

THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

After over thirty years as Chairman of Fosdyke Village Hall Committee, Alan White has decided to retire from the position. He has been on the committee for nearly forty years and intends to remain as a committee member continuing his involvement in organising the Monday Bingo and the 250 Club.

For the last twenty years Alan has also filled the role of caretaker and booking clerk but someone has come forward to take on this role.

Keith and Yvonne Crawford, who have been in their respective roles of Treasurer and Secretary for nearly forty years, are also looking to retire. They are willing to carry on until the end of this year to help

with the hand over to enable the village hall to continue to prosper.

So – the village hall is in need of new committee members, some to take on the roles described above, some to help in other ways, all to participate in the successful management of the village hall for future generations of Fosdyke residents to enjoy.

The village hall is an absolutely vital asset for the village so if you think you can help please come along to the meeting. If you are not sure what it involves then also come along as any questions you may have can be explained. If anyone is unsure about coming or is unable to make the meeting please feel free to contact Denis Glenn on Fosdyke 260615.

As an added bonus if you do come along tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided!!

The meeting is on Wednesday, 8 March, 2017, at 6.30pm. Please use the committee room door at the right-hand side of the village hall (unless you wish to join the dog training group in the main hall).



Snowdrops amongst All Saints' gravestones - not spring yet but it might bode well for a good year.

Garden path

The evenings should begin to lengthen noticeably and once the clocks go forward at the end of the month, we'll all be able to spend a bit more time in the garden.

If, like me, the prospect of physically getting into the garden is not as attractive a prospect as it should be - you may find that it is because the means of entry to your domestic paradise has become a grotty looking muddy morass over the winter months - you may need to consider refreshing your path.

Your garden path is not just a practical means of access to all quarters of your garden without getting muddy, it can also be an attractive feature in it's own right. You can play around with the design to give a different feel or

orientation. The direction, width, material and adjacent planting can help determine the style of your garden.

There are many variations of material that can be used, all with numerous considerations for your design, not least of which is cost and ease of use.

Gravel

Gravel must be the best value of all paving materials (around £10 per square metre) and also rates highly for ease of use. Apart from the placing of a membrane to prevent weeds growing through, there isn't much more to do other than popping it into place. Of course, as I have found out this week, it does take quite a lot of shovelling and barrowing to get it exactly where you want it, most DIY stores will deliver and usually are quite helpful in getting it as near as they can to where you want it. The stones give a natural look to the path and can lighten up an area nicely. I would say the larger 20mm variety is best, as it doesn't get kicked around as much.

Mulch

A similar loose material to gravel, gives a very different texture depending on the wood or other material the mulch comes from. Can be a handy way of getting rid of unwanted wood that you've chipped. Not as long lasting as gravel and does tend to get thrown around by inquisitive birds looking for bugs. As with all the materials they can be used in combination, so stones within the mulch can make it a bit more hard wearing.

Decking

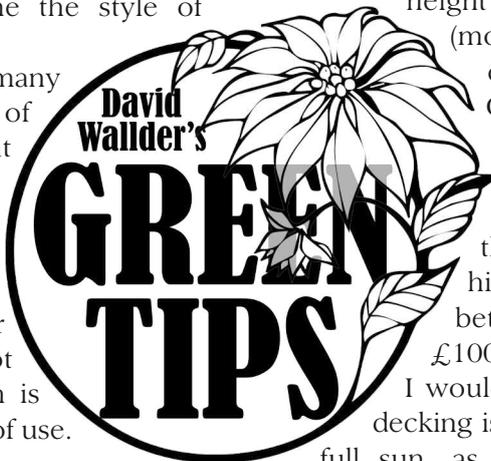
Decking can work well extending a decked terrace into a garden. They don't need solid foundations and are ideal for creating level changes in a sloping garden or giving the perception of height in a flat garden

(more likely to be the case in Fosdyke). Obviously a little more technical proficiency is needed to create this and the cost is higher, somewhere between £50 and £100 per square metre.

I would also suggest that decking is best positioned in full sun, as they can tend to become slippery when wet.

Bricks

Small paving slabs and bricks are ideal for creating a gently curving path. They can also be used to border loose materials like gravel



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and mulch. Some groundwork will need to be done in order to set the bricks at soil level, so they won't fall away in time. A little cheaper than decking (£30 per square metre), they should be hard wearing.

Paving slabs

Larger paving slabs with close pointing gaps give a practical clean look to a path. Maybe not as interesting or natural looking as other options, variation in the sizes of slabs can make them more attractive. They work out around the same cost as bricks.

Stone

Combinations of stone, pebbles, slate and paving slabs laid on edge can make a fabulously rustic look and give a very good grippy surface, if there's any kind of slope or a damp area of the garden. Can be a bit trickier and expensive to get hold of the material you want though.

Dos and don'ts

Do set out the line of the path and view it from all angles before deciding to build.

Do try and use larger materials in larger gardens, smaller units can look a little fussy.

Do think about the planting as you design the path.

POOH-POOH THE NEW LAW AT YOUR PERIL

As of 1 February if you are out walking your dog and cannot produce a poo bag new Boston Borough Council powers mean you could be fined £100.

Most dog owners are responsible and considerate people and dog poo bags are not expensive. Some people like to use scented nappy bags. Fines for failing to clean up after a dog, allowing a dog into an enclosed children's play area or refusing to put a dangerous or nuisance dog on a lead have also been doubled to £100.

The new powers to control dogs are being introduced under the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 which allows councils to create a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

Public consultation showed that ninety per cent were in favour of it being an offence for dog walkers not to carry a bag or the means at all times to clean up after their dog. And seventy four per cent agreed the fine should be £100.

COUNCIL FAILING

Just a little piece to say we're still disappointed that after all the years badgering the parish council to produce minutes (it's recognised as good practice to publish notes of a meeting within a month) they are still dragging their feet.

