



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Who can afford to live in Roos?

*"The steeply-rising cost of housing has brought into sharp focus the difficulties of the lower-paid in obtaining housing in rural settlements, in which development has gone increasingly 'up-market'."*

With these words Mr R. Taylor, Director of Development, opened a letter to all parish councils in Holderness inviting comments on his letter and also on a report to the Borough Council discussed at a meeting in October. A summary of both is given below.

#### Dormitory Villages

The 1960s and early 1970s saw a building boom in Holderness. Homes "at the middle point of the market" were acquired by commuters from Hull. At the time they were mainly first-time buyers and not especially well off: village properties were cheaper than those in the city.

Since then, rural housing has become much dearer and some claim that "local" people are no longer able to buy or rent houses in their native villages. Mr Taylor observes that "local" may refer to two different groups: persons whose families have lived in an area for generations and also, by now, persons who grew up in places such as Keyingham, Thorngumbald, and Burstwick and who hope for a home in the only community they know. Both groups see themselves as local and they face the same problems.

#### Government Solution

In February, when still Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Nicholas Ridley proposed a solution: where there was an urgent need for low-cost housing, building could be allowed "on land where permission would not normally be given." (In Roos, that could mean land outside the "village limit", in the fields beyond it.) It would be necessary to ensure that such "small" groups of cheap housing stayed cheap - for later occupants as well as the first. Mr

Taylor said that this would require local trusts to be set up.

Both the County and District Councils are considering how to react to the government proposals. No Humberside planning authority has yet agreed a scheme, even in Beverley, where costs have increased most. Currently, house prices seem to have peaked.

#### Policies and Options

Thousands of rural council houses have been sold off and lost as rentable homes, while private builders have not carried out their promise to fill the gap. Having encouraged the sale of local authority houses built at public expense, the Government now want local authorities to "make new policies based on private cases of need."

Councils may facilitate cheaper housing by allowing higher housing density in new developments. Alternatively, to improve the environment, they may insist on more open spaces and amenity areas - and so reduce densities, push up the cost of houses, and use up land more quickly.

In the past, the Borough Council built council houses on sites already allocated for housing. They claimed no right to use land denied to private developers. There were no privileges. However, Government now favours "a particular private developer" - i.e. anyone willing to build cheap housing on land made specially available. This will send "wrong signals to the industry so far as development in Holderness is concerned."

#### Local Opinion Important

At their October meeting, the Borough Council agreed that the need for low-cost housing must be assessed by local people and NOT by developers - hence the letter to parish councils. Machinery is available to carry out objective surveys of local need if parish councils want them.

## The View from Roos

Mr Taylor's documents were discussed by the Parish Council in November. (See below.) Councillors are elected by local people but cannot confidently represent Roos opinions unless they know what those opinions are.

How many residents want to see more low-cost housing in Roos, especially for first-time buyers - even if it means using land

on the fringes of the village? How many know, perhaps from family experience, of young people forced to make a home elsewhere because they could not afford a house in Roos? Were any hopes of marriage postponed or even abandoned as a result?

The Parish Council is likely to be consulted again. If you want your views to be known, contact your nearest councillor - or write to "The Rooster".

## Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting of 13th November. Also present were Councillors Bowden, Cheeseman, Clark, Grant, Helliwell, and Priest. Apologies had been received from Councillors Cook and Quarmby and also from County Councillor J. Wastling.

### Minutes

The Minutes were approved. The water leak at Hilston had been repaired. It was noted that shrubs had been planted to mask the Gas Board's reduction unit at Pilmar Lane. There had been no reply about a bus shelter at North End.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council request for support in obtaining a speed limit would be considered by the Road Safety Committee at Skirlaugh in December.

Mr Forster, Area Surveyor, had repeated that refurbishment of the main road in 1990 would depend on satisfactory completion of work by the Gas Board and on finance being made available. He had earmarked Lamb Lane and Hodgson Lane for inclusion in future programmes - again, subject to funding.

### Correspondence

#### Memorial Institute

An application to renew the entertainment licence was noted and supported.

#### Affordable Housing in Rural Areas

Documents from the Director of Development outlined a government proposal intended to improve the supply of cheaper housing in rural areas, especially for first-time buyers. The government considered that some restrictions might be waived to make land available outside current planning limits. Parish councils were asked to comment on the proposal and on more detailed aspects raised by the Borough Council.

