



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 8th July was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Kirk, Priest (in the Chair), and D. Winter. Cllr Jackson had sent apologies.

Minutes

After a minor correction the June Minutes were approved. The following matters arose from the Minutes.

Development east of Main Street

The Clerk said that the Planning Department seemed unaware of members' concern that there should be no temporary access via the track to the Playing Field. She had been unable to find a file copy of the letter sent from Roos. She was asked to write again to state the objection.

The Aldbrough / Burton Pidsea crossroad

Mr Mike Peak had agreed to arrange a site visit to hear members' concerns about the risk of serious accidents.

Declaration of interest

The Clerk reported that Cllr Quarmby had not returned a completed Declaration. Since the deadline had passed he would be disqualified from office and would receive an official notification of the fact. Since Cllr Winter had resigned there were now two vacancies.

Filling the Council vacancies

The Clerk repeated the advice on procedure she had given at the last meeting.

In the short term there would be an official announcement on the Parish Notice Board. The options were :

- If the Council had a quorum the vacancies could be left unfilled until the next local elections in May 2003.
- If persons offered themselves within fourteen days the vacancies could be filled by co-option.
- If a minimum of ten electors requested one, there would have to be a by-election.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman / Bank account signatories

Cllr Priest had been elected Chairman at the last meeting. He invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr Grant declined to be nominated. Cllr D. Winter at first demurred but, when there were no more nominations, accepted. He was deemed elected nem con.

As Treasurer, Cllr Winter undertook to arrange for a change of signatories for the Council's bank account. It was agreed that the Clerk should be one of the signatories.

Correspondence

Holderness Children's & Young People's Co-ordination Group. New members were invited. Two meetings were notified, the next on 19th July at Withernsea High School.

CCTV Scheme. A meeting on 4th July (!) was notified concerning Pocklington and Market Weighton.

East Riding of Yorkshire Community Plan : 2002 update

East Riding Housing Strategy : 2002/3 & 2005/6

East Riding Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance : the managed release of residential development sites.

Responses were required to the last two of the above. It was agreed to circulate them so that members could pass their comments to the Clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report.

Planning

New applications

East of Main Street (Southside Developments)

Applications concerning plots south of the internal road :

Plot 1	detached bungalow
Plots 3 & 6	detached houses
Plots 4 & 7	detached houses
Plot 8	dormer bungalow.

(An application for Plot 2 was tabled in June.)

It was agreed not to oppose the applications ("provided there were no near-neighbour objections") but to reiterate the point about access : no access to the site should be allowed except the one agreed - i.e. via Greenacre once the property there had been demolished.

Glebe Farm, Hilston (Dr B. Wells)

Two associated applications were considered : demolition of a general-purpose store and its replacement by a new one with a pantile roof instead of asbestos. Supported.

Forge House, Rectory Road

1st-floor extension to north. Supported.

18 Pilmar Lane (J. Dearing)

Single-storey extension to rear. Supported.

East of Main Street (M.A. Lockwood)

Relocation of tractor and implement shed. Members thought the new location would be inappropriate and agreed to ask for more details - e.g. about access once houses had been built on the site.

Previous application

West of Rectory Rd : Ponds for fish-rearing. (M.G.Grant)
The application had been withdrawn.

Any Other Business

Cllr Cheeseman reported damage to four hydrant markers : one near Halfway House and three on the "Village Green". The Clerk was asked to write reporting the matter to Yorkshire Water.

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday 12th August

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

G.E.Winter : A life in Roos

In June Ted Winter resigned as a member of Roos Parish Council. Cllr Ken Grant paid tribute to Ted's work for the village over many years and other members warmly concurred. I wanted to expand the tribute, not least since Ted's story will be of interest to many local people.

Ted is forthright, a man of strong opinions. I have often disagreed with him but admire his commitment and integrity. We frequently exasperate each other but our friendship has not suffered. When invited to provide details of his life he said, "Oh, you want to write my obituary before I've gone" – but agreed. He provided me with liquid refreshment and we talked for three hours. I am grateful for his collaboration.

