



# THE ROOSTER

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Traffic in Roos

#### The Story So Far

As reported in "The Rooster", following an accident at the junction of Pilmar Lane and Main Street corner on 1st October 1989 (a Sunday), Mrs C.A. Paul of 4 Pilmar Lane organised a petition for a speed limit in the village. The Parish Council agreed to seek the help of the Holderness Borough Road Safety Committee.

On 7th December, Councillor G.E. Winter, Chairman of the Parish Council and our Borough Council member, described the hazards of Roos roads at a meeting of the Holderness Road Safety Committee, at which it was agreed to refer the matter to the Area Surveyor.

The petition itself was sent to our local County Councillor, Mr Jim Wastling. He was able to present and support the petition at a meeting on 8th December of the Humberside Highways and Transportation Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee decided to visit Roos. They also asked for a traffic count and a pedestrian count before their next meeting on 9th February. Permission was granted for members of Roos Parish Council and the organiser of the petition to attend the county group's visit on 23rd January.

#### Traffic Density

Several times in the past, Parish Council requests for a speed limit have been denied on the ground that traffic was insufficient to warrant a restriction. Members of the Highways Sub-Committee clearly regarded traffic density as important. When the date of their visit became known, there had been no sign of a recent count and a hastily-organised team of local residents agreed to carry out a survey themselves.

This unofficial count took place on 22nd January, the day before the county visit. Traffic was recorded from 6.0 a.m. to mid-

night (though observations in Rectory Road ended at 7.0 p.m. because not enough help could be found in time). Totals were noted half-hourly. However, in the table below the half-hour figures have been added to show the number of vehicles per hour.

	Main Street	Pilmar Lane	Rectory Road
a.m.			
6.00 - 7.00	63	41	14
7.00 - 8.00	168	134	59
8.00 - 9.00	245	175	92
9.00 - 10.00	128	105	70
10.00 - 11.00	132	99	79
11.00 - 12.00	127	97	60
p.m.			
12.00 - 1.00	124	114	51
1.00 - 2.00	144	104	59
2.00 - 3.00	121	121	42
3.00 - 4.00	178	137	77
4.00 - 5.00	200	184	77
5.00 - 6.00	185	165	58
6.00 - 7.00	145	103	47
7.00 - 8.00	101	68	
8.00 - 9.00	61	60	
9.00 - 10.00	64	50	
10.00 - 11.00	27	34	
11.00 - 12.00	26	20	
<b>Totals :</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>785</b>

#### The Observer Corps

The count was carried out by : Joan Atkinson, Myra Ball, Joan Bowden, John Carling, Margaret Dalby, Liz Earl, Gordon Green, Reg Harrison, Leslie Helliwell,

Irene Helliwell, Janet Howden, Vera Hunt, Jean Jackson, Mike Jackson, Suzanne Keatings, Marlene Lee, Graham Monkman, Jean Monkman, Alastair Moore, Bill Paul, Alice Paul, James Priest, Brian Rannard, Linda Rannard, Allan Robinson, Lesley Robinson, Keith Thorogood, and Bob Turner.

### Limitations

Traffic was observed on the two main roads at places regarded as dangerous : on the B1242, both near the school and at the western end of Pilmar Lane, and on Rectory Road just south of the Lamb Lane junction.

No observations were made at the north : e.g. Rectory Road north of Chestnut Garth and the B1242 as it picks up traffic from the Hilston and Tunstall roads and winds towards the Aldbrough crossroads.

For these reasons alone, the totals are minimum figures. Even where there were observers, they could not see round bends and over rises. Further, the figures would certainly have been higher on a day other than a Monday in winter. On Mondays the butcher's is closed and the evenings are much quieter than on, say, Fridays and Saturdays, when there is much more social motoring. And, of course, Sunday traffic and summer traffic are another story again.

A decision about a speed limit should really consider peak traffic densities. Perhaps there should be another traffic count - e.g. from Friday to Monday over a sunny Bank holiday. Any Volunteers?

### Visit by the County Group

The group included both county councillors and officers (e.g. a police representative, the Area Surveyor, and the Road Safety Officer).

The group met first outside the school and spent most of their time there. They later moved to Pilmar Lane where attention was drawn to the right-angled turn into Main Street and the fact that cars from the east tended to approach the built-up area too fast and swing dangerously round the bend. At times discussion switched from the speed limit to other safety concerns, such as the need for priority markings and better signs when road improvements were carried out.

