



THE ROOSTER

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Roos Parish Council

Your Editor was unable to attend the meeting on 11th December. He is indebted to Cllr David Winter for the following notes. The meeting lasted barely half an hour as there was little to discuss. No members of the public were present.

Attendance

All members were present except Councillors Cheeseman, Grant and Priest, who had sent apologies.

Minutes

The previous Minutes were approved. "Matters Arising" concerned

Annual Precept. It was agreed to request the East Riding for £1,000 to meet village needs in the next financial year.

Millennium Monument. Pieces of granite had been chosen but they had not yet been moved from Tunstall. Mr Richard Tyson had been asked to lay a foundation and set the stones in place at the site near the school gate.

Correspondence

Gowdall Flood Disaster Appeal. It was agreed to donate £50.00.

Roos Village Design Statement. The VDS Committee had written proposing to supply copies of the VDS to councillors before the January meeting. The Committee sought permission to attend that meeting to discuss the document with the Parish Council. Councillors decided to discuss the VDS amongst themselves in January and then decide whether to invite the Committee to the February meeting.

Medibus. Details had been received of the service providing transport to hospitals in the area, the letter to be placed on the village notice board.

Planning

There were no matters to discuss.

Accounts

Two payments were authorised :

£50 to Gowdall Flood Disaster Appeal;

£158.5, payment of the Clerk's salary instalment + expenses.

Roos Parish Council

Next meeting : 7.30 p.m. on

Monday 8th January 2001

7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Corrections & Comments

Apologies are due - especially to those referred to - for the two errors below.

The Wilbraham family

It was Jim Wilbraham's son - *not* grandson - who married Stan Cook's daughter, Susan. Apologies to both families for this slip.

Ancient enclosure No. 49

Colin Peart was said to have built a bungalow for himself, "leaving a site for another". In fact the Lamb Lane plot has two semi-bungalows, Coppers End and Lynwood.

The portion "over the north fence" was the plot where Brooklands was built and (later) Rustelings, both now part of Chestnut Garth.

Beechwood Views

Comments were printed from visitors to the VDS Exhibition. The first one impugned the motives of VDS Committee members and compared Beechwood Views to Bransholme.

The remarks were unsigned. Neither VDS members nor Beechwood residents can identify the anonymous author and respond directly.

This was the only criticism received. It would have been improper to print the rest and leave this one out - or cut out parts that were objectionable.

Five readers complained. The first was Mrs M. Tillbrook, who has lived in Beechwood Views for eleven years. She rang objecting to the Bransholme comparison. She said the implied social comment was highly offensive to residents both in Beechwood and in Bransholme - where Mrs Tillbrook knows people she respects.

Three others saw the editor in the village and took him to task for printing the comment but eventually accepted his explanation.

See overleaf for a spirited letter of protest from Mr I.W.Spikings.

Letter to the Editor

30th November 2000

Dear Sir,

Re : Comments made by a visitor to the VDS Exhibition

How offensive! Does the person know anyone who lives in Beechwood?

To liken the estate to Bransholme not only likens the houses but those of us who live in Beechwood to those on Bransholme.

Tarring everyone with the same brush is a bad habit. Not everyone on Bransholme is undesirable.

This month a leader of a voluntary group working with the young on the estate in Hull was up for an award at the "Radio Times" People of the Year ceremony held in London and televised on 5th November.

But obviously Bransholme does have an unsavoury reputation and to be linked with the activities that happen there is too broad a point of view.

Just to enlighten and put the record straight here is a list of the sort of people living in Beechwood Views.

- Retired couples
- Company managers.
- Nurses.
- Health workers.
- People who run their own business.
- People who help organisations in the village on a voluntary basis (School Governors, FORS members, Mums who have helped at Playgroup or School, cutting grass in the village).

The children in Beechwood Views are not badly behaved. They are vocal, play football in the road and ride their bikes, but at least it is somewhere safe for them to play, seeing as Roos is one of the only villages in the area that does not have a playground / play equipment for its young. Several of the children have done voluntary work in the area.

