



The Rooster



*A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
to all readers from The Rooster Association.*



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Alec Dodson. Chairman



The picture above drawn by Brandon Hilton aged nine was selected after great deliberation as the winner from pictures supplied by Roos School. This was as a result of the Head, Mrs P Farey, asking the pupils to draw their interpretation of Christmas. The winner will receive a £10.00 W H Smith gift token. The runner-up, Amy Inglis, (see picture page two) aged seven will receive a £5 gift token. Competition sponsored by GreyCode Ltd. IT Consultants.



THE BLACK HORSE

THANKS

We don't know where to start! When we bought the Black Horse nearly 18 years ago we didn't realise what good times we were going to have with many friends helping and supporting us along the way. We've seen many weddings, christenings, engagements and, sadly, funerals. We would like to thank the staff both past and present for their help and support and especially Bob Smales, Wally Holbrook, Carol Uscroft and Ann Coupe for the great job on fund-raising at the Harvest Festivals over the past ten years. We feel that the school, church and other local charities have greatly benefited from the money they were given. Once again we have so many people to thank we could go on and on. So thanks to all.

We wish Steph and Paul all the luck in the world and hope they have all the good times we had.

RON & DENISE

Profile of Mr Fred Foster - Part 2

The War Years

We were six weeks at sea all told and landed in Port Said on my birthday September 24th 1940, and went from there to Cairo. From Cairo we went up the desert as part of the brigade that took on the Italian forces and drove them back several miles into Libya before returning to base, leaving a garrison in Tobruk.

Later the German Afrika Corps advanced to the Egyptian border, bypassing Tobruk, leaving it under siege. Our company was ordered to proceed to Tobruk to support the troops already there. We travelled by sea as the land route was cut off, arriving in April 1941. We were there under siege by the Germans until November 1941 when we were freed by the combined forces who had driven the German forces back from Egypt.

We returned to base and spent a short while recovering abandoned vehicles in and around Tobruk returning them to base. It was an enjoyable though hair-raising time. The German forces again advanced towards Egypt. We were ordered back to the desert to halt them. We engaged them at a place code-named 'Knightsbridge'. We were heavily defeated with several thousand troops of various nationalities taken prisoner, of which I was one. A German soldier said to me 'For you the war is over'. I thought, 'Thank the Lord for that!'

I was walking around when I saw a familiar face. It was Bob Myers, an old school pal. We also worked on a farm together in 1933. Life was more bearable with someone I knew from way back. We stayed together through various prison camps, until I was taken ill with malaria and admitted to Lucca hospital where I stayed for seven weeks before being moved to another camp. (Bob later made his home in the Barnsley area and I did not see him for another 50 years, until he came to visit me in Roos). I was then sent with the other POWs reclaiming woodland to turn into a vineyard.

On September 8th 1942, Italy surrendered. The Germans took over all the prison camps and moved us by train in cattle trucks from Italy to Muhleberg POW camp in Germany where I spent three weeks in hospital. I was later moved to Dresden, working on the station unloading railway wagons, and from there I was sent to work on a farm in Somsdorf for Oscar Bormann. Whilst working on the farm I planted a walnut tree. After the war, and when the Berlin wall came down, I contacted the farmers again, and my late son Stephen paid them a visit. They told Stephen the story of the tree and other incidents that had taken place. The farmers later sent me a box of walnuts each Christmas for several years and also sent a photograph of the tree.

In 1945 the Russians were advancing into Germany and all POWS were rounded up and marched away from the war zone, resting occasionally by the way-side and sleeping in farm buildings by night. On the march I met up with Jim Clappison who came from Ottringham. Jim joined up with us. We were later housed in a building under course of construction, with no doors or windows and cold concrete floors. By this time another POW, Eddie Goodhew, and I had had enough so decided to escape. We said cheerio to the rest of the lads and made for nearby woods with no set plan in mind. The next day we made for the hills, which were snow-covered. That night we broke branches from the

pine trees and used them as a bed, although we did not sleep as it was too cold. There was plenty of water in the dykes and streams though little food, and we were getting hungry. We saw a farmer planting potatoes so we lay low until the evening, when we dug out a few potatoes and ate them. Some were sprouted – not very appetising but filling.