Some members had to attend a meeting in Howden the same afternoon. Consequently, the group had no time to look at other danger spots such as the bends on Rectory Road and the T-junctions at the ends of the linking roads - Pinfold Lane, Hodgson Lane, and Lamb Lane.

The Area Surveyor expressed an interest in the traffic survey carried out the day before. He and the Road Safety Officer were later sent copies of the results.

### Decision Time

The Highways Sub-Committee may decide whether to support a speed limit at their meeting on 9th February, three days before the next Parish Council Meeting.

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## Roos Parish Council

Councillor G.E. Winter chaired the meeting on 8th January 1990. All other members were present except Councillor L. Helliwell, who had sent his apologies.

### Minutes

The Minutes were read and approved. The following points arose from the Minutes.

Speed Limit. The request for a speed limit had been referred to the Holderness Road Safety Committee. A letter from the Borough Secretary, Mr B. Skelton, reported that the Committee had asked the Area Surveyor to investigate the matter.

Pilmar Lane Land. The conveyance in respect of land sold to the Gas Board had now been signed.

Village Nameplates. The Clerk was asked to contact the Area Surveyor again about nameplates for Hilston and Owstwick.

Roos Arms Bump. The bumpy surface of the footpath past the entry to the Roos Arms car park had been put right.

### Correspondence

Footpath to Tunstall. A resident had written about the public footpath from the supermarket eastwards towards Tunstall, crossing James Robert Development land at the north of the site alongside the hedge. The footpath was currently blocked by a compound and stacks of bricks. Councillor Grant said that the Humberside Countryside Section knew of the situation and were keeping it under observation. It was agreed that a letter expressing concern should be sent to the Section.

Humberside Playing Fields Association. It was agreed to refer to the Playing Field Committee a questionnaire about play areas for children.

Senior Citizens' Entertainment. The Director of Leisure Services had written about an afternoon at the Pavilion Leisure Centre, Withernsea, on 16th February. No council transport could be provided. It was agreed to place the letter on the Parish Notice Board.

Dog Warden Service. The Holderness Director of Environmental Services, Mr J. Johnson, invited parish councils to participate in the scheme - at a cost of approximately £200 per annum. This would provide for advertisements and other publicity, "poop scoops" and special bins, and visits by the dog warden to enforce local bye-laws. It was noted that the scheme applied to land owned by parish councils - very little in Roos. Councillor Quarmby objected to the cost, as did Councillor Grant, who asked if the service was worth it. Councillor Winter wondered if anything was being done. Members agreed to note the letter but take no action at present.

Bus Shelter at North End. Mr Kirk of the county Surveyor's Department had replied to a Parish Council letter on the subject. It was possible that the parish would have to meet the cost of a shelter and there was a question about the type of shelter allowed. Councillor Quarmby said that the cost could be high. The Chairman undertook to phone Mr Kirk to arrange a meeting.

### Planning

Decisions by the Borough Council on applications previously referred to the Parish Council.

West of Mill Bungalow and Millfield Bungalow, Rectory Road (Mr C.H. Burn). The application for a workman's dwelling had been refused: backland development and contrary to the Structure Plan.

New applications were considered.

2 Cherry Hill Park (Mr A.G. Bowden). Amended plans. Supported.

Sports Pavilion (Playing Field Committee). Amended plans. Supported.

### Accounts

Approval was given to payment of the Clerk's salary and expenses.

### Outstanding Items

Road Repairs by Gas Board. It was felt that a progress report was needed. Current work by contractors had been reported. Recent rain could cause further sinking.

There was discussion of roads and footpaths

in general. No reply had been received to a letter enquiring when the road from Owstwick Lane End to Burton Pidsea would be upgraded. Councillor Quarmby suggested that the Clerk should write again to ask whether the work was or was not scheduled for 1990. Members agreed.

Soil on Hilston Road. The soil had still been present recently but could have been moved "over the weekend" (6 - 7 January).

### PUBLIC SESSION

It was suggested that the owner of The Old Rectory might be asked to resite the security lights, particularly the one at the south-east corner, which was confusing and a danger to traffic. The Chairman said that he would consult the owner.

