



# The Rooster

## Roos Parish Newsletter

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### Roos Parish Council Meeting on 14th February

*There was no February issue of "The Rooster" since both Leslie Helliwell and David Craggs were away. This report of the February meeting is based on the Minutes.*

#### Attendance

Councillors Cook, Cheeseman, Dodson & Winter (Chair). Apologies were received from the other five members. Both the new Parish Clerk, Mrs Janet Eastman, and the outgoing Clerk, Mrs Sandra Hardy, attended.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

#### Arising from the Minutes

Road sign to Halsham. Repair was still awaited.

Tunstall Village Hall. Public liability insurance had still to be arranged.

Southfield Lane, Tunstall. Cllr Mrs Smales reported that road repairs were needed. Highways would be informed.

#### Correspondence

Seaside Radio: Media on the Move. Permission was sought to park a van in Roos for one morning a week to publicise free training courses. It was agreed to advise the station to contact Cllr Cheeseman to agree times for parking outside the Memorial Institute.

Requests for information. The Deputy Prime Minister's office advised that any information from the Parish Council should be requested in writing.

Parish & Town Council Charter. An East Riding draft was noted. No action was taken.

Speed restriction in Tunstall. It was agreed to inform Highways that the Parish Council supported the request.

Poor road conditions. Mr Graham Betts of Howden, driving

on the Halsham road to Roos, had written of £99.87 of damage to his car caused when it "dropped into a rut" at one of the bends. He was having trouble recovering the cost from the East Riding's insurers. He asked how long the road had been in such a poor state and whether the Parish Council knew how many similar incidents had occurred. The Clerk was asked to respond.

East Riding Drugs Action Team. The Clerk was asked to complete a questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council.

Roos Beck. Dr Hersom had written about blockages north of the churchyard. The Chairman undertook to consult Cllr Grant about a way forward.

#### Planning

New applications - None

Notice of Decisions

7 Elm Garth, Roos (Mr Hupper). Conservatory to rear of dwelling. Approved.

Fairhaven, Rectory Road, Roos (Mr & Mrs Hinchliffe). Single-storey extension to rear. Approved.

East of Beaufort, Roston Road, Roos (Mr R.M.Dennis). Construction of two dwellings with detached garages. An appeal had been raised against the refusal of outline planning consent.

#### Accounts

The following payments were approved :

£58.75 to the Audit Commission;

£570 to the outgoing Clerk (salary and expenses).

#### Any other business

Owstwick postbox. The approach still needed attention : to be referred to Highways again.

60m mast at Moat Farm, Grimston. An application to erect a temporary wind-measurement mast was deferred to the next meeting.

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#### Traffic accidents in Roos Parish

##### Noting, reporting, logging

★ If you witness an accident or near-accident please ★  
★ note the date, time, licence numbers, witnesses, ★  
★ etc. Inform "The Rooster" so that the log can be ★  
★ updated. ★

★ Unless it would be insensitive, take photographs at ★  
★ the time or as soon as possible afterwards. ★

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## Meeting on Monday 14th March

### Attendance

Those present were Councillors Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Dodson, Grant, Helliwell and Winter (Chair). East Riding Cllr Richard Stead also attended.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the February meeting were approved and various matters arising were dealt with, including :

**Roos Beck.** Cllr Grant said that he would contact Dr Hersom. Riparian owners were legally responsible for blockages but in drier weather he would arrange for a digger to remove the heavy timbers blocking the flow.

**Seaside Radio.** Cllr Cheeseman said that the station had not contacted him.

*(Your correspondent missed some of the items raised both here and in the next section. Sorry.)*

### Correspondence

**Wind farm within Roos Parish.** Kathryn Owen of Community Power (backed by Powergen UK) wrote about a presentation on 7th April (7.0 in the Memorial Institute). Parish councillors from Roos, Rimsweil and Halsham were invited to hear of a projected wind farm of three turbines measuring up to 111 metres from ground to blade tip.

**Parish land at Tunstall.** Mr Michael Smales had sent £10 as his share of the consideration for use of part of the land. It was noted that £10 was due from Tunstall Village Hall.

**Dog fouling at Tunstall.** Cllr Craggs raised the matter. The Chairman said he had stencils to mark footpaths with reminders that dogs should not foul them. Cllr Craggs said Tunstall had no footpaths. He would refer the matter back.

**Grass-cutting at Tunstall.** It was agreed to accept the East Riding quotation of £11.24 for grass-cutting.

**Parish Paths Partnership.** Trevor Appleton, Parish Paths Officer, had written about the need to submit a bid for a grant in 2005 - 6. Cllr Craggs said that Dr Hersom was preparing an application and was also planning to use the outstanding balance of the 2004 - 5 grant.

