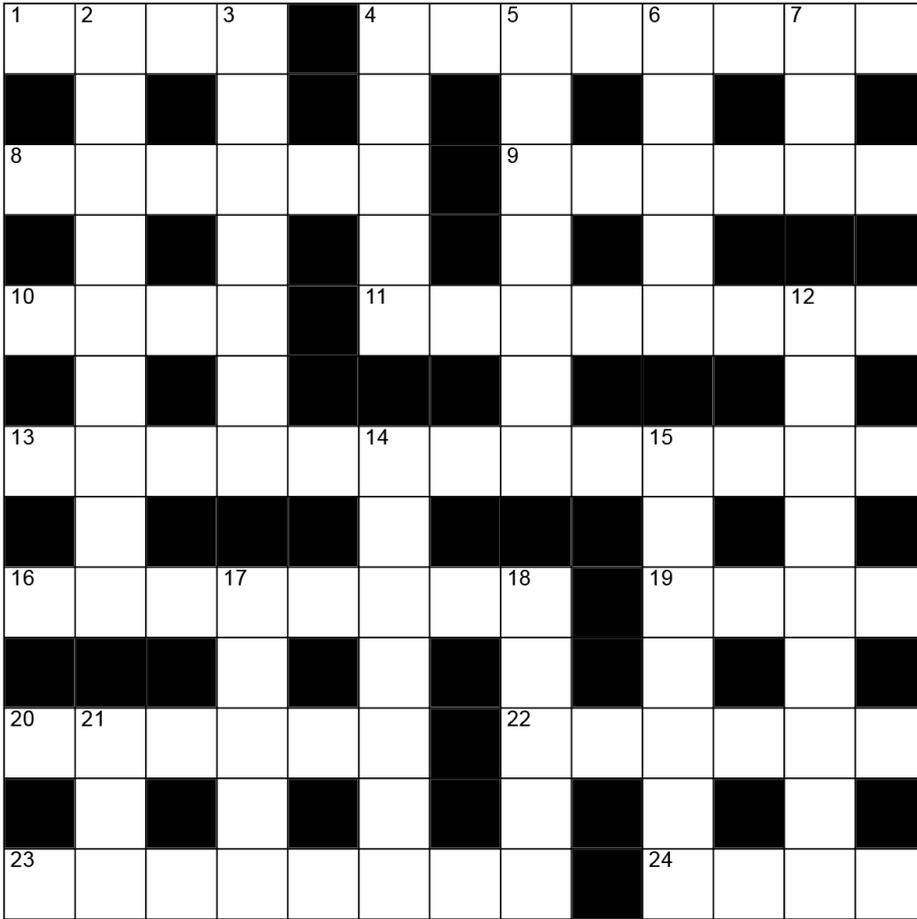
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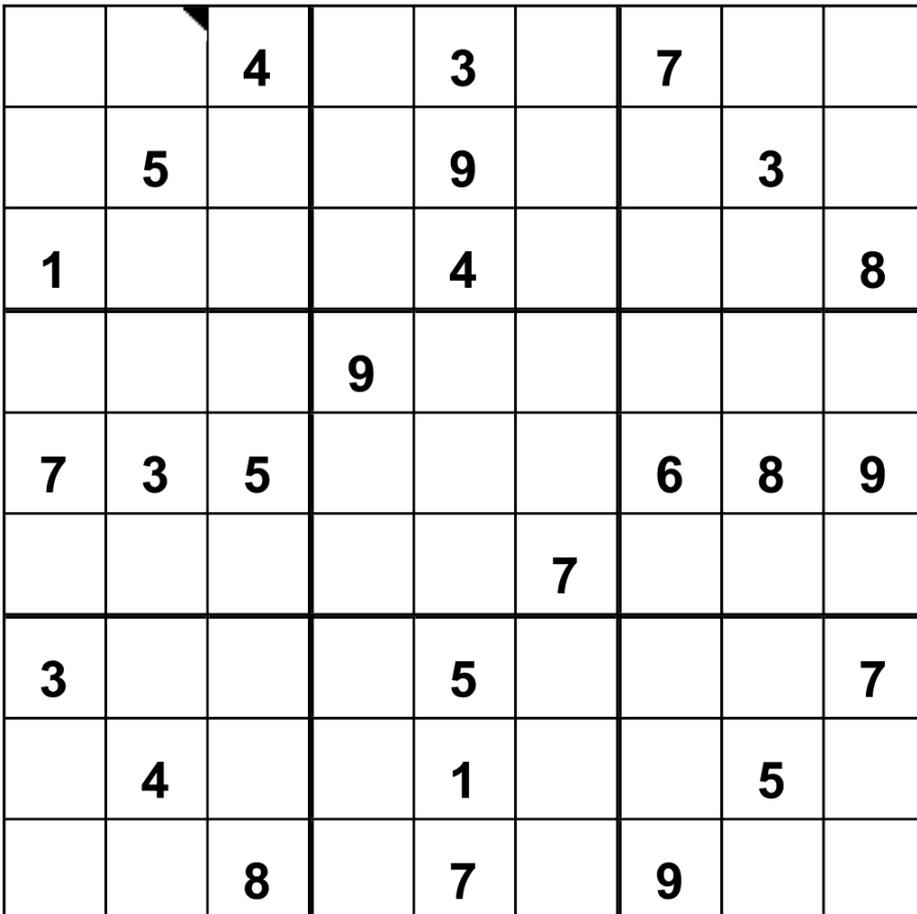
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JAMMING

