

# BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Now, wouldn't that be a great heading ... if it were applied to Fosdyke. Alas, our current ethos seems to be heading in the other direction. Malcolm Gwynne still manages to fill his black sacks and sadly, it seems, litter increases when our children are out playing.

As mentioned in an earlier edition of *Fosdyke Newsletter*, perhaps we need to educate our children a little better about not throwing rubbish around willy nilly, by either putting it in the bins provided (there's one by the swings and another near the village hall) or keeping hold of it until such time as there is a bin handy.

The recycling centre by the Social Club has recently become a dumping ground for cuddly toys, stuffing (which blows about everywhere), photo frames and carpets. Now, this is obviously not down to youngsters but is the fault of brainless morons.

A little bit of thought and effort can help to make the village a better place to live. A tidy environment makes everyone feel happier and more contented.



## PANTO'S APPRECIATION

A decision has finally been made to split the money raised at the pantomime between Malcolm Gwynne and the *Fosdyke Newsletter*.

A big thank you to everyone who put forward views on where they thought the money should go with the majority showing a preference for both Malcolm Gwynne and the Newsletter, saying that they thought they were equally worthy causes and the only things that benefited the whole village.

Malcolm's voluntary work deserves a big "thank you" from all of us. It's only a one-off payment but we hope it goes some way towards showing the village's appreciation of his work.

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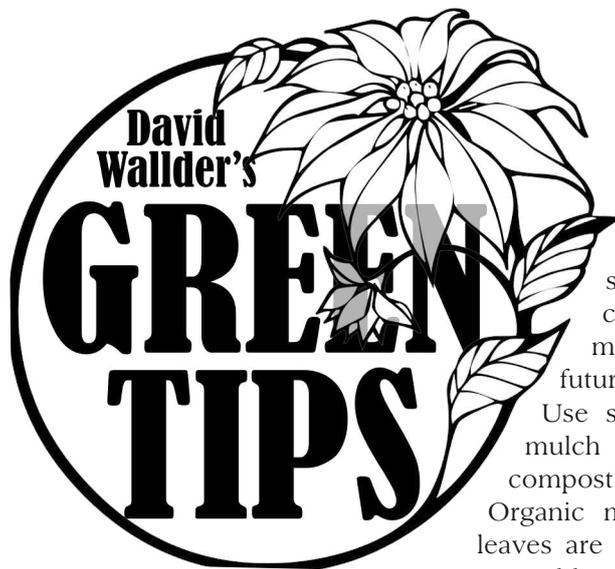
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# Diddle weed

This time of the year we've had a bit of sun and rain and everything in the garden is bursting with life. Unfortunately, this also means weeds. Where they are particularly rife it is tempting to rely on chemicals to wage the war on weeds, but this is not always the best way.

Some chemicals may affect other plants, either through being left in the soil or carried on spray drift. Careless use may destroy beneficial insects and their habitats. So it's a good idea to plan your gardening with a view to keeping chemicals to the minimum. There are a few easy steps to start easing yourself away from chemical weedkillers.

## Mulch, mulch, mulch

The best measure, but the one needing the most planning. Bare soil is an invitation for weeds to seed and take root. By covering the soil with mulch, you can prevent future weeds from growing.

Use straw and shredded leaf mulch in walking rows, and compost around the plants. Organic materials like straw and leaves are the best mulch for your vegetable garden. They decompose to enrich the soil with nitrogen. Be sure if you use straw that you are getting straw and not hay. Hay contains grass seeds that can blow around and sprout all over your garden. Straw is just the hollow stem of wheat plants.

## Aerate your soil by hoeing

I would suggest hoeing around the base of plants once a week, to a depth of only a couple of inches or so. If you loosen any weeds when hoeing, collect them in a bucket and let the sun cook them to death (if you have chickens, you can feed the weeds to the chickens, who love 'em). Avoid over-hoeing your soil, as it can plant above-ground weeds into your soil. our lawn would thank you if it could.