The road is often used by children from other parts of the village to play safely. There is next to no litter. The gardens are kept tidy, as are the exteriors of the houses.

I would imagine that one of the points of the VDS is to bring the village together, not to be divisive and to cause offence.

Yours sincerely,

I.W.Spikings.

**A Happy Christmas
and
Prosperous New Year
to all our readers.**

Contributions to The Rooster

Cash

Further recent donations are gratefully acknowledged, from Mr & Mrs A.Dodson, Mrs V.Pepper and Mrs C.Stathers.

The current appeal was launched in April. 84 households have now contributed. There is still time for others to join them in Millennium Year (and later if they wish).

Thanks to people's generosity there is enough in the kitty to pay for copies until about June 2001.

News items, notices, letters, ...

If you or your group have something to report, to announce or to argue about, please take advantage of the newsletter. Its purpose is to keep all of us informed on matters of common interest and concern.

Ring me on 670291 if you think something should be publicised but don't want to write the item yourself.

Rooster deadline

Please provide material for the next issue by

Saturday 6th January

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane.

Roos VDS and the Parish Council

The text of the Village Design Statement in (almost) its final form has been sent for preliminary comment to the East Riding. (A final selection of illustrations for inclusion has still to be made.) Copies are to be provided to the Parish Council before their January meeting.

The VDS Committee hoped to be allowed to discuss the document with councillors at that meeting and hear their comments and suggestions. However, the opportunity will now be deferred to February - and then only if the Parish Council give their consent.

Christmas services at All Saints'

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th December was well attended. A number of parishioners shared the readings. In addition to the congregational singing, choral items were presented by the Roos and South Holderness Choir. Following the service many of those present expressed appreciation of the choir and all enjoyed the seasonal refreshments served, which fittingly rounded off this foretaste of Christmas and its message of goodwill.

The details of all December services have already been circulated within the Parish. Still to come :

Sunday 24	6.30	Candlelit Christingle Service. (Note : no morning service)
Christmas Day	10.00	Holy Communion.
Sunday 31	10.00	Combined Benefice Service. Holy Communion.

Move over, Roos!

Fairness in a democracy

The US presidential election has seemed to us outsiders like a bad joke. How can the Americans mess up so badly? We do things better in the United Kingdom, of course.

In fact, there are plenty of anomalies in our own system and the Local Government Commission for England has been trying to sort some of them out.

Two principles ought to be : every vote should carry equal weight; all persons elected should each represent roughly the same number of electors.

Problems

The trouble is that people move about. The number of electors in one ward grows; in another the number dwindles. As a result, some councillors represent more electors than others - and have more work to do. Or, the other way round, in a populous ward your vote will count for less than it will in a ward with fewer voters.

From time to time it is necessary to review the ward divisions and the number of councillors representing each ward. (Most East Riding wards have had three councillors, but not all : Howden has only one, some only two.)

Recommendations

The Commission's draft recommendations have just been published and may be examined in public libraries. If you want to comment or object, do so by 19th February 2001.

Write to :

Review Manager,
East Riding of Yorkshire Review,
Local Government Commission for England,
Dolphyn Court,
10/11 Great Turnstile,
London. WC1V 7JU.

What's in it for us?

If the recommendations are implemented, the main change for us will be a change of county ward. Roos Parish will leave the Mid-Holderness ward and become part of South-East Holderness, a ward stretching down to Spurn Point.

What difference will this make? Hard to say. Some changes are obvious :

- In Mid-Holderness we have had no significant urban area. In South-East Holderness we shall be in the same ward as Withernsea (with roughly half the electors).
- At present, we are represented by three Liberal Democrat councillors whereas South-East Holderness has one Labour and two Conservative.

Whatever happens, we shall still be in the East Riding of Yorkshire and the Commission is recommending no change in most other respects : there will still be a council of 67 members, 26 wards as at present and elections for the whole council every four years.