### Parish Council Meeting

Monday 12th February : 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

### Football : Roos 'A'

7th Jan. : Roos 5, Gardeners 3

Without Sean Royce and "Charlie" Butler, Roos welcomed back Geoff Newton, who has been working away. Roos fielded the only eleven fit players.

Gardeners took the lead almost from the start. The Roos defence were completely asleep when a corner kick was flicked on from the near post to give the visitors a free header that they gratefully accepted.

Roos woke up now and forceful attacking play brought the equaliser. Dave Hampton, prominent throughout, was fouled by the desperate goalkeeper. The referee gave a penalty, hotly disputed by Gardeners players - as were most of his decisions. Chris Hodgson struck the kick powerfully but close enough to the keeper for him to parry it. In the melee Dave Cowell managed to poke the ball over the line.

Roos really took over now and took the lead with the game's best goal. After a lean time recently in front of goal, Mike Clarkson struck a superb shot on the turn from 25 yards. The ball flew into the roof of the net, leaving the goalkeeper clutching thin air.

Dave Hampton was causing chaos in the Gardeners' defence. Fed by his excellent work, "Nibs" Carrick struck the bar with a strong header and later scored the third goal. From Dave's flick-on, "Nibs" outpaced the defence. By sheer persistence he made the keeper fluff his pick-up and was left with an easy tap-in.

Gardeners were being outplayed but showed in patches



what they are capable of. They would not lie down, as they proved in the second half. Immediate slick passing left one of their lively forwards a free run on goal but Jon Dearing made the save of the game, cleverly narrowing the angle and smothering the shot.

Gardeners continued the pressure but Roos went 4 - 1 up with another penalty. Andy Storey, after beating three defenders on a forceful run into the penalty box, was unceremoniously upended by the clumsy centre back. Without hesitation the referee pointed to the spot. Andy took the kick himself and confidently sent the goalkeeper diving the wrong way.

Roos sat back, allowing Gardeners to enjoy their best period. Under great pressure, the Roos defence cracked twice and let Gardeners back at 4 - 3.

However, Roos sealed the game when Micky Clarkson - in his best match of the season and with all his old flair - bent the Gardeners' offside trap. Latching on to a superb through ball from Andy Storey, he confidently ran through from half way, rounded the keeper, and chipped into the empty net.

This entertaining match gained Roos points but was no vintage performance. They will need to show their first-half form more often to win their next four matches against sides who beat them first time round.

#### 14th Jan. : Roos 2, Cottingham Tigers 2

Third-placed Cottingham, fresh from reaching the cup semi-final a week earlier, met a Roos team struggling once again to find eleven players. With Darren Staff, Charlie Butler, and Ian Carrick unavailable and Dave Cowell injured the day before, only nine players were fit. However, George Bilton (not involved with his youngsters team) could play and Matthew Fincham was poached for a week from Withernsea Y.C.

Cottingham Tigers meant business from the start and their big and skilful front players soon had the locals' defence at full stretch. Just as Roos seemed to have weathered the storm, slack marking in defence (not for the first time this season) was punished by a neatly-glanced header after a corner.

Sometimes exasperating, Roos seem on occasion to need such a reverse to galvanise them into action. They at once grabbed the initiative and pressured the Tigers' defence for the remainder of the half.

The Cottingham goal seemed to have a charmed life as Roos played some excellent attacking football. Dave Hampton and Sean Royce, ably supported by Andy Storey and Chris Hodgson, required good saves from the goalkeeper, though fine opportunities were missed.

Another fine Roos move split the Cottingham defence and Dave Hampton broke the deadlock, scoring the equaliser from inside the six-yard box. With every player giving 100% effort, Roos should have scored again but strong defence and weak Roos finishing kept the scores level at half-time.

It seemed to be a day when persistence would never be rewarded. Then Sean Royce popped up to atone for earlier lapses. Geoff Newton's defence-splitting pass gave him space and he brilliantly lobbed the ball into the net over the advancing goalkeeper. Spurred on by this success, Roos tried everything to clinch the game with another goal but to no avail. As they tired, Cottingham gradually came back into the game.

The Roos defence seemed capable of coping with any pressure. Tony Hunt was again prominent - What a good player he has become! - and George Bilton showed all his old touches. Then suddenly the defence folded to allow Cottingham the equaliser. Despite going close in several attacks, Roos could not find the winner.

