



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting of 14th March. Councillor J.C. Priest was absent owing to family illness. All other members were present.

#### Minutes

The February Minutes were approved.

Damaged dyke and culvert. The Chairman reported that Mr Chilton, Borough Engineer, had been informed of damage to the dyke alongside the footpath to North End. Mr Chilton had inspected the dyke and culvert and had referred the matter to the County Highways Department since the footpath was at risk and had become dangerous.

Public footpath. The Highways Department had investigated the allegation that a public footpath might have been obstructed and reported that there was no obstruction. A new and more prominent sign had been erected to indicate access to the footpath.

#### Correspondence

The Roos Arms. The Council had been informed that the new licensee was to be Mrs Nesta Wright.

Dent's Garth. Mr B. Nettleton had made enquiries about the road fronting the Dent's Garth properties. Both the Rector and the Diocese of York agreed that the road did not belong to the church.

Mr Nettleton now asked the Parish Council if the church actually owned the land on which Keyingham Construction had placed their portacabin and made a car park.

The Parish Council were unable to help Mr Nettleton since they were not, as he had believed, "keepers of the Parish records" as far as title to property was concerned. However, memories were aired as to previous use of the land. It had been used by the church itself when there had been a Sunday School there, by the army during the war, and by the old Holderness Rural District Council as a parking place for one of their vehicles.

The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Nettleton for his information but regret that the Parish Council could not answer his query.

Pinfold Lane. Mr H. Cutler had written about the condition of the road. He said that rubbish prevented

effective grass-cutting and that the Parish Council should include Pinfold Lane when urging the need for road repairs. The Clerk was asked to assure Mr Cutler that Pinfold Lane was not being overlooked.

Holderness Award Scheme, 1987-8. The Director of Development once again urged the Parish Council to encourage local entries.

#### Planning

Applications granted by Borough Council :

1 Holderness Cottages, Owtwick: kitchen extension, East View, Main Street : amended details to a plan already approved.

The Black Horse : retention of illuminated sign.

Parkfield, Seaside Road, Tunstall : erection of a tractor and boat shed.

Dent's Garth : retention of new extensions (Keyingham Construction Company).

New applications supported by the Parish Council :

Heathcote, Main Street : residential caravan on site pending renovation of dwelling.

The Elms (Mrs Smith) : erection of a dwelling within the walled garden + access; the dwelling to replace an existing cottage (outside the garden), which was to be demolished.

#### Accounts

Approval of payment of insurance premium : £21.96.

#### Outstanding Items

Councillor Helliwell had prepared a list of such items (with lengthy supporting notes) based on reports in "The Rooster" since 1985.

It was objected that reports in "The Rooster" were an unacceptable basis for such a list ; the official Minutes of the Parish Council were the only appropriate record.

The Chairman and some other councillors felt that the list was inaccurate and misleading. Many items listed had already been dealt with. Others were not so much outstanding as ongoing - for example, the Parish Council would always keep reverting to such matters as road repairs.

However, it was agreed to read the notes and discuss the list again at the next meeting.

#### Any Other Business

Damage by Horses. Councillor Quarmby said that some footpaths (e.g. Dove Lane) were being ruined by being used as bridle paths. There should be notices prohibiting horses from using them. It was noted that grass verges were suffering for the same reason. It was agreed that a letter about the matter should be sent to the Highways Department.

#### Public Session

Verges on narrow roads. It was observed that on narrow roads motorists often had no option but to drive on to verges in order to pass other vehicles - and sometimes to avoid a collision.

The Road at Dent's Garth. A resident asked, if the church did not own the road, who did own it. There was some discussion of unadopted roads, including South End Road south of its junction with Dove Lane. Councillor Cook observed that the deeds of properties along a particular unadopted road would make clear who had title to the land on which the road ran.

#### Roos Parish Council

Monday 11th April 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public cordially invited to attend

#### Playing Field

Details are now available of the fund-raising events referred to last month.

