



Rooster

The Roos Parish Newsletter

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Editorial Comment

"Spring has Sprung" - at last!

In February we questioned "Is Spring in the Air? Now two months later it really is!



The days are lengthening; trees are in full blossom and if there is not another cold snap there should be a good crop of fruit to pick later in the year. Bulbs and spring flowers are now in full bloom and the garden centres are doing a brisk trade as we optimistically prepare for summer.

In this edition we offer a little gardening advice to help us along. Last Saturday Roos Horticultural Society held their 57th Spring Show in the Memorial Institute, (hopefully there will be a report and pictures next month).

Gerard Baker reminds us of the important role of bees in pollinating our crops and he gives some timely advice about what to do in the event of a swarm arriving in our garden. Michael Flowers gives us another highly descriptive and colourful account of birds likely to be seen and heard in our gardens and surrounding landscape.



A once in a lifetime event

There are around 50 days to go before Jubilee Celebrations in Roos get underway on Saturday 2nd June.

Already excitement is beginning to build as ever more people are coming together to help plan a series of different events to suit all tastes and age ranges. South End Road from the Memorial Institute to South Park will be the main focus for day time festivities starting at 11am, with a "Street Party". This will provide a fantastic opportunity for friends, neighbours and visitors to gather and celebrate together. The street will be strung with bunting and flags, and tables spread with plates of food to share. It is likely to be a 'once in a lifetime' event that our children may well remember into their old age!

Inside the Institute the WI will be preparing and serving a plated lunch/buffet. Unfortunately the space in the hall will limit numbers to 50.

A special Songs of Praise Service will be held in All Saints Church, and, if the bells have been newly installed they will surely ring out across the countryside.

Later in the evening a Summer Dance will be held 8 till late on Roos Playing Field with "live music". Admission is free, but please request a "ticket" to give the organisers an indication of how many people are likely to attend.

Roos Parish Council will present a commemorative china mug to children of the parish.

The organisers are going to great lengths to make sure that everything is in place to make it a success, even down to providing temporary toilet facilities and waste bins.

However, they can't possibly do everything and they need your help! If you have not already done so, please let the organisers know whether:

- you would like to attend the event and if so, how many will be in your group?
- you would be willing to contribute something e.g. buns and/or sandwiches;
- you would you be prepared to hang a flag, particularly on the main road?



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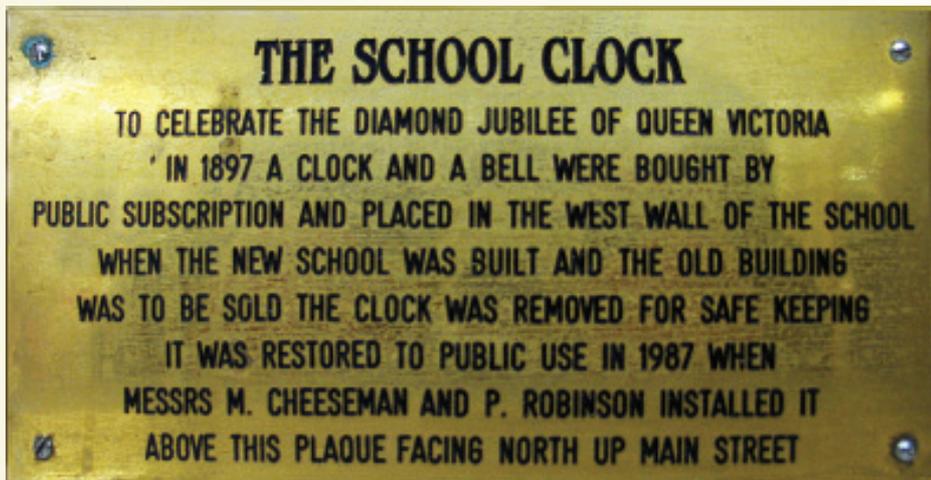
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Why is it such an important event?

Queen Elizabeth II is now the second longest serving monarch and she is only the second to have celebrated a Diamond Jubilee! Celebrations are being planned across the Commonwealth and in 16 sovereign states across the world from Australia and New Zealand to Canada and the Caribbean.

