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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor K.G. Grant took the chair at the meeting of 10th February. Others present were: Councillors Cheeseman, Clark, Cook, Priest, Quarmby and Winter. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beal and Benson.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 13th January were approved. With reference to the mention in the Minutes of a previous meeting of an application concerning Roos House, Main Street, it was noted that, following revised plans and a site visit, Holderness Borough had now approved the building of a rear extension.

Correspondence

The Humberside Association of Parish Councils had written on three topics. First, it was pointed out that proposals in the current Local Government Bill would prevent Parish Councils from using their funds to publicise information and campaigns affecting their areas if the issues happened to be supported by a political party. The Association argued that this restriction would stifle Councils who might have legitimate grounds for bringing issues to public notice. It was suggested that all Parish Councils should urge M.P.s to seek an amendment to this section of the Bill.

Second, the Charities Act 1985 changed the oversight of local charities for the relief of poverty. Previously such charities were required to present annual accounts to their local Parish Council. By the 1985 Act accounts were now to be submitted to the County Council. The Association undertook to obtain details of such accounts and submit them to Parish Councils on request.

Third, a list was provided of information and stationery available that were relevant to parish Council affairs.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England had sent an entry form for the Best Kept Village Competition 1986.

Holderness Borough Council had announced their intention to implement their powers to licence and control vehicles for private hire. Operators and drivers intending to apply for licences were advised to contact Mrs. Simmonds as soon as possible at the Borough Council Offices in Skirlaugh.

The Local Government Boundary Commission is to carry out a phased review of certain county boundaries. The boundaries of Lincolnshire and North Yorkshire are shortly to be reviewed. The reviews could, of course, affect adjoining counties. For this reason Humberside County Council had been informed of the review procedures and so had other local councils within Humberside - including Roos.

The Parish Councils Insurance Company had announced that there was to be no increase of premium to Roos Parish Council. Existing cover was to continue.

Planning

The topping and lopping of an oak tree on Rectory Road (referred to last month) had received Borough Council approval.

An application for an extension to 2 Colman Row (to include a bathroom and kitchen) was supported by the Parish Council subject to there being no objection from neighbours.

An application was discussed concerning The Folly, Main Street. This was for 'the retention' of a bow window. There was some consideration whether the window might not be a hazard to pedestrians because of its projection. It was agreed, however, not to oppose the application provided that the window conformed to building regulations and was not thought likely to be

hazardous. The Parish Clerk was asked, when informing the Borough Council, to point out that the bow window had been installed without previous planning reference to the Parish Council.

Councillors supported with approval an application by Mr. J.W. Boynton of Meadowfield, Furze Road, for the erection, as part of his smallholding, of horticultural glasshouses and polythene tunnelling. It was felt desirable to encourage such development in the area.

Accounts

Payment was approved of £28.00 to the Memorial Institute for the use of the premises for meetings on seven occasions.

Any Other Business

The Parish Clerk, Mr. Cyril Woodhouse, in reply to a question from the Chairman, said that there had been no reply from Holderness Borough about the results of the Village Plan questionnaire. At the Council's request the Clerk had written for information following the publication of comments on the questionnaire in 'The Holderness Gazette' on 3rd January. There was also no news from the Borough of a date for the public meeting over the Village Plan. Councillor Winter undertook to enquire about both matters at Skirlaugh.

Councillor Winter reported that the survey of Roos Beck had been completed and that a scheme of work was being formulated - some parts of the Beck would be potted. The Clerk reported, in answer to a question from the Chairman, that there had been no reply from Borough to the Parish Council's protest over the matter of maintaining open sections of the Beck: the Borough Council's view that responsibility for maintaining the Beck lay with the riparian owners had been challenged in a letter from the Clerk on the instruction of the Parish Council at their meeting of 9th December.

