

TORNADO HITS FOSDYKE

On Saturday, 26 March, a tornado ripped across the village lifting up outbuildings and shedding tiles from roofs. No one appears to have been injured but Mill Lane seems to have suffered most.

This is what Rosemary from Mill Lane reported:

“It sucked up our pergola which is now a heap of metal, and took down part of our front wall and fencing.

“We got off lucky. The bungalow opposite had the utility room roof lifted, all glass in green house gone, fences down. Another bungalow had twenty tiles lifted off its roof. House at the back of us had its shed lifted off its foundations and also took part of a wall down.

“We were out, the family was in, they said it sounded between a hoover and plane taking off as it passed, very frightening. The good part is no one was hurt.”



These Easter Eggs look a bit funny!

SERIOUSLY HORSING AROUND

IdeAL Activities at Sunset Farm have been busy again.

Around thirty people attended their Free Discovery Weekend sessions in mid-March to learn more about Equine Assisted Learning (EAL). The key message was that EAL is not about teaching, but how you learn things about yourself from the horse's non-judgemental, immediate and honest, natural responses to your energy and body language.

Over the school Easter holidays they also held two Eggstravaganzas for children (right). The sessions included being safe around horses, grooming, building an Easter themed obstacle course to lead the ponies over and an Easter egg hunt.

As part of Dementia Awareness Week, IdeAL is offering free equine assisted learning sessions for people with early stage dementia and their carers on 17th May.

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ROUNDHEADS AND ROYALISTS UNITE

If you're a royalist and love the Queen then you have no excuse. If you'd like to see the monarchy abolished don't let that put you off! Who cares where your allegiance lays when we're going to have a great community experience in Fosdyke on Sunday, 12 June, which is the official day of Queen Elizabeth II's birthday.

All Saints Church, the Village Hall and the Social Club have got together to make the day one to remember for everyone. First off is, as you might expect on a Sunday, a special service in the church where everyone, regardless of faith, can enjoy an informal service and meet neighbours. Then there's lunch in the Village Hall (just £5 a head - any money left after costs are covered will be going to the Sutterton surgery who are saving up for a blood pressure 'pod' - contact Jon Tofts on 260272 to book) with a bring-your-own cakes to share after. Any cakes left will make their way to the Social Club later where there will be a BBQ, massive bonfire and firework display.

As we were going to press Chairman of Fosdyke Parish Council, Cllr Martin Pitt, was arranging a meeting of all the relevant parties to ensure the day is amazing for as many residents as possible and everything goes without a hitch.

Cuttings

Now is the ideal time for taking cuttings. Most softwood cuttings are taken in spring and early summer, from the tender new growth of the season. If potted by mid-summer they will develop sufficient roots to survive the winter, otherwise pot up in the following spring.

Softwood cuttings can be used to propagate a wide range of mainly deciduous shrubs and some trees in early spring. Material is taken from the soft and flexible young shoot tips, which root readily.

Softwood cuttings are mostly used for propagating hardy and tender perennials such as *Anthemis*, *Aubrieta*, *Argyranthemum*, *Bidens*, *Osteospermum*, *Penstemon*, *Pelargoniums*, *Petunia* and *Verbena*.

This technique can also be used for a wide range of mainly deciduous shrubs, such as *Buddleia*, *Fuchsia*, *Hydrangea*, *Lavatera*, and *Perovskia* as well as for some trees, such as *Betula*, deciduous magnolia and some maples.

Softwood cuttings have the highest rooting potential of any stem cutting and often provide the best chance of rooting species that are difficult to propagate.

Cuttings from young plants root more easily; heavily pruning older plants can stimulate new growth that will root quicker than the old growth.

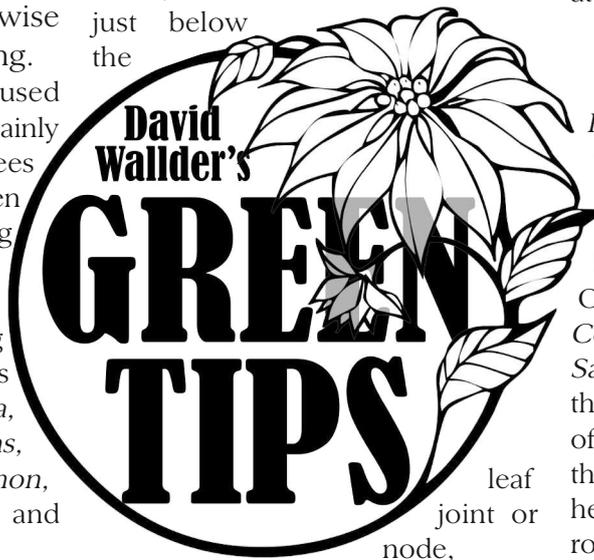
Gathering cuttings material

- Collect material early in the day when it is full of water
- Collect non-flowering shoots, as they will root more readily
- Remove up to 4" of shoot, cutting off the material neatly above a bud on the parent plant
- Place the cuttings material

