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A big thank you to those who have recently retired from the Fosdyke Newsletter delivery team: Denis Glen, Elaine Glen and Wendy de Pear, having ensured you receive your copies over the last two years (and beyond), and to Ray Hoey, Helen Crouch and Nicky Furnell who so quickly volunteered to take on the vacant rolls. And not forgetting the other six!

COMMUNITY SHOP

At the time of writing this we have had fourteen questionnaires returned, which doesn't sound many when you consider the newsletter goes to around two-hundred and fifty homes in Fosdyke.

It's not all negative though as half of those who answered the questionnaire are prepared to either be a part of the steering group or help run a shop.

Before we arrange an open meeting we'd like more feedback so have included the questionnaire again. Please take a few minutes to complete the form if you've not done so already. If you wish you can scan and email a completed copy to terry@fosdyke.org.uk. Deadline is 31 December 2014.

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Sunday Services

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Holy
Communion

+

21 December

at 6 pm

Family Candlelit
Carol Service

+

24 December

at 9.30 am

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Candlelight

aka Midnight Mass

Remembrance

Thanks to all those who attended the Service of Remembrance at All Saints. It is good to know that while numbers may be small, that we can still show respect to those who gave their lives for us all, in the two world wars, and also in more recent conflicts around the world. Special thanks to Terry Harrington who created our simple poppy flower bed in front of the church notice board to commemorate the Centenary of WW1.

Leaving Us

Leaving us for pastures new – Lwell, Wainfleet actually!, is our vicar, the Revd. Fr. Gary Morgan. Gary will be in post until Christmas, at which point the parish is in vacancy, until a new vicar is appointed. Contact arrangements will be published next month, but in the meantime, if you need the services of a priest for whatever reason, please do not hesitate to contact Jon or Terry – details above.

If anyone would like to make a small contribution towards a leaving gift for Gary, please contact Jon or Terry.

Family News

First of all... "I would like to apologise for the early onset of senility, or whatever it was that made me name the late Maggie Gray as Maggie Smith, in last months' Newsletter! – Maggie was a great village character and I am sure she would have laughed at me, and said I must have been watching that Downton Abbey at the time - Jon"

We wish Stella Ulyatt a speedy recovery after her recent fall.

After the Church Service on Advent Sunday, the ashes of the late Margaret Gray will be interred to be with her husband George in the Garden of rest.

We wish Maxine Terry a speedy recovery after her recent stay at the Pilgrim Hospital.

Pop-In Lunch

There will be another Pop-In Lunch held as soon as we all recover from the Christmas and New Year festivities. Thanks to all for your continuing support. We hope to see you all in the New Year.

Christianity On The Rise

Its easy to think about Church as a small minority of folks when you live in a little village like Fosdyke. A recent and surprising survey was conducted by Wikipedia, "whilst it is difficult to give a definite answer to the actual number of Christians in the world (estimates range from 2 - 3 billion), Christianity remains the most dominant of the world, and is still growing at an astonishing rate. That's a really encouraging message for this time of year when we look back to the birth of Jesus Christ, over two thousand years ago. Read more:

http://wiki.answers.com/Q/How_many_Christians_are_there_worldwide#ixzz1ccvW4f8crmaton.

Fosdyke Annual Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 29 November
from 2 p.m.

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- Grand Christmas Hamper draw
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- etc.etc.etc.

TELEVISION ADVERTS

I write to you just after Remembrance Day this year, which was for many was particularly poignant in this year as we marked the outbreak of the First World War 100 years ago. Already, the symbols of remembrance that have been around us have given way to signs that Christmas is on its way. Even the television advertisements have started, designed to encourage us to dig deep in search of the perfect Christmas.

Christmas advertisements are fast becoming a television genre in their own right. Many have taken a familiar approach - 'tis the season to spoil yourself,' we're told in one - but one supermarket chain has, more controversially, used the trenches of the First World War as the setting for its Christmas advert. It is unsurprising that this has generated much comment in the media. Despite its endorsement by the Royal British Legion, the advert is seen by some as an unashamed (and inaccurate) romanticisation of the horrors of the grim and bloody battlefields of Northern France, with one commentator describing it as a "dangerous and disrespectful masterpiece".