L.H.

Early years

Ted was born on a farm at Sandhill. His family moved to Skirlaugh and then – in April 1934, when Ted was 12 – to North Farm, Roos. He attended Roos School when the head was Mr Wilbraham, a man he greatly admired. A friendship later developed that lasted to Mr Wilbraham's death in 1973. After leaving Roos Mr Wilbraham often stayed with the Winters to revisit the village and pay his respects at his wife's grave.

In January 1936 Ted moved to Withernsea School. In 1938 he started work on the family farm. After his father's death in 1958, he and his brother Jack ran the farm but lost the tenancy in 1960 when their tender for its renewal was unsuccessful.

Marriage and family



Ted married Mary in 1956, living first at South View (now End Cottage) on the corner of Hodgson Lane. They moved to Pilmar Lane in 1962 (before Eastfield was built) and in 1965 to their home in Chestnut Garth.

Getting around Holderness

Ted's job after farming could not have been more different. In 1960 he "bought a book" from the Co-operative Insurance Society - i.e. the right to sell and service the company's policies within a specific area. His

first patch extended from Hornsea to such villages as Lissett, Beeford, Leconfield and Cherry Burton. Later he covered Withernsea and such villages as Hollym, Patrington and Thorgumbald. He retired in 1987.

The work was good grounding for a future councillor. He met a range of people in informal circumstances – and picked up some good gardening tips! Successful claimants often expressed gratitude for the policies he had sold them. He enjoyed the opportunity to be of service.

One of the chores of the job was the book-keeping done at home – though the experience proved useful when he later acted as treasurer or auditor for several local groups.

The Second World War

Ted registered for National Service, hoping to go into the R.A.F., but since farming was a reserved occupation he was not called up. Instead, he served in the Home Guard and did his stint fire-watching in "Dog Hole" – where the butcher's shop is now; at the time an outbuilding housing the car and horse-trap of the butcher, Frank Whiting.

Roos was in the flight-path of enemy bombers making for Hull. Ted remembers a large bomb that exploded in the paddock behind the Old Rectory. Hilston church and churchyard were blown up. The Germans intentionally dropped anti-personnel mines – "butterfly bombs" – in crops just before harvest. Some fell in Roos Carrs and had to be investigated. Two Owstwick men were killed when they investigated too casually.

One night Ted and the blacksmith, Billy Burn, caught in Hodgson Lane during an air raid, flung themselves under the hedge opposite the Black Horse. Bombs dropped. Anti-aircraft guns blasted away. When it was safe to do so they got to their feet again. Mr Burn said, "Any bloke who goes through that and says he wasn't scared is a blooming liar."

After the War

Cricket

Roos cricketers resumed in 1946, using the field north of the new Rectory. See the snap on the next page.

Back

Ted Winter, Ronnie Eldred, Eric Metcalfe, Mike Cheeseman, George Kirkwood (Capt.), Peter Grant, Fred Grindall.

Middle

Mr Wilbraham, Ken Grant, Jack Curtis.

Front

Art Hinch, John Kirkwood..



An all-rounder, Ted later played for Patrington and then Halsham, where he became Captain.

Football

In 1945-6 Ted and Charlie Burn restarted the Roos Football Club, playing in Grants' field south of The Elms. Players included Ken and Peter Grant, Fred Foster, Art Hinch, Geoff Moverley and Sid Cressey.

Sometimes they played against German prisoners-of-war : 20-30 were housed in nissan huts in "Camp", north of the church. Ted thinks the first prisoners were Poles, then Italians and later Germans. The brick surface east of the road past Cherry Hill was laid by Italians.

Ted played for Patrington for a time but moved back and captained Roos when they played in a local league but his footballing was eventually stopped by a knee injury.

Amateur theatricals

In the 1950s the Rector, Canon Christie, ran the Roos Drama Group. The photograph shows a production in the old Roos School.



