



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting of 9th March. Also present were Councillors Beal, Cheeseman, Clark, Priest and Quarmby. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Benson, Cook and Grant.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Under "Matters Arising" there was further discussion of litter bins for the village. The cost of commercially-produced bins was thought to be too high. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, should investigate the possibility of acquiring sections of large drain pipes to serve the purpose.

#### Correspondence

**Radio Humberside: Village Quiz Competition.** In a letter dated February, Mr. Graham Henderson of Radio Humberside invited Roos to provide a quiz team for an inter-village competition. He asked the Parish Council to provide the name of a person who might organise a team. Since recordings would start in March or April, Mr. Henderson requested an early reply. Although his letter said that the competition would involve a "general knowledge" quiz, it was decided to ask for further information since a phrase in the letter suggested that the quiz questions might be on local knowledge.

**Coast Protection Exhibition.** Mr. David Kilpatrick, Manager of the Holderness Coast Protection Project, had written about an exhibition at the Grand Pavilion, Withernsea, on Saturday 11th April, 9.30 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. He invited the Parish Clerk (or a substitute) to attend a reception to view the exhibition on the previous evening.

The project is run jointly by Humberside County Council, Holderness Borough Council and East Yorkshire Borough Council, though Mr. Kilpatrick pointed out that the exhibition did not show the policy of the three authorities but was for information and consultation only.

Speaking of "revolutionary ideas", Mr. Kilpatrick wrote: "The project has had to move beyond protection alone as I see no possibility of obtaining finance. However, protection leads to stability and the potential for development. I have pursued this and see some exciting possibilities. If this comes to pass, it will radically affect the whole coast between Bridlington and Spurn. It will create a totally new environment for investment and job potential."

**Beautiful Britain in Bloom 1987.** Two leaflets had been received, one concerning the national competition (sponsored by Barratts, the builders) and the other concerning "Yorkshire and Humberside in Bloom", the regional competition (sponsored by Wallace Arnold, the coach operators). Other sponsors had contributed to the range of awards that were available. Entry was normally by the local authority, town or parish council, or a local action committee set up for the purpose.

Councillors approved of the competition but were, in general, not anxious to take action: it was not thought appropriate for the Parish Council to put in an entry and the closing date - 30th March - was too soon for publicity in the village to encourage a voluntary group to participate.

Councillor Beal and Councillor Cheeseman wanted more positive action: at least steps could be taken to ensure that the village had chance to compete in 1988. Other councillors did not disagree but the only decision taken was to leave the matter "on the table".

#### Planning

**Caer Urfa, Lamb Lane.** Revised access was approved for the development already supported. The new access would be nearer to the south-western corner of the site and farther from the narrower part of Lamb Lane where the banking is higher.

**Site to the south of East View, South End.** The Council had op-

posed a previous application to build a house on the site. They did not approve a revised application: they thought that access would be too restricted and that the development would disadvantage neighbouring properties.

**Woodlands, South End Road.** Members supported the application of Mr. S.F. Hold to replace the flat roof on his garage with a pitched roof.

**Land north of Pilmar Lane (Part of Site A in the Draft Village Plan).** Messrs Frank Hill, acting as agents, had written to the Director of Development, who had passed on the letter for Parish Council comment. It requested permission to revise an outline building application originally submitted in June 1986. The application had subsequently been withdrawn pending the publication of the Village Plan.

The request now was to revise the eastern boundary of the site plan so that it would coincide with the correct boundary as shown in the Village Plan. Councillors were aware that this site had been a matter of great concern at February's Parish Meeting. After much discussion, however, they agreed that there could be no objection to the correction of the boundary line since the request was not in itself a planning application.

#### Draft Village Plan

There was no detailed discussion. It was agreed to notify the Director of Development that the Parish Council approved of the Plan, although Councillor Winter urged that it should be made clear that approval was given "with reservations". He did not specify the reservations but suggested that this qualification would allow the Parish Council to oppose any unsatisfactory features of the Plan that might be embodied in future planning applications.

#### Any Other Business

**Ivy Row.** Councillor Winter reported a resident's complaint that the hedge to the north of the footpath between the Rectory and Rectory Road was overgrown and was obstructing the path. The land to the north was church property, let as allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the allotment-holders concerned to ask that the hedge be cut back.

