

The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 11th September was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Helliwell, Kirk and Smales. Apologies: Cllrs Grant and Winter.

The Parish Clerk, Mrs Lesley Dearing, was in attendance.

 $\underline{\text{Members of the public}}: Mrs \ P. Cheeseman, Mrs \ A. Coupe and Mrs \ E.M. Lawson.$

In the absence of Cllr Winter Cllr Helliwell took the Chair. Members` declarations of interest: no changes were made.

Minutes

After two corrections the August Minutes were approved. The following matters arose from the Minutes.

<u>Greenacre Park.</u> It was uncertain whether the poor condition of the pavement had been considered during the Streetscene visit. (See "Correspondence" below.)

<u>Pasture Lane, Tunstall</u>. It was reported that substantial new bollards had been erected to prevent vehicular access. There had been no advice yet from Mr Woodall about access problems faced by Mr Smales as a result of the road's closure.

<u>Beach sign at Tunstall</u> There had been no word yet from the new ERYC officer about replacement.

New roadside benches. No quotations were yet available.

<u>ERYC</u> website. The Clerk had obtained an application form for Roos Parish items to be included. She undertook to obtain an additional form for the Parish Plan Committee to consider the application content. Meanwhile, members were advised to consult the website to see what other parishes had included during the pilot stage of the project.

<u>Broadband</u>. It was reported that BT Broadband might be available locally within a couple of years. Cllr Smales said wireless Broadband was available from another agency. She could supply contact details.

Correspondence

<u>Wind Farms – the case against</u>. Mr Michael McCann, Managing Directorof Far Grange Park, Skipsea, invited members to an open meeting on 18th September at 7.0 pm. Main speakers were to be Professor David Bellamy and Mr R.Graham..

<u>ERYC</u>: Timeline. The "Timeline" document summarised the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's activities and achievements in the year up to March 2006.

<u>ERYC Electoral Services</u>. There were four changes to the Electoral Register. Noted.

East Riding Lifeline. Cllr Stead and his fellow councillors for the South-East Holderness ward had written to publicise this scheme to support and monitor persons at risk, especially the elderly and infirm. By pressing a button a person can call for help in an emergency. A leaflet was enclosed explaining the system and the scale of fees. (For enquiries phone 01262 - 605467)

Affordable housing

Letters were read from Mr M.A.Winter and Mrs J.K.Winter of Penwith, Rectory Road. Each had written objecting to the project currently being considered. They argued that the value of their property would suffer, that the site would cause traffic hazards and that the design would be inappropriate to the area.

Cllr Smales was also suspicious of the project ("How long will the properties remain affordable?") and said that the dwellings would be cramped and out of keeping.

Cllr Helliwell answered objections by explaining how the scheme would work. (*He did so more fully at the Annual Parish Meeting*. *See the separate report*.)

Cllr Craggs said that the dwellings could be tastefully designed and in character with the village. In any case, the project was at an early stage and there would be public consultation in due course.

ERYC: Annual inspections of children's play areas

ERYC has engaged RoSPA to carry out the 2006 inspections on play areas it owns. RoSPA will conduct inspections for "other organisations" for £60.00 + VAT. For the Roos Children's Playground Association Mrs Ann Coupe said she had consulted the Association's Chairman and they had agreed that no inspection was necessary at this stage.

Citizens` Advice Bureau

CAB had sent its quarterly newsletter.

One member said that CAB provided a valuable community service but contact was not always easy. Its offices had restricted opening times and it was difficult to make phone contact.

Another member said that CAB understandably insisted on an appointment system.

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Streetscene

Mr Steve Roberts, Parish and Area Liaison Officer, had proposed a date for the street survey but the letter arrived too late. The Clerk arranged 24th August instead.

Three Highways officers, three parish councillors and three members of the Parish Plan Committee conducted a thorough survey of all settlements in the parish. (See report of Annual Parish Meeting.)

Cllr Craggs and Cllr Dodson reported. The Clerk agreed to ask for a list of the items noted and the work to be done. Some work had already been done: signs had been erected and three roadside seats had been cleaned and painted.

