



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council

For various reasons the meeting on 10th September was attended by only five members : Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Grant, Priest, and Quarmby. The Parish Clerk was also unable to attend. Councillor Priest took the chair.

Apologies had been received from Councillors Kirk, D.Winter (holiday) and G.E.Winter (unwell).

Minutes

A correction was noted : the August meeting closed at 20.30 not 19.30. The Minutes were then approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Road signs

The Highways Department had replied to Parish Council concerns. The obscured sign in Hodgson Lane would be relocated.

Consideration would be given to the possible relocation of the obscured sign to Halsham at the junction of the Aldbrough and Burton Pidsea roads. Members understood that a police enquiry was in process over an accident at this junction. The Parish Council would be kept informed.

Dyke on Hilston Road

There had been no reply yet to the request to have the blocked dyke cleared.

Correspondence

The following had been received.

- Material from Humber & Wolds Community Council.
- The current issue of "Humbrella".
- A letter from the East Yorkshire Branch of MIND (30 Percy Street, Hull) inviting opinions on ways in which the association could be of more help to local people with mental health problems.
- A draft of the revised East Riding Coastal Zone Management Plan.
- Notice from the Humberside Playing Fields Association of a seminar on funding to be held at the Leven Sports Centre on Thursday 8th November at 7.0 p.m.

Planning

Southfield, South End. Retention and extension of a boundary wall. Members saw no objection.

Accounts

Members approved payment of the Parish Clerk's salary instalment and recent expenses.

Outstanding items

Millennium stone. It was understood that the plaque was ready. It would be installed when a suitable drilling bit had been obtained.

Queen's Golden Jubilee 2002. Cllr Grant referred to the proposal to make a presentation to school pupils. Members noted that the celebratory coin mentioned at a previous meeting was inappropriate since it commemorated the 2001 centenary of Queen Victoria's death and had no relevance to the Jubilee. No other options were considered.

The meeting closed at 20.14 hours

PUBLIC SESSION

Leslie Helliwell informed members of the meeting that evening about the Roos Arms computers.

Next Parish Council meeting

Monday 8th October

7.30 in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public welcome to attend

The Rooster

Thank you

57 households have now made donations to "The Rooster" this year - starting in April. Recent contributions have been received from :

Anon (Pilmar Lane)
Mr & Mrs W.E.Bailey
Mr S.Foster
Mr & Mrs R.Gregson

Mr & Mrs N.A.C.Hildyard
Mr & Mrs A.C.Maltas
Mr & Mrs D.Rowland
Mr & Mrs B.G.Smith

Further donations will be welcome - if by cheque, please make out to "L.Helliwell".

Legs wanted

Help with deliveries is urgently needed. If you live in one of the areas below and could offer to deliver 30 - 40 copies, please get in touch.

Pilmar Lane

Elm Garth

Beechwood Views

South End Road (Corner House to

Eastfield

Lamb Lane corner)

Computers in Roos

Evening training courses

Martin Hilton is starting 6-week and 10-week courses in term time at Roos School. The first two will be on :

- Intermediate word processing (but beginners welcome).
- Power Point (presentations).

Later courses will cover Excel (spreadsheets); Creative Drawing; the Internet; and Digital Image Manipulation.

Contact Martin for more details. He lives at 8 Beechwood Views, Roos (phone 01964 - 671130).

The Roos Arms Computers

Three computers (together with a scanner and a printer) have been available in The Roos Arms for some time but there has hitherto been no proper scheme to manage and promote their use by the community.

A well-supported meeting on 10th September was attended by George Baker and Alex Norman, two officers from the Regeneration Partnership Office at 243 Queen Street Withernsea. They explained that the capital cost of the equipment had been met from public funds but the community should assume responsibility for its use and management.

Those present were mainly people who had used the equipment on training courses or who intended to

join future courses at the school and to use the equipment in the Roos Arms to practise their skills. All agreed that the computers were a valuable amenity and that their use should be well managed.

The equipment is available to individuals whenever the Roos Arms is open but there was talk of forming a weekly computer club for members to meet and exchange ideas and expertise, possibly with volunteer "experts" present to help sort out difficulties.