A History of Roos - 21

Care of the Poor

Because he had been dealing with housing for the poor, Mr Wilbraham inserted this explanation within his account of the ancient enclosures.

The Elizabethan Poor Law Act of 1601 required parishes to care for the poor in their area. The Church also took its share in providing homes for poor old people : there were two such houses in Peter's Garth and one in Ivy Row. The parish owned two on this site. (*Plot A of Enclosure 41 on last month's map.*)

The earliest record of the Roos Select Vestry transactions dates from 1820. The following extracts indicate the problems faced in housing the poor.

April 16th 1820. "That the Overseers provide a house for Samuel Cookman until he shall be able to get a convenient one for himself."

July 31st 1820. "That George Johnson have notice given him to quit the house he at present occupies unless he be agreeable to pay a reasonable rent for the same." This was the old church house in Ivy Row.

July 16th 1821. "That George be informed he must quit the house by August 13th as it is to be pulled down."

October 20th 1834. "That Jane Richardson and Mary Roe be put into one house and William Cockerline into the one that will be at liberty."

November 17th 1835. "That Joseph Wells and not Cockerline go into the poor house."

August 13th 1835. "That the poor house be surveyed and repaired." This was the house - a double cottage - in A.

November 2nd 1835. "That Jarratt occupy the house late Hannah Marshall and be responsible for repairs."

July 5th 1839. "That the ruins of the house occupied by Cook and Jarratt be disposed of to the highest bidder and the ground be let for 5/- per ann."

After the Poor Law Act of 1834 parishes ceased to be responsible for housing their poor. The civil parishes were formed into unions to provide workhouses - in our case at Patrington - to which destitute people were transferred.

The ancient enclosures (continued)

Lamb Lane to Dent's Garth

The last article ended with Enclosure No. 50 at the north-west corner of Lamb Lane where The Quoin and Talkatora now stand. This article continues with the ancient enclosures south of Lamb Lane.

The map extends from Lamb Lane to the church. It shows a track that no longer exists - south of Dove Lane and parallel to it and known as Patrington Lane. Mr Wilbraham speaks of it as being part of the route from Patrington to Aldbrough - i.e. before the Roos Award authorised New Road (Rectory Road as we know it).

51 0.2.14

Lamb Lane corner. At the enclosures, William Dalton. Ion bought the plot in 1829

How many dwellings there were at the enclosures is not known. Within 50 years there were six. Each front door led directly into the living room and the top of the stairs straight into a bedroom. "Three are condemned; the other three will be at the next visit of the Public Health Inspector."

The original dwellings were replaced in 1847. Another two in the same style were built in the SW corner. In Mr Wilbraham's time the latter belonged to the Reckitts and the others to the Dickinson ladies and later to John Clark. Their frontage is some feet from the pavement (unlike those on Colman Row). "All have a garden in the rear."

In the 1860s Peter Dove lived in one of the latter two after retiring as foreman at The Elms, and Mrs Cockerline in the other. She survived her husband (remembered by a brass plate in the church) and lived to a great age, always happy to talk to the younger ones about "the good old days".

An old worthy in the other block worked until his death as a cordwainer - a boot-and-shoe-maker. At one time he used to walk to Hull and back to buy his leather.

In its early days a carrier named Lamb lived in the house at the corner - hence Lamb Lane. Later it was occupied by successive grooms of the doctor. When it fell into disrepair the District Council improved it, lengthening its life and providing a home for a widow and her son whose cottage in Mill Lane was collapsing.

52 0.3.2

A low bungalow in Lamb Lane. Owned at the enclosure by William Tenny, who had bargained for it with Ben Ganton.

The oldest house in Roos, it still has a mud south wall. The rooms beyond the kitchen are reached by a passage extending the length of the house on its sunny side. It is plain on north side but better on the south. Colour-washed and well preserved, it has been lengthened to the east.