However, the advert does remind us of the remarkable moment when unofficial truces were spontaneously declared at Christmas in 1914. In the weeks leading up to Christmas Day, soldiers from both sides heard each other singing the same carols until, on the day itself, they laid down their weapons and climbed out of the trenches, met each other, exchanged gifts, buried their dead and, famously, played football together. Some stopped for worship together.



Those truces began with the singing of Christmas carols, songs that celebrate the birth of Jesus, the one who is the Prince of Peace. If you catch sight of that advert on television this Christmas, pause for a moment and give thanks for the birth of the Prince of Peace. The birth of Jesus is our ultimate hope and vision for a world founded on love, marked by compassion, and governed by the true and lasting peace of which the angels sang, and for which we long.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF POLLINATION

Usually a gardening column such as this I think of as being fairly timeless. The subjects broached are universal and unchanging. However, my attention was taken by the recent announcement by the environment secretary that gardeners should not mow their lawns in order to help bees. This was part of the announcement for the National Pollinator Strategy.

It appears the crisis in the bee population has prompted government action. The consequences, not only to our food industry, but also to the rest of our countryside would be catastrophic if the bee and butterfly population went into serious decline. Some of the measures proposed include farmers using marginal and fallow land to create meadows. Other organisations such as Network Rail, Highways Agency and the National Trust have pledged to take actions such as planting more bee-friendly wild flowers and allowing grass to grow longer.

Motorway verges, railway embankments and forests will be used to create bee and insect friendly paradises as part of this strategy to protect the 1500 species of pollinators in England.

It also calls upon land managers to make adjustments to their everyday organisation to help improve the habitats for bee and other pollinator. Now, included under the heading of "land managers" are gardeners, which means us.

These actions include quite a few of the areas that I've been talking about for the last few months. Briefly they are:

- Grow more flowers, shrubs and trees that provide nectar and

pollen as food for bees and other pollinators throughout the year.

- Leave patches of land to grow wild with plants like stinging nettles and dandelions to provide other food sources (such as leaves for caterpillars) and breeding places for butterflies and moths.

- Cut less grass often and ideally remove the cuttings to allow plants to flower.

- Avoid disturbing or destroying nesting or hibernating insects, in places like grass margins, bare soil, hedgerows, trees, dead wood or walls.

- Think carefully about whether to use pesticides especially where pollinators are active or nesting or where plants are in flower.

It is true that many species of pollinator are under threat from the widespread loss of native wildflowers. Each of us can help by putting a few bee plants in and it is in our interest to do so. If bees die out, whole families of plants may disappear. Bumble and leaf cutter bees are even more valuable than honey bees as they fly in colder conditions and pollinate earlier in the year.

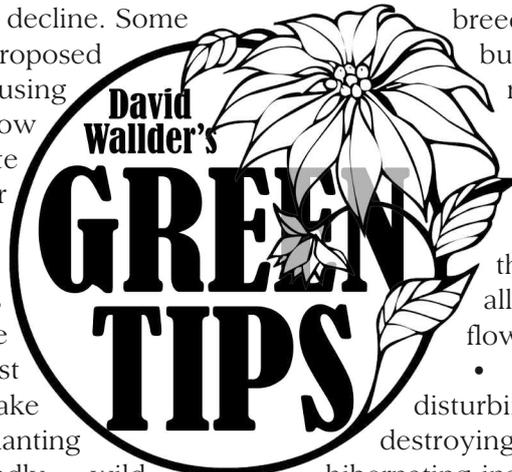
All bees need continuous supplies of pollen and nectar so

many different flowers should be grown to spread out the season. Bumblebees especially need early spring flowers such as Aubrieta, Berberis, Bluebells, dandelions (hence the not cutting the lawn suggestion), flowering currants, wallflowers and white dead nettle.

