

# FOSDYKE MAGAZINE

## THE RIGHT DECISION

The parish council bit the bullet at their last meeting at the beginning of September and accepted Boston Borough Council's option to take on the cost of street lighting and grass cutting.

A consultation evening open to all Fosdyke residents had been attended by just fifteen households and the majority of those were in favour of retaining the street lights and continuing the grass cutting in the graveyard.

With those kinds of statistics it would have been undemocratic to have made any other decision.

Fosdyke will therefore continue it's current standard for at least the next five years which is the initial period of retaining the street lights.

There will be a bit of a hike in next year's council tax to facilitate the council's decision, but well worth it.

### THE COUNCIL AND THE MAGAZINE

We're not sure what the parish council hoped to achieve by discussing their idea about forming an editorial board to, in effect, veto what goes in Fosdyke Magazine, but they decided to review things in six months time.

The general consensus amongst councillors was that the magazine was appearing much more positive in its reporting and recently had not, as they had previously felt, shown Fosdyke in a negative way.

Editor, Terry Martin was questioned by the chairman, Cllr John Cropley, on his thoughts

about an editorial board. Terry explained that he didn't think it could work within the timeframe of putting the magazine together.

He went on to say that he had been trying to give the articles a more positive slant but if a story came in that showed Fosdyke in a negative way it would not stop him from publishing.

### MISSING A TRICK?

Has Fosdyke Parish Council failed to grasp an opportunity. The chairman, Cllr John Cropley, hinted at a community solution but it wasn't discussed.

We're talking about the grass cutting that the parish council has agreed to take on the responsibility for, currently undertaken by Boston Borough Council. The parish council will either have to pay the borough or tender for another service provider. Either way it means raising the precept and therefore the council tax.

Yet already we have residents in the village who cut verges near to their properties because they want that part of the village to look neat and tidy. Normal council or Mayflower mowing is too infrequent to keep the grass from looking unkempt.

Perhaps the parish council could ask for volunteers, who care about the look of the village, to cut the verges and clear the graveyard, either in designated areas or on a rota basis. Perhaps even paying a small stipend for the service.

Would you be prepared to volunteer?

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# IMPACT ON CROPS

As I sit and write this article it is currently thirty-two degrees outside and over thirty-four degrees in some parts of the country which according to the news is the highest temperature in September for sixty-five years. Although this mini heatwave is very welcoming to the general public it does have a big impact on the crops I grow. Most of the salads are approx. 1 week ahead of where they should be at this time of year which can create gaps in supply when the weather does decide to cool down..

On the main farm we move production from Lincolnshire down to the Suffolk coast for autumn production. This is due to the cooler climate we have in Lincolnshire which means finishing the season earlier. The Suffolk coast has its own micro climate because of the aspect and coastal effect which allows us to harvest well into November. If the current weather continues we could end up with crop at both sites being ready at the same time making it difficult to sell.

It has been a very challenging year for salads this year with very

changeable weather patterns throughout. Cold spring followed by a very wet period with heavy rain and hail, then a heat wave followed by more heavy rain and now an Indian summer. I think I drive my wife mad moaning about the weather, it's either too hot, too cold, too dry or too wet; it never seems to be just right!

## AN AVERAGE YEAR

As you may have noticed the majority of the combines have finished the cereal harvest with just a few fields of beans still being

harvested here and there. Talking to some local farmers 2016 has been a rather average year for both yield and quality. Poor oil seed rape and winter barley yields were followed by better wheat and spring barley yields.

With the harvest out of the way and the fields cleared of straw farmers are busy preparing land for next year's crops. With such a huge range of cultivation equipment available to farmers you always see something different on your travels. Although traditional methods of cultivations are still widely used especially following veg crops most cereal farmers are using more minimum tillage operations. This enables them to cover huge areas of land very quickly whilst reducing energy costs and improving soil structures. A lot of farmers are now drilling directly into stubble land with huge "one pass" direct seeds drills. This enables them to cut out a number of cultivations traditionally used and therefore reduce less labour costs, reduced diesel costs and create less soil compaction are some of the benefits.

