

# ...GOT TALENT?

Well, we know Fosdyke has got talent. The Open Mic night at Fosdyke Social Club on the second Thursday of each month proves that.

We have Kiya Brown, with her beautiful voice and guitar playing, Tom O'Malley, with his reggae bass riffs, Graham Hawkes, bringing his selection of home-grown punk songs, singers Martyn Hayes and Liz Martin, and guitarist, singer and poet Terry Martin. That doesn't include the cast of last Christmas's pantomime either.

We're sure there is other hidden talent in the village. Comedians (there are lots of them)! Dancers? Does your animal, or animals, do amazing tricks? Could you give a gymnastics display or choreograph some martial arts action. With a bit of imagination you'll realise that there is something you could offer to a Fosdyke's Got Talent competition.

We're not actually saying there is going to be one, because the idea has been muted before and was

met with a degree of apathy. But, it seems, there's a new surge of interest and a belief that enough people will be willing to put themselves in the limelight to make a talent contest in Fosdyke a reality.

With that in mind the Fosdyke Social Club committee has asked us to put out feelers and see what the take-up might be. Obviously this isn't going to happen over night. The only singing group we know of in Fosdyke is Phatt Knappii. Is there a dance troop at the moment? We're sure there are enough

children (and adults too, no doubt) who would love to get together and perform a song or a dance routine.

So, let's hear if, in the first instance, you would like to have a Fosdyke's Got Talent contest.

We'll accept your responses via email to [talent@fosdyke.org.uk](mailto:talent@fosdyke.org.uk), text to 07715175317 or pop the slip from Page 8 through the letter box at 6 Whitecross Gate.

Remember this isn't "Do you want to be involved" but "Are you in favour of the idea." Please take the time to respond.

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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 June**

# Chelsea Chop and other methods of extending the flowering season

Many gardeners who are happy, even gung-ho, with the secateurs when pruning shrubs and climbers are surprisingly reluctant to take the shears to herbaceous perennials. Maybe this is because it just doesn't seem quite right to be cutting back all that new growth that has sprouted so valiantly after winter dormancy - almost like cutting them back in their prime.

If you are a "Chelsea chop" virgin, you inevitably are riddled with angst the first time you get the secateurs out - worried that your precious investments will be nipped in their prime. But after that, you become beautifully blasé about it, snipping off willy nilly, experimenting excitedly with new found treasures and feeling very Vidal Sasoonish about it all - tremendously satisfied with that great new look. There are some useful benefits to be had if you can bring your secateurs to bear on a select group of flowers.

Delaying flowering is very straightforward and often referred to as the 'Chelsea Chop' because late May (when the Chelsea Flower Show is staged) or early June is the best time to carry it out. There are several approaches you can take, depending on the plants you are cutting back and the effect you are trying to create - as well as how brave you are feeling. Sedum, Rudbeckia, Echinacea, Helenium and Golden Rod will all respond well to this technique.

The simplest method is to cut all growth back, but this can leave big gaps in your borders, so many opt to cut alternate plants or cut back just one stem in three on prominent plants. Another option is to cut back stems that are out of sight at the back of a clump. If this is all too drastic for you, you can achieve similar results

with some perennials by regularly pinching out the growing tips before they flower. Bear in mind that the nearer to flowering time you leave any of these cut backs, the later the subsequent flush of blooms will be produced.

## Keep compact

You can use this technique to keep tall perennials more compact and less liable to collapse in a summer storm. This is particularly useful for plants such as aster and campanula, which are prone to flopping all over the place even when the weather is good. Sedums too are worth pinching back early in the season to prevent the clumps opening up and sprawling over their neighbours when they come into flower as summer turns into autumn. A few perennial giants, such as Eupatorium and Veronicastrum, can be kept in proportion to the other perennials in the border by cutting back now. Not only will this keep the overall display balanced, but you will be able to cram in a few more plants.