## Spend 10 minutes a day weeding

Most gardeners will tell you that slow and steady wins the race. You won't need to spend hours weeding on the weekends if you go out into

the garden and weed for 10 minutes every day. Weeding every day prevents the roots of weeds from having time to grow big. When you are out in your garden, you can also weed as you go. It's a good way to make the most of limited gardening time.

## Keep walking-rows weed free

The weeds in walking rows between your plants will transplant themselves into your garden beds, so it's extra important to keep walking rows free of weeds. You can cover walking rows with black plastic, old carpet, stones, gravel or straw. Just make sure that your 10 minutes of weeding time per day includes walking rows.

## Plant ground cover varieties

Planting ground cover varieties, such as heathers, geraniums, cotoneaster, in the autumn prevents spring and summer weeds. It's the same principle as mulching, bare soil is an invitation for weeds to take root. Ground cover plants sharply reduce the amount of bare soil in your garden. They also form a buffer between the garden bed and any weed seeds that might fall on it.



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# FREE SAT 29 MARCH FAMILY DISCO!

DJ Terry is waving his fees at the Vinyl Disco night at Fosdyke Social Club on **Saturday 29 March** so entry is now free to both members and guests! The club is also extending its child curfew from 9 pm to 10 pm so that parents can bring their children and enjoy a rare evening out without worrying about babysitting costs. And, of course, the kids will love the music! But adults will still have a few hours to let their hair down without worrying about little'ns on the dance floor.

You won't be hearing any MP3s or CD tracks as DJ Terry will be spinning the vinyl from the '60's to the '80s with a broad selection of chart hits, disco classics and fun tracks. Doors open and music starts at 7.30 pm.

If you've any favourites you'd like to hear then drop Terry an email to [terry@urbanjester.com](mailto:terry@urbanjester.com).

Terry says, "Discos are all about

dancing to your favourite music. A full dance floor means the DJ is playing the right tracks for the audience."

Footnote: Terry was a successful mobile and club DJ in Essex for several years.



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# DOGGY DO-DOOS AND DON'T-DON'TS

It seems that some dog owners, or at least dog walkers, are still unclear about the laws on fouling, so here, almost verbatim from the Boston BC website is a useful guide.

Boston Borough Council made an order under the Dogs (fouling of land) Act 1996. This order came into force on 8 December 1997.

The order means that it is an offence if the person in charge of a dog whether or not they are the owner does not clean up immediately after the dog has fouled.

Whilst we acknowledge the pleasure that dogs can bring to people of all ages, dog fouling is a constant source of concern to residents and visitors alike. Dog fouling is not simply an unacceptable nuisance faecal material can carry disease and, in some cases, result in life threatening illnesses.

## WHAT LAND IS COVERED?

The designation applies to all land in the borough of Boston which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or are permitted to have access with or without payment.

## WHAT IS THE PENALTY?

The environmental enforcement officer and PCSO's can issue a fixed penalty notice of £75 to a person who they witness failing to remove their dog waste. The person has 14 days to pay this fixed penalty, if payment is not received within the 14 days we will take legal action against them. The maximum fine if found guilty in court is currently £1000 (level 3 on the standard scale). Payment of a fixed penalty can be paid by debit or credit card over the phone on 01205 311112

## EXAMPLES OF AREAS COVERED BY THE ORDER

Roads with a speed limit of 40mph and less, their pavements

and adjacent land,

Recreational areas and sports facilities, shopping precincts, parks, footpaths, play areas, car parks, grass verges and pedestrian areas.

## ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

The following areas are exempt from the order:

- Roads with speed limits over 40mph
- And land running alongside them
- Land used for agriculture or woodlands
- Land which is predominately marshland
- Moor, heath and rural common land

Also registered blind people are exempt from the fixed penalty scheme

## INTERPRETATIONS

Any land which is covered shall be treated as land which is 'open to the air' if it is open to the air on at least one side

Local interpretation (riverside walks)

a) Fresh watercourses, defined footpaths and the land between the footpath and the watercourse are not exempt unless the said land is grazed by farm animals

b) Tidal rivers, defined footpaths along the top of tidal riverbanks and sea defences are not exempt unless the said land is grazed by farm animals

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH MY DOG WASTE?

