

FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

to all our readers
and advertisers

from the Team at Fosdyke Newsletter

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I've been editing Fosdyke Newsletter now for just over two years and feedback has been very positive. We've upset a few people along the way, but generally the outcomes have been positive.

Thank you for the words of support, they don't always get acknowledged in these pages, and thank you to the advertisers without whom we wouldn't be able to continue. We also thank all the contributors and the team that delivers the newsletter to nearly two-hundred and fifty homes each month. No point in producing a newsletter if it doesn't reach the residents!

Hopefully the New Year will bring us all good luck and prosperity, and with a bit of community spirit and effort we could give Fosdyke a

chance of becoming a Best Kept Village (see page 4).

We are still receiving completed Community Shop questionnaires and will continue to accept them up to the end of December 2014, so please take a few minutes to fill one in (available online from www.fosdyke.org.uk) if you haven't already done so and post it through the letterbox of 6 Whitecross Gate.

While we all lead busy lives, and our families need our constant attention, let's not forget the older people in the village.

Remember that one day, bar the unforeseen, you will start drawing your pension and realise that you're not going to live for ever. What will your needs be then?

Your eyesight may be failing, that old injury seems to be playing up permanently, the arthritis that bothered you occasionally has now flared up and is a constant companion, or any other problem that you hadn't expected, and is enough to stop you from driving. So,

you have to rely on taxis to get you out, as walking very far has become a chore. These are the things we can expect. But what don't we see coming? Loneliness.

It doesn't come to everyone although I've even heard couples, not just people who live on their own, complain that no one ever visits them.

While older people seem to treasure their own company and stay indoors all the time it might just be that to go out and socialise doesn't get the payback the effort deserves and motivating yourself when things get more difficult to achieve becomes harder.

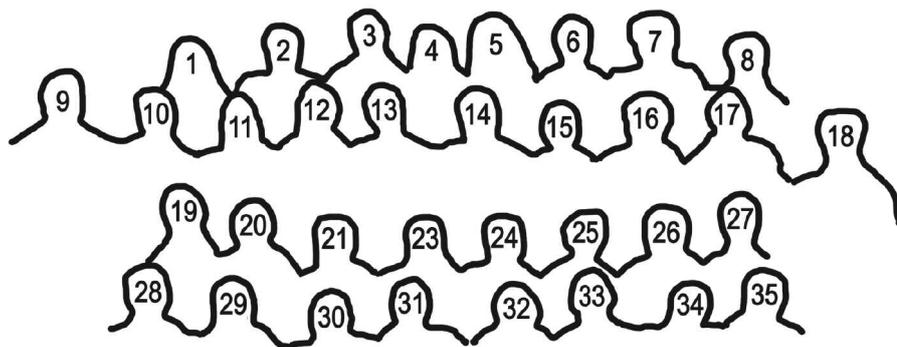
So, spare a thought for the elderly in Fosdyke, all year not just Christmas, and don't be afraid to knock on their door and see how they are. It's that feeling of being neglected that wears you down. Make their last years happy years not miserable years and then maybe, when it's your turn, you'll appreciate the visits from your neighbours too.



SCHOOL PHOTO PUZZLE

Here's another Fosdyke school photo from a few years back. One for all the long-term residents to ponder upon. If you've kept a copy of the newsletter that the last photo

appeared in (and they're all available to download at www.fosdyke.org.uk) we reckon you're more than halfway towards getting the names correct.

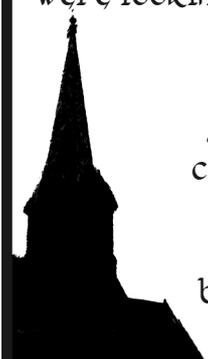


Sympathies

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Barbara Rayner's husband Norman and their extended families.

Barbara, who we understand lived in Fosdyke for at least twenty years, and enjoyed going dancing with her friends, passed away suddenly after a short illness. She was a regular visitor to Fosdyke Social Club, taking part in Beetle Drives, Whist Drives and Bingo Sessions. She will be greatly missed by the members for her warmth, quick wit and sense of fun. God bless her.

Apologies to those who were looking forward to All Saints Church news. At the time of composing the newsletter no copy had been received.



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VEGETATING AT CHRISTMAS

There's no excuse for a bare veg plot, even at this time of year. But don't worry, some crops are best started now.