We bedded down in a wood the next night and started out again in the morning and came to a high wire fence verging a road, to be met by another fence, which we scaled. We came to the edge of a town so we bypassed it. The next day we were clear of the town on a hill overlooking it. By this time we knew we were only a few miles from Somsdorf, so decided to head there, not knowing what sort of a reception awaited us. The next day things got a bit 'dodgy'. We were walking along a field track when a German armed with a rifle challenged us. We told him we were French but he insisted we went along with him to a nearby camp. (You don't argue with a man with a gun). After walking a few yards, Eddie and I decided to get rid of him so I started to limp and sat down and took a boot off, telling the German I could go no further. The German went on to the camp. He must have reported us as two Frenchman, as a while later two German officers came along and spoke to us in French. Of course we didn't understand them, so it was established we were two English POWs who had escaped. After further questioning as to our destination etc they left us. We then headed for Tharandt and on to Somsdorf, arriving at 7pm. Eddie went to the farm he had worked on, and I went to Oscar Bormann's farm. The family welcomed me back, and gave me food and a bed. The next morning Oscar reported my arrival to the Police. The chief came to the farm and said if I didn't cause any problems he would turn a blind eye. I helped around the farm. One day Oscar got the idea of building a covered wagon. We spent a few days making the framework and covering it with tarpaulin. When completed Oscar asked me to take his family away from Somsdorf before the Russians arrived in the village, but I refused as the roads were already congested with people. I told them they were safer in their own home. After the bombing of Dresden in Feb 1945 some of the population were evacuated. I took a horse and wagon and helped ferry some of the survivors into the countryside. One day in April a squadron of Russian tanks arrived and took up positions round the village – two in our farmyard. They stayed a few days before pulling out. One morning I went to the barn to collect straw for the cows when up popped six German soldiers. They had gone into hiding hoping the Russians would pass them by. I collected food and drink from the farmhouse. When they had eaten I told them to remove their tunics and hats and head west towards the American/British lines and safety. I never knew their fate.

By now, the people in the village were in a state of panic, not knowing their fate at the hands of the advancing Russians. Eddie and I kept meeting in the village and tried to reassure people that everything would be all right, although we ourselves were a bit apprehensive, wondering how it would all end, as we knew the British and American troops were many miles away and had no chance of reaching us. One Saturday morning there was gunfire all round the village. Eddie and I went down the road to see what was happening and we came across a dead Russian soldier. We got a couple of the villagers to dig a hole and we buried him, only in a shallow grave, as we knew he would have to come up again when the main troops arrived. Later in the day, a lone Russian soldier came to the edge of the village and we made ourselves known to him. He told us to inform the Germans that he was going to walk through the village to check out whether

there were any German troops about, and if he did not return in an hour, the village would be searched. By now, most of the villagers were indoors awaiting their fate. Eddie and I walked one either side of the Russian, the length of the village and back without incident, as the German troops had left hurriedly. We spent some time with a party of Russian infantrymen. We then returned to our respective farms and tried to reassure the people that everything would be all right. After three years of obeying orders, I was in a position to issue them.

The majority of houses in the village had a flagpole on which they used to hang the swastika flag from the upstairs window. I took a white sheet off one of the beds and hung it out of the window as a token of surrender, and one by one the other villagers hung out white sheets and the village Burger Master came to me and said, 'Somsdorf capitulates'.

For the next few days, Russians transported their troops through the village mainly on horse-drawn wagons, and every-one stayed indoors. Several troops stationed themselves in the village.

There was a great commotion in the village in the early morning of May 8th, gunfire and shouting. I got out of bed (it was 3am), went outside and was told that Germany had surrendered and the Russians were celebrating victory.