ROOS PARISH COUNCIL

Next Meeting

Monday 10th March at 7.30

Roos Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Some days after the Parish Council Meeting reported above, the Parish Clerk passed on two items of information to 'The Rooster'. First, the petition against the disposal of radioactive waste in Humberside had been signed by 87 people in Roos. Second, details had been received of a painting competition for children organised by the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign. The material has been passed to Mr. Keith Thorogood, head teacher of Roos School, though the competition is not confined to children of primary age. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Thorogood. Entry forms must be sent in by 30th March, though the closing date for the actual paintings is 23rd June.

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

First, many thanks to Pat Cheeseman and Margaret Payne for their successful comedy evening. It not only made a very handsome profit to start our money-raising 'season' but proved to be an extremely enjoyable social occasion. The two ladies organised everything so well that the Committee had nothing to do but bank the cheque. Thanks again, Pat and Margaret. You may repeat the performance any time!!!

Plans for the May Fair on Saturday, 3rd May are now taking shape. The Committee would welcome offers to run stalls, organise displays, give demonstrations, supply trade stalls, etc., etc. Please contact Christine Mitchell - 70771.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday 18th March, Roos House, 8.00 p.m.

C.M.

FUR OR BARESKIN?

On 29th January it was a delight to see the Memorial Institute crowded for the performance of "It's Not Fur, Darling" by the Headway Players. As noted in the Institute Report above, this occasion had been organised by Pat Cheeseman and Margaret Payne. The size of the audience was itself a tribute to their energetic advance sales promotion. The whole atmosphere of the evening was a delight - not only the play itself but the refreshments afterwards and the informal but wholehearted community singing at the close.

The play itself was a farce. From the very start the right note of disaster was struck by sheer accident - a fuse blew and plunged the building into darkness. From then on the players could do no wrong. Desperate crises were solved by frantic stratagems in hilarious confusion. Nubile ladies lost their clothing in competitive frenzy, items of underwear disappearing with regular precision out of the window, stage centre. And all done with such gusto and enjoyment that there was no hint of offence - never were sex and infidelity so innocently laid bare.

Even some weeks later an elderly lady commented: "Wasn't it nice to see the Institute full again as it used to be?" Pat and Margaret managed to tap the affection that people have for the old building and were able to show that, in spite of its defect, its role as a venue for lively social gatherings is far from over.

The two ladies have asked 'The Rooster' to pass on their thanks to all who helped to make the evening a success: those who sold tickets, those who provided mince pies and raffle prizes, those who helped with setting out and clearing chairs...and, of course, the washers-up.

After payment of a small fee to the Players to cover expenses, there was a profit (including a donation) of £92 to pass to the Institute Committee.

Roos & District Horticultural Society

SPRING SHOW

April 19th - Memorial Institute

ROOS YOUTH CLUB

The Club meets each Thursday evening in the Memorial Institute when between thirty and fifty members attend.

We have entered teams in the Holderness Area competitions in a number of events; five-a-side indoor football for girls; five-a-side football for senior boys; cross-country for both boys and girls; girls' netball; and the Lunn Trophy competition, which involves a quiz, darts, table tennis and snooker.

In both the football competitions our teams were eliminated in the first round. However, I was pleased to see them competing well against much older players.

The cross-country event was held on 23rd February and two of our members did very well. Jason Jumps came second overall and Heather Dodson was the second girl to finish and fourth overall - Heather did really well to pass the girl ahead of her on the final run-in.

We have booked a weekend in August at the Middlehead Outdoor Pursuits Centre near Pickering. There will be opportunities to have a go at climbing, canoeing, orienteering, rifle-shooting or an assault course. The total cost for the weekend, including all food and travel, will be £12.00. All the activities are supervised by the fully-trained staff at the Centre. Anyone aged between 10 and 21 who would like to go should ring us as soon as possible - 70808.

There will be **no club night** on 10th April. This is because of a sponsored games night beginning on Friday, 11th April at 7.00 p.m. and lasting twelve hours to 7.00 a.m. on the Saturday morning. Help would be appreciated from parents who can offer food and supervision during the night. Please support our efforts to raise money for new equipment by sponsoring our members taking part.

As for equipment, anyone with table-top pool or snooker games for sale please let me know.

