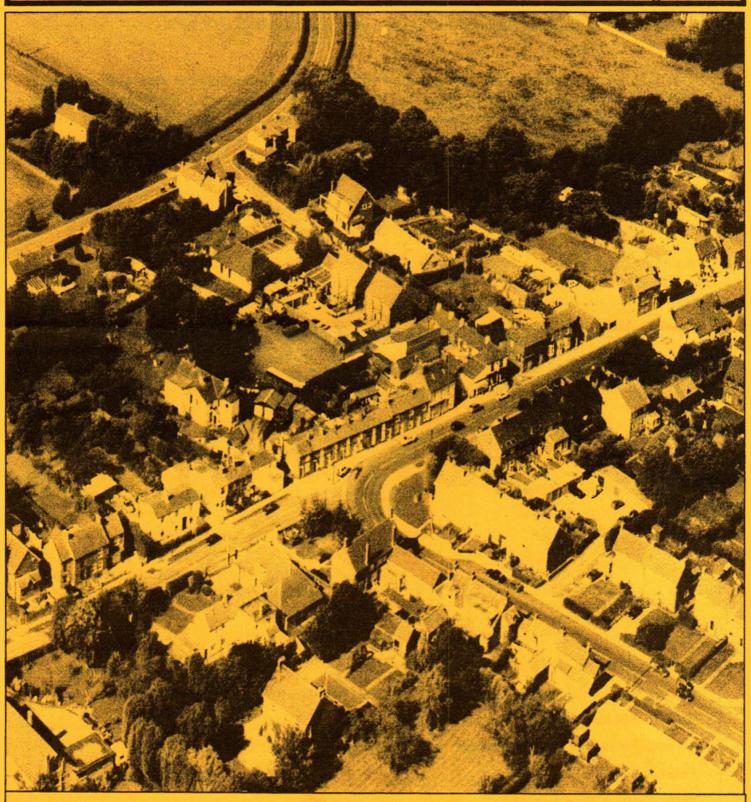


The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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100th issue

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The first issue of "The Rooster" in September 1985 consisted of two grey sheets of typescript produced on a rotary duplicator. The aim was to provide greater publicity for the Parish Council, since its meetings were advertised only by a single small notice in the village and were never reported. A secondary aim was to explore the possibility of providing a means of advertising other village events and reporting matters of local interest.

An immediate boost was the offer from Mr Martin Lunn, then living in South Park, to print the newsletter free of charge. This generous gesture enabled photographs to be included. Sadly, these good times were not to last. Martin Lunn left the area and other means of printing "The Rooster" - and paying for it - had to be found.

Funding was necessary and readers' opinions were canvassed. A sufficient number were willing to make donations to allow copies to be photocopied. The donors also agreed that copies should be provided for every household, whether or not the household had made a contribution. Originally about half the village supported the newsletter in this way. At present the support comes from about a third of households, some of whom are very generous. Increasingly donations are being made by former residents who want to stay in touch with Roos and copies are posted to them each month.

Following the illness of the editor in September 1990 there was a lapse in publication. There were occasional issues but regular monthly issues were not resumed until June 2000.

Photocopying did not reproduce photographs well. From July 1997 "The Rooster" has been printed by David Scotney of Haltemprice Street, Hull. For a large run the process is cheaper than photocopying and has the advantage of handling photographs quite well, though their quality depends on good originals.

I am extremely grateful to the volunteers who deliver copies every month to all houses in Roos village.

Recently copies have also been delivered in Tunstall. If the support there matches that in Roos, it is hoped to continue in 2004 this wider circulation within the parish.

"The Rooster" is published as soon as possible after each meeting of Roos Parish Council - i.e. it normally appears in the second or third week of the month.

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Roos Parish Council, July 2003

Councillors serve for four years. The next election will be in 2007.

Roos Parish Council has places for nine elected members but in May only eight persons were nominated. These were deemed to be elected - there was no actual poll. The ninth place was advertised for co-option. Five persons expressed an interest and Mrs Jane Smales was co-opted.

If the five had been nominated initially, there would have been 13 candidates and a ballot would have been held.