South HoldernessnArea Forum

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November. Agenda items were requested 14 days in advance. It was agreed to include suitable Area Forum topics in the Parish Council's own Agenda in October.

ERYC: Winter Services (+ traffic hazards in Tunstall)

Notification had been sent of the gritting and snowclearing schedule.

Cllr Smales said that a school bus now uses Southfield Lane, Tunstall. Even in good weather the road is unsuitable for a double-decker. In winter it needs gritting and clearing. The Clerk undertook to ask Highways to note changes in bus routes when drawing up the schedule.

Cllr Smales said that subsidence on Southfield Lane was dangerous. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways (copy to the Head, Withernsea High School) advising of the unsuitability of this road for double-decker buses.

Neighbourhood policing

Inspector Patrick Fisher requested e-mail contact with the Parish Clerk and / or councillors to aid liaison. He also wanted contact details of the newsletter editor. Agreed.

Admiral Storr's Tower, Hilston

A lady holidaymaker had been disappointed to find no footpath to Admiral Storr's Tower, only a ploughed field, and sent an e-mail to say so. The Clerk established that there was no public right of way to the tower: the farmer had contravened no regulation. She replied accordingly.

Planning

Previous applications

<u>The Old Rectory, Roos</u>. Mr and Mrs Stone had withdrawn their application to turn the paddock into a garden and erect a wall and fence.

<u>The Old Rectory, Roos</u>. The application for an extension had been refused since the flat roof would detract from the overall appearance of the building.

<u>Elm Tree Farm, Roos</u>. The application to retain an agricultural building had been granted.

New applications

Elms Cottage, Rectory Road, Roos (Mr & Mrs Winter)

Full planning consent sought to erect a first-floor extension to the side. Consent recommended.

The Elms, Quaker Road, Owstwick (Mr P.Kitchen)

Full consent for continued use of redundant agricultural

buildings for Mr Kitchen's engineering business. Consent recommended.

Treasurer's Report - (Nothing to report) ERYC: Parish Paths Partnership

Mr Andy Coyne had supplied Mr Simon Parker with the information he requested: expenditure in 2005-6, the work proposed in 2006-7, and unresolved matters.

Mr Coyne had explained his own role and that of Mr Brumhead in supporting Dr Hersom and had reported that the Parish Council Treasurer had no record of receiving the £300 referred to. Mr Parker had replied that the £300 might not have been sent – he would look into the matter.

Any other business

Cutting of grass verges

Cllr Kirk said that a resident had complained that cutting had been done badly, damaging the verges. (It was not clear whether grass-cutting had been discussed during the Streetscene visit.) Cllr Craggs said that the cutting of the grass on Tunstall's "village green" had been badly done.

Cllr Dodson thought the schedule was for 12 or 14 cuts per year. The grass had recently grown very strongly and the staff had been hard pressed to serve 57 parishes.

Bulb planting

Cllr Dodson recalled that last year £60 had been granted to buy bulbs. In the event none were bought since those still available were of poor quality. On his proposal (seconded by Cllr Smales) it was agreed to grant £60 again in the hope that early purchase would offer a better choice. Cllr Craggs asked that Tunstall should have some of the bulbs.

Cllr Dodson accepted that the Parish Plan Committee had recommended planting bulbs other than daffodils but said that daffodils were the most robust species. One or two councillors mentioned other possible bulbs but there was no agreement to change the order.

PUBLIC SESSION

Hedge-cutting

Mrs Ann Coupe asked whether hedge-cutting was raised during the Streetscene visit. She was especially concerned that the hedge near the playing field entrance was covering the sign. Cllr Craggs said that the fact had been noted as requiring action.

Open meeting, 12th September

Cllr Helliwell and the Clerk had considered the lack of any agreed structure or agenda for the meeting. The public were entitled to raise any issue but it might be helpful to have some topics in mind.

It was agreed that the most likely topics would be the Streetscene survey, wind turbines and the affordable housing proposal.

Roos Parish Council
Monday 9th October
7.30 in The Memorial Institute
ALL WELCOME

Roos Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 12th September

Meeting on Tuesday 12th September

Parish Council

Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Helliwell, Kirk and Winter.

The Parish Clerk.

Apology: Cllr Dodson.

