

# FOSDYKE NEWSLETTER

## CASUAL VACANCY

No, it wasn't JK Rawlings who thought up that heading, but if you read her book *A Casual Vacancy*, you'll know what it means. For those who don't, it's when a seat in an assembly is vacated during that assembly's term.

At the last meeting of the parish council Cllr Carole Marshall, voted onto to the council in May, felt she wasn't getting the support she expected from the other councillors for her plans to improve the lot of the elderly in Fosdyke and, deciding the meeting had gone on long enough already, left the meeting, hotly persued moments later by the clerk.

Cllr Marshall had handed out a paper at the parish council meeting - put together by outside sources on funding a scheme to help the aged. It suggested a sum of £1,000 would be a good ball-park figure to work from. Cllr Marshall felt that she could start up the service for a lot less. Even so, she explained that she would not be in a position to even think about funding until she had continued further research and accrued more feedback within the village. Furthermore Cllr Marshall, through her own work, had already obtained £820 through various channels to help once the costings had been finalised.

### NEGATIVE RESPONSE

For the second successive meeting Cllr Chris Cropley voiced his concerns about the cost of a service that wasn't going to be a part of the council's remit (though helping the community is). Cllr Marshall had already done a lot of legwork to ascertain the thoughts and desires of some of the elderly in Fosdyke and had some positive responses by way of volunteers, and it's likely that further funding would have come from donations from people

in the village (perhaps even from some of the businesses that are based in Fosdyke. (Editor's note: When asked by the current editor of *Fosdyke Newsletter* if they would like to support the newsletter by advertising in it, one business in Fosdyke refused on the grounds that no one here uses their services and complained when *Fosdyke Newsletter* mentioned them in an article about transport in the area).

I understand that after careful thought Cllr Marshall has decided to resign from the parish council. It seems that Cllr Cropley negative response (twice) was the last straw.

Once Cllr Marshall's resignation is publicly announced - most likely on the noticeboard - there is a fourteen day period in which the electorate can put forward a candidate. If no one wants to fill the vacancy then the council is free to co-opt someone though they are not obliged to consider the claims of candidates who were unsuccessful at a previous election.

### PARISH COUNCIL'S JOB

We should be reminded that parish councils are not part of the voluntary sector and councillors are not, in the true sense of the word, volunteers, though they do give their time voluntarily. They are elected.

1. By bringing people together on a local task a parish council has the potential to create a better community spirit, instil a sense of achievement and make the village a better place to live.

2. By engaging with volunteers, community groups and local businesses smaller parish councils can complete worthwhile projects even with minimal funding/sponsorship.

3. Councils can act as community hubs by facilitating (providing funding, facilities, assets, etc, for/to voluntary groups) or directly delivering, including through the use of volunteers.

It rather seems to us that Cllr Marshall was doing what a parish councillor should be doing.

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## LETTER

I have to take issue with your September Newsletter article about Broadband.

Firstly, since BT updated our 'cabinet' we seem to get broadband at about 16mb, about twice what it was before. As you live a few doors away I presume the slow speeds refer to people on the very edges of the village etc. Also I'm not sure about your claim that 'Infinity' is vastly cheaper. If we had the option any package I look at costs more than my standard deal. The time old way to keep your package cheap is keep challenging your

provider every year against what others offer - works every time.

Marnie G

*Editor: We were struggling to get the newsletter out on time last month (holidays, etc.) so we maybe didn't check the cheapness of BT's Infinity, relying instead on the reader who had supplied us with some of the 'facts'. Having said that, our article explains that only one of the cabinets has been upgraded to fibre optic and most of Fosdyke is still not connected to the faster exchange. Though we're only a few doors away we've yet to see any significant increase in internet speed.*

### FOSDYKE FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH

#### SAD DROWNING FATALITY

At the parish room, Fosdyke on Thursday noon, an inquest was held by the District Coroner into the circumstances relative to the death of Mr John Jarvill, a farmer, of Fosdyke who was found in a well adjacent to his house about 6.30am on Tuesday, attired only in his shirt and other underclothing. Mr John William Atkin was foreman of the jury. The first witness called was his daughter, Jane Ann Jarvill, who identified the body as that of her father, who was 75 years of age, and was a farmer.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said he was a very healthy man, and had no worry or troubles of any kind. She could not say how he got into the well. She last saw him alive 9.30am on the 29th February inst., when he retired to bed as usual, and she heard nothing during at night.