The Open Mic at the social club on Thursday, 9 March, was one of those odd days when there were more people watching than there were playing. which, actually, is how it ought to be. But are we all so interested in the constructed world of doctored studio music with its autotune and fancy mixing to appreciate the raw quality of a true live performance?

With just Kiya Brown, two members of the Heckington - based band *Stuck With Nothing* and host band *Phatt Knappii* the evening eventually turned into a jam which was not only greatly appreciated by the audience but added immensely to the evening's enjoyment.



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CLOSE-FOUGHT GAME

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VILLAGE HALL PROGRESS

Considering that Fosdyke Village Hall is such a great asset to the village it was a little disappointing to see just twelve people at the recent meeting to discuss the positions soon to become available on Fosdyke Village Hall's committee.

Disappointing but probably anticipated. The majority of people in the village are either busy at work during the day or have other interests that don't impact on the village.

There were three of the current committee members there who are all stepping down from their positions on the committee though Alan White while resigning as chairman intends to continue organising Monday bingo. Three parish councillors and another five residents and a helper at the weekly bingo sessions made up the rest.

Thankfully five of those present recorded an interest in sitting on the committee and agreed to meet in May to decide on who would take up the vacant positions.



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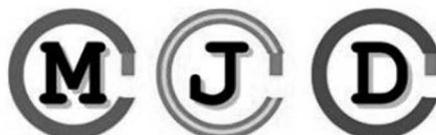
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OUT**

The January minutes of Fosdyke Parish Council are now available on their website and we publish them here verbatim.

JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD 2017

AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Cllr. J. Cropley
Chairman

Cllr. Glenn Vice- Chairman

Cllr's C. Cropley & Pitt

Cllr. Mrs. Wright

Cllr. Brookes LCC

Cllr. Cooper BBC

3 members of the public

001/17 Public Forum

Mr. Martin was recording.

The Council were thanked for the Christmas tree.

002/17 Apologies for absence and the reasons given.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Spencer (BBC) and the Police.

003/17 Receipt of Declarations on interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism

Act 2011

None were given.

004/17 The Notes of the meeting held on December 6th 2016 were read and agreed, it was proposed by Cllr. Glenn and seconded by Cllr. Pitt that the notes be recorded as the Minutes.

005/17 Matters Arising.

The salt bin will be collected from Cllr. Cropley's yard on Thursday by Cllr. Glenn and will be put in place and filled on Saturday when the Christmas lights are removed.

Geoff's seat has been repaired but is in need of varnishing.

006/17 Matters for the Police

There were no matters for the Police.

007/17 Correspondence

LALC – Details of the training available to be issued to members

it was proposed by Cllr. Pitt and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Wright that Fosdyke take part in the training scheme – cheque signed for £65.00.

BBC – Lincolnshire Energy Switch Scheme – poster to be displayed.

Matt Warman MP – upcoming Surgery dates – poster to be displayed.

Citizens Advice – Mid Lincolnshire – request for donations.

Martin Potts – BBC – by email concerning an unsafe memorial in the Churchyard – Cllr's are to investigate.

