

# VOLUNTEER

Here's an open letter to everyone in Fosdyke from Malcolm Gwynne who you have no doubt seen in his hi-vis vest:-

I have been collecting rubbish and litter in Fosdyke now for two years in partnership with Boston Borough Council, and although there is still a problem with litter in all areas of the village I hope residents have noticed some improvement in the amount of litter lying around.

I get around the village at least twice a week and collect up to two black bags during that time, sometimes more. This may not sound a lot but eight to ten bags a month spread around the village would not improve the looks of the area.

During the last month, while collecting, two residents from different parts of the village have approached me saying that I had missed some litter outside their properties!!!! Rather than pick it up themselves they wait to tell me the next time they see me. I would just like to let people know that I do this work for Fosdyke on a purely voluntary basis so if any residents see litter it would help me and the look of the village to just pick it up. I already pick up litter on people's drives or gardens if it is close to the road or footway.

If the Parish Council have any thoughts in any way to improve what I do I would be interested in hearing what they have to say or any residents also.

I intend to continue to attempt to keep Fosdyke clear of litter as much as possible. The village looks so much better.



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# NO DOGS ON PLAYING FIELD!

Fosdyke Playing Field Association, the charity that looks after the Playing Field facilities, has asked the Newsletter to remind everyone in the village that the field is off limits for dogs.

The facilities are purely for the use of humans and dog owners should not allow their dogs access to the field or other facilities and absolutely under no circumstances should they be let off their leads on the playing field.

# CARELESS POOPERS

Most dog owners in the village are considerate of other residents and are clearing up their dog's mess.

Unfortunately there are still some who consider leaving dog faeces on the paths and verges, and sometimes even in the drives and gardens of neighbours, quite acceptable. It isn't.

If the thought of putting your hand inside a bag to pick up the mess, and ensuring it's taken back to a dog bin or a bin in your own yard, disgusts you then don't ever have a dog. It's part and parcel of owning one. Pick up the poo!

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# THE WAY AHEAD MAY NOT ALWAYS BE CLEAR



Jon Tofts reports

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## All Saints Fosdyke

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Sunday, 5 July

## Holy Communion

with Canon Bill Kentigern-Fox  
at 09.30 am

Sunday, 19 July

## Sung Evensong

at 6 pm

### **POP-IN LUNCH**

A big thank you again to all those who supported the recent Pop-In Lunch at the Village Hall. The event was very well supported and almost everyone remembered to book their meal so there was plenty enough for all, and no money wasted. We usually have a bit of a summer break from pop-ins, but if there is enough demand we will have another soon

### **VILLAGE HALL**

On behalf of everyone at All Saints I would just like to note for the record, our continuing appreciation of the great support that All Saints has had over the years from our friends and

neighbours at the Village Hall. Without a Church Hall of our own, it has become our venue of choice for many social and fund-raising gatherings over the years, and as the village hall celebrates its golden anniversary this year, it does no harm to say a big THANK YOU.

### **FAMILY NEWS**

By the time this goes to press we will have seen the happy occasion of the christening of baby Jack to James and Belinda Needham.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

Sadly there have been two recent passings – Wendy and Michael.

May they rest in peace.

Lifelong villager Ann Yates, has left Fosdyke to be nearer her family in retirement, and we wish her well in her new chapter of life in Ancaster.

### **GARDEN OF REST**

As I mentioned in the Newsletter last month, the Garden of Rest for cremated remains in the churchyard, is not looking at its best. Consequently we will be organising a tidy-up of the area early in August.

At the beginning of July I will be ordaining nine new deacons and nineteen new priests at two services of ordination in our Cathedral. For me, as bishop, ordination services are a special moment. I am deeply moved and humbled to see these people stand before God, ready to commit their lives to following Jesus and to serving his church.

The process that leads to ordination is a long and sometimes arduous one. It takes years of reflection and study to discern the essential nature of the call from God which each individual experiences. While not everyone is called to pursue a life in the ordained ministry, that model of reflecting and studying to discern God's call to us is one which all of us can follow. Although the way ahead may not always be clear, the one thing of which we can always be certain is that God is calling us, and he has work for each of us to do.

