

The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Scarecrow Trail & Fun Day

Debbie Tennison writes :

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported the Scarecrow Trail and Fun Day on Saturday 21st June.

The weather was on our side and we had a fantastic turnout : we made more than £1,700 profit on the day.

It was great to see so many villagers out and about trying to complete the Scarecrow Quiz on the theme "Myths & Magic" Well done to the Mayhew family for winning – again! – with Harry Potter.

The Pet Show was well supported, as always, and our thanks go to Stan and Diane Kennils, who had the difficult task of choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of the categories – very hard when you are judging dogs, rabbits, hamsters and even ducklings!

The main event at the School was a huge success. Magic Mike entertained the children (and adults!) with his tricks and all the stalls were kept busy. The beer tent was as popular as ever and the BBQ soon sold out of food!

It is always hard work planning an event such as this and the Committee would like to thank the mums, dads and friends who helped on the day, Ron Wingham who spent many weeks preparing lots of lovely plants for us to sell and Paul Evans who supplied a superb quiz.

We thank the many generous donors of prizes for the Draw, not least Dean at Paramount Windows for the 1st Prize of £100.

The Committee, The Friends of Roos School

POSTPONED

The Parish Meeting and Parish Council meeting advertised for 14th July will now be held on

Monday 21st July

**in the Memorial Institute
at 7.00 and 7.30 respectively.**

The Annual Parish Meeting allows residents to ask questions and make suggestions to the Parish Council. Come and have your say.

(The next issue will include reports of these two meetings and of the August meeting.)



Well, scare the crows!

Much thought and ingenuity went into making the figures and their settings – as in the view below of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" with its significant gas lamp and footprints in snow. So what amused the youngsters? Perhaps they thought the White Queen was too portly or too much like Boy George.

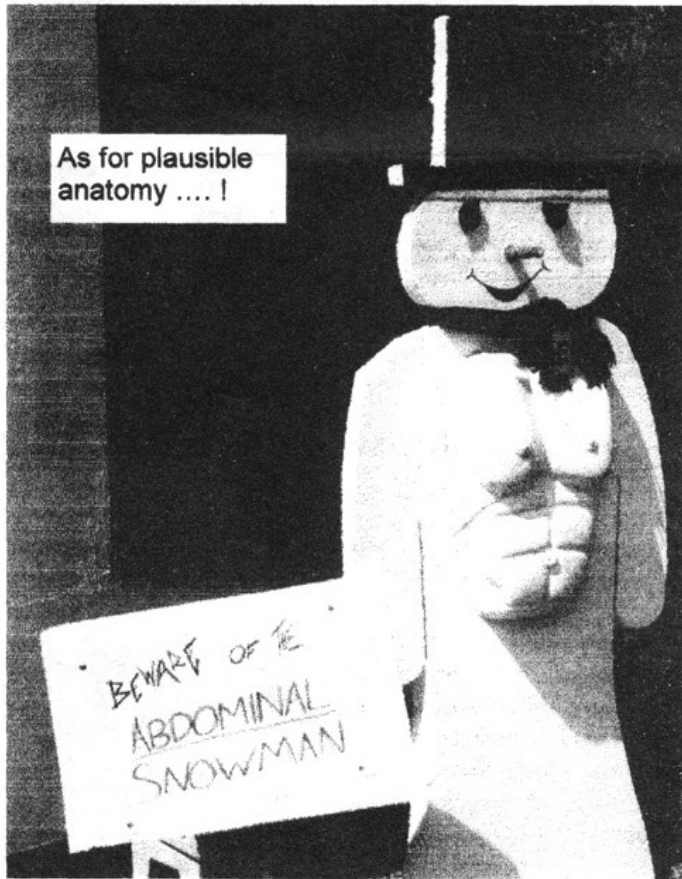


This mermaid is also a buxom lass, but well-supported about the chest by a seashell bra. She sports a scaly tail made of recycled CDs.

A problem for the designers is how to make such figures look anatomically convincing.



For example, on the next page, Merlin has got his sword in the stone all right but looks to have passed out with the effort. Definitely not up to any strenuous magic.