Meeting arranged

It was agreed to call another meeting to agree a constitution and elect a Committee and Officers. The group will :

- be responsible for the equipment;
- organise a scheme for its use;
- ensure that running costs are met by user-payments to cover the cost of paper, ink cartridges, and phone charges (when used to access the Internet).

Computer Meeting

Mon. 1st October 7.00 in The Roos Arms

All who have used the computers - or would like to - are invited to attend.

Come and help decide how to organise their use for maximum benefit to all.

Roos man made Deputy Lieutenant



Belated congratulations to Mr Nicholas Hildyard of The Elms, Roos, who in August was made a Deputy Lieutenant of the East Riding.

Nicholas Hildyard has a long association with the area. Though he was born in London, his parents lived at The White Hall, Winestead, from 1962 to 1988. He grew up there from the age of eight and it was his family home for many years.

He attended Norfolk House School and the Junior School in Withernsea before proceeding to a school in Kent and then to Westminster School.

He has lived with his wife and two sons at The Elms since moving from Beverley in 1988. He is a Group Director of Smith & Nephew.

His appointment as one of the deputies to the Lord Lieutenant, Richard Marriott, was initiated out of the blue - Mr Marriott simply rang to ask if he would take on the role. He guesses that it was because he was known to have supported many local causes.

He is carrying on a family tradition of public service : not only was his father a Deputy Lieutenant; so also is the father of his wife, Pippa.

The Lord Lieutenant represents the monarch at civic and other public

functions and attends members of the Royal Family on official visits to the area. In his absence a Deputy Lieutenant fills these roles.

At one time the Lord Lieutenant had wider duties, including the raising of militia in times of war or unrest.

Unlike his father, Nicholas has no military background but on occasion he may be expected to wear the uniform of his office. (He has none at present - his father's doesn't fit him!)

Nicholas has a great affection for Holderness and especially for Roos.

We applaud the honour accorded to a neighbour who, for over a dozen years, has made our local historic house his family home.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply material by

Friday 5th October

to Leslie Helliwell

Canwick, Lamb Lane. (670291)

Charity begins in Main Street

The charity shop next to the butcher's has had another profitable season. Mrs Joy Moate says that over the twelve weeks or so since it opened again in May it has raised £2,707. 29. These proceeds will be shared among the four churches in Roos, Tunstall, Hilston and Garton.

Joy thanks all those who gave goods for resale, all who bought them, and those who made the process possible by helping in the shop. Special thanks go to Dave and Jenny Archer who allowed their spare premises to be used at a token rent.

All Saints', Roos

HARVEST FESTIVAL

7.30 p.m. on Friday 5th October

Preacher : The Bishop of Hull

A warm welcome to all

**Gifts of appropriate produce will be welcome :
flowers, fruit, vegetables, tinned goods,....**

**Produce may be brought to church on Friday
morning or left earlier at The Rectory.**

All gifts will be passed to Dove House Hospice.

HATS (Hornsea Amateur Theatre Society)

presents

Showstoppers

with Radio Humberside's Carl Wheatley

Musical numbers from

***My Fair Lady, Half a Sixpence, Mamma Mia,
Chicago, Sweet Charity (... and more)***

October 4 & 5 7.30 Floral Hall, Hornsea

October 19 7.30 Low Skirlington Leisure Park

**Admission : £4.50; Concessions £4.00. Tickets at the door
or in advance from Offbeat, Newbiggin, Hornsea (534527).**

Rooster Advertisements

No charge is made to advertise village events.

A resident who is a member of HATS placed the above advertisement. As it was not about the village (though of local interest), a small charge was asked for - and willingly paid.

Since "The Rooster" is funded by donations, it would be unfair to offer free advertising for transactions and events aimed at personal or commercial gain (e.g. private sales and promotions by shops and pubs). For such advertisements the following rates will apply :

Small ads 5p a word. Minimum charge 30p.

Display £2.50 / column inch. (2 columns / page.)

G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 28 Development of the enclosed Commons

This further simplified summary of Mr Wilbraham's original may - as usual - contain errors of my own making. If so, I apologise. I shall welcome corrections from readers who spot them.

Areas - as for Old Moors below - are given in acres, roods and perches.

L.H.

Old Moors

This plot - 31.2.20 - lies to the west of Hilston Road opposite Furze Farm and extends to the the Owstwick Road (i.e. the Aldbrough Road).

