



The **Rooster**

Profile of Mr Fred Foster - Part 1

I was born in South Frodingham on September 24th 1916, the youngest of eight children. I came to Roos with my parents in November 1916.

I started school when I was five years of age. Mr. Wilbraham was the headmaster. He was a grand fellow, very knowledgeable. He taught us in all subjects, supervised us in football and cricket and also ran an 'After-school club'. He taught us dancing, songs and poems, some of which I can still recall. Mr. Wilbraham also took us on Nature walks, identifying wild flowers and grasses in the surrounding lanes. He allowed us time off to see the foxhounds meet, usually at The Elms (Dickensons) also time off to visit a field where the first 'mole drainer' was operating.

The highlight of the year for the Sunday-school children was an outing to Withernsea by horse and rullies loaned by farmers with a driver to take charge. Four rullies were needed as quite a number of children attended the Sunday school.

Also in the 1920s I went along with a pal (Denny Blanchard) 'Christmas boxing' on Christmas morning round the farms at Northend and Hilston. Starting out at 6.30am we sang "*We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. A pocket full of money, and a cellar full of beer. A good fat pig, and a new calved cow. Master and mistress 'how do you do'.*

Good luck to all your hens and cocks. Please will you give us a Christmas box." We received money, fruit and nuts. The farmers looked forward to it as much as we did.

I took a day off school occasionally (with the headmaster's permission) to go with the local butcher to the surrounding villages. My job was to open the gates where necessary. I also took a day from school to go with Mr. Veal (the local Draper) round Hedon and Paull. We were at a farmhouse in Paull, and it was getting late so I decided to start the car (a Jowett) to save time. The car needed to be started by a starting handle. The car 'backfired' and the starting handle 'kicked back' and broke my right wrist.



Mr Veal took me to a Dr Soutter in Hedon who put my wrist in a wood splint. This happened when I was 13 years old, and I did not go back to school again.

After a few weeks the splints were removed and I started work with Cussons the Grocers in Withernsea. One of my jobs was to deliver groceries round Withernsea with a hand cart. I thought there must be more to life than this, so I left and went to work on various farms.

My first year was on a farm in Rise. The wage was £12 per year. This was not paid until the year-end, which was 'Martinmas' in November when we had two weeks holidays. Each Tuesday in that fortnight all farm hands congregated near the King Billy statue in Hull. The farmers who were seeking workers also came and we haggled over a wage for the coming year. On securing a deal, the farmer gave you a shilling and the deal was struck. Again, we had to work the whole year before receiving a wage. We got our own clothing that we needed 'on tick' at Mr. Jubb's the tailor in Roos (now The Folly).



After working on various farms, I joined the Royal Tank corps. I had initial training at Bovington, Dorset, and a gunnery and tank-driving course at Lulworth, also in Dorset.

(All during my military service I was known as 'Jerry' Foster). I was posted to Lydd in Kent doing mainly tank-driving and gunnery. Whilst there an officer enquired if any one knew anything about horses and I said yes (thinking of farm horses). The next day he took me to Shorncliffe, selected a horse and asked me to ride it back to Lydd. I had never been on a horse in my life apart from carthorses. Anyhow, he asked me to look after the horse. After a few anxious days I progressed into a rider of sorts! I was then posted back to Bovington.

A new battalion was formed at Catterick in Yorkshire. I volunteered to go, as it was nearer home. In 1939 whilst playing in a football final, I fell and broke my left wrist, and was in plaster for four weeks. I was taken off tank duties and assigned to a reconnaissance officer to help out.

We were sent to France in 1940. The Germans drove us back to Dunkirk when we were evacuated along with thousands of others. Our boat was the 'King Orry' a converted pleasure boat. We received direct hits from a shore battery and developed a list, but managed to make it to Dover from where we were given two weeks leave, before being re-equipped with Matilda tanks.

We sailed for Egypt via Cape Town. We were six weeks at sea on a ship named the 'Duchess of Bedford'. We disembarked at Port Said on my birthday September 24th 1940.

