



# THE ROOSTER

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*Because of the County Council election I was unable to produce this issue for the start of the month. As a result, some reports are very late. I apologise for the delay. L.H.*

## The Name Game : Yorkshire or Humberside?

Ever since East Yorkshire became part of Humberside in 1974 many Yorkshire people have felt a loss of identity. The East Yorkshire Action Group have campaigned persistently to get rid of Humberside. A poll by the Hull Daily Mail supported the campaign.



## COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE ARMORIAL BEARINGS

### The Boundary Commission

The Boundary Commission's Report last July acknowledged the strong feelings in favour of replacing Humberside by "Yorkshire" in some form. It referred to many submissions received and a petition with 45,000 names. It still concluded, however, that none of the proposed changes would bring about an improvement in "effective and convenient"

local government. This view was supported by the County Council and the Humberside Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Since the Report was published, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, received nearly 7,000 comments, of which almost 6,000 opposed "the continuance of Humberside". Because of what his Sir Humphrey Appleby called "the degree of unhappiness at the concept of Humberside", he has asked the Boundary Commission to think again. They are to carry out a further review, to be completed if possible by the end of January 1990.

### Pressure Group

The East Yorkshire Action Group played a large part in forcing this re-think. They complained that their case for abolishing Humberside always had to face the argument that the change would be too costly - yet no one could give firm information what the costs would be, or whether there might actually be savings.

Mr Ridley accepts that this is a reasonable objection. He has asked the Commission to look at the costs and benefits of possible alternatives as compared with those of retaining Humberside.

### The Options

Mr Ridley assumes two main alternatives (though he does not rule out others) :

- (a) Areas north of the Humber could join North Yorkshire and areas south of the Humber could join Lincolnshire.
- (b) Areas south of the Humber could join Lincolnshire; areas north of it could become a separate East Yorkshire (with bits of North Yorkshire added in).

## Roos Parish Council

At their April meeting the Parish Council discussed both the Environment Department document quoted above and a letter from Mr Trevor Pearson of the East Yorkshire Action Group. Individual councillors had different opinions on the matter but on a majority vote decided not to support the abolition of Humberside.

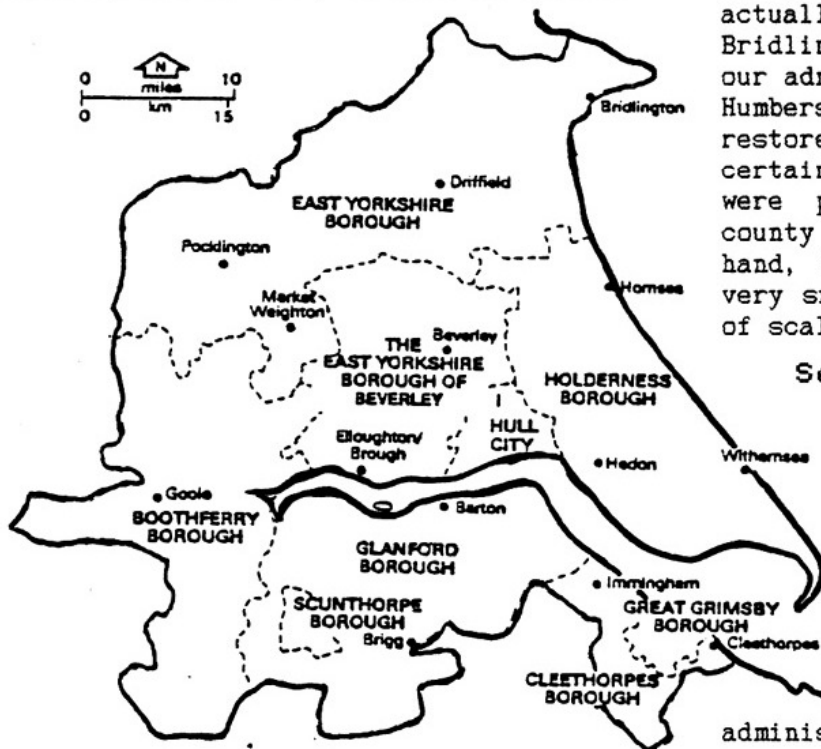
The decision was a difficult one precisely because of the lack of information about the expense involved. There were, of course, other factors too and each councillor personally no doubt gave more or less weight to each of them in deciding how to vote.