The Club will be closed on Thursday, 6th March but open on Friday, 6th March instead. During the Easter holiday the Club will be closed for one evening only - 27th March. It will be open as usual on 4th April at 7.00 p.m.

Mike & Jean Jackson

Roos School Parent-Teacher Association

Friday, 14th March - 8.00 p.m.

LINEN PARTY

in the School

Admission 25p (including refreshments)

In aid of Association funds and new video

ROOS F.C.

Owing to the adverse weather, Roos 'A' have unfortunately managed to play only one match in the past month, on 9th February at home. The game was made possible by the efforts of Pete and John Dearing, Stu Blenkin and Phil Wright who for an hour before the kick-off cleared snow from the pitch to enable the referee to determine where the line markings were.

We were playing Portcullis F.C. whom we had previously beaten 7-0 in the away fixture and who are currently bottom of the league, having managed only one point for their season's efforts. We expected an easy match but this proved not to be the case.

On a pleasant and very sunny morning we should have had our sun-glasses to ward off snow-blindness as the entire pitch was covered in about three inches of soft snow, which made it extremely difficult for us to play our normal style of football. In fact, the conditions proved to be a great leveller as Roos managed to win the match only by the narrow margin of 6-5. Although we were never behind in the match, Portcullis certainly gave us a fright and I for one was very pleased to hear the final whistle.

Goal-scorers for Roos were: Mark Battye, 2; Nick Derbyshire, 2; Dave Cowell and Andy Bailey 1 each. It was suggested that Andy Bailey engineered the score as he had the 6-5 domino in the domino draw competition to win the £5 prize. Was there any truth in this?

In the competition for the club's leading goal-scorer, Nick Derbyshire with 14 goals is now only 3 behind Dave Hampton, with Andy Bailey coming up on the rails with 11 goals. Can Dave Cowell with 7 goals recapture his early season goal-scoring form and catch them all up? We shall see.

The H.S.F.L. Cup Secretary has written for details of the Club, squad list, etc., to enable him to have Cup Final programmes printed but the exact date of the match is not settled - possibly 11th or 18th May - as they must wait until Hull City have completed all their home fixtures. As soon as the date is known I shall publicise it.

Footnote. I was pleased by the alert response to last month's 'deliberate' mistake. The Gordon Banks save was, of course, made in the 1970 World Cup Final. It shows how knowledgeable about football the readers of this paper are.

R.D.

ROOS F.C. 'B'

After a poor start to the season, recent results have shown a marked improvement. Since we were narrowly beaten 3-2 in early December, by the undefeated League leaders, Preston, our performances have continued at a high standard. There have been only two other defeats and on both occasions Roos had the majority of the play but were unable to turn the advantage into goals.

The team has had good away wins over Saints 'B' 3-2, and Blackburn Welfare, 2-1. However, the greatest improvement has been in the last two home fixtures, which resulted in a 7-1 win over Four-in-Hand and an impressive 11-2 victory over Needlers. With six fixtures left this season, five wins could put the 'B' team into the top six and possible promotion.

The improvement has been mainly due to all-round team effort but the goal-keeping skills of John Dearing and the central defensive partnership of Rick Young and Mark Edmonds have contributed greatly. Leading scorers are: G. Smith 10; M. Barnes 9; R. Richardson 6; M. Blenkin 6.

Mike Green

Combined Benefice of Roos, Tunstall, Hilston and Garton

GRAND EASTER COFFEE EVENING & DRAW

10th April at Roos School - 7.30 Draw 8.00

Admission 30p (including refreshments) Children 10p

All welcome

ROOS ARMS R.L.F.C.

2nd February: Roos 4, Grange 20 (Tries: R. Symes)

In appalling conditions, Roos put up a creditable performance. Trevor Bailey, captain of the day, was particularly effective, combining excellent leadership with astute play. Also outstanding were stand-off David Hoe, winger Brian Lawson, and prop Ron Symes. Man of the match: R. Symes.

