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# *The* **Rooster**

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### **Roos Parish Plan Refreshed**

Roos Parish Council has decided to update and refresh the Parish Plan first introduced in 2006. Its recommendations were based upon detailed research and consultation with groups and individuals across the parish. It has proved an invaluable tool in representing the views of the community and in providing the essential evidence to support requests for action from the ERYC and other bodies. Some notable achievements include the re-grading and surfacing of Hodgson Lane leading to the surgery, the introduction of traffic-calming measures on roads through Roos, and the establishment of Conservation Areas within the Parish.

Over the past five years events have presented the parish with new challenges. For example, the significant flooding event of 2007 affected many residents and property and the recent heavy snowfall brought other difficulties. Planning appeals against two renewable-energy developments have been fought and lost. A third planning appeal decision is awaited.

The political context has changed following the introduction of the Localism Bill designed by the coalition government to devolve responsibility and give more say to local communities about how things should develop in the future. Funding from central government through the ERYC is likely to be reduced. However, opportunities will arise from the Parish Community Funds provided by wind-power companies.

In this context a new Parish Plan can help guide the parish council and ensure that projects and their funding, from whatever source, are co-ordinated and prioritised following consultation with the community.

To this end, the parish council has invited the Parish Planning Group to reconvene to undertake the necessary research and consultation to develop a new Parish Plan. Any member of the parish who wishes to discuss its development, or to volunteer assistance in any way, is invited to contact any Parish Councillor or Willis Ainley on Tel. 670266

# THREE TURBINES TOO MANY

Hilston and Tunstall Residents Association (HTRA) are quietly celebrating the decision announced on 7th January by the Planning Inspectorate to refuse the appeal made by Energiekontor UK Ltd for development of the Monkwith Windfarm, Tunstall.

HTRA had been granted Rule 6 status for the purposes of the inquiry and were given full participatory rights throughout the five-day hearing held in County Hall, Beverley, on the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 29 November 2010. They presented a robust defence, leaving almost 'no stone unturned', but specifically highlighting the issue of cumulative impact within the Parish following the consent of Roos Windfarm, Tedder Hill and that at Burton Pidsea. The Inspector accepts this argument stating in his report, "I am led inevitably to the conclusion that in more limited areas where sites are relatively close to each other, a critical cumulative impact level may be reached more readily. This would certainly be the case in this part of Holderness".

This is a significant statement and may very well signal to planning officers at the ERYC, that the Planning Inspectorate agree with local public opinion and the views of elected county councillors who rejected the application at Planning Committee stage. This appeal outcome is a significant marker as it will inform other potential wind-energy developers that enough is enough for this part of Holderness, particularly when one takes into account the existing development at Out Newton, Lissett and the approved site at Witherwick.

*Willis Ainley*



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# **A Profile of Gerard Baker**

## **Part 2 The story continues**

Now that the Christmas and New Year celebrations are over, our thoughts begin to turn towards Springtime, but before that I'm sure winter will bring us some more ice and snow.

During our winters we sometimes complain about the severity of the weather. If an icy cold snap comes along with a shower or two of snow, we behave as if it is the end of the world. Gerard tells me that he has endured snow blizzards that have lasted for three weeks at a time and in temperatures down to -40 C. when cooking for private and government expeditions in Asia and Antarctica.

He has been out to Antarctica several times over a ten-year period between 1996 and 2006, cooking and working in several different locations. In 1998, he joined a two-year, over-wintering expedition with the British Antarctic Survey, spending eighteen continuous months on the ice, including nine months in complete isolation in three months of almost total darkness with just twenty-one companions. Gerard gave me an insight into how they coped with their isolation.

“The main highlight of the tour of duty is at mid-winter around the shortest day, June 21st. I prepared for the celebrations by undertaking ‘cooking marathons’ to give me spare time to join in the general ‘fun and games’. We each made a pub in our offices so we could go out for a drink in each other’s ‘den’. One night we even made a kebab shop in our ‘Chippy’ to end things in style”.

Communication with other bases on the ice was usually by radio. They played a kind of virtual darts match via the radio with a team at an American Base around two hundred miles away which they always lost. It was only some time later that they realised that the Americans didn't even have a dart board !!

