

FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

ELECTION 2015

No doubt we're all fed up with national politics and, in any case, the forecast is that the Conservatives will trample all underfoot in the General Election in Boston & Skegness. It's still important that we all vote and we shouldn't forget that the current government is a coalition and the Old Etonians, who have no comprehension of what it's like actually working for a living, have been somewhat held in check by the Liberal Democrats, so would a one-party government be the best option?

But, before we begin to sound like political activists - we've still yet to make up our minds who we vote for, and you never know, it might actually be the Conservatives! - we'll move on to the election of Fosdyke Parish Council, bypassing along the way the borough council elections all being held on Thursday, 7 May.

PARISH ELECTIONS

Some readers of *Fosdyke Newsletter* have complained that they don't remember the last time there was a parish council election. That's probably because there hasn't been one for quite a few years as in past elections the parish council hasn't been contested, ie no new people have put themselves forward for election and no councillor has stepped down. This year it's different and we should think about the choices.

THE CANDIDATES

It seems that Fosdyke Parish Council has five councillors. This year both Ann Yates and Peter Ulyatt are not standing for re-election. We should all show our appreciation of the work, and it's all voluntary remember, that they have done over their years in office. Thankfully, and hopefully not in some small measure due to the

renewed interest in the parish council that *Fosdyke Newsletter* has sparked, we have three new candidates. Therefore, with six candidates, there has to be an election of all officers. The current councillors who have shown a desire for re-election are Martin Pitt, Denis Glenn and John Cropley.

It's encouraging to see new and, in particular, young blood wishing to take control of the modest budget that enables the council to ensure Fosdyke has a prosperous and safe future. They are Carole Marshal, Jon Tofts and Chris

Cropley. While all these deserve out vote - it's good to have some fresh faces with new ideas - is it a good idea to have two members of the same family on such a small council?

So long as all six candidates uphold their desire to stand on 7 May one of them will not be on the parish council. It's your choice.

Name of Candidate	Name of Proposer
CROPLEY Chris	White A G
CROPLEY John Raymond	Glenn D. R.
GLENN Denis Robert	Ulyatt J P
MARSHALL Carole Ann	Hosier K
PITT Martin John	Yates A
TOFTS Jon	Bruce Paul A

Above information extracted from <http://www.boston.gov.uk/> on Friday, 10 April.

HAVE YOU SEEN BOOTS?



Boots, a grey and white tom, went missing from Bell Lane on 4 April this year. If you have seen him or have any information about him please contact Jeff on 07562495487

FOSDYKE FACTS

John Wilkinson has been researching into the history of Fosdyke and will be sharing his findings in *Fosdyke Newsletter*. If you have any historical knowledge about Fosdyke that you can substantiate then let us know and we'll pass it on to John. So, look out for **Days Gone By**.

FOSDYKE FICTION

Nina Mercetter has written a new serial about a fictitious village called Fenney. It begins on Page 6.

BATTY!

HAPPY BATS

Many of us get a lot of pleasure from our wildlife gardens, no matter how big or small they are. From watching a butterfly visiting a flower filled window box, to enjoying birds having a bath in the pond. A nature-loving garden lifts the spirits as well as providing valuable habitats for local wildlife.

But what about the night time visitors to the garden? We enjoy watching hedgehogs snuffling about, but how often do we think about our bats? I've seen a couple of bats whilst I've lived in Fosdyke, but not many. I'm sure most would like to see more (maybe not in all parts of Bell Lane). To help them we need to consider how to increase the number and variety of insects and provide places for them to hide and roost. The common pipistrelle can eat as many as 3 000 insects a night and is the bat most associated with our houses and gardens. UK bat populations have declined dramatically during the past century. Many of the roosting sites and feeding grounds they need have been destroyed to make way for buildings and roads. Pesticides have not only killed many of the insects they eat, but also bats themselves.

WAYS TO HELP BATS

PLANT A BAT BORDER

Help increase your garden insects by planting these flowers and shrubs. They are especially attractive for night flying insects. Moths especially like honeysuckle and evening primrose. Night scented flowers need planting in a sunny position.