Always carry enough bags with you when you walk your dog. Whenever available a designated dog waste bin should be used. If bagged and sealed dog waste may also be placed in ordinary litter bins. On all other occasions your dog waste should be taken home and disposed of with your domestic waste

Bags are available FREE of charge

from the following locations:

- Reception - Fen Road depot
- Reception - Municipal Buildings, West Street
- Your local veterinary practice
- Spar shop - Parthian Avenue, Wyberton
- Post Office - Granville Avenue, Wyberton

## WHAT ABOUT ON MY OWN LAND?

You don't have to clear up after dogs on your own land, but all land owners should remember that accumulation of faecal material can result in a hazard to health which may be considered a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Health Act 1990

Please note:

Nearly all land which the public has unhindered access is covered by the new Dogs (Fouling of Land) Order. Unless you have specifically established that the land is exempt and you have permission to walk there, you should clean up after your dog at all times.

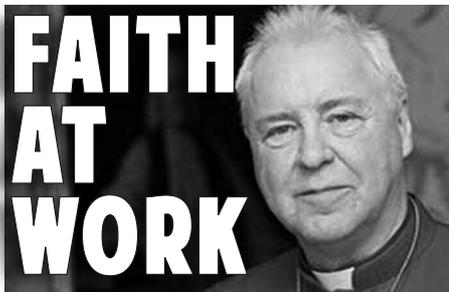
The law specifically states that it is not acceptable to claim that "I didn't know the dog had fouled" or "I didn't have a bag to put it in" or "I couldn't see a dog waste bin"

## HOW DO I REPORT DOG FOULING?

If you witness somebody failing to remove their dog waste, you can use the 'send feedback on this article' link below to give details of the time/date of the offence, details of the dog, name and address of the offender (if known). It is important that you complete all of these details including your contact details, as you may be required to attend court as a witness. Alternatively, you can use the contact details on the left hand side at the website to write to, email or telephone us. We will issue a fixed penalty notice of £75 to the offender.

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As I write, many of you will currently be attending Lent groups as part of the diocesan lent course this year, entitled 'Faith at Work'.

'Faith at Work' is a clever title: it encapsulates our calling to live out our faith in whatever context we find ourselves – at work, home, school, church, etc. – and it also reminds us that faith itself is constantly 'at work' within us. As we go through life, each one of us is living out our calling to be a disciple of Jesus wherever God has set us. Thus our faith is informed by our life's journey. But the converse is also true: that journey as the people of God is informed by our faith, and so we can truly say that our faith is 'at work' within us.

While this holds true throughout our lives, Easter brings it into sharp relief. The desolation of Good Friday and the absolute finality that it suggests are so enormous that they can leave us feeling cut off and adrift. A fissure is created, a gap opened up between what we thought we knew to be true and the place in which we now find ourselves.

It is when that kind of disjuncture happens that our faith really gets to work within us as we ask the questions about where the journey of faith is taking us, and what it is asking of each one of us.

No other event in the Christian story asks this of us in the demanding way that we encounter in the raw power of the Easter story – and no other event shows the extent of God's love for us as the gift of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

May God bless you and all those you love this Eastertide.

**Bishop Christopher**

## THE MEANING OF EASTER

The meaning of Easter is simple: Christ died for our sins, so that we may be forgiven for our own. Easter signifies rebirth and renewal. Easter is a vastly important Christian holiday, perhaps more so than Christmas itself.

### Christian History

Easter is considered to be a "moveable" holiday. A movable holiday is a holiday that falls on a different date each year. Easter is always celebrated on a Sunday and marks the end of Lent. The timeline of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection is well known to Christians. Three days after Christ's crucifixion, he is believed to have

ascended into heaven. Easter is one of the most important religious holidays for Christians and is observed widely.