He describes the visual and emotional impact of spending six months in almost continuous darkness, with purple skies that last for weeks, with only the sound of the wind and the ominous creaking and groaning of ancient ice as it slowly moves and drifts with the wind or ocean currents. He describes diving into the sea through holes in the ice, and descending into a totally silent world. When conditions allowed he was able to wrap up in his warmest clothes, take a flask of something hot to drink and walk out around a small peninsula not too far from the base camp. He would listen to a Van Morrison tape recorded for him by his sister. He says, “It is easy to think of such a hostile environment as being sterile but the seas around are some of the richest on the planet. There would be a daily show of killer whales teaching their young to hunt seal among the pack ice and humpback whales breaching the surface of the sea. Minke whales, seals and penguins were common visitors around and albatross and petrels in profuse variety would fly overhead. Occasionally, I would climb a small hill and put out the antenna of a short-wave radio to try to listen to the BBC World Service, looking out over a backdrop of the mountains of the Antarctic peninsula stretching out over a thousand miles beyond the horizon”. “I filled my free time skiing, diving and developing and printing my own black-and-white photographs, singing in the base band and climbing.

During my time there I spent many free days flying in the Twin Otters that were the workhorses of the science programme – including chucking mail out of the back door to our Argentinean neighbours ( sixty miles away ) while maintaining a firm hold on the rear wall of the plane”

On another occasion he spent two years working in the eastern extremities of the Ellsworth mountains at the blue ice runway at Patriot Hills. He explains to me that the blue ice runway is a natural ice formation, large enough to land a large Russian I76 transporter plane on the ice to bring in other expeditioners and climbers. It takes three miles for such a large plane to come to a complete stop because brakes cannot be used on ice.

Another highlight was sailing around South Georgia cooking and helping to crew the yacht used for the filming of “Frozen Seas” for the BBC Blue Planet Series, presented by Sir David Attenborough in 2001.

His last trip to the Antarctic was in 2006 when he was part of a small team that worked to restore a small hut built originally in 1943 as part of Operation Taberin – a secret operation designed to foil Nazi plans to dominate the Southern Ocean shipping lanes. The hut is now home to a small museum and post office which is now the most visited site in the Antarctic. Around £3 million has been raised which is going towards the restoration of two of the most historic sites in the Antarctic, Sir Robert Scott’s, Terra Nova Hut and Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Nimrod Hut. Gerard has written the foreword for the commemorative book, which is a reprint of a polar cookbook.

In 2003, he went to Nepal. He was the only civilian invited to join the Royal Marines on their successful expedition to climb the north face of Everest. He climbed to a height of around 22,000 feet, during which he recorded and documented the agriculture and food production growing up to 14,000 feet as preparation for a special programme on mountain food.

It was while he was in Nepal that he fell in love with beekeeping, after visiting a mountain village where the UK charity Bees Abroad were sponsoring a training project. He bought a hive home (without bees!) and now keeps three apiaries in the area and is a member of Beverley Beekeepers. He feels optimistic that the honeybee will eventually be reintroduced to the wild following massive global losses.



Recent work at Aberdeen University has give us all hope that the Varroa mite will be eradicated and although there are always threats from agrochemicals, farmers are increasingly aware of the value of bees to their crops.

Gerard’s journalistic work and experience has extended beyond radio and into television. In 2008 he was judge on Rosemary Schrage’s School for Cooks (ITV 2008),

and more recently as Food Historian to the Hairy Bikers on their Mums Know Best series ( BBC 2, 2010).