LCC – Street lighting – regarding details about repairing reported faults and the programme for making changes to street lighting in Lincs. The programme to reach the Boston area by March 31st 2017.

LCC – Highway Grass Cutting – Fosdyke Parish Council to obtain quotes for the amenity cutting outside the village hall.

BBC – Fosdyke Parish Precept 2017/18. The Grant this year is reduced to £74.44, this is the final year of the Council Tax Support Grant.

008/17 Financial Matters

Cheque No. Paid to Shawn Erhardt for repairs to 'Geoff's' seat £40.00

009/17 Diary Dates for 2017

The diary dates for 2017 were proposed by Cllr. C. Cropley and seconded by Cllr. Glenn, 10 planned meetings will be held in 2017.

010/17 Precept 2017/18 It was proposed by Cllr. Glenn and seconded by Cllr. Pitt that Fosdyke Parish Council accepts the proposed budget and precept for

£9,800 – The Clerk to complete the relevant form.

011/17 Donations

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Cropley and seconded by Cllr. Glenn that Fosdyke Parish Council makes donations of £500 to Fosdyke PCC, Fosdyke Playing Field Committee and the Village Hall Committee.

£50 is donated to the Sutterton Surgery Patient Participation Group.

£35 to be donated to Citizens Advice, Age Concern, Cruise Bereavement and Butterfly Hospice Trust.

012/17 Items for discussion at a future meeting.

The quotes for the amenity grass cutting will be discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at approx. 8.07pm the next meeting will be on

Tuesday February 7th 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room

Next parish council meeting:
Tuesday, 4 April, 7.30pm in committee room of Fosdyke Village Hall. All welcome.

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Fosdyke FC

Saturday, 25 February
Boston Athletic 17(!) -
0 Fosdyke Reserves

USUAL STORY

Saturday, 25 February
Fosdyke 5 - 0 Horncastle Town

A 5-0 defeat at home to Horncastle Town Reserves was not the best way to spend Saturday afternoon on a wet Saturday really but that's what Fosdyke did!

The game followed the usual pattern of Fosdyke playing well for a period of time then conceding a number of goals whilst seeming to forget how to play Football, before playing reasonably well again but when it's all over.

The first half saw Fosdyke camped in their own half against the wind and a talented Horncastle side who applied pressure right from the off. The defence stood firm for the first twenty minutes however until, well, something bizarre happened. The Horncastle keeper walloped a goal kick down field which bounced over Fosdyke's keeper and as Thomas-William Gilbert desperately clawed at the ball to scoop it away it crossed the line by a good yard or two.

As this was happening a Town striker piled in with a challenge and the custodian, the forward and ball all ended up in the back of the net. Frustrated, our keeper picked the ball up and whacked it away which was followed by the ref saying play on! In the eyes of the official the ball had not crossed the line and Fosdyke had been given an unbelievable let off!

It didn't last. Horncastle deservedly took the lead with a header from a corner and a second was added after a penalty was awarded and converted just before half time.

With the wind behind Fosdyke it was reasonable to suggest that they would have a better chance of getting out of their own half in the second period but two quick goals by the visitors put paid to any comeback aspirations and a late fifth added insult to injury.

Fosdyke did create the odd chance and Daniel Fletcher was unlucky to see his last kick of the game goal disallowed for off side when it appeared to ... oh what does it matter ... one of those days.

A few bright spots can be salvaged from the afternoon - Gary O'Connor made his first appearance for a year or so and Daniel Fletcher was his usual ferocious self in midfield. Man of the Match this week however goes to Sam Melson who worked tirelessly on the right wing all game.

CLOSE

Saturday, 11 March
Fosdyke 0 - 1 FC Kirton

A number of games were cancelled due to the condition of pitches though only one was a home game.

Both the first team and reserves are currently at the bottom of their respective divisions.

HOME FIXTURES

First team:

Saturday, 15 April, 2.30pm
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Reserves:

Saturday, 1 April, 2.30pm
v Boston Athletic

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STUDIO EXPERIENCE

A band of intrepid locals travelled to the set of Emmerdale recently (4 February).

