

# The Rooster

### **Roos Parish Newsletter**

No. 128 December 2005

## **Roos Parish Council**

The meeting on 12th December was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Dodson, Helliwell, Kirk and Winter. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Cook, Grant and Smales.

ERYC ward councillor Richard Stead also attended.

#### **Declarations of interest**

Advice was to be sought as to how Cllr Grant's interest should be recorded. No other issues arose.

## Minutes (14th November) : Approved. Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Grant's declaration of interest. To be resolved.

#### Quality Parish Council status

Cllr Helliwell questioned whether Roos Parish Council would qualify since fewer than 80% of the councillors stood for election. It was agreed to consider the matter in February when other aspects could be resolved.

#### Gas Caverns

Cllr Kirk reported on the meeting to discuss environmental funding for communities. £60,000 was to be spent by 2007. Volunteers would be invited to serve on the Funding Committee and public meetings would be arranged. (See the report by Colin Wilson on page 4.)

#### Tunstall beach

The damaged sign had not yet been repaired.

#### **Bulb-planting**

Cllr Dodson said arrangements were in hand.

#### Cllr Craggs: Tunstall Village Hall refuse bin

The Chairman reported that a charge would be made for providing a bin and emptying it: emptied weekly, £79.04 + VAT; two-weekly £47.84 + VAT. It was suggested that Village Hall refuse could be disposed of in bins provided for domestic use. No action was taken.

#### Correspondence

#### South Cave Parish Council

South Cave referred to the East Riding's requirement that

# Roos Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th January

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

developers of more than 10 properties should include open spaces / play areas or pay a sum in lieu to provide spaces elsewhere. (Hull City Council required a contribution of £800 per dwelling for <u>all</u> developments.) Developments in small villages often totalled less than 10 properties and the community failed to benefit.

South Cave recommended a letter to Philip Parker (Head of Development and Planning Control) supporting the case for a reduced threshold for developments in small villages. It was agreed that the Clerk write.

#### ERYC Chairman's Awards

It was suggested that "The Rooster" should publicise the Awards and invite recommendations. (See p.5.)

#### **ERYC Conservative Group : Ambulance Services**

Cllr Stead argued that the proposed amalgamation of two ambulance services (Tyne, Tees & North Yorkshire with the East Riding) would reduce the effectiveness of local services. Cllr Helliwell queried whether this was self-evident since amalgamation would reduce bureaucracy and produce economies of scale. It would not necessarily lead to deterioration. However, members decided to register concern about any possible reduction in service quality.

#### Renewable Energy Systems: possible wind farm

The Clerk had already informed RES that the Parish Council opposed wind turbines and did not want their offered presentation.

Subsequently she was told that a representative of RES would attend the EON exhibition and later seek to stage one of their own.

#### **ERYC**: MyEastRiding website

The Clerk said that the Parish Council now had an individual account on the website to access matters affecting the parish. The Clerk had details of the password and user name.

#### EON: Exhibition

Details were confirmed of the Exhibition in the Roos Memorial Institute, 13th and 14th December.

#### **ERYC**: Training on Planning

The Clerk was asked to complete a questionnaire on training for parish clerks and councillors. It concerned topics and methods of training

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delivery that councillors preferred.

ERYC: Gas Cavern Fund (See note on Cllr Kirk's report.)

#### **ERYC**: H-Bar road markings

"H-Bar" markings to discourage inconsiderate parking are not considered appropriate for Roos parish but the criteria had been sent for future reference..

#### ERYC: Pandemic Flu - Contingency Plans

If there were an outbreak of pandemic flu there would, over a twelve-week period, be a large increase in the number of deaths and great pressure on burial authorities. Details of the capacity of church burial grounds were asked for. The Clerk was asked to complete the proforma.

#### ERYC: Aldbrough crossroads

Members noted that work on staggering Aldbrough Road and Rectory Road, Roos, was starting and that a temporary 40 mph speed limit was planned (later to be permanent).