- Ivy – brilliant for shelter as

well as providing late season flowers.

- Honeysuckle
- White (summer) Jasmine
- Tobacco plant
- Night scented stock
- Bladder campion
- Night scented catchfly
- Evening primrose
- Sweet rocket

PLANT A HEDGEROW

A shrub border or hedgerow makes a wonderful wildlife corridor, not just for bats to fly along. Autumn and winter are the best seasons to plant a hedgerow using bare rooted plants, but pot grown shrubs can be planted any time of the year as long as they are well watered in and watered as needed throughout the growing season. Try native species such as buddleia, cotoneaster and Berberis, which attract insects and provide shelter.

CREATE A WILDLIFE POND

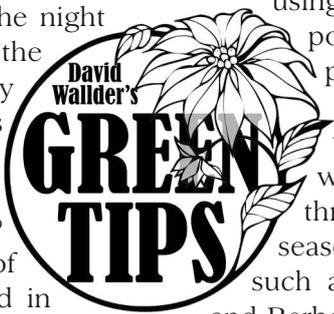
This is possibly the best thing you can do in your garden to help all sorts of wildlife.

LOOK AFTER OLD TREES

People tend to be worried about safety if old trees begin to look rotten or branches start dropping off. These trees make ideal habitats for insects and birds to nest in and for bats to roost in. Try getting expert advice if this is your situation, to see if you make the tree safe without cutting it down.

PUT UP BAT BOXES

These work best in groups of three, pointing towards different aspects, so they can be warm in cold weather or cool in hot weather. Put them up between three and ten metres high. They are generally used for roosting rather than breeding. Bats are a bit choosy as to where they roost, so you won't get bats in there unless they are just right. Also, as bats are highly protected, leave the boxes alone once they have been put up.



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IT'S TRACTOR RALLY TIME!



The annual Fosdyke Vintage Tractor Road Run will be held on Sunday, 10 May, at the Fosdyke Playing Field.

For those new to the village it's a great social event and gives you a chance to rub shoulders with residents and farmers from far and wide.

There's a Raffle, Cake Stall, and Refreshments all in aid of McMillan Cancer Support along with a BBQ and licensed bar at the Social Club.

Tractors leave Fosdyke Playing Field at 10.00 am and return between 1 and 2 pm.

Enquiries should be made to Russell Nicol 07802969814

REGULAR CAR BOOT AND TABLE SALE

Following the success of last year's Car Boot and Table Sale Fosdyke Social Club are hosting a series of monthly sales from May to September starting on Sunday 17 May.

Cars on the Playing field (and tables in the social club) will be £5 and trailers £7. Set-up is from 12 noon and the sale will be open to the public between 1 pm and 4pm. No traders.

There will also be tea and coffee served, the bar will be open and there will also be a BBQ offering burgers and hotdogs during the sale.

Days Gone By

A STRANGE VISITOR TO FOSDYKE BRIDGE

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CLEAN SHEET IN FEISTY HOME GAME

Fosdyke 0 v Coningsby 0

0-0 at home to Coningsby but hardly the dour affair that the score-line would suggest. Coningsby arrived at Stadio del Fosdyke with an outside chance of taking the league title and set about the task in their customary direct and forceful manner.

Fosdyke, however, had a steely resolve and produced a fantastic defensive display to keep the visitors at bay. All four defenders remained solid throughout the first half and new signing Matt Owens sat alongside Michael Beauchamp in the midfield providing a strong shield for the back four.

Chances were at a premium but Declan Wilson, with the thankless task of lone striker, almost crafted a goal with a mazy run on a rare foray into the Coningsby half. Although the visitors had more of the ball, whichever way they tried to break down Fosdyke, they ran in to a brick wall of tangerine shirts and the half ended goalless.

The second forty-five took a turn for the feisty, and tackles were flying in left, right and centre as tempers frayed. Coningsby flung everything they had at Fosdyke and, as in the first half, Fosdyke stood firm and gave nothing.