## BLACK GRASS

One of the hot topics currently in the farming community is the control of black grass. This grass weed germinates in the autumn and therefore is in direct competition with autumn drilled cereals. Black grass causes many problems from out competing drilled crops for nutrients, light and water, interferes

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with harvesting, shedding more seeds for future germination and can host pests and disease. It thrives on heavy land and has become resistant to many herbicides; therefore farmers have to go back to traditional methods of control. Spring drilling, stale seed beds, good rotations and cover crops are a few methods used. However in some areas control is proving very difficult mainly due to herbicide resistance. Some farmers in Lincolnshire are urging the government to re-introduce stubble burning which was banned in 1993

return of this traditional method in a controlled way to this area?

## TIGHTER MARGINS

As you may have seen the potato harvest is steadily increasing as the main crop potatoes are starting to be lifted. As with many other sectors the machinery seems to get larger year on year with huge self-propelled harvesters lifting several rows at a time becoming common place. This is mainly due to the number of potato growers in decline so the larger growers get even bigger. High fixed costs of

scale and efficiency. The smaller growers can no longer compete with the larger producers as they can no longer afford to invest in new machinery and technology. This has meant that the number of growers from 1960 to 2014 has fallen from 75,000 to just 2,100 which I find staggering. This is not just happening in potatoes it's happening throughout the industry and, with the demand for cheap food through supermarkets ever increasing, it is set to continue.

## DRIVE CAREFULLY

As we head into the autumn the field conditions start to get rather sticky at times and with potatoes, vegetables and soon to be sugar beet harvesting continuing, along with other field operations there is increased risk of mud on the roads. Although most farmers are generally good at keeping the roads clean there are a few unwilling to clean up their mess, so please drive carefully.



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due to environmental concerns. Stubble burning was a very effective way of controlling black grass and other weeds along with other benefits. Could we see a

specialist machinery, storage and infrastructure against poor prices and supermarket quality demands means that margins are getting tighter. It's all about economies of



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# Planned gardening

A garden that is well planned and already running can take surprisingly little time to keep it that way once a regular routine is established. It may be hard to believe, but almost any average sized garden can be kept neat, tidy and full of interest and production for only an hour or two each week if the tasks are approached methodically all year round. I find it is frequency and focus of attention that make the most difference.

Of course, I have the benefit of a lawnmower that starts, secateurs and shears that cut and a sharp hoe – tools, which are beyond the scope of most garden sheds if I can believe what I've seen. It's not having a lot of expensive tools that gets a good job done, but those you use most often have to be good, or you will end up suffering more than your garden.

## Spread the load

Most gardening activities are tied to the seasons and the advantage comes to the gardener spreading the load to be in time with the rhythm of the year. Ideally we should all carry out tasks at their optimum moment, doing them efficiently, effectively and cleaning up afterwards. In the real world, it is harder to arrive at such perfection. Nonetheless, it is true that persistently applying small, but timely attentions will in the end give you the best results. The other thing to remember is that just maintaining a garden takes little time and effort compared to making any changes.

## Alternative method

Some of the biggest tasks can be onerous chores if we don't plan to make them easier for ourselves. One of the biggest and most back breaking is digging. However, I offer an alternative method of digging the garden – not digging

the garden! Most of any garden is never dug anyway – it is really only the vegetable plot that the majority of people dig regularly.

Digging annually breaks up the natural soil layers, the network of earthworm tunnels and decaying root systems. It exposes a few pests to birds and aerates the soil, but this causes excessive humus breakdown, with a short-term increase in fertility, which may leach out if the

digging precedes the crop by too long.

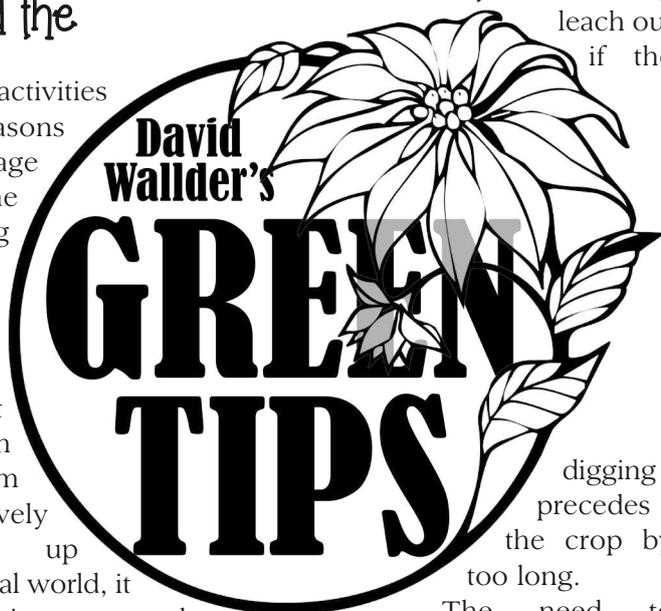
The need to produce a good seedbed does not justify digging unless the soil has been badly compacted. Instead use a combination of mulching and surface cultivation to make a tilth every bit as good.

