



# The Rooster

## Roos Village Newsletter

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### Roos Parish Council

*(ERYC = the East Riding of Yorkshire Council)*

#### Attendance

The meeting on 10th February was attended by Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Grant, Helliwell, Jackson, Kirk, and Winter (in the Chair).

Cllr Priest (Chairman) had sent an apology for his absence owing to his wife's illness. Members agreed that the Clerk should write expressing their concern and good wishes for Mrs Priest's speedy recovery.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

#### Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk reported ERYC responses to the topics raised.

#### Highways, Road Safety, etc.

##### Aldbrough crossroad

The possibility of activated signs would be considered in January or February. The small trees obscuring the signs on the approach from Aldbrough would be inspected; if necessary, action would be taken.

##### Speed restriction near the school

The 30 mph sign would be moved 57 metres to the north. Elsewhere the 40 mph limit would be unchanged.

##### Rubbish in ditch north of Holmleigh, Main Street

Officers would inspect the nuisance. Cllr Grant said that he and Cllr Cheeseman had visited the spot. The ditch was not a drain. The rubbish was litter and was therefore a matter for Highways, not for the owner of the adjacent hedge and land.

##### Hodgson Lane & Pinfold Lane

The Highways Department did not at present regard the alleged puddles and standing water as a serious problem.

##### New path across Tunstall Green

Cllr Jackson said that he had reported the willingness of

the Parish Council to assist but Tunstall residents had not yet proceeded further.

#### Parish Paths

Cllr Helliwell said that Dr Andrew Hersom had read in "The Rooster" the report of the December meeting at which it was agreed that a letter from the ERYC Parish Paths Officer should be to him. He had not received it. The Clerk apologised : this was one of the matters not dealt with promptly owing to a family bereavement. She would pass the letter on immediately.

Cllr Helliwell said that, because of the newsletter item, Dr Hersom had nevertheless carried out a survey. His written comments would be submitted under "Any Other Business". The Chair accepted the suggestion.

#### Correspondence

##### Announcements, newsletters, etc.

Youth Offending. Conference about Safe Communities at Willerby Manor Hotel, 11th March.

Society of Local Council Clerks. Seminar.

Humberside Playing Field Association. Newsletter.

Hand in Hand (Early Years activities). Newsletter.

ERYC : Town & Country Planning. Tree-felling.

Cemeteries (Safe Headstones). Passed to churchwardens.

Music Hall. Notice to be placed on the village board.

ERNLLCA (E.Riding & N.Lines Local Councils Ass.)

Contact details for the Desktop Advisory Service.

#### Questionnaires

Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council. Rural amenities : improvement or deterioration. (Information also offered on affordable housing.)

ERYC : Freight Study. HGVs on local road systems.

Members agreed responses at the meeting.

#### Accounts

##### Payments

Members approved payment of two accounts reported by Cllr Winter, Treasurer :

Hire of Memorial Institute (5 meetings) £37.50

Grass-cutting, Tunstall Village Green £70.50

It was noted that the grass-cutting by Highways had been approved in 2002 but members asked the Clerk to ascertain how many times in 2002 the grass had been cut.

**Roos Parish Council**

**Monday 10th March**

**7.30 in The Memorial Institute**

**Members of the public are always welcome.**

## Annual Audit

Cllr Winter said that the Audit Commission now required councils to appoint their own auditor. Because he had not known this, the accounts to 31 March 2002 had not yet been audited. It was agreed that he should approach Mr Howard Walsh to carry out the audit.

## Planning

### Notices of decision (Both approved)

The Elms, Rectory Road (Mr Nicholas Hildyard).

Retention of gateway and door.

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

Conservatory at the rear.

### New applications

Manor Farm (Mr Richard Marriott)

*(The site - behind the former farmhouse - is now known as Becksides Manor.)*

Detailed application to develop plots 4, 5 and 6.