From early summer they'll go for brambles, Buddleia, clover, comfrey, cotoneaster, Fuchsia, globe artichoke, golden rod, jasmine, knapweed, lavender, mallow, michaelmas daisy, raspberry, rhododendron, thistle and vetch.

The beauty of butterflies is reason enough to encourage them in our gardens, but they are also useful pollinators. Many flowers will provide them with food as they have long tongues and some rely on specific plants for their caterpillar stage. Buddleia, Sedum, golden rod, valerian and lavender all attract butterflies. Many other flowers are visited especially those with yellow, red or orange blooms.

I don't know how successful the rest of the National Pollinator Strategy will be, but popping a few of these plants in your garden will certainly brighten things up. As for not cutting your lawn, I'll leave that up to you.



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"Seven nights to rock!" ...

Not forgetting Karl Fawcett, playing a mean bar.



Photos, thanks to Tammie Walls



GEORGE CLOONEY AND THE

It had been my intention this month to write about sea gulls but two occurrences have caused me to change my mind.

The first being the letter from “G” in which they bemoaned the loss of wild life around the village over the last few years, the second

was the news item that George Clooney had bought a property in Sonning on the river Thames.

drainage ditches. It appears that the drainage ditches are favoured wild life highways.

SPARROW HAWK

Another predator which is quite common around the village is the Sparrow Hawk, who seem to be quite partial to Collared Doves, many a time I have come across a tell-tale circle of grey feathers in the garden after a Sparrow Hawk kill. I have also been able to take photographs on two occasions of a Hawk with its victim, however because of the distance and the quality of my camera the images are poor. One other note is that all

of the sightings have been of females I have never been able to record a male.

On several occasions I have witnessed a pair of falcon type birds circling at a high altitude using the thermals to gain height (well advised in winter), they then moved of northward on each occasion to Frampton Marsh perhaps? Unfortunately they were too high for me to identify them.

PREDATOR CHASE

There has been one other predator that has been around over the past few weeks. He or she has been circling over the cereal fields at the back of the village and on one occasion I was able to follow him with the binoculars, he landed on the solitary tree you come across after passing the last houses on leaving the village using Bell Lane. He stayed there for about 15 minutes then flew off once again towards Frampton fen. One other incident I recall with a bird similar

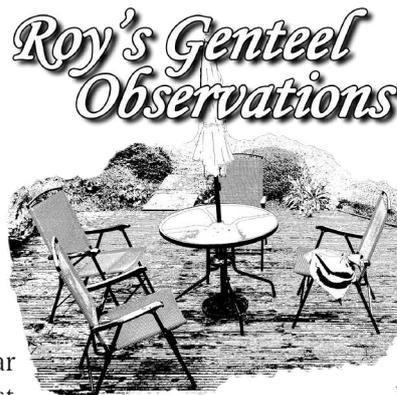
BARN OWL

Firstly in response to “Gs’ “ letter I would like to respond more fully at a later date regarding the perception that wild life is in general decline around Fosdyke. With regard to the specific fate of Barn Owls and birds of prey in general it would appear that the situation is far from dire,

Barn owls have been seen this year flying in the early evening along the drainage ditches and reeds at the back of the village and heading towards the last houses in Bell Lane, it would not surprise me to hear that people whilst driving along the Wash Road have seen a barn owl sitting on a fence post outside of Woodlands Farm and in fact this year one flew alongside me for several hundred metres as I drove along the road. On the evening of October the 10th at about 7.30pm we had a male owl sitting in a tree in our garden with a female sitting in a tree on the opposite side of the road with both calling to each other, the male has a different call to the female, I am pleased to say this is not a rare occurrence.

KESTRAL

Kestrels are regularly seen around the village and most of us will have seen them hovering over the verges along the A16 and 17 they also seem to frequent the



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BIRDS OF PREY

to this one was seeing it being chased by a Sparrow Hawk around the trees in the grounds of Fosdyke House, this was some surprise as I did not think that either bird would take such a risk of injury, I have been trying to identify this bird and so far I have two possible candidates 1 A Buzzard 2 A Female Marsh Harrier (not likely). Any ideas.