9th February: Roos 2, Orchared Park 10 (Goal: G. Marshall)

In snow-ridden conditions Roos played extremely well, leading for most of the match from a Graham Marshall penalty. Unfortunately, during a bad ten-minute spell, they conceded two tries and a conversion. Roos came back strongly towards the end but just couldn't break the well-drilled Orchard Park defence. Outstanding for Roos were Alan Hampton, Jimmy Towler, and David Hoe. Much credit must go to Trevor Uscroft and Lee Foster for their considerable efforts in marking out the pitch.

Matches on 16th and 23rd February were cancelled because of conditions.

During the past few weeks we have made considerable advances. The showers are now in use and work very effectively. New players have been signed and a new kit bought. There will be further improvements over the next few weeks.

Three new members were elected to the Committee: David Betts, Trevor Bailey and Olly Grasby, making a total of thirteen. The Committee meet every Monday in the Roos Arms to discuss detailed ways of developing the club and of helping other village organisations to prosper. They would like to thank all those who attended the Valentine's Disco and helped to make it an excellent evening for everyone.

The Rugby Club would like to congratulate Ron Derbyshire and his excellent football team on reaching the Cup Final. We shall be supporting the Roos team in the final and hope that they can bring the cup back to Roos.

D.W.

Roos Arms R.L.F.C.

DISCO : ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Friday, 28th March - Late Bar - Food

Juniors: 50p (7.00 to 10.00)

Adults: £1.00 (from 10.00)

VILLAGE APPRAISAL

Members of the Appraisal Group met on 17th February to discuss the progress of the questionnaire. It was noted that, in spite of all efforts, some copies of the questionnaire were still outstanding. At the time of writing it looks as though well over 40% of households in the village will have responded. This compares well with the figure of 36% for the official questionnaire circulated in Roos by the Borough Council.

The Group were pleased at this level of return, especially since it had been achieved in spite of a number of adverse circumstances. Both the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council had publicly disassociated themselves from the questionnaire by advertisements in 'The Holderness Gazette' and the attitude of members of both Councils had certainly affected some residents: some people had been happy to take questionnaires in the first instance but were unwilling to co-operate when the time came for their collection. Further, the publication of the results of the Borough's questionnaire in 'The Holderness Gazette' on 3rd January confused some residents - they thought it was too late to hand over their copies of the Appraisal questionnaire and

destroyed them; however, it is heartening to report that some were happy to take replacement copies and complete them.

In discussing methods of presenting the results of the questionnaire, the Group had to face a problem over anonymity. Every respondent had been assured that he/she would not be identified by name with any fact or opinion recorded in the published results. However, in a few cases, it is possible that the comments might in themselves suggest who the authors might be. For example, if a respondent's comment referred to individual experience, interests or knowledge, then it might be possible to make a shrewd guess as to his identity. For this reason, members of the Group decided to advertise this possibility in 'The Rooster' as follows:

If anyone who supplied comments and opinions in the Appraisal Questionnaire, and who feels they might lead to his/her being identified, wishes to avoid that possibility, he/she should contact Leslie Helliwell (70291) as soon as possible.

Members of the Group wish to thank all those who did express themselves so freely in comments, many of which are very positive and constructive. Such comments should be of great help to a number of local institutions and associations - for example, the Playing Field Committee, the Memorial Institute Committee, the Parish Council, and the Institute of Further Education.

Comments from over 200 copies of the questionnaire have already been typed up - covering over 40 sides of A4 paper. Although it is intended to publicise the issues discussed in 'The Rooster', it would be quite impossible to print the responses in full. Instead, a report containing statistical details as well as verbal comments will be made available in the village for inspection. If people want to have individual copies of the report, it may - in view of the expense of production - be necessary to make a charge.

The Appraisal Group did discuss the question of funding at their meeting of 17th February. The cost of producing copies of the questionnaire was met by Adult Education funds. Since then there has also been an offer of assistance from the Humberside Community Council. Members of the Group wish to record their gratitude for this support in a venture that, they believe, will be of great benefit to the community.

L.H.