The most recent minutes on their website, as we went to press, is last December and they've had two meetings since then.

Shouldn't the council be aiming to follow the guidelines for good practice? We think so.

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Saturday, 21 January
Fosdyke Res 1 -
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CUP DEFEAT

Saturday, 21 January
Friskney 6 - 0 Fosdyke

Fosdyke's last chance of silverware disappeared on a grey day at Friskney where they barely had a team due to all manner of farcical and frustrating reasons.

Looking to put their previous week's dire performance behind them, Fosdyke started brightly. Straight from kick off a long cross-field ball from Marv Gadgie found James Munn running at his full back and getting beyond him to unleash a drive that was saved by the keeper.

Friskney pushed hard and went close on a number of occasions but keeper Dan Philpot who stood in at the last minute from the reserve team pulled off a couple of saves. Fosdyke again went close with Zippy Zac Chapman causing consternation in the home side's defence; saw his finish smothered by the home keeper when he was one on one with the custodian. Marv Gadgie had a shot charged down and a great cross from Zac Chapman was almost met by Luke, another reserve helping out, but for a defender's timely intervention.

It was a very even first half with Fosdyke competing superbly and holding their own against a very strong Friskney side. An almost perfect performance however was disrupted by a goal to the home side when keeper Dan made a good save but could not stop the follow up.

There really was a lot of positives for the Tangerines to take into the second half but a very early goal from the home side gave Fosdyke a much tougher task and unfortunately as legs became tired on a heavy pitch the home side ran in four more goals.

The final say could have been Fosdyke's when Zac Chapman's twisty turny twisting and turning drew a foul and won a penalty but the keeper was on his toes and at full stretch to palm it away. Still, Fosdyke pushed for a goal and it almost came in the last minute when good link up play between James Munn and Zac Chapman lead to a great cross that Luke almost finished off. Sadly his finish sailed over the bar and that was that.

Despite the heavy defeat the first half performance was considered a positive and going forward if Fosdyke can stay organised like that for a full game they may improve their fortunes.

Man of the Match? Leon Marsh and Ben Parker put in a shift in the unfamiliar surroundings of centre midfield and the reserve lads who helped us out were hard working and committed, but this week Man of the Match goes to Zippy Zac Chapman for an all action, high energy performance up top.

Saturday, 28 January
Fosdyke Res 1 -
3 Benington Reserves

SAY NO MORE!

Saturday, 4 February
Swineshead Institute Reserves
8 - 0 Fosdyke

Saturday, 4 February
Fosdyke Res 1 -
5 Old Doningtonians Reserves

CLEAN SHEET WIN

Saturday, 4 February
Tetford 0 - 2 Fosdyke

Fosdyke returned from the long trip to Tetford today with all three points after a dominant display saw them win 2-0.

Right the off it was clear that Fosdyke were in charge. New signing Ady up top was holding the ball up well and James Munn was causing havoc on the left. The defence were unbreachable and, if ever the back line looked to be under threat, keeper James Housam was on hand to snuff out anything that came his way.

A perfect first half where the visitors dominated, even though they were kicking "uphill" (local Football eh?!) was completed when Fosdyke deservedly took the lead minutes before the interval. James Munn swung in a beautiful curling free kick that was met at the back post by Daniel Fletcher to put Fosdyke one up.

The second half should have seen Fosdyke run in a few more but we had to be content with a Zac Chapman strike as he hustled the keeper on the end of another pinpoint James Munn cross. Chris Chapman rattled the cross bar and

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The smiles were short-lived. Tetford have applied to withdraw from the league ...

Fosdyke refused to lay down and die though and took the game to Fulbeck once more, Adam Chrich hitting the post as they sought an equaliser. Half time came and Fosdyke felt that they were due something from the game and Fulbeck were being stretched like they maybe didn't expect to be.

Alex Marulli De Barletta again went close after a fantastic run where he left a number of opponents for dead but the keeper pulled off a fine finish to deny him. Within minutes Fosdyke were two down after a goal-mouth scramble saw the visitors nab a second. This was hard to take as there was a strong suspicion of off side but the referee pointed to the centre and it was 2-0.

Fosdyke still would not give in though! Alex Marulli De Barletta and Sam Melson were still creating chances and Player Manager Marv Gadgie, after smashing through two slide tackles, unleashed a rasping twenty-five yard screamer that was on target but saved. Final score 2-0 but a great performance against one of the top teams in this division that should give Fosdyke confidence going forward.

Man of the Match? He was asked to play out of position and wasn't too happy about it but Zippy Zac Chapman had an outstanding game at left back with a combative and composed performance.

HOME FIXTURES

First team:

*Saturday, 11 March, 2.30pm
v FC Kirton*

*Saturday, 18 March, 2.30pm
v Railway Athletic*

Reserves:

*Saturday, 4 March, 2.30pm
v Mareham United*

*Saturday 25 March, 2.30pm
Northgate Olympic*

The social club is open for drinks during and after Saturday afternoon games.

it was struck again later as Fosdyke pressed for another but 2-0 it finished.

After recent results it's good to see goals being scored at the opponent's end and a clean sheets at Fosdyke's, not to mention the return of Dynamite Dan Beecham after a long injury lay off.

Man of the Match? Super Sam Melson in the centre of midfield was here, there and every bloody where and takes the award this week for an all action performance.

TITLE CHASERS

*Saturday, 11 February
Fosdyke 0 - Fulbeck 2*

A really good home performance against title-chasing Fulbeck was sadly not enough to grab any points for Fosdyke. On a filthy pitch, in one of the few games to be

given the go ahead that weekend, Fosdyke took the game to the visitors and on another day would have scored a hat full!