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in The Memorial Institute, Roos.

Members of the public are always welcome, though at present they are not invited to participate until after the close of the formal meeting.

Residents may raise issues of concern in advance by contacting the Chairman or Parish Clerk (or any councillor), preferably at least a week before a particular meeting.

Members

Cllr M.Cheeseman	Northlands, Tunstall Road, Roos, HU12 0HZ.	670282	Cllr L.Helliwell (Vice-Chairman)	Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB.	670291
Cllr T.K.Cook	Freshlands, Owstwick, HU12 0LH.	670376	Cllr Mrs B.J.Kirk	The Bungalow, Main Street, Roos, HU12 0HB.	670501
Cllr D.T.Craggs	V2, Sand-le-Mere, Seaside Road, Tunstall, HU12 0JQ.	671580	Cllr Mrs J.I.Smales	Hall Farm, Southfield Lane, Tunstall, HU12 0JF.	670284
Cllr A.Dodson	Avondale, Main Sttreet, Roos, HU12 0HB.	670146	Cllr D.E.Winter (Chairman & Treasurer)	3 Chestnut Garth, Roos, HU12 0LE.	670234
Cllr K.G.Grant	Elm Farm, Rectory Road, Roos, HU12 0LA.	670233	Parish Clerk	Mrs Sandra Hardy 1 Church Farm Cottages, Garton, HU11 4QE.	527669



<u>Left to Right</u>: David Craggs, Alec Dodson, Sandra Hardy (*Parish Clerk*), Leslie Helliwell *Vice-Chairman*), Jane Smales, David Winter (*Chairman*), Barbara Kirk, Mike Cheeseman, Ken Cook.

Parish Meeting, 7.00 p.m. on 21st July 2003

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mrs Jane Smales, newly co-opted. Only two members of the public

attended. Since they had no issues to raise, the meeting was over before anyone noticed.

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30 on 21st July 2003

Attendance

All members were present except Cllr Grant, whose apology was recorded.

Minutes

After a minor amendment the Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Affordable housing

Katherine Atkinson had been invited to attend the August Meeting but had not yet replied.

Subscription to ERNLLCA

In reply to the Clerk's query to the Local Councils Association Mr Alan Barker explained in detail that the increased subscription was due to extra work now undertaken on behalf of member councils. Most Roos councillors were not persuaded that a 43% increase was justified. On a vote whether to continue in the Association 1 voted to continue, 5 voted to lapse, and 2 abstained. It was agreed to review the matter in 2004.

Tunstall Village Hall

The Chairman had visited Mr Smales of Church Farm. Mr Smales had understood that he could use the parish land next to the Hall, not merely have access over it.

It appeared from another source that Mr Smales intended to graze horses on the land and incur expense in preparing the plot and fencing it.

Members agreed that it would be fair to advise him that the arrangement was subject to annual renewal and that, as with his predecessor, the access was allowed for only 364 days in the year.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Smales and also to Mr & Mrs Garbutt representing the Village Hall Committee stating that in 2004 both parties would be invited to renew their applications.

Riding Around

Members noted that the East Riding's scheme to meet residents and seek their opinions would operate in Roos on Thursday 2nd October: outside the school from 8.30 and then outside the Post Office until 10.00 a.m.

DEFRA: Quality Parish & Town Councils

A 66-page A4 booklet from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister outlined the government's scheme. Further copies were requested so that members could read it properly.

Track to Roos Playing Field

Cllr Kirk reported that the Headteacher, Mrs Farey, was still concerned about the risk from vehicles using the track to reach the building site east of Main Street. Although children would not be attending lessons during the holiday, some would still be attending the Out-of-School Club. It should be possible for vehicles to use the new access to the site instead of the track.

It was suggested that the School Governors should address their concerns to the East Riding Education Committee.

Correspondence

Representation on school governing bodies

From 1st September parish councils will no longer have an automatic right of representation on governing bodies. (Cllr Kirk noted that her own tenure ended in September.) It was agreed to ask the Headteacher whether her Governors wished council representation to continue.