Next morning, she went at 6.30 to call him as usual, and found the bedroom door open, and his working clothes were there. But he was not in the room. She went downstairs, and looking round, and found the front door of the house open. Making further fruitless search she called Charles Conway, horseman for her father, and together they continued a diligent search, and eventually found him in the well. She had never heard him threaten suicide.

But she stated that he use to walk in his sleep.

P.C. Bradshaw stated that the well in question was about 40 yards from the front door of the house, and was 8ft deep. It contained 6ft 5ins of water, and the mouth of the well was 2lins square.

Dr Monroe, of Sutterton said he was called to the deceased, and he had made an examination, but found no marks of violence, and is his opinion death was due to drowning.

The jury returned a verdict of found drowned there being insufficient evidence to show how the deceased got into the well.

Source:

*Lincolnshire Free Press -Tuesday, 5 July, 1898*

## WHAT BIRD OF PREY?

Has anyone else seen the birds-of-prey pair that hunt along Mill Lane towards the A16?

Looking at our bird books and online we still can't make a match but they have a longer Eagle-like neck than the usual hunters around here.

We doubt they are a pair of Red Kites although that seems to be the best comparison but they are most likely Buzzards or Marsh Harriers.

Has anyone else seen them in the fields and perched up trees nearby. If you have let us know. We find birds of prey fascinating.

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# FOSDYKE CHILDREN: "SOME OF THE BEST"

My name is Mrs Lineham, better known as Kay. I would like to say a special thank you to the children in Fosdyke for the kindness they have shown me since I lost my husband Noriss, better known as Nodge.

You hear and read so many bad things about children today but we do have some of the best in the village.

I had children come to my door

one Sunday morning with a bunch of flowers, a bag of fruit and a special card telling me I was Grandma to all the children in the village. Well, soft old me finished up in tears. You hear so many bad things about children today. This village has some of the best.

I'm not good with names. I just give them silly names like Speedy, Number One, and of course Tray, along with some that live in Bell Lane. Thank you to them all and keep up the good work.

# ...BUT

Kids climb trees. That's what they do.

But parents should warn them from climbing on building roofs which aren't made to be stood on and might collapse to the children's detriment. They have been seen a few times on the bowling club roof.

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# Bulbs & Corms

If you want a striking display of bulbs for the spring now is the time to start considering the options.

Bulbs and corms can be grown like herbaceous plant as clumps in a border and most can be naturalised in grass. For the most natural effect I tend to scatter them around the area I'm working with, then plant them where they land. Bulbs are often best around trees and in front of hedges where the grass can be left to grow long. Wherever they grow, do not remove the leaves before they start to wither, as this reduces their vigour and flowering. I know it's difficult to put up with the mess when they've finished flowering, but it's worth it in the long run. But that's a matter for spring; when you're planting them out at this time of the year, tend to err on the deep side; on heavy or wet soils bed them on sharp sand.

## Alliums

The onion family are tough reliable flowerers loved by beneficial insects. Many are edible, such as garlic and chives, which are also believed to benefit other plants, especially roses. There are many ornamental alliums, such as *A. moly* which has lovely yellow flowers.

## Crocus

Often grown through grass, but they quickly die out if the leaves are removed too soon. The common Dutch types are useful to beneficial insects as they flower in early spring. Some varieties flower in the autumn and even through the winter, so make sure you know

what you're planting and when you should be doing it. The Dutch types are inexpensive and best in groups. Black cotton thread ties on to sticks makes a barricade to stop birds damaging them.

## Cyclamen

Beautiful flowers, some with scent. Most have attractive foliage too, especially *C. europaeum*.

## Galanthus

Snowdrops are best moved or bought while in leaf, as dried bulbs tend to die away. Divide them annually after flowering and they increase rapidly. Especially nice is the double *G. nivalis* 'Flore pleno'.

## Hyacinthus

Powerful scents and bright colours, but expensive. Hyacinths forced for indoor use can be hardened off and planted out, but after a few years degenerate to resemble bluebells, though they belong to different genera. Bluebells prefer moist, or light, shade and are rarely for sale. Grape hyacinths (*Muscari*) are smaller, earlier and seed freely.

