



The Rooster

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 9th June was attended by : Councillors Cheeseman, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, Winter (Chair). An apology for absence was received from Cllr Cook. Cllr Richard Stead, new councillor for the South-East Holderness Ward also attended.

Minutes

The Minutes (12th May) were approved. The following topics arose from the Minutes.

Aldbrough Road. The Chairman assumed that branches obscuring the signs on the approach to the crossroads had not been cut back. Cllr Grant said that some lower branches had been cut, though he would have preferred the trees to be removed entirely to improve sightlines. The Clerk reported that the installation of "rumbles" to slow down traffic was to be treated as a matter of urgency.

Pasture Lane, Tunstall. Bollards and "Road Closed" signs were now in place. Cllr Cheeseman said that they were not effective : some motorists were already driving round the bollards on Hogsea Road.

New Priest. The Chairman and Cllr Stead had attended the ceremony in Roos Church at which Rev. Gordon Smethurst was licensed as priest in charge of the United Benefice. Both had been impressed by the attendance and the atmosphere of the occasion.

Dent's Garth. The Clerk had replied to Mr Quinn.

Affordable Housing. It was agreed to invite Katherine Atkinson to explain the rural housing project.

ERNLLCA (Local Councils Association). The Clerk had written asking the reasons for the greatly-increased subscription but had not yet a reply.

Parish Paths. The Chairman had called on Dr Hersom when he was out but had spoken with Mrs Hersom. The misunderstanding had been cleared up.

Parish Land at Tunstall. Cllr Grant was unhappy that Mr Smales had to rent the land rather than being merely allowed access across it. (The matter was dealt with later under "Correspondence").

Co-option of additional councillor

Five persons had offered themselves for co-option. Unfortunately, one was disqualified through not having been resident in the parish for a whole year. A ballot was

held to select from the other four. The person co-opted was Mrs J.Smales, Hall Farm, Southfield Lane, Tunstall. The Clerk undertook to write to her and to those who had been unsuccessful to thank them for their interest. (Some members commented that all of them would have been welcome candidates at May's Parish Council Election.)

Correspondence

Tunstall Village Hall Committee

Mr & Mrs Garbutt had written on behalf of the newly-formed Village Hall Committee to outline its plans. In particular, the Committee asked to be allowed to rent the land adjacent to the Village Hall so as to keep it tidy and attractive. Parish Council members welcomed the request but noted that a rental had already been agreed with Mr Michael Smales.

Cllr Grant said that there were actually two parish plots. He had checked the previous arrangement with Mr Brian Evison, Mr Smales's predecessor at Church Farm. Mr Evison had paid a nominal amount to be allowed access over the parish land to reach land of his own. Access was restricted to 364 days in the year.

It was assumed that access was all that Mr Smales wanted. The Chairman undertook to ascertain if this was the case. If so, the understanding with him could be revised. Members agreed that then the land could be offered for rent to the Village Hall Committee. Meanwhile the Clerk would write to the Committee to explain the situation and the hoped-for outcome.

East Riding Planning & Development Control. A letter explained that the relevant office was to move from Bridlington to County Hall, Beverley.

East Riding of Yorkshire Local Strategic Partnership. Simon Low, Policy Officer, had written about the 2003

Parish Meeting

Monday 14th July

7.00 in the Memorial Institute

This annual meeting allows residents to ask questions and make suggestions to the Parish Council.

It will be followed at 7.30 by the normal meeting of The Parish Council.

Community Plan, whose purpose is to improve the quality of life of East Riding residents.

Wide consultation is needed so that the Plan reflects the views of local people. Roos is one of over 75 communities where opinions are to be sought in an exercise called "Riding Around". On a specific day interviewers will visit Roos for about three hours.

The Parish Council suggested venues for the interviews : outside the school from 8.45 to 9.15; outside the Village Store from about 9.30.

"Commuted Sums" for Play & Recreation

A letter from the Commuted Sums Officer explained that his role was to ensure that money paid to the East Riding was used efficiently for the benefit of communities concerned.

The term "commuted sums" was not explained.

Members assumed it meant amounts paid by developers to be freed from a planning condition – e.g. A developer required to include units of affordable housing or a play area for children might be allowed instead to pay a sum to benefit the community in another appropriate way.)

East Riding Standards Committee. Owing to resignation the Committee has a place for a parish or town councillor. Volunteers were invited. (No member volunteered.)