#### ERYC: LDF - Community Involvement draft

Previous consultation produced 79 responses. (Comments from Roos led to one change.) The current draft is another consultation stage, 28th November to 16th January.

It was agreed that Cllr Helliwell and other members of the Parish Plan Committee should consider the draft and make recommendations to the January meeting. The deadline for the Parish Council's response was 16th January.

#### Council Clerks` Forum, 18th January

Fees: Members of the Society of Local Clerks, £10; non-members, £15. The Parish Clerk said that, since she would be at work, she would be unable to attend.

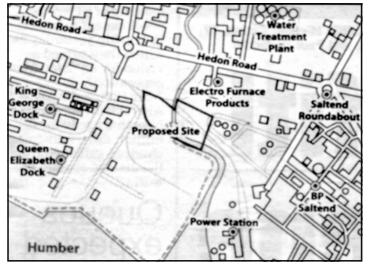
Copies of "Parish News" were supplied.

#### **ERYC**: Register of Electors 2006

A copy of the new register had been sent, operative from 1st December 2005. It was agreed that the register would be brought to each future Parish Council meeting.

#### ERYC: proposed WRG waste disposal plant near Saltend

Members noted that the plant would generate energy from waste disposal and that the favoured site was on reclaimed land at Lords Clough, between BP and King George Dock,



with access from Hedon Road.

WRG's Gallymore site near Holme-on-Spalding Moor was

to be expanded to include recycling and composting.

#### **ERYC**: Conservation Areas Advisory Committees

The Advisory Committees are likely to be disbanded after the meetings in March 2006.

#### **ERYC**: Parish Paths Partnerships

A copy of the PPP Newsletter was received. It can be downloaded from the council website.

#### **Planning**

#### **Decisions**

The Old Rectory, Roos (Mr & Mrs Stone)

Vehicular access from Rectory Road to the paddock to the south. Consent had been refused on several grounds:

- contrary to Policy G6: development to be sympathetic to the environment, safeguard nature conservation and include adequate open space;
- The proposed access suggested domestic rather than agricultural use, causing urbanisation of a rural location;
- The proposed access via a classified road subject to a 40 mph limit would restrict visibility.

Members noted that they had not seen the application. The Clerk undertook to find out why. (See New Applications.)

Pinedene, Hodgson Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs Mortell)

Single-storey extension. Approved.

Studio de Ros, Main Street, Roos (Mrs C.Blenkin)

Change of use from retail shop to dwelling. Approved.

#### **New applications**

46 Pilmar Lane, Roos (Mr & Mrs J.A.Ward)

Conservatory to rear. Approval recommended.

The Old Rectory, Roos (Mr & Mrs Stone)

Resubmitted application. New vehicular access to land to the south.

Because members had not seen the original rejected application they could not note any differences. Some wondered if some of the Planning Committee's previous objections might still be valid.

They recommended that, if the application <u>was</u> granted, a condition should be imposed: that no vehicles should be parked on the grass verges of Rectory Road.

#### 22 Pilmar Lane, Roos (Mr Colin J.Kettley)

Following demolition of an existing outbuilding, erection of a single-storey side extension to provide a garage, bathroom and utility room. Approval recommended.

#### **Accounts**

#### **Payments**

The payment of three accounts was approved.

Audit Commission Fee £
Previously £141.00. Reduction negotiated to: 58.75

Memorial Institute

Hire of hall for four meetings 30.00

Reimbursement to Cllr Helliwell

Cost of wind turbine survey

Printing of forms 24.15 Envelopes 23.90

Meeting at County Hall, 9th November

Petrol cost 6.00

Car park charge 1.00 45.05

#### **Accounts (continued)**

In the last account Cllr Helliwell had calculated his petrol costs at 12p a mile. The Chairman and other members agreed that in future the cost of travel by car on Parish Council business should be reimbursed in line with ERYC allowances. The Clerk undertook to establish the rate.