## Lilium

There are many wonderful lilies. Most are not difficult to grow, though they need well-drained, rich soils. Some need acid conditions and most prefer full sun or partial shade. The easiest are the Turk's cap (*L. martagon*) and the regal lily (*L. regale*) that is dazzling and can even be grown from seed to flower in two years..

## Narcissus

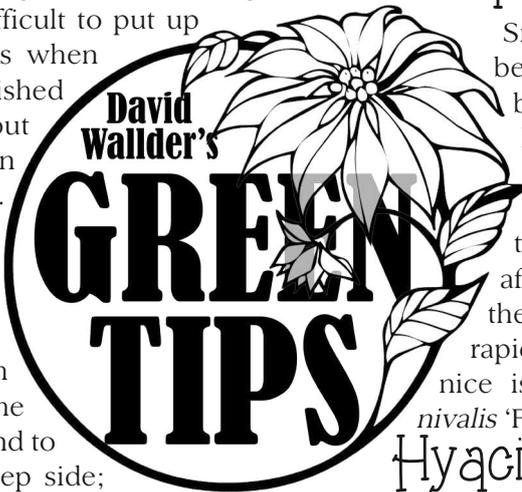
Daffodils come in many forms, from the early flowering dwarf *N. bulbocodium* with rush-like foliage, through the sheets of 'King Alfred' all over England at Easter to the late, gloriously scented jonquils and *poeticus recurvus* or pheasant's eye.

## Ranunculus verna

Celandines can be more of a weed than most, spreading by tiny tubers carried from place to place in soil on shoes and tools. They bring early cheer with sheets of gold for beneficial insects and look stunning with blue grape hyacinths.

## Tulipa

The strong colours make them overpowering in some settings, but give them tremendous impact on drab spring days. Some tulips can be naturalised in rough grass – try wild form *T. sylvestris*.



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The late Rev, Basil Beridge, rector of Algarkirk-cum-Fosdyke, Lincolnshire; personality, £65,000. The testator leaves a sum of £10,000 upon trust to pay out of the yearly income various sums annually – to schoolmasters and schoolmistress; for the purchase of coal to be distributed among the poor on the 10th January each year being the anniversary of his birth, in several parishes of Algarkirk-cum-Fosdyke, Pinchbeck, Sutterton, and Holland Fen and other charitable purposes. He leaves his pistols case and fitting, formerly belonging to the Emperor Napoleon 1st and which were taken from his carriage on the retreat from Moscow to his nephew Basil Charles Boothby.

Source:

*Derby Daily Telegraph*  
26 September, 1881

## SPALDING SUNDAY POOL LEAGUE

at 1 September

Fosdyke	11 points played	6
Holbeach A	8 points played	5
R M C A.	7 points played	5
Fishermans B	7 points played	5
Fishermans A	5 points played	6
Draymans B	5 points played	5
Holbeach B.	3 points played	6
Draymans A	3 points played	5
R M C B	3 points played	5

Fosdyke have got off to a great start in the Spalding Sunday Pool League.

## Fosdyke Social Club's millenium celebrations back in 1999/2000

The poster requesting ideas on what members would like to see at the club is still there!



Photo Courtesy of Kay Lineham

# FLU JAB TIME

Sutterton Surgery is holding two "walk-in" Flu vaccination clinics this Autumn (no appointment necessary) on Tuesday, 27 October, from 2pm to 6pm and Wednesday, 8 October, from 2pm till 5pm.

If you miss these dates you can still make an appointment with the practice on 01205 460254.

# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE SHINGLES VACCINATION?

There is a free shingles vaccination clinic on Wednesday, 23 September, for those born between 2 September, 1935, and 1 September, 1937, and between 2 September, 1942 and 1 September, 1945.