DEFRA. A letter from Alun Michael, Rural Affairs Minister, stressed the importance of the Quality Town & Parish Councils scheme in enabling local councils to play a larger role in local government to the benefit of their communities.

"Humbrella" & "Parish Council News" : Copies were distributed to members.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer (Cllr Winter) had no accounts to present but reported that the parish audit had been completed and the accounts were pronounced satisfactory.

Planning

Penwith, Rectory Road. The Planning Committee had approved the application for a single-storey extension to the rear.

There were no new applications.

Any other business

Vehicles using playing-field track. Cllr Craggs, School Governor, said that vehicles had been using the track to the new development during school hours.

Members sympathised but thought the developer had undertaken to stop this practice. Councillors could not

prevent the use of the track but suggested that the headteacher be advised to contact the developer again. Cllr Helliwell said that the developer was not always able to control contractors' delivery times.

Improper "Minutes". The Chairman reported that a resident had questioned the propriety of printing Parish Council Minutes in "The Rooster" before members had approved them. Cllr Helliwell said that "The Rooster" did not print the Minutes, merely a report of each meeting. This was normal press practice. Cllr Stead agreed : "The Holderness Gazette" routinely printed Withernsea Town Council reports before official Minutes were approved.

Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 14th July, half an hour before the normal Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Stead

Cllr Stead said that he and his two fellow councillors for South-East Holderness aimed to attend town and parish council meetings whenever possible. One of them would always attend on request to discuss a specific topic.

He recommended that copies of letters to East Riding officers should always be provided to him or one of his colleagues. He had already found that an elected councillor could ensure prompt action when mere letters had proved ineffective.

He was sceptical about the value of paying the increased subscription to the Local Councils Association. The East Riding had its own Parish Councils Officer, Colin O'Connor, who could give prompt advice and support.

Cllr Helliwell disagreed. He had no argument against Colin O'Connor but pointed out that he was an East Riding employee whereas the Local Councils Association was part of a nationwide organisation with far more resources and influence with government.

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Warm welcome for new Priest

All Saints', Roos, was packed with well-wishers on the evening of 4th June. They had gathered from all four parishes of the United Benefice to witness the licensing of Rev. Gordon Smethurst as the new Priest-in-Charge and to share in the service.

The ceremony was conducted by the Bishop of Hull, Rt. Rev. Richard Frith, who also preached the sermon. It was attended by representatives of church and other local bodies including :

Molly Watling (lay member, Deanery Synod), Richard Liversedge (Diocesan Synod), Barbara Witty (Garton Mother's Union), Penny Farey (Roos CE School), David Winter (Roos Parish Council), Richard Stead (East Riding of Yorkshire Council), Heather Boynton (Roos WI), and churchwardens and PCC members from all the four parishes.

Though the occasion was appropriately dignified, it was marked by hearty singing and a relaxed and happy atmosphere. Guests from Gordon's previous parish of St Mark's, Anlaby Common, remarked what a fine welcome he had been given.

The goodwill was extended afterwards by a reception in Roos School where Keith Thorogood expressed the pleasure of residents of the four parishes at being able to meet their new priest and his wife, Susan.

In reply, Gordon said he was delighted to have come to



Susan and Gordon Smethurst

Roos. He thanked all who had contributed to the service and to the reception - such as the flower arrangers and the providers and servers of the refreshments. He spoke with special appreciation of the members of his previous parish who had attended to support him.

On the following Sunday, 8th June, All Saints' was full again for a United Service with Methodist friends - a fitting start for the new ministry.

Roos Children's Playground Association

A young people's Lifestyle project asked, "What is there for us in Roos?" The challenge was taken up by a group of adults who formed the Association, which aims to install and maintain a permanent facility for youngsters on the playing field. The Association's present officers are :

<u>Chair</u>	Walter Holbrook
<u>Secretary</u>	Diane Smith
<u>Treasurer</u>	Ann Coupe

It was essential to raise awareness of the need and to gain community support, not least in fund-raising. There has been a Parish Council commitment and a donation from a local builder. In addition, outside funding is being sought and the initial response seems favourable.

Most of all there has been local support for fund-raising activities. So far about £9,000 has been raised, an impressive total in such a relatively short time and a credit to the Committee and the local community.

The main fund-raising events are listed below, some with the profits in round figures.

