

## The Rooster

#### **Roos Village Newsletter**

No. 107 March 2004

#### **Police at Public Meeting**

On 8th March a lively and informative meeting chaired by Cllr David Winter was addressed by Inspector Janet McGiveron and Sergeant Mazingham.

In a brief opening statement the Inspector explained that the area of her Local Policing Team extended from Aldbrough to Spurn Point and inland towards Hedon. In addition to herself, she had two sergeants and fifteen constables working in shifts. If needed, assistance could be brought in from elsewhere and her own officers might themselves be called to assist in other areas. There were always two officers on shift responding to local calls.

Inspector McGiveron and Sergeant Mazingham then answered questions.

#### North End car parking

Mr Gary Collinson wanted a solution to parking at North End. The road from the Tunstall crossroads towards the Aldbrough crossroads had poor sightlines at bends and was often further obstructed by parked cars. To avoid narrowing the navigable space some drivers parked their cars on the pavement. This was both illegal and a nuisance to householders such as himself, especially when a vehicle was left immediately outside his window, blocking the light.

Mr Collinson had sought help from the Highways Department. He had asked for bollards to prevent pavement parking but this solution had been rejected because it would cause a hazard. He had suggested double yellow lines. Highways had replied that pavement parking was not their affair and should be referred to the police. He had also sought the help of East Riding Councillor Richard Stead. Cllr Stead was present. In his opinion the problem was serious and should be tackled. He was interested to hear the police view.

Later Mr Malcolm Wright vehemently supported the case for action. He believed the police were turning a blind eye. Officers often drove by but failed to stop to identify the cars of motorists who were breaking the law.

#### **HUMBERSIDE POLICE**

(Information from the Internet)

The force has divisions north and south of the Humber.

The East Riding constitutes C Division. Within it there are 13 thirteen Local PolicingTeams - LPTs.

Our LPT (designated "CO") is based at Withernsea Police Station (01964 - 612371) and covers the following communities: Along the east coast up to Aldbrough, along the Humber Estuary to Sunk Island up to Ottringham, Halsham, Lelley, Sproatley and West Halton (West Newton?) and all villages between.

Inspector McGiveron and Sergeant Mazingham agreed that this stretch of road presented difficulties.

The sergeant rejected the accusation that officers driving by were unconcerned: they would normally be responding to a call for assistance, often in an emergency.

The inspector said that she would support the recommendation to install double yellow lines but the decision would be a matter for the local authority. Cllr Stead said that he also would support the recommendation.

#### Response to phone calls

Cllr Helliwell said that he had made a call on behalf of an elderly local resident whose car had been dangerously vandalised and had hoped for an early visit from a police officer. Instead, the police rang Cllr Helliwell a few days later asking for details he had already given. There seemed to be a lack of urgency.

Inspector McGiveron said that calls to the Withernsea number were routed first to the switchboard at the Northern Command Centre, Hessle, to be logged and assessed for seriousness and urgency. Incident reports were then passed to Local Policing Teams, including that at Withernsea.

Sometimes this procedure, though necessary, led to unavoidable delays — which frustrated local officers as much as they did the public. Withernsea police now visited all incidents involving vehicle crime.

#### The importance of incident reports

Inspector McGiveron said that ours was a low-crime area. The detection rate was 29% of reported incidents.

Some residents failed to report incidents because of the cynical view that they would be ignored. This was untrue. In fact, only when reported could they be investigated. Once reported and logged, they often revealed a pattern.

Several logged reports of garden thefts and damage in Burton Pidsea had led to a successful investigation and prosecution. Every incident should be reported.

#### Attention to incidents in Roos

Sergeant Mazingham explained that the police categorised some offences as "signal crimes", i.e. crimes identified as causing public problems and concern: house burglaries, vehicle crime, violence and Class A Drugs offences.

In the period January to February 2004 there had been only one signal crime reported in Roos. It concerned a vehicle and had been investigated. Forensic test results were now awaited.

In the previous three months from (Sep - Dec 2003 )the figures for Roos were as follows.

Offence	Reported	Detected	% Rate
Burglary	0	0	0
Violence	1	1 1	
Drug-related	0	0	0
Vehicle	5	1	20

#### **Police Liaison Committee**

Clir Stead urged the case (as often in the past) for creating a local committee for the Withernsea area, instead of the existing larger area. He said that meetings of the present committee tended to be dominated by Hedon concerns. Inspector McGiveron understood his point but was non-committal — perhaps because she felt the committee areas were not in her power to change.