I know many of you will be walking alongside these new deacons and new priests as they explore and begin to live out what the call to ordained ministry means for each of them in their lives and in the congregations in which they will be serving.

The lifelong task for each one of us is to do as these new deacons and priests are doing; to listen to God's call; to reflect on its meaning for us; to answer and respond in our own lives. Each one of us - wherever we are, whoever we are and whatever gifts and skills we have been given - is called to use our gifts to the glory of God and in the service of others.

May God be with you as you discern his will for you that, in grace, you may be enabled to respond with joy.

Bishop Christopher

# COULD YOU FOSTER A RETIRED GREYHOUND?



Syd chilling.

We had been thinking about fostering a dog for awhile, but as we already had two rescue dogs in the house, we weren't sure it was right for us. That was before we met the very handsome Syd!

Of course we knew he was being well looked after at the rescue kennels, but Syd had been waiting for a long time for someone to adopt him, and no one came for him, and when Ann at Kama's Cave Greyhound Sanctuary said she was looking for foster homes, we decided to become Syd's permanent foster mum and dad.

When he first arrived he was a little unsure of us and of being in a house, having been an ex-racing dog who had lived in kennels, and needed toilet training just like any dog, but he has been with us for a few months now and he is a very affectionate, funny, playful, loving boy whose favourite place is stretched out on the sofa.

He has fitted into our family so well, and gets on very well with our Lurcher and Westie. He is also a gentleman when he meets any dog or human (large or small!) when out and about.

People think greyhounds need a lot of exercise but this is not true and need just two 20-minute walks a day.

Fostering is many things – but

rewarding is the word I would use most. To see a dog who has spent his entire life in kennels, now lying on a rug in our lounge totally chilled and happy is fantastic. He is retired and loving it!

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57	Mrs L Bruce	Quadring	£250

Next draw: Monday 13 July at the Bingo

# SAVING SOOTY

During the recent half term three young journalists knocked on the door of our editorial offices to give us a scoop.

Harriet and Thomas McMeechan and Maddie Mowbray had found an injured crow in the front garden at 8.30 am and spent hours making him feel welcome and safe.

At about 1.30 pm Sooty, as they named him, limped painfully into the bushes. What were they to do?

Harriet and Thomas's mother, Jan, offered to help them take the crow to Sutterton Veterinary Centre.

"Maddie bravely picked up the crow and held him in the box till we got to the vets," said Mrs McMeechan. Everyone worked hard to save Sooty and the vets said they would check him over and send him to a rehabilitation centre.

Well done everyone!

# FOOT-TAPPING FUN

The Open Mic nights are still drawing in the talent and how many villages can boast such a great evening of live music on their doorstep?

June's event featured the full band of The Unshaven with their brand of country rock, Open Road with covers from the sixties to the present, soloist Kiya Brown, and host band Phatt Knappii who, as well as doing '80's covers have also started performing their own songs with "This Is Love" becoming a popular favourite.

You can watch Phatt Knappii performing this song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waxYvgycn9o>



# PLAY AREA FACELIFT

Despite the threat of rain on Saturday, 13 June, six members of Fosdyke Playing Field Association committee met early in the morning to renew some of the steps and platforms in the adventure playground and also clear the site of weeds and seedling trees which had rooted in the bark safety surface.

A survey had revealed some of the boards were rotting, and although still safe, it was decided that new ones needed to be purchased and installed.

Play equipment doesn't come cheap though (you may remember the £4,000 that was needed to replace fire-damaged equipment a few years ago) and the boards came to almost £900. But thanks to the tireless work of the Social Club the Playing Field funds were able to cope with the latest purchases.

You may have already noticed that the fence to the rear of the playground has already been given a new lease of life with a fresh lick of wood preserve and the roof panels will soon be repainted.

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# CARD CAPERS

A pack of cards was your pocket games console once so does sitting around a table playing cards sound boring to you? It did for a few people until they tried the Whist Drive which is held each month at Fosdyke Social Club.