2002

Feb 15	Quiz Night	Black Horse	203. 50
Mar 21	Senior Citizens' Bingo		130. 00
Apr 5	Quiz Night	Black Horse	226. 00
May 4	Murder	Roos Arms	153. 00
May 12	Clay Shoot (Adults & Juniors)		435. 00
May 27	Clothes Show	Roos Arms	60. 00
May 31	Pig Roast & Dance	Elm Farm	3,000. 00
Jun 3	Street Party	Roos Arms	
	Family Walk	To Tunstall Beach	
	Junior Pool Knockout		40. 00
Oct 11	Darts Knockout		120. 00
Nov 8	Quiz Night	Black Horse	132. 00
Nov 22	Pool Knockout	Black Horse	100. 00
Nov 30	YFC Charity Casino Night		
Dec 15	Kids' Christmas Party		

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Jan 21	Virgin Vee Cosmetics Party		84. 00
Feb 7	Bull's Eye Quiz	Roos Arms	131. 00
Feb 14	Valentine Raffle	Black Horse	74. 50
	Quiz Night	Black Horse	137. 00
Apr 13	Car Boot Sale		150. 00
Apr 27	Junior Pool Knockout	Black Horse	
May 26	Invitation Clay Shoot	Elm Farm	500. 00
	(Open, Ladies, Youths - Thanks to all concerned.)		
Jun 14	Summer Dance	Playing Field	
Aug	Family Walk	Tunstall Beach	

OTHER EVENTS ARE PLANNED. PLEASE KEEP UP YOUR SUPPORT!

Roos Children's Playground Association

SUMMER DANCE & DISCO

presenting the live Irish Band

Punch the Horse

Saturday 14th June : 7.30 - Midnight

in a marquee on the Roos Playing Field

Food + Bar + Disco + Raffle + Bucking Bronco

Tickets £5.00 from the Committee and at the door

Over 18s only.

Generous donations to Christian Aid

Mrs Chris Houlton reports that the recent annual appeal raised £420.28 from doorstep collections in Roos, an increase on last year's total.

Chris is delighted with this fine response - markedly more per capita than donations from other local communities. She thanks all who helped, both donors and collectors.

Roos & District Horticultural Society

61st Annual Show

Saturday 5th July 2003

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Charity Stalls from 2.00. Show opens 2.30. Sports 3.00.



**Presentation of cups
at 4.00 by**

**Mr Doug Stewart
of Radio Humberside**

GRAND DRAW 4.15

(Tickets available in advance)

**34 Silver Challenge Trophies & the Banksian Medal
of the Royal Horticultural Society**

Admission : 50p Children : 20p

Secretary : Mrs J.Grant (01964 - 670576)

Entries to : Mrs J.Grant or Mr T.Kellock

(Clay Shoot, Roos : June 29th 2003)

Coming events

Please supply dates and details of your events.

June

- 14 Summer Dance with Irish band "Punch The Horse".
Marquee in playing field. (Children's Playground Assoc.)
- 19 Music Concert in Roos Church. 7.30. (Church lighting)
- 21 FORS Fun Day & Scarecrow Trail. Pet Show in morning.
- 29 Open Gardens Day, 1.0 - 5.0. (Church lighting)

July

- 2 Roos WI. 7.30. Memorial Institute. A speaker from BP on "Pyramids to Penicillin".
- 5 Roos Horticultural Society Summer Show. Burton Pidsea.
- 14 PARISH MEETING. Memorial Institute. 7.00.
Parish Council Meeting at 7.30,

RECYCLE

Save the holes for essentials

There is a shortage of landfill sites - hence the charge for their use, which adds to our Council Tax.

Besides, many materials we throw away can be recycled and so help save the world's resources.

Take waste paper and bottles to the containers in the

ROOS ARMS CAR PARK

Who? Where? When? - and Why?

Photograph in May issue

Nicky Derbyshire, Emma Thacker, Philip Wright, David Winter - with Andrew Bailey's head just seen at top R.

The Black Horse. New Year's Eve 1986. Fancy Dress Party.



All Saints', Roos

"Lighten Our Darkness"

Events to raise funds for the new lighting

MUSIC CONCERT IN CHURCH

Thursday 19th June : 7.30

Supper afterwards : The Old Surgery, Rectory Road

OPEN GARDENS DAY

Sunday 29th June : 1.00 - 5.00

Garden produce for sale. Refreshments.