MR CLOONEY

Now to deal with Mr Clooney, this man has blighted my life for the last 22 years ever since my wife first saw him performing in a programme called Bodies of Evidence with Lee Horsley (not to be confused with the film Body of Evidence starring Madonna which came out the same year). At every opportunity over the years my wife has extolled the virtues of this man as if to emphasize and expose the fragility of my male ego.

RED KITE

After years of this mental abuse I suddenly found my own star on which to register admiration. When we first moved to Fosdyke it was necessary for me to travel down to the Chilterns to carry out surveys for building developments. This particular day I was carrying out a survey on a drainage system in Sonning Common, and whilst on my knees peering into a manhole I heard a haunting strange sound that immediately drew my attention, on looking up there was a bird gracefully gliding overhead using this mystical call as it went by. With me at the time was a local colleague who told me it was a Red Kite, this was love at first site and I have adored this bird ever since.

The Red Kite was introduced to the Chilterns some years ago and they have been successful, gradually spreading northward and

up the M40 corridor, one day whilst returning home I passed by some fields near Watlington where a tractor was working and there was at least 15 red kites slowly gliding around obviously looking for voles mice and the like, whilst the spectacle is difficult to explain it was certainly better than the seagulls we get. Note; having looked at the website regarding where to see red kite they do say that they are after insects to feed their young.

As I have stated I like this bird so much I wish that we could have

them in Fosdyke but sadly this would be a very unlikely event, however I could console myself with the fact that there was something that I loved that could counteract the constant crowing about that man.

Imagine my horror to hear that not only had that man stolen my wife's heart, married one of the world's beautiful women but he then buys an estate on the very edge of the domain of my wonderful birds, he will now be able to step out of his door and see and hear my birds at will, for me there is just memories. That man has taken everything from me. THE END.

Next month seagulls

FOSDYKE FASHIONS



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2	Mrs Y Crawford	Sutterton	£10
30	Mrs B Twigg	Holbeach	£15
95	Mrs S Scrupps	Sleaford	£20
148	Mr P Ulyatt	Fosdyke	£25

Next draw: Monday 8 December 2014 at the Bingo

Christmas Copy Deadline

News that means nothing to you
might be interesting to someone
else so don't be afraid to contact
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Alan, Matthew and Tim
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White.

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BIZARRE

Fosdyke FC lost 5-0 at home to Friskney on 25 October. There were few positives to be had.

First goal was very clever work on Friskney's part and caught Fosdyke out. Second was a bizarre strike from the corner flag that somehow managed to float in at the far post. That was it really from the first half and, although Fosdyke were in the game, they huffed and puffed in the second half, lacking cohesiveness and leadership on the pitch. A number of late goals rounded off a miserable afternoon for the men in orange.

Sam Leafe returned to the sticks and kept the scoreline down with some good saves and quick off his line moments. Sub Adam Ellis showed some nice touches holding the ball up in the second half. Dan Sam worked hard in the middle and looked like creating something every so often so man of the match went to Dynamite Dan.

A WIN!

There were lots of draws in Division One on 1 November so Fosdyke's win away to Pointon Reserves kept them in eighth place. Great performance by the Tangerine Dream, and a very enjoyable game to watch.

REVIVAL

The revival in Fosdyke's fortunes continued on 1 November when they held Swineshead Reserves, who sat atop the league at the start of play, to a 2-2 draw.

The game was an open and exciting affair as both teams played some fantastic possession based Football.

Fosdyke were going toe to toe with their visitors and more than

FOSDYKE FC

holding our own. It was the men in orange who broke the deadlock when a glorious cross was whipped in by James Hawkes and a spectacular diving header from Joe Bradbury bustled the net to give them a 1-0 lead.

Fosdyke's opponents then rushed into a 2-1 lead as the rain poured and the wind blew. Firstly, a centre back notched from a corner and then, after another well executed corner the ball broke in the six yard box and a man in blue was on hand to lash it home.