After cease-fire all the Polish prisoners (there were several on the farms, also Polish girl servants) met at a farm further up the road from our farm and decided to head for Poland and home. They went around all the farms taking the best horses and wagons. They came to our farm whilst Eddie and I were at the next town (Frietal) and took the best of the three horses that Oscar owned. He was very upset about this, but he couldn't do anything about it, so I told him I would try to get it back. The next morning I went to see the Poles and told them the horse would go lame after a few miles as it had a weak foreleg, so they agreed to let me take it back. Oscar and the family were delighted, as they had been able to keep their horses. The horse I got back from the Poles was called 'Minna'. (The German farmer related these facts to my son Stephen when he paid them a visit several years later).

Eddie and I now began to think about getting to the British lines. We asked a Russian for information and help towards getting home and he said, 'What are you doing here? You should be in England now.' That was all the help we got from the Russians. We borrowed two bikes, said cheerio to Somsdorf and headed for Frietal, as there was not much happening there. We went on to Tharandt and met up with many more POWs from different countries. Some Royal Engineers had taken over a train that was standing in the station. We all climbed aboard heading for anywhere, Enfurt was the first station we arrived at, so we left the train and headed for open country. The first troops we met were Americans, and they took us back to their base, fed us and put us on a plane (Dakota) to Brussels in Belgium. We stayed there a few days before flying on to England in a Halifax or Stirling Bomber, I can't remember which, as everything was a bit confusing after all that had been happening. We sent a telegram home to let our families know we were safe. After a few weeks' leave I returned to camp and was admitted to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, where I stayed six weeks before returning to camp. I was discharged from the forces on 9th May 1946.

To be continued.

Denise and Ron - Black Horse

Now Denise and Ron have left the pub
After nearly eighteen years
The place will never be the same
Without Ron to pull the beers.

Their customers and friends
Would really like to say.
How very much they will be missed
“Oh why couldn’t you just stay?”

Now times they change and things move on
Now Steph and Paul are here.
The customers will still come in
To maintain the atmosphere.

To Denise and Ron we wish the best
For all the years ahead.
We hope to see you in the pub
But our side of the bar instead.

Tunstall News

On the afternoon of Saturday 7th November the Village Hall Group held its annual Christmas Fayre in the Hall. The weather was excellent for the time of year, and the event was well supported by residents from surrounding villages and by those who had come to Sand-Le-Mere for the weekend to celebrate Guy Fawkes Night. All the stalls - books, toys, games, cakes, café, Christmas decorations, the tombola and the food hamper raffle did very well and the event raised an excellent £400 which will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Village Hall.

At Sand-Le Mere Guy Fawkes Night was celebrated in the usual and traditional way. A huge bonfire was lit on the cliff top and a brilliant firework display followed. The weather was excellent, although cold, and a huge crowd collected to celebrate the event.

On the morning of Sunday 8th November at Tunstall Church a Communion Service of Remembrance was held. Prayers were said and hymns were sung, and the service ended with wreath laying, followed by a two-minute silence to remember those servicemen from the village who had lost their lives in the two World Wars.

Dave Craggs

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Gerard Baker

Cookery Courses and Catering.

As the winter draws on, Game is on the menu for my cookery courses. Group courses can be booked for you in your own kitchen to learn how to pluck, draw and cook the wonderful game that is available at this time of year. Courses start at £50 per person per day and can be organised as part of your own dinner party or get-together, with a hands-on approach.

2009 has seen the development of several new successful courses, taught at some of the best cookery schools in the UK. These include:

Butchery and curing – dealing with your own animals, curing your own hams, bacon and sausages, traditional British and European methods.

Getting value from meat – getting to know your animals and making use of those meats that offer lots of flavour for money – using your butcher.

The alchemy of bread – from soft milk breads and baps to your own sourdough, foccaccia, to sweet and rich breads.

Making the most of the kitchen garden - planning your gardening year, bottling, pickling, jam making and cider making – a great group activity.

Italian staples – from hand made pasta, risotto and polenta to gelatti, bresaola and gnocci.

Fish and shellfish – organised in conjunction with local fishermen, this course takes you first to the shore: then to the kitchen to fillet and cook.

Cooking for students – making the most of your money, and getting fit on food for young athletes.

Chocolate work and sweet gifts – a treat for the sweet-toothed amongst us – covers toffees, fudge, dealing with chocolate and truffle making.

