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The above has been the state of Puttock Gate, and some parts of Old Main Road for a couple of weeks - worse some days - and it's not the only road around Fosdyke that has been left like the ploughed fields around it. This isn't just mud though, it's also stones that can flick up and do potential harm.

Residents of Fosdyke expect and accept that at particular times of the year they are going to find mud spread across the road. However, as the pictures here demonstrate, some farmers are not as considerate of motor users and pedestrians as they should be - given that they have a legal obligation to make an effort to keep the roads free of any hazardous material, in this case mud and stones. We need to live together in harmony. It just seems a sensible neighbourly act to clear up the mess.

Fosdyke Newsletter has received a number of complaints from residents about the state of the roads, some of whose families have lived in the village for several generations, so the argument about it being just the newer residents doesn't hold water.

Can Fosdyke Parish Council, with its influence amongst the local business people, please add the feelings of Fosdyke residents to the agenda of their next meeting for discussion to ensure farmers are not as complacent as they currently appear to be?



On the outskirts.

# FOSDYKE FC

## VICTORY!

Victory for the men in Tangerine! Away at Park United in the Willoughby Cup, Fosdyke came through a tough and even first half to dominate the second period and progress with a 2-1 win.

On a beautiful day, it was almost spring-like, the game began with very little between the teams and chances at a premium. Dan Sam, donning the gloves as an emergency stopper, was called upon to block a shot at his near post and at the other end Jordan Inglis saw a rasping left foot drive fly past the wrong side of the post.

Simon Hyland was having an influential afternoon and after playing a lovely one-two on the edge of the box was left with the keeper to beat but put his finish wide. It appeared as if the half was to finish goalless but when a headed clearance fell to a home striker, he lashed it back and the ball, unfortunately, smashed Luke Smith in the head and hit the roof of the net.

Not feeling sorry for themselves though, Fosdyke came out in the second half with a determination to get back in the game and a different tactical approach. It paid dividends immediately as Joe Bradbury and Declan Wilson linked up well and it was Bradders who finished off the move with a vicious shot from close range that had Fosdyke back at 1-1.

This gave them further belief and they continued to press until finally, as the final whistle approached, Declan found himself one-on-one with the host's

custodian and looked set to score. The keeper blocked his finish but could do nothing about Adam Ellis who was first to react and scored his first goal for Fosdyke and the winner!

## DEFEAT!

With a squad stretched by injury and unavailability Fosdyke set out to Rippingale and Folkingham for their first game in about a month.

On a very sloping pitch they found themselves kicking downhill in the first half against a lively opposition. The muddy playing surface made for a very combative opening and tackles aplenty were on show.

Joe Bradbury was in his element and Jordan Inglis was making a nuisance of himself up top. Ian Jack Smith in goal was kept busy pulling off a couple of saves early on when the home side broke through and at the other end Fosdyke also stung the keepers gloves, Jordan unleashing a long range effort and a goal mouth scramble saw Fosdyke miss a succession of half chances.

The first man to trouble the score board however, was towering centre- back Luke Smith, would you believe, when he struck a beautifully controlled volley on the run as he met a corner and put Fosdyke ahead.

It wasn't too long however before a counter attack from the home side saw the two teams all square once more and when half time game Fosdyke felt they were more than in the game and had the ability to go out and win the match. Sadly this didn't materialise as two

moments defined the second half, both of them in the other teams favour ... Firstly, midfield dynamo Simon Hyland who had worked tirelessly in both defence and attack had to leave the field after sustaining a nasty thigh injury and then a rash decision in the back four led to a penalty being given away and it was 2-1 to Rippingale and Folkingham.

Coming back from such set-backs proved to be difficult and although a switch in tactics saw Fosdyke look more like engineering something it also left them vulnerable to the counter attack and two further goals for the home side rounded off a disappointing afternoon with Fosdyke losing 4-1.