### Religious Customs

There are many religious customs that are observed in the 40 days leading up to Easter. Beginning with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. A period of devout reflection, sacrifice and repenting. On Ash Wednesday Christians visit their parish and receive a cross of ashes on their forehead. Ash Wednesday is a day to think back on ones sins and repent. This theme carries through the season of Lent until Easter Day. Another important date in Lent is Palm Sunday. Parishioners are given palm leaves that represent Jesus' journey through Jerusalem, and is the beginning of Holy Week.

### Modern Day Easter Customs

A popular modern day Easter custom is the decorating of the egg. The egg is widely thought to be a symbol of renewal and fertility. Since Easter occurs in early spring, the egg symbolism seems very appropriate. Christians decorate eggs, participate in Easter egg hunts, Easter Egg roll and of course once all the festivities are done, children eat the eggs, by cracking and peeling the colorful shell off.

Another popular Easter customer is the arrival of the Easter Bunny. Contrary to popular belief, the Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The pagan goddess Easte, who the holiday is suspected to be named after, took on the image of a rabbit, and so children awake on Easter morning awaiting the Easter Bunny's arrival, bringing treats, chocolate and other sweets.

Easter is a widely recognized and beloved holiday of Christians. Easter will be celebrated on April 20th this year, and there will be a special service at All Saints.

30 March  
at 9.30

**Family  
Communion  
for  
Mothering  
Sunday**

6 April  
at 9.30

**Holy  
Communion**

20 April  
at 9.30

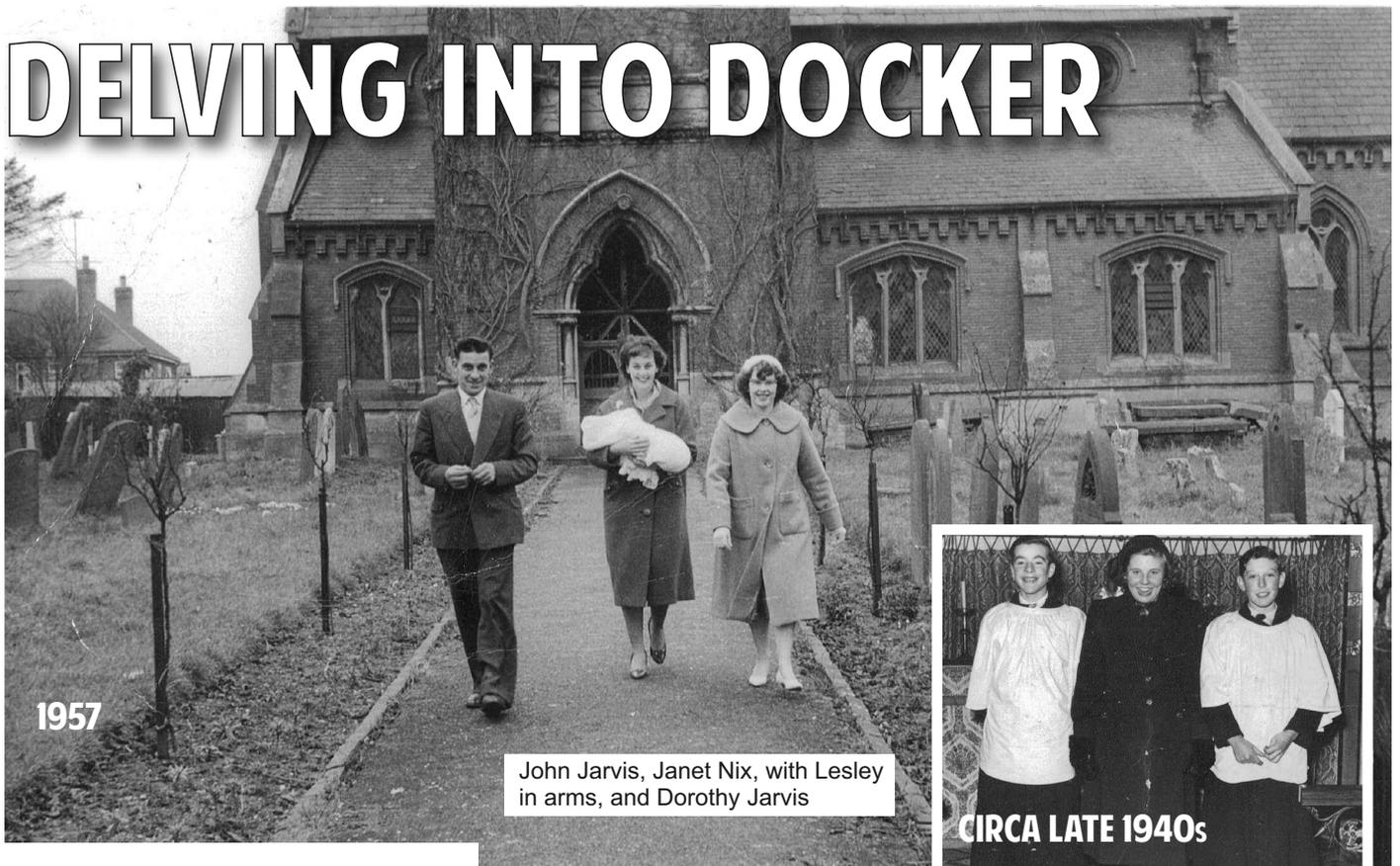
**Holy  
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**All  
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Thanks to everyone who supported our last **Pop-In Lunch**. The next one will be on **Tuesday 1st April** at the Village Hall.