Growing for winter is a year-round job, you have to ignore the bounty all around you through spring and summer and sow away single-mindedly: parsnips in March, kale in May, carrots in July, and so on. But this year, as for many years, I have been a little slack on this, and I find myself heading into autumn with the outdoor pantry looking a bit bare.

One of these days I will learn this lesson, but for now it's time to scout around and see what can be thrown quickly into the ground to provide a few morsels over winter and some early crops next spring.

GERMINATING

By now, light levels are getting pretty low, and that does affect the rate and speed of germination, but there are a few things that are actually best started at this time – and some you can still get away with.

Some edible alliums are definitely happy planted now. Garlic, in particular, needs a period of cold, so it wants to be in the ground and growing well before the winter weather moves in. Some

onion and shallot sets can be planted now, too. It is no more difficult to plant a fancy form of shallot than it is a bog standard one, or a dull old onion for that matter. Particularly impressive are the French types 'Echalote Grise' and 'Hative de Niort'. If you like banana shallots, and why not, then 'Jermor' is the one for you.

Autumn-sown broad beans will also produce beans up to a month earlier and are likely to be less devastated by blackfly than spring-sown beans – as long as they survive winter. You may not lose the lot, but you will almost certainly have gaps, so I make (or try to remember to make) a sowing in the greenhouse in very early spring to fill them. Covering the autumn-sown ones with a cloche after sowing can help them make it through the winter, too. Of course, if you have a polytunnel you are laughing, you'll have almost guaranteed great survival rates and an early crop.

SOW NOW

Hardy broad beans that are best for sowing now are 'Super Aquadulce' and 'Aquadulce Claudia'. Push them into the ground at a fairly close spacing so they support each other as they grow, and to allow for winter losses. I'm sowing them 4" apart then thinning in spring if needs be.

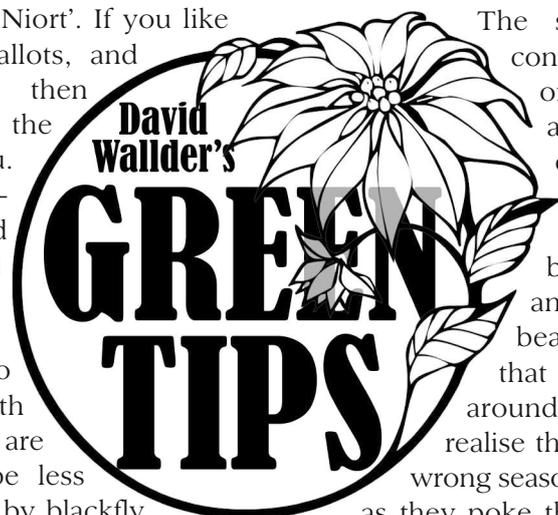
As it becomes too chilly and gloomy to sow most seeds outdoors, so micros come into their own.

For the uninitiated, micros are tiny seedlings of strongly flavoured plants, harvested while very young (like the punnets of mustard and cress sold in supermarkets).

The seedling is like concentrated essence of the whole plant, and this way you can extend summer flavours such as dill and basil into autumn and winter. The beauty of micros is that they don't hang around long enough to realise that they are in the wrong season: almost as soon as they poke their heads above the soil, you snip them off for a garnish or salad. At this time of year, though, they may need some encouragement; if you can't sow them in a greenhouse, pick a sunny windowsill.

STRONG TASTE

To sow, take a seed tray (or a half seed tray if you are growing on a windowsill) and fill with seed compost. Wet the compost and then sprinkle seed over the surface. Don't cover with more compost, but use a book or tray to exclude light, then remove this cover as soon as seed germinates. Harvest by cutting with sharp scissors or pulling up the whole plant when they have reached around 2" high and use as a garnish. The taste is strong, clean and punchy: you don't need much. Make two sowings a week apart and you'll never be out of micro leaves.



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DOES SOFTLY SOFTLY WORK?

The recent Parish Council meeting seemed to hammer home the point that the newsletter has been trying to make these last few months. While the council is doing a perfectly reasonable job of ensuring the village is looked after within the restrictions of the precept, and few of us would relish being in their shoes, their reticence in sharing their deeds might be seen as bewildering.

