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Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

The meeting on 9th April was attended by Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Priest, D.E. Winter and G.E. Winter (Chair). Apologies were received from those unable to attend.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Millennium monument

Mr Everingham of Hedon had supplied a preliminary design for the plaque - 20" x 20" in black marble - incorporating features agreed by members. He offered to supply a further design in colour and a quotation for the cost.

The current population of the village was not known. The most recent figure - 1,124 - dated from 1977. The Chairman suggested adding 20 for a total to appear on the plaque.

Roos Beck

A letter from Mike Peak (East Riding) said that a Mr Frisby had taken over from Richard Lewis and that ultimately the responsibility for keeping the beck clear of debris lay with the riparian owners.

The Chairman said that the East Riding officers had been very helpful recently in clearing the grilles at the culverts and would, he hoped, continue to do so.

Councillor Grant agreed. He noted that responsibility for the culvert at Lamb Lane had been accepted specifically by the Highways Department.

It was agreed that the present situation was the best that could be hoped for. As long as it continued nothing would be gained by pressing the East Riding or Yorkshire Water to accept official responsibility.

Correspondence

Withernsea Employment Advice Centre. Posters and leaflets had been supplied about the service offered.

Holderness Police Community Liaison Committee

A poster received advised of a forthcoming meeting.

Public conveniences

The East Riding had listed the "core" and "non-core" conveniences that it had hitherto maintained. It had been

decided to invite town and parish councils to take over the non-core conveniences. The only one in Roos parish was in Seaside Road, Tunstall (not Main Street, Tunstall, as stated in the document). The Chairman did not see why the Parish Council should be saddled with the cost of its cleaning and maintenance.

Councillor Priest said that the Tunstall convenience was much used in the summer. Councillor Grant offered to enquire if Mr Tony Ellis at Sand-le-Mere would contribute to its maintenance. Councillor Cheeseman said that Mr Ellis had done so voluntarily in the past but had been discouraged by the continual need to carry out repairs.

Kirkholme Pottery

The pottery supplied the millennium mugs distributed to children last year. Mr Mike Smith had written offering a range of items to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2003. The Chairman commented that there was plenty of time to make a decision later.

Parish Councils Liaison Committee

The East Riding invited representatives to one of a number of meetings at different venues. The nearest would be held at Withernsea on Thursday 19th April.

Coastal Zone Management Plan

A letter from County Hall invited parish councils and other community groups to a Workshop at Far Grange Country Park, Skipsea, on Monday 23rd April at 7.0 p.m. The aim will be to exchange ideas for the East Riding's new plan for the coastal zone. (Further information from Adrian Dawson on : 01482 - 884440.)

The future of Post Offices

A letter from the Department of Trade and Industry stressed the government's concern to maintain the national network. There was mention of community post offices run by local groups, who might also reopen post offices that had closed.

Service provision in rural areas

The East Riding thanked those who had responded to the postal survey. Findings from the survey would be used to help improve local services. A report would be published in the summer. The officer concerned with this issue at County Hall was Ewan Cameron.

Parish Paths Partnership

The Parish Paths Officer wrote to remind parishes that a new financial year was imminent and enclosed grant application forms.

Noting that Roos had not applied for a grant in 2000 - 2001, he asked if the Parish Council wished to continue in partnership with the East Riding in this scheme for maintaining the viability of local rights of way. The question was not discussed. Instead, it was agreed to pass the materials to Dr Hersom, the volunteer contact in Roos.

Planning

Decisions on applications previously notified

Sand-le-Mere. The proposed extension of the site had been approved but not access via Kiln Lane.

Plot 6 Cherry Hill Park. Approved.

New applications

Playing Field. The previous application to erect a cricket scoreboard had been withdrawn. A new application was submitted for a brick scoreboard. The Parish Council raised no objection.

Rose Cottage, South End. Rear extension. No objection.

Southfield, South End (Mr P.Beal).