The tour started off with a brief history of when it started, then on to story writers room full of story boards spoiler alerts etc. Then it was costumes and props where some of the clothes are stored. The make-up room was full of lights and photos on how each character looks (men are not allowed to shave when they want and girls are not allowed to cut colour their hair when they like). They then headed

to the editing room where they had a chance to edit a scene and compare it to a editor's cut (Patricia, Betty Williamson's sister-in-law got best edit).

They were able to look around the Dingles', Bernice's saloon, Paddy's house (where they took group pic on his couch, below), watch a video on how the helicopter crash was made with a prop that was used in the scene.

Apparently it takes twenty-two hours of filming to make twenty-two minutes we see on screen.

They were taken to the Woolpack where they had their pictures taken pulling pints behind the bar. The village at the studios is actually a quarter size to the actual real life village (village tours are separate) but you could clearly see each name and number on each of the houses.

The Emmerdale gift shop proved to be too tempting and souvenirs were purchased.

They went with a tour company called Hallum Travel in Holbeach, after inquiring with a local coach firm, who booked it all for them and supplied lovely coach which had a spotless toilet on board where comfort breaks could be taken. Their driver was lovely and a pure gent, and got everyone on the bus to wish Betty, and sing her happy birthday.

Hopefully we'll have more next month with a report on their trip to Cadbury World.



Back row, left to right: Tammie Ryan, Karl Fawcett, Jane Bristow, Carol Stray, Front row: Patricia and Reg Walmsley, Betty and Ron Williamson.

When is a weed a weed?

I've had a couple of conversations recently on the subject of "what is a weed?" Have a look on the Internet for definitions of a "weed" and you will quickly discover numerous variations on "a plant in the wrong place". Ask any gardener the same question and its odds on you'll get the same reply. But does that help you to understand weeds? Does it even make sense? Let's find out by looking at a couple of examples.

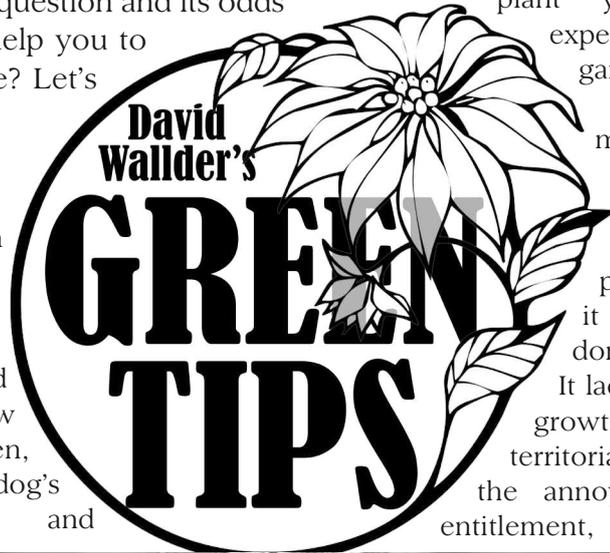
Twayblade is one of our commoner but less conspicuous native orchids and, in my researching, found an example of one being found, unexpectedly, in someone's garden. It is listed in the European Garden Flora, but surely only for the sake of completeness. The RHS Plant Finder even lists one place you can actually buy it, but only from a specialist

wildflower supplier, along with other plants that no one in their right mind would grow in a garden, such as dog's mercury and

enchanter's nightshade (nice name, horrible plant).

In fact, if you were to set out to grow British native plants in your garden ranked in order of some measure of garden-worthiness, you would be a long way down the list before you came to twayblade. Nor have I ever seen twayblade in cultivation, so I'm going to stick my neck out and say it's definitely not a plant you would expect to find in a garden.

Which makes it, in a garden, a plant in the wrong place. But is it a weed? I don't think so. It lacks the rapid growth, the territorial ambitions, the annoying air of entitlement, the



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determined persistence in the face of persecution, in short, any of the things I normally associate with a weed.

My second example is *Papaver rhoeas*, the common red cornfield poppy. A plant that is, without a shadow of a doubt, a weed, in fact almost the textbook example of a weed. The common poppy is one of a group of obligate arable weeds,

plants that are so well adapted to cereal fields that they appear not to have a “natural” habitat at all.

Because such plants are confined to arable fields in northern Europe, botanists usually assume their original, “wild” habitat must lie in the eastern Mediterranean area or southwest Asia, which is undoubtedly where they came from. But even there, many are not

found outside arable fields. They may simply have been adapting to farmed habitats for so long that they can no longer live anywhere else.