#### A Tunstall speed limit

Cllr Craggs referred to the request for a speed restriction, which was especially necessary during the summer months. In addition, however, there was a problem with young joy riders in cars, probably local. They made a circuit of a particular route: Roos to Tunstall – Southfield Lane – the Withernsea Road to Roos – back to Tunstall.

Sergeant Mazingham said that similar joy riding had been investigated in Patrington. Police now had a "Pro laser speed detection device" that was very successful in identifying offenders. If they were teenagers it was usually effective to warn them that a further offence would result

in disqualification and the licence be restored only after a further driving test.

#### Nuisance caused by young persons

Mrs Sally Spikings said that the lighter evenings were likely to increase the incidents of rowdiness and mischief by youngsters. She stressed that she was not talking of serious crimes. All the same, many people were distressed by such incidents.

Inspector McGiveron advised residents not to intervene physically: it was an offence to manhandle young people. Incidents should be reported. The data would be assessed by a local ASBO officer. If there was a repeated pattern an Anti-Social Behaviour Order could be imposed.

Sergeant Mazingham said that such misbehaviour could well be dealt with by Special Constables and a recruitment drive was currently being mounted. (He invited anyone present to apply but there were no takers at the time.)

#### Special needs of rural areas

Cllr Stead wanted better police manning levels for rural areas. He acknowledged that urban areas had more crime but argued that the countryside had more ground to cover. Country people paid their Council Tax, which in turn helped to fund the Police Authority. Resources should be more fairly shared. Inspector McGiveron did not dissent.

The meeting lasted over an hour. At its close the Chairman thanked the two officers for their attendance and for their helpful comments and advice.

The normal Parish Council meeting followed.

#### **Parish Council Meeting**

#### Attendance

Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk and Winter (Chair). Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Cook and Smales.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the February Minutes were approved.

#### Matters arising from the Minutes

#### Path to Tunstall Church

Cllr Craggs announced that £640 to meet the quotation for the work had been raised as follows:

Withernsea & South Holderness Regeneration Fund	340.00
The Friends of Tunstall Church	150.00
Roos Parish Council	150.00

Members noted that the £200 they had assumed to be their 50% share of the likely total cost had been reduced. They agreed that work to lay the path should be authorised.

#### Parish Plan

The Chairman reported that Mr Graham Betts would attend the April meeting to advise on details. A decision would then be taken whether to proceed. If so, a public meeting would be called.

#### **Parish Paths**

As Treasurer, Cllr Winter confirmed that he was holding a grant of £670 to pay for work already done but he had not yet received the invoices from Dr Hersom.

#### Rural Partnership Seminar, County Hall, 21 April

The Clerk had requested further details but none had yet been received.

#### Road improvements

Mr Keith Woodall from the Highways Department would meet councillors able to attend at 3.0 p.m. on 9th March to discuss the condition of Hodgson Lane.

Members noted that necessary work needed on the road to Withernsea was already in progress. The Clerk reported that the B1242 from Aldbrough to Withernsea was being effectively repaired.

#### **Blocked grilles in Roos Beck**

The matter had been reported. Grilles would be inspected.

#### Correspondence

#### Tunstall Village Hall and parish land at Tunstall

Mr & Mrs B.Garbutt on behalf of the Village Hall Committee had requested tenancy from 1st April of the plot between the Village Hall and the Church. Their letter had been copied to Mr Michael Smales, the current tenant, who was present at the meeting. Mr & Mrs Garbutt and other Committee members were also present. The Chair allowed the interested parties to speak.

Mr Smales said that he had ploughed and levelled the land. He had sown it with grass and sprayed it with selective weedkiller, though another spraying would be needed. The following points were made for the Village Hall.

- The plot was the only one available to the Village Hall.
- The present tenant had said that the land could be used by others but he wanted it mainly for his own interest.
- The Committee would manage it for the community.
   They envisaged a properly "lawned" area with seats and flower beds where outdoor functions could be held.
- The plot had been worked over and sown but would need better levelling and treatment before it could serve for community use.
- A grant application was ready for submission to help meet the cost of such work.