Although a point was dropped, this was a good performance against a well-equipped Cottingham side determined to retain their third place in the table. If Roos had won they would have gained third place themselves. For Roos to achieve fourth place after an abysmal start to the season says much for their strength of character. With this form and a little more luck in front of goal, promotion to the Premier League is now not beyond the bounds of probability.

#### 21st Jan. : Roos 1, Keyingham 'A' 0

For this eagerly-awaited local derby Roos were almost back to full strength. We lost previous Keyingham games because we could not field our strongest side. To remedy this, Roos now meant to "annihilate" Keyingham. In possibly their worst game of the season, they never looked remotely like doing so.

Too many players looked out of sorts. With a strong wind and a bumpy pitch to contend with, Roos never really put flowing moves together. Keyingham themselves were woefully weak up front. This was a first half to forget. Andy Storey lost the best chance when he worked a good opportunity but finished weakly. At the other end, Jon Dearing brilliantly denied Keyingham probably their only chance of the game.

The second half was almost as bad. Geoff Newton provided the only bright spot when he glanced in the only goal of the match from an Andy Storey free kick. Dave Hampton tried to inject something into the game with a real blockbuster, well saved by the Keyingham goalkeeper. Even the substitution of Charlie "Johnny Kwango" Butler for a strangely off-colour Sean Royce failed to enliven proceedings. The game petered out into a struggling one-goal victory. However, though it could have been done with more style, the satisfaction of a win over "auld enemy" Keyingham was immense.

R. Derbyshire.

#### Poppy Collection

At a meeting of the Roos & District Branch of the Royal British Legion in the Roos Arms on 29th January, it was announced that the sale of poppies had raised £645.

## Coming Events

February

- 4 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,  
Football, Roos 'A' v New Inn, Home, 11.00  
7 Jumble Sale, Roos School (PTA), 2.00 - 4.00,  
Roos WI, Mem. Institute, 7.15, Mrs H. Dry : Cake Art.  
11 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,  
Football, Roos 'B' v Cockney Rebels, Home, 11.00,  
18 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,  
Football, Roos 'B' v PHB Haulage, Home, 11.00,  
25 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,  
Methodist Family Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30,  
Football, Roos 'B' v Hollicell, Away.

March

- 4 All Saints', Roos, Sung Eucharist, 10.00,  
Football, Roos 'A' v Deborah United 'B', Away,  
Football, Roos 'B' v Pier FC, Home, 11.00,  
7 Roos WI, Mem. Inst, 7.15, Mrs J. Guest : Healthy Eating.

April

1st week : Dance, Roos School PTA, Details later.

Roos School Parent-Teacher Association

Jumble Sale

Wednesday 7th February

2.00 - 4.00 p.m. in the School Hall

Proceeds for P.T.A. Funds.

Jumble may be left at school on 6th Feb, 3.45 - 5.00 p.m.

## The Rooster

After the appeal for donations in January there was an initial flood of responses. I am most grateful to the following for their contributions, some of them very generous. (List correct to 2.0 p.m. 4th February.)

ANON, Mrs L. Acey, Mr & Mrs V. Adams, Rev. J.A. Adey, Mr & Mrs D. Allen, Mr G. Blyth, Mr & Mrs J. Bowden, Mr & Mrs J.D. Carling, Ms M. Cardozo, Mr & Mrs S. Cook, Mr M.J. Cowell, Mr R.W. Cutler, Mr & Mrs S. Dalby, Mr & Mrs G. Dearing, Mr & Mrs R. Derbyshire, Mrs M. Dodson, Mrs D. Donkin, Mrs D. Eldred, Mr & Mrs T.H. Everett, Mr & Mrs F. Foster, Mr & Mrs M. Foster, Mrs Mary Gee (Hull), Mrs M.D. Godfrey, Mr R. Green (Hilston), Mr A.P. Hague, Mrs D.M. Hardwick, Mr & Mrs R.K. Harrison, Mr & Mrs L. Helliwell, Mrs P. Hildyard, Mrs E. Hinch, Mrs R.A. Hodgson, Mrs M. Hopper, Mrs S. Kemp, Mrs B. Kerr-Delworth, Mrs F.P. Kirkwood (Tunstall), Mrs V. Kirkwood, Miss Margaret Littler (Salford), Mr Norman Lusher (Harrogate), Mr D. Maltas, Mrs D. Maltas (Carr House), Mrs G. Maltas, Miss M. Maltas, Mr W.N. Maltas, Mr & Mrs W.J. Metheringham, Mrs A. Monkman, Mr B. Monkman, Mrs E. Mould, Mr T. Nelson, Mrs M.K. Nemecek, Mr J. Parker, Mr & Mrs R.S. Parker, Mr J. Pashby, Mr & Mrs V.G. Paul, Mr D. Philp, Mr C.A. Ribee, Mrs E.E. Rosser, Mr & Mrs D.R. Rowland, Mrs F.E. Sigsworth, Mrs K. Smales (Owstwick), Mr B.G. Smith, Mrs M. Smith, Mrs J. Syder, Mrs I.M. Terleski, Mrs C. Thorogood, Mr J. ( & Mrs Y.) Towler, Mrs B. Train, Mrs S. Tyson, Mr & Mrs E. White, Mrs K.M. Whitehead, Mrs E. Wilson, Mrs J. Winter, Mr & Mrs G. Worrall, Mr M. Wright.