# DELVING INTO DOCKER



1957

John Jarvis, Janet Nix, with Lesley in arms, and Dorothy Jarvis



CIRCA LATE 1940s

Morris Smith, Ann Graves, Colin Johnson

When Lesley Jones (nee Jarvis) was researching her family tree recently she came across the *Fosdyke Newsletter* at [fosdyke.org.uk](http://fosdyke.org.uk) and sent us this interesting email so we thought we'd share it with you.

"I came across the Fosdyke Newsletter when I was looking at my family history and Herbert "Docker" Smith appeared in last August's issue. Docker or "Banger" as I used to call him -it was easier to learn to say than Grandad - was my grandfather, and my mum, Dorothy, is still known as Docker.

In 1956 she married my dad who she met while working in Fosdyke café. He was a lorry driver from Yorkshire (transporting trees across the country) and was a wonderful man. They went to live in Saracens Head, but as Nan and "Banger" lived in Fosdyke my sisters and I spent a lot of time there, especially in Nelson Nix's shop. Janet is my Godmother but we did not get any free sweets!

My mum now lives in Holbeach and the rest of my family are all close by. I am the only one that left the nest and now live in the Isle of Man.

My grandmother, Beatrice Smith, is 97 next week (22nd March). She lived in Fosdyke all of her life, in the bungalow set back from the road next to Fosdyke bridge. I think some of your readers will certainly remember her. And maybe Great Aunt Gelly who lived nearby? She is in a nursing home in Long Sutton now but it would be wonderful if she could have a mention.

My mum is 78 in May and it's so easy to forget you are also of advancing years when you get swept back to the past with such a wonderful newsletter. Well done to all involved."

*If you have any stories from the past or old photos that you'd like to share of people and places in Fosdyke then please contact us.*



From left to right: Lesley's uncle, Morris Smith, her mother's brother (deceased); her grandmother on her father's side, Ethel Jarvis (deceased); her father, John Jarvis (deceased); her mother, Dorothy "Docker" Smith (now Jarvis); her grandmother, Beatrice Smith; her grandfather, Herbert "Docker" Smith, one of the three Smith brothers from Fosdyke (deceased). Lesley is unsure of who the bridesmaids were.