The Chairman thought there was no proven need for special housing for first-time buyers in Roos and therefore no need tamper with controls such as the Roos Village Plan and the Humberside Structure Plan.

Councillor Helliwell disagreed. He thought there was a need. Few young people who had grown up in Roos had bought their first house here. Some would have moved from the village for other reasons - but not all. Most of the housing (especially the new housing) had been far too expensive. Buyers were usually fairly well off and had already owned at least one house elsewhere. However, the fact that it was possible to disagree about the need showed that an objective survey was needed - as had been suggested by the Director of Development. If a need were established, it would still be important to safeguard planning controls and not abandon them as the Government seemed willing to do.

Councillor Cheeseman said that the village had already "used up" the number of houses envisaged in the Village Plan as sufficient for the ten years up to 1996. Councillor Helliwell agreed but pointed out that there was still land available within the defined village limit: there was no need to go beyond the village limit to provide housing for first-time buyers. The Government had suggested earmarking housing for them. That could be done on the remaining housing land within the village limit. It would be silly to use that land for expensive dwellings and then have to spill "cheap" housing into open country beyond the present limit.

Councillor Grant agreed that there was probably a need for smaller and cheaper houses, that an official survey was needed to establish the truth of the situation, and that meanwhile the criteria of the Roos Village Plan and the county's Structure Plan should be defended. On a vote, the Parish Council agreed to reply in these terms to the Director of Development.

### Planning

The Borough Council had given planning consent in respect of The Roos Arms (rear extension) and Kenby Farm, Owstwick (nissen

hut retention). Consent was granted to retain Keyingham Construction's portacabin at Dent's Garth as a builder's lobby on condition that it was removed within one year or on completion of building there, whichever was earlier.

Bungalow, rear of The Bungalow, Lamb Lane. The applicant was to appeal against refusal of planning consent.

The Parish Council discussed the following new applications.

West of Mill Bungalow and Millfield Bungalow, Rectory Road (Mr C.H. Burn).

A dwelling for a workman employed at the blacksmith's shop. Not supported: the site was outside the village limit, shared access to three dwellings there might lead to problems, and the building proposed would constitute backland development.

Cote Farm (W.N. & A.C. Maltas). Replacement of a grain store with two dwellings. The application was supported - with some misgivings (e.g. about access hazards).

### Accounts

Payment to Messrs Robson Rhodes of the fee (£23.72) for auditing the parish accounts for 1988 - 9 was approved.

### Any Other Business

Village Signs. On Councillor Clark's suggestion, boundary signs were to be requested for Hilston and Owstwick.

Overflow from Sewage Works. The blockage had been remedied within two hours of the Chairman's notifying it. It had also been reported by Councillor Grant.

The Clerk was to request action on:

Entrance to Roos Arms yard. A surface bump was a hazard to pedestrians using the path.  
North End. Footpath repair needed near the new bungalows.

Hilston Road. Dumped topsoil had spread on to the road.

Rectory Road. Spoil from trenching work had spread to the road opposite North Farm.

### PUBLIC SESSION

There was a complaint that the pavement was uneven near the "village green".

### Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th December : 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

### 1987 Revisited

The autumn of 1987 was a difficult time for "The Rooster". Until then, copies had been professionally printed but their supply had become spasmodic and often late. September and October missed out altogether and it was hoped to produce an "omnibus" November issue to cover three months' news. The material was all typed up but was never printed. Because of these problems, the December newsletter was the first to appear in photocopied form.

Some residents keep back numbers of "The Rooster" as a record of village life. They may be interested to know that I now have copies of the November 1987 material - the issue that never was. It has been slightly abridged and its out-of-date advertisements have been removed. Copies are available on request at 12p each. (It would be wrong to supply the whole village out of funds donated for current issues.)

L.H.

### Grateful Acknowledgement

Mrs Kath Nemecek and family wish to thank Ben and Joyce Pawson, Beatrice Quinn, and the many other friends and neighbours - too numerous to mention individually - who gave sympathetic and practical support both before and after their recent bereavement.

### Women's Institute

Ring out the old, ring in the new - not an early start to the New Year but a report of our November AGM, at which we recalled events of the past year and had a foresight of events planned for 1990, when the WI will be 75 years old.