Rural Beaches Initiative

A letter had been received concerning Rural Seaside Awards, an aspect of the Coastal Zone Management Plan. Cllr Craggs undertook to seek further details.

ERYC: Local Strategic Partnership Community Plan The document was noted.

Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000

The Local Access Forum (a body independent of the East Riding) aims to have 15 - 17 members and meet four times a year to advise on improved countryside access. Further details would be sent in September.

Roos Children's Playground Association

A letter advised that the Association had already raised £10,000 towards its target of £70,500. The Countryside Agency had promised £25,000 or 34% of the actual cost, whichever was the lower. The Parish Council was asked to make a contribution as it had already promised in principle. It was agreed to donate £1,000.

Receipt of the following publications was noted:

- · Standards Board: Registering and Declaring Interests;
- · Yorkshire Coast Bus-cycle leaflet;
- Spurn Ranger leaflet;
- · Playing Fields Association booklet;
- · ERYC: Striding Ahead Performance Plan.

Treasurer's Report

Cllr Winter reported that £58.75 was due to the Audit Commission. Payment was agreed.

Planning

Area Planning Committee decisions

Manor Farm, South End, Roos (Marriott Builders)

Re-submitted application for detached dwelling on Plot 6: revision of plot boundary. Approved.

Blenkins Farm Bungalow, Owstwick (Mr D.Chatterton)

Extension to front, side and rear. Approved.

15 Elm Garth, Roos (Julie Taylor Clark)

Two-storey extension and dormer window to rear following demolition of existing conservatory. Approved.

The Laurels, Pinfold Lane, Roos (Mr G.Ralph)

Outline application for detached dwelling and garage to the south with (amended) siting and access. Approved.

New applications

The Folly, 2 Orchard Close (Mr I.Tennison)

Detailed application for conservatory to rear. Supported.

Hilston Cottage, Hilston (Mr & Mrs A.Kirby)

Application for listed building consent : painting of exterior pale green. Supported.

Roos C.E.School (Director of Lifelong Learning)

Application for ground-floor extension to provide new staff room. Supported.

Cherry Hill, South End, Roos (Mr & Mrs D.J.Simmonds)

Detailed application for first-floor extension to existing detached garage to form "granny flat". Because members found the details unclear, their response was postponed to the next meeting. A site visit was arranged for 24th July.

Meeting of 21st July (continued)

Any Other Business

Litter Bin

Cllr Kirk proposed a new litter bin on "The Village Green" at the corner of Main Street and Pilmar Lane. The Clerk was asked to enquire about East Riding assistance.

Broken markers on "Village Green"

The concrete slabs indicating the location of water mains had been reported to Yorkshire Water but not replaced. It was agreed to report the matter to the East Riding.

Dangerous trees

There were two dead trees on Pilmar Lane. Low branches obscured traffic sightlines on Rectory Road near The Old Rectory. The Clerk undertook to report these matters.

Path to Tunstall Church

Cllr Craggs referred to the request for a concrete path to provide wheelchair access. A quotation of £367.00 had been given for the work for the work, to include materials, labour, and clearing the waste.

There was still uncertainty about ownership of the grass plot in front of the church, though the Parish Council paid for the grass-cutting there. Cllr Smales said that she was Treasurer of The Friends of Tunstall Church. At their next meeting she would ask if they could help meet the cost of the path.

The matter would be raised at the next meeting.

Wheelchair problems in Roos

Cllr Helliwell said that a recently-disabled resident had asked him to raise the need for dropped kerbs to assist wheelchair users. Members agreed to note difficult kerbs and discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

Closure of Hilston Road, Tunstall

Cllr Smales said that the closure of the coast road had led to increased traffic along Hilston Road, Roos, which was narrow, had no passing places and was used by the school bus.

The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with the East Riding.

Clerk's illness

Mrs Hardy had been unwell. She thanked the Chairman for postponing the July meeting for a week until she was better and Cllr Helliwell for printing the notice and previous month's Minutes.

Parish Council Meeting on 11th August 2003

All members were present. The Minutes of the meeting on 21st July were approved.