## Relay flowering

Some multi-stemmed plants, which produce lots of flowers on stems produced during the current season, can be deliberately pruned to encourage some stems to flower earlier or later than others, thereby spreading the flowering display over a longer period. A few clump-forming perennials that produce a massed display of blooms, such as coreopsis, phlox and helenium, can have their flowering spread over a longer period by selective cutting back. All you need to do is cut back by half about one-third of the stems before they produce flowers. These will then produce several side shoots, each of which will flower later in the summer, effectively extending the season of colour. This technique can also be tried with vigorous shrubs such as tree mallows or buddleia, which are normally cut back hard each spring.



In this case, instead of cutting all the stems back hard, cut back about two-thirds, leaving the others to flower earlier than the hard-pruned stems. Perennials that produce a single main stem of flowers such as foxgloves, delphiniums, hollyhocks and lupins, can be encouraged to produce a second flush of blooms by pruning off the main flower spike as it fades. Carefully make the cut just above the top developing side shoots low down on the plant, which will then grow and flower in mid- to late summer. With this technique it is important to leave the foliage intact even if it is looking a bit tatty.

## Fresh foliage and a flower bonus

Other perennials are best cut back later in the summer after their main flush of flowers is over. Flowering perennials, such as Astrantia, hardy Geraniums, Lamium and Nepeta, can start to look a bit tatty towards the middle of the summer as the effects of drought and pest and disease attack take their toll. You can improve the overall appearance of the plants and, if you are lucky, get another flush of blooms in late summer by cutting all the old foliage right back almost to ground level using a pair of shears. Some gardeners, who've got a lot of plants to cut back, even use a strimmer to complete the task. Whichever method you use, the resulting new growth that emerges looks fresh and neat until the autumn. Water plants thoroughly after cutting back and give them a boost by applying a fertiliser such as rose or tomato food. Plants grown mainly for their attractive foliage, such as artemisia, will maintain a neat habit and fresher looking foliage if they are prevented from flowering altogether. In this case, trim the flowers from the plant before they start to open.

# THIEVING FOSDYKE

## GARDEN GOODS GONE

On the last day of April Chris Deal, who lives in Bell Lane discovered that the shed at the bottom of her garden had been broken into. Choosing not to bother with the padlock thieves levered off the hinges of the door and stole their Mountfield Petrol Mower and a load of fishing gear including a large fishing trolley.

Chris last mowed her front lawn on Sunday, 27 April, and didn't go down to the bottom of her garden until the 30th so was unaware of the break-in until then.

John Wilkinson told Chris that he thinks that his back outdoor lights were not working on one evening that week and thinks the shed might have been broken into at that time, i.e. when no lights were on to deter anyone.

The thieves clearly came in via John's field, and John traced their footsteps and break-in point via the cemetery in Bell Lane, where all the grass mulch etc had been flattened.

Chris reported the incident and a PC visited her on the morning of 1 May. He took the serial and model number of the mower, with the intention of making enquiries and visits to various places where he says some "second hand" items such as the mower might be sitting.

However, he didn't feel hopeful about getting back any of the stolen items. The constable had a view that it could well be a "local" burglary Chris now intends to store their new mower in a much more secure location and intends to install alarms and lighting.

A lesson that we should all learn from.

## PLATES PEELED

Graham and Tracy Hawkes, who live along the service road just off the A17 by Fosdyke Bridge retired to bed at 10.00 pm one night only to be woken just after midnight by the Police.

It appears thieves had stolen their Renault Twingo stick-on car number plates from outside their house and used them on a silver Vauxhall Viera that just two hours later was burglary at Spalding!

Moral of this story, screw on your number plates. Any info about either of these incidents contact:

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## CHARITY FUN FISHING MATCH

If you're an angler then you might be interested in what The Royal British Legion Kirton and District Branch are organising in aid of the Grand Poppy Appeal.

By kind permission of the owner of Westwood Fishing Lakes, Wyberton, Boston, there will be a Charity Fun Fishing Match on Saturday 12th July 2014. Entrance £12 and the winning prize will be around a third of the takings split between first, second and third places.

For more details please contact Alec at Westwood Lakes on 01205 724162 or your Poppy Appeal Organiser Roland Reece on 01205 722501 or email him at roland.reece@btinternet.com.