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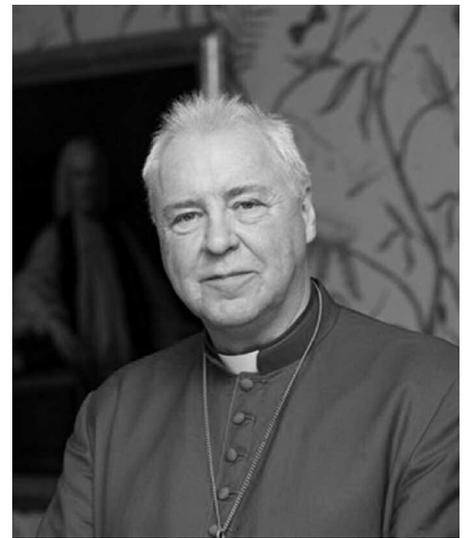
# TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS

I am writing this letter to you just after our first diocesan synod meeting of a new triennium, held early in September. By the time you read this we will have welcomed many people, from across the diocese, to the Saints in Every Generation event in the Cathedral. Two quite different occasions, but both a sign of our commitment to each other as members together of the family of God here in greater Lincolnshire.

As you know, as a diocese we have committed ourselves to being faithful in worship, confident in discipleship and joyful in service. This year has seen the launch of our discipleship programme, aimed at helping all of us to think and pray about the particular and distinct contribution we can make to the life of the world and in response to God's call. One of the highlights of Saints in Every Generation was the opportunity for everyone present to

pledge to do one thing, however large or small, which would take them further on their journey towards confident discipleship. I would like to thank everyone who attended and assure you that I will read each of the pledges you so faithfully gave.

This time of year is often associated with new beginnings, and that is certainly the case in the life of the diocese this year. I am delighted that we will soon be



welcoming the Reverend Mark Steadman as the next Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey. Mark will be installed at evensong in the Cathedral on 10th October. All are most welcome to attend. If you would like to do so, please let the precentor's office know so that everyone can be welcomed and accommodated (01522 561632).

Later in the year, we will welcome the Reverend Dr Nicholas Chamberlain among us as suffragan bishop of Grantham. I've written elsewhere of my belief that Dr Chamberlain brings fabulous gifts, a truly pastoral heart, a profound faith and indefatigable dedication to the mission and purpose of the Church. I am gratified that we have been able to attract a priest of his calibre to be bishop of Grantham, and I ask you to hold him in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the episcopate on 19 November.

Alongside this, there is also a significant farewell to be said as Tim Barker prepares to leave the diocese after seventeen years of faithful service as parish priest and then archdeacon. As Tim moves to his new post of Dean of Guernsey and Rector of St André de la Pommaraye later in the autumn, he and Judy will go with our love blessings and a huge debt of gratitude for all that they have given to the diocese.

With every good wish,  
+Christopher Lincoln:

## POP-IN

A big thank you to all those who made our recent community lunch such a big success. THANK YOU.

## ANNUAL HARVEST LUNCH

The Harvest Festival Service will be closely followed by our ever popular, and the best in the area - Harvest Celebration Lunch, followed by the auction of produce. Its roast pork this year, so make a note in your diaries to bring your whole family to our Lunch - they'll love it, and its on 6 October in the Village Hall.

Jon Tofts reports

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Fosdyke

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Source:

*Lincolnshire Free Press*

*Tuesday, 5 July, 1898*

# TICKET FRAUD

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# The Case of the Missing

by Nina Mercetter

## CHAPTER SIX Resolution

Gould rued the day they'd released Silvia Edgeard. She may have withheld information but it wasn't relevant to the Jessica Laws case, and that was the case he was supposed to be winding up now that the girl had been found unharmed with her natural father and reunited with her mother. But the flash drive hidden in the hand of the young girl's doll had given Gould a career-saving opportunity.

It revealed that Hemmingdale Underground Gas Extractions had signed deals with both local and county councillors - and at least two junior cabinet ministers - to begin fracking to the north of Fenney on the edge of an RSPB sanctuary; land owned by local farmer Knobby Young.

Somehow their licence had circumvented formal planning applications. There had been no consent, nor notice of intent in the locality but Gould and Wallace had driven to the main site detailed in the documents they'd found on the flash drive. Few people would even be aware that anything was going on. Out of the way and hidden deep in a wood, there was little chance the site would be discovered until extraction was well under way. Security guards manned the entrance but not the perimeter and the two detectives had managed to walk unseen across an open field and cut their way through a fence at the rear to discover extensive work had already begun.

"How'd we not know about this?" Gould had

whispered to his sidekick. "Jessica could have been held here for all we knew."

Wallace raised his eyebrows in a knowing way.

"The commissioner knew too!"

