



# The Rooster

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 11th March was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Jackson, Priest, D.Winter, and G.E.Winter (Chair).

The retiring Parish Clerk, Mr Alan Santos, and his new replacement, Mrs Sandra Hardy, were both present.

#### Minutes

The February Minutes were approved. Under "Matters arising" members agreed to request that two road signs be replaced : at the entrance to Chestnut Garth and on the Burton Pidsea Road pointing to Owstwick.

#### Correspondence

##### Proposals to change the planning system

Sir David Ford (for the Council for the Preservation of Rural England) had written about government proposals to change the planning system. He urged parish councils to oppose them by joining the CPRE. Members decided that they could oppose the proposals without joining CPRE. Instead, they agreed to consult the Local Councils Association, to which they already subscribed.

**Royal visit to York.** The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to visit York racecourse on 12th July. A special race will be run to celebrate the Golden Jubilee and a Country Fair will be held on the ground. The tourism manager (*of York City Council?*) invited the Parish Council to share in the occasion by running a stall. They did not respond.

**Local Product Directory.** Emma MacDonald from the East Riding Council had sent a copy of the current directory and invited details of businesses for future inclusion. The Directory is intended to bring the names of producers of local goods to the attention of the public. It was agreed to request more copies.

**Holderness Hopper.** A leaflet advertised the advantage of this "Dial-a-Ride" door-to-door transport scheme for

people in areas poorly served by scheduled services. The phone number for further details was : 01964 - 611384. It was agreed to place the leaflet on the parish notice board.

**2001 Small Projects Fund.** A letter (*from the East Riding?*) advised that, though time was running out, it was still possible to apply for financial assistance for village projects. It was agreed to pass the letter to the group working for a children's playground.

#### Tree damage in Hinch Garth

A resident had written about tree branches wilfully broken off at the entrance to Hinch Garth. The debris was unsightly and he asked who should be asked to clear it up. The Chairman said it was not a matter for the Parish Council.

Cllr Grant said that householders in Hinch Garth were responsible for the hedge to the south but that the trees in question were on the patch of grass where no house had been built.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Highways Department, though if Hinch Garth was not an adopted road no action might be taken.

#### Planning

No new applications had been received. There was advice that the following recent applications had been approved.

Nutmeg Cottage (formerly Shillingbury) Rectory Rd.  
Demolition and replacement with a larger building.

Rectory Cottage, Rectory Road. Erection of double garage and conservatory to rear.

46 Pilmar Lane. Retention of detached garage.

#### Accounts

The Treasurer, Cllr D.Winter, advised that there were five accounts due for payment :

Holderness Newspapers	(Parish Clerk vacancy)
Memorial Institute	(Use for meetings)
Mr Alec Dodson	(Pilmar Lane trees)
Clerk's salary and expenses	
Insurance premium	(Zurich Municipal)

Cllr Grant explained that he and Cllr Cheeseman had examined the trees in Pilmar Lane on council land. They were dangerous and needed urgent removal. He had asked Mr Dodson to quote for the work and had then consulted

**Roos Parish Council**

**Next meeting**

**Monday 8th April**

**7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute**

**Members of the public always welcome**

other councillors who agreed to accept the quotation.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay all five bills, which in total amounted to over £750. He advised that, including the Council Tax precept of £1,000, the Parish Council would have about £2,000 available in 2002 - 2003.

### Any other business

#### Code of Conduct

The Parish Council was required to adopt a Code of Conduct by 21st May. All members must sign their individual acceptance of it and also complete a register of interests that might affect their decisions.

Documents provided at the last meeting had not included the Model Code. The new Clerk undertook to circulate copies for discussion at the next meeting.

#### Wildlife poisoning

The Chairman read out a notice from the Department of the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. It advised that it was illegal to poison wildlife (e.g. by use of pesticides) and offenders would be prosecuted. It was agreed to display the advice on the notice board.