Courses can be created to fit your requirements, and bespoke home catering can be arranged, always using locally produced, seasonal ingredients.

Just give me a ring – 01964 670049. Thanks, and Happy Christmas.

MRS HELEN AUDLEY BA (Hons) ALCM

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Roos Women's Institute

Roos WI meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December in the Memorial Institute, Roos at 7.30pm.

The President Mrs H Boynton welcomed members and thanked Mrs Brown for bringing the wine and members for providing the food for the supper.

After the minutes were read and items from the News Letter Mrs Boynton gave the date for the Pie and Pea supper as the 6th January at the Black Horse, Roos, and the Annual Dinner at the Roos Arms on Tuesday 23rd February for which names will be taken at the next two meetings.

Gift vouchers were presented to Mrs Pittock, Mrs Tyson and Mrs Travis for most points in the competitions and the annual flower of the month salver went to Mrs Travis and Mrs Charlesworth. Congratulations ladies.

The winner of the quiz was Mrs Peggy Brown.

Our speaker for the evening was Julie Key who gave an interesting talk and demonstration of Reflexology and Reiki. The V.O.T. was given by Mrs Val Adams.

Members enjoyed a very good supper.

The competition for pretty cup and saucer was won by Mrs Irene Helliwell. Flower of the month, an Alstrameria, was won by Mrs C Charlesworth. After the raffle was drawn Mrs Boynton closed the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

New members are very welcome.

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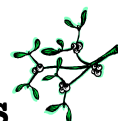
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THE ROOS ARMS



Christmas and New Year Festivities

Christmas Eve - Open all day 12 noon till finish.

Food served 12 noon to 2 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm

Evening Disco @ 9.30pm Christmas Fancy Dress optional

Christmas Day - Open 12 noon to 3 pm drinks only.

Boxing Day - Open 5 pm to 11 pm drinks only.

New Year's Eve - Open all day 12 noon till finish.

Food served 12 noon to 2 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm

Evening Set Menu - Reservations only

Evening Disco @ 9.30pm

New Year's Day - Open all day 12 noon till finish.

Food served 12 noon to 2 pm and 5 pm to 9 pm **A La Carte**

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FIELD MUSHROOMS WITH GOAT'S CHEESE & BACON TOPPING, ONION MARMALADE & BALSAMIC DRESSING

HOME-MADE CHICKEN LIVER PATE WITH FRENCH TOAST

Main Courses

CHICKEN PRINCESS WITH WHITE WINE SAUCE, SPRING ONION MASH & VEGETABLES

BEEF WELLINGTON WITH SAUTE POTATOES & VEGETABLES IN RED WINE JUS

SEA BASS GRILLED IN BUTTER & CAPER SAUCE SERVED WITH DAUPHINOISE POTATOES & VEGETABLES

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Desserts

NEW YORK CHEESE CAKE WITH RASPBERRY COULIS

HOT CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE WITH ICE CREAM OR FRESH CREAM

APPLE & CARAMEL PIE SERVED HOT OR COLD

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ROOS PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Roos Playing Field Association recently held their AGM and the accounts showed a deficit for the last year which wiped out the accumulated reserves. This was mainly due to the demise of the Roos Out-Of-School Club as a result of falling attendance figures. For the last ten years the income from the ROOSC helped the RPFA cover their expenses without resorting to fund-raising activities, but this has now come to an end. As well as the loss of income from the ROOSC the ERoYC have decided that we must now pay a contribution to the business rates. For the last 29 years we have been granted 100% rate relief but this year, for still unexplained reasons, we qualified for only 90% resulting in a bill for over £200. We were asked to draw up a development plan but the template provided was for sports clubs and did not seem relevant to our situation. In the last village survey the only improvement suggested was the provision of picnic tables, and this has been done, so it would appear that we are victims of our own success as we cannot fund and provide developments that are not wanted. Another consequence of success is that as a result of providing the children's play area, and general premium increases, we now have a bill for insurance of nearly £1000 per year. The result of all the above is that, despite increasing the rent the sports teams pay by over 60%, we will have a projected shortfall for the coming year of about £1500. We hope to raise most of this by running a Race Night in the new year and a Midsummer raffle, for which we will need support from you, the local residents. If you can offer any prizes or other help please get in touch with Dudley Hulme, David Winter or Ann Coupe.