## Dig every ten years

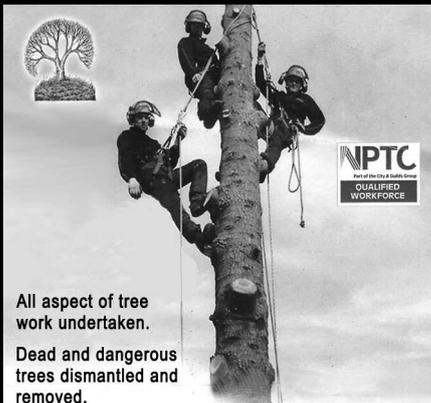
However, most soils show benefit from a thorough digging once in five to ten years, which is often done anyway as crops come round in a rotation, with quite sufficient soil disturbance from harvesting the potatoes and root vegetables every other year or so. If nothing else, digging destroys mole

runs, ant nests and so on, but many successful gardens are never dug. No-dig vegetable plots mostly feature permanent paths and fixed or raised beds so that the soil is not compacted by traffic.

If you do deem digging necessary, make sure you pace yourself. Never work too hard for too long, never dig sodden soil, never move too large a spit. Work slowly and methodically, breaking up each lump and mixing in sharp sand and well-rotted manure as you go. Heavy soils are least harmed by digging during the drier weather of the autumn; light ones can be left till late winter to avoid nutrients leaching out, but both need to recover and re-consolidate their capillary network before plants will do well. Digging may benefit heavy soils the more, as it can help break them down into a good crumb structure if well dug and frosted, but if badly dug can just make large clods and air gaps, and I'm sure you'll agree, there are enough large clods in Fosdyke



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## SEASON'S START

Fulbeck United 5 - 0 Fosdyke

A disappointing start to Fosdyke first team's season away at Fulbeck on Saturday, 3 September. They went with a few issues, like no centre backs available for selection and a good few other regulars on holiday or injured.

Despite this they gave a very good account of themselves in the first half with a very strong defensive performance from the makeshift back four and two defensive midfielders.

Initially under a great deal of pressure Fosdyke saw out the opening exchanges with a resolute performance and started to carve out half chances at the other end. Rick Elsom went close with a rasping drive from twenty yards and Chris Chapman was in cheeky form in the number ten role.

Then two slices of wretched luck struck just before the break: a soft own goal and an injury to Scott Ekins forcing the stand-in centre back (who was having a blinder) off.

One nil down at half time didn't seem so bad and Fosdyke set out to find an equaliser that at the time looked like they were capable of. Yet it was Fulbeck who scored next when a slick passing move saw their striker free to belt home a clever cut back.

Fosdyke rallied and the two left footed attackers Jody Betts and James Munn were working hard to create something but then they were hit with a sucker punch. The home side had introduced two lightening quick strikers and a long pass to either of them proved deadly as Fosdyke fell to another quick three goals that effectively ended the game as a competition.

After such a positive first half it was a very disappointing end and a lesson that a) Fosdyke really do need some centre backs and b) They need to be fit and competitive for ninety minutes not forty-five.

Man of the Match was James Munn - he likes to run - for his tireless running up and down the left flank.

## RESERVES LOSE TOO

Fosdyke Reserves 0 - 4 Boston College Reserves

Errors in defence saw Fosdyke Reserves loose their first league game.

After struggling to raise a team due to players away or working Fosdyke got the bare eleven to play.

With their backs to the wall in the first half Fosdyke gave three goals away all by defensive mistakes; like the goalkeeper shooting "clear it" to a defender only for the defender to pass it back and onto an oncoming opposition forward. One down.

Fosdyke looked very unfit and struggled to maintain their formation ending up 0-3 down at half time.

Second half started better for Fosdyke with a couple of good chances, only for the opposition to nick one more. Things got a bit heated when after an argument a Boston College player started swinging punches, which he was given a straight red for.

## HOME DEFEAT

Fosdyke 0 - 3 AFC Tetford

Saturday, 10 September. was a frustrating afternoon for the Fosdyke first team on a wet home pitch which saw them completely dominate a game against AFC Tetford yet lose 3-0!