In the last two or three weeks the flood of donations has dwindled to a trickle. Many who intended to contribute probably forgot to do so. There are more donation slips in this issue. Those who have already donated are asked to excuse the reminder. Others, please contribute now if you mean to do so.

The accounts for 1989 - 1st January to 31st December - are summarised at the top of the next column.

## INCOME

B.Fwd from 1988	17
Donations	373. 44
Advertisements	10. 00
Sales	79
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## EXPENDITURE

Phone	6. 70
Post	8. 35
Petrol	11. 04
Photocopies	269. 20
Stationery	20. 15
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Total	315. 44
C.fwd to 1990	68. 96
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	384. 40
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## Rooster Deadline

Monday 26th February

Please provide items for the March issue by on  
before the above date to :

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

Further contributions invited to the cost of "The Rooster".

## History of Roos - 10

### The Pinfold

Roos pinfold was a square enclosure covering three perches at the north-west corner of Mill Lane (now Pinfold Lane). The pinder collected stray cattle and held them there until the owner paid a fine.

Gradually the pinfold fell into disuse. It was the last property owned by the parish, since the parish plough had disappeared (though the stone roller was brought into the schoolhouse garden). Two walls of the pinfold were taken down and the other two lowered. The bricks were used to floor a length of the village beck. In 1938 the pinfold site was converted into a dump for tins and bottles, which the District Council promised to clear at intervals.

### Roos Windmills

Villagers took their corn to the windmill that stood in West Field. At the Enclosures, the land on which it stood (3 roods in area) was awarded to the miller, J. Ellerby, whose ancient holding was across the road. (A map shows the site of both the windmill and the "holding across the road", the latter where the blacksmith's shop now stands.)

Farmers continued to take their corn to the mill until about the middle of the nineteenth century when Hull roller mills started grinding for flour, leaving the miller to grind oats and barley for animal feed.

The first mill was the post mill already referred to. Such a mill existed in 1695 when the registers record the death of miller John Heard. About 1840 the post

mill was burnt down. It was replaced by a brick tower mill, which in 1860 also burnt down and was followed by a power mill dismantled in 1908. Some of its bricks were used to build the schoolyard wall to replace a thick hedge with holes in it.

From the Enclosures onwards the post mill remained in the Ellerby family till it was burnt down. The next mill was owned by Thomas Rountree. The owner of the first tower mill was Samuel Woodhouse and the millers from time to time were : Tate, Stamford, Hillerby, and Sergeant. The last mill was owned by Boyd who had erected several mills in the area. The last miller but one was Andrews. The last of all, Harry Fewster, was miller for twenty years until F. Nettleton bought the mill and demolished it. Fewster moved into the village and carried on grinding with an oil engine.

Some farmers ground cattle food with a horse mill. There is one at North Farm. There was one at Grange

Farm and one at The Elms, bought by B.N.Reckitt, who made drawings of its iron parts before destroying it.

### Wages in the 18th Century

Wages were exceedingly low. Here is an extract from a tradesman's account :

<u>1714</u>	To Richard Fenby	
	For five days thatching	8, 10d
	For five days serving him	3, 4d
	For eight days daubing	5, 4d

By 1800 wages had risen only to one shilling per day.