Arising from the Minutes

Affordable housing

Katherine Atkinson had still not confirmed a date to discuss this topic with the Parish Council.

Parish land between Tunstall church & the village hall

The Clerk had advised the Village Hall Committee and Mr Michael Smales that use of the land for 364 days was subject to an annual rental agreement each April.

Dropped kerbs

Clir Helliwell had noted places where dropped kerbs would be helpful for wheelchair users. It was agreed to request an inspection by the local authority.

Outstanding issues

Responses were still awaited on the following matters:

- School Governors Parish Council representation;
- "Village Green": new litter bin;, damaged markers;
- the removal of hazardous trees and branches;
- the path to Tunstall Church.

Correspondence

Land at Kilnhouse Lane, Tunstall

Mr John Dobson had written about the plot called Kiln Well. It adjoined his property and he offered to maintain it and keep it tidy. Members welcomed the offer but agreed that he should be advised that the plot was parish property: his maintenance of it (for 364 days each year) would not constitute eventual title to ownership.

The Holderness Hopper

Funding for the community bus service would end in October 2004. It was hoped to set the scheme up as a charity. Persons keen to support the charity initiative were advised to contact Mary Hugill (01964 - 611383).

30 mph speed restriction near school

The decision to move the start of the restriction on Main Street further to the north was to be implemented.

Humberside Police Liaison Committee

Meeting at 7.15 on Monday 18th August at Withernsea Hospital. All welcome.

Planning Applications

The Parish Clerk would continue to hold copies of the documents for inspection by interested parties.

South Holderness Regeneration Partnership

The Partnership's projects would be publicised in Roos Memorial Institute on 27th September from 10.00 to 12.30.

The East Riding's Open Space Policy

A document about the policy had been received. Comments were invited. It would be discussed at the next meeting. (Copies available from Darryl Stephenson at County Hall.)

Draft Revised Regional Planning Guidance, June 2003

Further responses were invited. (See article later in the newsletter.)

Also received

- Hand in Hand newsletter.
- Poster (placed on notice board) about Summertime Special, Withernsea, Sunday 17 August.

Treasurer's Report

Hire of Memorial Institutefor meetings: 4 x 7.50 30.00 Clerk's salary & expenses (6 months) 380.00 Payment of both accounts was approved.

Planning

Cherry Hill (Mr & Mrs D.J.Simmonds)

Councillors had visited the site on 24th July and had met Mr & Mrs Simmonds. Subsequently copies of two letters of objection were received from neighbouring residents. It was decided not to support the application.

The main reasons were:

- The structure would form a completely new dwelling, not an annexe to Cherry Hill.
- The original planning consent for the site had been for six dwellings, not seven.
- Building some of the residential accommodation on top of the existing double garage would create an unsightly frontage, out of keeping with the area and contrary to the criteria in the Roos Village Design Statement.

The Quality Parish & Town Councils Scheme

Copies of the 66-page A4 booklet, issued in June from the office of the Deputy Prime Minister, had been circulated to members before the meeting.

In discussion there was both scepticism and misunderstanding and members were inclined to dismiss the scheme. Although one councillor recommended more thorough consideration, most were mystified as to the material benefits. It was agreed to seek the advice of Colin O'Connor, the Parish Councils Liaison Officer.

Any Other Business

Parish Paths

Cllr Dodson reported a visit by Dr Andrew Hersom, the Council's local contact on parish paths, who was unable to attend the meeting in person.

The Treasurer said that funding for path maintenance had been paid into the bank but councillors were unclear about the work to be done and the current state of play.

South-East Holderness Councillors

Cllr Craggs noted that, since their election in May, there had been only one visit by a ward councillor - whereas Cllr Willie had attended most meetings. The Clerk was asked to contact one of the three councillors.

Footpaths liable to flooding

Cllr Dodson referred to the footpath between Ivy House and the entry to Hinch Garth, which was liable to flooding. Cllr Smales referred to flooding on Kilnhouse Lane, Tunstall, opposite Kilnhouse Farm. It was agreed to refer the problems to the East Riding.