Their visitors created two meaningful attacks in the first half,

the first they rifled home and the second was thwarted by a superb Scott Ekins save and a great slide tackle on the follow up by Tom Scott.

Fosdyke managed to keep the ball really well and chances came and went. Jody Betts had an angled drive saved and Dynamite Dan Beecham was equally unlucky with a header not to mention a good penalty shout when Chris Slap Smith surged in to the box and was tripped.

One nil down at the break but spirits were high as Fosdyke were playing so well and this continued into the second half which began with twenty minutes of sustained Fosdyke pressure.

James Munn was causing havoc in the Tetford back line and after he was felled Rick Elsom's free kick sailed agonisingly just inches over the bar. Rick was on hand minutes later with another rasper but again it was the wrong side of the upright. James Munn also went close when he almost caught the keeper out with a lob.

The pressure was being piled on and a goal looked inevitable ... it did come ... but not at the end you'd expect. A deflected free kick doubled the visitors' advantage and to add insult to injury a bizarre third followed when a soft shot trickled over the line after yet another deflection off an unfortunate defender.

Tetford had carried out the perfect smash and grab. Their quick striker lead the line very well and was the difference between the teams - well done to him.

Man of the match? Chris Chapman was outstanding in midfield today but his partner Rick Elsom was "Pirlo-esque" and took the award.

## FIRST GOAL OF THE SEASON

Boston Titans 4 -1 Fosdyke Reserves

# HOME FIXTURES

## First team:

Saturday, 1 October, 2.00 ko, v AFC Tetford (cup)

Saturday, 8 October, 2.30 ko, v Woodhall Spa United

Saturday, 29 October, 2.30 ko, v Fishtoft

## Reserves:

Saturday, 22 October, 2.00 ko, v Kirton Town reserves (cup)

Good news for all the Fosdyke football club supporters and anyone who fancies a drink on a Saturday afternoon: The social club bar will be open from kick-off every week except for two dates in October (1 and 8) when the social club will be closed for special functions

# IT'S NOT KARAOKE

Peter and Wendy's review in last month's Fosdyke Magazine certainly made a difference to the size of the audience with ten new faces turning up to watch the acts at the monthly Open Mic night at Fosdyke Social Club ... and go home at the end of the evening saying how good it was and that they'd be coming to the next one.

Peter and Wendy, who were there again, of course, suggested that it's made clear that Open Mic is not karaoke. There's no piped music and everyone plays their own instruments.

Shame that only four acts turned up. Kiya Brown was there but suffering with a bad cold so didn't perform. It was left to host band Phatt Knappii, Graham Hawkes with his punk/folk self-penned songs and amusing between-songs patter, Tony Nucoll from Heckington and Andy Dell from Boston to entertain. And they did that big time with a mixture of jamming too.

A landlord from a Heckington pub was also there watching how it's all done - planning, we think, to host his own Open Mic.

The next Open Mic at Fosdyke Social Club is on Thursday, 13 October.

# FAMILY WIN AT WHIST

The luck of the draw saw Terry and Liz Martin paired together for the social club's monthly whist drive.

Sue and Malcolm Epton were also paired together but it was the Martins who managed the most points and took the prize money.



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# GOD, HUMANKIND AND THE ENVIRONMENT

One of the highlights of last month for me was licensing Richard Holden as the new incumbent of Skegness. As I arrived for the service, my mind took me back to the ceremony on the seafront that I took part in several years ago, during which I blessed the new flood defences. Those defences are a constant reminder of the power of nature and our own vulnerability in the face of it.

Earlier this year, I was privileged to represent the Church of England at an international consultation on climate change. When I heard that the organisers had chosen Fiji as the venue,

my first reaction was a feeling of tiredness at the prospect of such a long journey! Being there, however, was a real eye-opener. It was a fantastically challenging and interesting experience and I was reminded again of the intimate connection between God, humankind and the environment. The fragility of that beautiful part of the world, where climate change threatens their islands and their way of life.

I have returned to the diocese with a renewed sense of the importance of planning and working together if we are to meet the challenges of global warming.

We share with our Polynesian brothers and sisters a real and profound sense of connection with the natural environment, and I hope it will be possible for us to forge links that will enable each of us to learn from the other about caring for this world that God has given us.

