



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Cup and League Double for Roos F.C.

Unbeaten throughout the season, Roos 'A' have made history by pulling off the Cup and League Double, a magnificent achievement by any standards.

#### The Piper Cup

The Cup Final against Beverley Borough on 17th April was a memorable occasion. The weather was perfect - dry and pleasantly warm - and the Boothferry Park pitch was in very good condition after recent heavy rain. The result, 6 - 4 to Roos after extra time and penalties, reflected the tightness of an evenly-matched game in which Roos just had the final edge.

Having lost the toss and kicked off towards the South Stand end, Roos immediately faced heavy pressure from lively and skilful Beverley Borough forwards. As they have done all season, however, the Roos defence proved equal to the task and gradually subdued these early assaults to enable the midfield and front players to start to take control.

#### First-half Lead

With Dave Hampton and Geoff Newton prompting well, the front three of Mike Clarkson, Sean Royce, and Dave Cowell were causing Beverley a lot of problems and it was no surprise when Roos took the lead in the 25th minute.

After sustained pressure, during which Sean Royce hit a shot just past the post, the Beverley defence was at sixes and sevens. Dave Hampton picked up a poor clearance and threaded an excellent through ball behind some static defenders for an ever-eager Mike Clarkson to run on and leave the goalkeeper with no chance against a fine left-foot shot on the run.

After this goal, both defences got on top and play was confined mainly to midfield with only the odd bit of goalmouth activity. However, this was never a dull game and both sides showed plenty of skill and endeavour. At half time Roos were leading 1 - 0.

#### Second-half Reply

The second half continued in the same way, with the back four of Chris Hodgson, George Bilton, Andy Bailey and Stu Blenkin generally in control, ably

supported by Pete Dearing in goal, and it seemed that the one goal would prove sufficient to win the match.

However, Beverley had other ideas and snatched an equaliser with only six minutes left. The Roos defence, which had been looking so solid, suddenly relaxed to leave two Beverley forwards unmarked from a far-post cross and one of them gratefully accepted the opportunity to head in from six yards. This goal, so near the end of the game, allowed Beverley to take the initiative and the spectators must have thought Roos would wilt - but they didn't.

#### Recovery Frustrated

Showing once more tremendous character in fighting back against adversity, Roos got back on top and should have taken the lead again and won the match in the last minutes.

George Bilton, who had a great game throughout, set Dave Hampton free on the edge of the Beverley penalty area. Dave jinked brilliantly round the centre back and found himself one-on-one with the goalkeeper eight yards out. However, the keeper spread himself well at Dave's feet and made a marvellous save. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred Dave would have scored from such a situation but on this occasion it was not to be and the game went to extra time.

#### Missed Chances in Extra Time

Both sides had winning opportunities in the extra half hour but the finishing from both was rather indifferent. In almost the last minute, however, the last chance fell to Beverley.

A high ball from midfield found the Roos central defence in no man's land and left a Beverley forward with a clear run on goal. Fortunately for Roos, a combination of his tired legs, a difficult bouncing ball, and pressure from chasing defenders forced him to hit his shot over the bar.

So the game had to be decided on penalty kicks, five for each side.

#### Trial by Penalty

Pete Dearing won the toss and elected to take the first penalty: if Roos scored first, the pressure

would always be on the opposition. The strategy was effective, Andy Bailey scoring the first goal. The first Beverley player also scored ; 1 - 1. Dave Hampton scored ; 2 - 1. Then, from the second Beverley penalty, Pete made an excellent save, which proved crucial. Chris Hodgson strode up to hammer home his kick to put Roos 3 - 1 up and now it only needed Geoff Newton and Mick Clarkson to score theirs for Roos to gain the victory. This they duly did to give Roos the Cup. Dave Hampton won the man-of-the-match award, which he richly deserved.

#### Reward - and Disappointment

This was an excellent all-round performance against quality opposition - the best team Roos have faced this season. All the players deserve commendation for their performance, not only in this game but throughout the season, during which their application has been excellent.

Commiserations here for perhaps the most disappointed person on the day, Nick Derbyshire, who has had to miss the latter part of the season because of a hip injury. However, he may have found himself a new vocation as a T.V. cameraman, to judge by the quality of his video pictures from the dressing room both before and after the match.