To be continued.

REMEMBRANCE DAY IN ROOS

The Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance and Dedication.

Sunday 8th November 2009 @ the Memorial Institute.

Dennis Houlton took the service and was very pleased with the turn-out of parishioners. He estimated that about ninety people were present.

For the two-minute silence, reveille and the lowering of the flags which took place outside, the weather was fine though earlier it had been raining. Poppies were then placed on the railings by several people. After the last hymn was sung and prayers were said inside, Mr Cheeseman thanked everyone for attending and also gave thanks to the person (not present) who keeps the brass nameplates clean.



The absolute deadline for items to be included in next month's issue is Friday 11th December 2009

THE ROOS ARMS

An old pub with a new direction

THE Roos Arms was first established back in 1784. It has been serving villagers for over 200 years and for many years earned a reputation for its quality food. Now it is taking on a new lease of life, having been taken over by the owners of the family-run Station Hotel in Patrington, itself one of Holderness's leading pub restaurants.



Customers will have noticed that the new owners have started their programme of redevelopment and thank you for your patience and continued support. The substantial investment involved in refurbishment and redecoration will continue into 2010 when we will for the first time in 223 years have inside toilets. During this period we will continue to keep you updated with our progress.

We have brought skilled management and expertise to the Roos Arms to once again make it the dining experience of old, with quality food using local produce to equal its 'sister' pub at Patrington.

Under the management of Rob Patchett along with our resident chef Alistair Gray we will ensure that customers will have a dining experience second to none.

The plan is to have an additional dining room completed by December. This room will be available for private dining and functions. With three dining areas the Roos Arms will be able to cater for all occasions.

The house menu offers a wide variety of dishes from chicken Stilton and paupette of plaice to traditional food, steak-and-ale pie and fish and chips. Children and vegetarians are especially catered for, as are those with special dietary requirements with advance notice. One novel feature is the lunchtime special of soup, sandwich and a pint for a fiver.

The Roos Arms is open Tuesday to Saturday, with lunches from noon to 2pm and evening meals 5pm to 9pm and a special Sunday menu from noon to 6pm. Licensing hours are from noon to 11pm Tuesday to Sunday .

The free house offers a vast range of beers and wines with frequent guest beers and premium lagers, and bio-degradable take-away beer hoppers.

Christmas bookings are now being taken, with a four-course meal at just £16 per head, from December 1, except for Christmas Day, with main courses including roast turkey, honey-baked ham shank and half pot-roast partridge, followed by a selection of traditional and unusual Xmas desserts.

A La Carte meals will also continue to be served during this period.

If you fancy good food served in a traditional country pub by friendly and attentive staff, then a visit to the Roos Arms is a must.



The Roos Arms



CHRISTMAS MENU

Served From 1st December - Food Served 12pm – 2pm, 5pm – 9pm

4 Course Christmas Meal £16 per person

(£5 Non-Refundable Deposit Required Per Person)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For Reservations Please Call 01964 670353

Excludes Christmas Day

Starters

CREAM OF ASPARAGUS SOUP *WITH WARM CRUSTY COB*

PRAWN COCKTAIL *WITH A HINT OF CHILLI AND LIME*

FAN OF HONEYDEW MELON *WITH RASPBERRY COULIS AND FRESH FRUITS*

CHICKEN-LIVER PARFAIT *WITH HOMEMADE MARMALADE*

BAKED CRAB WITH CHEESE CRUST *AND A BASIL DRESSING*



Main Courses



TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY *TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS ROAST ACCOMPANIED
WITH CHIPOLATAS, BACON ROLLS AND STUFFING*