It was awarded to Humphrey Brooks Osbaldiston of Hunmanby, owner of the Elm Farm at Owstwick. It used to be farmed from there but is now farmed by the Maltas family.

To the south is 17.0.30 awarded to Cornwall Baron Wilson and now part of Len Wright's farm.

Glebe Farm and The Boyntons' property

Glebe Farm is to the east of Hilston Road. Further south to the west are the plot and house now owner-occupied by the Boyntons (and called Meadowfield).

By 1867 the Glebe was owned by T.S.Wright. As there was no house on the Glebe, only a barn and other buildings, the new tenant, named Batchelor, rented what later became the Boynton property - other tenants have been Fred Ford and George Hunt.

Carr Farm

South of the Glebe on the east side of the Hilston Road is Carr Farm. The award was to J.Clarke of Tunstall who had bought the rights of J.Kelly. The homestead is the plot awarded at the enclosures.

Unlikely as it is, this small plot - just over 11 acres, with no ancient enclosure - formed the nucleus of another farm. It grew by renting and purchase.

By 1837 it was owned by Lockwood, tenanted by Peter Jackson, and had grown to 24.0.8. Since then Ford's award and Owstwick land in the Carr have been added. Early in the 20th century it was bought by W.Tripp, who improved the house. The farm kept its entity till very recently when it was bought by the owner of Glebe Farm.

South of Carr Farm : The garage

South of Carr Farm a plot of 1.3.28 was bought by John Grindall from Thomas Dixon. A house was soon erected. Although the present house is not the original, some cobbles of the former one can still be seen. It is now owned by A.Smith, who owns a car repair business.

Land on Owstwick Road

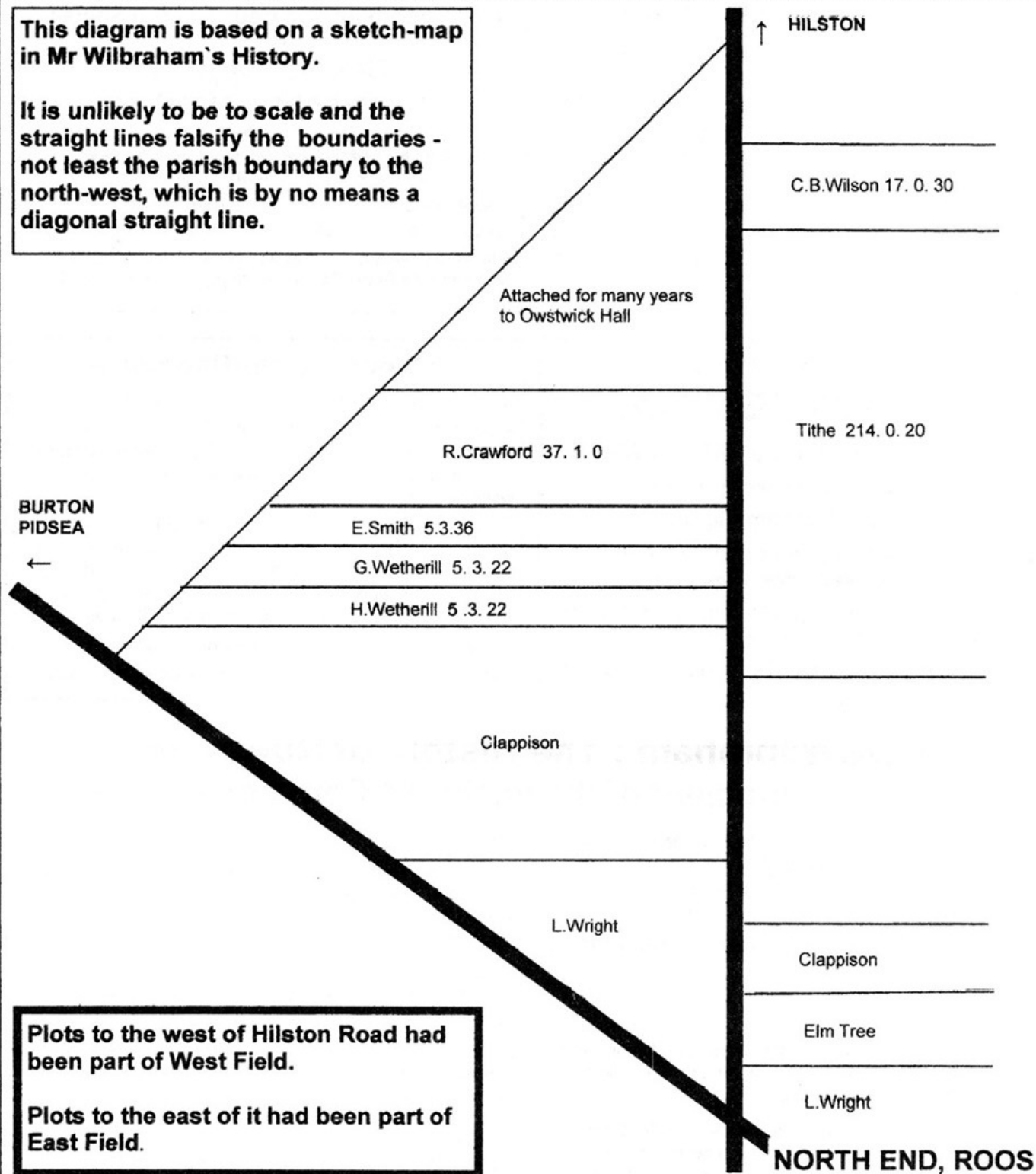
The map overleaf shows land up the Owstwick Road.