It therefore follows that as far as the common poppy is concerned, if cereal fields are “the wrong place”, we have a plant that grows only in the wrong place, because it doesn’t grow anywhere else. Far better, I think, to go along with reality and accept that for the common poppy, arable fields are where it belongs.

So there you have it. On the one hand, a plant that has turned up in the wrong place, but can’t possibly be described as a weed. And on the other hand, a plant that couldn’t be weedier if it tried, yet is so perfectly adapted to its one and only, weedy, cereal-field habitat that must logically be the right place.

Which all tends to suggest that “a plant in the wrong place” is as vacuous and content-free as I always suspected. The truth is that weeds are too numerous, too diverse and simply too interesting for anything useful about them to be conveyed by a six-word soundbite.

There’s a lesson for us all here, one that goes well beyond gardening. Whenever you find your views on any topic seem to be perfectly captured by some glib phrase, it’s always worth checking that the phrase really means what you think it does, or even if it means anything at all.

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Letter

CONSIDERATION

I was brought up in the 50/60s and was taught by my parents/grandparents/teachers to always be polite and courteous to others. However it seems that the pace of work/life appears to be getting in the way of common decency and it's quite sad to find that these qualities are amiss in many of us today. No-one smiles as they pass

anymore and if you smile at them, you are looked at suspiciously for daring to be happy.

Living in our small community of Fosdyke one might expect villagers to be more accommodating to each other, if not in deed then perhaps in gesture.

A wave of the hand to an elderly person looking out of their window, a "good morning" to the person walking their dog and, dare I say it, because this is the real crux of my

letter, a bit of consideration when driving along the lanes. Please do be prepared to wait for an approaching vehicle to pass instead of driving forward at speed without any regard for others safety and forcing the other vehicle off the road. With a little bit of foresight (looking ahead up the road) it is possible to park and wait for the other vehicle to pass, a wave of thanks and you can both be on your way without incident.

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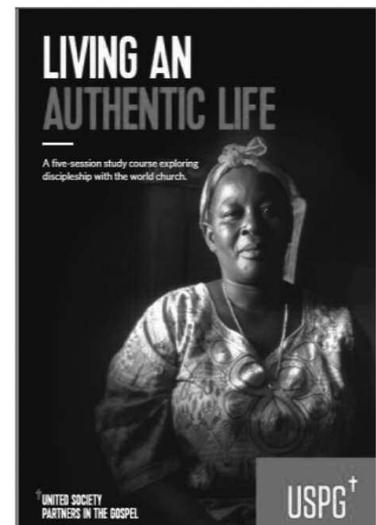
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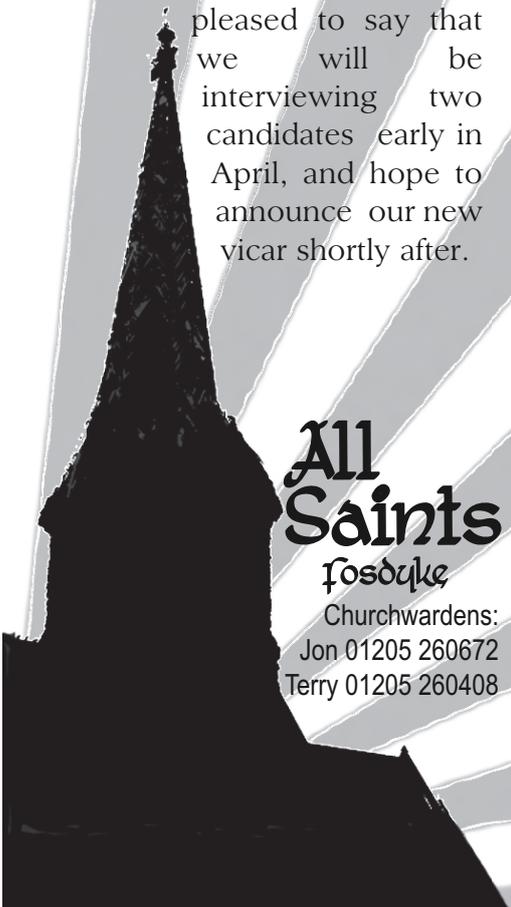
Thanks to all for your understanding due to our recently cancelled Pop-in. We will be holding the next one, just after Easter on the 25th April, so please mark the date and get yourself booked in! These events offer a great opportunity to have a lunch with friends and neighbours, and also help us raise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

GARDEN-OF-REST

Our Garden of Rest volunteer will be starting duty again soon, gathering up the various bits of debris that have accumulated in the area, and generally keeping it tidy for the benefit of all. It would help greatly if you could take away your Christmas wreaths etc. and dispose of them safely. Thank you very much Carole.