It transpires that Fosdyke was entered into the Best Kept Village competition which is adjudicated by the Campaign to Protect Rural England. We don't know if this fact

appeared on the noticeboard (although the following report suggests it wasn't. We might also disagree with some other observations as there is always a list

of forthcoming events outside the Social Club). It might have stood us in better stead if the parish council had informed the residents via *Fosdyke Newsletter*. The newsletter is put together on a voluntary basis and we mostly rely on residents (including councillors) to send us news, views and forthcoming events.

We asked the council if it would mind if the results of 2014 were published in the newsletter and it agreed, so here they are:

BEST KEPT VILLAGE AND SMALL TOWNS COMPETITION 2014

BASED ON THE JUDGES' MARKING SHEET

Overall appearance and condition of Community

[Absence of litter unauthorised / unsightly refuse, absence of graffiti / vandalism, dumps on verges, general condition of roads and paths.]

Mainly litter-free. No obvious refuse dumps. No graffiti. Verges not cut well and in some places completely ignored by the householders. **18/25**

Green Spaces

[Provision for wildlife (such as bird boxes / feeders, bat boxes) and wildflowers. The general appearance of: public greens, trees, ponds, streams, dykes, parks, nature areas, hedges, gardens, and allotments. Condition of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, children's play areas.]

Area to the back of the church is full of nettles but not a designated wildlife area perhaps a project for the future. Children's play area not signed. Other signposting was not clean. **15/20**

Public Premises

[Condition of town halls, community centres, public halls, sport facilities, playing fields, schools and playgrounds, market places. Provision and condition of shelters, public seats, notice boards, bus stops and signs, telephone boxes and car parks.]

Cleanliness of public toilets, road signs.]

Village Hall clean and tidy. Notice board outside close by had no mention of the BKV or any community projects. Indeed the bus timetables appeared to be out of date. Social Club premises seem in good condition. Children's play area clean - but weeds around the edges and the mural needs repainting. There were no obvious safety surfaces. The recycling area was clean and tidy. Playing field well cut. Parking area satisfactory but weedy around the edges. Telephone box litter-free but dirty. **21/25**

Premises

[Collective appearance of private gardens, hedges, fences and walls.]

Householders seem to take pride in their properties. There are, unfortunately, several empty properties which are neglected but this is a common problem and will resolve itself in time. **14/15**

Religious buildings and memorials

[Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and their notice boards if in public ownership.]

The church is in a fair state of repair and very clean & tidy inside. Notices in the porch

seemed up to date and showed some community involvement. The graveyard was cut perhaps a month ago. Weeds were present around the church itself and drains and pathways. The large exterior notice board needs repainting and the information notices could do with renewing. **13/15**

Business Premises

[Collective appearance of business property including inns, farms and farmyards, workshops, post office, shops and caravan sites.]

The Ship Inn - very clean and tidy paint wise but the concrete curtilage was very weedy. The planters were bright and attractive. The cafe/B&B on the main road was well presented and the farm surrounds were fairly tidy. **16/20**

Overall community effort

[Evidence of community spirit and activity and initiative in the care of the parish and its environment.]

Very hard to assess any more community effort other than that present in the church. The Social Club was closed at the time of our visit and there did not seem to be any posters about forthcoming events. **12/15**

Overall score 109 out of 135.

BIZARRE

A muddy and dull day at Fosdyke was livened up with a crazy game against Pointon Reserves which we eventually won 2-1 but hard work was made of it.

The first half looked to be going swimmingly with Fosdyke in full control and creating chances. Scott Wiseman, making his second home debut in tangerine, was exploiting space and picking out passes at will. It was only a matter of time before it paid off. A looping through-ball was expertly finished off by Joe Bradbury with a spectacular diving header.

It should really have been more after that but the floodgates didn't open, mainly down to the exploits of the visiting keeper. Dan Sam drove a ball across the six-yard box to Martyn Patterson who looked on in disbelief as the keeper somehow kept his clean first-time strike out.

Fosdyke then had two penalty shouts, one of them a very strong, but the ref waved play on when Declan Wilson was cropped in the box. More shots, more saves and it was half time.

Pointon came out energised for the second half however and were a different side, rattling the bar within minutes of the restart and forcing Ian Jack Smith to make a great double save at the feet of the lively striker.