Members felt an obligation to Mr Smales on account of the expense he had already incurred. On the other hand they appreciated the benefits offered by the Committee's plan.

On the proposal of the Chairman members agreed to postpone the matter until the next meeting, when it would be an agenda item. Members would then have had time to give this difficult issue more serious thought.

#### **Identifying doorstep callers**

Colin O'Connor, East Riding Parish Council Liaison Officer, had written about the need to offer identification to householders. East Riding elected members all had an identity card and photograph, a facility that could be supplied to parish councillors. Members felt that they did not need identity cards in Roos.

#### Withernsea & South Holderness Regeneration Scheme

Two Withernsea meetings were advertised in March.

- 17 Victoria Tavern. 5.20 7.30. For project managers.
- 31 Northfield Club. 6.00 to 10.00.

#### "Connections": Networking Day, 5th April

#### DTEc (The Elms, Ottringham)

Parish councillors were invited to visit.

#### East Riding: Street names

Members approved the proposal that the new development east of Main Street should be named Greenacre Park.

#### East Riding: Tree Preservation Order, 4th March

Notification of an order on a tree on the property of Mr Gary Ralph, Pinfold Lane.

#### Mr Gerard Baker: Hedge cutting

Mr Baker had written to Cllr Helliwell about the hedge running from Main Street eastwards south of Hinch Garth. Hedge-cutting at present would endanger nesting birds.

Cllr Dodson said that the side north of the path to Tunstall had been cut in September. The start of the hedge on the Hinch Garth side was overgrown and had been discussed at the last meeting. It was agreed to consider the proper time for cutting with Mr Woodall on 9th March.

Cllr Dodson referred to another footpath to the north of the hedge extending as far as the first Hinch Garth property. Members were not clear what purpose the path served since it led nowhere.

#### Roos Children's Playground Association

The site for the toddlers' play area was now being cleared. Official opening: Easter Saturday, 10th April.

#### Accounts

Cllr Winter, Treasurer, had three accounts for payment:

Clerk's salary and expenses 380.00 Audit fee for 2002 - 03 accounts 58.75 Insurance premium 175.00

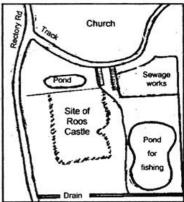
The payments were approved.

#### Planning

W.Grant, Paull, Ltd: use of pond for commercial fishing

Cllr Grant withdrew. Before doing so he asked for two paths to be discussed under "Any other business".

The application was to use the existing pond in the field south of the sewage works. It would require no alteration. A car park with space for 20 cars would be provided west of the sewage works with access from the farm track south of the Church and be used by could when churchgoers not fishermen. needed by



There was already considerable tree screening. There could be additional planting if desired.

Members supported the application.

#### Any other business

#### **Footpaths**

Items raised by Cllr Grant.

- A large hole in the road needed repair opposite Alpha, Rectory Road.
- Two stretches of footpath on Rectory Road needed mud and leaf mould to be cleared: alongside Grasmere and from Dove Lane down to the Church.

It was agreed to request the clearing be done.

#### South Park

Cllr Dodson said that the street sign had disappeared. It was agreed to ask for its replacement.

#### Millennium Stone at the school entrance

It was noted that silver paint had been sprayed on the de Ros shield. Some had been removed. Cllr Helliwell said that the colours on the shield were wrong. He suggested if it were to be repainted the proper heraldic colours should be used. Members did not favour repainting at present.

#### Accident at Aldbrough crossroads

An accident involving three cars had damaged the signs on the Rectory Road side. The debris had not been removed. It was agreed to ask Highways to restore the signs and clear the debris.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

No topics were raised.

## Roos Parish Council Meeting Monday 5th April

7.30 in the Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome.

#### Cook's Tour

The photographs in this article were loaned by Dorothy Cook (Mrs Ken Cook of Freshlands, Owstwick).

In World War I her father, Percy Cheeseman, who had grown up in Canada, was serving in the Canadian army. He met a girl in the WRAF and later married her.

After the war he took over from the Founds the shop at the corner of Hodgson Lane opposite the Black Horse. He also ran Roos Post Office and until her marriage in 1946 Dorothy delivered mail on her cycle.