The plots of E.Smith, G.Wetherill and H.Weatherill were sold and let to various tenants before being bought by W. Maltas and added to Cote Farm.

No houses have been built in this part of Roos.

This diagram is based on a sketch-map in Mr Wilbraham's History.

It is unlikely to be to scale and the straight lines falsify the boundaries - not least the parish boundary to the north-west, which is by no means a diagonal straight line.



Plots to the west of Hilston Road had been part of West Field.

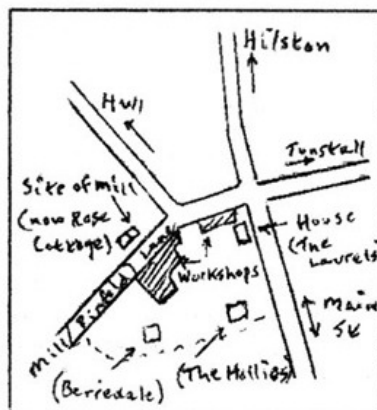
Plots to the east of it had been part of East Field.

Blenkin's

About 1850 James Blenkin rented the first house on Atkinson Lane (now owned by Mrs Robinson), a plot of 1 rood 6 perches, part of the ancient enclosure of Brown. (Atkinson Lane appears to be the road from the east end of Pinfold Lane leading to the Aldbrough crossroad.)

Blenkin was a blacksmith. About 1863 he acquired a small portion at that corner from Biltons and there built a mill, since converted into two cottages - odd ones at that. (Rose Cottage remains? L.H.)

In 1870 he bought the one-acre site on the opposite corner. He built a fine house (The Laurels) and his workshops gave employment to many men.



His business as a smith and joiner grew and his threshing machines worked the farms for miles around.

The Hull Times interviewed George Kirk, aged 85.

He had lived in Roos for 60 years and worked for Blenkin for many of them.

He said that, given a hammer and a fire, James Blenkin could fashion almost anything out of a piece of iron. He also had a keen eye for business. The acre on which he sited his house and buildings had been copyhold. So before a brick was laid he freed the land from any suzerainty to the lord of the manor.

His workshops were fully occupied. At one time no less than six full threshing machine sets were running. Agricultural implements of all kinds were made and repaired. At one time the firm had almost a monopoly in this line. Its sphere extended to Sunk Island and down East end. As threshing machines became more general, however, the area James Blenkin served became more restricted.

He had one failure. He planned a pump well to supply his house and premises with water. He sank a bore to a depth of 300 feet but the water, though plentiful, turned out brackish and hence useless. This well has recently been filled in with tins, etc.

For a few years after James's death the business was carried on by his brother Joseph who lived in one of the cottages to the north of the lane. When James's widow died Joseph moved into the big house at the corner.

During the 1st World War the premises were taken over by the Government and used as a depot for tractors. After the war an engineer named Flowers bought the dying business, soon followed by a Mr Symons, the pioneer of motor buses between Hull and Withernsea via Roos.