A spectacular save from Ian Jack Smith late on and a long range strike coming back off the post were the only clear chances the men in red created while at the other end Fosdyke became more of a force in an attacking sense with Zac Chapman getting adventurous and the addition of another new signing, Janson Pinner starting a

number of raids down the left hand side.

As the game went into injury time temper and frustration got the better of some and a Coningsby player was shown a straight red following an altercation with one of our players. This was to be the final excitement on a day when Fosdyke put some poor results behind them and ground out a result.

Positives? Obviously the fact Fosdyke kept a clean sheet and avoided defeat are big positives! Veteran campaigner Scott Wiseman drew on all of his wily experience to lead from the front but Man of the Match was awarded to debutant Matt Owens for a cracking performance in the engine room!

SEVEN-GOAL CONTROVERSY THRILLER

Fosdyke 3 v Frieston 4

Another frustrating afternoon for Fosdyke where their efforts were not rewarded with points. At home to Frieston they were involved in a seven-goal thriller and, but for controversial incidents, could have taken a point or even three!

The game started in difficult fashion as Fosdyke kicked up hill and into the wind, finding it hard to even get out of their own half. The ball seemed to keep returning to their box no matter what and a breakthrough wasn't far off. When Fosdyke failed to clear a cross, the Frieston striker was on hand to poach a goal and give the visitors-in-green the lead.

A second soon followed but the floodgates did not open and Fosdyke started to retain possession and create chances including a Scott Wiseman header from a glorious Dan Sam cross. Arriving at half time with damage limited

Fosdyke set out for the next forty five in confident and urgent mood.

Declan Wilson gave Fosdyke hope with an absolutely beautiful strike within a minute of the restart, curling his foot around the ball from long range and, despite the keeper's despairing dive, notched his first of the season off the far post. Cliche time - you are at your most vulnerable when you've just scored - it was 3-1 a minute later.

After opening his account, Declan was like a man possessed and hustled his way past a Frieston defender to grab a second and set up the proverbial grandstand finish. It was then the controversy kicked off ... A looping pass to the back post saw Dan Sansam shrug off a defender and ghost in at the back post to poke us level but the linesman's flag denied the midfielder what appeared to be a perfectly good goal.

As if that wasn't enough, straight up the other end and a spot kick was awarded when a Frieston winger fell in the box. Now the referee stated he was fouled but the Fosdyke player who had "fouled him" was adamant the attacker had actually kicked his foot rather than the other way around. The kick was given however and dispatched.

A late fight back was on though and Marv Jolly was sent clean through late on and scored a sublimely finished goal as the veteran lobbed the keeper but yet again the linesman's flag was raised and the score remained 4-2. There was to be no ruling out of Ben Lawton's fantastic strike as the final minutes ticked away, however. The centre-half on a foray forward sent a screamer across the keeper into the far corner but it was not enough to grab a point Fosdyke felt their performance richly deserved.

Positives? Loads - a really good performance with a mix of determined defending and bright attacking play. New keeper Andy Stevens made a fine save late on in the first half and Zac Chapman continued in his quest to play just about every position in the team,

this week dealing with a tricking winger at right back. Scott Wiseman was yet again impressive, this time at left midfield and Declan's brace sees him off the mark!

Man of the Match goes to the tough tackling Michael Beauchamp in the heart of midfield who was even getting adventurous and crossing the half way line!

ANOTHER SEVEN-GOAL GAME

Frieston 5 v Fosdyke 2

A great first half and a not so spectacular end to the second half out at Frieston cost Fosdyke any chance of points on 4 April.

The first half got off to an absolutely frantic start when the hosts took a first-minute lead. A well worked passing move was finished in fine style when the tricky Frieston winger got in behind Fosdyke's back four, controlled the ball with his chest and volleyed home.

Within a minute however the ball was nestled in the back of the Frieston net as Michael Beauchamp went on a swashbuckling run, holding off a defender and blasting home an equaliser.

Back to the other end and Fosdyke conceded another before they had finished celebrating! They set about another assault on the Frieston goal and as a cross was blasted across the six-yard box an unfortunate defender turned the ball in to the back of his own net - 2-2 and barely seven minutes on the clock!