Application to erect a wall two metres high.

One councillor said that the wall would be very high : six feet was the normal limit (i.e. six inches less). Another noted that the wall had already been built - the application was retrospective. It was supposed that a neighbour had objected.

Councillors had some difficulty understanding the plan supplied but resisted the suggestion that they should make a site visit. Instead, they agreed to ask for more specific details.

Ambroseli, Burton Road. Erection of detached house.

It was noted that the planning committee had refused previous applications for a house on the holding because of doubts whether the business was financially viable.

One member objected to the application because the site was in open country. Others pointed out that if there was agricultural justification the objection was irrelevant; in any case, more obtrusive building had been permitted on open land on the approach to Lelley.

Councillor Grant said that members had supported the previous applications : it would be inconsistent to object now when presumably the applicant was presenting a better financial case. The application was supported.

Accounts

Members authorised payment of £30.00 for hire of the Memorial Institute for meetings. Councillor David Winter, Treasurer, apologised for the omission in his last statement of £2.00 received for garden rents in Tunstall. £15.44 had also been received for reclaimed VAT.

Yorkshire Electricity had requested a map showing Parish Council land. This appeared to concern "wayleave" payable for two pylons sited in Tunstall. Councillor Grant undertook to confirm the position of the pylons on council land.

Any other business

Councillor Cheeseman reported that a manhole near the Black Horse was damaged and needed repair. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority.

Public session

After the close of the meeting Leslie Helliwell asked a number of questions about some of the items discussed. He said that it was sometimes impossible to understand what members were talking about. An explanation should be given to residents attending the meeting.

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting : Monday 14th May
7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute
Members of the public welcome.

The Rooster

Financial statement 1.4.00 -31.3.01

Donations

- "The Rooster" is distributed to almost 400 households.
- A list is kept of all donations.
- In the year 1st April 2000 to 31st March 2001 there were 107 donations. Of these, four were from people outside Roos : donations from Roos itself totalled 103.
- However, seven households donated twice in the year :
Mr & Mrs D. Archer, Mr R.L.Bamford, Mr R.Hardy & Miss P.Kirby, Mrs B.Maddison, Mr & Mrs P.G.Mullett,

Miss S. Mullett, and Mrs M.Nemecek.

(Please don't feel obliged to contribute again this year!)

- Therefore the Roos households contributing total 96.
- Some donations included payments for copies of back numbers.
- Separate payments for back numbers are, of course, included in the total income recorded.
- The level of donations ranged from £2.00 to £25.00. The most frequent level of donation was £5.00.

The accounts are summarised on the next page.

2. Summary of accounts

Income		£
Balance in bank on 1.4.2000	70.16	
Donations + sale of back issues	544.10	614.26

Expenditure (11 issues during the year)

Cost of printing	417.00	
Other expenses	72.47	489.47
In bank 2.4.01	124.94	614.41

(I can't explain the 15p discrepancy in the final totals. It will be corrected at the next bank transaction. L.H.)

Donations

Recent contributions are gratefully acknowledged from :

Mr.R.L.Bamford, Mr J.Cook, Mr R.Hardy and Miss P.Kirby, Mrs M.K.Nemecek, Mrs Mary White.

Rooster Deadline
Please supply material for the May issue by
Saturday 12th May
to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

All at sea

On 23rd February the Cottica left Paramaribo in Surinam on the north coast of South America bound for Southampton.

At about 9.30 p.m. the following day, 580 miles out into the Atlantic, the third officer saw in the darkness an intermittent flashing light five or six miles away. The captain was called to the bridge and set course to investigate.

A family of four - a Dutchman, his French wife and two children aged 8 and 13 - were found drifting helplessly in an unmasted catamaran. They had set out from Holland to sail to Barbados but lost their mast after leaving the Cape Verde Islands and had been adrift for thirteen days.