# fosdyke sport



## FOOTBALL FOCUS

### CONNINGSBY FC 2 FOSDYKE FC 0

Due to injury and illness Fosdyke struggled to put a team together for their Boston League Division One fixture against Conningsby.

They managed to keep the deficit to two goals which isn't bad considering they were the away team.

### SKEGNESS UNITED RES 1 FOSDYKE FC 3

Victory! Three points in the bag after a well deserved 3-1 away win at Skegness United Reserves.

The game was an even affair to begin with but with superior organisation at the back and creative mastermind Sam Reeson up top Fosdyke surged in to a three-goal lead during a mad ten minutes mid way through the first half.

The first goal came from a great move involving Matt Howden on the edge of the box performing/inventing a crazy turn cum step over cum turn again. It was so tricky he took himself on before drilling a low and hard cross into the six yard box for a grateful Reeson to tuck under the keeper.

Minutes later Zac Chapman played a glorious one-two before crossing for Reeson to add his and Fosdyke's second.

There was more to come! An electrifying turn of pace from Michael Beauchamp beat his man and Fosdyke saw another cross converted, this time by an unfortunate home defender.

Half time came and the Tangerines held an unassailable lead. The second half was a much scrappier affair though two controversial penalty appeals - one at each end - were both turned away by the ref. Skegness made more of a fight of it and a consolation was struck when a free kick deflected in off the wall. Three points and three more games to play. How far can Fosdyke rise up the table?

Man of the Match was the dynamic wing wizard Ruslan Dukalskis who gave supporters a bonanza of box to box bamboozelery!

Next game is 30 March against Sutterton which is always entertaining. Don't forget the Social Club bar opens at halftime on match days.

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GOLDEN FLEECE A	15	11	4	50
SPORTSMAN B	15	10	5	46
GOLDEN FLEECE B	15	6	9	29
FOSDYKE SPORTS A	15	3	12	27
FOSDYKE SPORTS B	15	0	15	15

## WIGTOFT & DISTRICT SUNDAY POOL LEAGUE

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FOSDYKE SPORTS	12	10	2	40
HAMMER & PINCER	12	8	4	39
GOLDEN FLEECE A	11	10	1	37
SPORTSMAN	11	8	3	35
KIRTON LEISURE	11	3	8	23
GOLDEN FLEECE B	12	3	9	20
BLACK BULL	9	1	8	14
THE QUEEN	8	0	8	7

This is a Lincs Alert message from PCSO David McPherson. I would like give you information on Bogus Callers that pray on the elderly and vulnerable persons within the community.

These persons will call the victim claiming to be working for their energy provider and wishing to speak to them reference their heating bill. The caller would be polite and respectful, gaining information as they go (address, date of birth, bill amount). Once they have done this they will then try to obtain bank details if refused the caller will then become angry, abusive and threaten the victim stating "I know where you live, watch your back". This is of course a very distressing this for someone to hear over the phone and I encourage anyone who has experienced this to report it to the police as soon as possible.

If anyone receives a call like this in the future may I please encourage you to hang up the phone and don't give out any personal information to these people as well as reporting it to your local policing team.

If you know an elderly resident, neighbour, friend or relative and feel this information may be of use to them, please feel free to pass this email onto them or once again contact your local team and request more information

Can I please remind everyone that businesses will always ask 'security questions' before speaking with a customer about their account and will never ask for private information or bank details. They will also always state which company they are representing.

Shops, sales people (not shop staff, they're alright by me), and the Consumer Goods act 1979 (and a few deviations in-between)

First that most rarest of things (like Halley's Comet, or true love! maybe once in a lifetime).

Although I am not one to apologise for what I say, I will on this occasion offer one for what I have written! Any profanity that made it into my last rant (bad editor, naughty boy) should have been removed! Older people don't like it and younger people will naturally discover it (like body hair) when they hit their teenage years (and like body hair it will flow freely like a leaking dam).