**Highways and Footpaths.** In August 1986 the Clerk had written to Mr. Holden, Humberside Highways Department, about the need to improve roads and footpaths. Mr. Holden had replied with details of work to be carried out on the Burton Pidsea road and in Main Street. It was noted that work on the Burton Pidsea road was now in progress - and that the request for a village nameplate had now been met.

Following the meeting of 16th June 1986, the Clerk had written to Mr. Fell who had promised that his department would carry out a survey of all roads and footpaths in the village. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again, referring to previous correspondence and drawing attention to specific points, such as the unsatisfactory condition of Hodgson Lane and the accumulation of leaf mould on the footpath in Rectory Road.

#### Public Session

After the close of the meeting, members of the public were invited to express opinions. There was discussion of the Beautiful Village Competition and the possibility of entering a Roos team in the Radio Humberside Quiz. It was suggested that the Quiz should be publicised in the newsletter.

Mr. J. Waldron and some councillors - notably Councillor Priest - were suspicious of the request by Messrs Frank Hill to revise the boundary of the earlier application for housing development to the north of Pilmar Lane. They felt that a further application was likely to be imminent and that firm objections to

such development should be registered now. Others felt that opposition to a planning application could be registered only when it had been submitted and when its details were known.

### Roos Parish Council

Next meeting : Monday, 13th April  
7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Institute  
Members of the public always welcome

### Roos Women's Institute

A pleasant evening was spent at the March meeting. It coincided with the 89th birthday of Mrs. D. Maltas, and so provided the opportunity of giving, and sharing with her, a birthday cake made by Mrs. M. Payne, expressing members' appreciation of Mrs. Maltas's 53 years as a Committee Member. One wonders how many bulbs she has grown in those years, how many flower arrangements she has made and how many entries she has had in all the other competitions run by the W.I. We all wish her well and look forward to her continued presence at our monthly meetings.

Mrs. M. Winter also received a thank you gift to mark her retirement as Secretary. She is another member whose interest and participation in all our events has been greatly appreciated.

The Birthday Dance at the Northfield in February was a complete success, thanks to Mrs. P. Cheeseman's organisation and the efficiency of the catering staff - a "fulfilling" event in every sense of the word. Despite uncertainties about the bulbs for the Spring Show at Hedon, the faithful few managed to produce some good entries which, combined with the flower arrangements, gained Roos second place.

Yet more delights were in store with the arrival of Mr. Alan Burnham, a member of the South Holderness Countryside Society. Equipped with beautiful slides and a projector, he took us on a tour of the local countryside and kept us all enthralled as we saw what a wealth of resident and migrant birds use the trees, hedges, coastal areas and our own gardens, given the required feeding and places to nest or rest. Mrs. M. Payne gave the vote of thanks for a superb show.

C.F.

### Roos & District Horticultural Society

#### SPRING SHOW

Saturday, 25th April - 2.00 p.m. - Memorial Institute

Presentation at 3.00 p.m. by Mrs. W.J. Isherwood

Admission 30p, Children 10p

Refreshments — Raffle — Cake Stall — Bring & Buy

Schedule of classes and entry forms (to be returned by 23rd April) from local shops or

Mrs. J. Grant, Granleigh, South End, Roos

### ROOS RUGBY CLUB

#### January

25th Brickmakers' 10 - Roos 32

Tries: Dent 2, Rustill, Hoe, Marshall.

Goals: Jumps 6. Man of the match - Steve Rooks

#### February

8 Roos 8 - Bay Horse 8

Tries: Palframan. Goals: Jumps 2

Man of the match: Glen Palframan

15 Bay Horse 11 - Roos 17

Tries: Kelly, Rustill, Dent. Goals: Jumps 2

Drop goal: Palframan. Man of the match: Andy Dent

22 Roos 6 - Arctic Ranger 58

Tries: Bailey. Goals: Jumps. Man of the match: Steve Karsera.

#### March

1 Thorne Rangers 18 - Roos 22

Tries: Jumps, P. Thompson, Noyon, Karsera. Goals: Jumps 3.

Man of the match: Pete Thompson.

8 Roos 36 - Sully's 8

Tries: Dent, R. Thompson, Agius 2, P. Thompson, Dearing. Goals: Jumps 6. Man of the match: Pete Thompson

15 Roos 0 - Newland Under 19s 22

Man of the match: Steve Rooks.