They had seen two other vessels pass by without spotting them - without their mast they were difficult to pick up by radar. When they sighted the Cottica the husband tried to signal an SOS by flashing light but the dipping of the waves made the message indecipherable.

The family had plenty of food but were running out of water and fuel for their generator. Because the Cottica could supply water but no suitable fuel, they were taken aboard and brought to Southampton. Their catamaran was left to drift away.

If they had not been picked up they would have drifted gradually towards Barbados but it would have taken several weeks and they would have been at the mercy of pirates.

The rescue became a news story in the press and on television, as many readers will remember.

The local Good Samaritan

The master of the Cottica, Derek Robinson, lives in Roos - in Elm Garth. This was his first rescue during forty years at sea and the first time that he has been the focus of such media attention. To many of us, however, his life at sea - routine to him - seems exotic and fascinating in itself.

The banana business

Derek's fully-refrigerated ship, 4550 gross tonnes with a crew of 16 including himself, is owned by Fyffes, the banana people. The firm was once British, and then part of an American conglomerate, but is now owned by an Irish company. All their ships are named after South American rivers.

Derek is not employed directly by Fyffes but by Celtic Marine, a company based in the Isle of Man, who provide crews and management for the ships. He has worked for them for 28 years and been all over the world.

He has been doing the banana run for 11 years, of which 10 have been on the Cottica. He is usually away for 5 months at a time and then has 2½ months at home.



On the outward leg of his voyages he sails from Southampton to Flushing in the Netherlands. There he picks up general cargo bound for Georgetown, the capital of Guyana on the north coast of South America, once a British colony.

Then he goes to Paramaribo in

Surinam, formerly Dutch Guiana, to pick up cargo for the return voyage to Southampton. In addition to about 1500 tons of bananas - kept at a constant 13.5° C - he carries containers of prawns and fish.

Derek is always amazed to hear complaints about the price of bananas. He stresses the costs : growing and harvesting the crop; packing and loading it; the sea voyage; the time the fruit spends in UK ripening sheds; and its eventual nationwide distribution.

Fancy a trip?

The Cottica has accommodation for a limited number of passengers in four well-equipped cabins, three double and one single.

The round trip from Southampton and back takes 37 days. The actual crossing of the Atlantic takes 10.

The cost is about £2,000. You can visit South America - travelling about 8,500 miles, with private room, modern facilities and full board - for less than £54 a day. Somewhat cheaper than a cruise liner.

(End of commercial!)

Jobs in far-flung places

Many years ago "The Rooster" had a feature about Vince Howard, also a master mariner, whom many will remember.

Vince had been at sea all his life and was a proud member of the Cape Horn Society, a dwindling band who had rounded the Horn in merchant ships under sail. He had an eventful war, at one time on makeshift minesweepers, and was twice sunk. He ended his working life as a Humber pilot.

Other Roos residents have sailed the seas : Captain James Priest, for example, now a parish councillor. Two of the Wingham brothers have worked on North Sea ferries. Others work on oil rigs. Some travel far afield on business trips. Robert Schleicher, until recently living in Beechwood Views, still works away for long periods in central Asia as an engineer in Kazakhstan.