The home team's defense had a strange ten minutes where they

FOSDYKE FC

went AWOL and once again Uncle Jack in goal was on hand to spare their blushes. This spurred the men in orange back into action and the push for a second goal picked up where it left off in the first half. Delan Wilson's debut was almost capped off when he smashed a shot against the bar and the opposition keeper was once again on hand to pull off a number of fine saves.

As the clock ticked away Pointon, typically, scored an equaliser. With around eighty-two minutes on the clock Fosdyke were treated to a spectacular strike by their guests which curled in from twenty-five yards out.

It appeared Fosdyke had blown a lead that should really have been greater but at the other they were thrown a bizarre life line. Martyn Patterson challenged a centre-back in the penalty box as the defender sent the ball away. The big stopper then inexplicably kicked out at the home striker in a ridiculously petulant manner giving the referee the easiest penalty decision he'll ever give. Up stepped Bradders and it was 2-1!

The drama wasn't over though! Down the other end and with pretty much the last act of the game a free kick was flicked goal-wards and headed home by Pointon's forward who ran away to celebrate only to see the linesman's flag had denied him. Phew!

Plenty of positives: new signing

Declan looks a fine addition to the forward line and Zac Chapman looked solid in a new role at right back. Two-goal hero Bradders was outstanding on the left but it was Uncle Jack in goal who took the Man of the Match award for pretty much keeping Fosdyke in the game during a wobbly ten-minute second-half spell.

DISAPPOINT

A disappointing first half performance laid the foundations for a home defeat for the men in Tangerine. A lively looking Rippingale & Folkingham tore at the home defence and were rewarded on twenty minutes when a shot was parried out and an attacker was on hand to slot home the opener.

A re-organisation at half time with the introduction of Declan Wilson gave the home side more impetus but it was Rippingale who extended their lead when a poor piece of defending gifted a tap-in for the visitors. Fosdyke's response was immediate, a defence splitter from Wilson down the left found a flying Danny Sansam who cut in and leathered the ball past the stranded keeper. With over half an hour to play Fosdyke looked to have the momentum to take at least a point but in the end ran out of steam and Rippingale held on for the three points.

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

A Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, 2 December (re-arranged from the previous meeting which hadn't been quorate, ie too few councillors to form a quorum, which has never happened before). It was the first meeting that could approve the September minutes, copied here:

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of Fosdyke Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday September 7th-2014¹ @ 7.00 pm in the Village Hall Meeting Room.

Present: Cllrs Cropley, Glenn, Pitt and Ulyatt; Cllr M. Brookes LCC, D Witts BBC, T Martin, M Hayes, N Furnell; Mrs Depear Clerk

Apologies were received from Cllr Yates.

The **Minutes** of the previous meeting² were read, one agreement made (apologies were received from Cllr Brookes) and signed as being a true record.

There were **No Matters Arising.**

Correspondence³

Accounts K Savage - Internal Audit - cheque signed £75.00

W Depear - cheque signed for Clerks Salary⁴

Fosdyke Newsletter

Mr Martin had been asked by the council if he would attend the meeting to discuss the Newsletter. Councillors had received a number of complaints from parishioners and also real concerns regarding the general negativity of some of the content in recent editions.

A number of points were raised regarding various articles and an

extensive and at times animated discussion ensued.

It was suggested that a further meeting could be held on October 7th to discuss further issues regarding the Newsletter.⁵

There being no further business the meeting closed at approximately 8.24 pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday November 4th at 7.30 pm in the meeting room at the Village Hall.

OBSERVATION

¹ *9 September was the actual date of the meeting but I don't think anyone spotted that the date was wrong.*

² *That would have been 8 July.*

³ *The council requested that the newsletter doesn't publish the list of thirteen items of correspondence received by the council. While we respect their wish, some of the items look intriguing ...*

⁴ *There seems to be an omission here. We will be asking how much at the next meeting.*

⁵ *We imagine the residents who attended the meeting might feel a little disappointed at the depth of the minutes regarding discussion on the newsletter.*

DETAILS

For those interested in the Newsletter discussion, the crucial suggestion had been that more people be involved in the newsletter to give it a broader view (four or five, one of which would be a parish councillor, was suggested) and this was again reiterated during discussion after the most recent meeting. In actual fact there can be as many as eight people writing for the newsletter in any one issue, excluding those who have written letters. Ironically two of those serving the parish who were also involved in distributing the newsletter recently withdrew their voluntary services, one with dignity the other by leaving two months of undelivered newsletters on the editor's doorstep.