Wallace shrugged.

That had been two hours earlier. Now he and Wallace were dancing about the upturned dustbin in Alexei Korichnevi's back garden, as the doctor looked on, stamping on the remains of smouldering documents attempting to save at least some of the original incriminating evidence that might give them some leverage over the bureaucrats who believed themselves to be above the law. Snow-like flakes of carbonised paper floated upwards, drawn away by the summer breeze, while a thick wad still revelled in a blaze amidst crackling leylandii sprigs recently trimmed from the surrounding hedges. They smoked and spat from the recent drizzle but dried out and burst into devouring flame quickly. His clothes began to stink of bonfire.

Out of the corner of his eye he saw Silvia Edgeard rushing from the house with a bucket. His shout of "No!" when he realised what she was about to do was a split second too late as the flaming wad turned into a soddened lump.

"There," she said, giving Gould a look of triumph. "Well, you wanted it put out, didn't you?"

"Collect it all up," Gould told DC Turner as the younger detective arrived through the rear gate. "And be careful with it." Not that forensics would be able to piece much of it together. He turned to Sylvia, "Why?" Not why had she doused the flames with water but why had she started the fire in the first place. She understood.

"I never agreed with what McCoy wanted to do with the documents."

"But you could have given them to us."

"I should have burnt them when I found them."

"You found them?"

"They were on a chair in Costa's in Spalding. The two flash drives too."

"You didn't think to hand them in?"

"I got the gist of what the documents were about. When I told Morgan, he wanted to sell the story to a national newspaper. I didn't want to stir up trouble so I kept them myself."

Gould turned to Turner again. "Take photographs of all this. At least it's some kind of proof that the documents actually existed. Miss Edgeard, don't leave Fenney. We'll be wanting to speak with you again. And ..." He looked at the Russian doctor and just shrugged. "Wallace, come on. It's time to confront some of our bosses."

\* \* \*

Mary Langton didn't believe in private detectives. She didn't have to. She didn't work, though Nial, her husband, thought she did. Time was her own to do with as she wished. She had parked her little red Suzuki Swift about a quarter of a mile outside Fenney, just off the road in an entrance to a field. Deep dykes either side had begun to fill with water having virtually dried out in the recent hot spell. Her open window let

in the smell of damp earth, rotting greens and warm humid air.

Through her binoculars she could see Nial in his stationary truck, backed into farmer Rayleigh's yard. The yard was an eyesaw and meant that Fenney's attempts at becoming a Best Kept Village would always fail. She knew her husband had a perfect line of sight on Nancy Laws house. But why? Everyone knew she was having an affair with Danny Driss. Apart from Joanne Driss, of course.

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Morgan McCoy may have looked an overweight idiot but he'd lived on his own too long to suffer fools lightly, and knew when to take a step back from a fire that was becoming too hot.

Two policemen interviewed him in his own house. He let them in rather than take a trip to the station. Their threat. His decision. One had been the senior officer on the Jessica Rolls case - a waste of police money and journalistic air time. But Fenney's economy, not that it had much of one, had improved, according to Fenney Flyer, the village's monthly newsletter - always looking, but always struggling to find positives.

His "no comment" response to most of their questions didn't seem to irritate them as much as he'd expected. But as they left they told him he would be watched closely from now on. He waddled back to his sofa, cracked open another can of Newcastle Brown, took a big swig, burped, smiled and said out loud with a confidence that would have convinced anyone listening, "But this is Fenney."

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Nial Langton had failed to gain access to the encrypted flash drive and, after hearing whispers on the village grapevine, contacted one of the few people in Fenney he had to admit hating: Morgan McCoy.

Langton had a good feeling about the flash drive McCoy claimed to have found and had hoped to do a straight swap. But it hadn't been that simple. He'd been too enthusiastic when McCoy told him what was on the drive. Langton had tried to be nonchalant and laughed at the two hundred pounds that McCoy also demanded, so he agreed on three hundred before McCoy raised the price even more.

Langton's wife, Mary, was out at work as usual when he powered up his laptop on the kitchen table, a steaming coffee by his side. He slipped the drive into one of the USB ports and opened up the folder. There were hundreds of photos. He clicked the view to large icons and started opening the photos that looked most interesting. If blood could boil then Langton's skin would have been exuding hot vapor.