NEW VICAR

It would seem that vicars are just like London buses in one respect. You wait ages for one and then two come at once! I am pleased to say that we will be interviewing two candidates early in April, and hope to announce our new vicar shortly after.



All Saints Fosdyke

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PSALMS

Dear Friends,

'Look upon the titles of the psalms, which you are to recite every day, if nothing hinders' – the words given to new canons at Lincoln Cathedral as they are installed into their seat in the cathedral, above which are the names of the psalms that they are to daily recite.

Well, I have to confess that rather too often, in my first two years here, something has 'hindered'. It is something I have been trying since the beginning of the year to put right and do something about!

For me, that has been an incredibly positive experience. I'm not going to claim perfection, but spending sustained and regular time in the same four psalms (mine are Psalms 100 to 104), getting to know them really well, dwelling in them and allowing them to begin to shape who I am, my daily life, how I think and how I act, has begun to address what the apostle James talks about when he speaks of the need to be 'doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves' (James 1.22). That is, to be one of those who actually allows the scriptures to go deep into who I am, and who then allows them to begin that work of transformation that they are there to do.

So, as we move from that period of reflection we call Lent, through the joy of Easter, and out into what we rather tamely as a Church call 'ordinary' time, I want to gently encourage and challenge 'how is that going to happen for you?' What is it that you need to do to allow the scriptures to take hold in your life and bring about the kind of transformation that they are there to do? What is it that you need to do, and how are you going to deal with all those things that prevent and hinder, so that we each allow the Spirit of God to do the work he longs to do, and become more like the people God longs for us to be?

+David Grimsby

Sunday, 2 April
Holy Communion

with FR Peter Green
9.30am

Sunday, 16 April
Holy Communion

with canon Bill Kentigern-Fox
10am

Sunday, 30 April
Group Holy Communion Service

at Kirton with Fr Alan Taylor
10.30am

QUIZ FUN AT TWO VENUES

If you are a fan of Pointless or Eggheads or any of the numerous general knowledge quiz shows on the box then you may be into quizzing too.

Fosdyke has two places to quiz (more than most). The Ship Inn has a popular fortnightly fun quiz run by questionmaster Dave with a £20 meal voucher as first prize. Maximum team is four. April's quizzes will be Monday 10th and 24th starting around 8pm. Why not get there early, treat yourself to a meal then quiz?

Fosdyke Social Club runs a monthly quiz (including supper) with different quizmasters each month so you have a variety of quiz types. Booking is recommended as they can have as many as sixty contestants (see Page 3). Maximum team is six. The social club's quiz is usually (but not always) the last Saturday of the month. April's quiz is 29th starting at 8pm



Mark Cox Installations

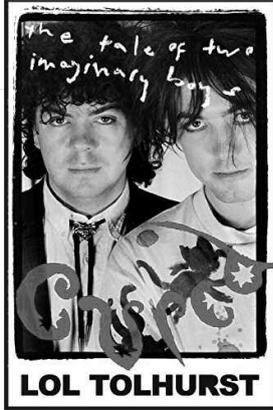
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Elizabeth Wallder's
Book Review
 Cured
 by Lol Tolhurst



As a teenager I was really into the band, The Cure; honestly they were about the only thing I listened to for a few years.

So, I was really excited to be given this book- an autobiography of Lol Tolhurst, drummer, then keyboard player and general dogsbody for Robert Smith of the Cure. It's a very well told story that follows Lol through his school days with best mate, Rob and then the highs and lows of being in a successful band at a young age. It's also a very personal account of Lol's increasing drink problem that leads in the end to his sacking. Also charting his survival of the addiction and ultimately finding his own way in the world, ending with forgiveness when Lol gets to play with his lifelong friends again on stage.