The second half saw Fosdyke take the initiative and for twenty minutes pressed and pressed until finally they achieved a breakthrough. Clever hold-up play from Martyn Patterson lead to a defense-splitting pass finding it's way to Dan Sam who rolled the ball across the keeper into the net to level. Both teams had third goals ruled out for offside - great work from Adam Ellis set up first Martyn Patterson and then Nathan Smith who poked the ball home, but the youngster had seemingly wandered offside. It could have gone either way but the points being shared was a fair result.

Man of the Match - lots of positives today. Simon Hyland was at his industrious best in the middle and Dynamite Dan Sam alongside him was here, there and every where but the accolade this week goes to the ever improving Tom Collins at left back for a performance that mixed tough tackling and composed play.

CAPITULATE

Fosdyke suffered a heavy defeat away at Railway on 18 November in a strange game where they held their own for

the first forty-five minutes and then completely capitulated in the early stages of the second half.

A missed penalty by the home side and an own goal was the only difference between the sides after a tough first half but a stunning diving header for Railway opened the floodgates and before Fosdyke knew it they were 4-0 down. A cataclysmic error late on lead to a fifth and that was that.

Positives? Simon Hyland was outstanding in centre midfield and Luke Smith was equally good at the back (until late on!!)

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 Fortnightly Occasionally Not at all

2. What products would you be most likely to buy?

- Newspapers/magazines Ready meals
 Local Produce Frozen food
 Fresh fruit & vegetables Ready meals
 Meat and dairy Greeting cards/wrapping
 Bakery Sandwiches Pet food
 Sweets/ice cream Household goods
 Beers, wines & spirits Stationery
 Packed goods; tins, packets Craft items
 Cigarettes/tobacco Gifts
 Cleaning materials Coal/logs
 Toiletries Organic/Fair Trade products

3. What services would you be most likely to use?

- Postal Services Deliveries Internet
 Advertisement board DVD rental
 Tickets for local events Photocopying
 Dry cleaning Photo processing
 DVD rental Tea room/coffee shop
 Shoe repairs Top ups for mobile phones

4. Are there any other products or services not listed above you would like to see on offer?

5. At what time of day would you be most likely to use the shop?

- Before 8am 8am - 12 noon
 12 noon - 2pm 2pm - 6pm
 After 6pm After 7pm

6. How many miles do you currently travel

- a) To do your main weekly shop?
 b) For convenience/top up shopping?

7. On the scale of 1-5 below please show how important you think it is to have a village shop in Fosdyke?

- NOT IMPORTANT 1 2 3 4 5
 VERY IMPORTANT

Please state how many in each age range in your household:

- 0 - 16 17 - 25 26 - 45 46 - 65 over 65

8. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping a community shop project in any way?

- Join the steering group
 Help with fund raising
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9. Involved in running the shop/volunteering

- Making a donation
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9. Personal details (optional)

Do you live in Fosdyke:

- Full time Part time Occasionally

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please return to:

6 Whitecross Gate, Fosdyke

BUTCHERY BITES DUST

Just two months after making a considerable investment in his new butchery Ben Sanderson has had to close his shop at Sutterton.

Disagreement with the property owner and low footfall seem to be the main reasons. Shame.

Hire the
Fosdyke Village Hall
 for a
Family Celebration
 or a
Children's Party
 with room for a bouncy castle
 Ring for price
Alan on 260654

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FOSDYKE'S CHRISTMAS DOLE?

We asked that question and were told that there are three main criteria and if anyone fulfils these then the Trustees will give due consideration, but it is entirely at their discretion.

The main criteria are that no one in the household is in full time employment; you must have lived in the parish for at least two years, and only one payment per household will be given out.

If you think you qualify then write to Denis Glen who is the Clerk to the Trustees for Fosdyke Parochial Charities. The address is in the panel to the left.