The team has shown some improved form in the early months of 1987. The opening fixture against Brickmakers' saw Roos destroy the home team. The forward power of Steve Rooks and Graham Marshall proved to be the major difference between the sides. This game will be remembered for good support play and excellent goal-kicking by Steve Jumps.

The two matches against Bay Horse turned out to be gripping contests. The home encounter was a major test of the team's character. Trailing 8 points to 0 after only ten minutes, Roos suf-

fered a major setback when David Hoe was taken to hospital following a clash of heads with Richard Kelly. The team could have been excused if they had thrown in the towel at this stage against well-organised opposition. However, a never-say-die attitude saw Roos make a magnificent come-back to draw the match.

The away encounter was probably the best performance in the club's history. Outstanding play by all the players was the chief reason for the victory. Their aggressive attitude and total commitment clearly surprised the Bay Horse team. A special mention must be made of Richard Kelly for scoring his first try for the club.

Unfortunately, all good things come to an end and an excellent Arctic Ranger team gave Roos an exhibition of how to play rugby. Steve Karsera did his reputation no harm at all with a solid performance in the hooking role.

The visit to Thorne on 1st March proved to be highly successful. First-half tries by Steve Jumps and Pete Thompson kept Roos in the game against a very lively Thorne team. The points seemed to be going Thorne's way until Steve Karsera sprinted clear from 35 yards out to score under the posts in injury time.

In the home match against Sully's, six tries and six goals gave Roos an easy but commanding victory.

Against Newland, a lack of commitment caused the downfall of Roos. Only Steve Rooks, John Dearing, and Tony Rustill enhanced their reputations.

D.W.

### Concessionary Fare Scheme

Concessionary travel passes for elderly and handicapped people will be issued at the Grand Pavilion, Withernsea, on the following dates: Wednesdays, 15th April, 13th May and 10th June.

The centre will be open from 10.00 to 12.30 and from 1.30 to 3.00. Each pass costs £1.50. Application must be in person and normal evidence of eligibility must be shown (a pension book or a birth certificate, etc.)

Current passes that expire during the period April to June can be renewed for a further three years by application in person at the place and times above. The £1.50 fee and the old pass must be brought. Without the old pass, an eligibility document must be supplied again.

### Roos Parent-Teacher Association

Wednesday, 29th April : 7.30 p.m. in Roos School  
CARIAD FASHIONS OF HORNSEA

present

SPRING & SUMMER FASHIONS

for boys, girls and ladies

£1.50 (inc. a glass of wine). Children & OAPs 75p

Tickets available in advance or at the door.

Soft drinks and other light refreshments available

### Football : Roos F.C. "A"

Against Cross Keys "A" on Sunday, 1st March, Roos gained a very creditable win. The game was played in constant torrential rain but Roos soon mastered the conditions and with some excellent goals - notably from Mark Nesti and Dave Cowell - the result was never really in doubt. Goal-scorers were: Mark Nesti 2; Nick Derbyshire 2; and Dave Cowell 1.

However, the following week, against Kingstonians (whom Roos had previously beaten 9-1), the team gave a totally inept display and lost 3-1. Even though the opposition had been considerably strengthened since the previous fixture, especially by a different goalkeeper who was top class, Roos should still have won quite easily but they were unable to turn their enormous territorial advantage into goals and paid the penalty. The three goals were generously given away by a very much below-par defence. This was a game that every team member will want to forget and could prove very costly in terms of the league title. The solitary goal was scored by Nick Derbyshire.

However, in a much-improved performance the following week Roos defeated one of the top-of-the-table sides, Norland, 4-1. This was a one-hundred-per-cent improvement on the previous game. If it is maintained in the next two games - against Amy Johnson and Waterloo - Roos should take the league championship. Certainly, things should look very promising if Nick Derbyshire can score one or two more goals like his second against Norland. This was a 25-yard thunderbolt that totally bemused the Norland goalkeeper who could only watch in despair, rooted to the spot, as the ball dipped and swerved and flew into the top corner.