01964 - 527669

1 Church Farm Cottage,  
Garton,  
Aldbrough,  
Hull, HU11 4QB.

Dear Reader,

I am running in the Flora London Marathon on 13th April in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

I have lived in Garton for the past five years and am asking residents to sponsor me. As Clerk to Roos Parish Council I am taking the liberty of extending my invitation to Roos people.

My husband's daughter Karen died of cancer just before Christmas. She herself and her whole family benefited from the special care given by Macmillan Nurses.

By securing sponsorship from local people I hope to raise £1,000, all of which will go to the Macmillan Fund.

I am already training hard. If you see me pounding our country lanes in my blue baseball cap (jogging, walking or crawling!) please give me a cheer or toot your car horn. I need all the encouragement I can get.

However long it takes, I intend to finish the 26-mile race. Please sponsor me to do so. A cheque should be made payable to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

With many thanks in anticipation of your support for this excellent cause.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Hardy.

## Roos Cricket Club Scorer required

for Saturday matches, both home and away.  
A fee will be paid. Transport and tea provided.

Offers and enquiries to :  
**D.E.Winter (01964 - 670234)**

Plot 4 : four-bedroom detached house and garage.

Plot 5 : three-bedroom bungalow and garage.

Plot 6 : four-bedroom detached house and garage.

Members recommended approval.

## Any other business

### Parish Paths *(See last item under "Matters arising")*

Cllr Helliwell passed round detailed notes (including photographs) provided by Dr Hersom, who was unable to attend in person. There were two main issues.

### Fallen fences

The photographs showed panels of domestic fences blocking the path from Main Street to Tunstall. Cllr Winter undertook to contact householders and ask them to remove the blockages.

### Work needed to restore paths and signs

Dr Hersom had surveyed the paths and provided details of work needed. It was agreed to thank him for his efforts and ask him to liaise with the ERYC Parish Paths Officer, Trevor Appleton, about funding for the work.

Members noted that Countryside Agency funding ceased on 31st March and that already the available funds might have run out. If not, it was agreed that Dr Hersom should be asked to seek tenders for the work and ensure that it was carried out.

*(After the meeting Sandra Hardy, Parish Clerk, invited members to sponsor her run in the London Marathon in support of Macmillan Cancer Relief. See letter on the left.)*

## Coming events

### Please supply dates and details of your events.

#### March

5 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Paul Schofield :  
Ghosts of Beverley.

7 Deadline : material for "The Rooster".

10 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

#### April

2 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Dr Neville Jones :  
Mud, Glorious Mud.

5 Horticultural Society Spring Show. Memorial Institute.

12 Monday & Wednesday Club Spring Fayre. Institute. 2.0.

14 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

#### July

5 Horticultural Society Summer Show. Burton Pidsea  
Memorial Hall.

## Eastfield Monday and Wednesday Clubs

## Spring Fayre

Saturday 12th April 2.00 p.m.

Memorial Institute

**Stalls** Cakes, Tombola, Books & Toys, Plants,  
Bric-a-brac, Clothes (nearly-new) .

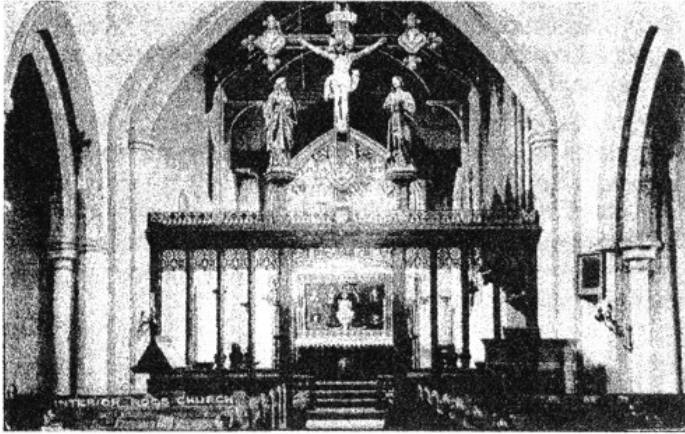
**Entry** 50p (to include tea, coffee and biscuits)

## ALL WELCOME

Gifts for the stalls will be much appreciated. They  
can be left at the Eastfield Community Centre or  
collected - Ring Heather on 670461.