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# GIVE A DOG A HOME

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They tell us that a greyhound is a perfect pet for anyone over fifty as they are quite happy to spend the day curled up asleep on the sofa, but then they will happily go for a walk whenever you feel up to it. They don't pull and will go at the speed you choose. Whilst out and about they are great conversation starters and people are always fascinated by this lovely breed. If your suffering from an empty home after your children have left for university, they will be a great cure and they are tidier than a bunch of teenagers. All of our greyhounds are with us for a long period of time making sure we know everything about them before they find their

perfect home as well as the perfect family. They are good in the car after travelling from stadium to stadium during their racing career.

They quote Rachel Wray Smith who took on one of the greyhounds from Kama's Cave. She said, "All of my friends want to borrow my boy, Jamesie, to go on walks, as they are always stopped by gorgeous men."

One of their successful cases is Sally who was eventually adopted by Lorraine Bullman. For two years the people who visited the kennels got to know Sally – she was the one who barked very loudly at all visitors, so no-one wanted her and she was thought to be un-homeable. Her previous owners



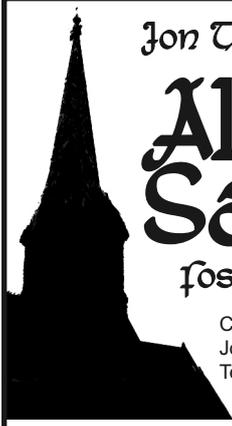
said she was known to be destructive too. The first time Lorraine met Sally, Sally was a nervous wreck and Lorraine felt so sorry for such a beautiful girl. Gradually over time Lorraine visited Sally more and more and had a few opportunities to take her home. After so much work and the build-up of a bond, Lorraine decided she wanted to adopt Sally.

Lorraine said, 'We visited Sally before taking her home for good and she came running out of the kennels, jumping up at me – I cried tears of joy – how changed she was from that poor dog the first day I met her'. They have regular updates from Lorraine letting them know how Sally is doing.

They have a number of greyhounds looking for homes and in particular the three pictured on this page. If you are interested in finding out more about Karma's Cave visit their website, [www.kamascave.eu](http://www.kamascave.eu) or our Facebook page Kamas Cave Greyhound Sanctuary. They are also on twitter @KCGreyhound and you can get in touch with Ann Brandon at 01406 330459 or email her [ann@kamascave.com](mailto:ann@kamascave.com). They offer full support with your new friend.

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Jon Tofts reports

# All Saints

Fosdyke

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Vicar:

We are currently without a vicar, so please contact one of the churchwardens in the first instance.

## ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

Every year, the church holds meetings around Easter time to elect officers and present accounts etc. At the time of writing, we are awaiting confirmation of the dates which will be posted on the notice board as soon as they are known.

## NOTICE BOARD

The new church notice board which was commissioned back in December, has now been prepared for us by the Lincoln based Pelican trust, so we shall soon be showing a brand new, fit for purpose, notice board. [Editor: Fosdyke Parish Council has agreed to contribute towards the cost of the notice board.]

## POP-IN LUNCH

Thanks to all those who supported the recent pop-in lunch. It was a really well supported event which helped to raise much needed funds for the church. About £230 was raised.

There will be another Pop-In Lunch held on Tuesday 28th April, so please make a note in your diary. The next after that is provisionally booked for 09 June.. Thanks to all for your continuing support.

Services  
1 March  
Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

15 March  
Mothering Sunday

at 09.30 am



The Fosdyke Trader with the old Fosdyke Bridge in the background. Lawes used to hold dances in their grain stores. [Photo courtesy of Kay Lineham]

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# MILLIE'S CLOSE SHAVE



Damaged trailer (above).

Millie's stitches (left).

from under her which then allowed her to drop back to the floor of the trailer and they were then able to lead her out and back to the stable.

If Kerry hadn't bandaged up Millie's legs she would have severed the tendons on her front legs as she tried to climb out the roof.