in a clean plastic bag with a label. Store the bag of material in the fridge if you cannot prepare the cuttings immediately

Nodal

Most softwood cuttings are nodal, i.e. cut at the bottom just below the



where there is a concentration of hormones to stimulate root production.

Using a sharp knife trim below a node to make a cutting about 2-4" long.

Remove the lower leaves, pinch out the soft tip and dip the base of the cutting in hormone rooting powder or liquid. Make a hole for the cutting in a container of cuttings compost using a dibber and insert the base of the cutting. Label the pot and water it from above to settle the compost.

Propagating

Place the pot in a closed propagator case with bottom heat of 18-24C ideally or cover with a plastic bag and placing somewhere warm if no other equipment is available, but remove the bag to ventilate the cutting at least twice a week for ten minutes.

Cuttings should be placed in good light, but not direct, scorching sunlight. Ensure the compost is moist until the cuttings are well

rooted which takes about six to ten weeks.

Once rooted, harden off the cuttings for about two weeks and pot them on individually. Covering with fleece or gradually increasing the ventilation of plastic bags or propagators will allow the soft leaves to develop a robust waterproof cuticle so that they can survive in lower humidity environments. Remove any dead, rotting, dying or diseased material at least weekly.

Wounding

Some hard to root plants such as *Rhododendron* respond well to wounding, removing a thin slice of bark near the base of the stem and then dipping the wound in hormone rooting compound. Others, such as *Acer palmatum*, *Cotinus*, *Lonicera*, *Jasminum* and *Sambucus* can be removed from the parent plant with a heel, pulling off the stem with a 'tail' of bark from the previous season's growth. The heel is then dipped in hormone rooting compound.

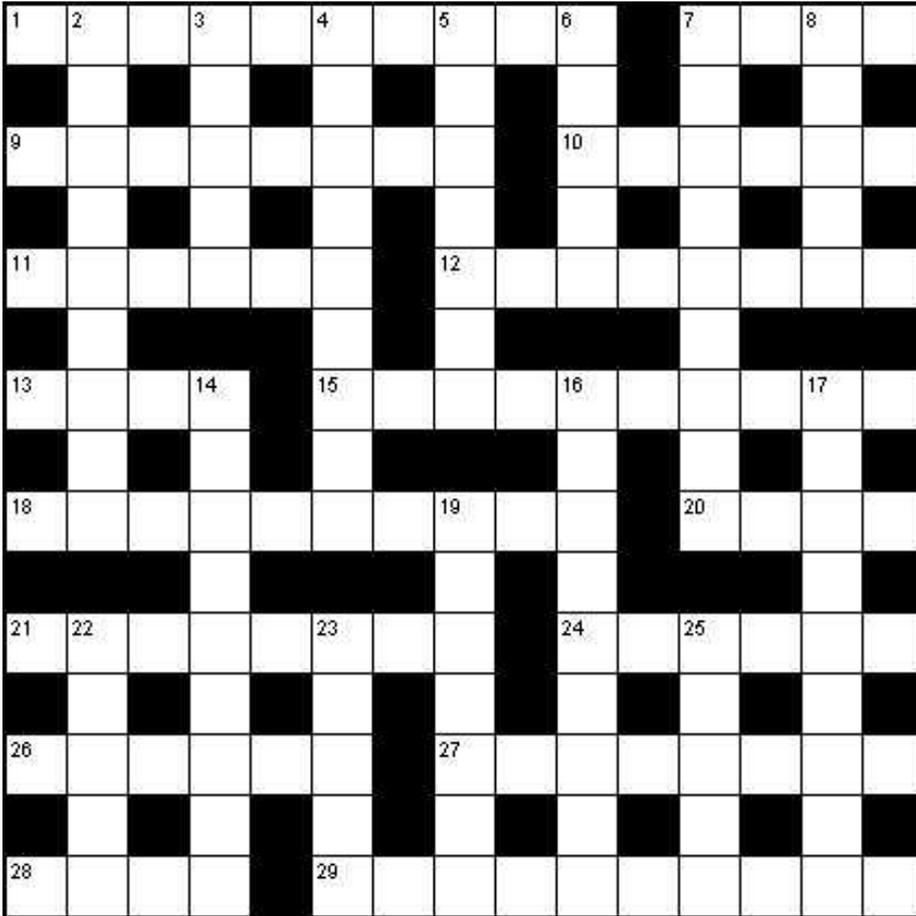
Preparing basal softwood cuttings are similar to nodal cuttings, except they are taken from clusters of young shoots at the base of herbaceous plants in spring. This technique is suitable for *Aster*, *Chrysanthemum*, *Delphinium*, *Lupinus*, *Phlox* and *Salvia*.