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### Rooster donations for the year to 31st March 2002

Recent donations are gratefully acknowledged from :

Mr & Mrs A.J.Adams	Mr W.Holbrook
Mr & Mrs D.E.Archer	Mr & Mrs D.J.Houlton
Mr & Mrs R.L.Bamford	Mr E.B.Moverley
Mr & Mrs S.R.Cowell	Mr & Mrs T.Woodhouse

(+ Mrs E.Lawson for the period from 1st April 2002).

#### Accounting period

A statement of accounts for the year from 1st April 2001 to 31st March 2002 will appear in the next newsletter.

Working from April in one year to March in the next has been confusing to some supporters, who tend to think in terms of "this year" - i.e. the calendar year. As a result some have donated twice. (When this has been pointed out, each has accepted the fact graciously but it has been embarrassing that a double donation was not intended.)

In 2002 I propose to end the period in December and from 2003 to run the accounts from January to December in the hope that this will be less confusing.

L.H.

## ROOSTER DEADLINE

Pass material for the next issue to Leslie Helliwell,  
Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos (670291) by

**Friday 5th April**

***WANTED!***

Notices, reports, news, articles, stories, poems,  
opinions, photos, drawings,...

## PUBLIC SESSION

### Reform of planning system

Mr L.Helliwell referred to the government's proposals for reforming the planning system. Members had been right not to join CPRE (a worthy body) merely to oppose the proposals. In fact, it seemed wrong to oppose them on principle without having read them. (It was possible to read them on the internet.) They were set out as a Green Paper - a consultative document - and responses were requested. One aim was to simplify and speed up the planning process. Some of the suggestions would be welcome - for example, the more direct involvement of communities in developing local village plans.

*(View the Green Paper on : [www.planning.dtlr.gov.uk](http://www.planning.dtlr.gov.uk))*

The Chairman said that the matter was closed. The Parish Council had made its decision : Cllr Priest would seek advice from the Local Councils Association.

### Tribute to retiring Parish Clerk

The Chairman spoke warmly of the service of Mr Alan Santos over a number of years. Mr Santos thanked the Chairman and other members for their appreciation.

### The new Parish Clerk

The new Clerk is Mrs Sandra Hardy of Garton. She can be contacted at : 1 Church Farm Cottages,  
Garton, E.Yorks. HU11 4QE.  
**Phone : 01964 - 527669**

Sandra has lived in Garton for 3½ years and is also Parish Clerk of the East Garton Parish Council.

She works for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in the Department of Law & Administration, Planning & Property. One of her colleagues is Colin O'Connor, Parish Councils Officer - a good contact for a Clerk!

### Incumbents of All Saints', Roos

Canon Graham Christie, a former Rector, died in the New Year aged 92. Mr Reckitt suggested that The Rooster might print a notice of the fact. However, on 7th February The Holderness Advertiser had already printed an appreciative notice and tribute from Mrs Mary Winter.