The first half continued in similar end-to-end fashion but with no more goals. Feeling confident Fosdyke set out in the second half to continue the good attacking work of the first but a calamitous

goal was conceded early on as a clearance from goalkeeper Andrew Stevens smashed the Frieston striker in the face to give the target man the most farcical goal he'll probably score.

Still, Fosdyke felt at 3-2 down they had at least an equaliser in them and Declan Wilson went close as did substitute Nathan Smith but a clever Frieston goal was to be their undoing as a lofted ball cut the defence in two and the striker made no mistake. 4-2 yet still Fosdyke were spirited enough to keep the fight going, Zac Chapman looking lively on the right, while

Frieston smashed a long range effort off the bar. As the final whistle loomed however, a soft goal was conceded when an unmarked attacker headed in from a cross and the game was done. 5-2 to Frieston.

Positives? The spirited approach that Fosdyke showed is a big positive, Michael scoring (a collectors item!), Scott Wiseman being a constant source of creativity on the right and a Man of the Match performance at centre back from Ben Lawton.

The final game of the season was at Friskney.

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The Case of the Missing

by Nina Mercetter

CHAPTER ONE

The Witch of Fenney

Silvia's trainers crunched the gravel of the driveway and Morgan opened the front door even before she reached it.

"In," he said, taking a quick look around as she pushed past him into the tiny hallway. "Them ruddy onions stink today," he complained as he closed the door quickly. "You got it?"

Silvia looked up at Morgan who stood a good two-foot taller than her. He'd not shaved for a couple of days and had slung on a checked shirt that looked clean but stunk of stale perspiration. Breathing through her mouth was the only way she could stand being this close to him without gagging. It was worse than the stench of onions outside which often hung around the village of Fenney on hot days like this. Morgan's blue jeans were fashionably ripped, but he was unaware of clothing trends. On his feet a pair of woollen socks had been darned so many times the original colour was anyone's guess.

"No." She braced herself.

"I thought you were a bit 'opeful." Being understanding wasn't one of Morgan's best-known assets. He ushered her into the lounge. "So, what 'appened."

She was thrown by his reaction and although she had rehearsed her story Silvia didn't quite know where to start.

"Well?" His impatience was familiar. It helped her focus once more.

"When I say, no I haven't got it, it's not strictly true. I managed to get it but I haven't got it with me." She paused, waiting for his temper to explode. No such reaction. What was wrong with him today. It was almost as if he was a normal person.

"Go on. What 'ave you done with it?"

"That detective saw me take it. He's got it now."

"What, Gould?"

She nodded.

"Gawd! Now what's gonner 'appen?" He slumped onto a sofa covered in half a dozen throws that Silvia was sure had never been washed. "Little Jessica Rolls disappears and the police find you with 'er favourite doll. I'm surprised they didn't arrest you. You didn't tell 'em what's in the doll?"

Silvia shook her head.

"Let's 'ope they don't look then. At least we know where it is."

"The search is still going on," she said, trying to change the subject. "The third day now. Not so many of the villagers helping though. Reckon it's down to the onion smell being so strong today. They're concentrating over by the sea wall along the riverside. If she fell in then likely the tide's taken her out to sea."

"Nah. I still reckon it's the Russian, 'e used to play with the kids a lot until them Newmans reported 'im as a paedo."

"We don't know for certain it was them."

"The Rusky seems convinced."

"Mr Korichnevi is a really nice man. He was wrongly accused and someone's maliciousness has left a horrible stain on his character. Everyone thinks the worst of him. He hardly ever goes out now." Silvia's little outburst of support for the retired doctor surprised even her. "Imagine if you were accused of being a paedophile."

"But I'm not."

"Exactly."

Morgan's look told her it was time to leave.

"The other package is still safe, I trust?" he asked her, not stirring from the sofa.

"Yes." He didn't ask her where it was and she didn't tell him. It was that, she realised, keeping Morgan's temper in check.

"Make me a tea before you go."

Silvia wanted to respond with, "Make it yourself," but she knew better than to test his mood further.

"I'll put the kettle on."

* * *

"You okay, Guv?"