Members of the public

Mr M.T.Blanchard, Mrs C.Blanchard, Mrs P.Cheeseman, Mr M.Gomme, Mrs L.Venables-Gomme, Mr D.Kirk, Mrs E.M.Lawson,

Streetscene, 24th August

A joint survey was conducted of streets in Roos, Tunstall, Hilston and Owstwick. The object was to note work needed to improve the safety and appearance of our streets. Those taking part were:

Three ERYC officers

Three Parish Councillors

David Craggs, Alec Dodson, David Winter. <u>Three Parish Plan Committee members</u>

Jackie Cracknell, Ken Cross, David Kirk. Those present at the meeting were able to answer questions and speak on specific issues but there was no overall list. The Clerk undertook to ask the officers for a list of the points noted and work that had been promised.

David Kirk said that survey took about four hours and had been thorough and efficient. One officer commented that to do all the work needed would blow his department's budget.

Some work had already been done: signs had been erected and three roadside seats had been cleaned and painted.

Hodgson Lane & Lamb Lane

Dangers

The Streetscene team had considered the two roads. Those at the meeting added

Protest meeting at Skipsea

The invitation to Far Grange Park on 18th September was mentioned.

Sunderland Farm site (RES)

It was noted that the request to postpone

The August newsletter reported on the project described by Roger Jones at the Parish Council in 14th August.

Letters of objection

Letters from Mr and Mrs M.A.Winter of Rectory Road had been read out at the Council's meeting on 11th September. They said that the project would reduce the value of their property, be out of keeping with the area and lead to traffic hazards.

their comments on the problems: poor sightlines at the junctions, narrowness, lack of paths along the whole length. (It was noted that Pinfold Lane had no footpath at all.) The poor surface of Hodgson Lane was a further concern and car parking at the butcher's blocked the vision of road users. Yet this road was a bus route and something must be done.

Solutions discussed

A suggestion to make Hodgson Lane "Access only" was opposed by Mrs Tyson and deemed unworkable by most.

The only viable suggestion was to make the two roads one-way, though the difficulties that would be created were not explored. David Winter said that a one-way system had been discussed by the Parish Council some years ago but with no outcome.

David Kirk said that where possible footpaths were to be made wider. The Parish Plan (the result of hundreds of hours of work) would shortly be available. Road problems and their possible alleviation were included.

Wind Turbines

the planning decision had been refused. Mr Mike Blanchard was concerned that those intending to oppose the project needed to quote the number of the planning application He would find out

Affordable Housing

Cllr Mrs Jane Smales had also opposed the project, since anyone who acquired an affordable dwelling could later sell at a profit on the open market: for many it would no longer be affordable.

At the Parish Meeting Mr Blanchard agreed that the scheme was flawed.

The case for the project

Leslie Helliwell explained the scheme more fully than had been possible at the Parish Council meeting.

Engaging with the public Tapping local skills and interests

Each town and parish council is required to hold an annual public meeting to allow residents to have a full discussion on a subject that they consider important.

Sadly, these Annual Parish Meetings are usually poorly attended, mainly because they have had little or no planning and little publicity.

In 1997 the Parish Council made a real effort. All village groups were invited to give a short account of their activities during the year and three guest speakers described successful initiatives and future opportunities.

The result was almost embarrassing. The Memorial Institute was crowded and there was too little time to do justice to all that was planned.

But out of that 1997 meeting came volunteers to initiate the Roos Village Design Statement – and from that came the Parish Plan, shortly to be published.

Let's hope that ten years later the Parish Council will plan the 2007 Annual Parish Meeting in good time and give it good advance publicity.

(In May 2007 there will be an election for a new Parish Council.)

Speeding traffic on Rectory Road

David Craggs said that a 30mph speed restriction was raised. The Parish Council would need to request it.

the number and make it available.

The closing date for comments had officially passed but Mr Blanchard had been advised that they would be accepted up to the date of the planning meeting.

<u>Purpose</u>

DEFRA saw affordable housing as a means of sustaining rural settlements. It enables young persons to stay near their families in their own communities and not have to migrate to towns for accommodation. Rural villages keep up their populations, ensuring that amenities such as schools and shops remain viable. Villages are less likely to decline into enclaves for the elderly.