Mrs C. Farrington and Mrs N. Hornby reported from meetings of the Group and Federation Councils and discussed with members the many interesting topics that had arisen.

Mrs P. Alexander, whose vigilance keeps us solvent, presented her beautifully-prepared financial statement. Mrs Jennifer Grant was thanked for a delightful Coffee Morning that boosted funds by £50.50. Mrs Alexander was given a warm ovation for all her hard work, as was Mrs M. Godfrey, our conscientious Secretary, when she gave her report.

After five years as President, Mrs N. Hornby chose not to stand again. Mrs M. Winter was elected as new President. The post is not unfamiliar to her and, with her guidance

and Mrs I.Helliwell's programme, we look forward to a good year.

In her presidential address, Mrs Hornby gave thanks to all, not least Mrs J.Bowden for the excellent "menu" of speakers and demonstrators in 1989. Mrs Hornby felt some regret at not remaining as President in the celebration year but was looking forward to sitting at the other side of the table.

After a glass of sherry (and a cuppa, of course) we had a social hour, with puzzles, an entertaining ending to the business.

At our December 6th meeting we shall be entertained by the "Annisongsters". Guests are to be invited and members are asked to provide sweet or savoury foods to make this a festive occasion. They are also asked to bring either a competition entry (Christmas cracker) or a parcel. These will be sent to give cheer to residents at Tilworth Grange Hospital, in affectionate memory of Mary Maltas, to whom this charity was very dear.

As there will be no meeting in January, final arrangements for February's birthday dinner will be made in December.

C.F.

### Christmas Auction

in aid of Playing Field funds.

Saturday 9th December

8.0 p.m. at The Roos Arms

by kind permission of Keith and Nesta Wright,

ALL WELCOME.

### Roos Playgroup

The Playgroup Committee wish to thank most sincerely all who supported our Christmas Craft Fayre. It was an extremely enjoyable and profitable day.

Special thanks go to all the stall-holders, who not only gave up their Saturday but provided such a variety of crafts and beautiful gifts, many of which take months to prepare. People's generosity and kindness made all the preparation and hard work worth while.

By the end of the afternoon we had made over £270. This substantial amount will enable us to buy some of the tables and chairs we so badly need. Once more, many thanks to all and our best wishes for the festive season.

Liz Earle, Secretary.

### Football : ROOS F.C.

5th Nov : Roos 'A' 0, St Peter's 1

After the previous week's win over Fish Trades, a Premier League team, Roos came down to earth with a bump. Previously pointless, St Peter's nevertheless showed some quality play, indicating the strength in depth in Division 1. They thoroughly tested a still somewhat disjointed Roos side.

Roos created the two best chances in the game but failed to score from them. Dave Hampton in the first half and Dave Cowell in the second found themselves inside the six-yard box with only the goalkeeper to beat. Each finished weakly, not even making the very competent St Peter's keeper extend himself. Normally, both players reliably accept such chances. Late in the second half, a St Peter's forward showed how it should be done with a crisply-taken winning goal.

Although Roos were beaten, the signs of a revival are there. The personnel are about right. It's just a case of finding the right blend.

12th Nov : Roos 'A' 3, National Tigers 1

The visitors came with an unenviable reputation as the league's most aggressive and least disciplined team. They had suffered only one previous defeat - by just a single goal against New Inn, the league's top side. However, with an excellent referee and some superb football in the first period, a reshuffled Roos side brought their loud-mouthed and cynical opponents down to earth.

Sean Royce, moved up front for the first time, had an excellent game and provided the first goal for Dave Cowell. After a superb run, Sean's far-post cross was met brilliantly by Dave, who headed into the net past a helpless keeper. Roos were well on top and it was only a matter of time before the next goal came.

Following a corner and persistent Roos pressure, Chris Hodgson popped up inside the visitors' six-yard box. He latched on to a poor clearance and rammed the ball into the net. At 2 - 0 up Roos sub-consciously slackened off and allowed the 'Tigers' to pull a goal back just before half-time. A National forward cleverly jinked his way past four would-be tacklers and shot into the net from an acute angle. A commendable effort, this one.

The second half began like the first, with Roos causing all sorts of problems to a ragged National Tigers defence. The third goal came when Dave Hampton outjumped the visiting keeper from a Darren Staff free kick from the left and the ball ran loose for Dave Cowell to volley spectacularly into the net.