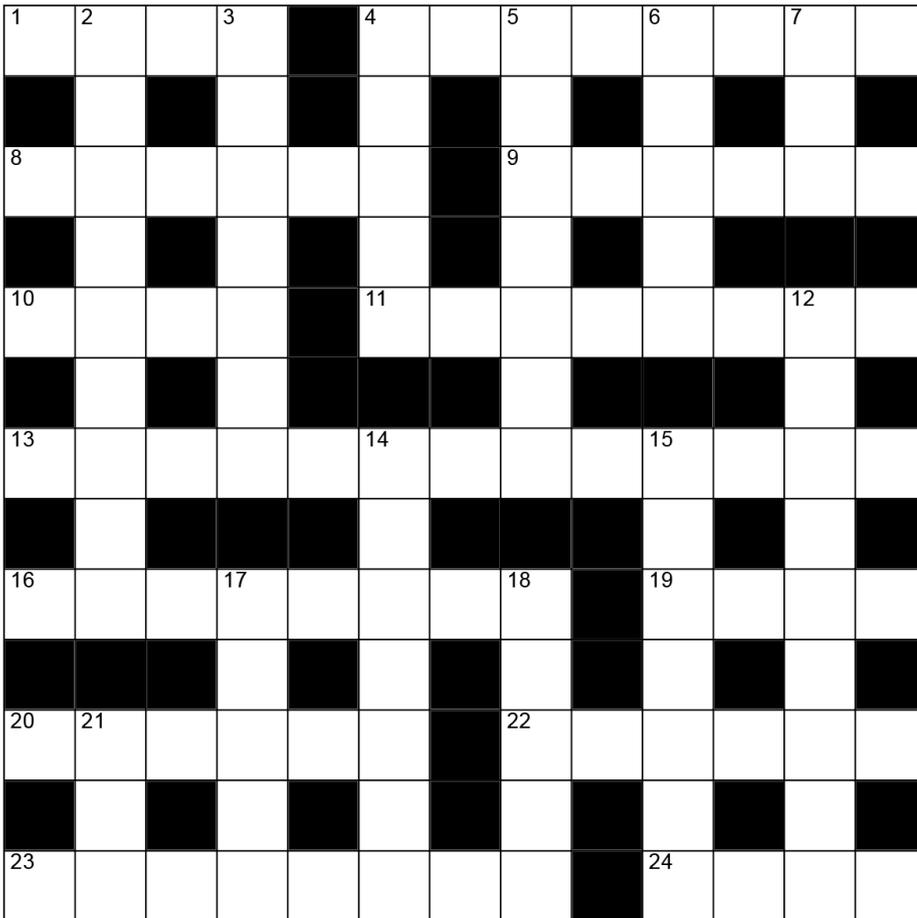
Ollie Pinner got things going with a blockbuster of a shot that saw the Fulbeck keeper at full stretch to palm away and Pinner was involved again when the keeper smothered his finish only for Chris Chapman to go close when he leathered the rebound back but agonisingly over the bar.

Alex Marulli De Barletta was getting more involved and a lovely link up with Pinner saw the striker go close to opening the scoring. At the other end Thomas-William Gilbert was on fine form keeping out a header from a Fulbeck attacker by clawing the ball away and pulling off a fine reaction save to a shot from close range.

After a very even opening it was the visitors who drew first blood with something of a soft goal. A scuffed shot from the edge of the box seemed harmless enough but somehow bobbled under or over (don't know how!) the keepers arms to find the net. 1-0 to Fulbeck.

PUZZLES PAGE

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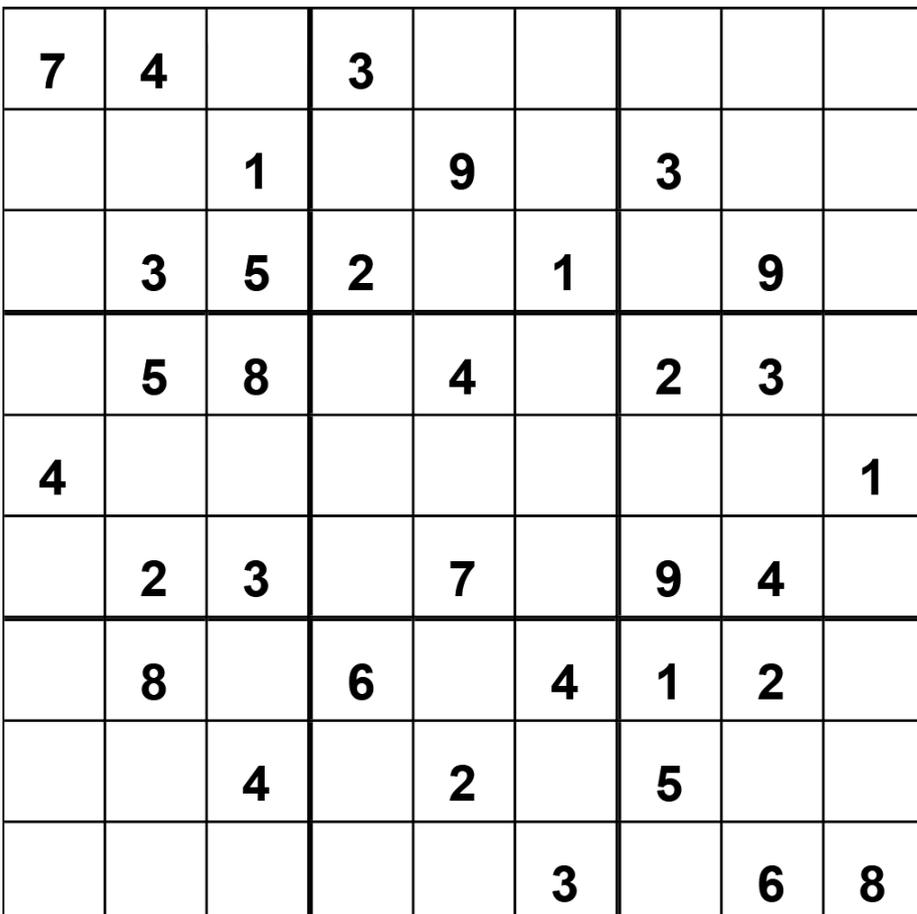
1. 'Rejoice, the Lord is ----! Your Lord and ---- adore,' Hymn. (4)
4. Jewish festival which commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery. (8)
8. Greater Manchester town, famous for its small, round cakes filled with currants. (6)
9. 'Holy Mary, ----- of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.' Angelus (6)
10. Holy ----; Another name for the bible. (4)
11. Surprise or impress greatly. (8)
13. One of Jesus' disciples. (5,8)
16. Elastic (8)
19. 'Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial ----.' Hymn (4)
20. A large piece of artillery, not to be confused with a cathedral official. (6)
22. Albinoni, Barber and Mahler all composed a well known one. (6)
23. Form of address given to the Pope, Orthodox patriarchs, and the Dalai Lama. (8)
24. Near in place or time. (4)