L to R Ted Winter, Vera Pawson (née Cross), Ken Grant, Ann Maltas (now Fisher), Charlie Burn.

Seated Margaret Goodless (née ?)

After the Roos Group folded, the Rector started a group at Garton, rehearsing in Grimston School. It entered the annual drama festivals organised by the Withernsea Evening Institute. The photograph shows a production of "The Leaning Shepherd".



L to R: Joan Goundrill (now Butler), Ted Winter, Mrs Suddaby, Alice Grassby (née Turner), Bob Coggin (?), Norah Hornby (née Mitchell).

Roos Church

Both Ted and Mary Winter served on the Parochial Church Council from the early 50s until about 1980 and 1976 respectively. Ted was PCC Treasurer for a period and churchwarden for a short time. From 1956-81 he was Treasurer of God's Acre, the association of local people who made donations to help maintain the churchyard.

Local democracy

Roos Parish Council

Ted was Parish Clerk for five years from the late 1960s . After that he was himself elected a parish councillor and was Chairman for two periods.

He resigned last month for a number of reasons. He was aware of advancing years and that he was not as effective at meetings as he once had been. The last straw was the requirement to sign a Declaration of Interest. Though he had no interests to declare he regarded it as an insult. He thought that persons who had given of their time to public service over a long period without reproach should not have to prove their honesty. It was a matter of principle.

Holderness Borough Council

From 1979 to 1996 Ted represented the Roos Ward, which included the parishes of Roos, Garton, Rimswell and Halsham. For a time he was a school governor both in Roos and at Withernsea High School.

The Borough Council disappeared in 1996. Ted failed to win the larger Mid-Holderness ward at the Humberside County Council election of that year.

Opinions and attitudes

Ted has no time for party politics in local government. He served as an individual – an Independent.

He has always fiercely defended what he believes to be the best interests of Roos. He believes that villages generally are in danger of losing their identity and that the character of our own is at risk. The threat is over-development. Green belts should be preserved. Necessary development should be restricted to brown-field sites – mainly urban land already developed that can be re-used for new purposes, especially housing.

He accepts that Roos is a selected settlement and that there is government pressure to build new housing. He knows that the East Riding may have to extend the village development limit but firmly believes in the power of public opinion : if enough people fight to oppose more building, the character of Roos can be preserved.

He denies being a small "c" conservative – dwelling on the past rather than facing circumstances as they are now. He believes small rural communities have a future as well as a past : we should cherish our heritage and preserve it for future generations.

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Fun Day and Scarecrow Trail

Roos versus The World Cup

15th June : England 3, Denmark 1

It was inconsiderate of the World Cup authorities to schedule an England game on the same day as the Roos Fun Day. A little forethought on their part could have avoided the clash. The result of it was that our streets were pretty deserted for two hours or so around noon while people watched the minor attraction on TV.

However, before and after mid-day people supported the Pet Show, the Scarecrow Trail and the afternoon Fun Day in gratifying numbers.



Debbie Tennison writes :

FORS would like to thank all who helped make this year's Fun Day and Scarecrow Trail such a big success.

Pet Show

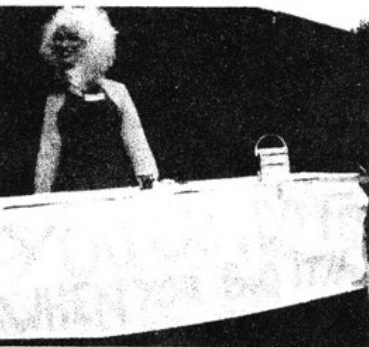
There was a big turn-out for the Family Pet Show during the morning, which this year included dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits and even a pair of ducklings!! Many thanks to Jim and Diane Cook for judging this special event.

Scarecrow Trail

The Scarecrow Trail was one of the best yet with fantastic entries ranging from Rodney and Del Boy to the Thunderbirds. Well done to everyone the time and effort into making it such a spectacle.

Roos Scarecrow Trail "Famous"- Official

Cherie Blenkin reckons that the 2002 Scarecrow Trail was the sixth she has organised.