This book is full of funny adventures with some of the earlier stories making me laugh out loud but is also very honest with the lows so I was always on his side, cheering him on. In my teens I was heavily in love with Rob Smith but now I've read this I'm a little in love with Lol.

If you love the Cure, then read this book- a real insight into what went into the making of the band, and it will make you watch certain videos in a new light ...

BIG BBC BOOB

If you were unlucky enough to receive too many brown bin stickers - yes Boston Borough Council made a big booboo - then you can hand them in at the following stores.

If you're tempted to pass the stickers on to neighbours and friends it won't do them any good as the lorries are all fitted with a database of people who have paid and CCTV cameras. Also by giving them back to the council they can be re-used for people who have not yet received stickers.

Costcutter, Church End, Wrangle;

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Leverton Stores, A52, Leverton; Costcutter, Brand End Road, Butterwick;

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Spar Shop, Priory Road, Fishtoft;

Spar Shop, Parthian Avenue, Wyberton;

Costcutter, Boston Road, Kirton;

Premier Bob's Convenience Store, Sutterton;

Swineshead Post Office, High Street, Swineshead;

Bicker General Store, Gauntlet Road, Bicker.



Promises are like babies. Fun to make, but difficult to deliver.

Phones are getting thinner and smarter. People, not so much.

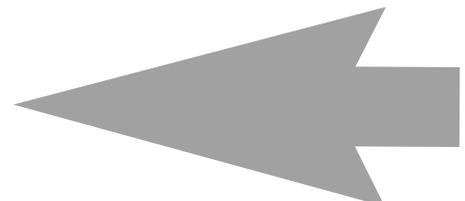
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 Alice through the looking glass



If you have any one liner or brief jokes that you'd like to share in Fosdyke magazine please send them to newsletter@fosdyke.org.uk.

THE FENNEY MYSTERIES

What Goes Around Comes Around

NEW
STORY!

Jane Lacey-Crane

PART 1

“I’m sorry Ian, it’s just not believable. I mean, I body parts and bio-mechanical soldiers. It’s a bit far-fetched.” The slightly balding man in the cheap suit leaned back in his chair as he spoke. Gould heard it creak under his weight; too many client lunches and launch parties had undoubtedly taken their toll on his agent’s waistline and probably his arteries as well.

“As your agent, I have to be honest. I don’t think I can sell this to your publisher. It’s too way out. Your loyal readers are expecting something more along the lines of your first book, a nice straight forward murder mystery, an old-fashioned police procedural.”

This brunch wasn’t going the way Gould had hoped. He knew his new manuscript was a bit different but considering it was based on fact, he’d hoped that his agent would be able to see its merits – obviously not.

“I can’t say I’m not disappointed Jeff. I didn’t think the plot was going to be such a hard sell. It’s not that out there surely? Is it?”

Jeff swallowed the last of his red wine and gave Gould a slightly pitying look.

“My dear Ian,” he reached across and patted Gould’s arm. The patronising gesture got Gould’s back up but he tamped down the urge to wrench his arm away. “I’ll do what I can with this but I’m not promising anything. The publishers might still demand that you write something else for them. You signed a three-book contract, this might not quite be what they had in mind.”

“I’m sure you’ll do your best. Now, if you’ll excuse me, I need to be making tracks.” Gould finished his coffee and then stood up.

“Hot date?” asked Jeff.

“Funeral of an old friend. A colleague from my days on the Force. Service starts at three so I need to be heading off. Let me know how it goes with the publisher.”

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Gould looked around the crowded bar. The funeral had been a sad occasion but here in the pub the mood was more upbeat. Gould had no doubt it had plenty to do with the open bar but that suited him fine; he’d never liked funerals. An explosion of laughter rang out from across the other side of the pub, drawing his attention to the other side of the bar. A group of about half a dozen faces he recognised were standing together, sharing a joke. Jimmy Watson, former Detective Sergeant, now private security contractor, caught Gould’s eye and gestured that he should come over and join them. Reluctantly Gould dragged himself away from his comfy position at the bar and wandered across. He weaved his way through the crowd, stopping a couple of times to say hello to people, until he eventually made it to Jimmy.

“Ian Gould! I thought you were dead mate! Where the bloody hell have you been for the last few years?” Jimmy slapped a hand across Gould’s back, making him almost spit out the mouthful of beer he’d just swallowed.