Annual Parish Meeting

Affordable Housing (continued)

Agencies

The scheme is supported by DEFRA and is a joint venture by the Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council, The East Riding of Yorkshire Council and local housing associations.

Rural Housing enabler

Roger Jones works for HWRCC in liaison with the other agencies as a Rural Housing Enabler. His role is to explore local needs and development options to meet them.

He spoke to the Parish Plan Committee on 12th July 2005. David Winter, Chair of the Parish Council was present. The East Riding had already identified a number of Roos residents who needed affordable housing

At the Parish Plan Exhibition on 8th October 2005 Mr Jones was present for consultation and some residents were able to meet him. Research overall now shows that some 26 persons require affordable housing – The need was confirmed.

Visitors to the Exhibition were invited to mark on a map where any affordable housing might be sited.

Identifying a site

Mr Jones contacted the owners of sites identified. York Diocese owned the Rectory Road site and were willing to sell a plot.

A provisional layout and style for 12

Hare-coursing

Mr & Mrs Gomme reported two incidents of hare-coursing in the field opposite their house on Rectory Road. A group of rough-looking men had taken possession with their dogs.

On one occasion Mr Gomme set out to remonstrate but backed off because the dogs appeared so threatening.

He rang the police but was merely told by the switch-board that his report would be passed on. By the time police arrived the men had long gone.

Mr Kirk said that the hare-coursing fraternity were often well known. The group that favoured this area were from Middlesbrough and their dogs were the traditional lurchers. He said that hare-coursing was illegal and should always be reported. He advised of a way of ensuring that police turn up promptly.

(It would be impolitic to pass on Mr Kirk's advice but clearly the police should be given a detailed account of the offenders and of their vehicles.) properties were agreed at County Hall and a representative of the Yorkshire Housing Association inspected the plot.

On 14th August Mr Jones told the Parish Council of the state of play and a report was printed in the August newsletter.

Safeguards

It is now possible for land for affordable housing to be made available even beyond the development limit previously observed. Land such as the plot on Rectory Road could be used *only* for affordable housing.

Costs are kept down since the price offered to landowners is less than the open-market rate. Instead, an owner is offered ten times the plot's value as agricultural land.

A Housing Association buys the land and pays the building costs.

A property may be rented or shareowned: the occupier may own a share in the property but not own it outright. When he leaves, having built up capital to go towards buying another dwelling, he must sell his share back to the Association. This guarantees that the dwelling remains affordable.

Applicants for affordable housing must meet strict criteria. They must already live in the parish or have family in the parish or be employed there.

Scepticism

Mr Blanchard was unconvinced. He said that Greenacre Park had been intended to have affordable housing but none had been built. Instead, luxury homes were built and could be sold on at a profit.

Mr Helliwell commented that a developer could commute his obligation to include some affordable housing into a cash payment to support some acceptable community purpose. This was not possible on a site with planning consent solely for affordable housing.

Mr Blanchard said that a Housing Association would not allow a property to stand empty. If no applicant satisfied the criteria the Association would let the property go to someone without them.

(After the meeting Mr Kirk said that in this situation the Association would allow occupancy to a person in a neighbouring parish who did satisfy the criteria.)

Dangers and loss of wildlife habitat

Mrs Venables-Gomme (who lives on Rectory Road) said that the proposed site – with access on a road with blind bends

with access on a road with
would create dangers.

It would also reduce the habitat of deer and hares often to be seen in the field.

Mr Helliwell said that land could be bought only if the owner was willing to sell.

Tunstall News

On Wednesday 19th July eleven members of the Village Hall Group visited the Lavender Fields at Wintringham, just east of Malton.

The weather was hot and sunny, and the visit was rounded off with an excellent pub lunch in the nearby village of Rillington.

A week later twelve members of the Group travelled to North Frodingham and boarded a boat that took them on a most enjoyable leisurely canal journey to the Trout Inn at Wansford, where they had another excellent pub lunch, before returning in the late afternoon. On the outward journey the weather turned nasty for a few minutes and the group had to take cover below deck, but on the return the sky cleared and the group were able to sun themselves on

Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

the upper deck.