Eleven pairs took part in the latest event. Organiser Jane Bristow always manages to keep the games (there were eighty-eight during the evening) running smoothly, and this was one of the closest competitions with Tammie Ryan and Sue Epton finally taking the top prize money with a score of 116 from second placed pair Michael Walls and Terry Martin with 112. Joint third were Seamus Rooney/ Karen Marriott and Jim Mountain/Dave Bristow with 110.

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# VE CELEBRATIONS

The Kirton branch of TRBL were proud to be able to provide an escort for Mrs Glad Benton, an ATS veteran of WW2 who was invited to the 70th Anniversary VE celebration's in London on Sunday, 10 May.

The day started at 0500hrs when I collected Glad from her home in Kirton and travel to Peterborough to catch the 0630 train to London.

On arriving at Kings cross we took a taxi to Westminster Abbey, and that is when everything started to get confusing. It was complete chaos with the police security, Abbey staff and the Legion organisers not knowing what the right hand was doing with the left hand.

Glad and myself were told that Glad had been selected as one of four veterans to meet the Queen. We were told that we would be booked in at the Abbey and seated in a selected area were Glad and the other veterans would then be taken to meet the Queen at the end of the service. This did not happen we were ushered in to the abbey and seated according to the details on our invite card.

At the end of the service as we started to form up for the parade I could see that Glad was very upset and had a tear in her eye, but she soon cheered up when the parade started and she could see that the route was lined with thousands of cheering people. I think she felt like a Queen herself.

At the party in St James Park Glad was able to mingle with other veterans and talk about their time in the services, she also had a hug and photo taken with David Cameron the Prime Minister.

A very enjoyable time was had



by everyone and as the party started to end and the veterans were leaving, the route out of St James Park was again lined with people who were cheering, taking photos and shaking hands with all the veterans.



On the journey home I learned that, as a young girl, Glad worked in the Carlton cinema in Norwich as an usherette. When all the men got their call-up papers it left them short of a

projectionist so she then became the projectionist for the cinema. When call-up papers came for the women, it was either working in an ammunition factory or sign up for the army.

She thought the army would be more adventurous and because of her training as a projectionist she was assigned the role of showing training films during the day and entertainment films in the evening.

It was at this time that she met her husband Ben who was also in the forces. They married at the end of the war and settled back in Kirton as this was her husband's home village.

In the next issue I will be able to update you on the Horse Racing evening and Hog Roast. For all our latest news please like our facebook page 'British Legion - Kirton and District Branch.

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## The Case of the Missing

by Nina Mercetter

### CHAPTER THREE

## Searching

There were few new leads - the dredging of Young's composting pit had yielded up nothing - and Gould's superiors were getting edgy. Media stories of child trafficking, prostitution and the like were stirring up communities nationally. He'd had a gut feeling that when Jessica's mother and her stepfather finally agreed to do the expected press conference it might tip the scales to civil unrest. He had warned his bosses but they took his advice as insolence.

Eight miles away several Polish shops in Boston had closed and were boarded up due to damage. A couple of shops had even been looted - made much of by the media - but local police had told him it was criminal gangs using an opportunity. They were all captured on CCTV - one without a balaclava or hood. One was enough to find some of the others.

Most of the damage was from bricks thrown through shop-front windows. There had been drunken scuffles between yellowbellies and Eastern European immigrants, though thankfully no-one had yet been seriously injured. The pressure was being put on Gould to get a result. Any result.

His office was now in a mobile unit parked in the Village Hall car park, its air conditioning running flat out to combat the stifling heat. Two other officers were wading through paperwork as he picked up Jessica's doll and headed to the parish council meeting room at the back of the village hall where Silvia Edgeard was waiting to be interviewed. At last he had found time to question her properly. The heat and stench of rotting onions hit him as he opened the door and he nearly gagged. How the villagers could put up with it he didn't know.