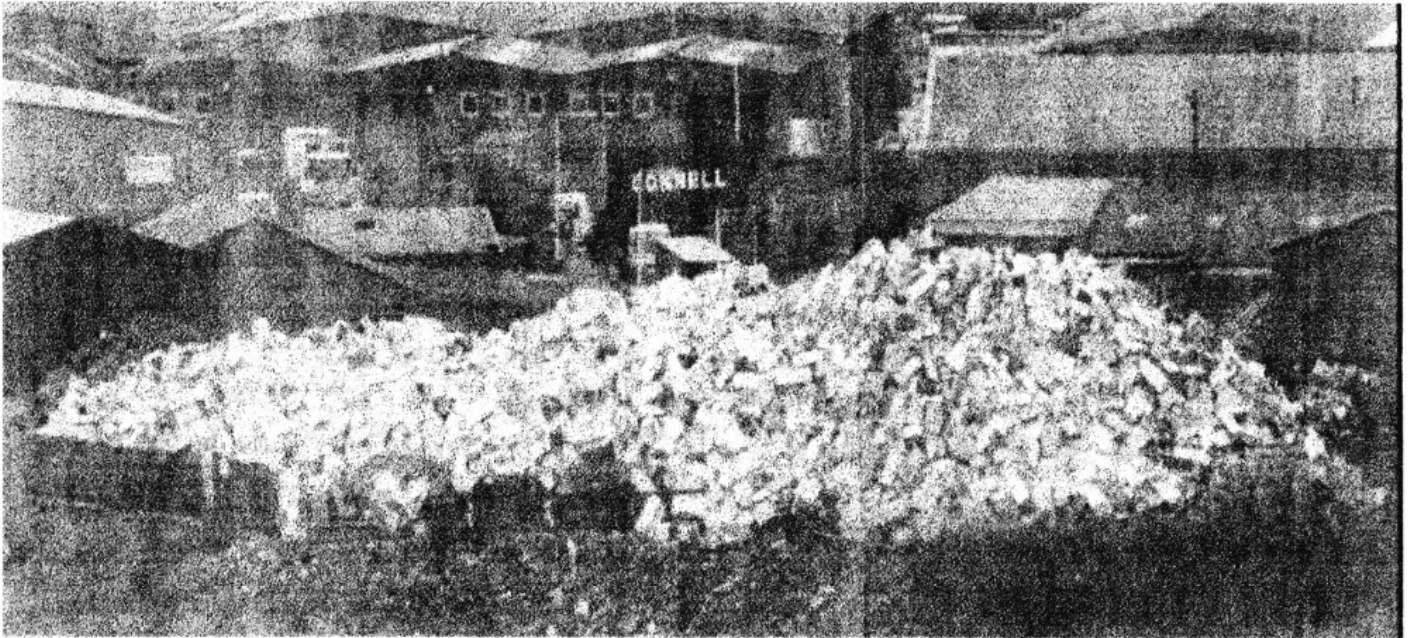
Further, the newsletter had not noted the deaths of Rev. Jim Woodhouse (December 2000) and Father Aquinas.

Obituaries and routine notices of deaths are excluded for two reasons : it would be invidious if a death were overlooked and often difficult to find the right details.

However, Mr Wilbraham's History lists incumbents from the 13th century to the 1960s. To update the record, here are the names from Canon Christie onwards.

42	Graham Christie, B.A.	1946
43	John Featherstone, L.Th.	1962
44	James Woodhouse	1966
45	Eric Richards	1973
46	J.T.Davies (Father Aquinas)	1979
47	John D.Adey	1989
48	Philip Moate	1995

# Fridge Mountain



Scrap isn't what it used to be. Unwanted equipment, not least "any old iron", has little cash value. In our throw-away society you now often have to pay to have items removed.

This is why old cars are left in side streets or ditches and fridges and washing machines are dumped in out-of-the-way places. In February the Parish Council heard of tyres and asbestos dumped over the cliffs near Hilston.

## Fridge mountain

Fridges are a special problem. Because of the ozone-depleting CFCs they contain they need specialised disposal. So far, Britain has had no means of handling them safely. Germany can supply machines - at £2m each and with delivery delays of several months. Meanwhile, every year in the UK we pile up 2.3 million discarded domestic fridges and freezers.

The picture above shows the fridge mountain at the Connell Group's site in Oldham. It covers more than an acre and is nearly 50 feet high - no doubt much to the firm's embarrassment and cost.

It seems, however, that Messrs Connell may have a solution. They have designed and patented their own CFC-removal system. It is being tested by Manchester University and evaluated by the Environment Agency. It can deal with 300 fridges an hour compared with the German system's 60 an hour. If it is approved and adopted the Connell Group will not only make a lot of money but help save the planet.

*(Main factual source : The Guardian, 16th February. At that time Connells hoped to have their licence "within a couple of weeks.")*

## From backyard to stockpile

In the East Riding, Environmental Services will, on request, collect from private houses up to five bulky items

of domestic refuse - including fridges - at a charge per visit of £15.00. The materials are then taken to the site of the Waste Recycling Group (WRG) at Wilmington in Hull.

## Waiting room for carcasses

Martin Pooley is WRG's Contracts Manager for Hull and the East Riding. On the phone he explained that WRG is a commercial firm that recycles all kinds of waste and owns many sites throughout the country. Wilmington, a "Transfer Loading Station", is just one of the local ones. From there most waste is disposed of in landfill sites.