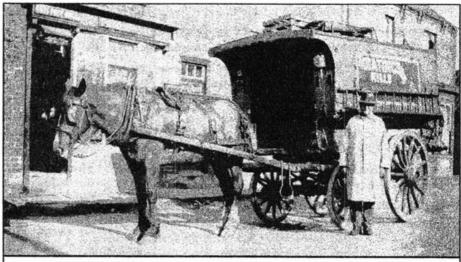
#### Corner shop between the wars

Most of the goods were brought from Hull by carrier. No food was prepacked. It had all to be weighed and wrapped for each customer.

There were large blocks of lard and Danish or New Zealand butter; slabs of dates, raisins and peel; sacks of flour, ground rice and pudding rice. Bacon came in whole sides or rolls and was hung in a meat safe in a cool area of the back garden. There were no refrigerators in those days. Paraffin and potatoes were stored in the shed.

The shop opened at 7.0 in the morning and closed at 10.00 at night.

"One of father's pet hates was the lady who always came into the shop just as he sat down for a meal.



Morris Metcalf's cart delivers goods from Hull. The man in the photograph is probably Gibson Metcalf. Ted Curtis, the joiner, lived next to the shop.

"First she wanted a postal order - a separate till for Post Office transactions.

"A pint of paraffin – out to the shed, wash your hands, then back to the customer. Half a pound of cheese – cut and weigh from the table at the back of the shop, wash hands. Four slices of bacon – out to the garden once more, cut and weigh, wash hands yet again. Finally, sort the payment into the right amounts for the two separate tills."

Dorothy adds, "No wonder father was noted for his sharp temper!"

#### Ponies, including Shanks's

When she was young Dorothy loved to ride Alan Foster's pony and later had one of her own at Owstwick. Goods went by carrier. Individuals would usually go on foot. Dorothy remembers her mother walking to visit friends in Hull and pushing a pram!

#### The Holderness Hunt

Though Dorothy never rode to hounds herself she loved to follow the Hunt on foot. Her enthusiasm was rewarded by an invitation in the 1980s to be joint Master, a role she filled for eight years.

The undated photograph on the next page shows a meet at The Elms during Basil Reckitt's time there. In the original, just visible behind a tree at the front of the house a horse awaits its rider, presumably Mr Reckitt himself. He would mount and follow once the hounds had moved off

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The Holderness Hunt. The last meet at the Roos Arms. M.F.H.: Bill Beaumont. Hunstman: Dick Chapman.

## Have YOU any old photographs of Roos?

People, places events. If so please offer them for copying.

Ring 01964 - 670291



Meet of the Holderness Hunt at The Elms, Roos (Date unknown)

#### **News from Tunstall**

#### Village Hall AGM

Sixteen residents attended the Annual General Meeting on 3rd March. The Officers were re-elected:

Chair: Mr S.Davidson.

Secretary & Treasurer: Mr B.Garbutt & Mrs P.Garbutt.

#### Daffodils in bloom

The bulbs planted last Autumn in verges and the Village Green are just coming into flower and enhance the village. We are grateful to the Parish Council for donating the bulbs – and are hoping for more this Autumn!

#### Path to the Church Gate



Thanks to contributions from Roos Parish Council and the Friends of Tunstall Church – and hard work by our Parish Councillor David Craggs – the Wednesday Club has secured funding to lay a paved path.

#### Spring Fair: Saturday 24th April

The annual Spring Fair will open at 2.0 p.m. There will be stalls offering a variety of goods, including plants, cakes and bric-a-brac. Afternoon tea will be served.

#### Visit to Selby: Monday 26th April

The Wednesday Club has organised a coach outing to Selby Market, including the livestock market. There will also be a visit to Selby Abbey. (Sorry – Coach now full!)

#### Advertising in "The Rooster"

(2 columns per page)

Full page £40.00 Quarter page £10.00 Half page £20.00 Display / col inch £2.00

Small ads

4 columns / page) e.g. : 3p / word. Min. 30p. **HUSBAND.** Vintage model but in good working order. £7.50. Or exchange for duvet / electric blanket. Ring 670000.

#### **Coming events**

#### Club Secretaries please supply details

#### April

- 3 Roos & District Horticultural Society Spring Show, Roos.
- 5 Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.00.
- 7 Roos WI. Memorial Institute, 7.30. HM Customs & Excise.
- 10 Opening of Toddlers' Play Area. Playing Field. 1.00 p.m.
- 18 London Marathon (Jon Dearing running).