As he entered the village-hall foyer he swatted through hundreds of fruit flies that swarmed around a bag of rubbish just inside the double doors. The musty smell of discarded food was no doubt a remnant of his own men's eating habits when the control centre had been set up there.

He was barely halfway across the foyer when the doors rattled behind him and DS Wallace called, "Guv!"

His number two had been following up a lead in Sleaford. Gould wasn't expecting him back for another couple of hours.

"Guv. I've been trying to ring you," Wallace was panting a little and Gould could smell the tell-tale whiff of a recently smoked cigarette on his breath as he came up to him and a secondary smell that hung around his clothes. Gould fingered the packet in his own pocket, untouched now for two weeks. "I've not been able to get a signal."

"What is it, Brian?"

"They've found her."

"Who?"

"Jessica."

"Who?" It couldn't be Jessica. After four days he was convinced that they'd never find her.

"Jessica. Her natural father took her on a camping holiday to Wales. Jessica's mother was refusing to let her go but he took her anyway."

"Why the hell didn't she tell us this?" Gould was furious, relieved, confused, happy; second-guessing the fallout from his superiors made him groan as Wallace continued.

"Apparently he's a bit of a wimp. Wendy Rolls used to bully him. She couldn't imagine him actually taking Jessica so didn't tell us."

"But all this wasted time and manpower! What was she thinking? She said Jessica's father was working in America."

"And our inquiries confirmed it, but he'd got someone to clock him in and out at the factory. There's two thousand people work at the plant and this kind of thing goes on all the time. The cops over there just didn't do the basics, Guv."

"Jesus," was all Gould could say.

"Apparently there was no signal at the campsite where he took Jessica. Not even a radio worked. It was only when he took her for a treat to a McDonald's in Cardigan that he found out about all the fuss. He went to the nearest station straight away."

"The press are going to have a field day. They'll tear us apart. And the bosses will be wanting a scapegoat."

Wallace hadn't seen his boss look so despondent. He wasn't one to give in. His shoulders had slumped and he was staring at Jessica's doll in his hand. Gould held it up. Glanced from it to Wallace. His face brightened.

"Last chance saloon," Gould said.

"What, Guv?" Wallace's frown seemed to amuse his boss.

"We don't need to interview Silvia Edgeard now." He turned and headed for the interview room. "But we will. Come on, Brian. Let's see if we can salvage something from all this."

\* \* \*

"Oi, Langers!"

Neil Langton groaned even before he turned on his ladder and looked down at Morgan McCoy. Now what does he want? He still owes me for the conservatory.

Langton was surefooted on ladders and scaffolding, though after thirty-odd years there had been some scary moments, but McCoy always made him feel uneasy. Reluctantly he climbed down.

"Hi, Morgan. What can I do for you?" You weren't uncivil to a McCoy. Not in this village, though their reputation was fading along with their line. What younger McCoy's there were left - a couple having died in "accidents" - had moved on to surrounding villages or immigrated. Maybe they were just falling in with the rest of society ... and becoming civilised. Morgan McCoy was never going to fall into that category.

"You seen Silv?"

"No, mate, sorry." Langton suppressed the breath of relief that threatened to surface. If that's all he wants I'm happy.

"Come on, Langers. You been up there all day. Must 'ave seen 'er."

"Yeh, like I've been spying on everyone up there." Langton regretted his words immediately, but they always seemed to come unbidden to his mouth. "I've been concentrating on staying safe. Repointing chimneys ain't my favourite job," he added quickly.

"Hmph. Seems like a wasted opportunity to me."

"I've noticed some of the big media vehicles leaving the village though," Langton added.

"Who 'asn't."

Morgan lumbered off with another "Hmph."

Langton watched him for a moment. Morgan had always been a big man, tall and strong. But inactivity

and a penchant to laziness had somehow slid his massive chest to his waist and hips. His once muscular arms still looked powerful though, and hung low like a small giant. "Don't forget the honey, Mummy," came into Langton's mind but he was soon back up the ladder working his muck before it went off.

\* \* \*

"Oi, Laws."

Nancy Laws slammed the gate that she'd been trying to close quietly as her nemesis came up behind her from nowhere. "Oh!" She dropped her handbag.