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# RACHEL'S RANT

No rant last month, does this mean I had nothing to complain about? No! Just thought that if the parish council could give themselves half a year off and only bother meeting six times a year for an hour or two, I could pull the same trick.

Try suggesting the same to your boss come Monday morning ...

*Summer must only be round the corner for Fosdyke ...*

Out in the garden on a nice warm day, eyes are watering, nose is running, throat feels like an old wash board, but hey ho at least my hay fever isn't playing up! Just waiting for the biblical plague of small dark flies to be blown in on the onion flavored wind to cool off in my nice cold refreshing drink.

Well it must save 10p a year on fuel (or shave an hour of the minimum wage bill) ... It's the only reason that I can see why those great big heavy beet lorries, sprayers, and other assorted heavy farm vehicles have to bomb it down Bell Lane shaking both me in my bed and the foundations of the houses to ruin (wonder who would be willing to pay to fix that?!). It seems to me that there are plenty of other routes to the fields for these steel beasts to use. Others have complained before it seems but to no avail. Maybe I'll try taking it up with the lesser spotted parish council (if I can find them).

*In the spirit of one foot in the grave, "I don't believe it" ...*

In ASDA the other day, a very busy Saturday at lunch time I would

like to point out, my progress round the store was brought to a halt by my most annoying sight of the year (so far).

Two quite large young ladies, both with rather large pushchairs (you know the Chelsea tractor 4x4 type with bells on and all) shopping side by side and in no mood to rush (common enough sight I hear you say, but wait there is more!).

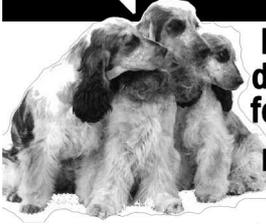
Now to be fair their progress was rather hampered because in front of the two ladies we had their two young girls, with guess what? Their own bloody dolly pushchairs!

Honestly how annoying do you want to be to the rest of the world? A little common sense and a smattering of respect for others would be nice. If I had been using a trolley instead of a basket then I think my cool would have evaporated in a cloud of superhot gases, and road rage would have kicked in! No prisoners.

*To end ...*

They raise prices on fag's to stop us smoking ourselves to death, they raise prices on booze to stop us drinking ourselves to death, but they praise burger king and the like for creating jobs in the area when over half the country is eating itself to death! It is reckoned that over 75% of men and 64% of women will be overweight or obese by 2030 (at the moment it stands at 67% of men and 59% of women depending on who's doing the telling). Given the choice and with the hot weather coming I think I would rather pay that bit more and stay skinny, drown my sorrows, and stand outside with a fag! (I pay a lot towards the NHS with my simple pleasures, unlike over-eaters). Greed and gluttony are sins whichever faith you follow but fag's and booze don't get a mention in any holy book I've ever read. Old JC didn't turn the fish into fried chicken and the bread into pastry but even he wouldn't drink the water! So heaven should be full of drunken thin people obscured by clouds of foul smelling smoke! Sounds like heaven to me.

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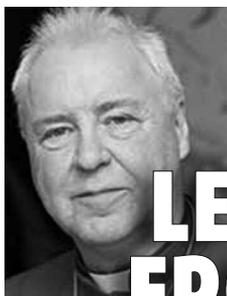
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# A LETTER FROM ...

I write this shortly after it has been announced that the Queen has approved the nomination of Canon David Court as the next Bishop of Grimsby.

It's an enormous pleasure for me to be welcoming David at such an exciting time in the life of our diocese.

David is currently the vicar of Cromer in Norfolk --a large seaside town in the largely rural diocese of Norwich. So he brings first-hand knowledge and experience of life in a diocese very similar to Lincoln. He brings a wealth of gifts and experience which will be a great asset to us in the work we are doing to create more faithful, confident and joyful Christians, as together we work to transform the lives of people in all of our communities.

David will be a suffragan bishop and, like all suffragans, will share the work of the diocesan bishop across the diocese in some of the traditional leadership of the church – in leading services of confirmation and ordination, for example; but as his title suggests, he will also have particular involvement with North East Lincolnshire, the most populous part of our diocese.