#### Top of the League

Going into this Cup Final, Roos knew that they had clinched the League title the previous Sunday. After drawing with White Print 1 - 1, beating Swift Caravans 2 - 0, and picking up two points when Kelvin Hall were unable to raise a team, Roos needed just two further points from their last three matches to become League Champions. In fact, only one game was needed. On 10th April at home Roos defeated a ten-man North Bank Police side by 6 - 0 to go into the Cup Final knowing that their double was on.

#### The Record

In their last match of all on 24th April, Roos beat Saints 3 - 1 to finish the season unbeaten. This is a magnificent achievement and each and every player deserves immense credit. The squad is ; Andy Bailey, George Bilton, Stu Blenkin, Mick Clarkson, Dave Cowell, Nick Derbyshire, John Dearing, Pete Dearing (Captain), Dave Hampton, Chris Hodgson, Geoff Newton, Sean Royce, Gary Thompson, and Richard Young.

'Crabsy' Cowell has snatched the leading-goalscorer award for this season with a goal in the last game against Saints. The cross for this goal was provided by Mike Clarkson who, at the start of the game, was joint top-scorer. The leading scorers are ;

Dave Cowell	15	Nick Derbyshire	9
Mike Clarkson	14	Dave Hampton	9
Sean Royce	13	Geoff Newton	6
		Chris Hodgson	5

Still to be decided is the Players' Player of the Season. All players please let me have their choice.

Everyone will be informed of the date of the annual presentation night as soon as it is decided. As this is our main fund-raising event, we should like as many people as possible to support the occasion.

#### The Future

We have set ourselves very high standards and intend to maintain them next season. It will be increasingly difficult as we progress up the League but if our players show the same determination, application, and character as they have this season we shall be in there again. See you next season.

R.Derbyshire.

#### Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E.Winter chaired the meeting of 11th April. All other members were present except Councillors Grant and Quarmby, who sent their apologies. County Councillor Croft also attended.

#### Minutes

The April Minutes were approved.

Pinfold Lane. Referring to the complaint from Mr H.Cutler at the previous meeting, the Chairman reported that the state of Pinfold Lane had improved. The Clerk said that surface water had gone after Mr T.Calvert had cleared a ditch in a nearby field.

Roads and Footpaths. The Area Surveyor had inspected some roads and footpaths with the Chairman and Councillor Quarmby. He had written to the Clerk about the dyke on Main Street opposite the school ; danger to the footpath would be removed by piping a short section of the ditch north of the white fence.

Verge Damage. The Chairman referred to damage caused opposite the Roos Arms by brewery delivery lorries.

#### Correspondence

Condition of footpaths. The Clerk had written to Humberside Technical Services about footpath damage caused by horses. Replying for the Director, Mr S.Shuttleworth said that notices would be placed at each end of Footpath 17 (past Ivy Row), i.e. at the access points from Rectory Road and Coltman Row. As to Dove Lane, he said that it was not a footpath but "an unclassified county road" under the care of the Area Surveyor at Hedon; as such, it was open to all traffic and prohibition notices were not permitted.

Councillor Priest explained why one horse had used Dove Lane, and apologised on behalf of the rider. He stressed, however, that the condition of Dove Lane would remain unacceptable until there was adequate drainage to get rid of surface water.

County Councillor Croft said that it was possible to obtain details of rights of way from the specialist section at County Hall.

Councillor Helliwell referred to the footpath from

Dent's Garth down to the church. Mr Peter Robinson had voluntarily cleared the mud to expose the underlying gravel and had cut overgrown parts back to well-defined edges. Local residents wanted to record their appreciation of Mr Robinson's public spirit. The Parish Council warmly supported the sentiment. Since the land was thought to belong to the church, it was agreed to ask the Parochial Church Council to maintain the path in its restored condition.

Siting of Intensive Livestock Units. The Director of Development had sent a copy of a letter he had written to the Secretary of State for the Environment. The letter argued against government proposals to permit livestock units to be sited closer to housing areas - as close as 400 metres. The Parish Council supported the Director's arguments.

Roos Village Plan. Before his departure, County Councillor Croft said that the Village Plan had been referred to the County Council. He asked if the Parish Council wished to make any observations to the County Council. The Parish Council said that they were on the whole satisfied with the Plan, though they had protested at the exclusion from the final version of the specific limit of houses on the land south of Dove Lane (Site C), a restriction clearly set out in the consultative version of the Plan.

Public Entertainment Licence, Elms Farm. Notification had been received of an application for a licence by Mr A.R. Grant in connection with a Barn Dance and Barbecue, 13th - 14th May, on behalf of the Playing Field Committee.

### Planning

The following applications were supported.