McCoy picked it up and gave it back to her as though it was the kind of thing he did all the time.

Nancy was so surprised she forgot to say thank you. Or maybe she was worried his stale odour would somehow invade her body through her mouth. McCoy seemed neither bothered at her impoliteness nor wondered why she was trying to leave Danny Driss's house without waking the dead.

"You seen, Silv?"

"No sorry, Morgan." She glanced around in all directions. "I've been ... I've been ..." Thankfully McCoy interrupted her before she could think of an excuse.

"She popped in to tell me the police wanted to interview 'er. But that were 'ours ago. You let me know if you see 'er."

"I will. I will," Nancy agreed as McCoy puffed his way towards the village hall.

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If not for the donation made from the proceeds of the pantomime in 2013 *Fosdyke Newsletter* would be even more in debt, but thankfully the debit is quite small.

There is still one business that no longer advertises in the Fosdyrectory who has yet to pay for last year's advert. As we go to press the £12 due over a year ago is still outstanding.

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

# CYCLING BENEFIT

The Social Cycling rides, organised by Liz and Terry Martin, on Sunday evenings at 6.30 have been well attended and if you look out of your windows between then and 7.30 you'll catch a glimpse as they amble by.

But why just look? Why not dig out your old bicycle and join them for a ride and then for a drink in the Social Club afterwards?

If you need further details feel free to contact Liz or Terry on 01205 260275.

# BEWARE!

We've had a report of a late night nuisance with someone knocking on the door of elderly people.

They were resouceful enough to avoid CCTV cameras so the police are unable to identify the culprit/s.

If it's someone in the village playing games then we ask that they stop and think about the consequences. Please have consideration for your neighbours. We should be looking after the welfare of our senior citizens not giving them grief and stress.

If you spot any suspicious behaviour be sure to ring the local police on 01205 722002.

Fosdyke  
**Village Hall**  
**BINGO**  
**Every Monday**  
Doors open 6 pm for eyes  
down at 7 pm  
Strip of six books £5  
**Alan (260654) will find  
you a seat!**

# SOCIAL CLUB SUCCESS

Fosdyke Social Club raised £6,000 for charity during 2014-15 it was reported at their AGM in early June, and a sub-committe had been set up to look into improving the toilet facilities, though they do fulfil current legislation.

As can be seen from the list of events to the right the committee works tirelessly to maintain a varied schedule of entertainment for members, in an attempt to please at least someone some of the time!

Many villages would envy the club's facilities and in fact there are probably more members from outside of Fosdyke than in.

Don't forget that non-members are welcome and annual membership is just £4 for an individual and £7 for a family (two adults and two children) which gives access to the club whenever it is open and offers reductions for the Quiz Nights and ticketed events.

Even if you don't use the club on a regular basis you should be proud that your membership fees help the Playing Field Committee maintain the facilities in Puttock Gate - there to help, encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle for all Fosdyke residents in a safe environment.

**Fosdyke  
Social Club**  
Thursday, 30 July  
**BONMARCHE  
NIGHT**  
**WOMEN'S CLOTHING**  
7.30

# Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 4 July

## WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Tuesday, 7 July

## AVON NIGHT

8 pm



Thursday, 9 July

## LIVE MUSIC

@ OPEN MIC NIGHT

Opens 8 pm, Music 9 pm

Second Thursday of every month



Saturday, 11 July

## POOL DOUBLES

COMPETITION

Open to all comers - 8 pm



Saturday, 18 July

## BINGO

8 pm

£6 a set of books



Sunday 19 July

## CAR BOOT

AND TABLETOP SALE

Third Sunday until September



Saturday, 25 July

## QUIZ

8 pm start -Fish, scampi, or  
chicken and chips supper

£5.50 members £6 non-members

For inquiries or to book tickets contact  
Jane Bristow 01205 260455

# ROOT CROPS AND MORE

Root vegetables are highly nutritious as their deep roots tap levels of soil further down than most plants. They are soil breakers and improvers, leaving behind fine roots and foliage enriched with minerals. The soil does not need digging because the taproot will drive straight down into the hardest ground. They are mostly biennials, building up their reserves to flower the next year. Whilst tasty to eat, they come with a range of pests and diseases, which must be navigated to get them from seed to plate. If they get stressed, bolting into flower is a common problem. Remove bolters to prevent them encouraging others.