## Personal Opinion

What follows is my own opinion and does not represent an agreed Parish Council view. I should welcome comments, whether readers agree with me or not. Our county's future may be decided by public opinion. "The Rooster" can help by allowing people the opportunity to show what that opinion is.

## Reorganisation 1974

Before 1974 counties differed greatly in size. Some were so large that they were already administered in smaller units. Yorkshire had its three Ridings, as well as a number of county boroughs; Lincolnshire had four parts - Lindsey, Kesteven and Holland, and the City of Lincoln itself.



When local government was reorganised, some small counties (e.g. Rutland) disappeared altogether and others merged - Cumberland and Westmorland formed the new county of Cumbria. The aim was to redress variations of size and to ensure that each new county would be an efficient unit. Counties had to be sufficiently large to generate rate income adequate for effective services. They also needed geographical and economic cohesion and good internal communications.

## The Great Divide

The River Humber was always going to be a problem. Estuaries form natural boundaries. While the Humber Bridge was being built Alan Plater wrote a play: "Never Mind the Bridge - Fill in the River". Without going to those lengths, it was hoped that the Bridge would enable Humberside to develop as a unit whose two parts had much in common economically: shipping, commerce and industry, including agriculture. The Bridge and the new motorways and other road systems north and south of the Humber have provided the communications to make Humberside a viable county unit.

## Centre of Gravity

East Riding loyalists should be pleased that Humberside's headquarters are still in Beverley. We might be less happy if they were in, say, Grimsby. Those south of the river may have more to complain about - though many places in South Humberside are actually closer to Beverley than, say, Bridlington and Flamborough are. As far as our administrative centre goes, we in North Humberside would be no better off with a restored East Riding - but we should certainly feel remote from the centre if we were part of North Yorkshire with its county hall at Northallerton. On the other hand, the former East Riding would make a very small county and would lose economies of scale that Humberside enjoys.

## Sense or Sentimentality?

What, then, is the appeal of the campaign of the East Riding Action Group? Largely it is a matter of strong local patriotism, nostalgia for "Yorkshire born and bred." Most of us share this loyalty to our roots but it does not provide a sound basis on which to decide local government boundaries and choose the most effective unit to administer county services.

The letter from the East Yorkshire Action

Group discussed by the Parish Council does claim that a restored East Yorkshire would be, "a more cost-effective, convenient and efficient form of local government" - but this claim is what the Boundary Commission now have to quantify : it is not true just because it is so confidently asserted.

Otherwise, the letter relies on emotional tricks. It refers to "loyal Yorkshire folk" and makes heavy-handed use of the expression "the people" : "The people of the East Riding.... The people now have this chance.... many thousands of Yorkshire people.... it is the people that matter.... representatives of those people should not fail them.... the people look to their councils...."

Such language is presumptuous (like Alex Higgins who called himself "the people's champion"). Which people and how many? Local democracy does matter. People should have more power to decide issues affecting their own lives. If there is a case for restoring East Yorkshire, let's hear it and not be swayed by loaded propaganda.

#### Support for East Yorkshire

The Action Group would argue that they have a right to speak for "the people". They had sent a petition to the Boundary Commission containing 45,000 signatures. After the Commission's Report Mr Nicholas Ridley received 6,000 representations in favour of abolishing Humberside.

The Action Group's 45,000 signatures make a formidable total - but it represents only a tiny proportion (less than 7%) of Humberside ratepayers. It is unlikely that the organisers reported (as a properly-organised poll would have done) the numbers of those who opposed the petition or declined to sign it. The Secretary of State received almost 6,000 representations - but they were virtually the same : "about 2,000 coupons from a local newspaper and nearly 4,000 letters expressed in identical terms." If a complex issue is presented in simple and emotional language many of "the people" can be induced to sign a protest.

Let's have your own views. No coupons or petitions supplied! Better still, let the Boundary Commission know what you think. Write - before the end of May - to :

The Secretary,  
Local Government Boundary Commission,  
20 Albert Embankment,  
London. DE1 7TJ.

Letters for publication in "The Rooster" should arrive by Monday 22nd May.

#### Darby & Joan Club

Some time ago ill health unfortunately forced Mrs Rosemary Priest to give up her role as leader. Members had very much appreciated her work. They are now pleased to have a new leader, Mrs Chris Bilton of Main Street.

The Club meets every fortnight in the Communal Hall in Eastfield from 2.00 to 4.00 on alternate Wednesdays. In May it will meet on 10th and 24th. Tea and cakes are served by volunteer hostesses and members enjoy whist and dominoes, bingo and a raffle, as well as an opportunity for social chat. Six new members have already joined and others will be welcome.