Receipts

From Yorkshire electricity (Wayleave and rents) 25.22

#### Precept for 2006 - 2007

In the last two years the request had been for £2,000 and for £3,000 the year before. The Treasurer recommended that for 2006 - 2007 the figure should be £2,000. Agreed.

Cllr Helliwell said that the Parish Plan Committee were working on a draft of the Plan. It identified improvements that residents would like to see and these would incur costs. The Committee would recommend that in future the Parish Council should - well in advance of the precept date - draw up annually a costed budget to implement features of the Parish Plan.

#### Roads in Tunstall

Any other business

Cllr Craggs said that the roads, kerbs and grass verges in Tunstall were a disgrace, largely because of damage by agricultural vehicles – e.g. to the grass plot and footpath in front of the church that the PCC and Village Hall Group had been trying to make presentable.

Other councillors said that other settlements suffered in the same way but Cllr Craggs insisted that conditions in Tunstall were worse than elsewhere and the drivers of agricultural vehicles should be asked to take more care.

#### Litter near the bus stop in Main Street

Cllr Kirk had been asked to raise the problem of litter near the Roos Store. The problem was allegedly caused mainly by children on their way to school or waiting for the bus. Litter was dropped even though there was a bin close by.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the heads of both Roos School and Withernsea High School to seek help in reducing the problem.

#### **Parish Council: Public Session**

#### Mr Willis Ainley

Mr Ainley stated that the ERYC casual-user mileage allowance for cars was 31p / mile.

#### Roos Village Design Statement

Mr Ainley said that the Roos VDS was relevant to many planning applications, e.g. to that concerning the Old Rectory. It had been adopted by ERYC and reference to named Village Design Statements as Supplementary Planning Guidance appeared in current documents (though the Roos VDS was sadly omitted).

A copy of the Roos VDS should be available at each

Parish Council meeting so that it could be used to back up councillors' recommendations. The Chairman thanked Mr Ainley and said his advice would be followed.

#### The Roos Parish Plan

A draft of the Parish Plan was almost complete. It would be used as a basis for consultation with ERYC officers and the Countryside Commission to seek advice on issues needing clarification.

#### Landscape Character Assessment

The consultants' Assessment was now available and would be considered by the Parish Plan Committee.

#### **Misleading report - a clarification**

On the front page of the November newsletter there was a note on a planning application for an extension at 60 Pilmar Lane, Roos. The report said: "Following a site meeting members had recommended refusal of consent. It was noted that work had already started, though no planning consent had been notified."

This statement was true of what was said at the Parish Council meeting. However, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, owners of the property, are understandably upset at the impression given that they acted improperly.

They have a document showing that consent for the extension (Revised scheme 05/03069/PLF) was granted on 28th October – over four weeks before the Parish Council meeting on 14th November at which members made their comments. Mr & Mrs Stevenson were quite within their rights.

The fact that parish councillors had not been informed of the planning consent by the time of their meeting led to comments that could be misconstrued.

Further, the Parish Council meeting was wrongly reported to have taken place on 28th October instead of 28th November – an error for which the editor apologises.



## Mrs Helen Audley **BA (Hons) ALCM**

## **Music Tuition**

Clarinet – Piano – Theory

Beginners welcome Ring 01964 - 670895

#### **FALLEN TREES**

We can remove fallen trees for inhabitants of Roos Parish at a special rate of only £25 per tree.

If interested, please call: 07985 - 193684

Request from Roos Parish Council

## PLEASE CLEAN UP!

Don't drop litter. Stop dog fouling.

We all want a clean environment. Do your bit.

#### **Aldbrough Gas Caverns** Environmental Improvement Fund

The developers have deposited £60,000 with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council for environmental improvement. It must be used by October 2007 and is to be used within 5 km of the caverns: the area takes in the northern part of Roos parish (Hilston and Owstwick).

At a meeting at County Hall on 8th December, Mr Stephen Robinson of Heywoods (the organisation managing the fund) said that the use of the money was restricted to:

- hedgerow strengthening;
- enhancement of existing woodland or wetland habitats;
- creation of new woodlands or wetland habitats.