The aim is to raise £12,000 by the end of June. This is a daunting target but a figure of this order will be necessary if the Committee are to present a realistic case in applying for grants from various funding bodies. The total cost of the scheme is estimated as £40,000. The importance of being able to put forward persuasive grant applications is obvious!

To publicise the need and the fund-raising, a display board is to be placed (with the new owner's permission) on the front of the premises at Heathcote, Main Street. It will show the target and an artist's impression of the new pavilion.

There has been great benefit to the village already from the mere existence of the playing field. The thriving rugby and soccer teams could not have succeeded without it. A pavilion will vastly extend the scope of the field and provide amenities both for outdoor sports, such as cricket, and for indoor activities too. It will domesticate an open and wind-swept area, providing shelter and a social focus.

#### Grand Draw

3rd April. The Black Horse. 8.30.

#### Clay Pigeon Shoot

Easter Monday. Contact Dudley Hume, Eastfield House.

#### Sponsored Walk

24th April. Black Horse Car Park. 9.30.

Under-16 trophies for ;

Most Sponsor Money - Most Sponsors.

#### Pig Roast & Barn Dance

13th May. Elms Farm. 8.00 - 1.00. Licensed Bar.

#### Lunch-time Barbecue

12th June. Roseneath, South End. 12.00 - 3.00

The Playing Field Committee hope that all Roos people will support their efforts for the village - and enjoy themselves in the process. Have fun!

#### The Rooster

Further donations are gratefully acknowledged ;

Mr D.B.Beal, Mr H.Cutler, Mr W.B.Evison, Mr M.E.Fisher, Mr W.Foston, Mr R.Green, Mr C.C.Hewson-Smith, Mr D.W.Hulme, Mr A.A.Hunt, Mrs S.Keatings, Mrs C.Metcalf, Mr C.E.Ogram, Mrs A.Robinson, Mr R.R.Smales, Mrs J.Winter.

Just over £183.00 has now been donated, enough to keep "The Rooster" in being as a four-page newsletter until next December, which it will be convenient to regard as the end of the "donation year". By then, thirteen issues will have been paid for by donations.

This is most gratifying. But I hope no one who intended to contribute will now decide not to. Further donations will be very welcome. A margin of funds would permit an extra page or two to be added when needed - there is a page 5 this month. I am more conscious than anyone that the text is often cramped and difficult to read. The elbow room of an extra page will normally permit better spacing and larger type - easier on everybody's eyes.

On that subject, apologies for the faintness of print in last month's issue. A new printer ribbon should cure that problem, at least for the time being.

L.H.

#### Rooster Deadline

Material for May (including advertisements) to Leslie Helliwell, Lamb Lane (670291) by

Monday 25th April

## Rugby Club

Feb. 28 Brickmakers 6, Roos 26.  
Tries : Bailey, Carter, Beedham 3.  
Goals : Bailey 3.  
Man of the Match : Kevin Agius.

Mar. 13 Roos 14, Sullys 18.  
Tries : Carter, Johnson.  
Goals : Bibby 3.  
Man of the Match : Paul Richardson.

Mar. 20 Roos 0, Beverley 16.  
Man of the Match : Alan Carter.

The last three matches have produced much good football on very difficult surfaces.

In the game against Brickmakers five well-taken tries by an excellent Roos attack told the story of a comprehensive performance. The two home games against Sullys and Beverley turned out to be mud-baths. Roos tried their hardest and could easily have won both games.

So far this season the home players to take the eye are Paul Richardson, Alan Carter, Kevin Agius and Steve Karsera.

David Winter.

United Benefice of Roos, Tunstall, Hilston & Garton.

### Spring Coffee Evening

Roos C.E. Primary School, 28th April, 7.30.

Tombola, Raffle, Cake Stall, etc.

Admission (incl. refreshments) 30p. Children 10p.

Proceeds for the churches in the four parishes.

## The Dent's Garth Saga

Holderness Borough Council have allowed Keyingham Construction to retain extensions built without prior planning consent. The fight over the extensions has been lost - at least for the time being.