In 1830 or so it was one of several properties owned by Mrs Walton of Hull and was tenanted by R.Wray and the land by John Wilkinson. In 1839 it was owned and occupied by a new parochial Assistance Officer, G.Taylor. In 1849 Samuel Woodhouse bought and enlarged it. Miss Mary Dickinson lived there - and George Dickinson before succeeding his father, William, at The Elms.

Robert Jubbs, retired tailor, was there in 1867. In 1887 the

owner was L.Dickinson. In 1906 one of the Bray brothers who farmed North Farm lived there. They improved the house, which now has modern amenities.

In 1867 Samuel Woodhouse built a row of three houses east of the old house, later bought by the late Alf Newton, "whose sister lives in one". The other two were sold to John Hoe.

Mr Wilbraham has a map with symbols indicating that Enclosures 44, 45, and 48 were built-up areas in 1965 and that building on No.53 had begun in 1967 with the property at its southern boundary now called Cornelian.

53 0.3.22

"A grass paddock." Useful accommodation grass but, "in view of the building nearby, there is a chance it may be built on" (as it was) "but too near two piggeries for comfort."

At the enclosures the owner was Richard Wallis. Later tenants or occupiers were :

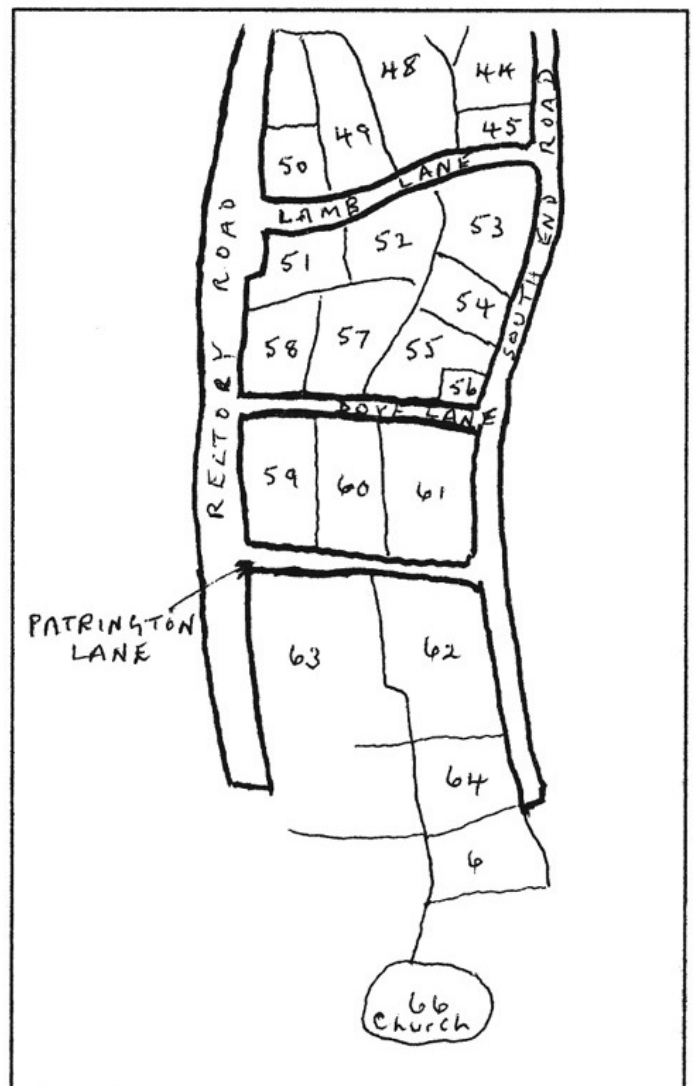
1783 Richard Wallis;

1825 the same;

1843 Stephenson, by marriage;

1877 Peter Jackson;

1938 onwards : W.H.Johnson, Frank Whiting, and "now Alan Foster".