The meeting was attended by representatives of parish councils and other interested bodies, including Barbara Kirk and Michael Cheeseman (Roos Parish Council) and Colin Wilson (Roos Parish Plan Committee).

Several suggestions were made, including:

- the creation of a new community woodland; (If land had to be purchased this would take up nearly all the money.)
- improvements to Bail Wood;
- restoration of ancient parish hedgerows;
- restoration of some 20 small degraded plantations scattered throughout the area;
- improvement to hedgerows and interspace-planting of native trees, especially on the approaches to settlements;
- identification of possible sites for wetland conservation;
- provision of information boards at sites of interest.

Residents are invited to offer their own suggestions. Two public meetings have been arranged on 18th January:

The Memorial Institute Roos 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Aldbrough Primary School 4.30 - 6.30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend a meeting but have ideas on how to use the funding, write to:

Sue Baldock, Rural Regeneration Officer, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA.

This report was provided by Colin Wilson of Hilston who attended the meeting. The Minutes show how thorough and well-informed it was.

Since the purposes of the scheme's funding concur with issues identified as important to residents in the Parish Plan Questionnaire, the Parish Plan Committee will continue to support the consultation process and urge others to participate as well.

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#### East Riding Chairman's awards

The Chairman makes annual commendations to council staff and also makes awards to members of the public. Nominations are required by 31st January.

Categories for members of the public

- Enhancing the built heritage
- Enhancing the economy of the East Riding
- Enhancing the environment of the East Riding
- Enhancing the social well-being of the East Riding

At its January meeting Roos Parish Council will consider whether to nominate any persons from the parish.

If you wish to suggest nominations please contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs Lesley Dearing, 3 Elm Garth, Roos, by **Thursday 5th January**.

#### The Roos Arms

Steve and Elaine would like to wish customers old and new a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A big thank-you to all who have welcomed and supported us over a difficult two months.

#### Opening times over Christmas & New Year

#### December

Thursday 22	12.00 noon - midnight
Friday 23	12 noon - 1.00 a.m.
Saturday 24	Christmas Eve
	12.00 noon - 2.00 a.m.
Sunday 25	Christmas Day
	12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m. <u>only</u> .
Monday 26	Boxing Day
	12.00 noon - 1.00 a.m.
	Karaoke from 8.30.
Tuesday 27	12.00 noon - midnight.
Wednesday 28	12.00 noon - midnight.
Thursday 29	12.00 noon - midnight.
Friday 30	12.00 noon - 1.00 a.m.
Saturday 31	New Year's Eve

#### January

Sunday 1 12.00 noon - 11.30 p.m. Monday 2 12.00 noon - midnight.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The restaurant will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and the evening of Tuesday 3 January.

## **FOOT HEALTH CARE**



Heather Baker Dip. C.F.H.P. M.P.S. Pract.



- Corn removal
- Callus reduction
- Nail curtailment
- Ingrown toenails

12.00 noon - 2.00 a.m.

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#### The Rooster

#### Seasonal greetings

I am very grateful for the appreciation and support I often receive and wish all my friends in the parish an enjoyable Christmas and prosperous New Year.

#### **Donations**

"The Rooster" is supplied to 522 addresses, including some outside the parish. For the year to 31st December 2005, 187 households (35.8%) have so far donated £920, an average of £4.90 per household.

Many thanks for recent donations from:

For 2005	For 2006
Anon 15 (Pilmar Lane)	Mr & Mrs I.C.Kemp
Mr & Mrs Bradley	Mr & Mrs B.Moverley
Mr & Mrs H.J.Gregg	Mr R.Moverley
Dr & Mrs A.S.Hersom	Mr & Mrs J.D.Quarmby
Miss M.M.T.Littler	Mr & Mrs R.G.Wingham
Mr & Mrs J.D.Quarmby	

#### 2006 donations

Donations are now invited for 2006. If you wish to contribute please pass / post your donation (in an envelope marked *The Rooster*) to L.Helliwell at Canwick, Lamb Lane Roos, HU12 0LB, or leave at the Roos Store.