Several special events have been planned. A rally of Darby and Joan Clubs at Burton Pidsea will have taken place by the time this report appears. On 21st May there is to be a Craft Fair in the Memorial Institute - there will be a tombola and gifts of prizes will be much appreciated. Members are looking forward to an outing on 7th June to the Trent Valley Garden Centre near Scunthorpe. There are likely to be spare coach places for non-members. Anyone interested should contact Chris Bilton in person or by phone (670225).

#### Darby & Joan Club

Sunday 21st May : 10.00 - 4.00

#### Craft Fair

Wide range of homecrafts, including :

Babywear and home knitting, Machine knitting,  
Handcraft jewellery, Silk flower making,  
Woodcraft - both small and large items,

Cake Stall, Tombola, Refreshments.

#### Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting of 10th April. All members were present.

The Minutes were read and approved. It was noted that work on the Pilmar Lane site had already begun.

#### Correspondence

Sand-le-Mere. For the Parish Council, the Chairman had approved Mr Ivor Ellis's application for renewal of his entertainment licence.

Parking near School. The Headteacher, Mr



Keith Thorogood, had written about the danger to children due to parking on both sides of the road when they were leaving school. As long ago as 1983-4, additional safety measures had been promised : once the main road had been upgraded, the safety barrier was to be moved back and a long lay-by was to be created. None of this work had been carried out. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the Highway Authority to support the headteacher and stress the real risk of injury if nothing was done.

County Boundary. Mr Trevor Pearson of the East Yorkshire Action Group had written about his campaign to restore East Yorkshire as a county. The Secretary of State for the Environment had referred the matter back to the Boundary Commission for further consideration. Mr Pearson urged all local councils to support the East Yorkshire case by writing to the Boundary Commissioners. After a very thorough discussion the Parish Council voted not to do so since there was no evidence that to dismantle Humberside would benefit residents in a reconstituted East Yorkshire.

Holderness Awards 1988. Two renovations (including the Memorial Institute) were thought suitable but it was agreed that entry was a matter for those responsible.

### Planning

West Side, Main Street (Mr S. Blenkin). Extension : ground-floor lobby, first-floor bathroom. Supported.

North-east Pinfold Lane (Next to Rose Cottage. Mr R.M. Dennis). Two dwellings. Supported - subject to solution of any problem due to the line of the sewer.

North of Pilmar Lane, east of Main Street. (James Robert Development). The development had been given Borough Council approval "in principle" in February. A revised site plan showed the required amenity area at the north-west corner of the site. After much discussion the Parish Council recommended that it should be located more centrally - at Plot 8 on the southern boundary - and that the pedestrian way between Plots 29 and 30 should be closed up to prevent its being used in future for vehicular access. Otherwise, since the Borough Council had already supported the development, there was felt to be no option but to support the revised site plan.

### Accounts

Association of Parish and Town Councils. Payment of the annual subscription (£81.20)

was approved. Many councillors (especially the Treasurer, Councillor Cheeseman) felt that the level of subscription was not justified by the advantages of membership - but it was agreed that the Association should still be supported.

### Outstanding Items

Councillor Bowden referred to a letter from the Director of Development discussed at a previous meeting. The Director had said that, if the Parish would undertake to maintain the amenity area in the Pilmar Lane development, there might be assistance available. The Clerk was asked to enquire what proportion of costs would be met by such assistance.

### Any Other Business

Burton Pidsea Road. It was noted that parts of the road to Burton Pidsea from Owstwick lane end had been marked as if in preparation for repair work.

Tunstall. Councillor Quarmby said that a shed had been erected between the Roos road and Low Road and asked whether planning permission had been sought or granted. There had been no indication of official consent.

Speed Limit. Councillor Priest referred to previous attempts to achieve a 30 m.p.h. restriction in Roos. He wondered if a request for a 40 m.p.h. limit might be more successful. All members sympathised with the need for a restriction but knew that the issue would be decided by recorded traffic density. It was agreed that when the Pilmar Lane development was completed it would be opportune to make a further request for a speed limit.

Roos Beck. Councillor Quarmby reported that Roos Beck was very full and needed attention. He agreed to ask the Borough Council to send an officer to inspect the problem. Members knew, however, that the likely response would be a re-statement of the principle that the clearing of debris from the beck was the responsibility of riparian owners.