Select sturdy shoots 3-4" high with the leaves just unfolding. Using a sharp knife remove them as close to the base as possible, including part of the woody basal tissue. Then treat as nodal cuttings.

Greenwood

Greenwood cuttings are taken a little later in the season than softwood cuttings, usually from late spring to mid-summer. They are similar to softwood cuttings except the base of the stem is firmer as it has had longer to mature. Prepare greenwood cuttings as you would softwood cuttings, but make them a bit longer, generally 3-5" long. This technique is suitable for berry fruits, *Ceanothus*, *Forsythia* and *Philadelphus*.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- 1 Rush around in old car, to find escaped criminal in Oz (10)
 7 A disease singular to sponge (4)
 9 English is almost never spoken poetically in Telford, for example (8)
 10 Rotter is in modern art emporium (6)
 11 Copper into Turner gets depression (6)
 12 I am unpretentious? No (8)
 13 Clothe with part of a corset (4)
 15 Get mean about bird call (10)

- 18 Monster horribly present on the waves (3,7)
 20 Who should really have written Diary of a Nobody? (4)
 21 See 4
 24 Enjoy the flavour (6)
 26 Composer of Semiramide and La Mer? No (6)
 27 As were the leftovers a man ate, being overdrawn? (8)
 28 Scolded infant without a trace of leniency (4)
 29 4,21's Mount is irregular cube next to a generation symbol (missing centrepiece) (10)

DOWN

- 2 Auntie hit boiling asphalt (9)
 3 Told of journey to university to find poem (5)
 4,21 The king of 7, this general axed threat strategically (9,3,5)
 5 Not, we hear, a problem for 4,21 (7)
 6 Province is to take up weapons again, changing sides (5)
 7 4,21's country; a wine capital erected around the last stages of 300 (as it's written) (9)
 8 Aeolian and Doric, say, in 12 (5)
 14 Quarrelled in Hell over a sin (9)
 16 Outside port finally, make fast a vessel – one that's engine driven (5,4)
 17 Some garment to stitch, it's said – or more than one (9)
 19 One goes into troubled centre, having some guts (7)
 22 Man 'as old Erica (5)
 23 Residential area in upwardly mobile part of Bruxelles (5)
 25 Student priest in Guanaco (5)

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A Question of Murder

by Jane Crane

PART SEVEN

The car park at the police station was deserted except for a few cars, as Gould pulled into a spot near the fire escape.

He'd called Sullivan's office number on his way over and left a message; he knew it was too early for the detective to be there but he hoped that if he phoned in to check his messages then he would hear it. He'd also called Catriona but her number had gone straight to voicemail. For a second Gould was filled with a sense of resentment about the fact that she was obviously still tucked up in her nice warm bed, whilst he'd spent the last few hours creeping around in the dark. She'd started all this, he reasoned, why am I the idiot taking risks in the middle of the night? He'd left a terse message to that effect on her mobile, telling her that he would call her after he spoke to Sullivan at the station and that he was sorry if he'd interrupted her beauty sleep!

Gould needed a coffee; maybe he could persuade the custody sergeant to let him in round the back. He headed to the side of the building and into the custody suite. Thankfully the duty sergeant recognised him and was more than happy to flick the kettle on and catch up on old times with his former colleague.