Dudley Hulme, Chairman

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From: the Rev Pam Burdon.

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

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Dear Friends in Roos,

I would like to begin this month by wishing you and all your family a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We hope to see many of you at our Carol Service at All Saints' Roos on Sunday December 20th at 6.30 pm and also at our Christingle service on Christmas Eve, also at 6.30 pm. Last month I mentioned our idea of the children dressing up as nativity characters. We hope lots of you will join in with this! Christmas service details and times for other churches around Roos are included in the list.

It's so easy to get far too busy as Christmas approaches and to forget what an extraordinary celebration this is....the coming into our world of God himself.

Remember....Jesus is the reason for the season!

With good wishes to you all,
Pam Burdon

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Enclosed in each Rooster is an envelope for 'The Children's Society' This can be brought to our service of Christingle on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm when everyone is welcome, especially the children! All the collection at this service goes to the Children's Society to help with vulnerable children. If you would like to donate to this society at Christmas and can't get to our service your envelope can be left at the school or Roos Village Store and the Church will see it is all sent to them. Don't forget if you are a tax payer and you complete your name & address on the envelope, they can claim 28p extra from the Tax Man for every £1 you donate.

FUTURE SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

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

JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR

3rd	Sunday	10.00	Garton	Holy Communion	TBA
		10.30	Roos	United Service at the Memorial Institute	
10th	Sunday	09.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	John Waud
		11.00	Garton	Plough Sunday Service	Phillip Moate
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon
17th	Sunday	10.00	Garton	Morning Prayer	Mr D Kilpatrick
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Ronald Howard
		15.00	Hilston	Holy Communion	Tony Burdon
24th	Sunday	09.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion	Tony Burdon
		11.00	Roos	Holy Communion	Pam Burdon
		15.00	Garton	Evening Prayer	Tony Burdon
31st	Sunday	11.00	Garton	Holy Communion	Tony Burdon
United Benefice Service					

Methodist services

Roos Memorial Institute

DECEMBER 2009 CALENDAR

20th	Sunday 10.30	Carol Service at Elsternwick Methodist Church
27th	(No Service)	

JANUARY 2010 CALENDAR

3rd	Sunday	10.30-11.30	United Service	Mrs J Brown
10th	Sunday	10.30-11.30		Mr T Butcher
17th	(No Service)			
24th	Sunday	10.30-11.30	Covenant Service	Rev J Brown

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***Cookery Corner* by Ann Coupe**

Butterscotch Apple Meringue

Serves 4 - 6

Ingredients

450g/1lb cooking apples (peeled, cored and chopped)
40g/1 ½ oz cornflour
450ml/¾ pint milk
1 tablespoon golden syrup
50g/2oz soft brown sugar
25g/1oz butter
2 tablespoons fresh single cream
2 size 3 eggs (separated)
100g/4oz caster sugar



Method

1. Cook the apples in a little water until just tender. Drain off the liquid.
 2. Blend the cornflour with a little milk in a bowl. Heat the remaining milk in a saucepan with the syrup, sugar and butter until boiling.
 3. Pour onto the cornflour mixture, stirring, then return to the saucepan. Bring to the boil stirring continuously and simmer for 3-4 minutes.
 4. Stir in the cream and egg yolks, re-heat without boiling. Gently fold in the apple. Pour into an ovenproof serving dish.
 5. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, whisk in most of the sugar. Fold in the remaining sugar, using a metal spoon. Spoon over the apple mixture and peak up.
 6. Bake mark 2, 150°C/300°F, Fan 130 until the meringue is brown and crisp.
- Serve hot or cold.

N.B. The egg yolks can be omitted.

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Alec's Patch ... By Alec Dodson

Many people, whether gardeners or not, will be looking forward to a white Christmas, but it is more often seen on Christmas cards than in reality. The traditional snowy scenes are reputed to date from before 1752 when a calendar change meant that 11 days were lost. Snow is much more common in January than December.