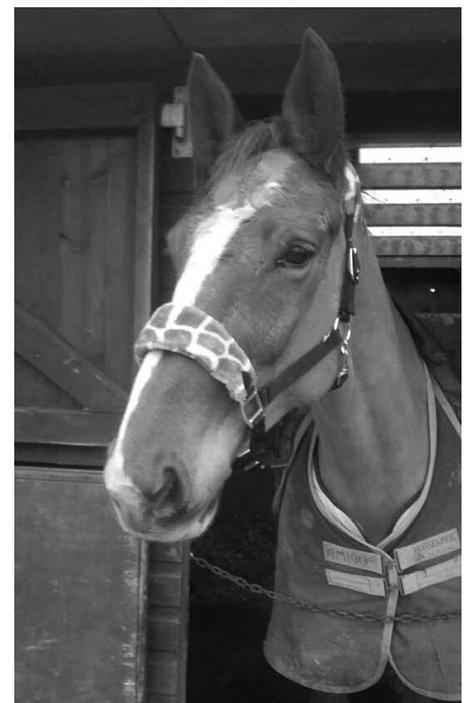
Kerry said: "Once the vet had been and checked her over I'm pleased to say she only needed fifteen stitches to her forehead, Millie was very lucky to get out of there alive and now is wondering what all the fuss is for."

The trailer is currently under repair.

Kerry Wright and her partner Andy Sedgwick were just about to set off for Houghton Hall Equestrian Center in Houghton, Cambs, for Millie's first training session with Sarah Turner when something spooked Millie and she ended up breaking through the roof of the trailer!

Whatever it was that caused her reaction she jumped the breast bar, then panicked and went up through the roof. She then became stuck on top of the Tack Pack (which is basically a wheelie bin in which Kerry and Andy transport the saddle and bridle in).

It took three men to pull this

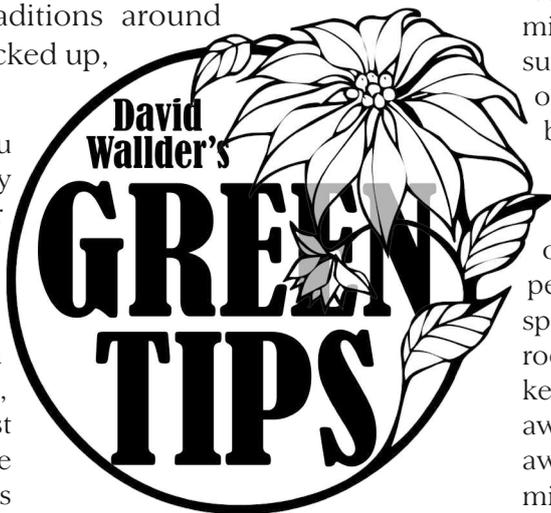


Millie. Healed and raring to go.

# AN INEXACT SCIENCE

Gardening is an inexact science and surrounded by centuries of tradition, folklore, myth and superstition. Hidden amongst it are some age-old wisdom and also some age-old cobblers. I thought I'd share a few gardening traditions around planting and sowing that I've picked up, read or possibly made up.

Ancient gardeners will tell you to sow seed or transplant only when the moon is waxing, never waning. Science has now caught up with this idea, discovering the effects of lunar rhythms on the earth's magnetic field, which in turn affect growth. All water, including that inside the tiniest living organism, moves in tides like the oceans. The moon also affects the earth's atmosphere, so that statistically it is more likely to rain



heavily (just as you would like immediately after planting) immediately after a full or new moon. Studies have shown that a potato grown at constant levels of heat and light under laboratory conditions will still show a growth rhythm that reflects the lunar pattern.

## WITHOUT A LAB

The gardener, without laboratory conditions or statistical tables, has learnt how to get their plants off to a good start;

*Sow seed generously  
One for the rook, one for the crow,  
One to die and one to grow.*

## BEHIND THE TIMES

We should not sow when the ground is too cold. Which may explain the tradition in Lincolnshire of testing whether the soil was in the right condition to sow barley. The farmer would take off their trousers and sit on the ground, if it was comfortable for them, then it would be comfortable for the barley. The modern gardener

would be happier to test the soil by hand I suspect.

## GROWING HAIR

Placing hair at the bottom of a trench when planting beans can be advantageous. How you acquire that hair is another matter. Teasing out old horsehair mattresses, the results of dog or cat grooming are options. Horsehair is sharp enough to prick any creatures to death as anyone who has sat on one can testify. Hair is full of valuable mineral and chemical properties, supplying trace elements not otherwise readily available to the bean.