Include the slip provided (or a similar one) giving your details: name, address, phone number and amount.

The suggested minimum donation per household is £3.00, maximum £5.00. Since there is a healthy bank balance, no household needs to contribute more than this (unless adding postage).

The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell".

#### **Financial statement for 2005**

A statement will be printed in the New Year, probably in the February newsletter.

#### What of the future?

The Parish Plan Committee (and many respondents to the Questionnaire) feel that *The Rooster* provides a valuable service. Committee members have expressed concern that, if I myself were unable to continue as editor, it would be difficult to maintain publication.

#### A Rooster Association?

We have discussed possible options and they have asked me to try to set up an association of donors from whom a committee could be formed. The committee would assume responsibility for ensuring the continuity of *The Rooster*.

(Whether the committee might take on any roles in the short term its members would have to decide for themselves.)

#### How to set it up

I may advertise an inaugural general meeting (say, in The Roos Arms), possibly towards the end of February.

Meanwhile, please get used to the idea. Consider whether you yourself would be willing to serve on the proposed committee. You could indicate provisional willingness by responding on the slip enclosed.

Leslie Helliwell

#### Roads and traffic

#### **Known incidents in Roos**

Most readers will know of the theft of the illuminated sign from the Aldbrough Road some weeks ago, reported in *The Holderness Gazette*.

On Friday 18th December there was an accident near Priest Close between Roos and Burton Pidsea. It is said to have involved four vehicles but no details are available as *The Rooster* goes to press.

These incidents will be added to the log, which is not being reprinted in this issue but will be kept up to date.

#### **Tunstall News**

Apologies to David Craggs: sadly, the report he supplied has been temporarily mislaid. If the material is not too dated the article may be printed next time.

#### **Coming events**

#### **December**

- 24 Christmas Eve. Christingle Service. Roos church. 6.30
- 25 Christmas Day. Short Communion. Tunstall church. 9.00.

#### January

- 4 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Pie & Pea Supper and Federation Quiz.
- 5 Deadline: Chairman's Award suggestions to Parish Clerk.
- Deadline: material for *The Rooster*.Roos Cricket Club. Start of nets. Withernsea. 5.00 7.00.
- 9 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 10 Roos Cricket Club AGM. Pavilion. 7.00.
- 18 Gas Cavern Funds. Memorial Institute. 2.00 4.00.

#### **February**

- 1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker, Sandra Hardy : The tent-makers of Egypt.
- 13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

# Roos Cricket Club Annual General Meeting

7.0 p.m. on Tuesday 10th January in the Roos Pavilion

#### All welcome

#### Net practices

Nets start on Friday 6th January, at Withernsea High School, 5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

For further details ring the Club Secretary, Pete Dearing:

01964 - 670877

### **ROOSTER DEADLINE**

News, reports, notices, letters, photographs, complaints, ... should be provided by

#### Friday 6th January

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos:

01964 - 670291

or to Gavin Eastman at the Roos Store.

#### **Church News**

#### **Roos United Benefice**

#### Roos and Garton with Tunstall, Grimston and Hilston

Rev. Gordon Smethurst

The Rectory, Roos.

The Roos Parochial Church Council and I are grateful for the opportunity to publish dates and articles in "The Rooster" with a much wider readership than the Deanery Magazine. We look forward to a lively relationship with the readers.

#### All Saints', Roos

Last year was good for All Saints` in joint enterprises with the head teacher and staff of the School. The children have given joy with their own worship in church – at the Easter Garden, Dedication Day, and Crib Services – and will be coming again with their families on Christmas Eve for the Christingle Service. The Thursday (after-school) Club has provided a lot of fun and learning through the year. I am welcomed every week for an assembly and to many other special school events.

The monthly 11a.m. Wednesday Morning Service at the Eastfield Centre has met a need for worship, friendship and fun, and is also prospering.