A few weeks after the September meeting, and having

agreed to attend a further meeting to discuss the newsletter, Terry Martin received a letter from the council to say that they no longer felt a meeting to discuss the newsletter was necessary.

Moving on to the actual meeting that took place on 2 December. Attending residents were advised by the Chairman of the Parish Council that they would not be allowed to speak during the meeting (normal practice at council meetings) so if they wanted to bring up any points they would need to do so before the meeting started (during the meeting the chairman also agreed that further discussion by residents could take place at the end of the meeting).

The issue of where the salt/grit would be stored (supplied free by the county council and currently to be secured in Cropley's yard) was raised again by a resident. It had previously been discussed at the cancelled meeting on 4 November.

Residents had been told by the chairman at the cancelled meeting that any points they raised there would be put on the agenda for a future meeting. This hadn't happened. Consequently the grit issue will now be discussed again during the January meeting - most likely too late for this winter's delivery. It also meant that the issue of the condition of the recycling area and its future was not even mentioned.

You can listen to a recording of the last meeting here:- http://mfi.re/listen/l3707zq0md1167r/FosParCoun_2-12-14.mp3.

PARAMEDIC PRAISE

Kay Lineham had cause to Kring 999 recently when her husband Nodge was taken ill.

She would like to publicly praise the Rapid Response Paramedic who took exactly six minutes from her phone call to reach Fosdyke from the Asda car park in Boston. She said they are wonderful and do a good job.

LANDSCAPE AND WILD LIFE

A recent article in a national newspaper reminded me of the letter in the October issue of the Newsletter which was received from (G).

In the letter the writer queried the absence of wild life in this area which seems to have diminished since 2006 and why wild life was less prolific in this area as opposed to their previous home in Bedfordshire, I suggest the following

1. South Lincolnshire is predominantly a flat fairly featureless environment given over to heavily mechanized agriculture with most available land used for growing crops, whereas Bedfordshire is more diverse with more hedgerows and land also given over to the raising of animals.

2. The newspaper article I referred to related to a survey carried out to establish diversity of trees in England, the area identified as having the fewest trees in the country is Boston and South Holland (no surprize there then). A good covering of trees is essential to allow cover for and the spread of wild life.

3. To my memory the harsh frosts of the spring of 2012 may

have caused losses to the smaller species of birds and animals.

However all is not lost I as noted by (G) spotted a muntjac running across the field at the back of the village along with three sightings along the hedgerows around Woodlands Farm (presumably because there is more cover from there towards Kirton). This year there have been Sky Larks above the fields around the village and I suspect that nesting did take place.

As for Foxes they do exist in this area having seen one running of

with two of my goslings in 2012.

One thankfully was rescued but sadly the other one did not make it.

Roy's Genteel Observations



RINGLET

I think that we can all agree that it has not been a bad summer with

the pundits reporting that the autumn fruits were ripening early this year, in fact my wife made her first Blackberry jam in mid-July. But my interest was the Ringlet Butterfly. This butterfly is relatively small being predominantly brown in colour with some five small spots on each wing, they are not spectacular but due to the good weather and the good supply of blossom on the brambles this year they descended in their hundreds. They only stayed during July and

August and then promptly disappeared to be replaced by,

GATEKEEPERS

This butterfly was also quite prolific this year. They seemed to arrive just as the last of the Ringlets were leaving and thrived on the last of the bramble blossom then moved on to the Ragwort flowers. The Gate Keeper is the same size as the Ringlet but is predominantly Orange with brown edges to the wings and with one black spot on each. They disappeared during early September.

CINNABAR CATERPILLARS

These caterpillars are 30mm long and are made up of orange and brown rings throughout the length of its body and I spotted them feeding on the flowers of the ragwort plant which I have noted has also been quite prolific this year. Over a few days I observed that these caterpillars completely destroyed the plants they were feeding on.

If I may I would like to pose a small question regarding man's (in this case it may be woman's) impact on the environment. Whilst I accept that people who own or look after horses need to ensure that ragwort is removed due to its danger to their livestock, if we kill the ragwort do we also kill the Gatekeeper and the Cinnabar Caterpillar?

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YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP

2015 is the Year of Discipleship – well, at least for us here in the Diocese of Lincoln!