Down

2. 'The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised -----ible, and we shall be changed.' Messiah Handel (9)
3. Paul wrote epistles to the people of this area of Turkey. (7)
4. Turkish officer. (5)
5. Relating to the peoples who speak Hebrew. (7)
6. Frequently (5)
7. The day before an important Christian festival. (3)
12. Jesus suffered this before crucifixion. (9)
14. Aromatic religious smoke. (7)
15. Repeating chorus to a hymn or song. (7)
17. Boredom (5)
18. Poet who wrote the 'wedding' poem, including the lines 'I have spread my dreams under your feet; tread softly because you tread on my dreams.' (5)
21. In the past (3)

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POP-IN LUNCH

Hopefully you'll have gotten this Magazine by Tuesday, 21 February, which is the date for the next Pop-In Lunch - we did remind you last month as well! Contact margarettofts@btinternet.com.

CHURCH CONTACTS

Please feel free to contact Jon or Terry in the first instance. If you wish to speak to a priest, here are the contact detail:-

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NEW VICAR

Following the recent adverts for our vicar vacancy, I am pleased to say that the Bishop of Lincoln is now considering the applications with a view to interview and hopefully appoint shortly.

BISHOP'S VISIT

The Bishop of Richborough is helping us out in our priest' vacancy, and has volunteered to come and take our Sunday Service on 5th March, after which there be a simple Lent Lunch and the chance to meet Bishop Norman. More details will be by poster and emails shortly.

All Saints Fosdike

Churchwardens:
Jon 01205 260672
Terry 01205 260408

This is a great honour for us, and it would be great to think that we could muster a goodly number of folks for Bishop Norman to meet.

Below are some details and information about Bishop Norman – often called the 'Flying Bishop for traditional churches'.

The Bishop of Richborough was formerly the vicar of Walsingham, and now is a suffragan bishop and provincial episcopal visitor for the whole of the Province of Canterbury in the Church of England.

The position was created in 1995 and licensed by the Archbishop of Canterbury as a "flying bishop" to provide episcopal oversight for parishes throughout the province which cannot in good



conscience accept the sacramental ministry of bishops who have participated in the ordination of women. The Bishop of Richborough serves the eastern half of the country.

"As the Bishop of Richborough I have the privilege of providing pastoral and sacramental care for priests and people within the eastern and southern part of the Province of Canterbury.

Conservative evangelical and traditional catholic parishes come under the care which I extend, together with the Bishops of Ebbsfleet and Beverley, to those who continue to have theological reservations about the ordination of women to the priesthood and the episcopate within the Church of England".

As I sit down to write I am already beginning to turn over in my mind the words of the hymn that I am going to be using and praying throughout Lent. The season itself will have begun by the time that you receive this letter, but I hope that it will not be too late to ponder Cowper's sentiments once again and for us all to draw some inspiration from them.

He begins:

*'O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!*

He is describing loss and he is saddened by it:

*'Where is the blessedness I
knew,*

When first I saw the Lord?'

Perhaps this is a feeling that we might all share at different times in our lives. Pressures crowd in, tragic events dominate the news, God himself can appear to be very distant, and as for the Church...?!!

With Cowper, we may well say:

*'Where is the soul refreshing
view,*

Of Jesus and His Word?'

But I hope that with Cowper we shall have the courage and the strength to hang on, through a time

Sunday, 5 March Holy Communion

Led by the Bishop of
Richborough

11.15am

Sunday, 19 March Morning Worship

9.30am

Sunday, 2 April Holy Communion

9.30am

Sunday, 16 April Sung Communion for Easter Sunday

9.30am

that he describes as being an 'aching void', and also with him to look seriously at ourselves, to the extent that we tear even our 'dearest idols' from their thrones.

If we are able to do these things, then there will be light at the end of the tunnel, and the closer walk with God that we sought at the beginning.

Lent, then, is the time for having the courage to allow ourselves to enter the 'aching void' and to face our 'dearest idols', whatever they may be – things such as our dangerous dependencies or our covetousness or our self-righteousness or our sense of entitlement. These are difficult things, as I know in my own life, but they are very human things, and really can be called idols, I believe.

Lent has become a time in which, rather than giving something up, people have recently seen the value of taking something on. They give time to be good neighbours, for example, and don't fixate about refraining from chocolate or sweets, or whatever. I absolutely applaud this tendency to 'take on'.

However, I also think the older, sterner, discipline of Lent has a great deal to commend it. By this, I don't mean simply the discipline that involves giving something up, but the discipline that is involved in taking a long hard look at oneself and at the world. This discipline, which can be uncomfortable, is to do with facing the void and tackling our idols.