Recently he appeared with them on their Christmas Special 2010, which was filmed at Burton Agnes Hall and their second series of the Hairy Bikers Mums Know Best, likely to be screened in 2011. He says “The whole Hairy Biker experience was a blast - the boys are wonderful to work with - very supportive and friendly, not to mention the crew who are now good friends. You would be surprised how many people it takes to make just one hour of television. On a shoot for ‘the recipe fairs’ we have about thirty people - five camera crews and directors. My role is to give historical and expert food knowledge, and to eat a huge amount of cake which is, usually, fun. Occasionally the director gives me something slightly more interesting to eat - the worst was a baked bean and egg pie - cold - never again. Mostly, though, people bring things that are wonderful because they really care about their story and want to know more about their own food history - for me it is a dream job”

***A dream job indeed!***

*By Willis Ainley*

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# ***Cookery Corner* .....** by Ann Coupe

## **PORK and APPLE CASSEROLE**

**Serves 4**

### **Ingredients**

25g/1oz butter

Oil for frying

450g/1lb pork tenderloin (cubed)

1 large onion (peeled and sliced)

50g/2oz plain flour

300ml/ ½ pint milk

300ml/ ½ pint dry cider

Good pinch thyme

Good pinch sage

Salt and pepper

350g/ ¾lb cooked apples (peeled, cored and sliced then placed in salted water to prevent discolouration)

2 tablespoons fresh single cream



### **Method**

1. Melt the butter with a little oil, fry pork cubes until slightly browned.
2. Remove from the pan with a draining spoon and place in the casserole dish.
3. In the same fat fry onion slices until softened, stir in flour and cook for 1 - 2 minutes.
4. Gradually blend in milk and cider and heat stirring well until thickened.
5. Add herbs and seasoning to taste and pour over pork cubes.
6. Bake Mark 4, 180°C/350°F, Fan 160° for 1 hour.
7. Remove casserole from oven and add apple slices. Stir well and return to oven for a further 30 - 40 minutes, until pork is tender.
8. Remove from oven, stir in cream and serve.

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# Roos Women's Institute

The New Year got off to a good start at the Black Horse, Roos, on 5<sup>th</sup> January with the W.I. members enjoying a very tasty Pie-and-Pea supper.

A short business meeting was held and the Federation Chair's New Year message was read out. The board giving details of forthcoming events was circulated for the ladies to put their names on if they wished to attend. A selection of events included Rifle Shooting at Driffield and a Rhubarb Festival at Wakefield in February, a Quilting workshop at Beverley and Belly dancing at North Ferriby in March !!! Something for everyone?

The first round of the annual Quiz was then held and the winners were Mrs Heather Boynton, Mrs Joy Moate, Mrs Barbara Travis and Mrs Denise Simpkins, who will take part in the second round which will be arranged at a later date.

A varied and interesting programme has been prepared for this year. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday in the month at the Memorial Institute at 7.30 p.m. and new members are always welcome so come and join us!

*Sheila Tyson*

**Friends of Roos WI - Mixed Meat Bingo**  
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From: the Rev Pam Burdon.

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Dear Friends in Roos,

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you and all your loved ones a happy and peaceful New Year. I hope your Christmas was truly joyful! and that 2011 will bring many good things, the strength to cope with the more difficult things and also some good surprises! 2010 ended with a lot of snow and difficult conditions. I would like to thank the two unknown passers by who helped push my car when I was stuck on the ice outside Roos church on Advent Sunday. I was most grateful to you both....but just had to keep moving for fear of getting stuck again!

Recently I found this prayer which I find very helpful and I hope you will too:

God our Father, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds, that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith, through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son Christ our Lord. Amen

With good wishes to you all.

Pam Burdon

## **FUTURE SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**

### **JANUARY CALENDAR**

16th Garton 10.00 Morning Prayer  
Roos 11.00 Holy Communion  
Hilston 15.00 Holy Communion  
23rd Tunstall 09.00 Holy Communion  
Roos 11.00 Holy Communion  
Garton 15.00 Evening Prayer  
30th Garton 11.00 Holy Communion

### **Benefice Service**

### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

6th Garton 10.00 Holy Communion  
Roos 11.00 Morning Prayer  
13th Tunstall 09.00 Holy Communion  
Roos 11.00 Holy Communion  
Garton 15.00 Evening Prayer  
20th Garton 10.00 Morning Prayer  
Roos 11.00 Holy Communion  
Hilston 15.00 Holy Communion  
27th Tunstall 09.00 Holy Communion  
Roos 11.00 Holy Communion  
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## Roos Memorial Institute

### JANUARY CALENDAR

16th	(No Service)		
23rd	10.30-11.30	<b>Covenant Service</b>	Rev K Jackson
30th	(No Service)		

### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

6th	11.00	<b>United Service at Roos Parish Church</b>	
13th	10.30-11.30		Mr J Richardson
20th	(No Service)		
27th	10.30-11.30		Dennis Houlton

A friendly welcome is assured for all members of the village and visitors.