Trees obscuring traffic sightlines

Cllr Grant referred again to the two trees near The Old Rectory that needed to be removed or trimmed. (See July Minutes).

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Ann Coupe, Treasurer of the Roos Children's Playground Association, expressed the Associaton's gratitude for the grant of £1,000 agreed at the last meeting.

NEXT MEETING Monday 8th September 7.30 in The Memorial Institute Members of the public always welcome.

Quality Parish & Town Councils

The hefty booklet confronting the Parish Council was issued from the office of the Deputy Prime Minister. It was the product of wide consultation with relevant bodies: the Countryside Agency, DEFRA, the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks, and the Local Government Association.

The aim is to extend the powers of councillors so that they can serve their communities more directly and effectively.

To qualify a council must meet specific criteria. Both the councillors and their clerk must undergo training and must already demonstrate some of the attributes required: meet regularly, consult and collaborate with residents, publish newsletters and use other means to keep people informed e.g. set up a Parish Council website.

To serve on a Quality Parish Council will mean both more

work and more responsibility. If the scheme serves its purpose it will also bring more satisfaction and a chance of bringing real benefit to one's community.

Of course it may not work. It may be just a pig in a poke, yet another high-sounding government initiative with little actual substance. But it's worth considering.

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Roos and Garton in Holderness with Tunstall, Grimston, and Garton

This item, reprinted with permission, first appeared in the "South Holderness Deanery Magazine", which probably has a circulation rather less than "The Rooster".

Allow me to introduce myself to the church folk in South Holderness.

I was brought up in Leicester and attended The Gateways Technical Grammar School for Boys. From there I went to Manchester University for six years to study Classics and



Theology. I was invited to take a year off in the middle to fill in between two full term missionaries in Guyana, South America. My year became eventful when racial conflict broke out between the African and Indian political factions.

I began life as an Anglican, and, until a dispute over Dinky toys, was a choirboy at St. James The Greater, Leicester. Fed up with the Prayer Book and boring services (yes they were boring even half a century ago!), I stopped going to church and declared it a hangover from the past! I went with a schoolmate to a Congregational Church Youth Club, and through that to the Sunday school. There, for the first time in my life, my habit of questioning belief was praised rather than dismissed as "stupid". My self-confidence blossomed and at day school I shot up from the last but one in class to fourth, and never looked back academically. I became a lay preacher at 15 years old and baptised my first baby when just 16 years old!

My first church was a Greek-temple-looking building in Cleckheaton, called Providence Place. It is now the largest Indian restaurant in Europe!

Then an early call to a very large congregation in Chester brought my ministry to a crossroads. I knew that I needed sacramental worship too much to remain within the Congregational church for a further 10 to 12 years. Sadly I had to leave the folk who gave me a faith and return to my Mother Church.

I served my curacy at Sandal Magna, Wakefield, and my first parishes in Castleford. The Church I was sent to close revived and retains its own vicar still, but the industrial estate I went to be chaplain to did not arrive for another twenty years.

I left parish work and became Head of RE at Goole Grammar School and later spent 20 years in the same post at South Hunsley School.

Whilst teaching, my first wife had an affair with the man to whom she remains happily married. We had two sons: James now lives at Horrocks Court in Keyingham and Dominic is a doctor working for an international drug company on patients in a large teaching hospital. Neither is yet married.

Susan is my second wife and we met through a Gilbert and Sullivan society. Our shared interest in music, drama, and caravanning and our desire to hold on to family and friends have kept us close and happy for ten years. She brought Katherine, who is a junior manager with Premier Plant, and Charles, recently home from service with the Royal Artillery in Iraq.

Whilst teaching I continued a Sunday ministry and prison chaplaincy work, but the encouragement given by Canon Kenneth David and his congregation at All Saints, Hessle, made me think there was a parish ministry left in me yet. I took early retirement and went to be vicar of St Marks, Anlaby Common.

The first year was very happy and satisfying, but as I sought to bring the PCC and Vicar back into a balance of power with certain very committed select groups, various attempts to teach me my place, though defeated, took their toll on my health two years running, and I became the third vicar to come and go in eight years.