Though it did not win a prize, the Gregg family's scarecrow featured a glamorous blonde in Cherie's apron - purportedly Cherie herself.

(Photo by courtesy of The Holderness Herald.)

Fun Day

The main event at the school "kicked off" in great spirits as everyone celebrated England's win over Denmark.



Cherie & Stuart Blenkin take a well-earned breather

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, prizes for the raffle and tombola, cakes and plants and to everyone who came and supported us and spent their money at the various stalls on the day. We made over £1,000 profit, a superb achievement.

And then ...

Debbie adds :

Our last fund-raising event this school year was held on Friday 5th July - a BBQ and Summer Cooking demonstration by Gerard Baker. What a night!

Gerard produced a BBQ paella, melon, feta, spring onion and pine-nut salad, a hot cheese-and-salad side dish followed by chocolate berry torte - all of which were tasted by a very approving audience.

Thank you to everyone who came to the evening (we made over £200 profit) and a very special thank you to Gerard, who fed us, entertained us and then even washed up!!

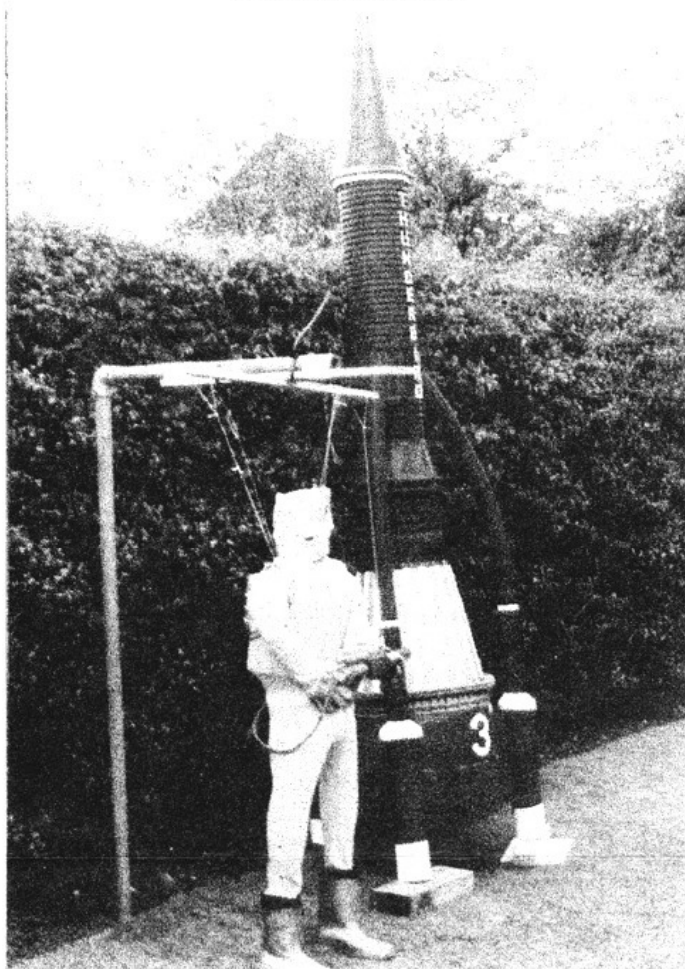
She was pleased with the wide press publicity : one press photographer even turned up uninvited and Tourist Information declared : "Roos is famous for its Annual Scarecrow Trail".

Equally gratifying was the number of scarecrows set up on the route round the village centre and - in spite of the World Cup - the good public support on the day.

Visitors voted for the best scarecrows - see the photographs of the winners overleaf. They were also invited to solve clues to a secret word - "BROADCASTING". Marjorie Pittock won the prize for the first correct answer opened.

The Scarecrow Winners

1st Thunderbirds



John Mayhew & family, Elm Garth

A technically very impressive construction and an authentic-looking puppet figure.