I have chosen to make discipleship our focus this year because as we develop and deepen our discipleship, so we grow in our confidence as followers of Jesus Christ; and, as you know by now, I want us all to be faithful, confident and joyful disciples.

I have already written to every parish in the diocese to share my hope that all of us will engage with the Year of Discipleship in some way, and everyone – either as an individual or as a church community – will take up at least one of the opportunities on offer.

Here are just some of the ways in which you might enter into our Year of Discipleship:

- Join in with one of the services or bible studies based around our values of faithful, confident and joyful if they are offered in your parish

- There are lots of courses available to help you think more deeply about your own discipleship, whether you're new to church or have been attending all your life. Why not think about having one of these at your church? The Church of England's new discipleship course, called Pilgrim, is an excellent place to start

- Look out for the Diocesan Lent course for 2015, Confident



Discipleship, running near you. It is an excellent follow up to this year's 2014 Advent course and gives us a further opportunity to reflect on our individual discipleship journeys

- Look out for more information on the 'discipleship days' being planned for various locations around the diocese this year

- Finally, keep your eye on Facebook and Twitter: the discipleship team will be using social media and keeping a blog through the Year of Discipleship. Remember, too, that there will be new resources and information coming on-stream all the time on our new-look website www.lincoln.anglican.org

I pray that God will bless our endeavours in the year ahead as we seek to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, and I am already looking forward to joining together with many of you at a diocesan service in Lincoln Cathedral towards the end of the year to celebrate God's blessings through the year. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

I wish you a happy and blessed new year.

Bishop Christopher

WHAT A MESS!

Malcolm Gwynne reports that rubbish levels are still high and warns that Boston Borough Council are coming down hard on litter bugs and fly tippers in the borough, including rural areas.

Did you know the maximum penalties for fly tipping are a £50,000 fine and five years imprisonment?

WHISPER, WHISPER

No plans for New Years Eve? Everything happens an expensive cab ride away, doesn't it? And then you have to pay for entry.

Not this year. The Social Club is featuring live music with free entry - if your not a member you'll need to be signed in by one - so get off your sofas, turn off the box and see in 2015 down The Hut.



SILENT NIGHT

Okay, so no one played Silent Night and it was quite noisy but both musicians and audience were thin on the ground at the last Open Mic Night.

That's not to say it wasn't an enjoyable evening. Kiya Brown debuted on keyboards and Open Road played an extended set. Oh yes, and there was Phatt Knappii.

LOAN SCAMS ...

... happen when a victim is asked to pay an upfront fee for a loan. A person will typically apply for a loan online or reply to an advert for a fast loan and will have their application approved regardless of their credit history.

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FESTIVE BINGE AND BINGO

Fosdyke's Annual Xmas Bingo Party at the Village Hall on 10 December went well, considering the bereavements prior to the event, with tombola proceeds starting the fund for next year.

One hundred and eight people sat down to turkey or beef Xmas lunch followed by a sweet and cheese & biscuits.

Bingo was played on ten-page books, playing one and two lines and a full house. Everyone had a raffle ticket. The evening finished with everyone being given a chicken to take home

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LETTER

I just wanted to write a comment to the man who wrote the article "George Clooney and the Birds of Prey".

Having gone to a recent talk about Red Kites by the RSPB in Pinchbeck I thought I should reassure anyone jealous of Clooney having these birds to himself that they are slowly moving into our area.

There was a group released in Northamptonshire a few years back

and as they eat mostly roadkill they move into new areas following main roads which means that they're moving up the A16. They have been spotted a few times actually over Spalding and Deeping St Nicholas by real bird spotters. I am pretty sure I've seen three wheeling over Gosberton but that isn't so certain. I'm sure they weren't crows but might have been Marsh Harriers.

So it'll be a slow process but they are coming- I'd suggest to keep your eyes peeled

Liz, Bell Lane

[Editor: A couple of months ago, call it primeval instinct, a looked up as a stepped out into the garden and there, way up in the sky, I could just make out the silhouette of a very large bird of prey. I doubt it was a Red Kite as it was on its own, but you never know.]

Copy Deadline

News that means nothing to you might be interesting to someone else so don't be afraid to contact Terry - preferably via email: terry@fosdyke.org.uk or phone: 260275 or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box 6 Whitecross Gate

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