### Parish Council Meeting including the Annual General Meeting

Monday 8th May : 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

# Roos & District Horticultural Society

## 34th Spring Show : 1989

The mild weather preceding the 34th Spring Show on 15th April helped produce a near-record number of entries on display in the Memorial Institute. The quality of the entries was exceptional. Significantly, the Royal Horticultural Society's Affiliated Societies' card for the best entry was won by a cauliflower.

On the day itself the weather was perfect and attracted many visitors. Refreshments were in steady demand and the excellent cake stall was very busy. As always, the children's entries roused great interest, especially this year the drawings and paintings of "My House", and the ingenuity of some of the Lego models was remarkable.

Before presenting special prizes to the winners in each section, Mrs Susan Quarmby drew the occasion to a climax with a fine speech. A very happy day ended with the drawing of raffle tickets and an auction of the surplus produce.



Ann Broom (11) and her "Flowers in a Saucer"

### Special Prizes

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Cut Flowers    | T.F.Kellock (Five Narcissi).     |
| Plants & Bulbs | F.S.Sanderson (Cineraria).       |
| Decorative     | Mrs J.Fisher (Shell arrangement) |
| Fruit & Veg.   | S.Long (Cauliflower).            |
| Eggs           | A.P.Wade (Brown Eggs).           |

### Cut Flowers

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|----------------------------|---|
| Yellow Daffodils (Trumpet) | 1. R.Haythorpe; 2. G.Fussey; 3. Mrs M.Hodgson.      |
| Narcissi (Large)           | 1. Mrs D.Blashill; 2. R.Haythorpe; 3. Mrs M.D.Gray. |
| Narcissi (Small)           | 1. T.F.Kellock; 2. Mrs V.Cook; 3. M.R.Gray.         |
| Narcissi (Other)           | 1. Mrs C.Cross; 2. Mrs M.D.Gray; 3. M.R.Gray.       |
| Tulips                     | 1. Mrs M.Hodgson; 2. T.F.Kellock; 3. Mrs G.Peck.    |
| Spring Flowers             | 1. Mrs M.Hodgson; 2. Mrs V.Cook; 3. Mrs M.Tuplin.   |
| Spring Flowers (Mixed)     | 1. R.Haythorpe; 2. Mrs M.Tuplin; 3. Mrs M.Hodgson.  |
| Flowering Shrub            | 1. Mrs J.Grant; 2. Mrs M.Hodgson; 3. G.Fussey.      |
| Polyanthus                 | 1. Mrs V.Cook; 2. Mrs P.Grant; 3. C.E.A.Towne.      |

### Plants & Bulbs

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| Pot Plant in Bloom  | 1. Mrs A.Bronby; 2. G.Fussey; 3. F.Burn.             |
| Pot Plant (Foliage) | 1. Mrs A.Bronby; 2. Mrs M.Hodgson; 3. Mrs F.Maynard. |
| Succulent Plant     | 1. Michael Bronby; 2. Mrs J.Grant; 3. Mrs A.Bronby.  |
| Cacti               | 1. Mrs G.Peck; 2. Mrs J.Maltas; 3. Mrs M.Hodgson.    |
| Cineraria           | 1. F.S.Sanderson; 2. G.Fussey; 3. Mrs V.E.Clark.     |
| Cyclamen            | 1. Mrs M.Hodgson.                                    |
| Bulbs (any variety) | 1. Mrs A.Bronby; 2. G.Fussey.                        |

### Decorative

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| Miniature                           | 1. Mrs J.Fisher; 2. Mrs J.Maltas; 3. Mrs V.Cook.       |
| In Posy Bowl, etc.                  | 1. Mrs V.Cook; 2. Mrs J.Maltas; 3. Mrs V.E.Clark.      |
| In Wine Glass                       | 1. Mrs V.E.Clark; 2. Mrs J.Fisher; 3. Mrs G.Wright.    |
| In Shell                            | 1. Mrs J.Fisher; 2. Mrs G.Wright; 3. Mrs V.Cook.       |
| In Candlestick                      | 1. Mrs C.Farrington; 2. Mrs S.Winter; 3. Mrs V.Cook.   |
| Basket, Spring Flowers              | 1. Mrs J.Fisher; 2. Mrs S.Winter; 3. Mrs J.Maltas.     |
| Foliage Arrangement                 | 1. Mrs G.Wright; 2. Mrs S.Winter; 3. Mrs V.Cook.       |
| In Modern Style                     | 1. Mrs S.Winter; 2. Mrs G.Wright.                      |
| Dinner Table Arrangement (Novice)   | 1. Mrs P.Grant.  |
| A Special Anniversary (Accessories) | 1. Mrs S.Winter; 2. Mrs C.Farrington; 3. Mrs G.Wright. |