DCI Gould turned as DS Wallace came up to him. He had been looking back at Fenney village from atop the man-made barrier that allowed this part of Lincolnshire to be prime arable land. Reclaimed from the sea several centuries ago the defences had been continually improved. Global warming meant that upgrading had to continue to avoid seventy-five percent of the food consumed in the UK having to come from elsewhere, which meant from abroad. Yet Lincolnshire's importance to the UK was mostly

overlooked, not counting BBC's Countryfile visits. It wasn't until he moved to Lincoln from the Met that he appreciated how badly rural areas were treated. His 4G phone barely had a 2G signal here and he wasn't holding his breath over the supposed fibre-optics roll-out that would make the area's broadband anywhere near the speeds experienced on his old turf.

"Fine, Brian. Just wondering if this little lazy place can handle the media circus that'll be here later. County decided to go public this morning. They wouldn't listen to me."

DS Wallace groaned. He had transferred from London at the same time as Gould. In fact they were a team that Gould didn't want to split. Wallace was more than just a right-hand man. His out-of-the-box way of thinking often resolved a sticking case. But Jessica Rolls disappearance seemed to flummox even his mind.

"They'll no doubt mix up the girl's disappearance with that escaped mental patient," Wallace said. He was reportedly sighted nearby at Hogsbrough.

"How can any parent let their eight-year-old daughter stay out till gone ten, Brian, let alone when there's a dangerous man about. By all accounts Jessica was a pretty street-wise kid though."

"For a yokel."

"But even so ..." Gould glanced around. None of the officers searching in the grass and undergrowth were near enough to hear their conversation. "No need to be disrespectful, Brian."

"Well, there's street-wise and there's muddy-street-wise, and no-one around here is the former. Her mother did think Jessica was with her elder brothers."

"Thought. Huh. Our files say the family moved here from Boston after a few run-ins with the local Bobbies. I guess the council thought it was a good idea to move out the trouble makers. No thought for the quiet little village they dumped them in. Her parents aren't the most well-educated but they're a pretty shrewd couple. Jessica's a chip off the old block I reckon. The school say she's a bright kid. I bet she could survive on her own if she chose to run away."

"Maybe. Her neighbours say Wendy Rolls is a good mother, putting aside her apparent lack of boundaries. It takes all sorts, Guv."

While Wallace often sounded a bigoted cop his understanding and compassion for the less fortunate would have surprised most people.

"Thankfully. Life would be boring if we were all the same."

But Wallace didn't hear all of the sentence as he turned to shout at a constable who'd lit up a cigarette. He walked off briskly to give him a proper reprimand.

Gould reached in the pocket of his light linen jacket to check his own cigarettes were there - he could sure do with one - but instead he pulled out the doll that he'd confiscated from the woman the locals professed was a witch. What was its significance? Hopefully he'd find out when he called her in for questioning.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

Days Gone By



THE OLD INN

The Old Inn, owned by the Soames Brewery early in the 20th century, was built about 1805. It was extended as seen by the darker roof line.

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You may be familiar with the layout at the front of the bungalow. They have a small bridge-type walkway with a fence each side. At around 3 pm a car took the corner too fast and Amanda and Paul Howell heard a bump. By the time they got to the top of their garden the culprit had driven off. They were able to see that it was a Green Rover with part number plate AD02. Apparently, the two lads inside thought it was funny.

What makes the Howell's mad is that they didn't even stop and knock to say sorry and explain.

"We wouldn't even have wanted them to pay," commented Amanda, "but to do that and drive off is out of order. Plus, it's a walkway. If someone had been walking on it to visit us, or Paul my hubby had been picking weeds, etc, it would have been more than the fence."

That they didn't have the decency to stop might suggest a cowardly attitude. Maybe they could still take it on themselves to apologise. It would go a long way to alleviating the stress caused.

Amanda went on to say, "We know lads will be lads at times but when it comes to having crashes off road and on people's property or pavement areas, this is a whole different thing in my opinion."