56 Pilmar Lane. (Mr Marshall). Removal of two trees, one dead, the other endangering the house roof.

Between The Roost and Ivy House, North End. (Mr R.M. Dennis). Erection of two houses with garages and access. (Outline approval already given.)

Cross Roads Cottage, Rectory Road. (Mrs S.K. Blyth). Two-storey extension.

Mount Farm, Hilston. (Messrs Wm Grant, Paull, Ltd). New access to the former coach-house. (Outline consent already given for change of use from coach-house to residential accommodation.)

North End Cottage, North End. (Mr J.L. Beal). Replacement of a flat roof with a pitched roof.

Heathcote, Main Street. (Mr K. Richardson). Extension to provide new bathroom, kitchen, and double garage.

The Old Rectory, Road. (Mr P. Turner, Eurographics, Ltd). Internal alterations and change of use from business premises to a home for the elderly. One or two councillors had misgivings about such use but the majority thought the building suitable and saw possible benefit for the village.

### Accounts

Hire of Institute ; payment of £24.00 approved.

### Outstanding Items

The Chairman, though disagreeing with some items on the list supplied by Councillor Helliwell, said that he was impressed by its detail and presentation.

#### 1. Roos Beck

Councillor Helliwell said that past discussion had blurred two issues that, though related, could be considered in turn ; the clearing of rubbish from the beck and the possibility of piping it.

As to clearing the debris, both the Borough Council and the Water Authority insisted that riparian owners were responsible. Without appeal to some higher authority, this ruling would have to be accepted.

As to piping the beck, not all landowners might want it piped - and perhaps none would want to share the cost. However, Mr Colin Hogg, for the Borough, had said at a Village Plan meeting that eventually the beck probably would be piped. Piping would certainly cure the problem of debris.

The Chairman spoke of the high cost of such work and said that the Borough's officers did not favour piping a long section since any blockages were then harder to deal with. Councillor Clark and others thought that the Roos Beck issue could not be settled at a stroke. It was agreed not to pursue it further at present.

#### 2. Litter

Councillor Bowden argued that the provision of proper litter bins was long overdue. He produced a current catalogue of various designs. Interest was shown in a free-standing (i.e. post-mounted) model with a hood. The basic cost was £34.00 and in addition a liner would be needed. Councillor Bowden urged the need for several such bins. It was agreed that he should seek the advice of cleansing department staff as to the model they would prefer to handle and that he should report back to the next meeting.

It was decided to defer other outstanding items to the next meeting.

### Any Other Business

Roadsweeping. Councillor Priest referred to a previous complaint that the road lorry could not sweep Pilmar Garth effectively for lack of space to manoeuvre. He reported that the lorry had swept the road ; difficulties arose when access to the gutter was obstructed by parked cars.

Site near The Chestnuts. Councillor Bowden said that he understood the building plot near The Chestnuts had been sold. It would be necessary to ensure that the new owner observed the restrictions and conditions when the site was developed.

Grass-cutting. Councillor Bowden asked when grass verges were to be cut ; the grass was growing fast and an early cut was needed to keep it under control.



The Chairman thought that the first cut was normally later. The authorities would not want to cut the grass while bulbs were in flower - the daffodils on the Withernsea road, for example, were a welcome enhancement of the village approaches. Councillor Bowden agreed but said that he was talking about grass-cutting within the village proper where no bulbs were in flower and where the grass was in danger of becoming long and straggly.

#### Annual General Meeting

The Chairman pointed out that the next meeting on 9th May would be preceded by the A.G.M., at which officers for 1988 - 9 would be elected.

#### Public Session

A resident complained that debris in Roos Beck near Ivy Row was causing an offensive smell.

There was further discussion of verge damage by brewery lorries delivering to The Roos Arms. Some action was urged. The situation should be monitored. If necessary, a letter should be sent to the brewery.

#### Parish Council Meeting

7.30 p.m. : Monday 9th May

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

#### Roos W. I.

With the welcome appearance of spring flowers, thoughts move forward to the summer glories. So very appropriately at the April meeting we had "Gardeners' Question Time" with a panel of three experts : Mr A.Dobson, Mr D.Marshall, and Mr B.Scruton. In a lively session, much useful information was passed on. Mrs M.Godfrey gave the vote of thanks.

During earlier business (Minutes, Correspondence, etc.), we were pleased to welcome a new member, Mrs S.Cronbie. Names were taken for three outings : visits to the garden of floral artist George Smith and to Hornsea Museum and the group canal cruise. Although the Quiz Team were defeated in the first round, members acquired a lot of knowledge.