“Hello Jimmy, nice to see you. No, I’m not dead, just enjoying a quiet life in the Fens.” Gould allowed himself a small smile – his life had been anything but quiet since he moved to Fenney after his last case a few years back.

“I heard you’d written a book. Finally found something you were good at, eh?” Jimmy spoke loudly and his comment raised a few chuckles from the group.

“Yeah, something like that. What about you? I heard you started up your own security firm.”

“Yep. That’ right. I’m doing pretty well for myself actually. Started small but I employ almost a hundred people now. We specialise in personal security for the rich and famous, you name ‘em and I’ve probably looked after ‘em,” he said proudly. “Not that I’m allowed to name drop you understand. Client confidentiality and all that.” He tapped the side of his nose. Gould imagined that Watson would be only too happy to name drop after a few more beers. He

resolved to make sure that he'd left the wake by the time that happened.

A quick look around the group left Gould in no doubt that he was in much better shape than a lot of his old colleagues. The stress, the hours and probably the Scotch, had taken its toll. Most of them looked like they were about to have either a heart attack or a stroke and, not for the first time, Gould thanked his lucky stars for early retirement and the chance to live a different life. One that he found himself very keen to get back to suddenly. Jimmy Watson had thankfully transferred his attention elsewhere so Gould drained his pint, said goodbye to a few people and made his way to the door. He hadn't realised how dark it was in the pub, the sunlight outside momentarily blinded him. He didn't see the man propped up against the wall, smoking a cigarette, until he almost tripped over him.

"Sorry mate, my fault." As his eyes adjusted he saw the man's face – Marcus Warner, a DI he knew from his time with the Met. Marcus hastily dropped his cigarette and ground it into the pavement with his shoe.

"You're not going yet are you, Ian?"

"Afraid so. I've got to get over to Kings Cross to catch my train," said Gould.

"I was hoping we'd get a chance to talk."

"Yeah, would have been nice to catch up but I've really got to get going, so ..." Gould stuck out his hand but Marcus didn't acknowledge it. After a few awkward seconds, Gould shoved his hand back into his pocket and made his way over to the edge of the kerb to try and hail a taxi. He noticed Marcus looking around nervously, actually come to think of it, everything about Warner's whole demeanour screamed agitation and fear. What the hell? His detective's brain got the better of his good sense and he turned around.

"I guess I could hang on for a few more minutes, Marcus. Shall we go back inside and grab a beer?" Gould walked back to the man and noted the fine film

of sweat that had formed on his brow. Marcus shook his head.

"No. Not here. Over there." He gestured towards a tatty looking café across the road and started walking. Gould reluctantly followed but his policeman's instinct was on high alert.

They found a table at the back – Marcus had insisted he didn't want to sit near the window – and they both ordered a coffee.

"So, what's all this about?" asked Gould.

"Just a minute." Marcus waited until the waitress had set their cups down before he carried on speaking.

"Something's going on, Ian, something bad."

"What do you mean?"

"Simon Durning didn't die of natural causes."

"Simon Durning? The man whose funeral we've just been to?"

Marcus nodded, his eyes darting to the door of the café as someone came in.

"I thought he had a heart attack?" Gould remembered he hadn't been surprised when he'd heard the news of his colleague's tragic passing; Simon Durning smoked, drank like a fish and had never met a doughnut he didn't like.

Marcus shook his head emphatically. "He was murdered, no doubt about it. And he's not the first."

"Who else?"

"Dave Coombs, Rob Foster, Terry Clow and Peter Fraser."

Gould took in the list of names that Marcus had just given him and the hairs on the back of his neck stood up.

"Wait a second, all those names, those men, they were all officers in our team, in CID."

Gould hadn't heard some of those names in almost twenty years. "And you're saying they were all murdered?"

"Yes," said Marcus, "and I think we might be next."

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no later than 15 April

COUNCIL GETS TOUGH

Well, if you didn't read it in last month's Fosdyke Magazine you should have seen it by now when you received your council tax letter. It's on the back of the bin collection schedule for 2017-18. It's a reminder to dog walkers that they could be fined if they don't comply with local byelaws.

We've been informed that every parish council has been sent posters (pictured below) to put up so expect to see them displayed around the village in the not too distant future....

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This will apply to any area that the public have access to within the Borough of Boston

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