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Jon Toffs reports

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NOTICE BOARD

Many thanks to Elwyn M Hayes and Clr Glenn for putting up our replacement Notice Board. I hope everyone agrees that it is a splendid piece of work and very fit for purpose. The board was constructed by disabled folks at a rehabilitation centre in

Lincoln, and it is a splendid job by the Pelican Trust. Thanks again to all concerned.

PARISH VACANCY

Several folks have been concerned and wishing to make contact about weddings, baptisms etc – just make contact with a churchwarden in the first instance please – details above.

Please note that all of our services and supports for parishioners remain in place during the vacancy. Our recruitment and interview process for a new priest, is under way at the time of writing.

POP-IN LUNCH

The next Pop-In Lunch after the 28th April, is currently being planned for June.

RIP

Very sadly, the funeral of much loved villager, Shirley Anne Gratton, was held at All Saints recently. It was an occasion saddened by her passing away, but gladdened because of the very full church of people who came to pay respects to her in the service led by Fr Paul Noble. Shirley

worked very hard for the church and the community during her long life in the village and will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers go to John and his family as they come to terms with a new chapter in their lives.

WELCOMED

Into our extended family last month was baby Ava Jane Harris – a second grandchild to Jane and Norman Harris in the last four months – and daughter to Robert and Laura.

GET WELL SOON

To Terry Harrington, recovering from a Knee replacement this week, and to Stella Ulyatt and Freda Redman, convalescing in their respective homes.

Services

Sunday, 3 May
Holy Communion
at 09.30 am

Sunday, 17 May
BCP Sung
Evensong
at 6 pm

ATHEIST'S SURPRISE

Every now and again, for those of us who use 'Facebook', in addition to finding out what our 'friends' are getting up to, an article gets 'posted' that stops and makes you think. Such was the following 'A well-known atheist visited three churches in one day this is what he made of it' was the 'post'. I opened and read on, and was pleasantly surprised.

The 'atheist' in question was a man called Sanderson Jones, a former stand-up comedian who leads the 'Sunday Assembly', sometimes known as the 'atheist

church', whose motto is 'live better, help often, wonder more' – not a million miles away it would seem to me from what we mean with our own 'confident discipleship, joyful service, faithful worship'.

In all three churches, he was impressed by the welcome he received, something he said churches should rejoice in doing well.

In the first of three, in addition to the sheer physicality and experience of communion, 'the idea that the divine is in your mouth' – his words, it was the attitude of inclusion, of being drawn in, of 'finding those moments of making sure that people feel included' that spoke most of all.

In the second it was the

attention to detail in the worship, the use of modern creative arts, of the clear giving of the best that they had, that spoke of the worth that Church clearly gave to the one that it worshipped.

In the third it was the openness to a 'mystical' experience, an expectation of encounter with a God who was there, the experience of being prayed for intimately by name, the space provided for 'the reflective side of life' something he believes to be undervalued by our world at this time.

A positive experience from the churches he visited, from a man with no faith, but wanting purpose and meaning for life. It begs the question, what would he find, if he visited us?

*The Rt Revd Dr David Court
Bishop of Grimsby*

CES CHATS SANGLANTES

Excuse my French. I expect a lot of people in the village have seen television programmes during last year about the wondering habits of cats, and many of you will have tales of the things that they get up to.

We know most of the cats that frequent our area of the village and their habits like the ginger tom that hides in the bushes and jumps out at any unsuspecting moggy who dares to do their toiletries near to him, I am sure that you can visualise the effect this has on the poor unsuspecting creature.

Whilst in the main we are more than tolerant of any visiting cats recent events have lead us to change our habits and instil in us a desire to track down the owners of two particular cats. There are a number of cats that visit our garden from gingers, a large white with black markings, small all black and so on, however the two problem cats are a large black and white cat and a slender tabby which looks fairly young but has been visiting us for at least twelve months

The black and white cat did not cause any concerns at first, he would wonder through the garden and if he saw us he would give us a glance and just walked on. Then gradually he started to approach our cat flap to the point that at night you could see him push his face at our cat flap and if you attempted to chase him of he would retire to the middle of the lawn and sit down and stare at us, you could see his eyes in the dark which is quite unnerving. After a period of time he started to actually push through and attempt to eat our cats food, at first he was quite charming and as my wife is fond of cats he was tolerated. We were also aware that at night he would come in and steal our cat's food, which whilst being a little bit irritating was tolerated as our cats appeared not to be bothered, until

Enter the tabby, with the introduction of this interloper the problems started to occur. We

Roy's Genteel Observations



started to notice him last year about the time that the bird population were raising their young and he was walking along the road being aggressively mobbed by a pair of Magpies, which he totally ignored and continued with glancing to the left or the right. As I knew where the Magpie nest was it appeared to me that the Magpies action were actually drawing attention to their nest.