David will be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on 25 July, and will be welcomed to the diocese at a special service in Lincoln Cathedral on 27 July. Please make a note of the date in your diary now and look out for more details of this coming your way.

David begins work as Bishop of Grimsby in September. Please pray for him, his wife Ann and their family as they prepare to join us.

**Bishop Christopher**

## BLESSED

Congratulations to Chris Osborne and Sue Simpson whose recent wedding was blessed at all saints church Fosdyke.

The next in our popular series of

### Pop-in Lunches

will be held in the Village Hall from 12.30 on 17th June

This month we expecting to have a summery theme to the menu, which will consist of home-made soup and bread, cold meats, salads and potatoes, followed by a selection of delicious desserts and a hot drink.

Still a ludicrous £4.50 for the lot – so why not come along and enjoy a little company, some great food ... and no washing-up!

Sunday, 8 June at 9.30 am

### Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, 22 June at 6 pm

### Service of Sung Evensong

All Saints Fosdyke



# FOSDYKE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The centenary of the start of the First World War and the recent TV coverage makes this year's Poppy Appeal even more focussed in our minds and it's good to see that Fosdyke hasn't forgotten its servicemen.

Like many other town and village churches across the country Fosdyke will be creating a small poppy garden in All Saints' churchyard at the foot of the notice board. The garden will be seeded with 'Flanders' poppies in memory of those fallen during the 1914-18 war in a 'D' shaped small bed to represent the 70th anniversary of the 1944 Normandy landings.

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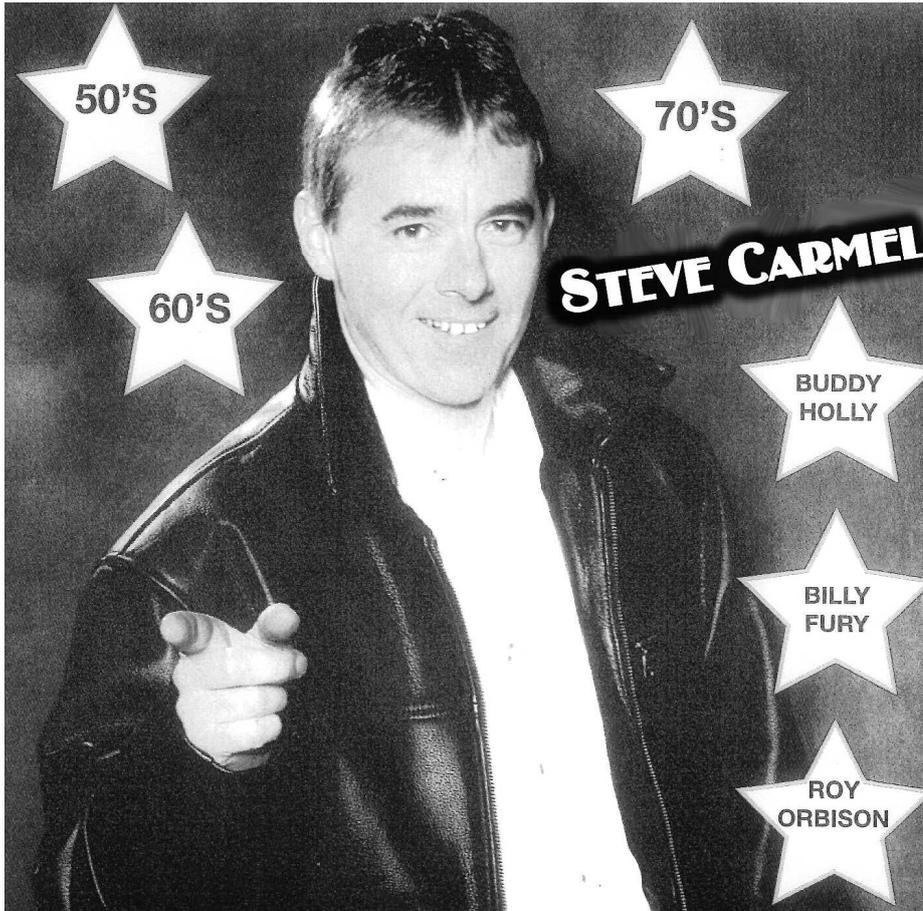
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# What's been going on at

## Fosdyke Social Club



**B**y popular demand, Steve Carmel, who had sung at the club last year, returned with his host of popular oldie backing tracks over which he crooned to the audience. For those into 50s and 60s music it was a most enjoyable evening and well-attended.