BRAISED BEEF OLIVES *FILLED WITH A COARSE GARLIC FORCEMEAT*

HONEY BAKED HAM SHANK *WITH PINEAPPLE AND ROSEMARY GLAZE*

HALF POT-ROAST PARTRIDGE *WITH DUBONNET AND WATERCRESS*

ROULADES OF PLAICE AND SPINACH *GRATINATED WITH CHEESE SAUCE*

**TENDER PROVENCALE VEGETABLE AND GOATS CHEESE PIE
WEDGE**

*ALL MAIN COURSES SERVED WITH NEW POTATOES, ROAST POTATOES AND A
SELECTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES*

Desserts

TRADITIONAL CHOCOLATE YULE LOG *WITH FRESH CREAM*

LUXURY CHRISTMAS PUDDING *SERVED WITH BRANDY SAUCE*

CHERRY GENOA CAKE *WITH WENSLEYDALE CHEESE*

DUO OF STRAWBERRIES AND PROFITEROLES *WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE*

WARM CARAMEL APPLE PIE *SERVED WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM*



COFFEE AND MINCE PIES



The South Holderness Countryside Society

The South Holderness Countryside Society is a Registered Charity (701627) with a remit to work for the benefit of the inhabitants of South Holderness to create a better place for wildlife, and to educate the public in such matters. We are now entering the 26th year as a Charity and achieve these aims in several ways. We offer individual, family and corporate membership by subscription. This entitles members to receive a copy of our journal called "*Holderness Countryside*" and to stand for election or elect representative trustees. The society has an open public meeting on the second Friday of each month at which a guest speaker is invited to talk on a subject in keeping with our charitable aims. These are open to the general public free of charge and are held in the church hall in Patrington. We also organise walks, give talks and involve schools in our work. The society owns two large nature reserves and has recently acquired more land and property to develop. With a total membership in excess of 150 we have an influential voice in matters relating to factors affecting habitat quality in our region. Our charitable remit does not allow us to be politically active or get involved in issues such as wind turbines or waste incinerators, but this does not prevent individual members from having the freedom to be active in their own name. We have several experts in different fields of wildlife and are frequently consulted for information and data. All in all we do a pretty good job in meeting the aims of the charity but could always do with more brains and hands to help us. We have members from all walks of life and interests and the current trustees are a friendly group of retired farmers, retail business people, school teachers and a consultant scientist. If you have time and would like to get involved in this work, or would just prefer to sit back and wait for your journal to arrive, we would like to hear from you. E-mail SHCS25@aol.com or ring Peter Cook on 01964 614466.

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The Rooster Association

DONATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2009

Donations received during October.

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Tyson Mr R

117 Households several of which are not in the parish, have now donated a total of £764.00 up to and including 6th of November 2009.

Total advertising revenue to date £392.94

DONATIONS MUCH LOWER THAN LAST YEAR

Donations are £100 lower than this time last year. Many thanks to those who have made donations so far this year. If you have not contributed, but still intend to, will you please leave all donations in the box at Roos Store in an envelope marked "Rooster" and **not at Ken Cross's house.**

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From: the Rev Pam Burdon.

The Vicarage, Main Road, Thorngumbald, HULL HU12 9NA

Tel: 01964 601464 email: pam@tonyburdon.karoo.co.uk

Dear Rooster Readers,

We are doing some forward planning and I would like to take this early opportunity to tell you of a plan we have for our Christingle service which will be in Church on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm. We would like to invite all the children who come to dress up! We suggest you each choose a character from the Christmas story....you might like to be an angel, a shepherd, a king, an innkeeper or even a donkey, a sheep or a star! Costumes would be very simple....no need for anything elaborate! Perhaps there is even a family with a baby...how special that would be! I would love to hear from you!

We look forward to a very special service.

With good wishes to you all,

Pam Burdon

Following our Harvest Festival Service in All Saints' Church Roos, a harvest supper was held (by kind permission of Denise and Ron) of pie and peas, at the Black Horse. Denise supplied the supper which was excellent, and a very good night was had by all who attended. The tickets sold were only to cover our supper costs. However we held a raffle and with donations we raised the fantastic sum of £180.00. We would like to give a big thank you to all who joined us, bought raffle tickets and gave donations. and especially to Denise and Ron who made it possible.