It is what I shall be trying to do this Lent. Perhaps you might join me?

Holy God,
our lives are laid open before you:

rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death of your
Son

bring us healing and make us
whole

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
May God bless you this month,
Bishop Nicholas

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

All Saints will be holding its Annual meeting on Tuesday, 14 March, in the church from 7pm. All welcome to attend.

LENT GROUP

Our group of churches is organizing a Lent Group – for details see below.

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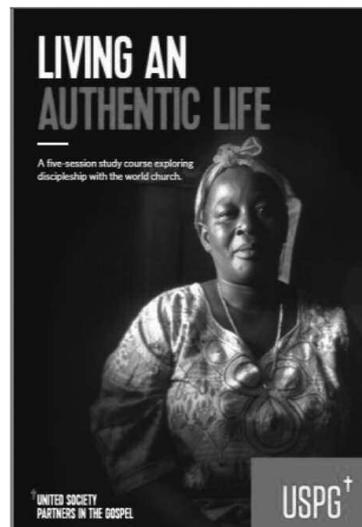
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Please let John Marshall 723097 or Carol Lidgett 724507 know if you will be attending the Lent Groups.

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Ben Sanderson has been racing bikes for years and begins his race season at Mallory Park on Sunday, 12 March, in the East Midlands Racing Association season.

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Above: Ben racing. Left: The bike Ben has been building this year.



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LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE JOINS FORCE WITH DOGLOST UK

Lincolnshire Police has formally entered into a partnership agreement with the national organisation DogLost UK. This will enable them to work together in the event of a lost/found or stolen dog in Lincolnshire.

Their force control room now has new procedures in place to advise owners what to do in the event that their dog has been lost or stolen.

Being separated from your pet can cause heartache for families who treat their dog as part of their family. It is often a key element in locating the dog to get information out by social media as widely as possible. The LincsAlert messaging system will be a key part of this process with messages being issued to over 19,000 members across Lincolnshire in the event of a stolen dog.

DOGLOST UK was founded in 2003 with the sole aim of reuniting lost and stolen dogs with their owners.

The efforts of volunteers are channelled by area and regional coordinators, who work across a geographical region to direct activity. These volunteers are supported by a central admin team, who maintain the website and keep the profiles of dogs up to date.

DOGLOST UK is proud of the partnerships it is building with police forces, dog wardens, rescue centres, and animal welfare organisations.

Dogs with no identification, which were stolen from home and dumped hundreds of miles away, were reunited with their delighted owners thanks to the efforts of those who checked on our website.

In turn, the organisation will work with police to share information on dog theft, crime

patterns, offending hotspots, and intelligence on offenders.

To date they have reunited over 59,000 dogs.

Owners can preregister their dogs information on the DOGLOST UK website which will enable details to be circulated immediately should the dog become separated from its owner. www.doglost.co.uk

All LincsAlert members will be notified of stolen dogs, but alerts will only be issued to COP (canines on patrol) and Horse Watch members in the event of a lost or found dog. If members wish to receive these lost or found alerts please update your profile to add yourself to the COP group.



DogLost co ordinator Alison Hall with Gill Finn, Lincolnshire Police, and DogLost volunteer Phebe Cooper.

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Elizabeth Wallder's
Book Review
 Senlin Ascends
 By Josiah Bancroft



This is a science fiction book set in a steam punk land called Ur concerning the story of Thomas Senlin.

After a whirlwind romance Senlin, an uptight Head Teacher (in fact the only teacher in his small home town) and his new wife Marya, go on a honeymoon to the Tower of Babel. A much flicked through guidebook describes it as a magical place producing beautiful silk fineries and marvellous airships, but it doesn't take long for the façade to slip. Marya becomes lost in the enormous ever-changing market around the base of the tower and Senlin has to travel up into the tower searching for her. But as the increasingly useless guidebook is quick to point out, "Up" is not at all a straightforward direction'.

It's a search that takes him through slums, theatres, prisons and ballrooms in a very fast changing, baffling world. It's well written and witty, with the tower changing at breathtaking pace. It's a joy to see the up tight Senlin slowly becoming a more rounded character as more and more weird and terrible things happen to him. The only problem I found with the book is that it's only Book One and I haven't got Book Two to go straight onto.

BOX YOUR SHREDDINGS



Fosdyke's voluntary street cleaner, Malcolm Gwynne, has asked if everyone could please place all shreddings in a paper bag or box of some description and not loose in the blue bin. There has been spillage making Malcolms thankless task even more acute.

While shredding private and personal documents is good practice please ensure they are bagged or boxed before going in your recycling bin.

DARTS WINNERS

Michael Walls and Margaret Johnson won the drawn Darts Pairs competition at the social club on Saturday, 11 February.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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SOUTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL PLAN 2011-2036

Preparation of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan is almost complete and the South East Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee will soon be undertaking a final (statutory) round of consultation on the Plan, under Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation period will run from Monday 10th April to Monday, 22 May, 2017 and it will be the last chance for residents to comment on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State in the summer. This consultation will be different to previous ones undertaken in that the comments made must relate to whether the Local Plan is 'sound' and complies with legal and procedural requirements. As a consequence there will not be any public exhibitions at village halls as has previously occurred. A guidance note will be available to view on their website (<http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/>) from 10th April, which sets out advice on how to respond to the consultation.

They will be publishing a number of documents for consultation including the Publication Version of the Local Plan, the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Statement of Consultation and other supporting documents which will be available to view on <http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/>, in the area's libraries, mobile libraries and the council offices in Boston and Spalding from 10 April. An online consultation portal

(where they would prefer comments to be made) is available <http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/c> onsultation from the 10 April.

Comments must be received by 5pm on Monday, 22 May. All comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of an independent Examination in Public by a Planning Inspector.