Meanwhile there was still some demand for threshing sets and Mr R.S.Baker, who had already started with two machines, moved up to North End, using the workshops as a depot and store and letting part of the shop to John Gee, a blacksmith.

Eventually the mortgage was called in and the whole premises – house and buildings – were bought by Mr C. N.Maltas, though Baker carried on threshing till he retired.

Mr Maltas built a fine bungalow (*The Hollies*) south of the house. R.S.Baker went to live there and Mr Maltas lived in the big house. The other buildings were gradually converted into corn driers.

Later another bungalow (*Berriedale*) was built west of the buildings. Mr Maltas moved in there, leaving his married younger son in the big house.

Cross Road Cottage, Rectory Road

Just back from the road stood a low cottage with overhanging eaves and propped up by a buttress. A larger one was built there later (*to replace it?*). They were erected by Robert Dixon who at the Enclosures had been awarded 10 acres 20 perches in West Field.

By 1837 Dixon had died and the owner-occupier of the house was Thomas Spofforth, a descendant of the owner of ancient enclosures numbers 38 and 40. The other house (*Which?*) was added in 1847 and belonged to the Spofforths a very long time. The property was after that owned by several people, all relatives of Tom Atkinson.

Within recent memory James Laws lived there. He was a "ket-monger" - "ket" were animal carcasses rendered down to make lubrication grease for farm vehicles. He was followed by a blower. (*Was he a "blower" by trade or Blower by name?*). "On his death I was given his flail when his goods were sold."

The land had been divided into two plots with several owners and tenants before it was finally bought by William Maltas and added to Cote Farm.

(There was no further development southwards as far as Hodgson Lane.)

Half Way Cottages on Main Street

These cottages, just back from the road, were built on part of one of two plots awarded to William Booth, the Quaker, which measured 3.2.16.

Before 1837 the land had belonged to the Dean family of Owstwick. The two cottages were built in 1863. In 1866 the tenants were J.Cobb and W.Leek.

In 1906 the owner of cottages and field was Mrs Varey. The field was rented by R.Jubb and the cottages by R.Hoe and A.Stephenson. The cottages have recently passed into the possession of Mr Jubb's daughter, who lives there.

East of Main Street & north of Pilmar Lane

Development soon began on the eastern side. Three building plots were sold fronting the village street. Matthew Patrick soon added Ann Nordass's field to his own. In

1837 he was farming 25.1.37. Since the two fields totalled 16.3.4, the difference in area must be due to land he owned south of Pilmar Lane.

Kirkwood's Cottages

(Dates given are the years of rate assessments.)

	Tenant	Owner	Annual Rent £ s d	Houses
1837	Jane Ward	S.A.Wallis	3. 0. 0	1
	David Moody	S.A.Wallis	1. 10. 0	1
	Miss Bonfrey	S.A.Wallis	1. 5. 0	1
	Robt Jubb	F.Atkinson	2. 10. 0	1

As can be seen, two of these cottages were poor things.

1860	Fr. Atkinson	E.Wallis	6. 0. 0	1
	Wm Atkinson	Fr.Atkinson	3. 5. 0	1

One of these was a beer house – The Bay Horse – the licence of which was transferred to The Black Horse, then a shop.

1874	Wlfr. Bonfrey	E.Wallis	8. 0. 0	1
	R.Jubb	H.Atkinson	4. 4. 0	1
1906	Henry Jubb	Ed. Wallis	6. 0. 0	

The cottages were later bought by Kirkwood of The Grange and made into three. Two of them are one-up, one-down.

The Old Blacksmith Shop (south of the above)

1837	Francis Atkinson	Ed. Wallis	5. 0. 0	1 double-fronted
1860	Rich. Webster	Rich. Webster	6. 0. 0	
1906	Fred (<i>Webster?</i>)	Richard Webster		

After the the 1st World War the owner was Fred Webster and the tenant of the blacksmith's shop was John Gee, the last Roos blacksmith on this site. Since then it has been tenanted by George Atkinson and Alan Foster.

After the 2nd World War John Drotleff bought Hansa House and farms the land originally awarded to Matthew Patrick and Ann Nordass.