Carrots are probably the most worthwhile crop, they must be grown under a horticultural fleece or similar (old net curtains work just as well) to prevent root fly damage. Perpetually plagued by this I have tried herbs and strong smelling remedies with some success,

mostly from intercropping onions, chives and leeks. Any barrier about thigh high around small beds can stop carrot root fly. The adult fly will go round, rather than over such barriers. The very best preventatives are crop rotation and a physical barrier of fleece to stop the fly laying its eggs by the seedling carrots.

Carrots need a stone free, light soil to do well. Do not overfeed or use fresh manure, as these will cause poor flavour and forked roots. Don't disturb the soil deeper than an inch and the seedling carrots will grow straight down.

Parsnips are a similar root crop that are not difficult to grow, but occupy the ground for a long time and so are not recommended where space is short. They rarely suffer from pests or diseases other than the usual soil pests and carrot root fly. Protect them with cloches or fleece. If left to flower they are

beneficial for insects and are best intercropped with peas and lettuce.

Turnips and Swedes do well sown half an inch deep, up to a foot apart, from early spring right through to late summer. Other than

flea beetle, they rarely suffer from pests and

diseases, but if grown in dry conditions they become tough. They grow well in the shade of peas or intercropped with French beans.

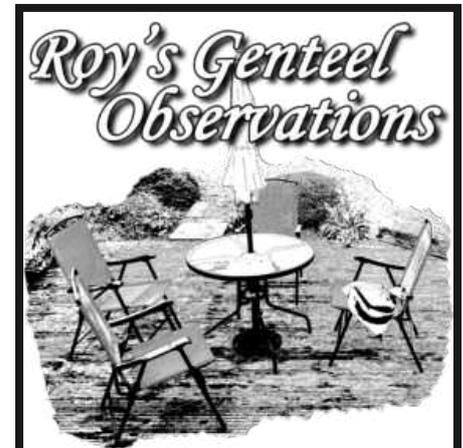
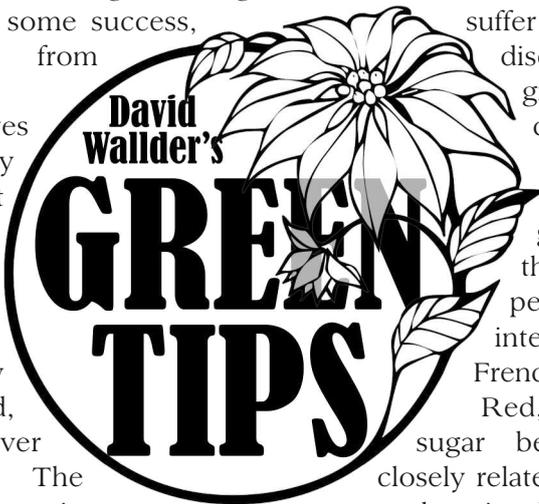
Red, yellow and sugar beet are very closely related to leaf beet,

perpetual spinach and Swiss chard. Originating from maritime regions, they need trace elements more than most root crops. They thrive on seaweed products, but do poorly in impoverished chemically fertilised soils. Good chemical accumulators, a quarter of the mineral content of their leaves is magnesium, which is extremely valuable when added to the compost. They do well growing with French beans, onions and brassicas, especially kohlrabi.

The most troublesome pests are birds eating the seedlings and young leaves. Use wire netting guards or plastic bottle cloches.