After about half an hour Gould was anxious to make contact with Sullivan. He hadn't returned his call so Gould assumed he still wasn't in but he wanted to head up to his office and check. Time was of the essence; although he was certain that he hadn't been spotted at the hospital, Gould was worried that somehow King would find out he'd been there and have the evidence cleared away before he got a chance to go back with reinforcements. He pulled his phone out of his pocket just to check that the video he had recorded at the scene was still there; it was, but he still felt uneasy. He needed to get upstairs and chase up Sullivan.

'I shouldn't really let you go wandering about in the station, now you're not a copper anymore Guv,' said Sergeant Grimes, 'but since it's you, I'll make an exception.'

'Appreciate it mate, cheers. I'll just nip up quick and see if he's in. Thanks for the coffee.' Gould drained his mug before heading off along the corridor that lead to CID's offices.

Gould poked his head around the doors to a couple of rooms on his way past, hoping that maybe Sullivan had been side-tracked on the way to his desk, but there was no sign of him. Up ahead Gould could hear a voice, someone talking on the phone. He couldn't make out exactly what was being said but it sounded like someone was getting their backside kicked for something. As he neared the office he realised it belonged to his least favourite police officer – DI Lawson. Gould fought back a groan; the last thing he needed was to alert Lawson to his presence. He couldn't stand the man and Lawson made no secret of his dislike for Gould either, but before Gould could beat a retreat back down the corridor Lawson yanked open his office door and stuck his head out.

'Thought I could hear someone creeping about out here. What are you up to? Come for another visit?'

'Just looking for DS Sullivan actually Guv. But he's not here so not to worry, I'll catch up with him another time.' Gould turned to go but Lawson stopped him.

'What do you need him for? Maybe I can help, why don't you come in for a minute?' Lawson stepped back, beckoning Gould into his office.

'No, it's fine Guv. I can speak to him later.'

'Perhaps I wasn't clear. In my office. Now.' Lawson's tone made it obvious that this wasn't just a friendly suggestion. Gould briefly considered ignoring the overbearing idiot and walking away but decided it was easier for the moment to just comply with his request.

Lawson closed the door behind Gould and then came and sat down in his chair. The seat squeaked painfully under the weight of Lawson's giant backside and Gould noticed that Lawson was sweating.

'Does this have anything to do with why you were here the other day? You were asking questions about the death of some doctor or something?'

A sudden chill ran through Gould; he hadn't told Lawson anything about why he'd come to see Sullivan the other day so how did he know? Lawson was shuffling through papers on his desk, trying to feign nonchalance but more beads of sweat were forming on the man's brow and Gould noticed Lawson's hands were shaking. He turned back towards the door.

'Look, I can see you've got a lot of work to do, I'll leave you to it. I'll talk to Sullivan later.' He'd just placed his hand on the doorknob when he heard a sound behind him that made him freeze; the sound of a gun being cocked. Turning slowly, Gould saw

Lawson pointing a .38 at him with shaking hands. A gun in the hands of someone that nervous was a very, very bad thing.

'What are you doing Guv? What's going on?'

'Don't mess me about, Gould. I know you've been to the hospital. King just called me. You tripped the silent alarm as you went into the storage room.'

Gould swore under his breath; he'd thought he'd been so careful.

'King rang me in a panic, I thought we'd have to go out looking for you but you saved us the trouble. He's going to be very pleased when I call him and tell him that you wandered in here of your own accord. Very handy. Sit.' Lawson gestured with the gun for Gould to sit opposite him.

'So what happens now?' Gould asked, not sure if he really wanted to hear Lawson's answer to that question. The fat man leaned back a bit in his chair, still keeping the gun levelled at Gould. An oily smirk crept across his face and Gould had to fight the urge to launch himself across the desk at him.

'Well, I think that's pretty obvious, don't you? I'm going to take you downstairs to your car, make you drive to somewhere lonely and then put a bullet in you. I'll make it look like a suicide of course. Ex-cop, PTSD, unable to cope with civilian life, blah, blah, blah. Sound good so far?'

'Screw you Lawson. You're too dumb to pull that one off.'

Lawson leapt from his chair and moved around to Gould's side of the desk. As he leaned closer Gould could smell the scotch on his breath; nervous, armed and drunk, not a good combination.

'Get up! We're going down the fire escape to your car. Move!'

With no other option, Gould did as he was told. They made their way down the empty corridor and out onto the fire escape without passing another soul. Great, thought Gould, this would be the one day that no one decides to pop out for a cheeky cigarette on the fire escape, wouldn't it?

'I still don't see how you're so involved in all this Lawson? What are you getting out of it?' Gould winced as Lawson dug the barrel of the gun into his back and

forced him down the metal stairs.