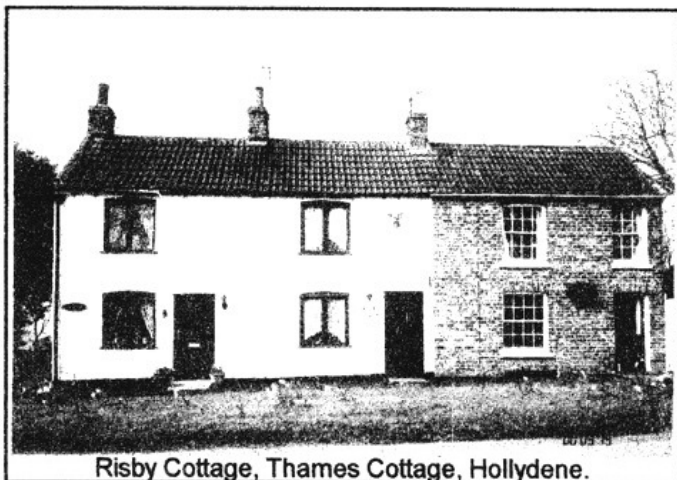


Owned at the enclosures by Ann Baxter but soon sold to M.Capes. (Soon after staking out, Ann had sold her rights in the Commons to Robert Gossip, her neighbour.) In 1837 Jackson, "a Papist", owned the land. His family kept it until the Dickinsons acquired it at the end of the 19th century.

There were once five cottages on this plot, "not at all good ones". Now there is a row of three and one single one (i.e. Moidart?). Ken Lawson of Dent's Garth modernised the single one before selling it. The others had been bought by a Richardson of Humbleton.

In the row of three there are traces of cobble walls and the lifting of the small upper storey. The front door opens into the living room. The one to the north has been enlarged..

"It cannot be long before they are downed." (But they are still there. Since Mr Wilbraham's time there has been been some modernisation, e.g. of doors and windows.)



Risby Cottage, Thames Cottage, Hollydene.

Mr Wilbraham expresses regret at their expected removal. No replacements will be allowed because the sites lack depth: "By-laws demand a space from the footpath up to a proposed building." Some old rural plots are cramped. "The Government are keen on what they call infilling where property has been downed (but) there is rarely sufficient space." He says that two or three plots could be used for one long building but the back boundary is often too close to allow for a garden between house and front path.

55 0.2.16

W.Dunn sold his right in the Commons to Robert Gossip. He (Gossip?) died in 1825 and the Rev.C.Sykes bought it. Peter Dove, whom he had brought with him from Westow, lived in it till he gave up work. (Hence: Dove Lane.)

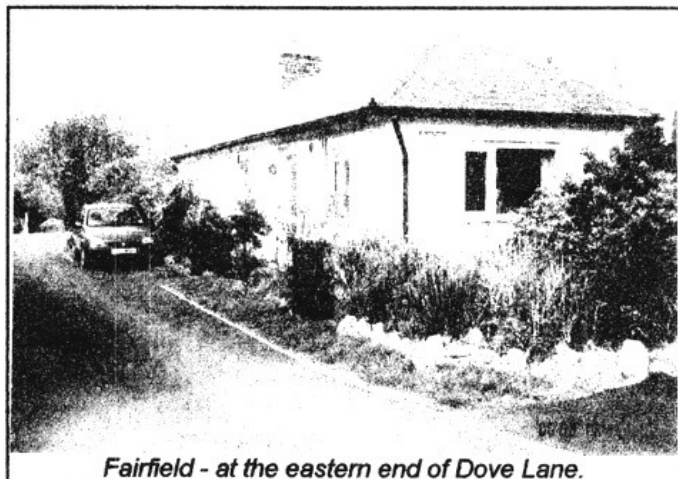
The present house (Southfield in Dove Lane) was then built for Rev. Thomas Browne, curate at Hilston church. It was a largish house "different from the usual tenements": double-fronted with a hall overlooking a garden.

The curate's son, also a clergyman, used to visit Roos and remembered the girls' school at Dent's Garth, the infants' under Miss Delaney, and the boys' under Charles Silversides. He also remembered the presentation to his father when they were leaving the parish in August 1865.