A note about two of our popular plants at this time of year.

Mistletoe: Surrounded in folklore, mistletoe was often placed over a doorway as a sign of peace and visitors were greeted with a kiss of welcome.

It is a semi-parasite living on its host, usually an apple tree but sometimes lime, poplar, willow and several other garden trees. It obtains water and nutrients from its host but can obtain energy from sunlight. Most mistletoe in the UK is grown in the Shropshire-Hereford area where there are still many old orchards. There are both male and female plants. The commonly seen white berries are borne by the female.

Holly: A popular berried evergreen. The European species grow well in sun or shade and also withstand maritime exposure and pollution. There is a great variety of colour and form. Male and female flowers are borne on separate plants and in a good year female plants fruit abundantly.

Houseplants: This is the peak month for houseplants. Azalia indica and Solanum capsicastrum (winter cherry) require extra humidity so spray with tepid water. Cyclamen keep best in a cool room or hallway. Water from the bottom in a saucer, but don't let them stand in water.

Fruit trees can be pruned and vegetable plots tidied and frost precautions taken before the Christmas holiday puts a temporary stop to gardening.

Finally, if over the festive season you decide to walk off some of the excesses then observe the trees. It is at this time of the year that things normally overlooked are noticed:- the shape of the trees, the tracery of the branches against the sky, bark patterns, coloured twigs and the shape of buds.

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Please book in advance :- Tim or Kay on 01964 671659

Roos Parish Council Meeting 14th December 2009

Apologies from Councillor R Smales

The November minutes were approved. Extracts below.

Proposed allotments in Roos

It was reported that further enquiries were being made as to outstanding approaches to landowners in connection with possible land availability for allotment purposes.

Safe routes to school programme

A further response was received from ERYC which stated that residents of Greenacre Park had received letters informing them of the situation and that a breach of condition notice was in course of preparation to be served on the developers of the estate.

Hodgson Lane

The Chairman confirmed that pressure would be kept on ERYC before April 2010 to ensure that the necessary works are delivered early in the oncoming new financial year.

Highway matters

It was reported that ERYC was monitoring the deterioration of the highway on the Roos to Halsham Road which may be a settlement problem. ERYC had now installed new gullies in Chestnut Garth South End and South Park together with new road signage at the Lamb Lane/Rectory Road junction and at Aldbrough crossroads following site meetings earlier in the year attended by the Chairman and Clerk.

Overhanging tree in Lamb Lane

Following the Clerk's request to Mr Peetoom to prune back the overhanging tree it was reported that the necessary work had now been undertaken.

Owstwick to Fitling Road

The Chairman reported that ERYC had advised that the Council monitor the condition of the road and report any further deterioration in the road surface.

Flowering bulbs

Councillor Dodson confirmed that purchase of the daffodil bulbs was in hand.

Flooding and related matters

It was reported that the tree which had fallen into the open beck between Lamb Lane and Dove Lane had been cut up ready for disposal but operations had been hampered by the presence of a wasp's nest. The area had been treated and that the riparian owner had the removal of the debris in hand.

It was reported that the Clerk had secured the agreement of ERYC for the authority to clear the access to the grille north of Lamb Lane of trees bushes and undergrowth at an early date to allow unrestricted access to it for the clearing of debris.

Councillor Dodson reported that he had noticed work being undertaken at the dyke near Mr Beal's new swimming pool at North End as it was understood that water in the dyke was not draining adequately.

It was reported that the Clerk had arranged a site meeting with Mr Frisby of ERYC to discuss possible measures for water retention at North End and Rectory Road. The Chairman and Councillor Grant would attend the meeting.

Correspondence

Shoreline Management Plan public consultation

A letter was received from ERYC advising that a three months consultation period on the future management of coastal flooding and erosion along the coastline was taking place. Four exhibitions were planned. The one at Shores Centre Withernsea on 10th December from 1pm to 7pm was the most convenient for Roos residents.