Now some of the Dent's Garth residents have another problem. Water is seeping into the two old cottages there, possibly because of the higher road level, which has been raised by gravel laid by Keyingham Construction. Ironically, an improvement - one that residents would otherwise have welcomed - may be the reason why their properties are suffering.

Sympathy apart, this would be a private matter but for the question put to the Parish Council by Mr Nettleton. Since the church denied responsibility for the road, he asked if the church actually owned the land - i.e. the narrow strip on which Keyingham Construction erected their portacabin and for which they pay rent to the church.

Of course, it is inconceivable that the Parochial Church Council would knowingly charge rent for land

they did not own. And the fact that a Sunday School formerly stood on the site supports the assumption that the land does belong to the church. This argument is advanced in support of the church's claim in a letter to Mr Nettleton from the Secretary to the Property and Trust Committee of the Diocese of York.

### Landowners and Landscape

According to Mr Wilbraham's history of Roos, however, title to the Dent's Garth land has had a complex history. Mr Wilbraham's account is, of course, a narrative and not a legal document but it does reveal how land ownership shapes our environment - and where we walk. For example, until about a hundred years ago the path from Dent's Garth to the church ran between two former plots, closer to the beck and well west of the present footpath. If it existed today it would run through the plantation established by Colonel Reckitt, now an attractive local feature.

### Dent's Garth since the Enclosures

At the time of the enclosures, the Roos Parish Award in 1784 gave three plots, including what we now know as Dent's Garth, to Cornwall Baron Wilson. Mr Wilson soon sold the land to a John Hutchinson and by 1837 it was owned by Christopher Sykes, Rector of Roos from 1819. He was succeeded as Rector in 1841 by his son-in-law, Rev. Charles Hotham. And it was Mrs Hotham who built the school - on what was, for her, family land. It must be possible to establish whether she gave the building to the church - and, if so, whether she also donated the land on which it stood.

Via the wife of yet another Rector, Canon Machell, buildings and land at Dent's Garth passed to the Dickinsons at The Elms. Before the Second World War The Elms and other properties - including Dent's Garth - were bought by Colonel Reckitt. It was he who sold the Dent's Garth cottages to the then tenants. At this time the school building was still standing.

### School on Sundays

A photograph in "The Rooster" (December 1985) shows the school at Dent's Garth. Although teaching took place on Sundays, it was not a "Sunday School" in the usual sense. Its purpose was to provide one-day-a-week elementary education for girls - boys were already catered for in the school at the corner of Pilmar Lane. An extension to the latter enabled girls to be taught there too and for a time the Dent's Garth building lost its educational function.

### Other Uses

A later Rector, Rev. Edward Milsom, saw that the church could make use of the building and it was restored in 1891. Later still, it was used for secular activities - for example, by the Women's Institute and by what we should now call a boys' youth club. During the 1st World War an army band met there. During the 2nd World War it was again used by the army, whose guns in the nearby plantation shook



tiles from the roof. Eventually, no doubt already decrepit, it was badly damaged when an army vehicle ran into one corner. It had to be demolished and the church was compensated. At one time Holderness Rural District Council used the site as a parking place for one of their vehicles. (Did they pay a rent?)

So the original function of the school - to provide elementary education for girls - was superseded after a relatively short time, though the building survived for about a hundred years, during which it served various community purposes.

#### The Land

The fact that the school was provided by the Rector's wife and was always called a "Sunday School" - though originally not in the modern sense - supports the common assumption that the land on which it stood belongs to the church. However, if Mrs Hotham in the 1840s did not give the land as well as the building, and if no subsequent owner passed the land to the church, it may still belong to one of them - to Colonel Reckitt, for example. If so, he might well have sold it to his tenants along with the cottages if, at the time, the school had not still been there.

#### What's in a Name?

One thing is clear : the land was never owned by anyone called Dent. According to Mr Wilbraham, Dent was a tenant in the early 19th Century. He rented land since referred to as "his" for over 150 years.