+Christopher

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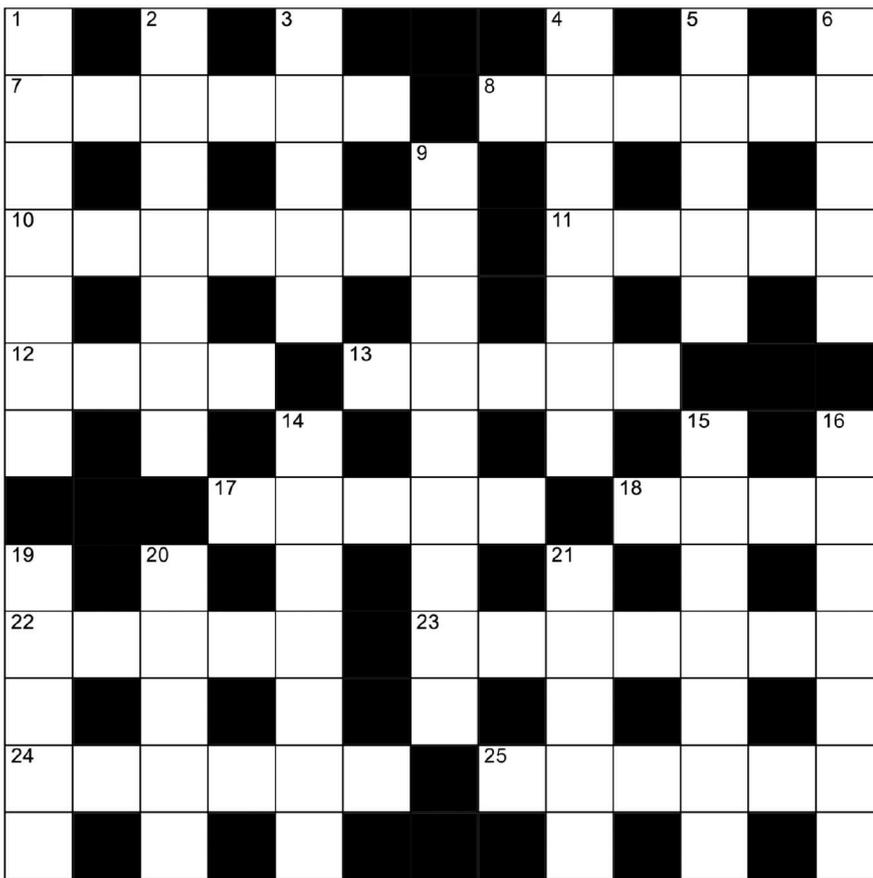
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- 8. UK Congress upper house (6)
- 10. Measure of 10,000 square metres (7)
- 11. Battle won by Edward III in 1346 (5)
- 12. Dry biscuit used as baby food (4)
- 13. A feeling of irritation (5)
- 17. List of candidates for election (5)
- 18. Composer of Brandenburg Concertos (4)
- 22. Don't Cry For Me Argentina musical (5)
- 23. Ready mixed soft drink containing alcohol (7)
- 24. Former northern Ireland province containing nine counties (6)
- 25. A young child (6)

### Down

- 1. Highest part of a horse's back (7)
- 2. The dead body of an animal (7)
- 3. Painting executed directly on a wall (5)
- 4. Polly in The Beggar's Opera (7)
- 5. Ring-shaped bread roll (5)
- 6. Transparent pale green stone (5)
- 9. Treatise by Thomas Hobbes (9)
- 14. Herring cured by salting and smoking (7)
- 15. World's largest island sea (7)
- 16. Indian unleavened flatbread (7)
- 19. Roman goddess of love (5)
- 20. Small open-fronted hut used as a shop (5)
- 21. Mainly sugar cake coating (5)

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## A Question Of Doubt by Jack Hard

### CHAPTER 4 - THE ACCIDENT

Tanya Teggly pulled her buttocks closer into the porch of the village hall, pinching out the end of her joint to avoid any smoke being seen. She wanted to remain incognito. To make herself smaller she hugged her knees up to her chest. By leaning forward a little she could see up and down the high street. By pulling back she was completely out of sight.