In 1784 the price of a quarten loaf was 7½d. It rose to 12½d in 1795. Wheat prices from 1784 to the end of the century were :

<u>1784</u> 40s 4d.	<u>1792</u> 75s rising to 112s.
<u>1796</u> 62s 4d.	<u>1798</u> 50s. <u>1801</u> 164s - 78s.

## The Family of Sykes

### Early History

It is said that the Sykeses were descended from the Sykeses of Sykes Dyke in Cumberland and that William Sykes, a cadet of the family, migrated to Leeds in the 16th century where he amassed considerable wealth as a clothier. However, William Sykes the Leeds clothier may have been of the family Del Sykes, who - early in the 15th century - were already living at Flockton in the parish of Thornhill near Leeds, where they owned land and tenements.

What is certain is that Richard Sykes, grandson of the clothier and himself a merchant, was one of the foremost men in Leeds and the first chief alderman of the town. He purchased the manor of Leeds from the Crown in 1625 and died in 1645.

William, his fourth son, succeeded to the manor. He bought an estate at Knottingley and also owned the manors of Osbaldwick and Pocklington. He left five sons and three daughters.

Daniel, his fourth son, settled in Hull and was eminently successful as a merchant. He married twice. By his first wife Deborah (daughter of William Oates, Esq., Mayor of Pontefract) he had a surviving son, Richard, born in 1658 and aged 35 at his father's death.

### Acquisition of Sledmere



#### Mark Kirby

m. Dinah Richardson  
daughter of  
Alderman Richardson  
Apothecary of Hull.

Kirby was a native of  
Cottingham.

Richard added to his wealth by his marriage to Mary, daughter and heiress of Mark Kirby, of Sledmere, by which the Sykeses gained the Wold estates and manor of Roos. He died in 1697.

Richard was succeeded by his first son, also Richard, Sheriff of Hull in 1740 and High Sheriff of York in 1752. Twice married, he died without issue in 1761.

### Roos and the Baronetcy

His brother, Mark, born 1711, inherited the estates. He had been given the living of Roos by his grandfather in 1735. He married Decima, daughter of Twyford Woodam, gentleman, of Ely. He died in 1783 within six months of being elevated to the baronetcy.

He was succeeded by his son, Sir Christopher Sykes, D.C.L., born at Roos Rectory in 1749. Mathematician, banker, and architect, he was M.P. for Beverley. He refused a baronetcy from Mr William Pitt, asking that it be given to his father, the Mark Sykes, Rector of Roos. On the death of his father he presented to the living John Simpson, who held it for 36 years.

Sir Christopher died in 1801 at Bristol aged 52 and was buried in the Sykes vault in Roos Church. By his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Wm Tatton of Withernshaw, Cheshire, he left three sons and two daughters.

Mark, his eldest son, succeeded as third baronet and represented York in Parliament. His brother, Tatton, was fourth baronet and Sir Tatton's son the fifth. The sixth was Sir Mark, who died in the influenza epidemic of 1919. The present one is Sir Richard Sykes. (Sir Richard, 7th baronet, died in 1978 and was succeeded by Sir Tatton Sykes, born in 1943.)

### The Manor of Roos

When the first Sir Tatton succeeded to the baronetcy, the manor passed to his elder brother, Christopher,



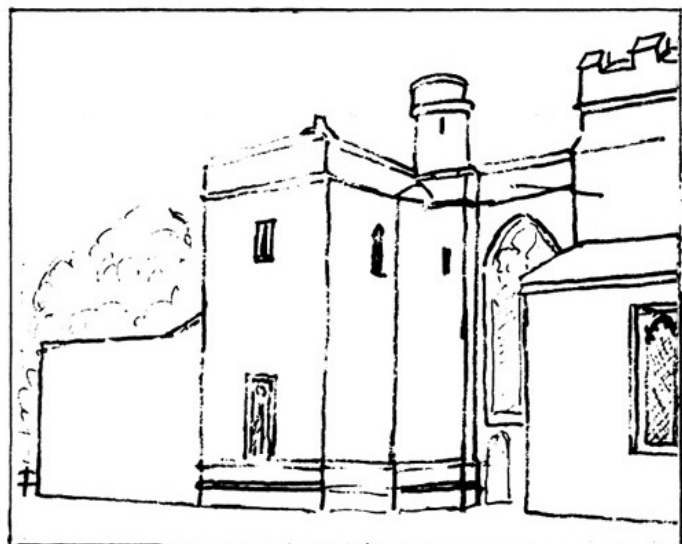
Rector from 1819. At his death, the manor was held jointly by his two daughters : Lucy (who married her father's curate, Rev. Charles Hotham, Rector 1841-46) and Penelope (who married Edward York, of Wighill). In 1867, Mr York sold the Roos estate of 1100 acres to Mr G. Dickinson, whose family had been tenants for many years. The manorial rights were purchased by Mr Crust, of Beverley, and from him passed to his widow, who later married Canon Nolloth of Beverley Minster.