2nd Only Fools & Horses

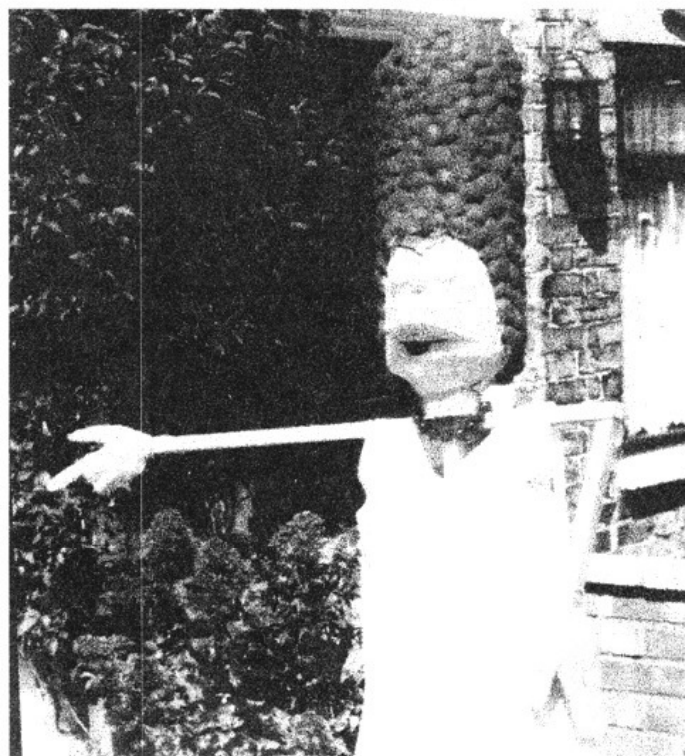


John Ward, South End

The famous battered Reliant had lots of witty detail - a pity that the photograph does not show the well-accounted Del Boy at the wheel.

(The car had come free from North End Garage. It was alleged that John hoped to sell it back at a profit because he had given it a yellow re-spray.)

3rd The Simpsons



The Simpson family, Roach Cottage.

Skilful use of a seemingly simple structure to convey characteristic posture and features.

Car Boot Sale & Barbecue

+ Other refreshments +

Roos Playing Field

Sunday 21st July : 8.30 - 1.00

£5.00 / pitch : Setting-up time 8.0 - 8.30.

Proceeds to be shared between

Roos C.C. & the Children's Playground Association

Roos Open Gardens Day

Sunday 28th July

Teas and stalls

Plans are ongoing. Some gardens are already promised but more will be welcome. Offers and suggestions are invited. Ring :

Joan Bowden (670078) or Lucy Hampton (670530)

**Further details will be given on posters
before the day.**

Proceeds in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat
Institution

The Rooster

Donations, 1st April to December 31st 2002

The following have contributed in recent weeks. Thank you for supporting the newsletter.

Anon - 7 (Eastfield)	Mrs B.Maddison
Mr T.A.Allison	Mr & Mrs M.Maltas
Mrs H.Boynton	Mr & Mrs B.Miller
Mr & Mrs J.Cook	Mrs M.K.Nemecek
Mr R.Hardy & Miss P.Kirby	Mr & Mrs B.P.Pawson
Mr & Mrs D.W.Hulme	Mrs B.Stephenson

Further donations will be most welcome. Please supply your name and address - and remember that the bank requires any cheques to be made out to "L.Helliwell".

Advertisements

No charge is made for events run by local groups.
Personal and business advertisements :
Small ads 5p a word. Minimum charge 30p.
Display £2.00 / column inch. (2 cols / page).
This display ad (1.25 inches) would cost £2.50.

DEADLINE

Please supply materials for the next issue by
Wednesday 7th August
to L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Exits and entrances

Good-bye and good luck

We have said our farewells to George and Chris Bilton who served us well for sixteen years, bringing the Post Office back to Main St and building up the Supermarket.

Hello and welcome

Now we welcome Gavin and Janet Eastman, who moved here from Newport near Brough. Gavin worked for British Aerospace for 22 years. When he took early retirement he was Supply Chain Manager. Janet worked there for 23 years in budgeting and administration.