Ok, so back to ranting! Let's set a scene. Having fought off consumerism and technology for as long as you could, you succumbed to buying a mobile phone because "they are so useful". Then discover it's really just a tracking device for the partner, boss, mad friend (who has a bucket load of emotional problems), government, etc but you didn't really learn from it, and now you're rushing headlong into joining the World Wide Web under the same delusion. Off you go to the shops to buy yourself a nice laptop, what could be easier?

So you're standing in the store checking the specs (ok, looking for a pretty one!) when suddenly you feel you're being watched (cue the jaws theme tune) and from the other side of the store a sleek shark-like looking thing cuts swiftly through the shoals of milling customers, eyes fixed firmly on you (cue panic). Unable to move fast enough the salesperson has you.

"Great machine that one. Loads of software included." (Translate: Full of clutter before you get out of the shop). "Eight gig of ram." (Translate: It's the cheapest chip in there and the operating system can only actually use less than half that) "And it has Windows 8." (Translate: It's s\*\*t). Now don't waste your time asking any questions as dumb looks and uncomfortable silences



can ruin your day, but, hey ho, it will look nice on the coffee table, so off you go to buy it.

Just when you think you have got away with any further boring conversation about your new purchase or the weather today you're hit with that curveball question.

"Would you like to buy extended warranty for that (blar, blar, coffee spills, blar, blar, dog eating it, etc)? And for some reason you are made to feel stupid and guilty for trying to say no (solve this by saying "What's the point? If I buy a three-year warranty and the first year is covered by the manufacturer anyway you're just stealing a third of the price of your cover before you have even handed over the receipt." (That shuts them up).

Now let's skip ahead a bit and after a eighteen months of trying to get your email to work, ultra slow internet, and the loss of several friends on Facebook, your new toy keels over and dies! Enraged, you head back to where you bought it and restraining your natural ability for picking a fight, politely ask for some assistance from the strange creature desperately looking for somewhere else to be. First lie: "You have to contact the manufacturer we don't do repairs." (Look at the face, the fish is trying to suppress a smile.)

Now, I am sorry to say, but we are an ignorant lot and many fall at this first obstacle (maybe because it sounds almost reasonable) but no, not today! Counter this with: "Well actually, Sonny (they hate that word, especially the girls), I bought it from you and so my contract is with you." But by now the fish has scanned your receipt and that smile is creeping back, and feeling

uplifted and justified he proudly announces loud enough for half the store to hear lie number two: "You have had this for 18 months, sorry the warranty is out of date! Nothing we can do." (Cue full smirk).

Ha! Now it's your turn to smile and raise you voice and in a patronizing tone you say: "Ever heard of the Consumer Goods Act of 1979, Sonny (that word again). If not then when you're fetching your manager ask him to send you on a customer service course." Shot down and belching smoke, off they go to find the boss (cue tutting sounds behind you for holding up the queue).

When the warranty has expired it seems to be normal practice for retailers to simply shrug their shoulders and say they cannot do anything. There is no mention of your statutory rights! If this happens you need to stand firm and state that the laptop was not of satisfactory quality and you are making a claim for a repair under the Sale of Goods Act and this is nothing to do with the warranty.

Your statutory rights give you six years from the date of purchase to make a claim. They are likely to ask for an engineer's report to prove that the item is faulty (Nar, I just like coming here!) which is unfortunately to be expected. All you need to do is find a local computer repair shop (check out the Fosdyrectory) and ask them for a report and you should be reimbursed for this. If the laptop is found to be faulty then the retailer should agree to a repair. If they cannot repair the laptop they can offer a replacement or a cash refund taking into account your usage (a decrease of about 20% per year, so even after two years you should get something like 60% of your money back). Oh and one last thing! Whatever they tell you, the hard drive remains your property even if you have to send it back! So make sure you remove it (unless you want your photos being mocked on Facebook). Argument won, rant over, cue smug look...

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