Even as he dialled Nancy's number he knew she wouldn't respond. She never did. But being thrown aside for Danny Driss was still eating at him. Always would.

"Hello, darling."

Langton spun around in shock, slamming down the lid of the laptop in a reaction that he realised screamed "guilt". Mary stood in the kitchen doorway smiling. He hadn't heard her enter the house despite the sticking

door that always had to be kicked to be opened. He swallowed hard, couldn't even say hello in return as Mary moved towards him.

"So," she said with that smile that he suddenly realised wasn't a pleasant one, "what have you been doing today?"

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Nancy Laws didn't get to her phone in time. Gilbert, her husband, grabbed it off the coffee table.

"Yes?" he said. "Hello." Louder, "Hello!" He didn't take his ear from the mobile though. Frowned. "Hello!" he shouted. Listened again. "Nial?"

He took the phone away from his ear and looked at it as though he'd never seen a phone before. "I thought it was Danny," he said eventually.

Nancy stiffened. How had he found out. But then she relaxed.

"He said he'd ring on your phone if he couldn't get through on mine." he was still looking at the phone. "He was going to let me know when he could do a service on my car." Then Gilbert looked up at her, stared at her straight in the eyes. "But that was Nial Langton's phone. I heard his wife accusing him of having an affair. Why was he ringing you?"

\* \* \*

They'd done a deal. Wallace and Gould. The senior ranks had wanted them both out of the force. Too maverick they said. Too straight, thought Gould. But not all of their bosses had been implicated in the shale gas fiasco but enough to give them leverage; early retirement, a hefty remuneration package that even a marxist or trotskyite would have bitten a hand off for, and their signatures to say they would remain silent. However, Silvia Edgeard had told them that McCoy had managed to acquire the missing drive. Done some kind of a swap with someone else in the village. She had persuaded him to sit on the drive until Gould and Wallace were out of the firing line.

Gould visited Fenney one last time, well that's what he thought. Took a stroll through the quiet little village, making mental notes. A curtain pulled. A strange car parked. A window open, no cars outside. The telephone box vandalised yet again. Acknowledged a couple of people he'd interviewed. Some nodded or waved back. Nial Langton, sitting in his truck just inside Rayleigh's yard, responded too vigorously. As he went to turn around and head back to his new Mercedes he noticed a quaint bungalow set back behind hedges with an immaculate garden visible through the gate. A "For Sale" sign had been broken off and shoved into the hedge. He stood there for a few minutes looking at the building, took out his mobile phone and dialled the estate agent's number. It was answered promptly.

"Hi, I'm interested in one of your properties in Fenney."

THE END

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# IMPROVING FOSDYKE?

The boards depicting some of the history of Fosdyke just below the steps at Fosdyke Bridge appeared not to be on the agenda of the recent parish council meeting though a brief mention was made.

It was suggested that maybe the organisation Transported would be able to come up with a better design for the boards via their On Your Doorstep scheme which is a programme of public realm enhancement projects where artists, designers and sculptors are commissioned by local groups, residents and organisations to improve public spaces, making them more interesting, attractive and cared for.

Let's hope something is sorted soon. The next parish council meeting isn't until November!

# MUSIC MAGIC

With holidays out of the way the Open Mic night at Fosdyke Social Club was back on track again.

Phatt Knappi, with a set of all their own songs, and Unshaven's drummer keeping their time opened the evening. Unshaven and Open Road (the latter now booked for a "proper" night of music on Saturday, 5 December) completed the line-up of acts.

# CAREFUL WHO YOU ACCUSE

To the parents who thought their children were implicated in the "Scandalous" story in last month's *Fosdyke Newsletter*:

We thought it was pretty clear that it was penned by Jon Tofts. If you accused someone else they deserve an apology.

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## FOSDYKE PARISH COUNCIL APPEAL TO LOCAL LANDOWNERS FOR LAND

A meeting of the Fosdyke Parish Council was held on the evening of Monday 17th February 1896. Owing to the indisposition and unavoidable absence of the chairman and vice chairman, Mr Sidney Lamming was voted to the chair. Several letters, in answer to the Council's appeal to local landowners and occupiers for land, were read, and in no case was the reply of a favourable character. The Council decided to forward particulars of the correspondence to the Allotments Committee of the County Council asking them to grant compulsory powers for the acquirement of land, as there did not appear to be any other course open to them.