Sponsored 10 km run Castle Howard Sunday 8th October

As he explained in the August newsletter, Mike Green hopes to raise about £2,000 for Cancer Research UK in memory of his wife, Julia.

Sponsor forms are available from Melbourne Butchers and the Roos Store or directly from Mike at Linden Lea, Lamb Lane, Roos.

Your sponsorship will be very welcome.

"You know, dear, John doesn't seem to be as well dressed as he was when you married him."

"That's funny. I'm sure it's the same suit." Swanland Parish Magazine

The Rooster

Donations

Many thanks to the following for recent donations:

Mrs V.Adams Mr & Mrs D.Grayson Mr & Mrs A.S.Coyne Mr & Mrs K.S.Meyer

A healthy bank balance was carried over from 2005 and 141 households (26.8% of those that receive copies) have now donated £652 for 2006.

However, a six-page newsletter costs about £75 to produce and more contributions will be needed if we are to match this year's income to likely expenditure.

In 2005 187 households contributed - 35.8%. Can we match or surpass that?

Suggested (per household): £3.00 - £5.00 (maximum).

If you intend to contribute but have not yet done so, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Rooster" and either leave it at the Roos Store or deliver / post to me at :

Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB.

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

email to the Editor

Silver Birches, Rectory Road, Roos

Leslie.

Just to let you know that I wish to thank you for all the work you do in producing the 'Rooster' and ensuring it gets to all of us. Some in the village and elsewhere seem to question your motives and your honesty. I would like to assure you that I fully appreciate your efforts and have enjoyed and benefited from your recording and reporting of village affairs.

I wish you every success in the future and trust the disappointing and uninformed attacks on you and the 'Rooster' do not cause you too much concern. I am sure the vast majority appreciate your work and the 'Rooster' – as evidenced by the voluntary donations people continue to provide so that the 'Rooster' continues. I am sure the new 'Association' would want to say as much in the next

Perhaps another idea for 'regular features' in the 'Rooster' could be 'The role of' The first might be '.... the parish councillor' – it seems that some people are confused about this!!

Yours

Chris Kerr-Delworth.

If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.

Swanland Parish Magazine



Mrs Helen Audley BA (Hons) ALCM

Music Tuition

Clarinet - Piano - Theory Ring 01964 - 670895 Beginners welcome

Journalists wanted

"The Rooster" needs an Editor and an Assistant Editor. (Unpaid! - but expenses reimbursed.) One of them should be willing to provide reports of Parish Council meetings.

Volunteers please contact Tim Newton at The Old School. Ring 671659

Thanks for the support

After the castigations I received last month on my alleged immorality, perfidy and general lack of integrity, it was gratifying to receive Chris Kerr-Delworth's email and read Gordon Smethurst's comments in his parish notes.

I also had through my letter-box a handwritten card so warm and flattering that I should blush to print it. These were in addition to many face-to-face expressions of gratitude for what "The Rooster" means to at least some residents. I deeply appreciate this goodwill.

L.H.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

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Friday 6th October

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Coming events

October

- Roos WI. Mem. Institute. 7.30. Chris Lee: Textiles and goldwork.
- Rooster deadline.
- Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 20 All Saints', Roos. 7.30. The Melsa Consort.

November

- Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Annual meeting.
- Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

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Church News and Views

Anglican: Roos United Benefice

Garton-with-Grimston, St Michael. Hilston, St Margaret. Roos, All Saints'. Tunstall, All Saints'.

From Rev Gordon Smethurst, Roos Rectory

I was saddened to read in the last edition of "The Rooster" the personal slurs against our Editor. In my brief time in the village I have come to regard him as a man of integrity who has served the village faithfully for two decades. Some may passionately dislike his balanced views, but should not weaken their own arguments with such personal attacks.

Here the old politics of faithful service on the Parish Council, month after month and year upon year, are challenged by the new issue politics of those who fight a cause with great vigour and belief but often wane as quickly as they waxed, leaving the long-serving to pull the village together again.

I have learned this year that Roos has a reputation for such personal attacks. We are right to be proud of our village and church, but when we exaggerate that pride, an ugly streak seems to show itself. We must be humble enough to recognise that many other villages and churches in the region have their special qualities too.