## KEEPING PESTS AWAY

A piece of creosoted string laid on the surface will keep away pests from cabbages and carrots. A spiral of foil twisted around the roots of a young cabbage plant will keep the larvae of the cabbage fly away. Similarly, to keep the larvae away from carrots, crumble and mix with the soil some mothballs. Bonfire ash mixed with the soil is often recommended when planting herbs, but is fatal for mint!

## PINE MULCH?

For strawberries and only for strawberries, incorporate the scrapings of topsoil from below pines and spruces when planting, and thereafter mulch with pine and spruce needles, crushed fir cones and even twigs. It's meant to improve the flavour. If there are any of these trees near your house, then the effort of clearing the needles will be rewarded if there is a positive use for them (and not just the unblocked drains).

Now I am familiar with the practise of covering some plants with bracken to protect from the frosts over winter, but have you heard there's nothing better than digging some in under your fuchsias when you plant them? It encourages the roots to go down, but they love it so much the roots would grow up if bracken were laid on the surface. A compromise would be to supply bracken to both ends!

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# THOSE INSIDIOUS MICRO CHIPS

A news article on the television the other morning reminded me of the October News Letter in which I made a flippant comment “did you know what the chip in your cat can do”.

On watching this article it made me re-evaluate thoughts that had been formulating over number of years about our willingness to accept technology if presented to us purely by highlighting the positives to our way life.

## EXAMPLE

To demonstrate this I give you an example which affected me directly. Whilst working for a company in the west midlands some twelve years ago the Managing Director came to me and stated that he was negotiating with the insurance company for cover on the company vehicles and if we had trackers fitted to them so that if a vehicle was stolen it could be tracked and hopefully returned to us, the incentive being they could reduce the company’s insurance premium.

## SINISTER SIDE

I must admit that I thought this was a good idea and gave it my full support. However the sinister side of these trackers soon came to light, During supposedly general conversations with the Managing Director odd bits of information came out which seemed strange regarding what I did in my private life. On questioning him it came out that he had access to the whereabouts of my car every minute of every day and by implication where I was going in my private life and that of every other employee. To me this was the thin edge of the wedge and has made me suspicious of technology since then.

I notice that insurance companies are trying to get these trackers introduced by the back

door by indicating that individuals can get lower premiums if they have them fitted. In my view this is not the case, it is being done to gain evidence against you as an aid to



allow them to avoid paying claims. Also this is the reason why Ministerial back room boys want them introduced so that the relevant government departments have a record of your movements.

## IMPLANTS

The news article concerned was a story about a company in Sweden that had given their employees the option to have microchips implanted into their hands so that they could do away with keys, entry codes etc. They could use the chip to gain access to their office. Copier’s and computers, with the view that it would make the work environment more convenient and secure.

## COMPULSORY

I can see that whilst not compulsory some employees may find this innovative and exciting. Again I see this as the thin edge of the wedge, can employees be

tracked twenty-four hours a day with this microchip and whilst at the moment it appears to be voluntary how long before the company executive’s when employing new staff state that you will not be employed unless a microchip is fitted.

It has been my belief over a number of years since chips were being fitted into pets and farm animals that it would not be long before microchips were fitted in humans to the point that eventually all new born babies would have a chip inserted before leaving hospital. Remember it only needs a majority of the MPs to vote for it probably on the pretext that the NHS will be able to monitor our health more efficiently (no concerns there then). Also if you have heard MPs in the House of Commons they sound like sheep and we know they have been chipped already.

## EXAMPLE

Following the news item I went on the web to see if I could find any related information and within minutes I came across an article which stated that all babies born in the EU would be chipped by 2016 and in America it would be by 2017. I have to say that I believe this story was a hoax but I feel sure that in the basements of Westminster, Cambridge and Oxford sinister forces are at work. Let us remember that we live in a farming community and whilst our area is mainly arable farmers have been tracking their animals through markets using micro technology for years and governments are just following their example.

## VIGILANCE

We must be vigilant about accepting technology because it seems it makes life easier .A lot of

us will remember when we had a pay packet at the end of each week with cash in it and we could spend it as we wished. The banks started to offer employers the option of setting up cashless wage payments on the pretext that it was safer with no wage runs and it would be more convenient for employees to have their wages paid straight into a bank account. On the surface this sounded great until we now realise that like sheep the banks have us herded and penned and that we cannot survive in this society without them.