**Parish Councils Forum.** Parish councillors were invited to meet East Riding officers at a number of venues, including the Council Chamber at Withernsea on 13th April from 2.0 to 4.30. Acceptances were requested. *(Cllr Helliwell later said that he would attend the Withernsea meeting.)*

### Accounts

Cllr Winter, Treasurer, tabled two accounts for payment :

Hire of Institute for three meetings	22. 50
Annual insurance premium	175. 00

The payments were approved.

### Any other business

**Tunstall bus shelter.** Cllr Craggs reported that the Village Hall Committee regarded the shelter roof as dangerous and

asked the Parish Council to take on responsibility for its upkeep. It appeared that the shelter had been erected by Tunstall people and no one knew how much it was used. Cllr Grant suggested that the roof (and shelter) might be removed. Cllr Craggs said he would consult further.

**Tunstall crossroads.** Cllr Cheeseman reported a pothole in the middle. The matter would be referred to Highways.

**Aldbrough crossroads.** It was reported that Mrs Diane Cook wished it to be known that she had had a narrow escape at the crossroads on 15th February. A white van (P152 XYG) had almost driven her off the road. *(The incident will be noted in the log. LH)*

**Agendas and correspondence.** Cllr Grant said that the Agenda should be delivered three working days before each meeting and that copies of the Clerk's letters on behalf of the Parish Council should be brought to meetings. Cllr Helliwell agreed. He said that after the recent vacancy for a new Clerk was advertised he and the Chairman had drawn up a list of the Clerk's duties for issue to applicants. The two requirements mentioned had been included.

## PUBLIC SESSION

### Nuisance in Hinch Garth

Mr Derek Pearson reported that young persons were causing nuisance by their behaviour at the entry to Hinch Garth. They were playing football in the road and had been seen playing rugby in Main Street itself. They were mainly responsible for the rubbish on the grass area to the right of the entry. He had remonstrated with them himself on several occasions, usually effectively but only as long as he remained there. Other residents had been subjected to abuse when they intervened. The young persons usually made the excuse that they had nowhere else to play since they were forbidden to use the Playing Field.

Cllr Winter, Secretary of the Playing Field Committee, denied that use of the Playing Field was forbidden. Young people could use the sizeable area near the Children's Playground but should, of course, keep off the areas meant for organised games, including the cricket square.

Mr Pearson asked if a sign could be erected saying "NO BALL GAMES". Cllr Grant suggested that the East Riding should be asked to supply one.

Cllr Stead said that the police should be asked to keep an eye on the area. A persistent offender could face an Anti-Social Behaviour Order. Advice could be sought from Adele Peacock, ASBO Officer at County Hall.

### Eastfield

Cllr Stead reported that two residents had approached him arguing that the grassed areas should be surfaced to provide additional parking space for private cars. He was to attend a meeting with some residents on 10th May.

Cllr Grant said that parking was certainly a problem in Eastfield. Some dwellings were occupied by two-car working households. If they had been let only to retired elderly people there would not have been such congestion. As it was, large service vehicles found access difficult.

**Roos Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday 11th April**

**7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute**

**Members of the public always welcome**

## Roos loses two popular couples

*Last November Rob and Pauline Smalley left the Roos Arms and Dave and Jenny Archer left Melbourne Butchers. Each couple had served Roos well over many years, establishing a level of quality service which drew regular customers from well beyond the village. All four will be sorely missed.*

*Because your regular editor went away early in December it wasn't possible for "The Rooster" to record these departures properly in that month's issue. The items below, though late, are an attempt to remedy the omission. Both couples have been most helpful in supplying key details.*

### Rob & Pauline Smalley

**Rob and Pauline ran the Roos Arms for almost fourteen years, from 14th March 1991 to 22nd November 2004. They were popular hosts and made many friends among their customers.**



Immediately before they took over Rob was working from Doncaster as a van driver, covering 10,000 miles a month. Meanwhile, Pauline was living in Fitling. Rob's long hours meant that they were usually apart and they were actively looking for a business, perhaps a shop, where they could work together.

When it was suggested that they might like to take on the Roos Arms the opportunity was unexpected and daunting. Rob had had part-time experience in off-licence work and as a bar steward but had never run a pub before, still less a restaurant. Pauline was a complete novice. They took the plunge but admit that they felt very insecure at the time.

Initially they relied heavily on existing staff. As far as the restaurant was concerned Rob says, "Janet taught me all I know." Janet acted as waitress as well as running the kitchen. Later Rob and Sharon Uscroft did the cooking and then Rob and Janet.