'Money of course. Do you know how much the rich and powerful are willing to pay for a new kidney or a cornea? It's a fortune, Gould, a stinking fortune. Much better than any police pension that's for sure. All I had to do was pay off a coroner or two for a few death certificates and make sure no one looked too closely at the deaths of King's patients.' Lawson sounded quite pleased with himself. 'We were very careful, we only picked the ones with no relatives, the ones already consigned to life's dustbin.'

'What about Dr Randall?'

Lawson looked irritated for a second before regaining his composure.

'Yes, that was unfortunate. We tried keeping him sedated once he began asking questions but the crafty chap started hiding his pills and then tried to make a break for it. He had to be dealt with. Didn't bank on that niece of his making herself busy though. Stupid woman. She'll have to be dealt with too I suppose, eventually. Now, move across to your car, that's a good boy and don't get any funny ideas about run ...'

Lawson didn't finish the sentence; Gould heard a metallic thunk and then a sound like a sack of potatoes hitting the floor. Slowly he turned to see Catriona standing over Lawson's body, holding a fire extinguisher and breathing heavily.

'Have to be dealt with, will I? I don't think so, you odious little man.'

Gould grabbed Lawson's discarded gun and shoved it in the waistband of his jeans. 'Where did you come from?' he asked.

'I listened to your snippy little message about my sleeping in while you did all the work so I thought I'd come and see what you'd found out. I parked up just in time to see you coming down the fire escape with this disgusting creature so I hid in those bushes until you came past. I heard everything he said.'

On cue, Lawson groaned loudly and Catriona raised the fire extinguisher above her head.

'No! That's enough, you'll finish him off! You're nuts!'

Catriona smiled. 'You have no idea.'

THE END



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QUEENS BIRTHDAY SERVICE

We are busy planning at the moment, for various activities to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday – one of which will be a light hearted service of hymns and readings to celebrate this unique time in the life of our country. Ideas of any favourite hymns you would like to be sung please to jontofts@btinternet.com or 260672

POP-IN LUNCH

There will be a pop-in lunch at Fosdyke Village Hall on Tuesday 24th May. 12.30 to 2 as usual. All welcome - the full monty still only costs £4.50, so why not come along and enjoy a good home-cooked meal with your friends and neighbours for a little community spirit?

QUEENS BIRTHDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH

Talking of community spirit, we are currently planning a lunch to be held in the village hall on June 12th – Her Majesty's Official birthday Sunday. Various village activities have been discussed to make a real community day for us all. This part of the proceedings is planned to start at 1pm, and consist of a delicious home cooked Ham salad and new potatoes lunch for a fiver, with the profits to go to the Sutterton Surgery Fund. More details to come in the next edition of the Fosdyke Magazine, and shortly, on the village notice boards

Jon Tofts reports

All Saints Fosdyke

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and council website. Everyone will be invited to bring along a dessert item to share with the other diners in a buffet style, and any goodies remaining, will be transferred to an evening event planned by the Sports and Social Club. We are also planning a raffle to be held in favour of the Sutterton Surgery Fund.

GARDEN OF REST

Several folks have stopped me and asked me to say again how good it is to see the Church Garden of Rest looking so well cared for, thanks to Carole Marshall and her volunteer 'tidy-up' campaign. Thanks Carole, for continuing to do this valuable task for our community. Unfortunately, the churchyard in general, is looking less well cared for than we would like, due to the recent winds and cut-backs by the Boston Borough Council, who are responsible for its maintenance.

NEW VICAR

The long process of selecting a new vicar continues and in the meantime, if you wish to contact a priest, we are being looked after by - Father Paul Noble.

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Fr. Paul has recently been appointed as Rural Dean (a regional church leader) for our area by the Bishop of Lincoln.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE SHIRLEY GRATTON

The church is now in possession of a brand new and locally crafted flower pedestal. It's a thing of great beauty and function - locally designed and locally made. We would like to say a very big thank you to all who have helped this project come to completion as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Shirely Gratton.

PCC MEETING

Will be held on the 5th May at 7.30 in the home of Val. This is an important meeting, at which

we discuss two big issues – the processes of 'recruitment' for our new vicar and the 'Bishops Declaration' – a measure relating to the ordination of women in the priesthood, and the traditions of the Church of England in our parish. If any parishioner would like to know more about either of these two important matters there is a full explanation of the issues on the church notice board, or please ask one of the churchwardens. Consultation is important, so please do feel free to contact Terry or Jon if you want to know more..