# All Saints' Roos

## Fiat Lux : Let there be light.



*Photograph reproduced from an old print.*

### The need

The church's lighting system is dangerous. This was the advice of a diocesan inspector after a problem at the Harvest Festival in October. Rewiring is essential.

The actual lights were also found to be inadequate. They give only about 14 lumens - far short of the recommended minimum of 100.

The present emergency lighting run from power points does not solve the problem. The only solution is complete rewiring and upgrading of the system.

### The cost

Initial estimates show that, to make the system safe, rewiring alone will cost at least £4,800 + VAT. To improve the lighting to an acceptable standard of illumination will increase the total to at least £7,500 + VAT.

Most of the Parochial Church Council's Repair & Maintenance Fund is already earmarked for routine maintenance of the church and churchyard.

Although many charities do not make grants for electrical installations, the York Diocesan Board of Finance has generously offered £1,000 – but this leaves at least £6,500 to be found.

Urgent fund-raising is needed to allow work to go ahead.

### Appeal

Members of the Council have been delighted at the way in which the community has rallied round to raise funds for our ancient church in the past. In the present financial crisis they would very much appreciate further help.

If anyone can contribute – by individual donations or by organising fund-raising events – please contact churchwarden Barrie Broom (670113), Church Council Secretary John Witty (670490), or any PCC member

## The Rooster

### Donations in 2003

Over 70 households have contributed. The names of the donors (where known) are given below - with grateful thanks for the support they give. Any further contributions received after this issue goes to print will be acknowledged next month.

More donations will be most welcome. (Cheques payable to "L.Helliwell"). Please place in an envelope with a slip giving your name and address and the amount. Pass the envelope either to me or to the Roos Stores.

### DEADLINE

Please supply material for the next issue by

**Friday 7th March**

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane.

**Wanted News, reports, coming events, ...**

**Letters, articles, suggestions, ...**

**Photographs (old & new), drawings, ...**

## Thank you

Anon – 1 (per Roos Store)  
Anon – 2 (S.End, per Store)  
Anon – 3 (Garton)  
Anon – 4 (Pilmar La; Store )  
Anon - 5 (... ?)  
Bamford, Mr R.L.  
Blanchard, Mr & Mrs M.  
Blenkin, Mr & Mrs S  
Blyth, Mr & Mrs G.  
Boynton, Mrs H.  
Brooker, Miss T.D.  
Cook, Mr & Mrs P.  
Cook, Mr & Mrs P.K.  
Cook, Mr & Mrs T.K.  
Cowell, Mr & Mrs S.

Craggs, Mr D.T.  
Crombie, Mr & Mrs T.H.  
Dearing, Mr & Mrs G.E.  
Dee, Mr C.W.  
Eason, Mr & Mrs R.F.  
Farrington, Mr & Mrs J.L.  
Feetom, Mr & Mrs K.R.  
Feetom, Mr A.S.  
Foster, Mr & Mrs F.  
Foster, Mr S.T.  
Gee, Mrs M.T.  
Grant, Mr & Mrs K.G.  
Gregg, Mr & Mrs H.  
Hague, Mr S.  
Helliwell, Mr & Mrs L.

Hewson-Smith, Mrs S.  
Hildyard, Mr & Mrs N.A.C.  
Hinch, Mrs E.  
Hoe, Mr & Mrs N.  
Houlton, Mr & Mrs D.J.  
Hunt, Mr & Mrs W.  
Hupper, Mr & Mrs A.  
Inglis, Mr & Mrs A.J.  
Lawson, Mrs E.  
Lockwood, Mr & Mrs M.A.  
Maltas, Mr & Mrs M.  
Maltas, Mr & Mrs P.L.  
Maltas, Mr A.C.  
Megson, Mr & Mrs A.  
Miller, Mr & Mrs B.