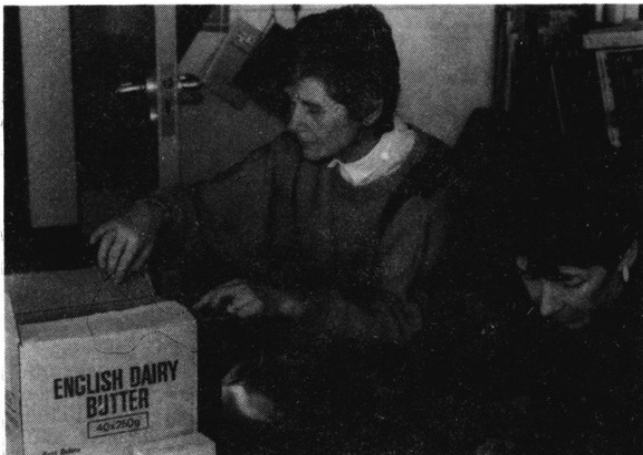
By the time "The Rooster" next appears, we shall know whether or not Roos "A" are the league champions.

Leading goalscorers: Nick Derbyshire 18; Dave Hampton 11; Dave Cowell 9.



## Reduce by Getting Fat

Roos senior citizens helped to reduce the European Butter Mountain when they were given their free share of the surplus at Roos School on 20th February. As they lined up to receive their handouts, some of them joked that it was like queuing for rations during the war.



Mrs. Margaret Grant and Mrs. Mary Smith prepare to deliver the goods.

## Beautiful Roos?

Roos is one of the most attractive villages in Holderness. People who were brought up here are naturally suspicious of any changes that may spoil its traditional character. On the other hand, newer residents are just as keen to preserve the features that led them to make their homes here.

Most of us are proud of the village itself and of what goes on in it. We take pleasure in what our fellow-villagers are doing to make Roos both a lively and a happy community.

We want our lovely village church to be preserved and would like to see it thriving. We want the Memorial Institute to be extended and refurbished and we applaud the efforts of the Committee and others in raising funds to renovate it. We are pleased that Roos now has a playing field and that football and rugby teams already make good use of it, taking on other teams with increasing success. We enjoy the annual Fun Day. We are glad that we have a village school capable of accommodating a gradually increasing number of children in a pleasant modern environment; and we approve of the efforts of the Parent-Teacher Association in raising funds to supplement the equipment and amenities provided by the state. We have Guides and Brownies and we have a Youth Club. We have the Women's Institute, continuing a tradition that dates back to 1921. We have a Mothers and Toddlers Club and a Pre-School Playgroup. For the other end of the age-range there is the Darby and Joan Club and the attractive sheltered housing in the Eastfield Estate.

And so on and so on. All these aspects of village life are enhanced by the friendliness of Roos people and their willingness to collaborate with each other for the common good.

And yet.

And yet "The Rooster" regularly reports disquieting news, the other side of the coin. There have been accounts of senseless vandalism (e.g. to Playing Field property), break-ins (the Memorial Institute), wilful annoyance to others (disruption of the Youth Club), and an increasing lack of respect for the village environment in general. At Parish Council meetings one has heard of trees and bulbs planted some years ago that were watonly destroyed, of litter increasing in the streets, of garden rubbish and other materials dumped under hedges and on grass verges (e.g. conifer prunings down Rectory Road), of verges themselves ruined by vehicles running over them or being parked on them as a matter of regular practice.



At the March meeting of the Parish Council, it was decided that there would be no time for Roos to enter the competition, "Beautiful Britain in Bloom 1987", and its regional section, "Yorkshire and Humberside in Bloom". It was implied that Roos might enter in 1988. If so, who is to put in the entry and who will organise the concerted village effort that a serious entry would require? Will the Parish Council do so? Or will a group of individuals band together to act for the village? In fact, would such an effort be supported in the village?

The Village Appraisal, completed early in 1986, included evidence of a widespread desire to improve the appearance of Roos. Over 80% thought that it could be improved - for example, by planting trees and bulbs in public areas. Some people mentioned the bareness of some parts of the village: Main Street, the "village green" and "the approaches" were referred to. Forty people wanted grass verges to be cut more regularly and to be kept tidy thereafter. One person thought that the verges in Main Street should be renewed; another said they should be concreted over; both thought they were unsightly at present. More hedges were called for and better care of existing ones. There were individual suggestions for "the village green", returfing, shrubs and roses, bulbs and flowers, more seats, a litter bin, fencing.