Sunday, 1 May Holy Communion

at 09.30 am

Deanery Evensong

with the new Bishop of Grantham
at Algarkirk
at 6 pm

Sunday, 15 May Morning Worship

at 09.30 am

Sunday, 29 May Group Service

at Algarkirk
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Sunday, 5 June Holy Communion

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Sunday, 12 June Queen's Birthday Service

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EASTER LITTER

Left is a photo of the litter that Malcolm Gwynne collected over the Easter weekend.

Despite his efforts Malcolm says he is collecting more rubbish now than when he started. Does it mean that when any of us see rubbish now we just leave it because we know Malcolm will be along to pick it up for us?

On another note he could do with help in spotting litter on the areas "outside" the populated village where he regularly collects, in any areas where there are no houses. If people could report what has been tipped (tyres, household bits etc) or if its just litter it would help him report it or collect it. You can email him at malcolm.gwynne@yahoo.com with the details, He would need to know exact location and details of what has been seen.



HOLY SPIRIT

Many of us will have experienced moments of awful isolation in our lives, or of panic, or of sheer joy. The range of situations, and of emotions, to which we can be exposed is huge. These things help to form the richness of human living. But in themselves they can sometimes be immensely difficult to handle.

Jesus' promise was to be with his friends. Although they experienced the crushing sadness of his death, and the huge sense of betrayal that most of them felt in terms of their own abandonment of him, they also experienced the joy of his resurrection and the happiness of new times spent with him. They would naturally have understood that his promise to 'be with them' meant that he would not physically leave them.

However, what Jesus meant when he said that they would not be left on their own was that the Holy Spirit would always be with them. It is the Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, that we celebrate during the month of May. Jesus is taken from us, body and all, but the Holy Spirit is poured out for us and on to us.

The Feast of the Holy Spirit is Pentecost. It

happens at the end of Eastertide, and thus marks the very last transition that began weeks before when, on Ash Wednesday, we entered the wilderness in preparation for Holy Week and Eastertide to come.

Coming 'at the end of things' Pentecost can sometimes seem to be almost an afterthought – a last gasp of celebration before the year turns fully green and 'normal time' resumes. I suggest that we should, however, try to see it as another moment of real transition, when, gifted with the Holy Spirit, God's people realise that they have all that they need in order to live their lives fully and without fear in the world.

The Holy Spirit is described in scripture as 'advocate' and 'guide'. He is the Person of the Trinity who is always there. No matter what our particular emotions may be in any moment, God is with us.

As we continue to grapple with population movement, with continuing unrest in so many parts of the world, and with the serious issue of the Referendum in our own country, to name but three things, I hope that we may draw strength, confidence and joy from the presence of the Spirit.

Our gracious God does equip us with all that we need to live our lives as disciples in the world today.

May God bless you this Pentecost and always,

Bishop Nicholas

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NO FAITH IN RESIDENTS

At the recent parish council meeting it was decided that the council would not spend £15 for an entry in this year's Best Kept Village.

One of the councillors, who ironically no longer lives in Fosdyke, led the case for not entering. His son, gave him his support. Both agreed there was little point in attempting to get anywhere in the competition when it was clear some people were disinterested in making Fosdyke look any better.

While another councillor was keen to enter the competition it was accepted that a year's grace to try to build up support and a strategy before entering the competition again next year would be a reasonable compromise. See Cllr Martin Pitt's letter opposite.

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Correspondence

BELL LANE RUBBISH



Having received the *Fosdyke Magazine* and seen the statement about the dyke clearance on Bell Lane, I would like to ask how in fact you know it was the drainage board who cleared it because it is my house which is next to the dyke in question.

There are gaps in the hedges along the dyke which meant garden toys and balls went down the dyke. We were not responsible for the rubbish and empty packets that were down the dyke. They were

dragged up to the top of the dyke by the people who came and cut it.

We hadn't noticed the state of the dyke as we never go that way out of Fosdyke. I think trying to publicly shame people as you or whoever was responsible for what was featured for the past two months in *Fosdyke Magazine* is wrong.

Once we noticed the dyke after being publicly slagged off in the newsletter we instantly cleaned it

ourselves. We would have been more than happy if someone had come and knocked on our door and told us about the dyke. I would not dream of slating someone in the way we have been in the newsletter.