Posters will give more details of each event

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Donations in 2003

Grateful thanks to the following recent donors :

Mrs H.J.Audley Mr & Mrs M.H.Hopper
Mr & Mrs P.A.Dickinson

Further donations will be most welcome. (Cheques payable to "L.Helliwell"). Please place in an envelope with a slip giving your name and address and the amount. Pass the envelope either to me or to the Roos Stores.

100th issue

The August issue of "The Rooster" will be No.100 and it would be fitting to make it a special one - or possibly to print a special supplement.

One option would be a "Memory Lane" collection of photographs taken over the years. They could be of Roos as it once was and of people who played a significant part in the life of the village. There must be many old prints of groups gathered on special occasions, whether family groups or sports teams or parties celebrating some national event.

Please look in your albums, cupboards and attics to find such prints. Pass them to me in an envelope showing your name and address. Any photographs loaned for this purpose will be copied and faithfully returned.

DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue by

Friday 11th July

to

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Debbie Tennison writes :

The day starts with the ever-popular Pet Show. Family pets are welcome at the school from 10.30 onwards, with judging at 11.00. Categories this year include cats, dogs, small caged animals - and miscellaneous!

The Scarecrow Trail, with the theme of 'Myths & Magic', will start at 11.00. Maps will be on sale outside 'The Studio de Ros' in Main Street until 1.00. There is still time to enter a Scarecrow. Please contact Cherie on 670811 for full details.

The 'Main Event' will start at 2.00 at the school. 'Magic Mike' will be on hand to amuse the children and the afternoon will be packed with a variety of entertainment as well as traditional stalls to tempt you to spend money.

Refreshments will be available all day and the Grand Raffle will be drawn at 4.00. Raffle tickets are available in advance from the Committee members listed below or Helen Cowell in Melbourne Butchers.

We need any old cups, saucers, plates and other pottery for our 'Smash-a-Plate' stall and we should be grateful for anything suitable for a tombola or raffle prize.

A further summary from Mr Wilbraham's History. The last extract appeared in February's newsletter.

Mr Wilbraham was writing less than 50 years ago but some of his thoughts on what was modern in his time seem dated now.

Just before the Second World War the Education Committee decided to build a school for elder scholars attending Roos, Halsham and Ottringham. It was to have an agricultural bias and specialist instructors.

The headmaster of Roos accepted the invitation to be the first administrator of the new venture. But in those days local authorities had no compulsory powers to obtain land and before a site was found war broke out and the scheme fell through.

Great changes were brought in by the Butler Act of 1944. The East Riding had no accommodation for the Secondary Education that this act required. In course of time Roos Elementary School lost its 11+ scholars to Withernsea High School. The change was made when one of the teachers retired.

The headteacher retired in 1949. In his last few years the teaching of woodwork, gardening, weaving and agricultural pursuits had to end.

The provision of mid-day meals, another requirement, started after his retirement.

So now buses take the 11+ scholars to Withernsea School where they **MUST** stay till 15 but can continue there longer to prepare for further education.

The present school building in Roos is on a rent-repair basis and there is now no cost to the local managers for repairs or maintenance.

Pottery and prizes can be collected by :

Helen Walker (671575)

Mamie Wingham (670980)

Debbie Tennison (670151).

Thank you.

The Friends of Roos School invite you to the

ANNUAL FUN DAY

and the "Myths & Magic"

SCARECROW

TRAIL

Saturday 21st June

Pet Show : 10.30 for 11.00
Scarecrow Trail from 11.00
Fun Day at School from 2.00
Raffle drawn at 4.00.

Relax. Stroll about. Meet your neighbours!
Have fun - at the Social Event of the Year.

Transport

Only within recent years have improved road surfaces made travelling by road more comfortable. In the days when roads were a succession of ruts folks did not travel far from their own villages. Nowadays roads are seen as a means of getting from one village to another but in days gone by a road (or a lane as it was called) was a means of getting from one part of the village to another.

For most folk a journey to Hull in the carrier's cart was a rare experience. It meant rising in time to be off by 4.0 or 5.0 a.m. as the journey was a slow one. Farmers went on horseback or in their own horse-drawn vehicle.

In 1852, when the Hull and Holderness Railway was projected, excitement ran high when it was learned that it was to pass through Roos. Hopes were dashed when Edward Lorrimar refused to sell land for the track. Roos certainly missed advantages that have since been enjoyed by places on the line such as Patrington and Ottringham.