National came back strongly. For much of the rest of the game Roos were under tremendous pressure but - thanks to strong defence, good goalkeeping, and wayward finishing by their opponents - held out without conceding any more goals. 'Tigers' even missed a late penalty when the "mouth almighty"

visiting skipper blasted his spot kick over the bar.

This was an excellent victory, especially in view of the results of previous league games, and seemed to herald a revival of fortunes for Roos.

19th Nov : Roos 'A' 2, Swanfield 'B' 2

An already depleted squad was even further depleted on the morning of the game when Tony Hunt had to cry off because of injury and Ian Carrick was unable to get away from work. Coupled with the late arrival of Darren Staff, this meant that Roos had to kick off with only nine players. However, they fought manfully and indeed were the more dangerous side for this period. Eventually, the sleepy Darren Staff and an unknown spectator made the team up to eleven.

Almost at once Roos conceded a nicely-taken goal which they were unable to pull back before half time. The best chance fell to our unknown spectator friend who contrived to knock the ball wide inside the six-yard. We were grateful for his participation, however. At least he made an extra body on the field.

In the second half Roos were in almost total control, new signing 'Charlie' Butter causing the Swanfield defence enormous problems. However, Roos fell even further behind when, from one of their rare ventures into the Roos half, the Swanfield centre forward scored an excellent goal from fully thirty yards.

Almost immediately Roos scored their first goal. Dave Cowell released Sean Royce, in his new forward role, who outpaced the defence and placed his shot past the advancing keeper. This was the signal for constant Roos pressure and it was no surprise when, after another excellent run, Charlie released an explosive shot which the goalkeeper could not hold and Sean Royce snapped up the rebound to equalise. Considering the short-handed start, this was a good final result for Roos.

26th Nov : Roos 'A' 5, Swanfield B 2

Roos should have played away in the third round of the cup against Premier League Chalk Lane but they cried off. With eight players injured, they claimed inability to raise a properly representative side for such an important fixture. The tie was rescheduled for 3rd December. Roos did not want a blank Sunday just when they seemed to be recovering form. Two teams already out of the cup were unwilling to give us a game. At last Swanfield agreed to bring forward our return fixture.

The game began very evenly. Then Roos burst into life to score three goals in ten minutes. The first came when an excellently-placed corner from Mike Clarkson was headed in by Sean Royce; the second when Andy Storey's far-post cross was met by a strong header from Dave Hampton that beat the keeper's despairing dive; the third when Chris Hodgson took a short pass from Dave Hampton to beat the offside trap and placed an excellent shot past the hapless goalkeeper.

At 3 - 0 the game was virtually stone dead but after a Swanfield double substitution an unfortunate incident occurred that spoiled the game as a contest. Going up for a high cross with Tony Hunt, the big Swanfield centre forward headed Tony's head instead of the ball and fell pole-axed with a large deep cut over his right eye. As he was also concussed, he was taken to hospital by ambulance. (In hospital, the cut over his eye needed eight stitches but fortunately he did not need to be kept in.)

After fifteen minutes' delay, with Swanfield down to ten men, Roos lost rhythm and concentration. For long periods the initiative passed to 'the Swans' who, much to their credit, never gave up trying and fully deserved two second-half goals scored in reply to two more by Roos, one of which was a superb effort by Dave Hampton from within his own half. Swanfield were playing the offside trap with the keeper coming out of his box to cut off through balls. He cleared one of these only to find Dave who saw the situation immediately and hit a first-time shot with the keeper trying desperately but vainly to retrieve his error.

Roos had secured two further points in the league. Although the next fixture, a cup match against Chalk Lane, seemed likely to be tough, Roos had shown definite signs of regaining their old form, which augurs well for the rest of the season.

Leading goalscorers so far :

Sean Royce 7	Dave Hampton 3
Dave Cowell 6	Chris Hodgson 3

R. Derbyshire.

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## Rooster Deadline

Monday 18th December

Please provide items for the January issue by or before the above date to :

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos. (670291)

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## Coming Events

December

- 3 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
- 6 Roos WI, Memorial Institute, 7.15, "Annisonsters".
- 9 Playing Field Christmas Auction, Roos Arms, 8.00
- 10 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
- Football, Roos 'A' v Oliver Williams, Away, 11.00.
- 17 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
- Football, Roos 'A' v Centre Bar 'B', Away, 11.00.
- 24 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.
- Methodist Christmas Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30.
- 25 All Saints', Roos, Christmas Day, Sung Eucharist, 10.0.
- 27 All Saints', Roos, Nine Lessons and Carols, 7.30.
- 31 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00.