Sow in pots or cells under cover in early spring, then plant out in the

open from late spring to midsummer. The beets do well sown one seed to a pot or cell and left unthinned at a foot or so apart to give clumps of smaller beet for pickling. Sown direct and thinned, they grow larger for winter storage. Chards, leaf beets and perpetual spinach are effectively beetroots grown for their leaf and stems instead of their roots. They are treated similarly, but must be thinned to almost two foot apart. These are some of the most productive crops for a small garden, as they will produce 'til hard winter frosts come and often sprout again in the spring.



... Will be no more. Roy and his wife Lorraine have moved to Cornwall, so we wish them all the best in their new home and thank him for his, sometimes controversial, views and humorous observations.

If anyone would like to write a column for the newsletter, has an interesting hobby they'd like to share, have a recipe that they think others would enjoy trying or there's something else that you think others might find fascinating to read about (and you'll be surprised what does interest some people) then please let us know, via email at [newsletter@fosdyke.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@fosdyke.org.uk) or phone 01205 260275. The editorial team will ensure everything makes sense and that you're not going to upset too many people!

# Days Gone By

All information compiled from The British Newspaper Archive and local newspaper archives by John Wilkinson.

## KIRTON SUB DISTRICT OF BOSTON DISTRICT & ALGARKIRK. FOSDYKE & FOSDYKE BRIDGE

**1871** Sarah Barnsdale still living in Churchgate Hose (Widow).

Miss Susanna Drury given the teacher job at the Fosdyke School Fosdyke population 631.

Fosdyke Bridge (wooden) extensive repairs needed. Thirty



additional piles and driven in-between the old ones to a depth of 20 feet into the bed of the river stiff clay.

Mr Browning of Stamford rebuilt All Saints Church, at a cost of £8.650.00 Canon Basil Beridge paid for everything...2015 cost... £1m plus.

Fosdyke church parishioners presented Canon Basil Beridge with an American Organ for All Saints Church.

All Saints church can seat 350 people & the old Fosdyke Bridge electric lamp fitted in the entrance pathway.

**1872** The Vicarage House, was built by E Browning now a grade 11 listed building.

**1872** Fosdyke Post Office Mrs Elizabeth Smith ...sub Postmistress

& shopkeeper after John her husband died.

**1876** The principal landowner owners in Fosdyke; Rev Basil Beridge J.P. William Bett. Samuel Smeeton & Richard Redford.

**1881** Wednesday 27th July...The death announced of Rev Basil Beridge at the age of 84 years. He lived in Algarkirk vicarage for 59 years. And previous to death he was presented with a £100.000 a thank you gift for looking after his parishes. He left £10,000 to the parishes Charities.

Jonathan & Family now living in the 'Poor Row' Old Main Road...next to the present village hall.

**1896** Fosdyke Post Office Mrs Ann Massam, 47, replaced Mrs Elizabeth Smith on her death.

**1898** The District Chapelry of Fosdyke, with the consent of the said Edward Bishop diocese of Lincoln 19th July 1898.

**1900** A small Coast Guard station on Fosdyke Bridge started... manned by one officer and two men.

The Mill, Mill Lane owned by Robert William Barnatt ...Miller & Baker (built next to Wren Cottage) living Great Hale, Lincolnshire.

**1901** daughter: Miss Edith Emily Barnatt b 1900 Derby.

The Mill was demolished to make way to build (Cottage House) changed to Wren Cottage...built by Walter Moore (info from Chris Moore local farmer).

**1905** New Inn, Fosdyke Bridge...Edward Clarke.

**1910** Monday 22nd August: the death of a bridge worker blown into

the Welland River by compressed air machine.

Removed the Old Wooden Fosdyke Bridge replaced with steel bridge.

**1911** New Steel Fosdyke Bridge costing £17,000 to replace the wooden.

Mr Walter Moore, White Cross Mr George Smith Lock Keeper of Fosdyke Bridge.

**1919** New Inn public house Edward Clarke publican...owned by Soulbey & Son & Winch brewery.

Fosdyke House...Fredrick Buck...farmer.

**1924** Fosdyke Post Office Mr George Henry Barber now Subpostmaster.

**1930** Fosdyke Post Office Mr George Atkin now Subpostmaster.

**1937** Fosdyke Post Office Mr F B Snaith using the west-side of the cottage.

**1939** Mrs Ann Massam living at "Rose Cottage" Old Main Road..aged 61 years ...born 1850 Nottingham, died Dec 1937 Lincolnshire.