There were also 3 mud-walled cottages, two assessed at £1/10/-, the other at £1/5/-. One tenant was John Pattison, a weaver. In 1848 there was another cottage.

The "Big" House (Roos House?)

In 1860 Robert Watson was tenant of the big house. The others were still low-rated and often unoccupied. In 1874 there were six – 3 unoccupied – owned by David Brown.

By 1906 William Atkinson was the owner-occupier of the big house, which he considerably altered. His son William had the other brick house behind the chapel. The son later bought a house at the back of the village.



The photograph shows the chapel in the centre, Roos House beyond on the left, and on the right the gates to the rear of what later was the Hinch's property.

The small house was tenanted after the war by his nephew. Of late years it has been occupied by the Cockerills and before them, just after the war, by J.Gee, the blacksmith.

On William's death the property was left to his daughter who had gone to Canada after her father died. It was then first rented and then bought by the Grotrians. The cottages were taken down or used as workshops.

(The dwellings here now are : Greenacre, Hansa House, Aotearoa , Roos House, and Honeysuckle Cottage.)

The petrol pump (Ivy House)

To the south of Ann Nordass's plot was a plot of 3.3.38 awarded to Thomas Spofforth. Ownership has changed several times. The present house was built between 1860 and 1906.

The first tenant of the house was Robert Jubb, the tailor. When he moved across Main Street a doctor named Johnson was owner-occupier. He was followed by a butcher. This accounts for the tile-lined shop and the butcher's buildings up the yard. A Fewster was there a time - he had a grinding business.

During the 1st World War Tom Sowerby, Parish Clerk, started a cycle shop and later a filling station. The present owner-occupier is Harry Hinch, joiner and shopkeeper.

The Hill Top Shops *(The terrace southwards from the modern Roos Supermarket.)*

These were built soon after the enclosures by Edward Wallis on his plot of 9.0.32. He died in 1823 but the properties remained in his family until 1920. He also owned several ancient enclosures.

In 1829 his son Edward built the combined house, shop and store house with a stable behind. A few years later he added to the north another house and shop combined, used for many years by a saddler.

	<u>Occupier</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>
1837	Edward Wallis	Edward Wallis	House, grocer's shop, etc.
1838	William Ramsay	William Ramsay	House, saddler's shop.
1860	Ed. Wallis Jnr	Ed. Wallis Jnr	House, shop.
	Thos. Dennison	Thos Dennison	House, shop

There had been no change in 1874 and 1906, except that Edwin Wallis had replaced Edward.

In 1918 Edwin emigrated to British Columbia. He sold his large grocery business to Brown of Withernsea, who put in his son Albert as tenant, followed by G.Dowling. The business failed and the property was again sold, this time to a speculator who divided up the grocery end into four separate houses, even the stable behind. *(Did the site of the stable become Hidden Cottage?)*

Three saddlers in succession came into the neighbouring shop but trade for saddlers was gradually dying out.



The property was eventually bought by a brave man who sold groceries and other goods. Now the premises house the Post Office too - a big business in a very small shop.

Garden Cottage

Ion bought this acre out of Eastfield Farm. The building was never intended as a dwelling. It was convenient for Ion - just opposite his house and shop - to use the upper storey for his wood and the bottom for his pigs. *(It sounds as if Ion may have been the village butcher and raised his own pigs on the plot. L.H.)*

The Ions were still there in 1873. By 1906 the building had been made into a house by the owner-occupier, William Johnson, Treasurer of the Parish Council. He later gave part of his garden to the County Council to round off the corner - the end of the old Parish Pump, which had served well before piped water came in 1921.



Garden Cottage before the Pilmar Lane corner was rounded off.

William Johnson died in 1932. His niece, Miss Prince, who had been his housekeeper for many years, became owner-occupier until her death in 1953. The next owner for a time was W.F.Lane.

The present occupiers are Mr and Mrs Fred Foster. He is the village postman and Parish Clerk. He has a nice and profitable garden.

The new road : Rectory Road

"Our next look is at the Back o' Town – Ellarby Lane (Hodgson Lane) to Lamb Lane."

The Roos Award of 1784 confirmed some existing roads and established new ones. The most significant new one was what we now know as Rectory Road.

Mr Wilbraham speaks of a map showing how the new road was plotted - but there is no map where he says. Without it, his brief notes are hard to follow.