#### May

- 5 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Defying Ageing with Exercise. NHS Health Trust.
- 10 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

#### June

19 Roos School Fun Day (The Friends of Roos School).

#### July

3 Horticultural Society Summer Show, Burton Pidsea.

#### Wilbraham: History of Roos

Gradually the list grows – i.e. of those who would (eventually) like a printed copy. More names are needed to make the project viable. If interested, ring 01964 - 670291.

#### Cricket Practice

Roos Playing Field 6.00 p.m.

Every Thursday from 1st April

Details from the Chairman of Selectors:

Jon Dearing : 670002

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(As if you didn't know!)

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#### Welcome to Roos, Ella D

Alan Foster would have been highly tickled to think that one day his window might display elegant gowns instead of sausages and legs of lamb. Yet that is what is going to happen.

On 20th March a Grand Opening will launch a novel venture for a country village – nothing less than an outlet for designer bridal and evening wear. Ladies, eat your hearts out!

#### A bit of background

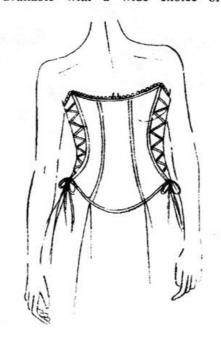
"Ella D" is the project of the designer herself, Louse Drop. A local girl, she was originally from Keyingham and attended Withernsea High School. After studying Dewsbury for a B-tec in Fashion Design she gained a degree in Fashion Design at Nottingham Trent University. She has worked for eight years in London designing for high street fashion and still works there two days a week.

#### What's on offer?

The Grand Opening will feature seven dresses from a larger portfolio

collection, whose themes include: Romantica, Contemporary Jersey, 50s Revival, 30s Goddess, and more!

If a bride can't find what she really wants, a one-to-one design service is available with a wide choice of



fabrics, laces and embroideries. A made-to-measure service will ensure a perfect fit; and for bridesmaids too, essential if bridesmaids vary in size.

Also on show will be veils, garters and bags (exclusively designed to go with each dress) as well as shoes and tiaras that can be ordered.

After the opening, Ella D will open on Fridays and Saturdays.

#### Ella D

Melbourne House, Main Street. Roos Phone: 01964 - 670932

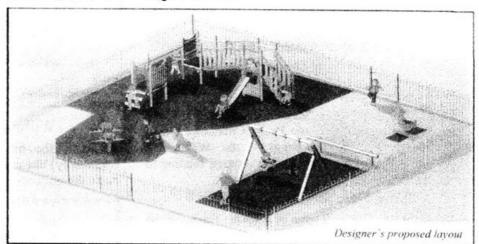
#### Bridal & evening wear

Exclusive designs & made to measure

#### **GRAND OPENING**

10.00 - 4.00 Saturday 20th March

#### Toddlers' Play Area



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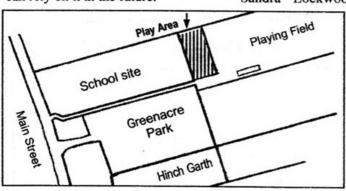
At long last on 8th March work began on Phase 1 of the Play Area.

In just over two years R.C.P.A. (Roos Children's Playground Association), a small group of volunteers, have raised slightly over £13,000 and secured a £9,000 grant from the Withernsea Regeneration Partnership. The Play Area will cost over £22,000 – all we have raised so far.

Phase 2, for juniors and teenagers, will need a further £60,000. So it is back to fund-raising and – hopefully – more grants.

Your generous support has been greatly appreciated and we hope we can rely on it in the future.

Our grateful thanks go also to Southside Developments (including Sandra Lockwood) and to G A Construction for their help in obtaining planning permission to meet our deadline.



Opening of the

#### **TODDLERS' PLAY AREA**

Easter Saturday

10th April at 1.00 p.m.

For more details look out for notices.

#### Local family lose son in naval battle

#### Trouble ahead

The old order changed with the start of the French Revolution in 1789. Increasing numbers of the nobility were carted off to the guillotine. In 1793 Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette had their own heads chopped off. In the confused times that followed Napoleon Bonoparte emerged as the military man of destiny, leading successful campaigns against Italy and Austria. His designs on Egypt were thwarted only by Nelson's victory at the Battle of the Nile in 1798.