With such experience, their new business should present no problems. Even getting up at the crack of dawn to sort out the newspapers causes no qualms : Gavin says that he has always been a very early riser.

Serving the community

Some thirty years ago the space was very limited - in effect the front room of a single cottage. Since then the premises have been extended to accommodate the super-market layout and the range of stock has vastly increased.

Gavin and Janet are conscious that their business is a valued village amenity and are keen to explore further ways in which it can develop to meet the needs of the community. They will be pleased to hear suggestions about additional goods or services they could supply.



Gavin and Janet Eastman
(Sorry about the poor photograph.)

Roos & District Horticultural Society 60th Annual Show

The 60th Annual Show on 6th July was a great success. The Secretary, Mrs Jennifer Grant, says that entries were up and the attendance was "excellent". As before, Geoffrey Smith, who presented the prizes, proved a star guest.

Details of prize-winners will appear in the local press. Sadly, a last-minute lack of space allows here only a list of the trophy-winners.

RHS Banksian Medal	Most money in prizes	G.Fussey
Juniors' Award of Merit	Pot of nasturtiums	Rachel Tuplin
Geen Rose Bowl	Best rose in the Show	Mrs A.R.Grant
William Burn Memorial Cup	Most points classes 1-50	D.A.Hook
Growers' Cup	Best collection of vegetables	D.A.Hook
Strangers' Cup	Most points in 21-50	Mrs H.Wilson
William Grant Cup	Best vase of sweet peas	G.A.Nelson
Whitehead Cup	Most points in 21-24	P.Taylor
Bessie & Leslie Raisbeck Trophy	Winner in class 50	Mrs F.Clifford
W.F.Lane Memorial Trophy	Winner in class 45	Mrs K.Hobson
Sheila Grotian Challenge Trophy	Most points in 51-85	G.Fussey
Morton-Stewart Vase	Most points in 74-85	Mrs E.Cass
Mrs H.M.Carrick Memorial Cup	Most points in 99-116	Mrs P.Carrick
Mackman Cup	Best exhibit in 99-110	Mrs A.Guy
Virginia Reckitt Memorial Cup	Best exhibit in 118-121	Mrs P.Probets
25th Anniversary Cup	Best exhibit in the Show	Mrs F.Clifford
H.S.Barker Trophy	Best exhibit of floral art	Mrs F.Clifford

John Drotteff Memorial Trophy
Alice Gardner Memorial Trophy
Bert Parsons Memorial Trophy
60th Anniversary Cup
Miniature Cup
Tyson Shield
Burton Pidsea WI Cup
T & M Kellock Cup
Mrs D.Monkman Cup
R.S.Baker Memorial Cup
Mr & Mrs Cheeseman Memorial
Trophies

R.Green 50th Anniversary Cup
Kathleen Barker Salver
Chairman's Shield
Committee Shield
Geoff Roe Cup
Reg Green Memorial Cup
Dorothy Maltas Memorial Trophy

Best wine in the Show
Winner in class 24
Most points in 51-73
Most points in 135-147
Best exhibit in 128-134
Best exhibit in 74-85
Most points in 111-116
Best honey in the Show
Most points in 122-127
Most points in 69-72
Best in 134a-150

Best exhibit in horticulture
Most points in 74-76
Most points in 86-90
Most points in 91-93
Best vase of carnations
Best children's painting
Best miniature arrangement

Grouzia Louderson
Mrs G.Wright
G.Fussey
John Barker
John Barker
Mrs E.Cass
Mrs C.Charlesworth
D.Snowley
F.Pearman
Carole Walker
Matthew Dean
Michelle Griffin
G.A.Nelson
E.Kirkwood
Steven Crowthor
Mrs M.Barnard
E.Kirkwood
Katie Holbrook
Mrs G.Wright

Coming events

Aug 7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Margaret Grayburn : "Sugarcraft - Brush Embroidery".
(Other events are advertised elsewhere in newsletter.)