The map reproduced here is adapted from one earlier in the History. The numbered plots are the ancient enclosures, individual holdings before the Roos Award. Between their western boundaries and Rectory Road the shaded areas indicate land carved out of West Field by the new road and allotted by the Award.

The only such plot identified on the map is West Lea although from there all the plots with road frontages as far as Hodgson Lane had formerly been in West Field.

To the south, Mr Wilbraham does mention land allotted to Esther Fowston, north of her ancient enclosure No.50 at the corner of Lamb Lane.

The road to the south had followed the boundaries of ancient enclosures. From Lamb Lane northwards it followed the boundary of Esther Fowston's enclosure No.50 (0.1.16) with its two old houses flush to the road.

The surveyors then continued across common land to meet the SW corner of No.47 (0.3.0), Glebe.

The little bit of common between the road and the west side of No.48 (R.Dunn, 1.2.24) was awarded to Esther Fowston. The present bungalow was erected on this added portion by Mr King.

From there the road turned north-east along the west side of The Glebe.

From there to Ellarby Lane there is a strip of common land bordering 42 to 35. These were the enclosures of :

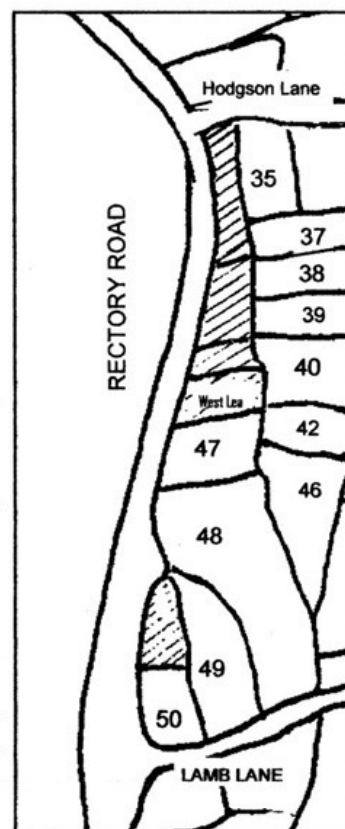
42	Wallis	0.1.8	38	?	0.2.10
40	T.Spofforth	1.0.7	37	T.Collinson	0.1.37
39	T.Spofforth	0.3.18	35	Church	0.1.32

The first plot marked out was 0.1.4 for Esther Fowston. A two-up and two-down cottage was built almost up to the roadside.

In 1837 it was owned by Mrs Walton, tenanted by Edward Walker. In 1841 it was owned by William Ramsay, who added the stable on the north side. In subsequent years the owners were : 1858 Pearson; 1860 and 1873 Richard Wallis; and 1906 Reb. Taylor.

Here the notes end. There is no account of other allotments of common land cut from West Field.

Moreover, north of Hodgson Lane there are other dwellings with Rectory Road frontages that must also have been built on the former West Field but there is no mention of them, here or later. Perhaps Mr Wilbraham failed to complete the survey.



Postscript - last but not least Churchyard gains from local charity

The newsletter report of a Parish Council meeting when the churchyard was discussed first publicised the need for help to keep the churchyard cut and tidy. From that, Cheryl Blenkin's initiative led to a Coffee Morning that raised a large sum to help meet the costs.

At the same time, Mr Basil Reckitt - who during his time at The Elms had been Chairman of The Friends of God's Acre - read the report and began to consider ways in which, even at a distance, he could support a cause that was very dear to him.

In mid-July, he wrote to say that a donation of £500 had been granted from the Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust. In August Phillip Moate confirmed that the money had been received. It was a generous and most welcome gift and would help to meet the huge annual cost of keeping All Saints' churchyard in order.

Another postscript

Penelope Lively, the novelist, has written "A House Unlocked", a memoir of her family home, Golsongcott in Somerset. It was broadcast recently and the name Reckitt was mentioned. I asked Mr Reckitt if she was a relation. Penelope Lively is in fact his niece and the house she describes is well known to him.

Roos Cricket Club
Annual Presentation Night
Friday 5th October
The Northfield Country Club, Withernsea

Tickets now available from : Jon Dearing 671386
Simon Thompson 670976 and David Winter 670234