## Seasonal Greetings

to all readers

and good wishes for 1990.

# Harry and Elsie Hinch

## Golden Wedding : 18th November 1989

### Harry Hinch

The eighth of nine children, Harry was born in 1914 in a bungalow, now pulled down, on the farm at The Laurels, North End. His father, George Hinch, worked first on farms and then for Harry's maternal grandfather, Joseph Blenkin, agricultural engineer, corn miller, etc., at the corner of Pinfold Lane. When he was four, the family moved to Ivy Tree Cottage, Lamb Lane and when he was sixteen to 9 Pilmar Lane.

On leaving school Harry was apprenticed to Herbert Metcalf, East View, joiner, undertaker and decorator. At 21, he went to work for Harry Burn at Holmpton, where he stayed for two years until he started to work on his own. On the death of his first employer, Herbert Metcalf, Mrs Metcalf allowed Harry to use the joiner's shop at the rear of East View.

Harry's present premises at Ivy House were previously occupied by Tom Bowerby who ran a cycle repair shop and petrol pump there. On his death, the property was bought in October 1939 by Alfred Newton, who invited Harry to be tenant and take over the business. He was given a week to decide ; if he had not agreed by then the tenancy would be offered to someone else.

Harry was now almost 25, single, and still living at Pilmar Lane with his widowed mother. Out most days working as a joiner, he could not manage the Ivy House premises and business on his own. His mother did not want to move there. Yet he wanted to take on the tenancy and had to agree within a week.

### Elsie Hinch

Elsie's paternal grandfather, John Thomas Bayes, originally from Flamborough, was in business as a fish merchant on Holderness Road. She herself was born in Hull but at the age of three was brought to Roos, the birthplace of her mother, daughter of Morris Metcalf, one of the village carriers. They lived first at Coltman Row before moving to Sycamore Cottage on Rectory Road. After leaving school Elsie was employed mainly in housework and at the start of the war was working at Halsham, cycling there from Sycamore Cottage.

### Now or Never?

On a wet afternoon in the last week of October 1939, Elsie was pedalling up Rectory Road, soaked, "frozen stiff", and keen to get home. At "Hornby's Corner" (End Cottage, Hodgson Lane), she was surprised to see Harry loitering about in the rain.

When she asked what on earth he was doing there, he explained that the shop at Ivy House was on offer - but must be accepted within the week. Though they had been courting for some ten years - since leaving school - marriage had seemed impossible since they could find no home that was within their means. What

did she think about their getting married almost at once? Standing there in the gloom, wet through, she found the suddenness of the proposal, when it finally came, hard to adjust to. Having been well brought up, she said she would discuss it with her mother.

In spite of the unromantic circumstances and the unwelcome haste, Elsie's good sense and her suitor's winning words led her to accept. Harry took on the tenancy of Ivy House on 1st November and they were married on the 18th, less than three weeks later.

Elsie remembers the panic to get everything ready. The problem of organising her wedding dress and the bridesmaids took up all her thoughts. On November 12th she cycled home from Halsham as usual, quite oblivious of an air-raid warning that had made her mother frantic with worry for her. Bombs were the least of her preoccupations!

### The Great Day



The wedding took place at Roos Church, which was crowded, with many more people outside. The happy pair left the church in style - their "limousine" was a Ford 8 driven by Elsie's employer. He took them four or five times round the village, blowing his horn all the way, before depositing them at last at Sycamore Cottage. They were joined by a host of well-wishers who filled the tiny dwelling to bursting point. Only when most of them had gone could the thirty or so invited guests be properly entertained.

At about ten o'clock, once more in the rain, Mr & Mrs Harry Hinch walked along Hodgson Lane to the house that was to be their home for the next fifty years. There was no honeymoon - after all, the shop had to be opened up next morning.