For further information, please contact the Local Planning team at southeastlincslocalplan@sholland.gov.uk or on 01775 764476.

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A Question Of Doubt

by Jack Hard

CHAPTER 8 RESOLUTION

“Fancy an all-day breakfast?” Gould knew that Jones wouldn’t be able to resist.

“Pancakes and maple syrup?”

Jones was obviously jesting. He’d lived in the UK long enough to know what a full-English, a full Scottish, a full Welsh or a full Irish meant.

“And we’ll big it,” Gould said.

“I’m up for that,” said Catriona, who was aware her burnt crumpets had done nothing to alleviate their early morning hunger. “Burger King?”

“Little Chef,” Gould said, “They’re in the same building anyway. We can make up our minds when we get there.” He gave a hand to both Jones - to lift his bulk from the chair - and Catriona, whose gentle grip sent a little shock through his senses. *What was that all about?*

* * *

“Well. Where are they off to?” Scully’s question didn’t warrant an answer but Blake started the engine anyway.

It had taken the American several minutes to get into Gould’s Qashqai. He’d had so much trouble with the seat belt that Gould had got out of his driving seat and gone around the car to help him. The Major’s cleaner lady’s van had passed during this amusing incident and Scully had noted the time on her phone, only vaguely wondering at how quick she had been.

“Staying here?” Blake asked Scully.

Gould and his visitors waved as they drove past.

“No. I’m staying with you.”

Blake swung the Lexus around and started his tail.

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There was a chocolate milk shake sitting on the table when Tanya Teggly entered Burger King. The strange man sat opposite the big cup chewing gum and looking at the straw as if it was going to jump out and attack him. He gestured for her to sit. She glanced across at Marija Prialgauskaite who was still

sitting in a corner reading her tablet, a crumpled bag and coffee cup beside her.

Tanya ignored the man, which she knew would anger him, and went directly to the cleaner.

“Excuse me,” she said as she reached the woman’s table. “Did you drop these?”

Miss Prialgauskaite recognised her keys but still fumbled around in her bag looking for a twin set.

“Oh. Thank you so much,” she eventually said as she looked up at Tanya and took the bundle of keys from her. “I’d be lost without these.”

“Your welcome,” Tanya said, feeling her face suddenly flush red. She wasn’t used to confronting marks. Normally she’d just slip the keys back in the woman’s bag, not that she’d ever stolen a van before. She was concerned that once she sat down with the man she’d be unable to relocate the keys. This way the woman wouldn’t raise an alarm.

“Would you like anything? A drink?”

Now the woman was being extra nice and kindness was alien to Tanya. “I’m fine, thanks.”

She turned then and headed to the stranger’s table, not looking back. As she sat opposite the average man he said, “I hope you’ve got it.”

“I have.”

Life suddenly flickered in his dead eyes, almost as if an internal light had been turned on. It was surprise as much as anything. The man hadn’t really believed she could deliver. Tanya didn’t let her smile show on her face.

“Where is it?”

“Here.” She slipped the little red book out of her coat pocket. The man’s hands twitched to grab it but they stayed resting on the table top. Tanya was beginning to enjoy this. He was being careful not to make a fuss but was impatient nonetheless. Slowly the man turned his right hand over in a gesture of, give it here.

“You didn’t look inside?”

“You told me not to.” And she hadn’t. She didn’t want to know what was going on.

“Good. Hand it over.”

Tanya took a sip from the milkshake. Shivered with pleasure. His left hand slammed hers down on the table sending a shower of milk across the Formica surface. At least a dozen eyes glanced in their direction. Then away quickly when the man gave them all a dead stare before he focused once more on Tanya.

“Don’t try my patience, little girl. This isn’t a game.”

She looked around the restaurant. Everyone was avoiding eye contact. Except for the cleaning woman. Tanya didn't want her involved so she quickly tossed the red book onto the table. It was leather bound. Worn and well-used. No bigger than a handbag diary. With obvious control the man picked it up though his eyes remained on Tanya. He took it in both hands and flicked it open randomly. Then again and with more urgency.

"What's your game? There's nothing in it." He hurled the book across the room. It hit the counter and came to rest on the floor at the front of the queue. Before Tanya could say anything the man stood and grabbed her by her hair, yanking her to her feet.

"It was the only red book there. It has to be that one." Tanya didn't recognise her pleading tone. It sounded like a scared schoolgirl.

"Take your hands off her."

Tanya tried to see who was speaking. She recognised the voice but the face wouldn't come. The strange man's grip tightened, ripping at her roots.

"Leave," he hissed at the newcomer.

"I said, take your hands off of her." The voice was persistent. Tanya loved that man then. Whoever he was. She wasn't prepared for her captor to reach into the back of his belt and pull out an automatic pistol that he pressed firmly against her temple. The intake of breath was comically echoed around the room.

"Leave."

"Your chances of escape are limited." It was that retired detective! She liked him. He understood her. Treated her like an adult. Gould. It was Gould. Ian Gould!

"But I'll escape. And you'll be dead. Along with your friends there."

Tanya twisted in his grip. The barrel stayed pressed hard against the side of her head.

"Keep still, kid." The man's grip tightened even more and she gasped, then burped. She could see a woman behind Gould who she thought she recognised and a huge mountain of a man. People were leaving their seats, trying to get as far away as they could, hugging the wall like they wanted to disappear into it. She burped again. The Burger King staff had disappeared completely. Her legs were turning to jelly. She had to force herself to stand else she'd be scalped. She burped.

"I think that little red dot wavering on your forehead might make a mess of this place," she heard Gould say. The man danced about a bit, pulling her around too. The barrel moved and dug into her right ear. She burped.

"Your bluffing. I don't see any lazer dot. And no one would chance a shot while I've got this kid."