The newly-formed Drama Group are preparing a playlet to be performed later in the year. Interested? Then why not join and have - and give - some merriment?

A hanging basket in half a grapefruit was the monthly competition, Mrs S.Tyson being the winner with her attractive entry. Judging of items for entry in the Group Rally also took place.

At the close, welcome refreshments were served by Mrs Jennifer Grant and Mrs Joyce Grant.

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## The Rooster

The following recent donations are gratefully acknowledged : Mr J.R.Beal, Mr C.Blyth, Mr M.R.Green, Mr R.J.Keen, Mr S.W.Kennils, Mrs M.A.Monkman, Mr P.G.Mullett, Mr P.P.Robinson, Mr A.M.Shaw, Mrs Thomas (Risby Cottage), Mrs M.White.

Just over £200 has now been donated. This generosity not only guarantees copies of "The Rooster" until December but permits more items to be printed : this month we again have more than the usual four pages - six, in fact.

Donations have come from about 120 of the 300 or so households in the village - roughly two fifths. There are probably still a number of people who intend to contribute and I hope they will do so. Even though this year's basic costs are already covered, further donations will make possible a fuller and more informative newsletter.

L.H.

#### Rooster Deadline

Monday 23rd May

Please provide items for the June issue by or before the above date to :

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, (670291)

#### Roos Spring Show

The newly-decorated Institute at Roos made a bright and cheerful setting for the Roos & District Horticultural Society's Annual Spring Show and the daffodils and narcissi were a colourful background for the masses of spring flowers and plants. The early season brought in more of the later-flowering shrubs and flowers, the tulips alone making a magnificent display.

Mrs F.Varley presented the Special Prizes to the winners of each section, the Royal Horticultural Society's Card for the best entry in the show going to Mrs A.Bromby for her flowering cactus. A bouquet was presented to Mrs Varley by Nicola Monkman.

A pleasant little ceremony then took place when Mrs Mary Tuplin presented Mrs John Maltas with a bouquet on the occasion of her ninetieth birthday and the Committee thanked her for being such a good show supporter over the past forty-five years.

The Spring and Summer Shows are attracting more entries each year, which proves that people are becoming more interested in showing their produce and flower arrangements and keeping alive the tradition of the village shows.

#### Special Prizes

Mrs M.Hodgson (Cut Flowers).

Mrs A.Bromby (Plants & Bulbs ; Cactus in Bloom).

Mrs V.G.Martinson (Dec. arrangement : "Leap Year").  
Mrs M.D.Gray (Fruit & Vegetables : Cauliflower).  
Mrs H.Wade (Eggs).  
Mrs A.Bromby (Best Entry : Cactus in bloom, R.H.S.  
Affiliated Society's Card).

(Results below are in order : 1st, 2nd, 3rd.)

#### Cut Flowers

Daffodils Mr & Mrs J.Green; Mrs M.D.Gray; Mrs I.Rooks.  
Narcissi (Large) Mrs D.Blashill; C.E.A.Towne; Mrs S.Cook.  
Narcissi (Small) Mrs M.D.Gray; Mrs A.Tuplin; G.Fussey.  
Narcissi (other) T.F.Kellock; Mrs M.Hodgson; C.E.A.Towne.  
Tulips Mrs M.Hodgson; Mrs S.Long; Mrs F.Maynard.  
Spring Flowers Mrs S.Long; G.Fussey; Mrs S.Cook.  
Spring Flowers (mixed) Mrs M.Hodgson; Mrs J.Maltas; G.Fussey.  
Flowering Shrub Mrs J.Grant; Mrs M.Hodgson; Mr & Mrs J.Green.  
Polyanthus Mrs S.Cook; Mrs L.Railton; Mrs I.Rooks.

#### Plants & Bulbs

Pot Plant in Bloom Mrs A.Bromby; Mrs N.M.Towne; G.Fussey.  
Pot Plant for Foliage Mrs A.Bromby; F.Burn; Mrs A.M.Towne.  
Pot of Succulent Plant Mrs A.Bromby; J.W.Burn.  
Pot of Carti Mrs A.Bromby; Mrs M.Hodgson; Mrs J.Maltas.  
Pot of Cineraria Mrs N.M.Towne.  
Pot of Cyclamen G.Fussey; Mrs F.Maynard.  
Pot or Bowl of Bulbs (any variety) G.Fussey.