Roos Playing Field Association SPONSORED FAMILY WALK

On Sunday, 6th April a seven-mile sponsored walk is planned for Association funds:

Roos Arms - Rimsell - Waxholme - Tunstall - Roos
Please join in. Sponsor forms available from the village shops and Post Office -or Gordon Green or Cyril Woodhouse.

2nd March: Spring Draw at The Roos Arms

17th March: Next Committee Meeting. 8.30

May/June: Barn Dance - date to be arranged

ROOS SCHOOL

Following letters in 'The Holderness Gazette' by the Rector and Mr. Noel Towe on the subject of Roos School, a letter from Mr. Towe was printed in the January issue of 'The Rooster'.

Since then, as all readers will be aware, the Rector has issued a detailed reply to Mr. Towe, running to four sides of typescript and a fifth sheet as summary/covering letter. This reply was apparently delivered from door to door throughout the village. It would have been too long to print in full in 'The Rooster' and that may be one of the reasons why the Rector decided not to reply in the newsletter. If the Rector had written to 'The Rooster', his letter would have been published.

Mr. Towe has been asked if he wished to write a further reply to the Rector for 'The Rooster' but he declined the opportunity. He appeared to feel that, since his own views had been well aired, there was little point in continuing the correspondence.

Ed.

Women's World Day of Prayer (Interdenominational)
ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, GARTON
Friday, 7th March at 7.30 p.m. - All welcome
Theme: CHOOSE LIFE! (Written by women of Australia)
Speaker: Sister Gwen Agar

ROOS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In spite of icy roads, the guest speaker in February had no difficulty navigating his way to Roos: true to the 'Search and Rescue' ideals of his service, Mr. Tony Ellis, District Officer of H.M. Coastguard, arrived on time to give an informative and interesting talk, which was followed by a film. Members were

made very aware that, without the diligence of the coastguards, there could be many more tragedies at sea.

The meeting was well attended and in spite of arctic conditions, thoughts turned to summer when Jean Jackson and Christine Mitchell agreed to be the Roos Institute's representatives in the Tennis Tournament being organised by the East Yorkshire Federation of W.I.s.

After renewed application to Trinity House, there is now the possibility of a visit by a dozen lucky members.

The competition - for a valentine card - attracted some very pretty and unusual entries. Mr. Ellis agreed to act as judge. He awarded first prize to Mary Maltas, who retains the trophy for a further month. Second prize went to Margaret Payne and third to Angela Dry.

C.F.

East Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes

CRIME PREVENTION - TREATMENT & CURE

Tuesday, 25th March - Bilton Village Hall

The police caravan with their Crime Prevention Display will be open from 6.00 p.m. with a Crime Prevention Officer in attendance.

7.30-9.30 p.m. Evening meeting open to the general public: talk, film, discussion on Crime Prevention and Law and Order. An 'Any Questions' panel will include: B. Norden Esq., J.P., and B.W. Broadwell Esq., Deputy Headmaster of South Holderness School.

Further information and tickets (50p including light refreshments) from: Mrs. Irene Helliwell, Lamb Lane, Roos (70291).

MORE MEMORIES OF OLD ROOS

In the January issue we printed a long letter from a former resident of Roos now living in Salford - Mrs. Sarah Littler (nee Thompson), aunt of Ron Wingham, Main Street. In response to a reply she has again written at length and has commented on a number of old photographs supplied by Mr. Robert (Bob) Smales of Owstwick Hall.



This photograph shows a scene at the Roos Horse and Foal Show of about 1910. The two men in bowler hats standing together at the centre of the group Mr. Smales identifies as (somebody) Kirby and George Johnson. To the right of them, with papers in his hand and wearing a straw boater, is Mr. Lewis, schoolmaster in Roos at the time. Mrs. Littler well remembers him: "He was a very strict man and used a very thin cane to correct any bad behaviour such as talking in class. He married a lady called Bertha Atkinson, whose family lived opposite the school-house."

"Mrs. Lewis taught in the Sunday School. I well remember there was a round stove in the centre and a long chimney going through the roof. The girls sat on one side of the room and the boys on the other."