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee was held in 1897. People of Roos celebrated that occasion and raised sufficient money

by public subscription to purchase a clock for the village. Originally it was installed at the 'Old School' but when it passed into private ownership the clock was removed and put into the stewardship of the Trustees of the Memorial Institute. It is now located on the north facing wall of the Institute where it is still telling the time for passers by. A small plaque installed on a window surround in the Institute confirms the story. Will the Parish be as imaginative now as our forebears were over 200 years ago?



The plaque installed in the Institute.



The empty space is the original location of the Commemorative clock.



The current location of the clock.

Lavender's golden memories



The Queens Diamond Jubilee is fast approaching and here are two dinner recipes I prepared during the Golden Jubilee weekend when the Blairs were entertaining at Chequers. There were some interesting guests present, including Ken Hom, Esther Rantzen and the widow of Roald Dahl with whom we were organising a large charity event to be held later in July in aid of the Dahl Foundation. Ken Hom and I had judged competitions together in the past and he was more interested in joining us in our kitchen than in dining. He also spent quite a lot of time with us afterwards but didn't help with the washing up! The first course works just as well using monkfish, the most important thing is that the fish must be fresh and the timing of the marinade is crucial. The beef and oxtail dish may seem a little heavy for a summer meal but it works really well and is a good way of combining a cheaper cut of meat with the more expensive beef fillet. Enjoy.

Scallop Cerviche with a Crispy Bacon Salad

(Serves 4)

8 scallops cut into 3 roundels

4 rashers of streaky bacon diced and cooked until crisp

Grated zest and rind of 2 limes

1 red chilli, seeded and finely chopped

4 teaspoons of clear honey

1 yellow pepper finely chopped

2 tablespoons of finely chopped dill

Virgin olive oil

Black pepper

Salad leaves

Arrange the scallop roundels on a large plate, sprinkle over the yellow pepper, lime zest, juice and chilli. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Drizzle with the honey, dill, black pepper and a little olive oil. Toss the bacon with the leaves and place a little on each plate, top with the scallops and serve.

Fillet of Beef with an Oxtail Choucroute

(Serves 6)

500gm oxtail

50gm chopped onion

50gm chopped carrot

1 leek chopped

1 clove garlic

15gm flour

½ litre beef stock

½ litre red wine

4 fillet steaks

4 large green cabbage leaves

50gm chopped wild mushrooms

Sprig of thyme

Coat the oxtail in the flour and colour in some hot oil, colour the vegetables and add to the oxtail in an ovenproof dish.

Add the garlic, wine, stock and thyme and cook in a moderate oven until the meat falls off the bone (about 3 hours). When the oxtail is cool, remove all the meat and cut into small pieces, and add the mushrooms. Blanch and refresh the cabbage leaves and lay flat, place some of the oxtail mixture in the centre of each leaf and make into a round parcel. Strain the oxtail jus and adjust the seasoning, place in a pan, add the oxtail parcels and gently reheat. Cook the steaks to your taste, place an oxtail parcel in the centre of each plate, add a steak and some jus and serve with some new potatoes and garden vegetables.



Village Diary

If you or your organisation is planning an event then the date can be entered in the Village Diary. Please put a note with all the details in the Rooster box in Roos Stores or contact either Willis, Sheila or Cherie. The contact details are on page 11

April 2012

- Mon 16th** Parish Council Meeting Memorial Institute 7.15 p.m.
- Sat 28th** Coffee Morning. Eastfield Estate Community Lounge 10 a.m.

May 2012

- Wed 2nd** Roos W.I. Memorial Institute 7.30 p.m.
- Thur 3rd** Local Elections. Memorial Institute 7.00 am to 10 p.m.
- Sat 5th** Mini Market. Memorial Institute 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tues 8th** Bingo. Memorial Institute 7.30 p.m.
- Mon 14th** Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Institute 7.30 p.m.
- Sun 20th** Playing Field Association Car Boot Sale, Roos Playing Field, Set up 8.30 to 9.00 a.m.

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Gardening Again!



March was a superb month for gardeners! Such tempting weather encouraged people to get outside and 'tidy up' after the winter months. The soil has warmed up and seedlings are appearing at a rate of knots. The trees have budded etc, etc, etc. and once again we hear the hum of the lawnmowers!