As the months went by the Tabby got bolder and bolder to the point that he also began pushing his nose at the cat flap. Bearing in mind we have three cats of our own there seemed to be no problems between any of the cats until.

Stand-off incidents started to occur on the decking outside of the kitchen between the black and white and the tabby, these stand-offs could occur at any time of night and were becoming an absolute irritation to the point that a few weeks before Easter, having gone to bed early we were awakened at about 12.30 am by a cat fight which seemed to come from inside the house, Thinking that our cats were involved in some altercation we jumped out of bed to see what was what. Our cats? No, inside the kitchen were the black and white and the tabby having an almighty

scrap and there were bits of fur everywhere. The tabby's problem now was that having now realized that we were there the only thing he wanted to do was escape, but his only escape was through the cat flap which was blocked by the black and white that had the look of a devil that had decided that he was not going anywhere. The tabby started running round the room over the worktop knocking stuff everywhere, eventually the black and white ran out the flap closely followed by the tabby, and our cats during this, they were lying on their bedding and just raised their heads then went back to sleep.

The real problem occurred during the night on Easter Saturday, the wife put a leg of lamb out to defrost on the worktop to defrost for Sunday lunch, on getting up on Sunday morning what did we find , the partly eaten leg of lamb stuck in the cat flap. Which one of them was it that tried to steal the lamb we do not know but if you own a black and white or a tabby we would like to hear from you as I want my Easter lunch.

Funnily enough my wife appears to have forgiven these cats as she has given one of them a nickname. She now calls him "Cooking Fat" or something like that.

CE PINSON SANGLANTE

Has anyone heard the solitary Male Chaffinch, who constantly repeats a "cheet cheet" call in the trees in certain parts of the village. We noticed him at the end of march 2014 and he continued with this sound constantly through to September without a break. Even if he moved to a neighbour's garden he could be heard it drove us round the bend.

Unfortunately he is back this year as persistent as ever, the poor sod it appears that he cannot attract a mate. Having said that it reminds me of my teenage years when I did my interpretation of a "cheet cheet" "to find a mate also with absolutely no success.

These views are purely the views of Roy.

Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 2 May

WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Sunday, 10 May

TRACTOR RUN

see Page 3 for details



Thursday, 14 May

OPEN MIC

Opens 8 pm, Music 9 pm

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Saturday, 16 May

BINGO

8 pm

£6 a set of books



Sunday 17 May

CAR BOOT

see Page 3 for details



Saturday, 23 May

THE CUBE

8 pm



Saturday, 30 May

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

VILLAGE HALL'S FIFTIETH

Fosdyke Village Hall is 50 years old in June this year, and thanks to the work behind the scene it's a perfect venue for a family party, with space for a bouncy castle if that's your wish, and you'll no doubt have seen wedding receptions spilling out onto the road during hot summer nights.

As Fosdyke residents we should be supporting the Village Hall as much as possible - it's a valuable resource for Fosdyke and, other than the social club, is the only venue left in the village where you can socialise.

The 250 Draw takes place every month at Fosdyke Village Hall's Bingo sessions and the results are published in *Fosdyke Newsletter*.

So, while you might not be able to participate in the bingo every Monday night you'll still be in with a chance of winning one of the money prizes in the 250 Draw.

But you might actually be surprised at how much fun the bingo is. It's a social meeting place and the more people who play the bigger the prizes are.

Regardless of whether you do or don't play bingo the 250 Draw is open to you. The 2015-2016 tickets are now on sale so give Alan a ring on 260654.