*Dennis and Christine Houlton*

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## *Carol Singing*

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December a large group of carol singers braved the freezing conditions to raise money for the Roos Church Bells appeal and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. Thanks to the generosity of Roos residents, two hours of singing and knocking on doors raised £311 which was shared by the two charities.

The singers then adjourned to the Black Horse pub for delicious soup and mince pies kindly provided by Gerard Baker and his family.

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time for this very successful community event.

For more information about the Roos Church Bells Appeal please contact Helen Audley on 01964 670895

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## **Roos and District Horticultural Society**

**Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday 21st February 2011 in the Memorial Institute, Roos at 7.30pm.**

Anyone interested in joining our committee will be very welcome.

*Jennifer Grant - Secretary*

## **Roos Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2011**

### ***Apologies from Councillor David Craggs***

**The December minutes were approved. Summary below.**

#### **Meeting with RES UK Ltd**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the above company to discuss developments since their attendance at the September meeting and items mentioned included site investigations, preliminary boreholes to determine detailed engineering design works, period of construction works and a proposed dry dummy-run of the route for conveying abnormal loads to site, the dates of which would be conveyed to the Council, the web-site manager and “The Rooster” for publication in an appropriate edition.

The company’s representatives confirmed that RES UK had also agreed to provide an interim payment of £5,000.00 per annum for a period of three years commencing in January 2011 into a pre-construction fund for community projects and it was agreed that an inaugural meeting of the proposed panel to administer the fund would take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Memorial Institute.

It was also agreed that a Council meeting early in January take place for members to consider the draft constitution of the pre-construction fund.

The Chairman thanked RES delegates for attending and for their input at the meeting.

#### **Proposed allotments in the parish**

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the Parochial Church Council and the Secretary had advised that she would raise the issue of the Council’s interest in parcels of land on Pilmar Lane for possible allotment use at the next Parochial Church Council meeting in January 2011 and the Clerk was thanked for his efforts in this connection.

#### **Speeding vehicles in Main Street**

The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the police who had advised that vehicle speeds would be monitored and it was reported that the police had in fact visited Main Street and had taken appropriate action against offenders.

#### **Withernsea & South Holderness Partnership parish sub-group**

Cllr Cracknell gave a brief report of the above group’s recent meeting in November.

#### **School gardening club**

Receipt of a letter from the headmistress of the school was reported seeking financial assistance towards the purchase of replacement gardening tools together with funding for the provision of pupil road-safety reflectors and it was agreed that clarification be sought on the school’s exact requirements in both areas for which funding was being sought.

## **Flooding and land-drainage issues**

It was reported that ERYC was still formulating an alternative scheme for land-drainage improvements for a section of Rectory Road following the refusal of the Church authorities in York to make land available for such works.

## **Correspondence**

### **Severe-winter-weather pilot fund**

The Clerk reported receipt of details of an ERYC fund to assist Parish Councils to purchase items to combat the severe-weather problems being experienced which had already been acted upon after discussions he had with the Chairman, following which a site meeting of members had taken place to determine areas requiring attention following the Council's successful bid for funding to purchase such items.

It was agreed that, in addition to the measures already taken to provide grit at strategic locations, a salt box be purchased for the Eastfield Estate. Further boxes at four locations (outside the Memorial Institute, South Park, Chestnut Garth and Elm Garth) are under consideration, and the purchase of a salt spreader will be investigated, (again from the pilot fund) if deemed appropriate.

## **Planning**

### **Decision**

*Erection of extension to agricultural building at Town Farm, Main Street, Tunstall.*

*Erection of dwelling in connection with vehicular repair shop at Peart Auto Services, Quaker Road, Owstwick*

It was reported that ERYC had approved the above two applications.