WRG used to "de-gas" fridges and freezers at Wilmington but stopped the practice because of the possibility that not all the CFCs had been removed. They now strip out interior fittings such as shelves and then store the carcasses at Foster Street to await specialist handling. There are such storage facilities all round the country.

## Living in hope

Mr Pooley had not heard of the Connell Group but explained that several firms are working to develop systems to deal with the fridges' harmful substances - which also include the insulating foam.

He pointed out that if only one firm had a licence to process these materials its monopoly would probably result in exorbitant charges.

The best hope was that a number of firms would soon be able to offer the facility and that the competition would keep down the cost to firms like his (and ultimately to the consumer).

Mr Pooley envisaged that such a stage might be reached in 3 - 6 months.

Until the new technology is available - and affordable - make your old fridge last a little longer.



# G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 33

## Housing in the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20th Centuries

*As Mr Wilbraham comes closer to his own time his History becomes more fragmented. Sometimes he gives brief jottings. Sometimes he adds bits to what has gone before. The History is now less of a story, more of an antiquarian's notebook. The summary here is selective. More changes have been made to the structure. L.H.*

Between 1840 and 1870 a number of the farmhouses on the old enclosures were rebuilt – either wholly or partially.

Between 1890 and 1914 better rural conditions were noted but during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, though there was a national housing shortage, no houses were being built. In Roos the last of the old thatched cottages had been demolished and had not been replaced. Labour shortages and high costs gave little incentive to private enterprise.

After the war, house-building was subsidised but rapid development took place only on the outskirts of towns. There was no demand for houses in places like Roos. In 1840 the population of Roos was 430. It was exactly the

same in 1931. In those 90 years the actual housing stock increased very little : from 109 inhabited houses in 1840 to 115 in 1931.

Patrington Rural District Council had powers to build houses but none was built in Roos.

When the new Holderness District was formed the government urged the need for council houses. Dwellings unfit for habitation on account of damp or disrepair were to be condemned. Officials visited Roos and a number of cottages were condemned. To replace them, eight council houses were erected at N.End (i.e. North End Cottages, Hilston Road.)

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|----|----------|----------------|
| 1. | 21.11.38 | Miss Ada Kirk. |
| 2. | 19.12.38 | D.D.Blanchard  |
| 3. | 12.9.38  | Gibson Foster  |
| 4. | 5.9.38   | T.H.Jumps *    |
| 5. | 3.10.39  | F.Martin       |
| 6. | 3.9.38   | Mrs E.Harrison |
| 7. | 9.1.39   | J.W.Foster *   |
| 8. | 12.12.39 | G.A.Crowther * |

*(These are apparently the names of the first tenants.)*

These were previously in sub-standard houses.

Those asterisked were still there in 1967.

## Roos Beck

This has been a natural water-course. It begins in East Field 46 where two dikes join up, flows south in that field and at the bottom turns east and joins a field dike.

At the SW corner of 42 it flows between 44 and 45, then south after receiving a dike from the east (of?) 42 and 44.

On it goes between 155 and 51. In the SE corner of 155 the land is low and it turns west between 155 and 154. It follows its original course and forms the boundary between 154 and 153. Here it meets the Tunstall Road.

Before the Enclosure of the Commons it continued in a southerly direction but the course was altered to form the western boundary of fields 163 and 178. It then turns west under a holdstock, flows west a short distance to a pond in 176 and then turns south.

From the holdstock under the Grange Road the Rural Sanitary Authority in 1873 constructed arches under Dove Lane, Lamb Lane, Ellarby Lane and near Ivy Row footpath near the Corner House and it was taken over from Dove Lane to The Grange.

In the following year tunnelling took place in front of the eight houses west of the school. The sewer bottom was bricked with bricks from the Pinfold.

In 1966 that tunnelled part was bypassed by piping from near the Oratory across the footpath and under gardens of crofts 37, 38, and 39 and across 40.

On it goes, forming the age-long boundaries between ancient enclosures, sometimes potted, sometimes not.