### **Came the Dawn**

In fact, "the morning after" turned apprehension into further panic. Up to that time Elsie's work had given her little experience of cooking and she did not know the vagaries of the coal-oven in her new home. She had worried about preparing her first Sunday lunch as a married woman. On her mother's advice she had acquired a chicken - you couldn't go wrong with a chicken. Sadly, when she looked for it, the bird had flown. She searched high and low but could find no trace of it. At last her uncle, Morris Metcalf - another of that name - who lived at Holmleigh (opposite), took pity on her and came over to reveal its whereabouts. It had been hidden by a girl who helped in the shop - Catherine Lawson (sister of Ken Lawson). Even without a honeymoon, newly-weds have always been fair game for practical jokes.

### **Ups and Downs**

As far as the business was concerned, Elsie found the petrol pump a problem. She had to climb three steps to pump the petrol by hand - half a gallon at a time. When half a gallon had been raised, she came down the steps to release the petrol into the waiting vehicle. Scuttling up and down the steps for every half-gallon kept her fit. A local doctor made a habit of buying a whole tankful just to witness her gymnastics.

### **Wartime**

After six months the pump was requisitioned by the army and for most of "the duration" Elsie was spared this exertion. Harry continued to work as a joiner, doing cycle repairs in the evenings.

In 1940 they took in a Hull evacuee, David, one of a large family. He had been placed first with the mother of Mrs Lucy Foster at Wavne until they were bombed out there. Then he came to Mrs Foster (now at North End) and eventually to the Hinches where he remained until he went back to his mother before the birth in 1942 of Terence, their first child.

Roos itself was spared much wartime damage. Two landmines dropped harmlessly west of the Old Vicarage. In 1942 a bomb fell opposite Halfway Cottage and the blast shattered many windows in the village. The Hinches' shop door was blown open and the bell kept on ringing - "I thought we must be in Heaven."

### **Broken and Entered**

While petrol rationing was still in force Harry and Elsie suffered their first burglary - the theft of petrol coupons collected from customers. This was a serious blow as the coupons were needed to trade in for the next supply of petrol. Luckily, enough spare coupons were donated by friends around and about.

A second burglary in the late sixties was especially cheeky. Harry used to undress downstairs before going to bed. The thieves stole all the change from his trousers as well as the day's takings. They must have drugged the family dog, a Labrador. Harry found it next morning fast asleep on a settee, cosily tucked up in a cover. He also found - because he stumbled into them - obstacles placed at every entrance by which the thieves might have been disturbed.

### **Patterns of Trade**

From the early days, when the business was limited to petrol sales and cycle repairs, other lines were gradually added. At one time the shop was an agency for Fox's of Hull, hiring out corn sacks to farmers. By the mid-forties, Sunday papers were being sold. At the time, morning papers were supplied at the Post Office (run at the time by the Cheesemans) while evening papers were delivered independently by Mrs Peart (The Bungalow, Lamb Lane). In the 1950s, on the retirement of Mr Harry Jubb at the shop opposite, the Hinches started to sell cigarettes, biscuits, and sweets. Eventually (when the Holbrooks replaced the Rumbles at the Post Office) they acquired the agency for all newspapers and magazines in Roos.

Newspapers and magazines have been the main source of business growth. In recent years, the sale of other goods has had to face increasing competition, both within Roos and outside it. Harry accepts that in most respects his shop has become what he calls a "fill-gap", as many residents do their main shopping at supermarkets, whose prices he cannot match if he is to stay in business. He is appreciative of the loyalty of some customers who - though they now live outside Roos - still make a point of buying at his shop.

### **Satisfactions & Celebrations**

Harry and Elsie enjoy their daily contact with local people, both old residents and new. They derive personal and social satisfaction from running the village shop - and pleasure in having many customers who are second, third, and even fourth generations of families that they have known all their lives.

They have a son and two daughters, all of whom live out of Roos. Terence, the eldest, is an engineer for Plessey and currently lives on the Isle of Wight. Sandra lives in Hull but works in York as a computer analyst. Barbara, who lives in Hessle with her two children, has recently been able to begin working again from home - also in computers, as a programmer. There are six grandchildren, two boys and four girls.

On the Golden Wedding Day itself a family party travelled by coach for a celebratory meal at Tickton Grange Hotel. It was a very special occasion for two true partners in marriage who have given unstinting, warm-hearted, and unassuming service to our community for fifty years. On behalf of all their customers and friends over the generations, we offer our warmest congratulations on their long and happy marriage.