#### Decorative Arrangement

Miniature Mrs J.Fisher; Mrs S.Cook; Mrs J.Maltas.  
In Posy Bowl, etc. Mrs S.Cook; Mrs J.Maltas; Mrs J.Grant.  
In Wine Glass Mrs M.Render; Mrs S.Cook; Miss Mary Richardson.  
In a Shell Mrs J.Fisher; Mrs S.Cook; Mrs L.Railton.  
In a Candlestick Mrs S.Cook; Mrs S.Robinson; Miss Mary Richardson.  
Basket of Spring Flowers Mrs S.Cook; Mrs J.Fisher; Mrs L.Railton.  
Foliage Mrs J.Maltas.  
In Modern Style Mrs V.G.Martinson; Mrs J.Fisher; Mrs S.Robinson.  
Spring Flowers Mrs S.Robinson.  
Low Table Arrangement (Novice) Mrs V.E.Clark.  
"Leap Year" Mrs V.G. Martinson.

#### Children's Classes

Posy in Saucer (6 - 11) Anne Broom; Helen Cook; Heather Cook.  
In a Shell ; Helen Cook; Heather Cook.  
Spring Flowers (9 - 13) Heather Cook; Helen Cook.  
Lego Model (5 - 8) Robert Evison; Geoffrey Bilton; Vicky Kemp.  
Drawing or Painting of "Springtime"  
(5- 6) Ben Dennis; Alex Dry; Nicola Monkman.  
(7- 8) Sally Tuplin; Leanne Stevenson; Vicky Kemp.  
(9-11) Mark Gray; James Devonshire; Benjamin Moate.

#### Fruit & Vegetables

Rhubarb ; Mrs M.Hodgson; G.Moverley; Mrs A.Tuplin.  
Cauliflower or Broccoli ; Mrs M.D.Gray; T.F.Kellock.  
Cabbage G.Fussey.  
Leeks T.F.Kellock; C.E.A.Towne; Mrs M.Hodgson.  
Lettuce C.E.A.Towne; Mrs M.Hodgson; G.Fussey.  
Dressed Onions T.F.Kellock; F.Burn; C.E.A.Towne.  
Dressed Shallots G.Moverley; C.E.A.Towne; F.S.Sanderson.

#### Eggs

Six Tinted Hen Eggs Mrs H.Wade; P.Wade; Mrs M.D.Gray.  
Six Brown Hen Eggs Mrs H.Wade; F.Burn; J.W.Burn.  
Six Bantam Eggs Mrs D.Burn; P.Wade; C.H.Burn.

#### Are you ever stuck for a Baby-sitter?

If you are, and would also sit for others, contact :  
Mrs Caroline Blyth, Furze Farm, (670180); or  
Mrs Mary Soltyssek, Pinedene, Hodgson Lane, (670773).

#### Darby & Joan Club

During the last two or three years the Club has been fortunate in having as its leader Mrs Rosemary Priest of Pilmar Lane. When Mrs Priest was struck by illness some weeks ago, she and her husband James (a member of Roos Parish Council), received many cards of sympathy and offers of help from well-wishers. They have asked "The Rooster" to record their gratitude.

Mrs Priest is anxious to preserve continuity in the running of the Darby and Joan Club. Though she is making a good recovery, she is saddened that she is not well enough to carry on as leader herself. Without an accredited leader the Club must be suspended. This would be a great blow to its members, who enjoy their fortnightly meetings and are looking forward to a coach outing already booked for June.

Darby and Joan Clubs are run under the auspices of the W.R.V.S., which any new leader must join - i.e. she must be registered as a member, though no subscription is required. The leader must also be under 65, which is why most members of the Roos Darby and Joan Club are themselves not eligible to take on the job.

A new leader must be found quickly if the Club is to continue. Volunteers are asked to get in touch with the W.R.V.S. District Organiser, Mrs Rita Broadhurst of 6 Bartlett Close, Preston (Phone : Hull 899802). Alternatively, they may like to have an initial word with Mrs Margaret Grant at Elms Farm, Rectory Road (670233). Mrs Grant is herself a W.R.V.S. Organiser but Roos is no longer in her area. She has agreed, however, to act as local contact if people prefer.

We wish Mrs Priest continued improvement in health and hope that some public-spirited person will soon be found to take over her role as leader.

#### Playing Field

Three of the Committee's events to raise funds for the pavilion have now taken place. The Grand Draw on 3rd April raised £282 and the Clay Pigeon Shoot on Easter Monday raised £155. About twenty people took part in the Sponsored Walk on 24th April but not all the sponsor money has yet been collected.