Newton, Mr & Mrs T.D.  
Pawson, Mr & Mrs B.P.  
Pepper, Mrs V.  
Pittock, Mr & Mrs M.W.  
Reckitt, Mr B.N.  
Ribee, Mrs P.  
Rowland, Mr & Mrs D.R.  
Simmonds, Mr & Mrs D.J.  
Spikings, Mr & Mrs I.W.  
Stathers, Mr & Mrs T.  
Stephenson, Mr & Mrs G.B.  
Stock, Mr D.  
Tillbrook, Mr & Mrs E.H.A.  
Turner, Mrs S.  
Tyson, Mr & Mrs K.R.

Walker, Mr & Mrs R.  
White, Mrs D.J.  
Whitfield, Mr & Mrs S.R.  
Wigglesworth, Mr & Mrs A.  
Williams, Mr & Mrs B.  
Wilson, Mrs N.G.  
Wingham, Mr & Mrs M.R.  
Witty, Mr & Mrs J.H.  
Wolstenholme, Gill  
Woodhouse, Mr & Mrs T.  
Woollin, Mr & Mrs I.  
Wright, Mr & Mrs M.



# G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 41

## Changes in the Poor Law System

In 1926 the old Boards of Guardians and the Overseers were swept away.

The County Council became responsible for the poor and now sets a rate for that purpose. The task of sending out rate demands is passed to the District Council.

*(Mr Wilbraham is describing, of course, the period long before Humberside came and went : it was the time of the old East Riding of Yorkshire County Council and the Holderness Rural District Council.)*

Public Assistance Committees were set up to investigate applications for assistance and to decide the level of help to be given.

County Councils had no use for the old workhouses. They had other schemes for the impotent poor and lonely old people. Like other parishes in the Patrington Union, Roos protested strongly - but without avail - at the closing of the old workhouse at Patrington, though the hospital part was given a brief respite. The Roos rate collector - Tom Sowerby - lost his job.