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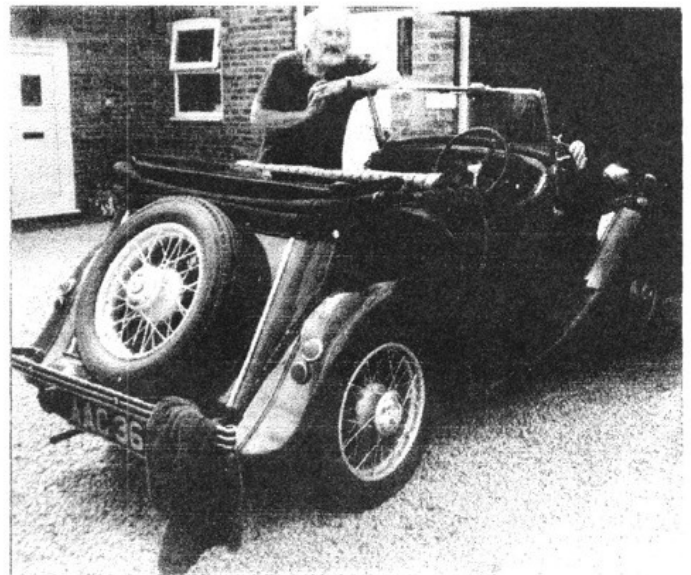
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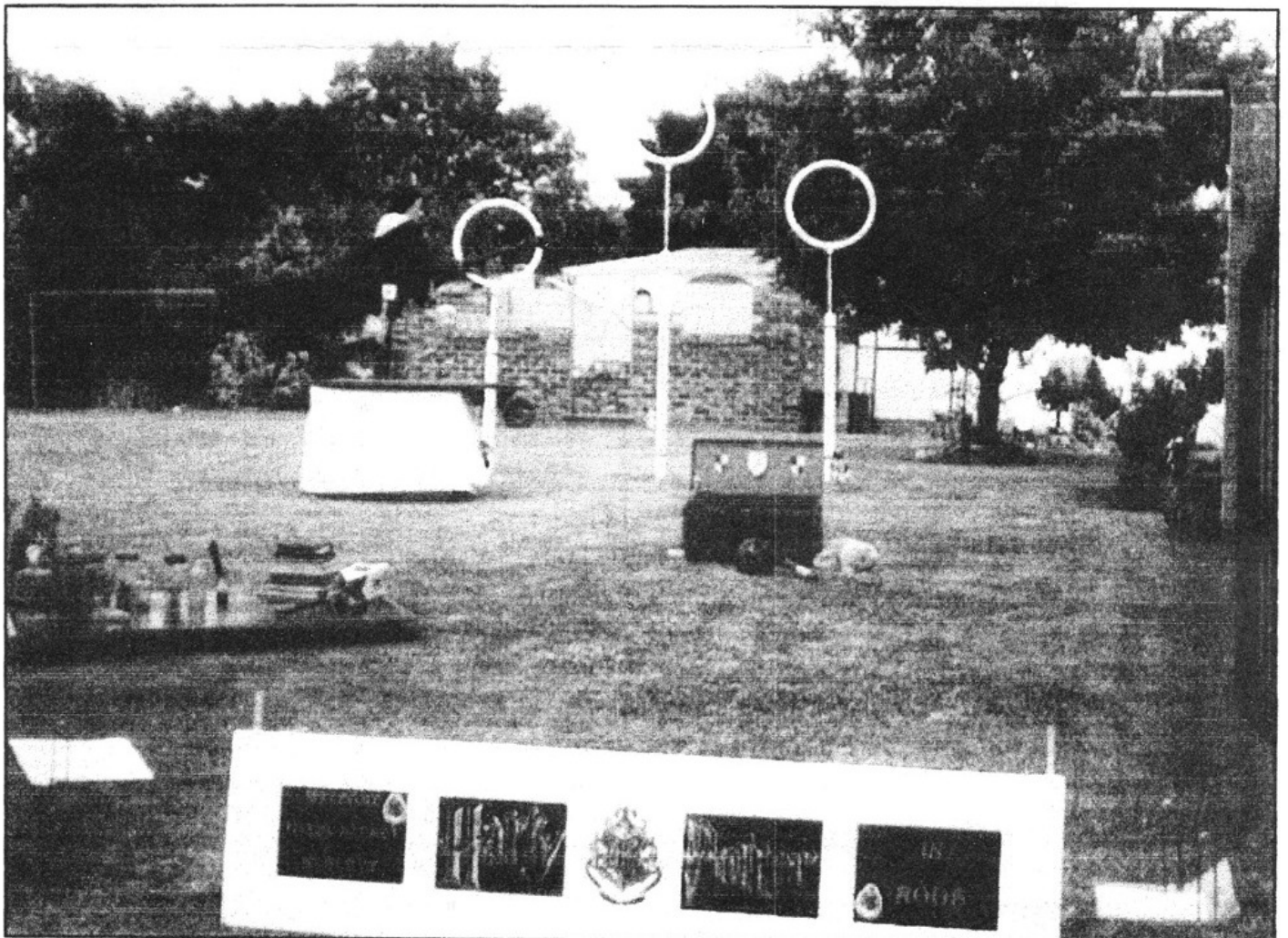


The figure above was filmed in error. Only when it spoke was it clearly human and alive : Richard Crook posing with his magnificent red vintage sports car.