The latter was the nearest station for Roos folk. The road to it became more widely used – by farmers' wagons laden with farm produce, droves of sheep and cattle, and carts laden with coal and lime from the station. Travelling that short distance – five miles – was not pleasant. First one wheel and then another would rattle over a carpet of stones, which were soon all over the road.

But a new form of travel was coming into use — the bone-shaker, forerunner of the bicycle. With its iron rims rattling over the loose stones it could be heard from afar coming from North End. And soon came the penny-farthing with its high front wheel and small one behind.

In the 1870s and 80s some young men of the village were not keen to stay on the land and away they went to town.

turning up on occasional Sundays wearing a fashionable billycock and a Waterbury in their pockets to play havoc among the beribboned lasses, who in their turn were beginning to cultivate "taste". It is worth a visit to Hull's Transport Museum to see relics of those times.

Very early in the 20th century another form of conveyance excited the populace, the motor car. Vast strides have been made in motor transport, including the motor cycle. Farmers dispensed with their high-stepping hackneys and bought a car. The high-wheeled trap has gone.

Wagonettes drawn by several horses laden with folks in Sunday best have given place to the motor coach. By this means villagers see more of their immediate neighbourhood than ever their forebears did.

Time marches on

Parsons	41 Ernest B. Whalley, A.K.C.	Feb. 8 th 1934
	42 Graham Christie, B.A.	1946
	43 John Featherstone, L.Th.	1961
	44 James Woodhouse	1966
	45 Eric Richards	1973

History is still being made

One wonders whether any other generation could witness as many changes as the one passing out. Every aspect of life has changed, especially during the last decade (*probably thinking of the ten years roughly 1955 - 64*). Improved communications, the press, wireless, education and social services have brought about a different way of life for young and old.

Since the introduction of commercial farming at the end of the 18th century, farmers have experienced several depressions. Prices and wages are now out of their hands. Employers and employees have to negotiate with each other and reviews are an annual requirement. Because farming has become so mechanised there are fewer farm workers. Those left include an increasing number of young fellows who have attended the County Farm Institutes. Milk producers no longer retail it. Instead, milk is collected from the farms and taken to depots for bottling and eventual redistribution.

Our women now benefit from labour-saving devices. Electricity, cookers, washers and sweepers have made their lot easier. Roos women no longer bake their own bread. Village shops can no longer compete with the large cut-price firms who flood the villages with their wares. Supermarkets in towns and large villages are now much in evidence.

Clubs and societies are breaking down social barriers and all are catered for.

A Roos branch of the Women's Institute was formed in 1920 with Mrs Milsom as President and Mrs Wilbraham as Secretary and as it approaches its 50th birthday it is still flourishing. It is now affiliated with the Institute formed in 1914 and WI members enjoy demonstrations, lectures, a "social half-hour" and a cup of tea and a biscuit.

Over the years since World War 1 other societies have been formed.

For some years there was an Agricultural Discussion Society whose members met in the winter months for lectures and in summer went on outings to see what others were doing.

Railway excursions and coach tours have brought Roos folk into a new era.

Buses now operate between villages and town enabling folks to have a wider choice of shops. The pioneer of such buses in Roos was Mr J. Symons who lived at North End - Blenkin's. Many people took advantage of the new transport and now such buses are publicly owned and have provided a new form of employment. Better roads naturally followed.

The railway, now closed, failed in Holderness because the stations were too distant from the villages.

Public roads have come into their own but of course their maintenance is costly.

A branch of the British Legion was formed in 1934 to look after the interests of ex-servicemen. They still hold monthly meetings in the Memorial Institute. Their standard and flag, dedicated by Bishop Embling in 1939, are kept in the building where they hold their meetings. At a recent County Rally in Driffeld the Roos & District banner was among seventy present. It was carried by an ex-serviceman of World War 2, escorted by his father who served in World War 1.

Sport too has also been popular. Cricket was played in Roos at the turn of the century (*i.e. 1900*), though the club ceased activity a short while ago. Football was introduced after World War 1 and the team still flourishes. Tennis has its adherents and efforts have been made with Youth Clubs and Boys' Clubs.

The Horticultural Society has a lively committee who put on two shows each year.

The way things were



South End. Brigham Reed's old house at the corner of Dove Lane.

This old postcard shows the site where Cherry Hill now stands. It is the kind of print that we should be preserving as a record of changes in the village.

I have, I think, all the old Jubb postcards. But I should be glad to see other old photographs of Roos - and of its residents.

Please ring me (670291) if you have any you would loan for copying.