FOSDYKE PAROCHIAL CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DOLE

The Christmas Dole will be given out on
FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2014

at 12 midday
 in the Village Hall

Anyone who has not received the dole previously but consider they may be eligible for it should apply in writing giving their details and contact telephone number to the address below by

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2014

Clerk to the Trustees

Denis Glenn, 3 Old Main Road, Fosdyke, Boston.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING A DISAPPOINTMENT

November's Parish Council meeting - you'll remember that the parish council only meets every other month - was not quorate, with just two councillors present, much to the disappointment of the seven villagers who turned up to raise some issues.

Due to illness and traffic conditions the remaining committee members could not attend. It therefore meant that the previous council minutes could not be approved so we are unable to publish them this month.

GRIT BIN

While no decisions could be made on anything discussed, there followed a debate on a number of subjects. One being the positioning of the winter grit in Croyley's yard and an alternative suggestion of a salt bin being placed somewhere in Fosdyke that was more convenient for the villagers. This had already been discussed at a previous parish council meeting and possible misuse of the contents of the bin had led to the more secure solution. It seemed likely that the grit issue - one ton is supplied free by the county council - will be discussed afresh at the next meeting which has now been rescheduled to Tuesday, 2 December, in the Village Hall.

RECYCLING CENTRE

The issue of flytipping was also mentioned and because of the condition of the recycling centre - with Boston Council doing nothing to renew the dilapidated and vandalised fence - it's viability and continued existence was questioned. It was generally agreed that the centre was hardly used for its proper purpose and flytipping occurred there. However, at a recent meeting of the Social Club Committee they felt that the recycling centre was a huge success and doing away with it could only be to the detriment of the village. What do you think?

POLICE - DO WE FEEL PROTECTED?

Youngsters can be high-spirited and regardless of upbringing can fall foul to peer pressure. Yes, I'm making excuses for them because I remember my own youth.

However, I never broke into a building or climbed onto a roof to do malicious damage, and that without the fear of being caught on CCTV. These days you're going to be filmed, but even with CCTV proof and named culprits the police seem unable to prosecute. Cost to the social club to upgrade security at the club premises following the recent break-in is around £2,000.

ANONYMOUS BEST WISHES

A well-wisher who would like to remain anonymous sends best wishes to Maxine Terry, who is recovering after a stay in hospital.

GREEN TIPS AND SCARLET LIPS



Congratulations go to our gardening columnist David Wallder, from Bell Lane, who tied the knot with long-term partner Liz recently. It was all kept quite secret until after the event.



Red Wine Writers celebrating the arrival of their anthology, *Plonk*, from the printers: Left to right, Adrian Lazell, Jane Crane, Siân Thomas, Christine Dickinson, Terry Martin, Julie Williams.

PLONK - THE BOOK

MUD ON ROAD - THANKS

Mina Housain would like our readers to know that she saw some chaps cleaning the mud off the road in front of Oldershaws on Wash road recently. As a local she appreciated this very much and sends a big thank you to them.

The road along School Lane, however, has remained uncleaned for several days, and farmers have a legal obligation to ensure roads are kept safe.

I was recently held up on my way to Sleaford where a car had skidded into the back of the vehicle in front due to mud on the road. So, if you do see mud on the road slow down!

A double wammy for Fosdyke with local publishers The House of Murky Depths launching its first anthology, *Plonk*, by local writers and artists rather than from around the world, and with Terry Martin from Whitecross Gate being amongst the storytellers.

Official launch date is Tuesday, 9 December, in Bookmark, Spalding, from 7.15 pm when the seven from Red Wine Writers (six are pictured above) will be doing short readings from *Plonk*, followed by a questions and answers session. Booking in advance is recommended. Tickets cost £3.50 and include a glass of wine (red preferred) or fruit juice,

If you can't get to the launch, copies of *Plonk* can be purchased for £7.99 at Bookmark or for the same price with free shipping from the publisher's website www.murkydepths.co.uk.

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BOSTON BC BLUNDER

A recent issue of Boston Daily - the email newsletter that Boston Borough Council send to subscribers each day - listed Fosdyke Parish Council as having donated to the memorial honouring the World War One sacrifice in Boston's Memorial Gardens.

According to the Parish Council, no such donation was made. So it seems they get recognition not for what they do but what they don't do. Can't be bad!