The winning entry

Not so much a single scarecrow, more a detailed tableau and full of allusions. By popular acclaim the Mayhew family's montage (captioned : "Welcome to the Secret World of Harry Potter in Roos") was once again voted the best. Set in the back garden of Stuart and Cherie Blenkin

viewed from Hodgson Lane, it was a labour of love – full of nice touches and all done to scale. Occasionally Stuart himself appeared in the background in a walk-on role, apparently adding another outbuilding to the famous Hogwart's Academy.



The afternoon of Fun Day



Top
The Jungle Slide



Left
Magic Mike and a young volunteer in action.

Right
A face-painted youngster carries off his trophies.



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Donations in 2003

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Further 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.

100th issue in August

There has been little response to the request for old photographs to help celebrate the 100th issue.

However, Stephen Foster, a keen photographer himself, has discussed with me his own collection of old prints. We have agreed to collaborate and perhaps establish a village archive but it is unlikely that we shall achieve much in time for the August issue of "The Rooster".

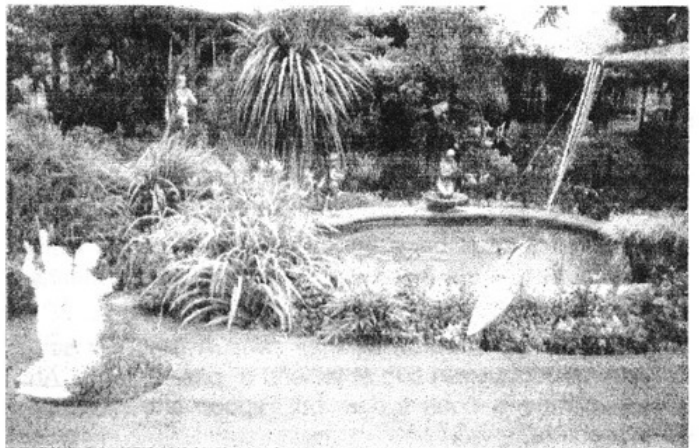
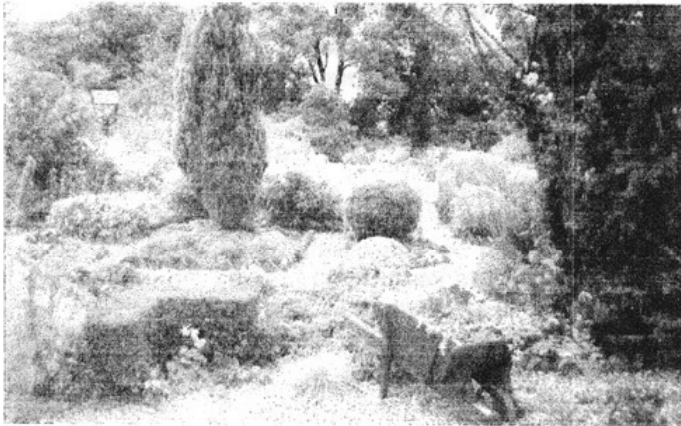
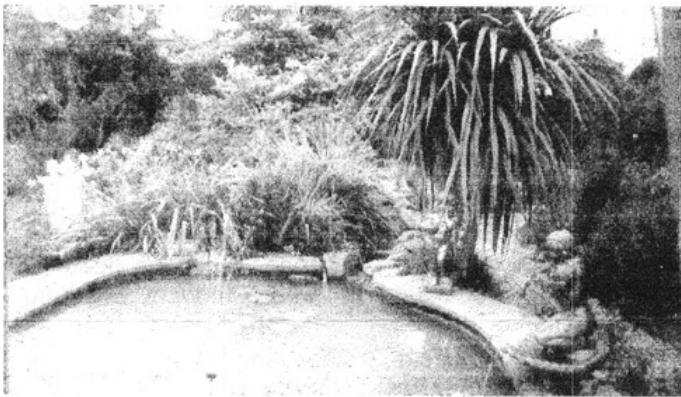
Roos Open Gardens, 29th June 2003

This event had the benefit of a warm sunny day. (As one interested party said, "If God can't be on our side..."). Once again people meandered sociably around the village talking to friends, enjoying the gardens, sometimes buying plants offered for sale and taking welcome refreshments. The church was open and offered a display of photographs and old documents.

There were twelve gardens on show. All were impressive and if space allowed each would merit individual appreciation. However, the photographs here were taken in just one of them : the large garden at the rear of The Folly in Main Street, the home of Pat Kirby and Richard Hardy.

The garden was imaginatively designed and has been lovingly maintained. Its curving walks provide a series of changing prospects. The trees, shrubs and flowers, with their varying heights, textures and colours, have been chosen and sited with unerring artistry. The harmonious variety has been enhanced by the addition of decorative man-made features : a pond fed by a waterfall, well-placed statues, the skilful use of brick-edging, and so on.