I expected to retire but Bishop Richard, who had been firm and supportive throughout, had other ideas. He and the Archdeacon have also shown considerable concern for Roos and so we come together in happy ministry. Susan is happy to be on "home ground" and I to be allowed to minister in such beautiful churches and countryside.

A lot of village support for the church buildings is evident and I delight in this closeness, but my vocation from God has not changed in fifty years. It is to make others think again about Jesus as I was made to think again about him.

I want to help people to find a personal faith, and feel closer to God. I want the congregations to be generous in their attitude towards those who are on the fringes of the faith. Through schools and house groups, I want to help them take stock of their lives and of their faith. Let's keep with God praying for each other.

Gordon Smethurst



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Steps to Matrimony

A note from Mr Basil Reckitt.

Opposite the entrance gate to the Church on the other side of the road are steps leading up into the garden of The Elms. These are known as the Wedding Steps but for whose marriage is unknown - probably some member of the Dickinson Family. Perhaps the Church records would help - back to about 1800.

Since then, however, the steps have been used for a number of marriages during the period of the Reckitt occupancy of The Elms. Below is a list of them.

2 June 1956 Jocelyn Reckitt to Pierre Chauchet (French).

21 April 1960 Susan Reckitt to Charles Rush (U.S.A.).

26 Nov. 1966 Basil Reckitt to Mary Holmes.
6 May 1972 Heather Holmes to Keith MacClune.

15 July 1989 Joanna Holmes-Reckitt to Pierre Mahler (French).

The Dickinson family lived at The Elms 1817 - 1936.

Basil Reckitt bought the property in 1937 and lived there from 1938 to 1986. His children grew up there and first wife, Virginia, died there. From The Elms he married his second wife, Mary, in 1966.

Subsequent residents

Mr & Mrs Chris Powell, 1986 - 1982

Mr & Mrs Peter Smith, 1982 - 1988

Peter died in 1987 and in 1988 Mary moved to the new Garden Cottage. During their residence the Smiths sold part of the premises, now called Ivy Cottage, to Michael Grant.

Michael was presumably the last to use the Wedding Steps on his way to marry Dawn. He and his best man had drinks at the Smiths` before going to the church.

Mr & Mrs Nicholas Hildyard, from 1988

Historical background

Land around the church was once part of the lord's demesne. In 1709 Mark Kirbye bought it and from him the Sykes family became owners and lords of the manor.

In 1867 the land between the church and Rectory Road was given to the church by Mrs Hotham and Mrs Yorke, daughters of Christopher Sykes, the late Rector. Until then the present access did not exist: there had been no gate, no yew-tree walk - and presumably no gate opposite from the garden at The Elms.

Probably the Dickinsons made and first used the Wedding Steps after 1867. For which marriages were they used?

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB (Phone 670291)

by

Friday 5th September



(Slightly edited for space.) Roach Cottage South End, Roos.

Dear Editor,

Just a short note to pass on, via your newskletter, our thanks for making us feel so welcome in Roos as the new

owners of Roach Cottage.

We moved up on 7th July. The removal men were great but I found they were coming a day early and I desperately rang The Roos Arms to get a message to warn Paul and Paula. But panic not. By the time I arrived the guys had pretty well unloaded.

So, a bit about us.

We moved from Burgess Hill in West Sussex near Brighton. I am a safety officer at Gatwick Airport., having worked there for 18 years. For the time being I will have to travel down to work. This is not the ideal situation, so a change could be coming in time.

Marie worked as a manager in the Duty Free shop at Gatwick Airport, though left on 9th July. She arrived two days after me, and missed all the chaos, though she has been unpacking ever since!

She also has our new arrival to take care of. He is Pudding, a ten-week-old West Highland terrier, my gift to Marie on her arrival back "up north". He is very cute, and quite a character. Once he has had his second jab he can come out and be introduced to the village.

So why Roos? Marie's family live mainly in and around Hull and, having been coming up for seven years or so to visit, we have driven through Roos on numerous occasions and always commented what a nice place it looked. So, when the decision was made to move up here, there was no doubt where we wanted to live and with the great reception from all we have met to date, our decision was spot on!!