The old busybody woman, Mrs Dashford, had collared the guy in the suit not long after he'd parked his flash black limo behind the village hall. He hadn't noticed Tanya sitting on the ground by the front double-doors. The moment Mrs Dashford started talking to him it was obvious he wanted to extricate himself from the conversation. In the opposite direction Ross Newman was doing a good job of looking guilty of something. But then, he always looked like that. Unfortunately for him he was often innocent of whatever he was accused of but invariable was caught doing what he shouldn't. Though to Ross nothing was sacrosanct. That's just how he'd been brought up in Boston. He'd lived in Fenney with his parents for around ten years and he was only now beginning to realise he wasn't as clever or as important as he thought. Tanya, on the other hand, had lived in Fenney all her life.

The suited man was left standing at Mrs Dashford's gate when she suddenly rushed up her path like a duck in a hurry, slamming the front door behind her. He shrugged and started walking towards the playing field.

Ross disappeared from behind the hedge, reappearing minutes later rumbling along in his blue pride and joy, matching the pace of the man in the suit. About the only thing Ross was actually good at was tinkering with engines and Tanya had to admit that the rumble sounded good. But of course, it didn't sound good to everyone. The suited man stopped and looked back. Ross braked hard. One hundred and fifty metres of empty road lay between them. It was barely seconds before the returned stare was broken as the suited man started sprinting towards Ross's car.

Ross panicked, grinding the gears in an attempt to find reverse, stalling as he slipped the clutch. His practised handbrake turns were useless from parked

but he considered himself an adept driver. Slamming his foot down on the clutch he started the car again, hammered the revs, released the clutch, spun the steering wheel, startled at the speed of the suited man. The distance had been halved already. Ross was thrown backwards and forwards, swearing loudly, as he demolished a part of Nial Langton's low brick wall, but managed to keep the engine running. He had time to smile and wave at the suited man who was almost on him as he floored the accelerator. And smashed into the front of Andy Carrera's tractor.

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Gould and Scully heard the ambulance in the distance as they jogged back into Fenney's high street but to Gould that was nothing unusual. Every day the A17 saw at least one emergency vehicle speeding to its destination and disturbing the otherwise peace and quiet of the village; well, above the swish of constant traffic. The siren, however, seemed to be getting nearer. As they rounded the bend they saw a crumpled blue car embedded in the front of an old red tractor and a fire engine parked across the road with firemen unloading cutting gear from the truck.

"What the ...!" Gould exclaimed.

"There's Blake," Scully said. "My oppo. He might know."

Blake came to meet them as the ambulance and a police car pulled up together by the accident. After Scully introduced Gould, Blake filled them in on what had happened.

"You think he was following you?" Scully asked.

"Looks that way. He's just a kid though."

"That's Ross Newman's car." Gould said, recognising the number plate. "He's the one who entered my house the other day." He caught movement near the village hall doorway. "Wait here. I'll be back in a mo."

Gould crossed the road and circled around the back of the village hall coming up by the side of the porch. Leaning over the waist-high wall at the side he looked down onto the top of the seated girls head.

"Hi, Tanya."

She jumped so much it made Gould smile.

"Wha ...!"

"It's only me."

"F ... f ... You scared me hairless."

"No school today?"

"Training day," Tanya answered instantly.

"Your teachers must be well trained then. That's how many training days they've had this term?"

"Don't seem to help 'em," she said with a straight face that looked up at him.

"Is that Ross Newman?" Gould asked, nodding towards the accident where firemen were cutting the roof of the Fiesta.

"Yeh. The prat accelerated straight into the tractor. And old Carrera had his tractor up to full speed." Which, Gould told himself, wouldn't have been much over thirty five miles an hour. "It's amazing what the damage is even at those speeds."

Gould could tell she was impressed with the crash and thankful that while she was always bunking school

she was also a bright kid. She'd remember, when she was older and had her own car, that speed can kill, though he hoped in this case the boy was okay. The two SO1 officers would want to question the lad. So, for that matter, did he.

Andy Carrera was obviously shaken, sitting on the pavement, his hands in his bearded face. Residents that Gould had never seen before started appearing from their houses to see the spectacle. A second police car pulled up at the other side of the accident and the passenger jumped out with one arm already in a yellow fluorescent jacket. Gould heard him shout, "Get back!" as the onlookers shuffled forward to get a better look. Arms spread wide, the constable moved them further from the scene. "Come on. Let the firemen do their job."

It probably wasn't much more than a minute before the roof was lifted off the crunched Fiesta. A deflated airbag flopped like a wet sheet over a mangled steering wheel. Medics were checking on the lad.