At the churchyard it is now tunnelled. It then goes under a holdstock below the farm road and from there to the Keyingham Drain.

Recently the District Council have taken over the last stretch from where effluent leaves the sewage works.

*There have been local government changes since Mr Wilbraham wrote this. Holderness Rural District Council became Holderness Borough Council and the East Riding County Council became Humberside.*

*Both Holderness and Humberside used to act as agents for the water authority. Our present East Riding of Yorkshire Council does not do so. The sewage works and presumably the discharge from it are the responsibility of Yorkshire Water. L.H.)*

## Customs and sayings

### Riding the Stang

This goes back to the remote past and was a mild form of lynch law directed against men who beat their wives.

The offender was publicly denounced for three nights. On the first night a cart with a long pole called a stang, on which was a straw effigy of the offender, was drawn up and down the village by lads and men shouting, jeering and blowing horns and whistles. This was repeated on the next night.

On the third the cart was pulled up outside the offender's house, where the "nominy" was recited, the effigy burnt by the aid of a bonfire. Sometimes a stee was used, carried shoulder high. The doggerel went as follows :

Ran a dan, dan, I ride a stang.

It's neether your cause nor my cause that I ride the stang.

It's for ..... – his wife he did bang.

Oh 'e banged 'er, 'e banged 'er, 'e banged 'er indeed;  
'e banged this poor woman afore she stood need.

'e took neether stick, steeak nor stower,  
 But 'e cop wiv 'is neeaf (fist) and knocked 'er back'ards ower.  
 Upsteears aback o' bed  
 Theear 'e brayed 'er wharl she bled.  
 Doonsteears aback o' deear  
 Theear 'e brayed 'er wharl 'er back wor soor.  
 Poor thing wor seea sceaared that she ran wiv a fullock  
 An' wi' a cowlreeak 'e then knocked 'er doon like a bullock.  
 She opened 'er mooth an' she let oot a yawp  
 An he bazzacked 'er wharl she wor still as a stowp.

Noo all thoo good peeaple wha live i' this raw  
 We'll ev thoo ti tak nooatice at this is oor law –  
 If onny on yer 'uzbuns yer wives thoo diz bang,  
 We'll get on this stee an' we'll rahde thoo a stang.

## Ringing the Reckan

The reckon is the iron bar suspended from the beam or bar across the upper part of the old-fashioned open fireplace, on which the pots are hung. Ringing the reckon meant drawing the poker backwards and forwards several times over the hanging pot-hooks, of which there were generally many. This was done commemorative of some startling event, usually with a sense of humour, and often derisively.

An old man gave the following illustration.

A man called Cappy was going to be married and he had once been an admirer of a certain farm servant. The servants were looking out of the window as the folk were passing the kitchen window.

"There they gan," says one of the girls. "There's thy auld Cappy, Fanny."

Fanny, with scorn on her face, says, "Than ah mun ring reckon," and with the poker she clatters the pot-hooks.

## The Mell Supper

This was given by the farmers to their workers when the harvest was completed. It has now died out. The late Thomas Enfield Kirk observed it at Hilston early in this century (*the 20<sup>th</sup>*). When the mell – the last sheaf – was

placed on the stack, the foreman, standing on the mell sheaf, shouted this "nominy":

Bless the day that Christ were born,  
 We've gotten mell o' Mr ..... 's corn.  
 It's varry weel cutten an' varry weel tahd.  
 Then bless the day that Christ were born.  
 We've gotten mell o' Mr ..... 's corn.  
 Aa – a-a-a-men.

After this the men descended from the stack and the mell pint of beer was drunk by each worker. This was followed by a supper in the farm kitchen.

## Sayings : Food and drink

Sad keeak Unleavened dough, baked in oven, sliced in half, smeared with butter and eaten hot.

Frummety A preparation of wheat, creed in the oven, boiled with milk and spiced. Eaten at Christmas and New Year.

## Some snippets

### The Geography of Roos

#### Position

Near the North Sea on its eastern side, being ¼ mile at its nearest point.