At first Pauline was shy of customers, happy to hide away washing up in the kitchen. It was Michael Billany who forced her to serve at the bar: he insisted that he wouldn't leave until she had pulled him a pint. Eventually her confidence grew and she began to enjoy the work. Like Rob, she wanted to put the Roos Arms back on the map.

At an early stage they stopped offering bar meals and served all food in the dining room with a wide-ranging menu, which remained constant over time. The generous helpings and reasonable prices built up a regular clientele. Customers were attracted from a wider and wider local area but from farther afield too: one man often frequently drove over from the West Riding just for the pleasure of eating at the Roos Arms.

It was not all plain sailing. In the first five years setbacks such as structural problems made Rob and Pauline often wonder if they had bitten off too much but they were

determined to carry on, strengthened by the friendship and support of local people.

In the late 1990s the bar fell through into the cellar on the very day that there was to be a farewell party for Andrew Lockwood before he went to Australia. There was an amazing response from locals: the pub was swarming with people keen to lend a hand tidying up in time for the party. The eventual repairs cost £17,000 but Rob and Pauline were overwhelmed by the spontaneous help they had received. Buoyed up by it, they were certainly not going to quit.

They have mixed feelings about leaving the pub. They look back on the wide circle of friends they have made and miss the daily social contacts. But they don't miss the long hours and hard work. When asked what she thought of retirement Pauline said, "It's marvellous". In the short term Rob is keeping his hand in working at the Station Hotel in Patrington but in August they are to start a two-year jaunt travelling round Europe.

They have ordered a new six-berth camper van with superior mod cons. It has, for instance, a permanent bedroom so that there is no need to reorganise the space each morning. Rob's brother and sister-in-law will travel with them for a week in France. Rob and Pauline will then drive through Spain to Portugal, where Richard and Pam Smith will join them for a time.

Rob reckons he will get a temporary job in Portugal before driving to Northern Europe for the summer of 2006 to avoid the heat. Eventually they will spend some time in Croatia, though the latter part of their two-year jaunt is still not planned in detail. It will be the holiday of a lifetime, an adventure long contemplated. Good luck to them. They deserve it.

They are full of gratitude for the goodwill and warm friendships they have enjoyed in Roos. They know that David Winter who has bought the Roos Arms and Karen Uscroft, the new landlady, will face a daunting challenge such as they themselves encountered at first. They wish David and Karen the satisfaction and warm support that they themselves enjoyed.

### ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please pass news, reports, notices, letters, photographs, suggestions, complaints, donations ... by

**Friday 8th April**

to Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos,  
01964 - 670291

or to Gavin Eastman at the Roos Store.



## Dave and Jenny Archer



On 27th April 1987 Dave and Jenny bought Melbourne Butchers from David Bradley. Before that the business was owned for many years by Alan Foster.

Dave, originally from Ulrome, had experience of butchery in this country and abroad. Jenny, from Brandesburton, had initially worked as a secretary at Holderness Borough Council and secretary/receptionist at the Dorchester Hotel in Hull. In 1981, having known each other for some time, they went to Holland for jobs in a large meat-processing factory. Dave worked in the abattoir while Jenny learnt new skills in the wholesale butchery department.

Back in the UK, they wanted a retail butchery business and looked at a number of possibilities but none of the premises offered the scope for expansion that was apparent at Roos. Initially Jenny ran the shop while Dave worked at Roos Abattoir. After a few months he joined her in the shop but kept up his connection by buying beasts privately from local farms and having them slaughtered at the abattoir. Meanwhile Jenny was using the outbuildings behind the shop as a bakery, mainly for pies and sausage rolls.

In November 1990 the new shop was opened across the yard with its frontage next to the Black Horse.



Former stables behind were adapted to house a modern bakery. The shop could now offer not only cooked meats and a range of delicatessen items but also its own bread and confectionery. Jenny had had no training as a baker (except tips from her mother and advice offered by suppliers) but her products were widely appreciated.

The quality of their products created a demand from other retail outlets but in the last few years Dave and Jenny stopped supplying others in order to concentrate more on their own business. They continued to provide buffet meals to order, and did so regularly for the Roos Cricket Club.

The business thrived because of the quality of its produce and the reliability of its service. Jenny has another explanation: "People liked Dave for his cheek – especially the ladies." The fact is that the shop was always a welcoming place in which regulars were greeted by name and with a smile, not least from Jenny herself. They also had good staff, including Pauline Wright (at least 10 years), Helen Cowell (at least 7) and Gemma Wilbraham, who took over the shop on 24th November 2004.