In addition to the two remaining events already advertised, there is to be a "Buy-a-Brick" appeal

around the village. To focus attention on the actual building of the pavilion, we shall be invited to "buy" tickets for bricks at 50p each. (Anyone who wants to buy a whole wall will presumably not be discouraged!). Tickets will be numbered and there will be a draw at 8.30 p.m. on 12th June at The Roos Arms - first prize, £50.

#### Playing Field Committee

Friday 13th May : 8.00 p.m. - 1.00 a.m.

Elms Farm, Rectory Road

#### **Pig Roast**

**Live Music - Disco - Bar**

Admission : £5.00. Advance Sales :

The Roos Arms, The Black Horse, Roos Post Office,  
Roos Supermarket - or ring (0964) 670127.

Sunday 12th June

#### **Lunch-time Barbecue**

Roseneath, South End, 12.00 - 3.00

#### **"Buy-a-Brick" Draw**

The Roos Arms, 8.30 p.m.

### **Roos Rugby Club**

#### March

- 27 Fordyke 42, Roos 8.  
Tries : I. Arnett, D. Rustill  
Man of the Match : Alan Carter.

#### April

- 3 Beverley 36, Roos 14.  
Tries : R. Agius 2, K. Agius. Goals : T. Bailey 1.  
Man of the Match : Paul Richardson.
- 10 Stonehouse 40, Roos 2.  
Goals : T. Bailey 1.  
Man of the Match : Trevor Bailey.
- 17 Roos 36, Bridlington 42.  
Tries : P. Richardson, T. Rustill 2, A. Beedham 2,  
R. Agius 2. Goals : T. Bailey 4.  
Man of the Match : Tony Rustill.
- 21 Beverley 20, Roos 10.  
Tries : R. Agius. Goals : T. Bailey 2.  
Drop goals : A. Beedham, P. Richardson.  
Man of the Match : Steve Rooks.

With no late victory, Roos had a slightly disappointing end to the season. The last two matches produced the best performances of recent fixtures.

Against Bridlington, Roos were unfortunate to lose an entertaining match. A late try by the seashiders decided the spoils. Roos scored seven fine tries, the best of which came from centre Ray Agius with a lovely individual touchdown.

Against Beverley, Roos played their best football

of the season. Faced by a strong Beverley outfit, the Roos tackling was superb and the attacking play was the best for some time.

### **Roos Cricket Club**

After more than twenty years in the wilderness, Roos cricket starts its revival this season. Games will be played on Saturdays - "Home" matches on the Princess Elizabeth playing field, Beverley High Road, Hull. A lot of interest has been shown and everybody is looking forward to the challenge.

For fixtures, see "Coming Events".

Members of the cricket and rugby clubs congratulate team manager Ron Derbyshire and the football club on their outstanding success in winning the Piper Cup.

D.W.

### **Coming Events**

#### May

- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. Musical Boxes.  
7 Cricket, Roos v Reckitts, Home.  
9 Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.  
13 Pig Roast and Dance, Elms Farm, 8.00 - 1.00.  
14 Cricket, Roos v Aldbrough, Away.  
21 Cricket, Roos v Riston, Home.  
28 Cricket, Roos v Hessle, Away.  
29 Methodist Family Service, Eastfield Centre, 10.30.

#### June

- 1 Roos W.I. Visit to Hornsea Museum.  
12 Lunch-time Barbecue, 12.00 - 3.00, Roseneath, S. End.

#### July

- 23 Roos Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.

### **You can't be serious!**

A fellow Roosian asked me irritably (as if I should know!) why no flag had been flown in the village on St George's Day, 23rd April - which also happens to be Shakespeare's birthday.

On St Patrick's Day, he said, the Irish march about in shamrocks. On St David's Day the Welsh smother themselves in daffodils and leeks. And the Scots have three bites at their haggis - with St Andrew's Day and Burns Night and Hogmanay.

"When I was a lad," he declared, "we heard about St George at school. On special days we saw his flag on public buildings. We were proud to be English - and I do mean English, not 'British'. How many people know about St George today? We used to sing 'I vow to thee, my country'. Now people don't even know the tune, never mind the words. Where's our patriotism?"

I suggested that only inferior peoples need to bang their national drum : we English know we are superior and don't need to shout about it. But my friend wasn't convinced. "Three cheers for England and St George!" he intoned. How many cheers would you give?