Dave (Dax), Marie (Ree) and Pudding (Pud) Pritchard.

Coming Events

August

24 Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament in Fancy Dress. Roos Playing Field. 9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m. Bar & Barbecue. September

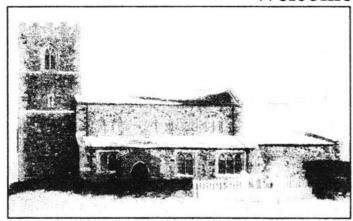
- 3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute.7.30.
 - Speaker, Sue Markham: Greyhound Rescue.
- 5 Deadline for "Rooster" material.
- 8 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 27 South Holderness Regeneration Partnership. Roos Memorial Institute. 10.00 to 12.30.

Donations to "The Rooster"

Recent donations have been gratefully received from Mr & Mrs A.Moore, Mr & Mrs J.L.Farrington, and Anon.

Further donations for 2003 will be most welcome (cheques to "L.Helliwell") in an envelope, to me or the Roos Stores. L.H.

Welcome to Tunstall



This unseasonal image of Tunstall church under snow may seem far from welcoming but the welcome is actually for Tunstall readers, not for tourists.

Following a request (and donation) from Brian and Pat Garbutt representing the Tunstall Village Hall Committee, copies of "The Rooster" are being delivered in the village.

It is hoped to print regular items about Tunstall. Notices and reports of events as well as other contributions will be welcome. The first Tunstall item - submitted by the Garbutts - appears alongside.

In December all readers will be invited to make a small donation to help fund the newsletter's costs in 2004. If the Tunstall response matches that in Roos, deliveries will continue next year.

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All Saints', Roos "Lighten Our Darkness"

Flower Festival

in aid of the Lighting Appeal on

4th - 5th October

Volunteer flower-arrangers are invited or sponsors to support an arrangement.

It is hoped to have around the font a

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY

All interested - both adults and children please contact Kathleen Woodhouse: 01964 - 670495

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RECYCLE

Take waste paper and bottles to the containers in the

ROOS ARMS CAR PARK

Tunstall Village Hall & Wednesday Club

Our Wednesday Club is a social afternoon where anyone from the village can come for tea and cakes and a natter.

It started three years ago when it was suggested at a coffee afternoon that we might meet once a month. However, things happened and it became a weekly event and now we have sixteen members, both men and women.

Officers of the Village Hall Committee

Chairman Steve Davidson Secretary Pat Garbutt (671645) Treasurer **Brian Garbutt**

With other residents they have worked very hard to bring the village together and create a great community spirit.

Achievements and future plans

Over the last few years we have redecorated the Hall, refurbished the toilet and modernised the kitchen. The next project is to tile the kitchen floor. put on a new back door and frame and build a new porch with a ramp for wheelchair access.

All this we are doing without any grants, using our own fund-raising efforts.

Our calendar of events last year, in addition to several table-top sales, was :

> April Spring Fayre

June Sponsored bike-ride / walk

Garden Walk and afternoon tea August

October Autumn Fayre October Harvest Supper

December Christmas Concert and Supper

This year we have had our first trip out on the Holderness Hopper (to Normanby Hall) and enjoyed a lovely day out.

We had another lovely afternoon at Kilnsea at Elizabeth and Peter Martin's house and gardens.

Social events

The longest-running regular gatherings have been the monthly whist drives, which have been run for many years by Mrs Clara Grantham. They look set to continue for years to come. Proceeds go to support the Village Hall Fund.

Our latest addition has been a weekly Games Night with facilities for table tennis, snooker, darts, and board games.

As you can see, Tunstall has a very thriving social life and we have great plans for the future.

Once upon a time



Street procession in Roos, probably to celebrate the coronation of George V in 1911

This is one of the photographs that Stephen Foster has available. There wasn't time after all to include more in this 100th issue. Another time.

Apologies for the quality of some of the other printing this month - the fault of an old cartridge I was using, not of David Scotney, who printed the bulk copies from my pages.