Latitude :	53.46.45	53.44.10
Longitude :	0.1	0.04.30

#### Extent

2528 acres. Roughly pear-shaped, narrowest at extreme N. 2 miles 7 fur E to W.

Greatest length SSW 4¼ miles. E to W 2 miles.

#### Boundaries

N & E	Tunstall
S & E	Rimswell
S	Halsham
W	Burton Pidsea, Owstwick & Hilston

## Field Names : Poplar Farm

Carr; Carr Hill; Highman Hollow; Spring Close; Home Close; Burton Road Close; 1<sup>st</sup> Green Sykes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Green Sykes; 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Sykes.

#### No.49

(Presumably refers to ancient enclosure No.49 : roughly where Chestnut Garth is now, turning down to Lamb Lane west of the Beck. It seems to have no connection with Poplar Farm.)

Some time before 1783 was three separate garths. The two added had been Bylith Garth and Burrell Garth.

## Roos Churchyard

- John Hogg. April 14<sup>th</sup> 1746 aged 28.  
 Jane Hogg, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1766, aged 90  
 Founded and endowed a charity school with a yearly stipend of £6 for the instruction of poor children of Roos.
- Thomas Birkwood, Owstwick. Died 27<sup>th</sup> November 1735 aged 62.  
 Coroner for 13 years. Chief Constable for Yorkshire 23 years.

## Coming events

### Details are invited for future entries

#### March

15 FORS Fashion Show. Roos School. 7.00 for 7.30.

#### April

- Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Mr A.Burgan : Making and Playing a Violin.
- Deadline for "Rooster" material.
- Horticultural Society Spring Show. Mem. Inst. 2.0.
- Parish Council meeting. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

#### May

- Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Julie Key : Reflexology (Talk & Demonstration).
- Flower Arranging, Memorial Institute. Demonstration by Kevin Hara. All welcome.

#### Jun

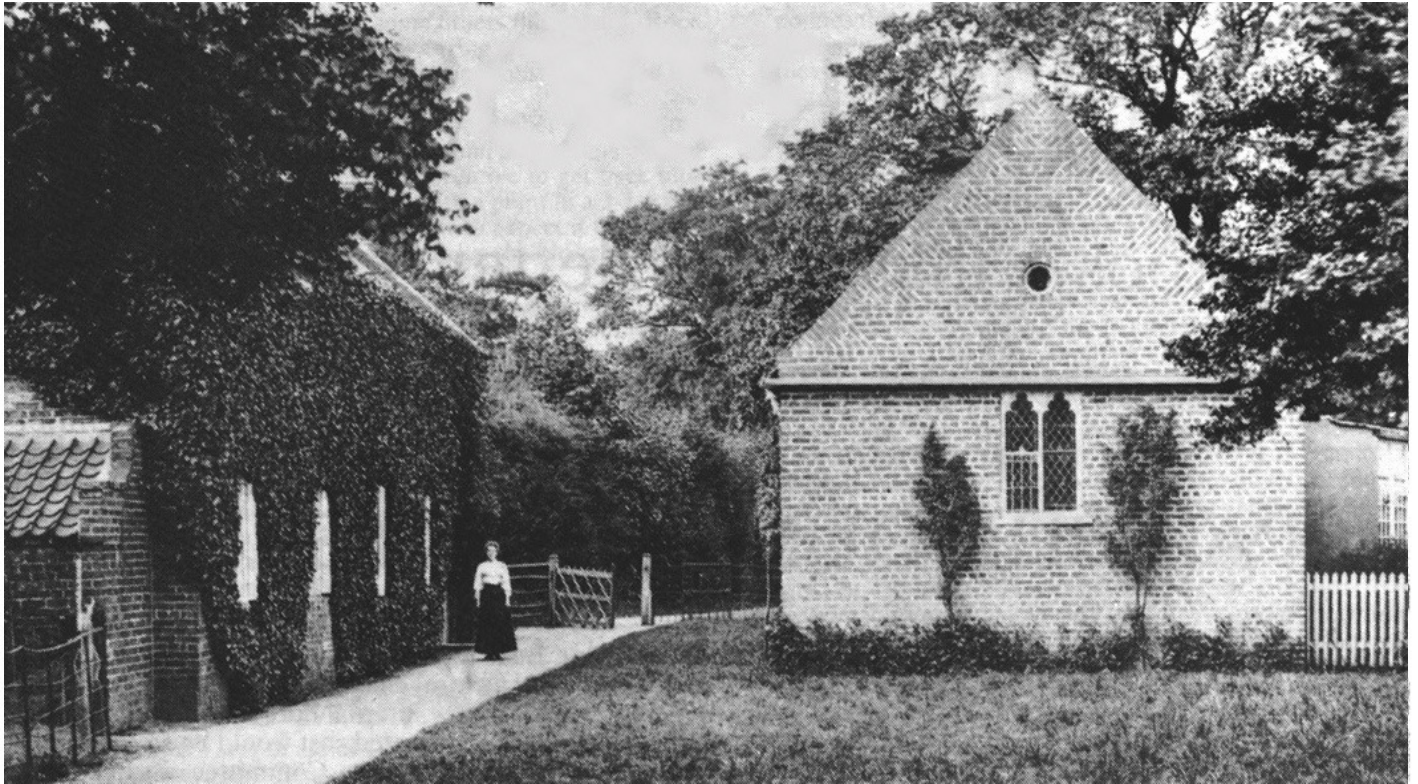
- Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Robert Rosner : Coming to the UK because of the Nazis.