## Overseers of Roos, 1835 – 1927

|         |                   |                          |                      |                        |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1835    | Benjamin Ganton   | B.Bilton                 | Robert Jubb          | George W.Lawson        |
|         | Richard Pearson   | 1856 A.Lorrimar          | 1883 George Dobson   | 1905 William Atkinson  |
| 1836    | William Dickinson | 1857 J.Eshelby           | James Laws           | G.W.Lawson             |
|         | John Bilton       | 1858 John Bilton         | 1887 William Shaw    | 1906 William Reed      |
| 1840    | James Bilton      | William Ion              | Ch. Atkinson         | John Bray              |
|         | Richard Atkinson  | 1859 Edward Wallis       | 1888 Jos. Thompson   | 1907 William Feaster   |
| 1841    | Peter Dove        | R.Curtis                 | William Curtis       | John Bray              |
|         | William Ramsay    | 1860 W.Bilton            | 1890 James Banks     | 1908 William Reaster   |
| 1843    | Francis Atkinson  | R.Webster                | John Jackson         | W.H.Thompson           |
|         | Parnel Atkinson   | 1861 William Atkinson    | 1891 William Trowill | 1909 John W.Johnson    |
| 1844    | Jo. Wilkinson     | S.J.Sykes                | Henry Fewster        | W.H.Thompson           |
|         | William Ion       | 1862 J.Foyston           | 1894 Philip Newton   | 1910 Thomas E.Varley   |
| 1847    | Richard Atkinson  | J.Mountain               | G.Dennison           | W.H.Thompson           |
|         | Peter Jackson     | 1863 T.Dennison          | 1895 Gib. Metcalf    | 1911 Thomas E.Varley   |
| 1848    | T.Wright          | T.S.Wright               | Thomas Tover         | Robinson Newton        |
|         | J.Hardbottle      | 1864 Christopher Suddaby | 1896-97 Thomas Tover | 1912 William Maltas    |
| 1849    | Robert Jubb       | J.Dickinson              | Thomas Foster        | Robinson Newton        |
|         | W.Bonfrey         | 1865 J.Branton           | 1898 Thomas Tover    | 1913 William Maltas    |
| 1850    | T.Dennison        | John Maltas              | omas Tover           | Robinson Newton        |
|         | P.Atkinson        | 1866 C. Atkinson         | Henry Thompson       | 1914 John Smales       |
| 1851-52 | T.S.Wright        | T.Stephenson             | Edwin Wallis         | Harry Jubb             |
|         | J.Hardbottle      | 1867 Charles Atkinson    | Charles Smales       | 1915 W.H.Thompson      |
| 1853    | George Sergeant   | John Clark               | 1901 Fred Webster    | William Jackson        |
|         | R.Atkinson        | 1868 B.Batchelor         | William Smales       | 1916-17 Harry Brown    |
| 1854    | J.Hardbottle      | J.Langthorpe             | 1902 William Jackson | W.H.Thompson           |
|         | G.Sergeant        | 1869 B.Bilton            | Albert Clark         | 1918-19 William Maltas |
| 1855    | J.Tindall         | William Reed             | 1903 John Smales     | Alfred Newton          |
|         |                   | 1879 William Reed        | Ed. Curtis           | 1920-26 William Maltas |
|         |                   |                          | 1904 Charles H.Gray  |                        |

## Snippets

### Manorial Courts

These courts had important functions. They could punish those found guilty of petty assaults, thefts or other illegal acts. There were also punishments for offences against the interests of a rural community : leaving fences unrepaired, blocking sewers and allowing cattle to trespass on arable fields.

Each year the Manorial Court appointed its administrative officers : a lead grave and penny grave to collect copyhold rents, a dyke reeve, a pinder to impound stray cattle.

The Court's Constable maintained law and order. He had power to call the Water Jury to keep the village pump in good repair and ensured that the pinfold was used effectively. He also enforced the collection of rates and taxes : land tax and window tax.

Roos deeds often use the word "fine" : a sum of money, up to two years` rent (or a year and a half on purchase), paid to the Court on the death of a property-holder.

### Under South Frodingham

Richard Medley of South Frodingham, yeoman, who died 26 June 1631 – body to be buried in church garth of Owthorne. Ux (*i.e. Latin "uxor" = Richard's wife*) Isable her thirds, three children of brother Thomas, he late of Hollylands at Roos. Sister Dinah Baker, Sister Kate Wright, legatees.

Roos register – Thomas Meadley buried September 19<sup>th</sup> 1613.

*(It is not clear why this note was made. Perhaps because of the names : Meadley, Hollylands. Perhaps the division of property at Roos concerned the Manorial Court.)*

## How the LORD of ROS became the LORD of BELVOIR

William the Conqueror granted the Manor of Belvoir to his standard-bearer, Robert de Todeni. Robert selected (as *site for his castle*) a detached cone-shaped hill at the north-east of a wide limestone ridge that drops 200 ft towards the Vale of Belvoir. The hill is still wooded. The castle stand on the ridge above a diagonal slope.

At his death Robert de Todeni owned 80 manors, widely scattered. Near the foot of his castle he established an Augustinian Priory, liberally endowed with lands, to provide religious instruction for the castle and to pray for the souls of the departed, including himself, his wife, Adelais, and other near relatives.

He was succeeded by his son, Geoffrey. On Geoffrey's death the Manor passed to the daughter of her (?) late heiress, Cicily de Belvoir, who had married William de Albin, the Breton. Thus the Albin family became the Lords of Belvoir.