There was frequent concern over litter - bins were needed - and over the untidiness of private property as well as public areas. Public footpaths should be cleared, hedges should be cleared, hedges should be cut back and trees should be kept from encroaching. Woods and dikes should have rubbish removed. The area near the Oratory should be tidied. Unsightly wires and cables should be removed or concealed. Some buildings needed renovation and/or painting. Over and over there were complaints about the state of roads and footpaths - not merely about litter lying around but about last year's leaves left to rot on them, and about their rough, uneven surfaces and uncared-for appearance.

No one who has read newsletter accounts of Parish Council meetings can doubt that Councillors themselves are concerned about these problems. Certainly they discuss them often enough. What is frustrating - to Councillors as well as to the public - is that discussion seldom leads to improvement. When improvements are achieved, they are often long overdue. For example, the road to Burton Pidsea is at last being substantially upgraded, but we are still waiting for the long-promised work in Main Street and for the litter bins and village seats that have been talked about for years.

Some improvements are the responsibility of the Humberside highways authority or of Holderness Borough Council and the resources of both are limited. Other things could be done by the Parish Council or by voluntary effort. Help might be sought from the "Keep Britain Tidy" organisation, which has public funds to draw on through the Manpower Services Commission. How much should the Parish Council do? Could some things be organised better by a local voluntary group with Parish Council approval and support? Is it enough just to go on registering complaints?

And what about entering for that competition in 1988? If Roos were to enter, we might all be more aware of things that we could ourselves do to improve the village. Any improvements that were made would - on the whole - tend to discourage squalor elsewhere. Litter breeds litter. Neglect and dereliction positively invite vandalism. A positive communal effort could reverse the trend that many people worry about.

Comments will be welcome. Any received will be printed or summarised in the next issue of "The Rooster".

## Roos Playing Field Association SPONSORED FAMILY WALK

**Sunday, 12th April - Start 9.30 a.m. outside the Roos Arms**

The walk, to raise funds for the Association, is intended for people of all ages, especially parents and children. It will cover about seven miles on a circular route via Rimswell, Waxholme, Tunstall and back to Roos.

Further sponsor forms from Gordon Green, 13 Elm Garth (70278)

## Help for "The Rooster"

Personal note - with apologies.

Since "The Rooster" got under way in August 1985, I happen to have had two spells of illness that threatened to prevent the appearance of the newsletter at the right time. Apart from that, I do occasionally like to go on holiday. And - in what may be the near future - I shall be occupied with other matters during the period of General Election.

For all these reasons, it has become obvious that "The Rooster" needs more than one person available to do the editing and organising. Offers of help would be welcome, either on a regular basis or to provide an occasional stand-in.

Material has to be assembled by the third Monday of the month. It is then sorted (and so far it has been typed out) so as to

be available for the printer by - or preferably before - the fourth Monday of the month. There is a week, from the third Monday onwards, during which for two or three days there is a panic to get the work done.

It may be that it would be best to have three or four persons involved, not so much a formal committee as a group of individuals prepared to muck in if there were jobs that could be shared out. I should certainly welcome an offer from someone to see to distribution on a regular basis - i.e. to take over the copies when they have been received from the printer and to pass them out in batches to the volunteers who actually deliver them door to door.

Please let me know if you can offer help.

L.H.

**Rooster Deadline**

Items for the May issue should be submitted no later than

**Monday, 20th April**

to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane, Roos (Tel. 70291)

**COMING EVENTS**

**April**

- 1 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Miss Reid - Thimbles.
- 5 Methodist Family Service. Memorial Institute. 10.30.
- 5 Roos F.C. 'A' v YEB, away (at Riley H.S., Hull).
- 12 Playing Field Committee: Sponsored Family Walk. Roos Arms. 9.30.
- 12 Roos F.C. 'A' v Thorseby Youth Club. Home.
- 13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 15 Roos F.C. 'A' v YEB, home, kick-off 6.00.
- 19 Roos F.C. 'A' v Cross Keys, away (at Cottingham).
- 25 Horticultural Society Spring Show. Memorial Institute. 2.00.
- 29 Roos P.T.A. Fashion Show. Roos School. 7.30

**May**

- 3 Methodist Family Service. Memorial Institute. 10.30.
- 6 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Mrs. Leonard - Hair Care.
- 7 Elections for Roos Parish Council and Holderness Borough Council.

**August**

- 31 Playing Field Committee - Fun Day.