The property has passed through various hands since - a Fewson, who farmed North Farm; and at the beginning of the present (20th) century Holmes and Hopper; and then it was owner-occupied by E.Quarmby.

56 0.0.12

After Robert Gossip's death the property - Fairfield - also came into the Rector's ownership. It was built at the same time as Southfield. An earlier cottage had been closer to the edge of the small enclosure, "as proved when post-holes were being dug recently".



Fairfield - at the eastern end of Dove Lane.

Tom Reed and his wife lived here until they moved across Dove Lane to what is now Cherry Hill. Albert Houghton lived here, following his father, formerly of Tunstall. A Mrs Wood bought and improved the property.

57 0.2.30

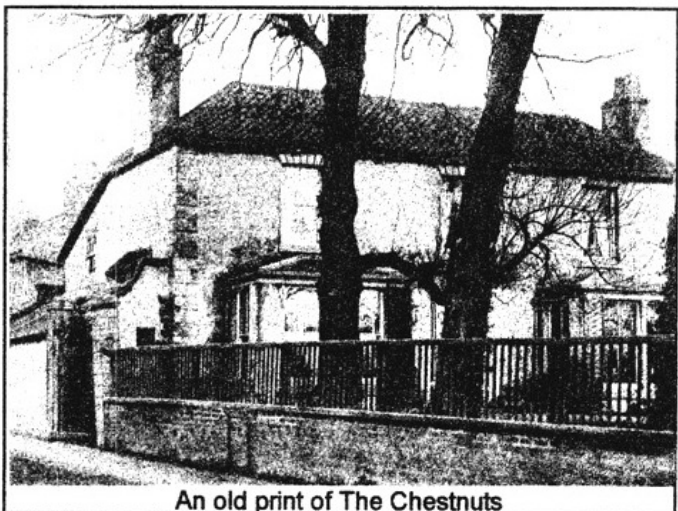
Another of William Dalton's crofts. By 1809 J.Atkinson owned both. When Ion bought No.51 he got No.57 as well. Later, whoever owned "Doctor's Corner" owned this plot too. See No.58.

Even if the plot had no house in 1783, it must have had one at some time. "It is now a vegetable garden."

58 0.2.9

Owned in 1784 by Francis Clappison. Now The Chestnuts, "Doctor's Corner". One of several properties bought in 1835 by Mrs Walton, who built the present house.

Mr Wilbraham admires its "character" - "one of the few good ones in the parish."



An old print of The Chestnuts

In 1830 the tenant was Mr Cory, Rector of Tunstall. In 1838 the owner and tenant was a Dr Hendry. He was followed by a Dr Raines, who lived and practised here when it was

owned by the Wallis family. Dr R.C.Field was here for many years. In his day the owner was Laurence Stephenson of Holmpton, who had married a Wallis.

Stephenson erected on the site what many take for a ruin. It is in fact the old east widow of Holmpton Church. When employed to restore the chancel, not owning any land at Holmpton, he set up the traceried stonework of the church window in the front garden of The Chestnuts. Buried at Roos, he and his wife are commemorated in the church by a stained-glass window opposite their tomb.

Dr Field retired to Flamborough and died there. He was followed by other doctors who owned both plots (57 and 58) Bary (?), Thornton and "now Whitehead".

59 1.2.0 Rectory Garden. North of the Rectory croft
60 0.3.10 Glebe. and west of the beck.

Both were used as a kitchen garden in 1825 and there was a house on No.59 according to a terrier.

Later they were sold to William Reed, then owner of 61. Between the world wars Brigham Reed built a bungalow there (*Alpha?*), restoring a dwelling to the site.