William de Albin assisted Henry I, and on the king's death supported his daughter, Matilda, against Stephen. Her cause was lost and William was robbed of his possessions, which were granted to the Earl of Chester. William died in 1155 and was buried by Robert de Todeni on the north side of the Priory Chapter House.

He was succeeded by his son, also William, who held sway for 13 years.

In 1168 another William succeeded. He served Richard I and sided against King John. He died at Uffington. His heart was buried under the opposite wall of the high altar.

The Latin inscription was taken to Bottesford Church at the Dissolution.

Little is recorded of the next William who died in 1247. He was buried in the Priory and his heart at Croxton. His monument was removed to Bottesford but has been lost. He died without male issue.

His daughter Isabel married Robert de Ros, Baron Hamlake and Lord of Roos in Holderness near Hull.

### Parish Clerks

*In 2003 "Parish Clerk" means the Clerk to the Parish Council. Since parish councils were not established until the end of the 19th century, this sense is inappropriate for those in the list (which is evidently incomplete).*

*In former times "Clerk" was used for an officer of the local church, the equivalent of the modern Secretary to the Parochial Church Council - probably the meaning here.*

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Robert Vertue,      | died 1621          |
| Matthew Hornby      | from 1661.         |
| William Bean        | 1722.              |
| John Smith          | to 1744.           |
| John White          | died 1765.         |
| John Rudd           | died 1793 aged 60. |
| John Hodgson        | resigned 1850.     |
| Charles Silversides | 1850 - 1875.       |
| Thomas Stephenson   | (No dates)         |

## The Georgian Doorway at The Elms

*(Creased newspaper cutting, possibly from the "Hull Daily Mail". A pity about the poor photo quality.)*



Although most people are aware that the houses at the corner of Albion Street and Storey Street have been demolished, I wonder how many of us noticed, as did our cameraman, George Hanson, that one of the doorways disappeared before the houses?

I thought it might be interesting to find out who had acquired it and so I made inquiries.

The other day George Hanson and I went to see the doorway in its peaceful new situation, adorning the entrance to Mr Basil Reckitt's home, The Elms, at Roos.

Mr Reckitt, who was the Sheriff last year, tells me the doorway dates from about 1800 and he thought it would make an ideal porch for his home.

Which it certainly does.

*(No date is given. However, since Mr Reckitt ended his term as Sheriff of Hull in 1971, the item probably appeared in 1972.)*

Mr Reckitt now lives at Milnthorpe, Cumbria. Since I first contacted him about his memoir of Roos (which I later reprinted in the newsletter) we have corresponded regularly.

He has been very generous in allowing me to see copies of his private publications such as his history of Reckitt & Sons and his autobiography. He has also given me materials concerning Roos, some of which I hope to use in future issues.

# Celebrations

Like many villages Roos has celebrated national events, although early records are scanty. Earliest are references in church accounts to payments made to the bellringers.

|      |                                                      |                                    |
|------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1683 | on Thanksgiving Day                                  | 00 : 02 : 00<br>(i.e. 2 shillings) |
| 1706 | for ringing on Thanksgiving                          | 00 : 02 : 00                       |
| 1716 | to ye ringers on Thanksgiving                        | 00 : 05 : 00                       |
| 1717 | Ringers on ye Coronation<br>(George I, acceded 1714) | 00 : 02 : 06                       |
| 1729 | for ringing on King George's<br>birthday             | 00 : 06 : 06                       |
| 1749 | ringers on Peace proclamation                        | 00 : 07 : 06                       |

Records exist of the following.

## Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

Tea for everybody in the North Field farm barn was followed by sports, dancing and a bonfire. A clock and a bell were bought from public subscriptions and placed in the west wall of the school.

## Coronation of King Edward VII

A tea was followed by sports and each child received a medal from T.Kirk, Esq.