## CONTROLLED

The humble postcode put forward by the post office as an aid for them to make delivering letters more efficient. Not a bit of it, whenever you contact any government dept, insurance company or any company you wish to do business with the first thing they ask you for is your postcode in fact there are now so many data bases that we cannot do anything without them. Trust me there is nowhere to have a simple life any more, we are controlled at every turn so why not have a chip fitted, after all its bound to make life easier.

Finally let us remember the most sinister and evil modern phase used by those who wish to control us “ IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING WRONG WHY WOULD YOU OBJECT “. But the people of Fosdyke should have no concerns, after all these are just Genteel Observations.

# SOUNDLY RAISING MONEY



Phatt Knappii, Fosdyke Social Club’s resident musical trio, along with some of the regulars from the Open Mic Nights, are doing back-to-back gigs in aid of Red Nose Day. The regular Open Mic night will be held on Thursday 12 March at the social club and the following day there will be a special Red Nose Open Mic at The Eagle in Boston. The proceeds of both events will go towards Red Nose Day.

If you’d like to contribute to Red Nose Day and listen to free live music at the same time, either pop in the club on the Thursday or visit The Eagle the next evening.

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Although the clerk to the parish council has indicated she would be happy to give us the details of her remuneration as a council employee, we have been informed by the chairman of the council Martin Pitt, after seeking guidance, “that there is no requirement to give this information as it is classed as personal data and is therefore exempt under the Freedom Of Information rules.”

There maybe no requirement but the council isn’t restricted in giving us the information. However, rather than seeming over-insistent, we will await the accounts available at the parish council’s AGM where it should be possible to work out the clerk’s salary.

The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, 3 March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

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# FACE TO FACE WITH UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTHS

I'm always deeply moved by the way the gospel of Mark describes the events immediately after Jesus' baptism. Many of you will have heard the passage read a few Sundays ago. Mark tells us that a voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And he continues, "And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

The passage has a dark undertone: right at the start of his public ministry, Jesus is driven out into the wilderness – to the dry, dusty, inhospitable desert where there is nothing to comfort him. And there, he is tempted by Satan: he has to face down the demons of fear, anxiety and loneliness, and - we could imagine - a deep discomfort that prepared Jesus for his Passion.

But the passage is also full of hope, because it shows us that Jesus came into the darkness and



the violence of our world precisely in order to be joined to our brokenness and our frailty, and to show us that it is possible to face it, to wrestle with it, to live through it, and to come out the other side. Whenever we find ourselves in the wilderness of disease, loneliness, joblessness, depression, or the many other things that challenge us, Jesus meets us there in order to bear our burdens with us and for us. He will wait on us as the angels waited on him, and we will not be alone. But there are things we will go through in life, demons we will have to face, because that is the reality of human existence.

The season of Lent, with all its opportunities for reflection, can sometimes bring us face to face with uncomfortable truths, but the greatest truth of all is that the depth of God's love for us, shown in the death of Jesus on the cross, is also present in God's gift of new life, offered to us all, in the promise and the joy of Easter Day.

Bishop Christopher

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## ANOTHER THANK YOU

On the Wednesday 21st of January Kirton Middlecott Academy requested that the Kirton Branch of the British Legion (which covers Fosdyke) attend the school to be presented with a cheque for the sum of £392.00, being the proceeds from a play they performed last year to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. Half of this money will go to the local Welfare Initiative Fund and the rest to the Poppy appeal. The presentation was made by one of the cast members.

The Legion thank: the Principal, Mrs Polley, and Staff, Amy Kerr and Melissa Howarth; all of the pupils, who played their parts so professionally; the Scouts, Cubs, Army Cadets and their leaders who also took part in the play which lasted two hours with a break for refreshments provided by the Women's Section of the British Legion.

Anyone interested in giving a bit of their time, would be very welcome to join the Legion at the R.B.L. doing welfare work for all service people with difficulties. Please contact Ken Huskisson on 01205 722389.

### 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 March