As in previous years, the candle in the Sanctuary can be lit in memory of a loved one, for someone ill, or to mark a special occasion. They will be remembered, by name, in our prayers on the Sunday nearest to the date.

If you wish to take part in this, please contact Mrs. Barbara Witty Tel: 670490, giving her the name and date required. A donation of £2 for the Church Heating fund would be appreciated.

FUTURE SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

15th	Sunday	10.00	Garton	Morning Prayer	Helen Wastling
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Ronald Howard
		15.00	Hilston	Holy Communion	Jim Campbell

22nd	Sunday	09.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	Tony Burdon
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon
		15.30	Garton	Choral Evensong	S Deas
29th	Sunday	11.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon
	<i>Advent Sunday</i>			<i>Benefice Service</i>	

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

6th	Sunday	10.00	Garton	Holy Communion	R Duffield
		11.00	Roos	Morning Prayer	Colin Reid
13th	Sunday	09.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	John Waud
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon
		15.00	Garton	Evensong	Tony Burdon
17th	Thursday	18.30	Tunstall	Carol Service	Tony Burdon
20th	Sunday	10.00	Garton	Morning Prayer	Helen Wastling
		15.00	Hilston	Carol Service	Tony Burdon
		18.30	Roos	Carol Service	Pam Burdon
24th	Christmas Eve				
		18.30	Roos	Christingle Service	Pam Burdon
		23.30	Garton	Midnight Mass	Gordon Smethurst
25th	Christmas Day				
		09.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	Ian Blyth
27th	Sunday	11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon

Methodist services

Roos Memorial Institute

NOVEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

15th	Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Worship Music Group
22nd	(No Service)		
29th	Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Rev J Brown

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

6th	Sunday	11.00	United Service in Roos parish church
13th	Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Margaret Thornton
20th	Sunday	10.30	Carol Service at Elsternwick Methodist Church

A friendly welcome is assured for all members of the village and visitors.

Roos Women's Institute

Roos WI meeting held on Wednesday 4th November in the Memorial Institute, Roos at 7.30pm.

The President Mrs H Boynton welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting.

After the minutes and Newsletter were read a report was given of an excellent Council Meeting.

Forthcoming events include a Coffee Morning at the Community Centre, Eastfield Estate at 10am to 12 midday on Saturday 14th November, £1 entry fee. All welcome.

The Grand Draw in the Memorial Institute on Friday 27th November at 7.30pm.

Our next Bingo is on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm.

The winner of the quiz was Mrs M Hunter.

The A.G.M. Followed and reports were given by the Treasurer and Secretary. The President thanked the ladies for their hard work. After the President's address and a vote of thanks was given by Mrs H Smith, voting for the President took place and Mrs Boynton will continue in the post.

After refreshments were served Mrs Pat Brown entertained us with humorous readings from Pam Ayres and Joyce Grenfell. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs H Boynton.

The competition for shortbread was won by Mrs J Moate and flower of the month by Mrs S Crombie with a Kafir Lily.

After the raffle was drawn Mrs Boynton thanked members for attending.

New members are very welcome.

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***Cookery Corner* by Ann Coupe**

HOMEMADE WARMING SOUP

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients

350g/12oz leeks	4 sticks celery
1 large onion	25g/1oz butter
600ml/1 pint stock	300ml/½ pint milk
25g/1oz parsley (roughly chopped)	Salt and pepper
150ml/¼ pint fresh single cream	

Method

1. Clean the leeks and celery thoroughly. Chop all the vegetables roughly.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan, add the vegetables, cover and sauté gently, shaking the pan occasionally, until onion is tender.
3. Add the stock and milk, bring to the boil, simmer for one hour.
4. Blend or sieve the soup, pour back into saucepan. Reheat, stir in parsley, seasoning to taste and cream.

If making up in advance and reheating, reserve cream and parsley and add just before serving.