Our struggle with France ended in 1802 with the Peace of Amiens but it was only an uneasy truce. By 1803 war had broken out again and Napoleon began to build up forces to invade Britain.

#### Needed - men and ships



There was a flurry of ship-building and recruitment. The army bribed or tricked men into service with "the King's shilling". The navy increasingly relied on the press gang, sweeping men off the streets and forcing them on to the waiting ships. The best pressed

men were those with some experience of seafaring and Britain's ports were a natural hunting ground.

In early March 1803 Lieutenant W.H.Dillon was ordered to Hull to find men and a ship was also sent to the Humber to house them. He recorded:

"In my expeditions in quest of seaman I scarcely ever wore the same dress, and I managed to pick up men in greater numbers than expected... it soon became necessary to send a frigate to receive the seamen. When she arrived a party of marines was landed to prevent any attempt at a rescue. This event caused considerable excitement. All the labourers at the various docks turned out, and at one time their shouts and threats gave reason to apprehend some serious disturbance. But the Mayor; assisted by all the Corporation, showed much spirit and determination, which kept all quiet. I had my share of abuse that day but no one dared to lay hands on me."

In the same month Captain Edward Gray, newly-appointed Regulating Officer for the district, went out into the Hull Roads (the navigable water in the River Humber) to meet incoming vessels to take men for the King's Navy. His cutter was the Argus and he was very unpopular in and around Hull.

On 23rd April 1803 HMS Colossus was launched at Deptford Dockyard. No doubt Captain Gray was in Hull gathering a crew for this vessel, by fair means or foul.

#### Local lad

One of those taken by the press gang was twenty-year-old William Wheldon. By November he was at Plymouth on board the Colossus and very unhappy to be there.

The seventh child of William and Jane Wheldon (or Wheldale), William had been baptised at Roos on 19th March 1783.

On 17th of February 1797 at the age of 14, he was apprenticed to Christopher Briggs, a ship-owner and merchant. His seven-year indenture ended when he was 20 on 27th April 1803. He had probably spent at least one voyage on a whaler: his age and such experience made him ideal for the navy.

Serving his time sailing out of Hull, William must have lived near the docks, possibly with his elder brother James, also a mariner. Somewhere William had been taught elementary reading and writing and later corresponded with James.

#### The Colossus at sea

When the Colossus had been fitted out she assisted in the blockade of Brest, where Napoleon's invasion force was gathered. A strong British fleet lying just below the horizon and a squadron closer inshore kept an eye on the French shipping movement. The French did not risk sailing out into certain trouble and the loss of many men.

In January 1805 the Colossus fell in with the Mars on its way to join Vice-Admiral Collingwood. By 8th June Collingwood had arrived off Cadiz. His "Flying Squadron" had two 98-gun ships, one 80-gun and five 74-gun. All but one fought later at the Battle of Trafalgar on 21st November.

At Trafalgar the Colossus fought fiercely in the thick of the battle and inflicted great damage on the enemy. She herself suffered very severely, losing her mizzen-mast, and having 200 killed and wounded. These losses were a third greater than those of any other English ship. One of the casualties was William Wheldon.

#### Two letters

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1803, while serving on a ship at Plymouth, William wrote to his brother James, who at the time lived at Quakers Hole Wincomlee, Hull. He asked his relatives and friends to send more mail as he was desperate for news and gossip. His ship was being fitted out and he was very unhappy to be there.

A second letter to James was from Thomas Burk, one of the 17,000 men serving in Nelson's fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar. Burk wrote that William had been killed in action and gave details of his injuries, including the loss of an arm. He had taken four hours to die and had asked Burk to let his brother James know of his death. (Thomas Burk was probably taken by the Press Gang at the same time as William. Their ship's book numbers were very close, indicating they boarded about the same time.)

Burk's letter, dated December 1805 and postmarked "Gosport", was written while his ship lay at anchor at Spithead after limping back home from Gibraltar. It concluded: "your old shipmate and friend, Thos. Burk," perhaps indicating Burk had once served with James as well as William.