"I wouldn't be so ..."

One of the windows suddenly blew in with a

crash that made her jerk in surprise and the man gave a last tug of her hair before letting go. Warm spray splattered her face. There were screams from every direction. No slow motion like the films. No panning around the room to take in the mayhem. Someone grabbed her, but gently, and led her outside. She realised it was the huge man she'd seen behind Gould. Her legs finally gave way as they reached the car parked and she puked on the big guy's trainers. A couple of people rushed passed in the direction of the entrance but she was too ill to bother to see who it was.

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Gould hadn't looked at the little red book he'd slipped into his pocket. It had some significance to all this and it was unlikely SO1 would be forthcoming. Blake was bending over the body of the man who had held Tanya Teggly hostage. He had a sniper's rifle in one hand but Gould had a feeling it had been Scully who took the shot.

"I could have talked him down," Gould said to Scully as she came over to him and Catriona as they leaned on the counter.

"No you couldn't," she said. "Take that book out of your pocket." Gould let his shoulders slump, took the book out and went to pass it over. Scully didn't take it. "Look inside." He opened it up and flicked through a book of blank pages.

"Huh? So why's it so important?"

"Look at the cover."

It was soft red leather. Well worn at the edges, showing it'd had a lot of use. Yet the book was empty.

"See how the cover's fitted."

Gould looked again. He was wrong about Scully after all. She was going to let him know what this was all about. Where he thought the leather was glued to the board it was actually attached with elastic. He peeled it back. Another piece of paper was wrapped around the board inside. When he opened it up there was a handwritten list of about thirty names with all but one crossed off.

He looked up into Scully's eyes and she turned her head to look at the body.

"Last one accounted for," she said. "We can get back to London now. Thanks for your help, even if you didn't mean to help."

"The last of the biomechanical soldiers," Catriona filled in.

"I couldn't possibly comment on that. I might have to kill you."

Catriona stepped back at the smile Scully gave her.

Gould realised that Scully had given them far more information than she should have done and showed his gratefulness with a "Thank you."

"And thank you," she returned with a wink.

THE END



A POINT OF VIEW

As I sit down to write my column for this month I looked out of the window and wondered what am I going to write about? The land is currently sat very wet and little is happening in the fields as I drive around. Farmers will have polished and serviced every tractor and piece of machinery to death and will be anxious to get out there and put them to use.

It will soon be a hive of activity cereals drilled and various veg as the race starts to get the spring crops will start to be planted. It

always amazes me how quickly the land can dry up when we manage to get a little sun and wind.

I mentioned in last month's article that I was starting a new job this month. I started on Monday 6th and then flew out to Berlin for 4 days to attend Fruit Logistica which is a huge international show dedicated to the fresh produce industry covering all sectors including seeds companies, growers, machinery, technology and innovation to name a few with over 2,800 exhibitors and over 75,000 visitors. I was certainly dropped in at the deep end, trying to talk to people from all over the world about what the company does and what we can offer.

BACK TO REALITY

It was back to reality this week and my first true week working for CN Seeds. We have a lot going on at the moment with numerous plant breeding trials, some of the seed crops have been planted out in the glass houses, cows calving and wood chipping for the onsite boilers. It has given me a lot to deal with but I am looking forward to the challenge.

You may be aware from recent news and press coverage over the past twelve months that Glyphosate could be the latest chemical that farmers could lose. Glyphosate is a broad spectrum systemic herbicide which was developed in the early 1970s. It is widely used in both agricultural and domestic weed killers.

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the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) reviews the science on pesticides and herbicides every decade or so. If the evidence still suggests that the chemical is safe enough, EFSA allows member nations to decide whether or how they want to make it available. EFSA was in the process of reviewing glyphosate, when the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)—which independently gathers health data for the World Health Organization—declared glyphosate a “probable human carcinogen” in 2015.

Nongovernmental organizations began a vigorous campaign to prevent the reregistration of glyphosate. Meanwhile, chemical companies and agricultural trade groups defended its safety record, pointing out that every regulatory agency had given glyphosate a green light. IARC evaluates the hazard of a chemical—in this case, whether it could cause cancer. It does not ask how likely that is to happen, or in how many people.

DIRE CONSEQUENCES

Industry’s Glyphosate Task Force warns of dire consequences, such as rising food prices, falling exports, and crop yields dropping by as much as 40%. Without glyphosate, fighting weeds will get more expensive and more complicated. The NFU has warned against a ban on glyphosate with serious consequences for farmers and the environments.

A return to mechanical weeding would impact lapwing, partridge and skylarks by destroying their nests, eggs and chicks. Re-introducing ploughing to minimum tillage systems would reduce organic matter levels by up to 4% in the first 6 months and have a major effect on the earthworm population. There would be a 49% increase in labour per every hectare each year. An extra 546,000 hectares of land would be required

each year to produce the same amount of food which is 3.4 times the size of London. If glyphosate was no longer available it would also increase the greenhouse gasses by 25% or 12 million tonnes of CO2 which is the equivalent to an extra 2.5 million cars.

It will be interesting to see how things develop over the next twelve months but I hope that people see sense and glyphosate remains as a key ingredient in our toolbox.

YOUR VIEW

If you have any strong feelings about the use of Glyphosate we’d like to hear them.

There has been a lot of controversy over the years about it’s use but no conclusive scientific evidence and the company that discovered it now produce glyphosate-resistant crops allowing only weeds to be killed, though weeds are developing a resistance to it.

ONE THIRD OF PHATT KNAPP II HOLDS THE FORT

Despite a tragedy in the Martin household the remaining Phatt Knappii, Martyn Hayes, still managed to run a successful Open Mic at the social club on Thursday, 9 February.

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WHIST PLAYOFF

The Whist Drive on Saturday, 4 February, at the social club ended in level pegging for two pairs which meant a head to head to establish a winner.