OPTIONAL - Carrots, broccoli and cauliflower can also be used.

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Alec's Patch ... By Alec Dodson

The November season of mists and mellow fruitfulness in the gardener's year is sometimes a dismal month, but can relent for a few days with short spells of sunshine.

Leaves

As a result of the wet year of 2008 which encouraged many trees and shrubs to put on extra growth, there are now an abundance of leaves. There are two courses of action: either remove and compost them or if your borders are wide enough let the leaves lie and the worms will work them into the soil. Take care that any bulbs or small plants are not smothered. It is imperative that you remove all leaves from the lawn. If left they will weaken the grass and cause other turf problems.

Bulbs

This is the tulip-planting month. Always plant them deep enough at about 4inch/10cm. They prefer a sunny position in well-drained soil. If the soil is heavy add some sharp sand.

Now we have had some rain the planting of trees, shrubs and climbers can proceed. Remember if you are planting a £10.00 plant make sure you dig a £10.00 hole!! ie. what ever you plant make sure that the hole is large enough to spread the roots and ensure that the plant is neither too deep nor too shallow. There is usually a damp mark on the tree or shrub which shows its original depth.

Finally on the wild life front don't be too tidy. Leave some herbaceous stems for over-wintering ladybirds and other insects. Similarly some shrubs like Hydrangeas are attractive during the winter if the 'Mop' heads are left on.

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Roos Parish Council Meeting 9th November 2009

Apologies from Councillors J Ward & J Cracknell were attending a Council Liaison meeting and R Smales

The October minutes were approved. Extracts below.

Proposed allotments in Roos

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with a number of landowners. Four had confirmed that they had no land available for rent for allotment purposes, and he was awaiting a response from another landowner. One was consulting with his wife and a further three were in the process of being contacted.

Safe routes to school programme

A response was received from ERYC which stated that Mr G Hurd had been advised to sign the contract for the completion of the roadway. Otherwise ERYC would have no option but to take enforcement action.

Hodgson Lane

An e-mail from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services of ERYC confirmed that design work had commenced for improvement works to be undertaken early in the next financial year subject to no major reduction in funding.

Highway matters

The Area Engineer of ERYC was aware of the condition of the highway on the Roos to Halsham Road. The damaged locator sign at North End had been replaced and the new give-way sign at Burton Road/New Road Owstwick junction was now in place.

Overhanging tree in Lamb Lane

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Mr Peetoom who had confirmed that the willow tree would be pruned back in the near future.

Land south of Rectory Lane Tunstall

A reply from ERYC stated that planning consent was not required as the access did not lead onto a major road, the gate posts and gate were set two metres back from the road, and the hardcore/slate to facilitate access to the field was not considered to be untidy.

Flooding and related matters

Councillor Ward confirmed that he would make contact with the riparian owner in respect of the tree which had fallen into the open beck between Lamb Lane and Dove Lane with a view to assisting him with its removal, that it was anticipated that ERYC would shortly clear the trees/bushes to allow better access to the grille off Lamb Lane and that attention to the piped section by the riparian owner between Dove Lane and Lamb Lane was in hand.

It was agreed to contact Gerry Frisby of ERYC with a view to arranging a site meeting to discuss proposed floodwater containment areas to the north of the village as outlined in the Taylor Report.

An invitation was received from ERYC to attend a meeting of the Flood Liaison Group at County Hall on 19th October for briefing on flood risk management issues. It was agreed that the Chairman should attend on behalf of the Council.

Correspondence

ERYC Parish Council Liaison Meetings 2009

ERYC had invited two representatives to attend one of the above planning-orientated meetings. It was agreed that Councillors Cracknell and Ward should attend the event at Hedon Town Hall on the 9th November commencing at 6.00pm.

Planning

Application

Erection of first-floor extension to rear/alterations at Ivy House, Rectory Road, Roos

It was agreed that no objections be made to the above proposal.