### **Parish plan**

It was reported that the Parish Plan Committee had met with Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council and ERYC and that a draft revised refresher plan would now be undertaken by the committee for consideration by the Council and that subject to approval of the draft by the Council, questionnaires would require printing for distribution throughout the parish with a cost element involved. The Chairman confirmed that RES UK Ltd had agreed to contribute £1,000.00 towards printing costs of the proposed questionnaire and a modest updated version of the Parish Plan document.

### **Treasurer's report and precept for 2011/12**

The Treasurer sought and received approval for payment of the following account:-  
Avondale Landscapes – supply of daffodil bulbs - £80.00

A financial statement which had previously been circulated with the agenda was referred to. It outlined current balances, requirements to the year end and an estimate of Council expenditure in the coming financial year. It was agreed to request ERYC for a parish precept requirement for 2011/12 of £6,000.00.

## Any other business

### The Pinfold

It was reported that ERYC had now tidied the area and removed the brambles and overgrown vegetation and it was agreed to hold a site meeting at the location in February/March to determine ways of further improving the aspect of the site.

### Public session

Mr Pearson referred to one of the emergency grit bags being deposited on his property without permission causing him some concern and the Chairman offered apologies to Mr Pearson on behalf of the Council for this oversight which was entirely unintentional during the operation to hastily provide grit for urgent community use during the period of severe bad weather.

### Proposed panel for the RES wind farm provision

It was agreed that The Chairman, Vice Chair and Cllr Tyson be appointed to serve on the panel in the interim period until May 2011. Applications received from parishioners to serve on the panel were considered.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Walter Holbrook and Mr Dudley Hulme to serve on the panel and to invite them to attend the inaugural meeting of the panel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Next Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th  
February 2011 at 7.30 pm in Roos Memorial  
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## The Rooster Association

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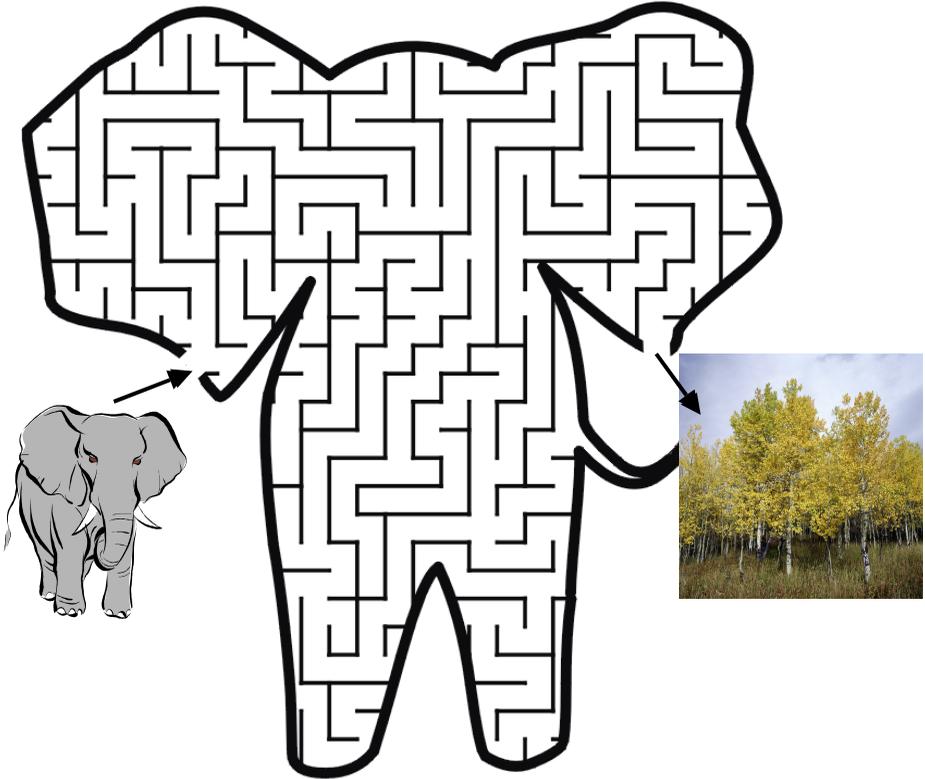
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# Puzzle Corner

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Solution to the  
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