Faithful hard work by Tim and Dorothy has done major work in paying for the new wiring and lighting for the church. Plans to repair part of the church roof are well-advanced and awaiting approval and fundraising.

Tim and Kay with others have also launched a "Friends of Roos Church". This has a delicate balance to perform: between raising funds dedicated only to Roos church and not the diocese and becoming a secular group interested only in a heritage building.

A living church is people: and children and older people need toilets and a warm church. There is a fund of goodwill in the village for our beautiful Church building that also wants it to remain alive for worship and witness, and not become just an empty tourist attraction.

#### St Michael's, Garton & Grimston

The P.C.C. and Friends of Garton Church continue to improve their building and enhance traditional worship.

#### St Margaret's, Hilston

The Hilston congregation has been augmented by residents from the Eastfield congregation, who find access to the church easy and a toilet available.

#### All Saints', Tunstall

The Tunstall congregation is being invigorated with new leadership. It is a joy to see a Church and a Village Hall so alive with initiative and hard work.

Each of our congregations welcomes a new year of opportunity to follow our Lord Jesus in the way he leads us.

#### **Anglican Services**

HC =Holy Communion. MP = Morning Prayer. BCP = Book of Common Prayer.

#### 2005

#### **December**

24 Saturday Christmas Eve

6.30 Christingle Service. Roos.

25 Sunday Christmas Day.

9.00 Tunstall. Short Communion.

#### 2006

#### **January**

1 Sunday

9.00 Garton. HC. BCP.

10.30 Roos Memorial Institute with Methodist brethren.

3.00 Tunstall. HC. 3.00.

4 Wednesday

11.00 Roos. Eastfield Centre. 11.00. HC.

8 Sunday

10.00 Roos. HC. 10.00.

3.00 Garton . PLOUGH SERVICE.

10 Tuesday

7.30 Tunstall PCC. Windy Ridge.

11 Wednesday

7.30. Windy Ridge, Tunstall.

BENEFICE CONFIRMATION ENQUIRY GROUP

Enquiries, phone Vicar: 671744.

12 Thursday

2.00 Mothers` Union AGM. The Bailey, Sth End, Roos.

15 Sunday

9.00 Garton. MP. BCP.

10.30 Roos. (Visiting priest.)

3.00 Tunstall. HC.

22 Sunday

10.30 Roos. HC.

3.00 Hilston, HC.

29 Sunday

10.30 Tunstall. BENEFICE SERVICE.

#### **Methodist Services**

## Services are held at 10.30 in Roos Memorial Institute unless another venue is shown.

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2005		Preacher / leader	<u>Venue</u>	
Dec 11 18 25	United Service	Rev J Brown	Tunstall Church	
2006	Christmas Day		Turistan Church	
2000				
Jan 1 8 15	United Service	Mr T.Butcher Mrs J.Brown		
22 29	Covenant Service	e Rev J Brown		
Feb 5 12 19	United Service Worship Group		Roos Church	
26		Mr A.Pottage		

#### Page filler

A man walked into a dentist's surgery.

Man Can you help me. I think  $\Gamma$  m a moth. Dentist You need a psychiatrist, not a dentist.

Man Yes, I know.

Dentist So why come in here? Man The light was on.

Filched from the mazazine of St Nicholas, Beverley.

#### Basil Norman Reckitt, 12th August 1905 - 3rd December 2005

The death of Basil Reckitt ended a long and eventful life marked by the ideals of philanthropy and public service for which his family is renowned, not least in Hull and East Yorkshire.

His passing will have saddened many, not least those who remember him when he lived in Roos. He bought The Elms in 1937 and lived there from 1938 to 1976.

He loved the property and did much to embellish it, turning it from the home of a well-to-do farmer into the residence of a country gentleman. He commissioned Francis Johnson, a well-known architect, to design two additional wings to the front to house a library and sitting-room. He rescued a pillared porch from an old Georgian house in Albion Street, Hull, in order, as he said, "to grace the front door".