Decision

Erection of a 60m guyed meteorological mast for a maximum period of 36 months at proposed Monkwith Wind Farm at land west of Pastures Lane Tunstall

It was reported that ERYC had approved the above application.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer was given approval for payment of the following accounts:-

Memorial Institute - hire of hall - £30.00 (four meetings)

B Lee – Clerk's salary for 3 months - £675.00

Any other business

Highway matters

It was agreed to refer the condition of the road west of Owstwick towards Fitting to the Area Engineer of ERYC following an incident of a rider apparently falling off a horse due to potholes in the highway.

Flowering bulbs

Members considered buying bulbs for planting within suitable locations as in previous years. It was agreed to purchase £70.00 worth of daffodil bulbs.

Public session

Members discussed the various proposed wind farm developments in the parish and Councillor Cracknell enlightened the meeting as to the present state of each proposal and the Council's stance in strongly opposing these and any such future proposed schemes likely to affect the parish.

Local Events

HALLOWEEN

Richard and Laura Dovey held a Halloween Party for their children Ella-May and Harry but it escalated to nearer 40 so the event was held in the Memorial Institute, Roos.

A happy time was had by all.



The Black Horse Harvest Festival

The harvest festival held on Friday 6th November raised a fantastic £1000.00 plus including the raffle (£205). Denise and Ron would like to thank all who donated and supported, helping to make this a great night, raising money for local charities. A special thanks to Bob and Wally for a humorous and successful auction.

THE ROOS ARMS

You are invited to join the Roos Choir on the evening of Tuesday 22nd December at 7.00pm for Christmas carols.

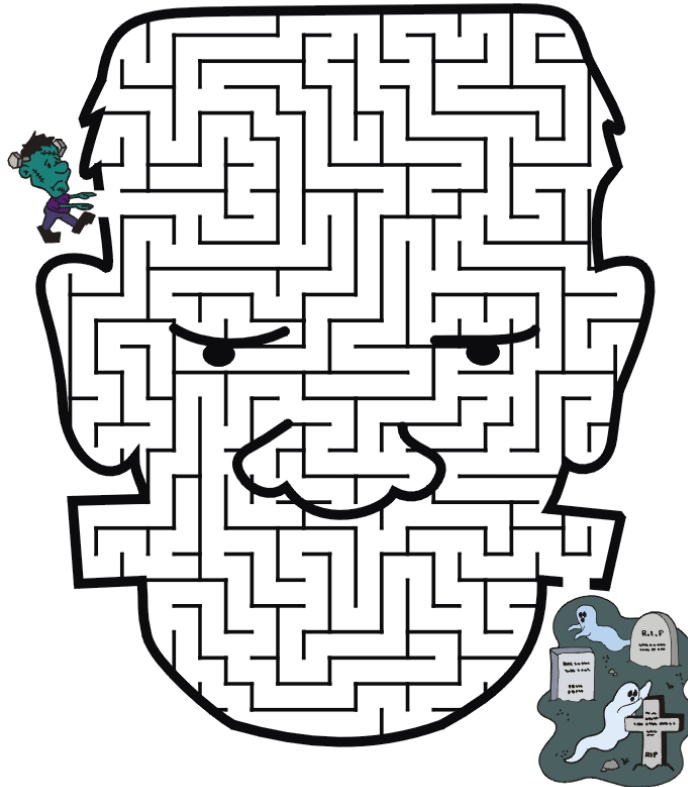
All are welcome

Friends of Roos WI - Chocolate Bingo
Tuesday 8th December 2009 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
in the Memorial Institute, Roos
All Welcome Proceeds to good causes in the village.

Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th
December 2009 at 7.30 pm in Roos Memorial
Institute.

Puzzle Corner FOR THE KIDS

Frankenstein-Maze



SUDOKU

Place the numbers 1 - 9 in each empty cell in such a way that each row, each column and each 3 x 3 box contains all of the numbers 1 - 9. (This means that no single digit can appear twice in any one row, column or 3 x 3 box) Solution next month.

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Solution to the October Puzzle

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