"The prat. The prat," Tanya was mumbling constantly.

"Speak to you in a mo," Gould said, as he left to walk back to the two SO1 officers, keeping his eyes on the crash. One of the paramedics was shaking his head. The chief fire officer was leaning over. They were gesturing and waving their arms about. A police officer came over and joined in the discussion.

"Doesn't look good," Scully said to Gould as he reached them.

"I'm going to see what's going on," Blake said,

pulling out his warrant card, leaving Gould on his own with Scully. They watched him talk to the firemen on the fringe who let him go through to see the paramedics. A few minutes later Blake looked back at his sidekick and shook his head."

"Great," they said in unison, which would have been funny if it wasn't tragic.

They stood there quietly for a moment as Blake made his way back to them.

Scully broke the silence, "I meant what I said."

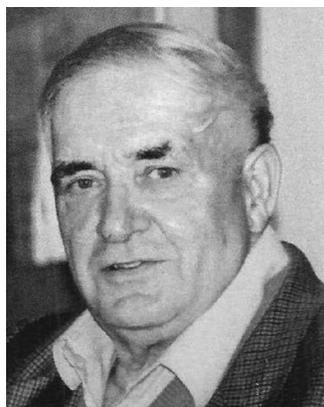
"And what's that?" Gould asked her.

"I like older men."

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

# OBITUARY

Fredrick William Burdall died aged 85, born 10 February, 1931.



He was born and lived in Fosdyke all his life.

He and Doreen had been married sixty-four years. They had six children: Jennifer, John, Alan, Freda, Wendy and Jason, thirteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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# DOG STUFF AGAIN

We're going to harp on about the irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up their dog's poo until they do.

The Fosdyke Newsletter verge was dumped on this month and we noticed on Facebook that one of the parish councillors also suffered a similar experience recently.

We're not suggesting we start a vigilante group to follow all the dog walkers around because we're sure most dog owners are thoughtful and responsible.

There's the argument that wild animals leave their poo behind and there's no one to pick up *their* mess. But dogs are pets ... and we can.

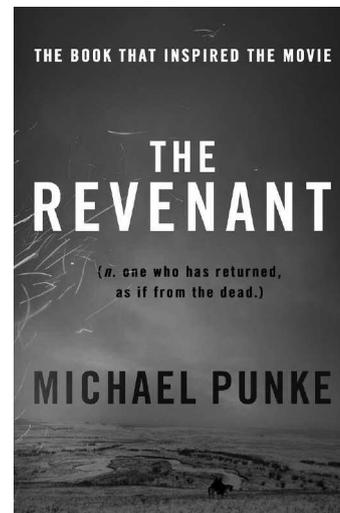
Tips for  
newbies

# MOBILE LIBRARY

The next mobile library will be outside the Fosdyke Village Hall on Monday, 26 September, between 12 and 1pm, while the October date will be Monday 24th

## Elizabeth Wallder's **Book Review**

The Revenant  
by  
Michael Punke



Now for those people who haven't seen the film yet and do not want to know what happens then this review will contain spoilers so STOP READING.

As it happens I have not watched the film either so this review is based only on the book. I had no idea there was a book until someone lent it to me, and I also had no idea that the book is based on a true story until I read it at the back; with a lot of fiction thrown in too.

Anyway, it's a story about Hugh Glass, an expert tracker who is hired by the Rocky Mountain Fur Company in 1823, to lead a group of men into the mountains to trap beavers for their fur. Unfortunately a bear attack leaves Glass with his face almost ripped off and great claw marks all over his body and as he's expected to die two men are left to stay with him, to bury him when the time comes whilst the group head onwards. These men leave him and take his rifle and hatchet, leaving him alone and defenceless. Against all odds, Glass

gets better and instead hunts the men down - of course.

That is my main problem with this book, as the injuries seem far too extreme to be just thrown off without much applied medicine, though friendly Native Americans do help with a maggot infestation at one point. It also annoys me when he keeps grouping up with other men only for unfriendly natives to attack, and yet again, he survives against all odds.

Don't get me wrong, it's a very exciting book and I rooted for Glass all the way through, but he does have an annoying knack of surviving. Some of the early hunting sequences when he can only crawl are fantastic and I'm just waiting for an opportunity to try them myself so if you see me crawling around in circles in the fields of Fosdyke, ignore me, I'm hunting rodents.