Other gardens on view gave similar pleasure and grounds for envious admiration. Overall, the day raised over £700 for the church lighting fund. (Meanwhile, there has been a steady response to the general appeal for donations.)



Roos Show

On 5th July the Roos & District Horticultural Society held its 61st Annual Show at Burton Pidsea. A full report of the winning entries and of the trophy winners was printed in "The Holderness Gazette" on 10th July. The

cups were presented by Doug Stewart of Bishop Burton College and Radio Humberside, seen here with Geoffrey Wright, winner of the prestigious Banksian Medal for his outstanding successes in the horticultural classes.



Photo, "The Holderness Gazette"

Coming events

Please supply dates and details of your events.

July

21 Parish Meeting, 7.00, Memorial Institute. Parish Council Meeting at 7.30.

August

6 Roos WI. National Trust Conservation (Mr & Mrs R. Howard)

11 Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

September

3 Roos WI. Memorial Institute 7.30. Greyhound Rescue (Sue Markham)

(Nothing else happening?)

G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 42

Folk speech and old customs

In this part of England people have their own way of pronouncing vowels.

"I" is pronounced as "Ah", "warm" as "Wahm",
"night" as "neet", "road" as "rooad",
"cow" as "coo", "know" as "knew",
"pound" as "pund", "come" as "cum",
and "ought" as "owt".

They are very fond of the sound "ee". They pronounce

"cake" as "keeak", "meat" as "meeat",
"home" as "eeam", "sure" as "seear",
"school" as "scheeal", "look" as "leeak",
"enough" as "eneeaf", and "plough" as "pleeaf".

They find it too much effort to sound the word "the". What they will say is : "Coo is i' clooase."

In the same way they find it easier to drop the final "g" of words ending in "-ing" and to drop an initial "h". To make up for this, they may put in an aitch where it would not be expected. So they may say, "Hivvy yan on 'em is gannin' tiv one i' morn."

They have a simple way of dealing with verb endings :

I am - Ah iz thou art - thoo iz he is - he iz
I do - Ah diz thou dost - thoo diz he does - he diz

A farmer may say of his sheep, "Them's good 'uns."

Local people dislike the plural words "eyes" and "children" and prefer "een" and "childer". They have no time for the sound of the apostrophe with "s" to show possession. So a man will tell his lad to "stan' bi 'oss 'eead".

They are also very fond of "strong" past tenses and of past participles ending "-en". The past tenses "beat" and "snowed" become with him "bet" and "snew"; while the past participles "burst", "got", "held" and "put" become "brussen", "gotten", "ho'dden", and "putten".

A lad who had just been taught that these forms were inappropriate told his teacher : Please sir, Billy Jooanes 'ez putten "putten" where 'e owt tiv 'a putten "put".

Local people have words all their own. A man will say, "Theer war nobbut yan coo at far-end o' pastur," and, "Ah doot awd meer's boon ti dee, but 'appen she mud live wharl Moonda."

They like double negatives. A Roos man objected to local lads throwing stones at his apple trees : "Neeabody's neea bisniss ti throw nowt inti neeabody's gardin."

They have their own phrases. To "set it about" is to spread a tale; to "call" a person is to scold him; to stop doing something is to "give ower"; to "freeame middlin" is to show promise.

This may all seem amusing but folk speech is the language of one's ancestors. The old Norse tongue had a great influence on Holderness men. It can be heard in their liking for the sound "k" where modern Standard English demands "ch" :

bink, birk, breeks, caff, pickfork and thack

are commonly heard in place of

bench, birch, breech, chaff, pitchfork and thatch.

In Holderness, because dialect and old pronunciations survive, speakers born here centuries apart would understand each other pretty well.

St Mark's Een

There was once a belief that on the Eve of St Mark one could see apparitions of persons walking to the church where they would be buried when they eventually died. Some locals liked to keep watch to learn the fate of their fellow parishioners. However, if one of the watchers fell asleep as midnight struck, he himself would be doomed to die within the year.

Mr Wilbraham vouches for the truth of the following tale. Two middle-aged sisters were returning from delivering papers in Halsham. Realising it was St Mark's Eve, they went to the church porch and waited to see what might happen. At first they saw nothing and were disappointed. But then they heard the sound of the organ playing inside the church. Weird. The following August Bank Holiday the organist was found drowned in a pond at Bilton.

The Mell Supper

This was a supper given to farm workers at the close of harvest. The last one I remember was at Mount Farm, Hilston, in the days of Thomas Enfield Kirk

Palms

These are the male catkins of the willow, *salix caprea*, which were worn in the hat on Palm Sunday. Palm crosses were also made of twigs of this tree.