**I**f you're looking for some fresh vibrant *live* music and you don't want to pay for the privilege (cheapskate!) then visiting the club on the second Thursday of each month is a must. Thursday, 8 May, was no exception with appearances from two of the Blues Boy Kings along with regulars from Boston, and of course Fosdyke itself! The audience grows bigger each month with many from surrounding villages cottoning on to this great night out.

**W**ith the questionmasters changing from Quiz to Quiz you never know what your going to be asked. It was the turn of Karen Marriott to fire off the questions on Saturday, 24 May, with a taxing extra sheet of photos to guess while tucking in to fish, scampi or chicken and chips supper. Always busy!

**T**he Tractor Rally was back again on Sunday, 11 May, raising money for Cancer Research. An estimated seventy tractors turned out with traders setting up inside the club to avoid the showers. Still a crowd puller.

**T**hree-time holders of the Darts Pairs Trophy, Ronnie Wicks and Chrisine Bristow lost their title on Saturday, 10 May, to Michael Walls and Liz Martin in a thrilling final. In some of the early rounds it seemed that no one was going to hit the final double!

**B**ecoming a regular annual event with new tests of skill each year The Cube was full to the brim of contestants challenging holder Terry Martin to the title. Michael Walls and Terry's own wife Liz put the pressure on from the start but Terry seemed to lead a charmed life and managed to complete most of the feats of skill on the first of his three attempts, once again becoming the champion.



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# CHARITY CHALLENGE COMPLETE



When the organisers ask you before you start if you're sure you want to take part because of the wind you know you're in for a tough ride.

And that was the case for tandem duo Liz and Terry Martin in their 66-mile charity ride from Boston to Lincoln and back on Sunday, 11 May. Their outward journey took two hours and fifty-one minutes but with a favourable wind on the return journey they knocked off twenty-six minutes to finish in five hours and fifteen minutes.

They thank everyone who has donated both in person and online and would be pleased if further donations could be made to help raise even more money for the Butterfly Hospice. Boston. You can donate online at the link below or give Liz and Terry a ring on 260275 and they'll drop by.

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# CLUBFEAST CLUE?

# PHOTOS PLEASE!



Have we found the answer to last month's question re the old photo that was annotated Fosdyke Clubfeast?

Lesley Jones whose family featured in the pages of the Fosdyke Newsletter a few months back is researching her family tree. In the process she uncovered this article from, of all places, an American newspaper, the Spokane Daily Chronicle, dated 9 July, 1913.

## QUAINT CUSTOM IN ENGLISH VILLAGE

**Bede House Feast Held Yearly at Fosdyke--Old People Entertained.**

At Fosdyke, a tiny village in England, there is held every year a most quaint dinner known as the Bede house feast. Some gentleman, many years back, left a sum of money with which a number of Bede houses were to be built, and once a year he directed that the occupants were to have a feast.

Every year the six old ladies and the six old gentlemen meet the trustees and have dinner. Some of the trustees are county councillors and the like, but according to the terms of the will they have to serve the old people first and make them comfortable. The guests always sit in the same order as the number of their houses, and the menu must include a bowl of punch and a veal pie with plums in it.

BYRON STON WILL.

Amanda Goodcock's father who was born in Fosdyke in 1930 is unwell at the moment and according to Amanda all he talks about are his days in Fosdyke between 1950-1980.

She'd be really grateful if we could send her some photos, particularly of fishing boats in the 1960-1970's. If you can find any please let us know and we'll scan them and send them on to her.

While on the subject of photo, we're always interested in publishing anything to do with Fosdyke, so look through your old albums and contact us.

If you're after an old Newsletter since Terry Martin has been editor you can download copies at <http://www.fosdyke.org.uk>

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