Mrs. Littler's letter includes many other memories. For example, she remembers an Italian at North End who made ice cream and sold it from his gaily-painted cart - cornets at a halfpenny, sandwiches at a penny (old coinage!) "He parked his two-wheeled cart in the centre of the village and soon sold out." There was also a dancing bear that a showman brought into the school playground on his way to a seaside show in Withernsea. "Another attraction destined for Withernsea was the pigmies. We gazed in wonder at them as they came through the village in an open cart!"

Mr. Smales says that the following photograph shows the street procession to celebrate the coronation of George V who succeeded to the throne in 1910. He thinks that the two men in the leading carriage are William Maltas and Sidney Medforth.



This scene set Mrs. Littler remembering the two-day celebration of Church Dedication. "At morning service the Bishop attended. In the afternoon and evening there were stalls on the vicarage garden and teas were served in a wooden hall in the garden. We also did country dancing on the lawn. The next day all the children were taken to Withernsea by the farmers. They sat in wagons into which long seats had been put. We spent the day at the seaside and on our return we were given a free tea and looked after by the ladies from the church. These carts were similar to the ones shown in the procession (i.e. in the photograph). I was probably away from home by that time as I have no recollection of that event."

Does anyone else in Roos remember George V's coronation day?

I am most grateful to Mrs. Littler for the trouble she has taken to write so fully. It is a pity her comments have had to be shortened in this feature. She is not the only far-flung ex-native to have been moved to write by seeing 'The Rooster'. From distant Wiltshire a photograph has come of the Mr. Eldred who was the first caretaker of the Memorial Institute; it was provided by his youngest son. It is not, unfortunately, a very clear print and may not be suitable for reproduction.

The Memorial Institute may provide a topic for a feature in 'The Rooster' in the future. There have been many controversial comments about the Institute in response to the questionnaire. Opinions about the future of the building differ widely. Some think its structure is too limited to allow of modernisation and would prefer its functions to be taken on by a new community centre as part of a playing-field complex. Others remember with nostalgia and fierce loyalty the part that the Institute has played in the life of the village in the past. Please contact me (70291) if you have photographs or old news items about the Institute - or if you wish to pass on comments on how it has changed since it was first built.

Finally, I acknowledge with gratitude the provision of other material that I have not yet been able to include in 'The Rooster'. Mrs. Julia Green of Linden Lea, Lamb Lane, provided photocopies of the pages about Roos in Bulmer's "History and Directory of East Yorkshire, 1892". Mr. Jim Parker, now living in Eastfield but until recently at South End, has provided a copy of the "Hull and Yorkshire Times" dated 27th April, 1957: it contains a very thorough feature about Roos and its inhabitants at that time. It is hoped to make use of these resources at some future date.

L.H.

COMING EVENTS

March

- 2 Playing Field Committee. Spring Draw. Roos Arms.
- 5 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Speaker: Mr. R. Bray - "All About Fish".
- 7 Women's World Day of Prayer. St. Michael's, Garton. 7.30.
- 10 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 14 Roos Parent-Teacher Association. Linen Party. Roos School. 8.00.
- 17 Playing Field Committee Meeting. Roos Arms. 8.30.
- 18 Memorial Institute Committee Meeting. Roos House. 8.00.
- 25 East Yorkshire W.I. Open Meeting on "Crime Prevention". Bilton Village Hall. 7.30.
- 28 Roos Arms R.L.F.C. Disco. Memorial Institute. 7.00 and 10.00.

April

- 2 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.15. Speaker: Mrs. Taylor - "Ladies' 19th Century Costume".
- 6 Playing Field Committee. Sponsored Family Walk.
- 10 Combined Benefice Coffee Evening & Draw. Roos School. 7.30.
- 11 Youth Club. Sponsored Games Night, starting at 7.00. Memorial Institute.
- 19 Roos & District Horticultural Society. Spring Show. Memorial Institute.

May

- 3 May Fair in aid of Memorial Institute funds.

COPY DEADLINE
Monday, 17th March

News items, articles and letters most welcome - but be on time!