#### July

- Horticultural Society 60th Summer Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall.



# The old Girls' School opposite Dent's Garth



*This photograph was supplied by Mrs Betty Lawson who used to live in the property known as Dent's Garth. The school is on the right; Dent's Garth, as it was, on the left.*

*The lady's dress suggests that the photograph was taken before the 1st World War. It first appeared in "The Rooster" in December 1985 (No.5). The paragraphs below repeat some of the information given then.*

*The building was provided in 1841 by Mrs Hotham. She was the daughter of Sir Christopher Sykes, a former Rector, and wife of Rev. Charles Hotham who succeeded him. Charles Hotham himself had bought the property at Pilmar Lane corner and extended the age-range of the school there as far as boys were concerned.*

*Mrs Hotham's school provided elementary education for girls. They were taught reading, writing and simple arithmetic : they had on a Sunday the kind of instruction available to boys during the week. So the school was initially more than a Sunday School as now understood : it was a "day school" held on a Sunday!*

*The summary of Mr Wilbraham's "History of Roos" continues below .*

After 1872 the girls came up to the new school-room in the village and the building at Dent's Garth was no longer used as a day school. It became a Sunday School, starting at 9.30. Afterwards the children went to Morning Prayer in church.

When Rev. E.Milsom became Rector he saw more scope for the building. It was restored in 1891 at a cost of £30. It was then first used in February 1892 for a meeting by the U.M.C.A. - the beginning of the missionary interest in Roos that has continued to the present day. Various names were suggested : Parish Room, Church Lodge and Ivy School Room - being covered in ivy at that time.

Morning Sunday School restarted in November 1892 and continued for many years till better accommodation was found in a classroom in the day school.

During the 1st World War the building was used by the band of the regiment stationed in the area.

Between the wars it served as a boys' clubroom in winter and later as a venue for the Women's Institute. It was cold and unpleasant going down there in the dark in winter and the heating was unsatisfactory - just a closed-in stove - either red-hot or cold to the touch.

The building met its end during the early years of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The army used it as a store but it could not have been of much use - the tiles kept coming off with the blast of the battery of 25-pounders in the plantation.

One day one of their vehicles ran into a corner of the building and it was damaged beyond repair. The church received compensation and the site was cleared.

**Roos & District Horticultural Society**

## **Spring Show**

**Saturday 6th April at 2.00 p.m.**

**Roos Memorial Institute**

**Presentation of cups at 3.00 by**

**Mrs P.Ogram**

**Schedules now available from the Hon. Sec.,  
Mrs J.Grant, Granleigh, South End, Roos (670576)**

**Cut flowers, plants & bulbs, fruit & vegetables,  
decorative arrangements, eggs + Children's Classes**