Streets were also named after people who happened to live there : e.g. Dove Lane from Peter Dove - though earlier it was Barker Lane. Lamb Lane had a similar origin but was previously Franky Lane after a Frances Clappison. Hodgson Lane, sometimes called Ellarby Lane, was at one time Post Office Lane because the Post Office stood at the Main Street end across from the Black Horse. It could have been Cheeseman Lane - the Cheesemans at one time had the Post Office and for some people the site is still Cheeseman's Corner.

It turns out that Lamb Lane had nothing to do with sheep. Dove Lane had no doves, only "stoggies". The only dents in Dent's Garth (never owned by Dent) are potholes. The school that opened on Sundays was called, not surprisingly, a Sunday school; it outlived its purpose and has also long since gone, leaving not a name but a memory - of a woman's public spirit and the church association.

On the same plot we now have a portacabin. Does it stand on church land? Almost certainly. It would be hard to believe otherwise. But if we called the plot Portacabin Place, the "Sunday School" parallel might imply that the land belonged to the Keyingham Construction Company.

And who does own the road itself? When a road is to be adopted, landowners on each side each have to pay for surfacing up to the middle before Highways will take it over. So, does the Dent's Garth road "belong"

to the landowners on each side? That's where we came in. If you don't own the road, do you own the land?

## Coming Events

### March

27 Roos F.C. 'A' v Kelvin O.B. Home.

### April

- 3 Roos F.C. 'A' v Swift Caravans, Away.  
Playing Field Prize Draw, Black Horse, 8.30.
- 4 Easter Monday Clay Pigeon Shoot.
- 6 Roos W.I. Mem. Inst. 7.15. Gardeners' Question Time.
- 10 Roos F.C. 'A' v North Bank Police, Away.
- 11 Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
- 17 Roos F.C. Cup Final v Beverley Borough, Boothferry Park.
- 20 Roos F.C. 'A' v Swift Caravans, Home, Wed.
- 24 Methodist Family Service, Eastfield Centre, 10.30.  
Roos F.C. 'A' v Saints, Away.  
Playing Field Sponsored Walk, Black Horse, 9.30.
- 28 Coffee Evening for Church Funds, Roos School, 7.30.

### May

- 1 Roos F.C. 'A' v North Bank Police, Home.
- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute, 7.15. Musical Boxes.
- 13 Pig Roast & Barn Dance, Elms Farm, From 8.00.

### June

- 12 Lunch-time Barbecue, 12.00 - 3.00, Roseneath, South End.

### July

- 23 Roos Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.

## A Bit More History

Mr Wilbraham's "History of Roos" tells of several local features mentioned in recent newsletters.

### The School Clock (and Bell)

There were celebrations in Roos for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897. There was a tea for everybody in the Northfield Farm barn, followed by sports, dancing and a bonfire. A clock and a bell were bought from public subscriptions and placed in the west wall of the school.

### Village Seats

At the Coronation of George V, after a church service a procession round the village was led by Mr Maltas in an open carriage bearing the Royal Standard. The procession included : ten wagons carrying children; two representatives of the Rifle Club with shouldered guns; members of the Free Gardeners; and at the rear the Rector's brougham, driven by his groom, Jack Eldred, and occupied by the youngest child, Frank Hinch, and the oldest resident, Mrs Cockerline (aged 90). A bonfire was lit at night. With the surplus money, a few seats were bought and handed to the council for maintenance.

At Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, 1953, "two handsome oaken seats with the royal initials" were bought.

### The Memorial Gates

"The Peace Celebrations at the end of the Great War in 1919 were on a large scale.... The memorial took

the form of iron railings and gates in front of the Institute. Brass tablets with the names of those who did not return and also ... of those who did were attached to pillars at the sides of the gates. The dedication took place on Dedication Day 1922 when among those present were Rev.E.Milson, late Rector, Rev.C.L.Owtram, Rector, the Rural Dean and two Nonconformist Ministers. Major Carver unveiled the Memorial."

### Roos in Cup Final Again!

On 13th March, Roos A's Piper Cup semi-final against College Wanderers at last took place. The venue - Oak Road, Hull - was arranged only the previous evening as Ideal Standard's ground was again unfit. The game had to go ahead whatever the conditions as the final at Boothferry Park had been fixed for April 17th, leaving little time to print programmes. So it was with some desperation that Oak Road was chosen.