In that time he served our community well in many ways: as churchwarden at All Saints, for example, where he and his wife regularly attended evensong, and as President of the Roos & District Horticultural Society.

In his autobiography he recalls many happy times at The Elms, not least the scope he had to go riding, an exercise he enjoyed: "We kept two or three horses, looked after by an excellent groom, Tom Sproxton, who used to accompany Virginia out hunting when I couldn't go. On one occasion the stables housed the Holderness Foxhounds overnight during the cub-hunting season, to save a long ride from their kennel at Rise Park.

"Every year hounds used to meet at The Elms to draw the Roos coverts and we used to have some good gallops from there and from a wooded and correctly named spot called 'The Bog'. Hunting from The Elms continued right up to the time when we left for the Lake District in 1976, but by then Tom Sproxton had deceased and we had a succession of girl grooms and a horse-box trailer.

"On one or two occasions I acted as the Master of the Holderness Foxhounds, when the real masters, Tony Bethel and Lord Hotham, were away. It was always a trying experience because one had continuously to think of where hounds must not go - on farmland whose farmers did not favour hunting, or of followers who would ride ahead of hounds. Hunting is to be enjoyed best when one has no responsibilities."

In terms of business his family focus was in Hull. Though he himself was born in St Alban's, his great-grandfather Isaac Reckitt was born near Wainfleet in Lincolnshire but after business failures there and in Nottingham came to Hull where he bought a starch-making factory in Dansom Lane. So began the business of Reckitt and Sons Ltd, later Reckitt and Colman Ltd.

After his education at Uppingham School and King's College, Cambridge, Basil joined the family firm in 1926. He worked first in the accounts department, which he hated, then in advertising, which he liked better. His rise to the chairmanship of Reckitt & Sons took many years and a variety of jobs on the way. He became chairman of Reckitt & Colman in 1966.

His Reckitt forebears not only worked hard and showed great enterprise as entrepreneurs. They also had the energy to devote themselves to a great range of charitable works. Basil inherited both their energy and their inclination to shoulder public duties and responsibilities.

He especially enjoyed his work for the University of Hull, of which he became Pro-Vice-Chancellor. In 1961 he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the East Riding and Kingston upon Hull and in 1970, following his retirement as Chairman of Reckitt & Colman, was appointed Sheriff of Kingston upon Hull.

His zest for life is shown in his writing. He obviously kept a record of his many travels around the globe and wrote with insight about the people and places he visited. In addition to personal memoirs, some "for private circulation only", he produced a number of academic works including: "Diary of Military Government in Germany", "History of Reckitt & Sons" and "Charles I and Hull"

Among his many booklets are some closer to our own little patch, including the leaflet "All Saints' Church, Roos", in collaboration with G.W. Wilbraham, and he compiled a scholarly unpublished manuscript on the history of the de Ros title.

It is said that the secret of a long life is to keep busy. Basil Reckit reached his 100th birthday last August after a full and energetic life.

Apart from a brief chat on Dedication day many years ago, I never exchanged a word with him in person but, because of his interest in Roos and *The Rooster*, to which he gave generous support, I enjoyed contact with him through correspondence over many years. In that time I came to appreciate his many fine qualities and deeply regret that I never had a proper face-to-face conversation with him. I mourn his passing.

L.H.

Basil Reckitt married Virginia Carre-Smith in 1928. Their first home was at Summer Court, Hornsea. Virginia died in 1961.

In 1966 he married Mary Holmes and they lived together at The Elms, Roos, until they left for Haverbrack near Milnthorpe in Cumbria in 1976. Mary survives him.

#### **Wind Turbines**

The E.ON Exhibition last week seems to have attracted a reasonable number of visitors. Some were antagonistic but others were impressed and asked how they could show their support for the project.

On the next page are reproduced some of the photographs showing the effect of the projected turbines on the Roos landscape.

A newspaper article intended for this issue has had to be held over. It argues that, since Britain must soon face precarious supplies of gas and oil, the case for a mixture of alternative energy sources is overwhelming, nuclear not excluded.

