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Vote, vote vote!

This is going to be a year of elections. By the summer no doubt we shall be sick of them.

On 10th June there is to be the election for the European Parliament. A month earlier, on 6th May, there are to be elections for the Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament - and, nearer to home, elections for the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and for Town and Parish Councils.

Roos Parish Council

At least three councillors do not intend to stand again. There are nine places on the Council. Unless new people have been nominated there may be vacancies to fill.

Roos Village Design Group

About fifty people attended the first meeting. At a later meeting about twenty unanimously supported the project. Others who had sent apologies were known to be in favour.

A Committee was elected: Will Ainley, Dave Dry, Helen Dry, Leslie Helliwell, John Quinn. Alan Bowden, Parish Council Chairman, was later co-opted.

The Committee has drafted a constitution and programme, made out a budget, and made plans for a workshop.

It was hoped to extend public participation by a presentation in the Memorial Institute in January but by then the threat of wind turbines had taken over village attention and the Committee felt that the project could not compete.

The issue of wind turbines was relevant to the project but the Committee felt that it would dominate it to the exclusion of all else. They decided - with regret - to postpone the presentation for the time being.

Instead, the members are to prepare their own draft survey (with notes and photographs) as the basis of a presentation for public comment and expansion at a more propitious time. There will be a Committee Meeting at 7.30 on Thursday 15th April in the Roos Arms. Supporters who would like to take part in this initial survey are invited to come along.

Village Design Meeting

Thursday 15th April

7.30 in the Roos Arms

Anyone interested is very welcome to attend

Millennium mugs

To mark the millenium the Parish Council is to present primary-age children with commemorative mugs.

The tankard-style mugs, four inches high, will be of bone china, white, with designs in blue of the Roos / Ros coat of arms and a sketch of Roos Church.

All children within the parish will receive a mug - including those in Tunstall, Hilston, and Owstwick. They will be eligible if they have been attending any primary school - not necessarily Roos School - up to 31st December 1999.

Identification

Pupils at Roos School can easily be listed. Others are more difficult. Parents of children who attend any other school should notify Alan Bowden (see below). It is important not to miss a child out.

Buy your own?

Parents of children over 11 - as well as other parishioners - may wish to acquire mugs. They can be bought at £6.10 each, including VAT. Please order as soon as possible if you want any. Address firm orders (with cash in advance, please) to: Alan Bowden, 2 Cherry Hill Park, Roos. (670078)

Other Millennium plans

Meeting on 16th March

The Parish Council called the meeting for representatives of local establishments and groups: 18 were invited; 6 attended (+ 1 by proxy!).

Those present were: Alan Bowden, Mike Cheeseman, Leslie Helliwell, James Priest (all Parish Council); Cheryl Blenkin (Roos School P.T.F.A. and - for Stuart Blenkin - Roos F.C.); Lesley Dixon (Roos Boys F.C.); Tony Ellis (Sand-le-Mere Holiday Park); Kath Naylor (Roos School); Sheila Tyson (Roos WI); Carolyn Waudby (1st Roos Beaver & Cub Scouts). Apologies for absence were received from Jackie Richardson (Roos Playgroup) and Jennifer Grant (Roos & District Horticultural Society).

Purpose of the meeting

Alan Bowden explained that the Parish Council had decided its own contribution to the millennium celebrations but knew that other village groups might be forming their own plans. The meeting had been called to allow representatives to share their thinking so as to avoid duplication and clashes. The Parish Council had no wish to interfere with other people's plans but hoped for co-operation to ensure an effective village celebration.

Plans and possibilities

Some actual intentions were outlined but there was also a brain-storming element - a swapping of ideas for events.

Parish Council. Special mugs for primary-age children.

Sand-le-Mere. Tony Ellis referred to the national project to focus on the Greenwich meridian - which crosses the coast near Sand-le-Mere. He intended to build a fire or Millennium Beacon to mark the line.