For well over seventeen years Dave and Jenny worked with great commitment. They each put in 80 to 100 hours a week, getting up at 3.30 for Dave to arrange his display of meats and Jenny to set about the baking. They opened at 7.0 and closed at 5.0 (in recent years a little earlier). Even then there was work to do clearing away and cleaning. Not surprisingly, they looked forward to a time when they could ease up.

Four years before they left the shop Dave and Jenny bought a derelict barn at Whitedale and began renovating it as their eventual country retreat. Two years later they were able to move in. Jenny says it took them a year to sort things out enough to begin to relax.

They now have 40 - 50 chickens and a good supply of eggs. They have a notion of starting to rear rare breeds of chicken and do something more with the garden. Further ventures are not planned at present but are not ruled out.

Their rural home is quite isolated and quiet, a change from the hustle and bustle of the shop. They are enjoying the life but both miss the social contacts. Jenny says, "Roos has lots of lovely people, some of them real characters." Dave says, "I can't find words to express our gratitude for the support we've had from folk in the village."

Gemma Wilbraham who now runs the business has dual roots in Roos. Her mother was born Susan Cook, daughter of Stan and Vera who still live at Alpha, Rectory Road. Her husband, Gemma's father, is the grandson of George Wilbraham, village schoolmaster from 1919 to 1949, who lived in the Old School House until the mid-1960s and whose *History of Roos* has been serialised in *The Rooster*.

Gemma had butchery experience before coming to work in Roos alongside Dave and Jenny. What G.W. Wilbraham's great-granddaughter learned from them should stand her in good stead and they wish her every success. As we all do.

## Children's Playground Association

### Clay Shoot

By kind permission of Martyn and Angela Maltas, RCPA will hold their Annual Clay Shoot on Sunday 15th May at Glebe Farm, Hilston Road.

### Summer Dance & Pig Roast

The Committee are also trying to arrange a Summer Dance and Pig Roast in the Playing Field. They are hoping the event will be held in June but a date has yet to be finalised.

## Parish Plan Questionnaire

The Parish Plan Committee wish to express their thanks for your extremely positive response to the Questionnaire.

Copies are still arriving, but already the overall return is over 80%. This is unusually high for this type of survey and is perhaps an indication of how residents have valued this opportunity 'to have their say'.

Although colleagues tried very hard to ensure that each household received copies and that they were collected on time, some residents may have been missed. If so, we can only apologise. Any household still without copies may obtain them from the Roos Stores – and return them there.

It takes about 15 minutes to input each questionnaire into our computer programme and it will be some time before any significant results emerge but we shall publish the outcomes as soon as possible so as to receive feedback and enter into further consultation where required.

It is worth noting that our research extends beyond the Questionnaire : also consulted have been a range of professional organizations, service providers, builders and developers and, not least, officers of the ERYC.

W.E.Ainley

### Roos & District Horticultural Society

## 50th Annual Spring Show

Saturday 2nd April in the Memorial Institute

Open at 2.0

Presentations by Mr A.Dodson at 3.0

Refreshments Raffle Cake stall Bring-and-Buy

Schedules and entry forms available in local shops

Entries to be sent by Thursday 31st March to

Mrs J.Grant, Granleigh, Roos. (01964 - 670576)

63rd Annual Summer Show : Saturday 2nd July

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Charity or Craft Stalls : Contact Mrs Grant or

Mr T.Kellock (01964 - 670164)

### Spring Show – Postscript

*We need more children to enter. So this year, in addition to the usual flower-arranging, painting and cookery classes, we have asked them to do a vegetable face on a paper plate.*

*Come on, Mums and Dads, please encourage your children to enter.*

Jennifer

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Further donations will be welcome. Suggested minimum £3.00; maximum £5.00 (unless including postage). Please pass / post donations to :

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or leave at The Roos Store.

Please supply donations in an envelope marked "The Rooster" and enclose details of the amount and the donor's name, address and phone.

The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell"

### 2004 Accounts

A statement will be provided in the next issue.

### Special thanks to David Craggs

I was delighted when David undertook to edit *The Rooster* while I was cavorting in New Zealand. It's difficult taking over someone else's procedures but he did so splendidly. I hope he will write for the newsletter in the future.

L.H.

## Coming events

### April

2 Horticultural Society Spring Show. Memorial Institute.

6 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

8 Deadline for receipt of material for *The Rooster*.

11 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

### May

4 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

9 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

15 RCPA Clay Shoot, Glebe Farm.

### June

1 Roos WI. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

? RCPA Dance & Pig Roast. (Date not yet decided.)

### July

2 Horticultural Society Summer Show. Burton Pidsea.

**There must be more than this planned for the next three or four months.**

**Secretaries, please supply details of your groups' events. Get some free publicity, why don't you?**

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