61 1.3.0

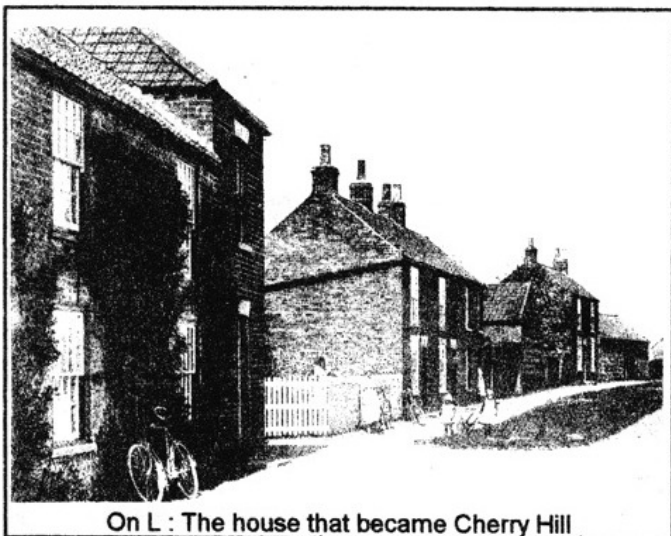
William Tenny. Cookman, a carrier, was tenant. Tenny sold the property to Rev. Christopher Sykes who took away the acre and added it to the Rectory garden over the beck.

Other tenants were also carriers : T.Marshall and R.Cartis (Curtis?).

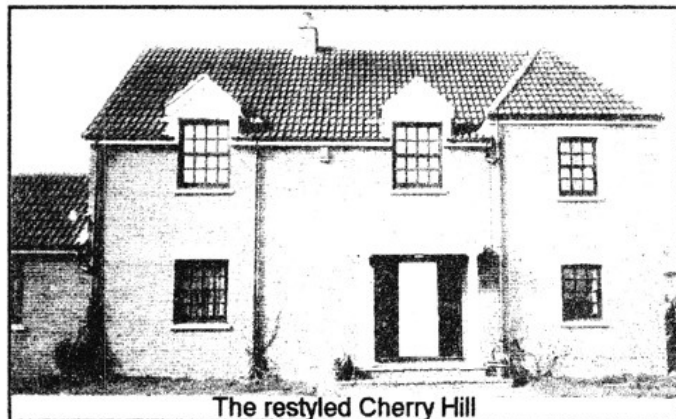
William Reed came in 1845 and lived there a long time. In the 1892 Directory he is named as the owner-occupier. He had bought back the original acre and also 59 and 60, which he planted with apple trees, covering the ground with rhubarb. His son, Tom, was three years old when his parents came to Roos. When he grew up he inherited the property and "now Brigham Reed is there".

The house, one of the oldest brick-and-tile houses in Roos, had earlier been extended northwards. A new front door was placed in the new part but traces of the original one can still be seen. South of the house is a fine cobble barn.

The house is, of course, Cherry Hill. The house described by Mr Wilbraham was gutted and restyled in the 1980s with yet another new front door and a "classical" pillared portico. The extension to the north was retained in the new dwelling and the cobbles were kept as a garden wall.



On L : The house that became Cherry Hill



The restyled Cherry Hill

62, 64, 65 3.2.18

Owned by Cornwall B.Wilson at the enclosures. He sold it to John Hutchinson. A very old brick-and-tile house, now called Dent's Garth after Dent, the tenant, who farmed locally. Aaron Brown was a tenant before Dent.



Dent's Garth today

By 1837 the plots belonged to the Rector. Samuel Woodhouse lived there till 1845. The northern part of 62 was used as an orchard.

The plots came into the ownership of Canon Machell's daughter, who married William Dickinson of the Elms. "They are now owned by B.N.Reckitt, who sold the two houses to the tenant."

64 and 65 were not homesteads at the enclosures. The footpath to the church went between them. Later that path was closed. A new one continued south and then east to the churchyard on its SE side.

At the same time a narrow plantation was made on the east side. The rest of the crofts and the part up to the orchard mentioned formed a paddock, the whole of it called Dent's Garth. Mr Reckitt planted young trees there.

65 terminates in a high earthen ridge that could be a British entrenchment.