Source:  
*Lincolnshire Free Press*  
Tuesday, 25th February, 1896

## BICYCLE BABBLE

The social cycle group continue their casual pedalling along the country lanes around Fosdyke on a Sunday evening.

Anyone is welcome to come along. Any ability. They might be changing the start time from 6.30 pm so best to ring Liz or Terry on 01205 260275 first.

## MOBILE PHONE IMPROVEMENTS IGNORED BY COUNCIL

The mobile phone service provider EE contacted *Fosdyke Newsletter* recently because they wanted feedback on plans to improve the service in the Fosdyke area.

Having tried to contact the parish council, but having received no response, they contacted the newsletter instead:-

*I emailed Ms. Depear on 2 July regarding improving mobile coverage in Fosdyke. Unfortunately, I have not heard back as yet.*

*At EE, we're looking for small, local communities that currently suffer from poor or non-existent coverage, and we're aiming to provide strong mobile signal in these areas.*

*It would be great to speak to someone about this so I can explain more about what we're looking to do.*

We passed on details of the other councillors although it was not clear if EE had tried to contact any of them other than trying to phone the chairman

I've contacted EE since and they have still not heard from the parish council.

Seems there's a glitch in communications



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## PARENT INFO ALERT – INTERNET SAFETY AND OTHER STUFF!

As children and teenagers arrive back at school, relationships develop, and social media gets another boost as they start new conversations and access various platforms to uphold their social status!

As a parent this can be quite daunting to keep up with the ever changing world of social media, whether that be by mobile phone or computer based activity.

Here is a brilliant website that you can access and gain up to date information. You can also learn about the current teen speak your teenagers maybe using. (MOOS, P999, and WYRN)

[parentinfo.org](http://parentinfo.org)

Worth a browse as very informative, with additional sign posting to other websites that may also be of use for further information.

Village <sup>Fosdyke</sup> Hall

# BINGO

In memory of  
Sylvia White

## Saturday 10 October

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# PRIZES FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

When you've finished chaperoning your children around on Halloween in their costumes why not bring them along to the Vinyl Halloween Disco on Saturday, 31 October, at Fosdyke Social Club where they could win a prize for the best costume.

The social club is opening its doors from 6 pm until 8 pm on that night so that families (members and non members) can enjoy the fun of a disco. Children and youngsters under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and will be responsible for the behaviour of their child/children. From 8 pm the disco is reserved for adults only.

Music will be from the '60s to the '80s with a few more modern ones thrown in for good measure.

## WRONG YEAR

Whether the Lincolnshire Echo, back in 1942, got it wrong or "our staff" typed out the story incorrectly we're not sure, but we have been reliably informed that the "Sea Bank Murder At Fosdyke Bridge" which appeared in last month's *Fosdyke Newsletter* took place in 1941 not 1935.

## Copy Deadline

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

no later than 15 October

## COMMUNITY SHOP

When reading out the list of correspondence received during the preceding two months at the last parish council meeting the clerk failed to include the stack of Community Shop questionnaires that *Fosdyke Newsletter* passed on to Fosdyke Parish Council.

It was only when a representative of the newsletter spoke up at the meeting that it was admitted the questionnaires had been received at all.

## COUNCILLOR CRITICISES NEWSLETTER

Martin Pitt, the chairman of the parish council, criticised our illustrious editor, Terry Martin, at the public forum before the start of the September meeting for not giving the council credit for having the dog bin mended.

Little did anyone realise at the time that the bin had not been mended at all! Someone had just stuck it back on the post. So Boston Borough Council had still not reacted to being told.

## FOSDYKE POSTMASTER DEATH WHILE CYCLING

The late Mr Francis Brummitt Snaith aged 69. Whose death, following a collision with a motor vehicle while cycling in Algarkirk, was the only son of the late Doctor Francis Snaith, of Pump-square, Boston His family for two or three generations were medical practitioners at Boston and Holbeach. The late Mr F B Snaith had been postmaster in Fosdyke for 39 years, and was for many years clerk to Fosdyke Parish Council, and a member of Boston Rural District Council.

Source:

*Lincolnshire Echo*  
13 November, 1942

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