**1940** Miss A M Pickwell appointed assistant teacher at Fosdyke C of E school in succession of Mrs Maddison.

**1949** Rose & Crown pub Greenways...Soames Brewery sold it too Steward Patteson run until 1951 and then closed down. Demolished for A17 new bridge.

**1949** A17 Nelson's Food Market (2015 known as Bridge House, Main Road) still operating by the Fosdyke steel swing bridge.

**1952** New Fosdyke Cemetery opened on Bell Lane.

MORE NEXT MONTH

# WON!

Congratulations to Fosdyke Sports pool team who won the Spalding Pool League by one point in their first season in the league following the collapse of the Wigtoft Pool Leagues.

They are also through to the cup final to be played soon.

# LIBRARY THANKS

Kirton Library will be moving soon into the New Life Community Church and are looking for volunteers to help run the library. Full training will be given.

If you have some time to spare and are interested in keeping the library going in Kirton please ring Carolyn Green, the library Volunteer Coordinator on 01205 722467 or email her at GrCrl2@aol.com.

Meanwhile Lincolnshire County Council's Mobile Library will be stopping at Village Hall between 12 and 1 pm on the first Monday of the month. The next stop being 6 July then 3 August, but will not be stopping on 31 August (Bank Holiday).

## HALL'S 50TH

Cake and wine was enjoyed by Fosdyke Parish Council and Village Hall associates recently to celebrate fifty years of running the Village Hall.

On Monday 15 June the bingo players also celebrated with cake and wine.

The hall was built in 1965 by Pankers Builders of Surfleet and the bingo sessions started as soon as the hall opened and have been going ever since. Miss Leslie Ingham has only missed six sessions in all that time and is the main book seller every Monday night.

Fosdyke Village Hall Committee thanks all the people of Fosdyke and surrounding area for the support they have given over the years. Alan White reckons it's probably the longest running bingo session for a village of this size.

As chairman, Alan thanks all the people past and present for helping to run the sessions every week. His final words were: "We never close!"

Gill Wilson who lives in Old Main Road would like to thank the residents of Fosdyke for their generosity. Her doorstep collection enabled her to send £90 to Marie Curie.

She said that Fosdyke is a great community with lovely interesting residents and she met some gorgeous people.

Well done Gill!

## ... AND MORE

Terry and Liz's son-in-law, Jason, is also helping Marie Curie. If you missed Gill or would like to make a further donation he is attempting to cycle 240 miles over three days from Milan to Monaco (via Torino & Cuneo) in September.

Jason said, "This is going to be my biggest challenge yet on my bike, with the first day alone totalling ninety-five miles."

He chose Marie Curie because they looked after his nan in the last few months of her life.

The running cost of the hospice means they need £10,000 every hour of every day to carry on what they do.

Jason has already raised over £1,000 and is hoping to raise a total of £1,550.

You can make a donation here: <https://www.justgiving.com/Jason-Mehmet1>

## NOTICE OF PLAYING FIELD AGM

The annual general meeting of the Playing Field Association will be held on Wednesday, 1 July, at 7.30 at the Social Club in Puttock Gate.

All residents of Fosdyke are welcome to attend.

## 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](mailto:terry@fosdyke.org.uk)

or phone:

260275

or knock on the door or post your info through the letter box

6 Whitecross Gate

**no later than 15 July**

## PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

According to the Communities Parish and Local Council's website parish councils have a duty to publish draft minutes (ie minutes that have not been approved) within a month of a meeting. We requested a draft copy of the May minutes but have received no response.

The government's *Draft transparency code for parish councils with a turnover not exceeding £25,000* recommends that parish councils have their own website where residents can access parish council minutes. Fosdyke.org.uk would be willing to help the council comply.

Next parish council meeting is Tuesday, 7 July, though the date has yet to be confirmed on the notice board.

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