At other times this pitch too would have been deemed unplayable. In places ankle deep in mud, it was obviously going to cut up very badly.

Such pitches are great levellers, nullifying the skilful players, and College Wanderers had a much greater share of the game than they would otherwise have had. So they put Roos under some pressure for long spells. However, the Roos back four of Chris Hodgson, Andy Bailey, George Bilton and Stu Blenkin dealt capably with every attack so that Pete Dearing had to make only two real saves : the first a brave dive at the centre forward's feet after a long ball had beaten the back four and the second a full-stretch save at the foot of his near post from an excellently-taken free kick.

The best chance of the match fell to Roos when, after a spell of pressure from College, Roos broke quickly from defence. Dave Hampton collected the ball in mid-field and delivered a very astute pass to Mick Clarkson out on the right just inside the College half. Mick set off on one of his speedy runs, leaving two defenders in his wake, and pulled back a superb cross from the by-line straight to the feet of the on-rushing Sean Royce. Unfortunately Sean did the difficult thing and hit his shot over the bar when to score would have been easier.

Nevertheless, he had an excellent match, as did the whole side. As clogging mud sapped everyone, the Roos players' superior fitness proved crucial. The game was much better than the spectators could have expected, both sides striving for the elusive first goal that everyone thought would clinch the match. But the final whistle blew at a goal-less stalemate.

After ten minutes of extra time, Roos suddenly burst into life. Sean Royce raced past the weary College defence to latch on to an Andy Bailey through ball. Drawing the goalkeeper out, he squared the ball across for unmarked Mick Clarkson to slot into the net. Roos now found an extra gear and attacked

continually but could not add to their lead.

The second period started with Roos dominant and it was no surprise when Crabsy Cowell scored the second goal. College failed to clear a corner and in the resultant goal-mouth melée the ball fell at the feet of Crabsy, who made no mistake ; 2 - 0.

College, who had competed gamely for the whole match, were now a spent force. Up popped Crabsy again to score the third goal, rounding the keeper after a solo run through the mud to shoot into an empty net.

The result was no longer in doubt. However, College picked themselves up to score a goal that their efforts deserved.

Stung by this momentary reverse, Roos stormed back to restore their three-goal advantage. Finding hidden reserves of strength, Dave Hampton produced a typical surging run into the penalty box where he was dumped unceremoniously on his backside by a defender. Penalty! Dave insisted on taking the kick himself and expertly placed it past the diving keeper's left hand. Final score : 4 - 1.

This was a magnificent performance by the whole side. Throughout the season they have played with character and spirit and deserve the reward of appearing in another Cup Final at Boothferry Park.

The final will be on Sunday April 17th, kick-off 3.0 p.m., against Beverley Borough, currently top of Division 6.

There will be a coach for players, wives and families and we expect some spare seats. Anyone who wishes to join us, please contact me or any player. Programmes will be available shortly. The more we sell, the better for us. So come on, Roos people. We again rely on your support to make this a memorable day.

### Game v Schultz Old Boys.

On 6th March, at home, we played a much-strengthened Schultz O.B., a tougher nut to crack than when we beat them 8 - 0 in the Cup. At last Sean Royce scored twice : once after the goalkeeper parried an Andy Bailey penalty and again 15 minutes later with an excellent 25-yard shot. Score : 2 - 0 to Roos.

Schultz's standard was first-class at times. The performance was no fluke : they later did us a big favour, beating our close rivals, North Bank Police.

Roos still top the league but the next four matches will be crucial. We play all our close league rivals in the next three weeks, followed by the Cup Final on the fourth week. (See "Coming Events").

The leading-goalscorer race is still very keen. In the top six, Crabsy has just nosed in front :

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|---------------|----|-----------------|---|
| Dave Cowell   | 13 | Nick Derbyshire | 9 |
| Sean Royce    | 11 | Dave Hampton    | 8 |
| Mick Clarkson | 11 | Geoff Newton    | 6 |

R.Derbyshire.