Norman Rayner and Terry Martin were pitched against Gary Britchford and Clare Ulyatt with the other pairs crowding around to watch. A nail-biting game ensued with tricks going either way but it wasn't until the final two hands were about to be played that it was clear something had gone wrong. Norman had one card the others all had two. When the tricks were checked one had five cards, suggesting one had stuck to the back of another. With groans from the onlookers the cards were reshuffled and the game started again. This time Norman and Terry came out on top to take the £12 prize with Clare and Gary receiving the £6 runners up prize.

CONTENTIOUS COUNCIL

At the recent parish council meeting in February the council decided to defer its review of *Fosdyke Magazine* for a further six months as it was "less contentious and more positive".

It could be argued that it is *the council* that is being contentious. After all, the recent survey showed that the majority of residents in Fosdyke enjoy and support the magazine and don't want to see any changes

The four councillors who are residents of Fosdyke, one doesn't actually live in Fosdyke, have as much right to discuss *Fosdyke Magazine* as anyone else but to think they have any jurisdiction over what's published is ludicrous and that was the general consensuous that came out of the survey.

Our editor has decided to let the council get on with their business. The council's

reluctance to supply notes of meeting sums it up and has more or less confirmed the views of a lot of residents that it's just a clique cabal. It was hoped that the new councillors would inject a bit of urgency and bring it into the 21st century. Alas that hasn't happened ... yet.

Upsetting the council by pointing out their failings hasn't worked in the past so we're not expecting any positive changes in the near future, and that's a shame.

So, unless the council is forthcoming with notes from committee meetings, any reports about it will be second hand from now on.

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WATCH THOSE BIRDS

We often look out of our windows and marvel at the small (and large) birds that frequent our gardens, from the little wren to the occasional crow (and of course the annoying doves and pigeons, cooing their ear worms). Driving around our nearby lanes we'll also see the occasional owl or bird of prey and V-formations of geese heading wherever they head making their familiar sounds,

To be a tad more adventurous and having the chance to see an even more variety of birds we are very lucky to have the RSPB's Frampton Marsh reserve virtually on our doorsteps. For a few pounds donation to the car parking you can take a family on a whole day visiting the different hides in the varied salt flats and marshes that volunteers have carefully created.

If you don't own your own binoculars you can borrow from the first hut that you come to when you leave the car park. There are also toilets here and seating to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and volunteers to give you an update on any rare birds that might have already been seen that day.

There are organised events held throughout the year with Spring Strolls on Sundays between and including Sunday, 12 March, and Sunday, 14 May, from 2 - 4 pm. Price is £4 per adult with children half price and RSPB members 20% off. Booking for these strolls is essential. So why not go for a saunter and see some seasonal wildlife, led by the RSPB's knowledgeable guide. What will you spot? You never know! Go along to find out. Sorry, no dogs.

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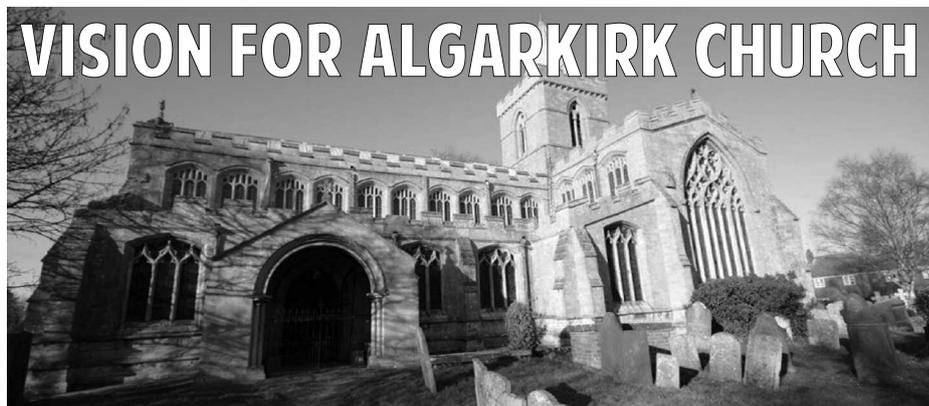
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VISION FOR ALGARKIRK CHURCH

The project to turn St Peter and St Paul's church in Algarkirk into a community centre as well as a place of worship reached a crucial and exciting stage last December when the Algarkirk Major Project Group looked to expand and recruit new members from a range of professional backgrounds to supplement and support their current skills base within the group.

We haven't double checked but assume there are still opportunities if you'd like to become involved as a volunteer in a major conservation project that will have a national profile. It will also be a flagship initiative within the East Midlands, delivered in partnership with the University of Lincoln, Lincoln Castle Heritage Skills Centre, the Diocese of Lincoln and Heritage Lincolnshire. Trustees will play a central role in its further development and delivery and will become instrumental to its success.

If you would be interested in sharing your skills, and can devote a few hours per month for meetings, and some additional time to contribute your expertise and knowledge to the management and development of the project, we're sure the churchwardens would still love to hear from you. They are Cheryllyn Humphreys, cheryllynh@gmail.com 01205 460174 and Clive Briggs, clivebriggs@gmail.com 01205 460796

VOLUNTEER PLACES FILLED

Thank you to Matt for filling another of the Fosdyke Magazine delivery round vacancies, which in this instance is all of Snaith Avenue plus surrounding area.

We're still looking to split the Old Main Road round so please let us know if you'd like to volunteer to deliver about thirty magazines once a month and become a part of the Fosdyke Magazine delivery team. Please let Terry know on 260275 or email him at terry@fosdyke.org.uk.

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9	Mrs D Burdall	Fosdyke	£20
214	Mrs M Dennis	Gosberton	£25

Next draw: Monday 13 March at the Village Hall Bingo Night