### The Roos Living

The advowson (the right to present a priest to a benefice) remained with the Sykeses until the last Sir Mark, being a Roman Catholic, sold all his advowsons. Most were bought by the York Diocesan authorities but that of Roos was bought by the Rev. Edward Milsom and his relatives who later gave it to the Society for the Maintenance of the Faith.

### The Sykes Vault

The vault at the north-east corner of Roos Church was made in the early 1700s. A mortuary chapel was built of red brick and the east window of the vestry became a connecting doorway. It must have been an ugly erection, out of keeping with the architecture of the church. There is a similar one at Halsham.



Impression of the mortuary chapel or "cemetery".  
Copy of Mr Wilbraham's sketch - no source given.  
The chapel is on the east - the left in the drawing.

The cemetery is described by Poulson in his "History of Holderness" : "The CEMETERY is built of brick and nearly covered with ivy, in the corner formed by the north wall of the chancel and the east wall of the chantry chapel. Two buttresses on the north side of the chancel are seen only on entering the cemetery. At the south end of the chantry is a window of three lights square-headed and another under it. These also are only seen on entering. They are without glass and are open into the cemetery. In it are fourteen catacombs :-

Richard Sykes, ob. March 31st 1763 aged 21,

Dame Decima Sykes,

Sir Mark Sykes, Bart.

Dame Elizabeth Sykes, ob. July 27th 1803 aged 55.

Sir Christopher Sykes, Bart. 1801.

Maria de Ponthieu, ob. 22 June 1760 age 21."

The cemetery was removed when Canon Hotham restored the church in 1846. Stone steps now lead down to the vault door, "over which the Sykes coat of arms is carved in stone."

*(The arms are basically Mark Kirby's - see the sketch earlier, based on Mr Wilbraham's - though both his sketch and the stone carving show a hand within a smaller shield at the top - an "inescutcheon" of a "red sinister hand appaumé", denoting a baronet. Kirby was not entitled to this addition. A Sledmere House guidebook shows a more complex coat of arms, quartered. Two quarters display the Kirby shield - but without the hand.)*

Extract : The will of Mark Sykes, D.D., 6 Feb. 1781

"I order an elegant Marble Monument on the South side of the Chancel in Roos Church and also a handsome Mausoleum, one partition of which to contain my remains and those of Decima my wife, to be built in the Churchyard of Roos."

Extract : unfinished and unpublished family history by Sir Mark Sykes. (Which Sir Mark? 1st Baronet?)

The manuscript quotes a letter from Richard Sykes, Mayor of Hull, to Bella, daughter of his brother, Mark Sykes, Rector of Roos, the first baronet. *(Bella seems also to have been called Maria - in the vault - and Mary - by Sir Mark in the manuscript).* In 1759 she married John de Ponthieu, "a French gentleman of good family settled in London as a merchant." She died in 1760 and was buried at Roos, "the first occupant of the family vault there."

Both of the extracts are apparently from "Sykes of Sledmere" by J. Fairfax-Blakeborough.

### Parsons of Roos

No.	Institution	Incumbent	Patron
34	29th October 1783	John Simpson	Sir Christopher Sykes
35	11th October 1819	Christopher Sykes	"
36	January 1841	Charles Hotham	"

John Simpson (simultaneously Rector of Hilston) died on May 14th 1819 and was buried in the Chancel. Parson Sykes resigned in 1841, died in 1857, and was buried under an obelisk in Roos Churchyard. Canon Hotham died in 1856 and was buried in the Sykes vault.

### STOP PRESS

(Last-minute item.) Burton Pidsea and District Bowls Club. Founded three years ago to promote greens bowling. 50 regular players. League trophies. Land for new Green now leased near Memorial Hall. New members welcome (14 years upwards). Tuition given.

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