I would appreciate, if there is such an instant in the future when someone isn't happy with the crates/pallets on my property or the state of public land near my property, that someone will come knock and not take to a newsletter to inform us. Thank you.

Rosy Jay Bishop

[Editor: Further investigation revealed that Welland and Deeping Drainage Board weren't responsible for clearing the dyke, as we had been informed, so we apologise for getting our facts wrong. We know that Boston Borough Council's Fly Swat team had a hand in tidying rubbish from Bell Lane, which is probably where the confusion lay.]

NO TO BEST KEPT VILLAGE

After a lengthy discussion at the April Parish Council Meeting it was decided that we would not enter the 2016 Best Kept Village Competition, because we felt that it would not be the best use of your contribution to council tax, knowing that some aspects of the village would hold our chances of success back for this year, despite the great commitment of our warden, Malcolm.

For our best chances of success in this important feature of rural life, we would need firstly to address some areas of concern. The council is aware these areas and will be making efforts to support and encourage changes in readiness for the 2017 competition, and so, with the Annual Parish Meeting coming up on Wednesday, 11 May, 2016, we felt that this would give parishioners the opportunity to help us come up with positive suggestions to raise our chances of

success in the 2017 competition and to commit ourselves, as a village to that, in a planned way.

We would like on the behalf of the village council and village as a whole, to express our sincere gratitude to Malcolm Gwynne who makes a huge contribution of his time to keep our village tidy. Let us all take a pride in keeping our Village of Fosdyke tidy and make us stand out.

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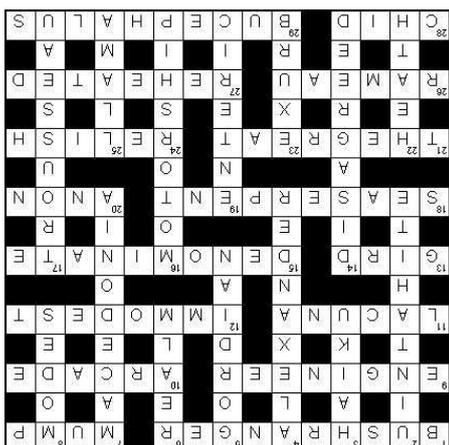
Easter fun at Fosdyke Social Club took the form of Chicken Racing with several heats deciding who would be in the finals.

Frantic hand twisting, with wrists on the table, of course, marshalled by Martyn Hayes gave wins for Gary Britchford and Jane Bristow respectively in the men and women's finals.

A supper of chips and chicken or fish or scampi halted the proceedings half way through. All-in-all a fun evening to break up the Easter weekend.

The social club is always looking for new ways to entertain and to encourage people to engage in a bit of community spirit (and beer of course), so, if you have any ideas that you think would draw people out of their homes, please tell Jane on 260455.

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DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY



For the second time in six months The Evolution Band came to Fosdyke Social Club resulting in every available floor space being used for dancing.

Styled as a Paddy's Night - a day after St Patrick's Day - it featured special bar offers like £1 for a shot of rum and £2 for a pint of lager.

Lead guitarist Trevor Osborne commented, "What a gig! Fantastic crowd and hosts, Tammie and Martyn."

WHIST WINNERS

April's Whist Drive - held monthly at the social club - was one by Karen Marriott and Seamus Rooney. Runners up with just four points less were Tammie Ryan and Pauline Fish.

It was a close run thing though as two teams were just two points short of the runners-up and three teams were evens in fourth place and the last team were only fourteen points adrift of the winners..

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EDITOR'S COMMENT

A parish councillor rang the newsletter on Monday, 21 March, to say that the heading on Page 3 of last month's newsletter was misleading. It suggested that his coach company was booked for two coach trips to Lincoln. We apologise if the heading gave this impression as only one booking had been made with his company. The other was with another coach firm..

The councillor also went on to say that he doesn't endorse the "use it or lose it" philosophy, which to us is common sense. If no one used The Ship they'd have to close. If no one used The Moorings café they'd have to close. If no one used the Social Club then the whole play area, including the playing fields and adventure playground would fall into disrepair. If no one used his coach company then his company would go under.