The next 'stirrup issue' may be the building of a courtyard of low-cost housing over my back hedge. I feel for my successors and for my immediate neighbours, whose open views and therefore house values may drop for a year or two, but I feel even more strongly that young couples working in the area desperately need affordable housing; and that the village desperately needs more of them to keep it young.

The motorcar, tractor, electricity pylon, and housing development have all changed the chocolate-box image but enabled the real village to thrive.

Even dead churches and villages must change : they slowly decay!

I hope that this can be discussed without personal slur.

Anglican Services, etc.

Key: HC =Holy Communion. MP = Morning Praver. BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Old Prayer Book) CW = Common Worship (New Prayer Book)

September

- 17 Sun 9.00 Garton. Mattins. BCP. Roos. Morning Prayer. CW. 10.30
 - 3.00 Hilston. HC. BCP.
- 24 Sun 9.00 Tunstall. HC. BCP.
 - Roos. HC. CW. 10.30
- 27 Wed Roos Parochial Church Council. Old School. October
- 9.00 Garton. HC. BCP. 1 Sun
 - Roos church. Service with Methodists. 10.30
- Tue 11.00 Eastfield Social Centre. HC.
- 8 9.00 Tunstall. HC. CW. Sun
 - Roos. HC.CW. 10.30
 - Garton. Evening Prayer. BCP. 6.30
- 13 Fri Roos School Harvest in church. 2.15
 - Roos. Harvest Thanksgiving in church. 6.30 Harvest Supper in the Memorial Institute (provided by The Friends of Roos Church).
- 14 Sat 3.00 Roos. Holy Matrimony: Christopher Andrew Brawley and Maryjane Mason.
- 15 Sun 9.00 Garton. Mattins. BCP.
 - Roos. Morning Prayer. CW. 10.30
 - Hilston. Harvest Thanksgiving followed by 3.30 refreshments in church.
- 20 Fri 7.30 Melsa Choir concert in Roos church, followed by "wine and nibbles" at The New Rectory.
- 22 Sun 9.00 Tunstall. HC. BCP.
 - 10.30 Roos. HC. CW.
 - Garton. EP. BCP. 6.30
- Tunstall. Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by 27 Fri 6.30 refreshments in the Village Hall.
- Sun 10.00 Roos. Benefice Service. HC. BCP. CW.

Methodist Services

September 17 Sun -----No service at Roos 24 Sun 10.30

Roos Memorial Institute Mr R.Brown

October

Sun 10.30 United Service. All Saints` Rev G.Smethurst 8 Sun -----No service at Roos

15 Sun 10.30 Roos Memorial Institute Mr T.Butcher

22 Sun -----No service at Roos

29 Sun 10.30 Roos Memorial Institute Ms E.Coombe

Roos WI: September meeting

Guest speakers from Thornton's Chocolates

WI President Mrs Heather Boynton welcomed Russell and Karen from the Hornsea shop. They explained that Thornton's started in Sheffield but moved to Alfreston in Derbyshire because of the need to expand.

We heard of the sources of materials (all the ginger comes from a single farm in Australia) and some of the statistics: Thornton's use 5,000 tons of chocolate yearly. We enjoyed the samples provided on each table - Wonderful! - and most of us bought from the super display. (The chocolate ginger is highly recommended.) Mrs Carol Charlesworth proposed the vote of thanks.

Business meeting

After refreshments Secretary Mrs Margaret Stephenson read the Minutes, which were approved.

Federation Newsletter items were read out and letters of thanks from Hornsea Inshore Lifeboat and Sewerby WI.

The Hollym Carrs walk with supper at the Plough Inn afterwards had been a great success. Seven members are going on the Federation Walk at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor on 10th September.

Other coming events

Showing of Roos WI's DVD: Wed. 20th September, 7.30

The DVD, made with assistance from Liz Turner of Seaside Radio, will be shown at 7.30 in the Memorial Institute. Refreshments afterwards. Guests welcome.

Coffee Afternoon: Sat. 23rd September, 2.00

Members are invited to attend. Eastfield Estate.

New members welcome

Heather Boynton (01964 - 670461)