### Children's Section

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| Posy in Saucer* (6 - 11)                | 1. Anne Broom; 2. Helen Cook; 3. Jennifer Barker.    |
| In Shell                                | 1. Heather Cook; 2. Anne Broom; 3. Mary Jane Barker. |
| Spring Flowers (9-13)                   | 1. Helen Cook; 2. Heather Cook;                      |
| Lego Model (5 - 8)                      | 1. Robert Moore.                                     |
| " (9 - 13)                              | 1. James Howden; 2. Ian Hulme; 3. Mark Gray.         |
| Drawing / Painting : "My House" (5 - 6) | 1. Rachel Dennis; 2. Sophie Clark; 3. Sonia Monkman. |

# Drawing / Painting : "My House"

(7 - 8)

1. Steven Lord; 2. Anna Hulme;  
3. Robert Gray,

(9 - 11)

1. Francesca Rannard;  
2. Lee Vaddleton;  
3. Victoria Metheringham,

## Fruit & Vegetables

Rhubarb

1. Mrs A. Tuplin; 2. R. Haythorpe;  
3. F. S. Sanderson,

Cauliflower/Broccoli

1. S. Long; 2. R. Haythorpe;  
3. Mrs M. D. Gray,

Cabbage

1. T. F. Kellock; 2. R. Haythorpe;  
3. Mrs M. Hodgson,

Leeks

1. C. E. A. Towne; 2. Mrs M. Hodgson;  
3. T. F. Kellock,

Lettuce

1. C. E. A. Towne; 2. C. H. Burn;  
3. F. S. Sanderson,

Dressed Onions

1. Mrs A. Tuplin; 2. T. F. Kellock;  
3. R. Haythorpe,

Dressed Shallots

1. C. E. A. Towne; 2. T. F. Kellock;  
3. P. T. Wade,

Eggs : Tinted Hen

1. A. P. Wade (Best in Show);  
2. Paul Richardson; 3. Mrs M. Hodgson,

" : Brown Hen

1. F. Burn; 2. E. Kirkwood;  
3. P. T. Wade,

" : Bantam

1. C. H. Burn; 2. F. Burn; 3. P. T. Wade,

## In Stock



"By a law passed in the reign of Edward III every manor had to be equipped with stocks. Our village stocks were still in position in the main street opposite the east end of Ellerby Lane, formerly Hodgson Lane. They fell into disrepair and were removed in the middle 1800s. Other forms of punishment were Jongs, which were iron collars with a joint at the back to enable closing and shutting; gibbets were erected at crossroads. Life was cheap in those days."

G. W. Wilbraham, *A History of Roos.*

## Roos W. I.

The President, Mrs Norah Hornby, chaired the meeting on 5th April and read out items from the Federation Newsletter.

**Visits.** Members were invited by Sproatley WI to a Fashion Show on 28th April. The visit to Burton Agnes had been arranged for 14th June.

**Donations.** Thanks had been received from Linnaeus House, the Denman Travel Fund, and

the Area Health Authority (help for their bone densitometer appeal).

**South Holderness Group.** The Secretary, Mrs Marjorie Godfrey, reported items discussed at the Group Meeting. The Bulb Show had been both well attended and a financial success. Details of the Rally on 18th May had been finalised. The next Group Meeting would be on 17th July.

**London AGM.** The first two resolutions were discussed. Members unanimously supported stricter control on the disposal of toxic waste and the majority were in favour of compulsory DNA testing.

The evening's guest was Mr Alan Burnham who gave an illustrated talk about a holiday in the Alps. His slides showed not only magnificent scenery but also many rare and beautiful wild flowers. Mrs Mary Winter thanked him for a fascinating presentation.

"A Flower Arrangement in a Seashell" was the subject of the competition, won by Mrs Kathleen Nelson and Mrs Joyce Grant.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs Pat Cheeseman and Mrs Margaret Payne.

## Rooster Deadline

Monday 22nd May

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

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

## Solution to Crossword No. 1

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| 'B | D  | D  | S  | 'G | E  | O  |
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