He also requested that we refrain from mentioning his company - notice we haven't -, in the newsletter anymore; something he had requested a few years ago following our initial inquiry to see if his company would like to advertise in the newsletter and therefore support it, which other local businesses have been more than happy to do. One might naively expect a parish councillor to support all aspects of the community, including the continuation of the newsletter by advertising his local business,

We live in a free society, well, at least one that is freer than many, and freedom of the press is an important part of that free society. While we may not be the mainstream press we still have the same right to publish news and we will continue to do so, whoever it may concern.

Fosdyke Social Club

Saturday, 7 May

WHIST DRIVE

8 pm



Thursday, 12 May

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Saturday, 14 May

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8 pm



Saturday, 21 May

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8 pm

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Saturday, 28 May

QUIZ

8 pm

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01205 260455

The next
Fosdyke Parish Council meeting

to be held on

Tuesday, 3 May

at 7.30 pm

in the rear room of the

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will also be the

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FOOTBALL

LAST-GOAL WIN

Leverton 8 v Fosdyke 4

Fosdyke had a bare bones team on Saturday, 19 March, and no recognised goalkeeper for a friendly with really good opposition.

At 6-0 down things looked bad but then the fight back started with Luke Smith thumping home a header, Matthew Scott finishing off a fine move and then Leon Marsh tapping in from a Chris Slap Smith cross. An unlikely comeback was on until two calamitous goals were conceded. No names mentioned. Ahem. Zippy Zac Chapman scored a good 'un at the end and as the friendly was a "Last Goal Wins" that quite clearly meant Fosdyke were the victors. Well done everyone.

Man of the Match? Matt Scott.

DEPLETED TEAM WINS

Fosdyke 2 v FC Hammers 1

Fosdyke FC had a 2-1 win in a friendly Saturday, 2 April, at home to FC Hammers, who look to be a good bet for promotion from Division Three.

A somewhat depleted Fosdyke side with a few trialists played some good footy - Matthew Scott scored a belter, Tom Watson made a return to the Tangerine shirt with a second half goal and Ian Jack Smith made some stunning stops between the sticks.

Man of the Match? Gavin Paul Cox at left back and, would you believe it, Andy Hardstaff almost scored!



TIME FOR YOUNGSTERS TO CHIP IN

You may remember a few months ago that Fosdyke Playing Field committee laid out plans to encourage the youngsters of the village to take a responsibility in looking after the adventure playground.

While this should be an ongoing pursuit - and plastic drink bottles are still left in the area when there's a bin a few metres away - they'll have the opportunity of spreading the new base wood chippings on Saturday, 30 April.

So, if your children fancy helping out the preparation and spreading will start at 9.30 in the morning. Your welcome to give them a hand too!

FRAUDSTERS

Fraudsters are targeting members of the public who are expecting to make a payment for property repairs.

The fraudsters, via email, will purport to be a tradesman who has recently completed work at the property and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. They will ask for funds to be transferred via bank transfer and once payment is made the victims of the fraud soon realise they have been deceived when the genuine tradesman requests payment for their services.

- For any request of payment via email verify the validity of the request with a phone call to the person who carried out the work.
- Check the email for spelling and grammar as these signs can indicate that the email is not genuine.
- Payments via bank transfer offer no financial protection; consider using alternative methods such as a credit card or PayPal.



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COMPANY SCAM

Lincolnshire police have been advised that a person stating that they work for 'Sustainable Homes' has been offering quotes for Air Conditioning in the Lincolnshire region.

A person known as 'Rick Elliott' (may use other names) calls to make an appointment to provide a quote for a new air conditioning unit. On arriving at the property he provides a glossy magazine and asks for a deposit (around £1000.00) for the unit costing £5,000.

Even though the client uses his right to cancel the contract within the cooling off period, the cheque has still been cashed. We have been unable to contact the person from the details given in the brochure and literature.

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Graham's MK1 Ford Cortina getting some TLC.



RESTORATION

Fosdyke resident Graham Hawkes, a regular performer at Fosdyke Social Club's Open Mic Nights, is on the lookout for a retired mechanic, preferably with experience of Fords.

Why? Graham has been working to restore an old MK1 Cortina and plans to have it completed by his 50th birthday in October. However, work commitments is making that a tall order.

A couple of hours a day would help Graham's predicament. So if you fit the bill or know someone

else who might like to potter around with a little restoration work then call Graham on 260401. It's worth a few beers!

SOCIAL CYCLING

After a winter hyatus the weekly social cycling will begin again from Sunday, 15 May, starting at 6.30pm at Fosdyke Social Club for a steady pedal.

Copy Deadline

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

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