SAD NEWS

It is with much sadness that we report the death of Shirley Gratton, a long-term deliverer of the Fosdyke Newsletter. Our thoughts go out to her family and friends.

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Days Gone By

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

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

800

870 Algar Earl Mercia fell against the Danes in Stow Green near Threkingham hence the name Algarkirk.

1000

1066-1087 King William I the village of Ricke included land in the villages of Fosdyke, Algarkirk, Sutterton & Wigtoft.

1100

1183 Fosdyke known as "the dyke of Fote" Roman name for Fosdyke was "Fosway" crossing steams and swamps.

1200

1200 The Fosdyke canal links Brayford Pool, Lincoln, to the River Trent.

1216 River Welland tides table 12 October, 1216, Daylight crossing the river.

1216 King John of England loses his crown jewels crossing the river Welland area. Probably Fosdyke Bridge on route from Kings Lynn to Swineshead.

1300

1300 The earliest mention of a church in Fosdyke village is late 1300th century.

1369 Boston gains the lost wool trade from Lincoln.

1400

1411 Sir Thomas Meres Family, living at the Manor of Hip Toft Algarkirk, paid for Welland River Banks.

1500

1514 Richard Ordning of Fosdyke in Algarkirk. 29 March, 1514,

testament and will to the parish.

1531 Thomas Robertson left a (chantry) an endowment for the priest in Fosdyke Church (suppressed) in the Reformation.

1540 Thomas Field provided an almshouse for three poor folk of Fosdyke.

1541 King Henry V111 passed through Lincolnshire to York.

1569 Hoard of 16th century. Twenty-nine silver coins found by Fosdyke Bridge.

1599 Fosdyke church records started.

1600

1602 Thomas Middlecott: Boston Town Clerk.

1602 The Waddingham Cottages built.

1606 All Saints Church the register dates from 1606.

1612 Miss Skiggs left 37 shillings towards the building of an almshouse.

1613 Thomas Middlecott: Mayor of Boston.

1614 Thomas Middlecott: Boston Town Clerk.

1620 Thomas Middlecott: Mayor of Boston.

1624 Thomas Middlecott: Boston Town Clerk.

1624 Thomas Middlecott Hospital to be used for nine people and master from Fosdyke & Algarkirk (now a Grade 11 building) and endowed with ninty-eight acres, producing £204 yearly.

1625 Sir Thomas Middlecott: knighted September 1625.

1627 John Knott left 12s 8d for the poor.

1630 Richard Roberts left 2s 6d for the poor of Fosdyke.

1635 The Middlecott hospital allowed four inmates from Fosdyke and six from Algarkirk of either sex.

1638 Sir Thomas Middlecott endowed the charity with small farms in Wigtoft, Swineshead, and Bennington & Old Leake.

1650 Oliver Cromwell proposed a civil registration of births, marriages and deaths to the government.

1658 The Sun Fire Office insured Middlecott Hospital for £500 as a 'Bede house' built of brick and thatch roof.

1659 The Middlecott Hospital roof replaced with pan tiles because of the fire risk.

1684 Ann Waddingham left a half acre and two semi Waddingham Cottages next to the Fosdyke village hall.

1693 Carolus Beridge left £2 12s the revenue from one acre of land to the poor.

1700

1700 Fosdyke separated from Algarkirk to do their own services to Parish.

1710 Mr Laddington left a Church-Gate House to the poor parishioners.

1720 Middlecott Hospital masters room fell into misuse.

1756 All Saints Church rebuilt as a small chapel with a small tower and one bell with a carved octagonal font.

1774 All Saints Church burnt down in the reign of King George 11 had five bells; four sold to defray 1776 church.

1776 All Saints Church, rebuilt using the materials from the previous church burnt down in 1774

1797 Canon Basil Beridge III born in Algarkirk 1797- died 29 July 1881 Magistrate for Boston.

NEXT MONTH 1800s.

Copy Deadline

News that means nothing to you might be interesting to someone else so don't be afraid to contact Terry - preferably via email: terry@fosdyke.org.uk

or phone:

260275

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

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no later than 15 May