## Coronation of King George V

A church service was conducted both before and after a procession round the village led by Mr Maltas in an open carriage bearing the Royal Standard. Also in the procession were : ten wagons carrying children; representatives of the Rifle Club with shouldered guns; members of the Free Gardeners; the Rector's brougham driven by his groom bringing up the rear, carrying the oldest person in the village, Mrs Cockerline, aged 90, and Frank Hinch, the youngest child.

There were sports in the afternoon and evening with tea between. A bonfire was lit at night. Surplus funds paid for seats in parts of the village which were passed over to the council for maintenance.

## End of the Great War, 1919

The Peace Celebrations were on a large scale. Teas, sports and souvenirs were provided as usual. There was also heartfelt rejoicing in relief from the strains of war. The memorial took the form of iron railings and gates in front of the Institute. Brass tablets on the side pillars gave the names of those who had served, both those who had

returned and those who had not. The dedication took place on Dedication Day 1922. Among those present were Rev E.Milsom, former Rector, Rev. C.L.Owtram, Rector, the Rural Dean and two Nonconformist Ministers. Major Carver unveiled the Memorial.

## King George V's Jubilee

The usual celebrations were held but folks in the school and Institute for social events had the added pleasure of listening to the King's speech from radio sets lent for the occasion. A permanent memorial was the playing field and apparatus for children. Sadly, the playing field did not last. For reasons best known to the Headteacher the field was returned to the owner.

## Coronation of King George VI

There was the usual procedure except that the cost was met by levying a special rate. Unfortunately the weather caused the programme to be altered. A sports Challenge Shield for the school was the permanent memorial.

## End of World War II

Peace was celebrated with feelings of relief and the local societies arranged suitable festivities.

The lasting memorial was a brass tablet in church recording the names of those who had given their lives : Jack Atkinson, Alfred and William Raddle, Albert Bird, Gordon Moverley, George Boynton, Frank Coates, Percy Newton and Ronald Wilson. Those taking part were the Rector, Rev. James Christie, B.A., Lt. Col. B.N.Reckitt, Mr G.W.Wilbraham, who unveiled the Memorial, the Rural Dean, Rev. G.E.Chandler, who dedicated the Memorial, and Rev. T.E.M.Ashton, who gave the address. In addition to the parishioners, the following formed a procession : British Legion, ex-servicemen and women, members of the Civil Defence units, etc.

The memorials of the two world wars are the annual venue of a British Legion ceremony at which the names are read out : of the fallen of two world wars, of men who have died in the services and of British Legion personnel who have passed on.

## Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II

The occasion was duly observed. Two handsome oaken seats with the Royal initials were placed in the village and a flagstaff was erected in the Memorial Institute grounds.

## Roos Rifle Club

This club was formed in 1903 and a large number of men enrolled. A range, including a target, mantlet and butts, was opened on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The first shot was fired by Mrs Enfield Kirk, wife of T.Enfield Kirk, Esq., who had already distinguished himself as a marksman.

In 1904 Herbert Metcale won the National Rifle Society's badge. Over the years the winners of the Challenge Cup included Ted Curtis, R.W.Reed, C.Metcalf & J.Moverley.

When war broke out in 1914 the field was needed for other purposes and the Club was disbanded. The butts were taken down and the funds were entrusted to the Memorial Institute until such time as the club might restart. For some time after the war an indoor range was fixed up in the Institute but attracted few members.

## ROOS PARISH PATHS

Some of the public rights of way (mainly across open country) are in need of maintenance. In some places the surface needs improvement; in others, signs and way-markers need to be restored.

Funds may still be available to fund this work but it must be completed and paid for by 31st March 2003.

The Parish Council approved volunteer Andrew Hersom as the person to liaise on these matters with the East Riding Council's Parish Paths Officer. Anyone interested in tendering for the work should seek more detailed information from :

Dr A.S.Hersom,  
3 Dove Close, Roos, HU12 0LL.  
(Phone : 01964 - 671640)