Roos School. Kath Naylor said that there would be a good deal of interest in a printed version of Mr G.W. Wilbraham's History of Roos - she had been lent a typescript copy. A quotation from Norwood Press indicated that the book would need to sell at £7.30 - unless a grant could be obtained.

P.T.F.A. Cheryl Blenkin had heard that the Roos Arms might organise an overnight celebration on 31st December. It would need to be a ticket-only event.

Cheryl said that there should be some communal project, such as a tree planted with a plaque, a time capsule buried, or a commemorative tapestry made up of squares contributed by local groups and incorporating their individual emblems.

In later discussion it was suggested that if a millennial tapestry were made it could be put on display at the school along with school log books from the past.

Cheryl also argued for fund-raising to provide an additional room at Roos School - e.g. a computer room, for use by the community as well as by pupils.

Tony Ellis said that the East Yorkshire Tourist Board offered grants, but to local groups, not parish councils. There was also mention of B & Q grants ("You can do it" awards).

Roos W.I. Sheila Tyson said the WI had nothing planned but would be willing to collaborate with organisers of other events - e.g. in providing catering.

Roos Boys F.C. Lesley Dixon envisaged a Millennium Cup Football Competition in the summer for under-11 teams from nearby villages. Events could be organised throughout the year 2,000 : e.g. a Fun Day incorporating a number of popular events - a football competition, scarecrow trail, etc. It was suggested that Community Arts could be involved in such a Fun Day.

Beavers & Cubs. Carolyn Waudby said that S. Holderness Beavers & Cub Scouts were to have a Millennium Camp at Bail Wood, Aldbrough. The Roos Beavers & Cubs hoped to have a Millennium Bonfire locally.

Publicity and archive for posterity

Two suggestions were supported :

- A regular "Millennium News" bulletin on the Parish Council notice board.
- Photographs of millennium events to be collected in an album for retention as a record for the whole village.

Next millennium planning meeting

Tuesday 27th April

7.30 in the Memorial Institute.

Make sure your group is represented. All welcome.

Parish Paths

Following a visit by Trevor Appleton, the new Parish Paths Officer, Patrick Ferguson, Environmental Planning Manager for the East Riding, requested that the following material be published in The Rooster.

The Parish Paths Partnership offers opportunities for Parish Councils and local people to explore the future management, maintenance and development of their Public Rights of Way Network.

In Roos it is a partnership between the Parish Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Countryside Commission.

The scheme has been operating for three years and I hope you will agree that during that time there has been a noticeable improvement in the Public Rights of Way Network.

The partnership aims not only to make people aware of their rights of way, as users, but also to make landowners aware of their legal responsibilities.

Householders should be aware that where a Public Right of Way is adjacent to their property, they have a legal duty to prevent hedges or fences from obstructing the path by trimming back hedges, keeping fences in good repair, etc.

The Parish Paths Partnership Scheme endeavours to achieve

- a. Harmony between landowners and users.
- b. Practical work of a high standard.
- c. Sustainable solutions.

If we all work together we can continue to make Roos a pleasant place to live and work in - or simply go for a walk.

Future of "The Rooster"

The monthly village newsletter was started in 1985. The first issue was produced on a stencil duplicator.

Almost immediately there was an offer to print it free of charge. This was owing to the generosity of Martin Lunn, who had just come to live in Roos. Not only was the printing free; Martin was also able to reproduce excellent copies of photographs, some of them of Roos in years gone by. During this time "The Rooster" won a "Village Ventures" award from the Community Council of Humberside.

When Martin left, the newsletter had to be paid for. Thanks to donations from about half the households in the village and to the support of volunteer deliverers, it was still possible to put a copy through every Roos letter box. At first the pages were photocopied; later they were printed in Hull.

Regular monthly publication ceased in 1990 when I went into hospital. Subsequent issues have been only occasional and I now wish to hand over to someone else.

There is still a little cash in the kitty. If no one takes over, it will be divided between Roos School and the Playing Field Committee - as promised when donations were first sought.

I await offers or suggestions.

Leslie Helliwell.

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