#### The Wheldale / Wheldon Family

The family of the William Wheldon who died at Trafalgar must at once time have been called Wheldale. In one family marriage the bride first signed her maiden name as Wheldale and then altered it to Wheldon.

#### The family of "Trafalgar" William

William Wheldon's father was also called William – but William Wheldale. He was buried in Roos churchyard on 22nd.of April 1810 aged 71. His wife died earlier and was buried at Roos on 9th November 1808. Some of their children are buried there.

William senior had married Jane Fewster at Burton Pidsea on 12th November 1770. Their first child – the first son named William – died in infancy: baptised 6th January 1771, buried 26th January the same year at Preston. Their second, James, was baptised at Roos on 4th June 1772.

On his naval record "Trafalgar" William gave Owstwick as his place of birth but he was baptised at Roos on 29th March 1783.

In fact, all the Wheldale children were baptised at Roos with the exception of the twins, Elizabeth & Thomas, who were baptised at Garton with Grimston in 1787.

#### William senior

William held an alehouse licence in Roos for at least three years: 1771-1774. (It is said that Hodgson Lane was once called Wheldale Lane. The alehouse may have been where the Black Horse is now but this possibility has not been confirmed.)

He was a Churchwarden in 1783 and in 1784 an Overseer.

The family moved shortly afterwards to Owstwick in the parish of Garton-with-Grimston. As noted above, his son's naval records say he was "of Owstwick".

In his will in January 1810 William senior referred to his youngest son, Thomas, having the sub-tenancy of Ings Farm. (The farm was probably at Burton Pidsea but part of the manor of Burstwick. It was the property of the Bell family.)

The will did not mention his son William, already dead at Trafalgar and evidently sadly missed by his younger sister, Elizabeth. She went into a decline and, within a month of the news of William's loss, died herself aged only 18.

As often in families, the name William was used over the generations. James and his wife Maria baptised yet another

**Roos & District Horticultural Society** 

#### 49th Spring Show

**Roos Memorial Institute** 

Saturday 3rd April from 2.00

Presentation by Mrs H.Boynton 3.00 Refreshments + Raffle + Cake Stall + Bring & Buy

Admission: 50p. Children 20p.

Entry forms by 1st April to Mrs J.Grant, Granleigh, Roos (670576) (Accepted on the day up to 11.30)

62nd Annual Summer Show 23rd July, Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall Presentation: Valerie Wood, Local Author Stallholders contact Mrs J.Grant or Mr T.Kellock (670164) William on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 1806. James's sister Ann married a yeoman farmer named Michael Bonfrey. At Keyingham in May 1806 they baptised a son as William. Perhaps this was to commemorate Ann's father but possibly it was to remember her brother who had been killed at Trafalgar some seven months earlier.

The news of William's death in action was conveyed to his father by Jonathon Dixon of Humbleton, Nr. Hull, c/o Mr Garforth a Grocer of Lowgate, Hull. Dixon, probably the local vicar, was later a witness to the will of William Wheldon Snr in 1810.

#### Ongoing research

This article on the Wheldale / Wheldon family is based on much more substantial material supplied by:

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He has his own reasons for supplying the information but the story seemed worth retelling for its own sake.

Though he now lives in Hull, for most of his life David lived in Holderness villages and knows the area well.

He has already done a tremendous amount of research on his family history and is currently trying to extend what is known about his family's connections with Roos. He has recently visited Roos with his camera and spoken to several people (including Fred Foster and me.)

Answers to the following would help:

- Does anyone know of the Wheldale / Wheldon name or where the family may have lived?
- Are there any old documents in attics, cupboards and boxes referring to either of the two names?
- Do any old property deeds refer to them?

Answers, please, either to me or to David direct.

L.H.

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#### Apologies - Again

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This issue contains more material than most and has taken more time to prepare. Once again I have to hold over stuff intended for this month:

- an attempt to present the "Rooster" bank accounts clearly;
- · pictures of the WI Annual Dinner in February. (Sorry, ladies).

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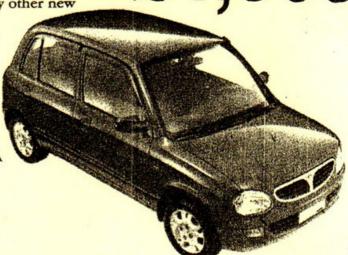
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