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# DRESSAGE SHOW AT FOSDYKE'S EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Sunset Farm was blessed with glorious weather for their final Gala Classical Dressage Show of the season on Bank Holiday Monday. The first two classes, the Young Horse/Beginner Tests, were hotly contested. These tests are for people or horses genuinely starting out in dressage and only movements in Walk & Trot are required at this level (similar to British Dressage "Intro" level). The winner of the first class was a delighted Cecilia Dobson riding her new horse, Trevor, left.



The overall points winner for Class 1 during the course of our summer series of Classical Dressage Shows went to Holly Mansworth riding Charlie, pictured above, receiving her Perpetual Challenge Shield from sponsor, Tracy Wilsenham.

Winner of Classes 2 and 3 was Katie-Jane Bennetto, riding her father's horse 'Chuckie Bennetto', who although a little on the tall side for Katie, was a complete gentleman for her to ride. Katie is

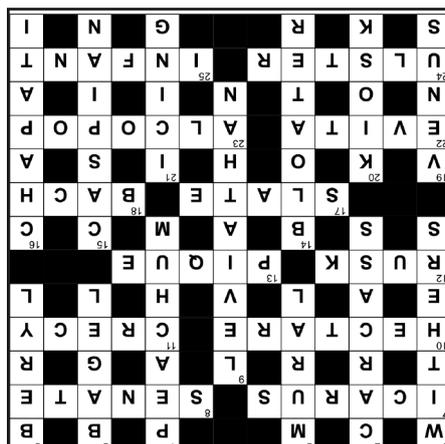
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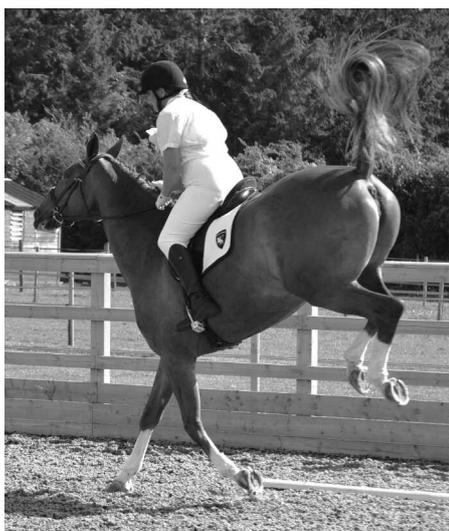
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pictured below receiving her trophy from sponsor Bobbie-May Schlechter.



The winner of Class 4, our Novice to Elementary class, was Kerry Wright, below, riding her rather explosive chestnut mare, who had the crowd gasping with her acrobatics throughout her test. Kerry was our only entry at this higher level, so she still took home a trophy, despite putting extra moves in her test!



Below are our competitors in the Concours d'Elegance class which was won by Sue Collins riding a lovely dapple grey Shire mare.

The winner of the trophy for the highest placed coloured horse or pony, kindly sponsored by Belinda



Tyler in memory of her beloved coloured horse that she sadly lost earlier this year, was Hannah Ward riding Rivermeadows Sarah.

The highest placed Bitless horse or pony rosette, kindly sponsored by Wendy Wainwright of Orbitless Bridles, went to Eloise Middleton

riding Castenau Evening Song, pictured below.

The team at Sunset Farm would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the series of Classical Dressage shows this summer and we look forward to welcoming you all again next year.



(Photographs courtesy of L.C Photography.)

## APOLOGIES

Apologies to those who find reading Fosdyke Magazine difficult due to its light printing. Because we print so many copies (two-hundred and eighty a month) we have to conserve the toner on the printer else the cost of running the newsletter would be prohibitive.

We are looking at alternatives to see if we can improve the quality without incurring additional costs

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**no later than 15 October**

## KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

The fines and consequences for using a mobile phone while driving will increase next year.

While I edit Fosdyke Magazine I also try to keep fit. During one of my rides I was nearly knocked off my bike by a Fosdyke resident who took a corner too fast while also on her phone. Furthermore she's posted selfies on FB of her kids in the back of the car while driving!

## OLYMPIC NIGHT

Mini fun and games, in pairs, with an Olympic theme was the entertainment organised by Jane Bristow at the social club recently.

The likes of javelin (with cocktail sticks, for instance), golf, shot, discus, bowls, etc was eventually won by Pauline Fish and Alan Bristow with Karen Marriott and Ronnie Wicks second and Liz Martin and Gary Britchford third.

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