Precept for 2010/11

Receipt of a letter from ERYC was reported which required the Council's precept demand by 4th January 2010. It was agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

Planning

Application

Erection of conservatory to front at The New Bungalow, Lamb Lane, Roos.

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

Decision

Erection of a dwelling at land north of 7 Elm Garth, Roos (outline)

It was reported that ERYC had approved the application.

Treasurer's report

It was agreed that £50.00 be donated to the Poppy Appeal as in previous years.

Any other business

Highway matters

Councillor Coupe questioned the positioning of the sign recently erected by ERYC at Burton Road/New Road Owstwick junction and the Chairman undertook to discuss the matter with ERYC.

New road signage

It was reported that the new speed-limit signage at various locations together with flashing warning signage in the vicinity of the school was expected to be in place by March 2010 at the latest.

Road bollards

A general comment was made about bollards placed at the road side and Councillor Grant explained that in many cases they are placed on roads which are too narrow resulting in their regular damage by vehicle impact.

Public session

A question from the floor was raised as to how long a planning permission was valid and advice was given that any permitted development should be commenced before the expiration of three years from the date of any such permission.

A comment was made on the price being asked for a piece of land in Roos, that the road bollard problem could be owing to poor road design and that the new speed limits may help alleviate damage to them in future.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 11th
January 2010 at 7.30 pm in Roos Memorial
Institute.**

**The absolute deadline for items to be
included in next month's issue is
Friday 8th January 2010**

PLEASE NOTE: The Roos Arms

In case there is any doubt, last month's double-page and this month's full page features on The Roos Arms were paid for as advertisements. In future any such item that is not obviously an advert, will be headed (Advertisement)

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Local Events



THE ROOS ARMS COMMUNITY CAROLS



You are invited to join the Roos Choir on the evening of
Tuesday 22nd December 2009 at 7.00pm for Christmas carols.
All are welcome



Friends of Roos WI - Poultry Bingo

Tuesday 12th January 2010 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

In the Memorial Institute, Roos

Refreshments and Raffle

All welcome. Proceeds to good causes.

MENINGITIS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 21st November

Thank you to all who supported, donated or helped in any way. A total of £174 was raised for the charity. The doll was won by Sandra Lockwood and was named Mary.

ROOS & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The society recently held a Whist Tournament in the Memorial Institute, Roos. The event was very well supported with the sum of £50.00 being raised. This will go towards the cost of our next year's shows.

- April 10th Spring Show in the Memorial Institute, Roos.
- July 3rd Summer Show in the Memorial Hall, Burton Pidsea.

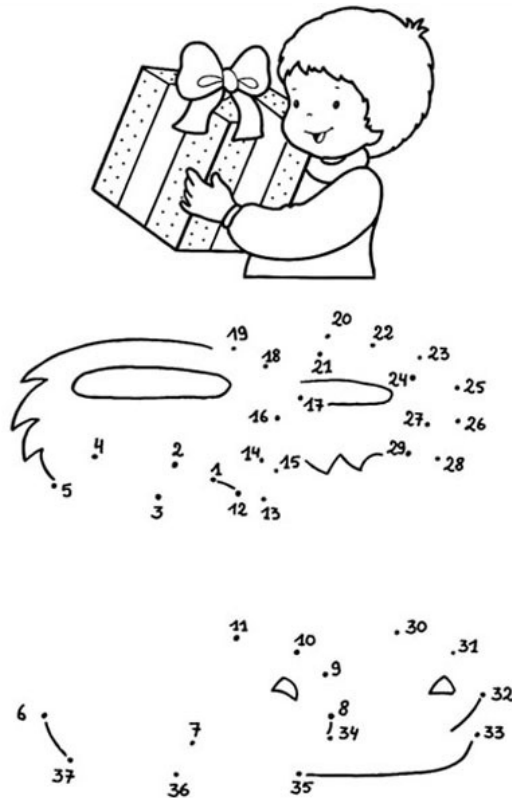
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 15th February in the Memorial Institute, Roos at 7.30 pm.

New Committee Members are always welcome.

Puzzle Corner **FOR THE KIDS**

CHILDREN'S DOT-TO-DOT

Join the dots then colour



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 November Puzzle

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