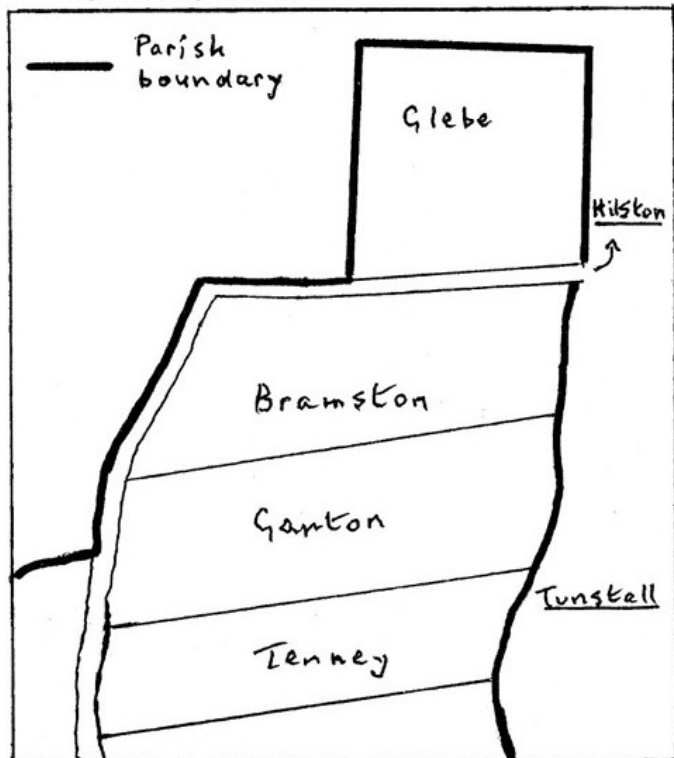
The world does not end at the parish boundary. We have neighbours among us whose experience extends beyond the flooding of Roos Beck or the fate of a lavatory in Tunstall. Let's have some more accounts of life in distant parts.

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Roos Furze

This farm dates from the Enclosure of the Commons. In the far north of the parish 27 acres 3 roods were awarded to E. Bramston. To the south, 28 acres 1 rood 8 perches were awarded to Benjamin Ganton. Before 1827 both plots were bought by Edward Lorrimer of Tunstall. He built a farmhouse on Bramston's part and divided the lands into fields.

The farm is bounded on the north by Hogsea Lane, on the east by Tunstall, on the west by Hilston Lane and on the south by Suddaby's farm.



The Friends of Roos School
QUIZ NIGHT
Thursday 26th April
8.00 p.m. at The Black Horse
£1.00 per team of up to four. Quizmaster : Paul Evans
Further details from :
Liz Earle (670298) or Debbie Tennison (670151)

FUN DAY & SCARECROW TRAIL
Saturday 16th June
Theme : Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales
Start : Scarecrow Trail 11.00 a.m. Fun Day 2.0 p.m.
To enter a scarecrow, contact Cherie Blenkin : 670811

In part of a field on the Ganton portion is the highest point in Roos, 80 feet above sea level.

The tenancy has been held by : H. Clapham, 1809; James Smales, 1837 (owner Edward Lorrimer); R. Wright, 1841; J. Hosdell, 1846; A. Lorrimer 1853; J. Atkin, 1862; by Meadley 1864; R. Simpson 1867; J. Moore, 1906 (when the owner was the lord of the manor); and Wilf Johnson from 1920 till 1965.

In 1965 the farm was bought by J.W. Maltas and Son, owners of the Glebe. They sold the house to a Blyth from Hull. This is an example of a small farm being bought by the nearby owner-occupier of a large farm who, without extra machinery or implements, can work it more economically.

"Suddaby's Farm" (Now North End Farm)

South of Furze Farm and only a little smaller, the enclosure of 22 acres 20 perches was awarded to William Tenny.

It has been used by Roos men as a pasture for their cows. In 1837 it was owned by Lockwood and tenanted by Peter Jackson. In 1860 it was owned by Mary Wright and there was a house there. The land was farmed, as it had been before, by tenants of the Glebe.

By 1906 it had been bought by Newtons of Owstwick, whose tenants were Clarkes. When the Newton estates were sold after the tragic death of Percy Newton, his nephew sold it to the sitting tenant, W. Suddaby, who had followed George Crawforth, who took Bale House, Garton. Later, Suddaby bought 16 acres in Tunstall, 7 of them over the border.

It was a milk farm and the owner's son was anxious to enlarge the farm for arable use. He wanted to build a dwelling in the stackyard but planning consent was refused. Suddaby senior had to sell, owing to the effect of war service and the departure of his son, who took a farm on the Wolds.

The new owner, a Dee from Halsham, set up a milk farm like Suddaby and became a retailer.