The kitchen garden will be ready for action now and with the increasing popularity of raised beds a variety of salad and vegetables can be grown. Don't be tempted to sow too many seeds of the same variety at once but save some seeds in the packet for repeat sowing and you will benefit all the summer. And don't forget to sow a pack of annuals directly into the soil for a splash of colour. Cornflower, Godetia and Marigolds are old favourites and easy to look after.

Try to find ways of saving water. Re-use your washing up water for tubs and place trays under pots of tomatoes etc and use the water again. When clearing away under hedges etc remember there may still be a hedgehog asleep, so be careful!

With all this activity it is important to remember not to do too much and avoid back ache by leaving some jobs for another day! Happy gardening!

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ROOS football

Roos entered the final stages of the season in fourth place in the County League Division Three table. However, with few games remaining their chances are slim as the teams above them have games in hand. They moved up to fourth place following a comfortable 4-2 victory at Eastington Village when they virtually dominated the game for the full 90 minutes until the centre-half suffered an injury and lost half a front tooth at the receiving end of a home player's 'head-butt'. The foul resulted in this player being sent off!

Many thanks to all who supported the 'Greyhound Race Night' recently held at the Black Horse. This raised over £300 benefitting both Roos FC and the Roos Playing Field Association. Due to its popularity another Race Night will be arranged during the summer and your support once more will be fully appreciated.

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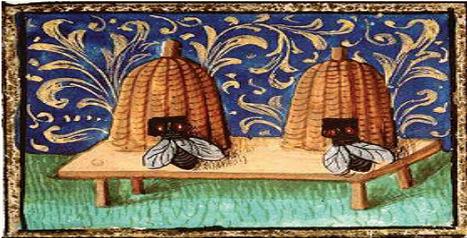


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Soon to swarm . . .



Following an early Spring and with gardens coming into full bloom bees are abroad in full strength, and in all their variety. There are about two dozen species of bee in the UK - just one species of honeybee, but many others including the large bumbles, cuckoo bees and the smaller mason and solitary bee species. Largest of all, in terms of colony numbers are the various races of honeybee, *Apis mellifera*.

The honeybee is the only temperate-climate bee that survives the winter as a complete colony, albeit without males. Whereas other species of bee increase their colony numbers by the simple act of raising queens which hibernate over the winter, honeybee colonies tend to divide as a whole. This dramatic act is known as swarming, and will occur fairly soon. What are they doing, and what should you do if you find, or see a swarm?

During the act of swarming, honeybees (they are the only type that do), fly out of their hive with their queen at the fore. In the week prior to her being encouraged to leave the hive (the female workers literally

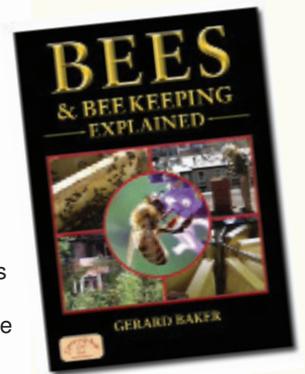
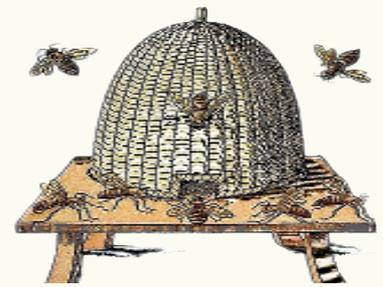
starve her and chase her around to get her fit enough to fly because she is usually too full of eggs), the workers prepare a new queen cell, or cells. They are stimulated to do this by either the hive being too full, or by the absence of a sufficient concentration of one of the queen's pheromones, which usually keeps this queen-raising in check. As soon as the new queens are sealed in their silken cocoons to pupate, the old queen will leave the hive, and almost all the workers and drones (males) will follow her. Left behind are the young bees who nurse the developing queens. The swarm, often containing 20 or 30 thousand individuals, heads off to find a new home, in a dry, dark place, usually a tree trunk, loft or chimney.

If you notice a swarm, call a beekeeper. They can usually be collected and re-housed safely. Unless you have a known allergy to honeybee venom, you should not fear a swarm. Swarming bees fill their stomachs with honey prior to leaving the hive, and are therefore sluggish, and too fat to sting. Also, they are focused on keeping an eye on the queen, so tend not to worry too much about people or very much else.

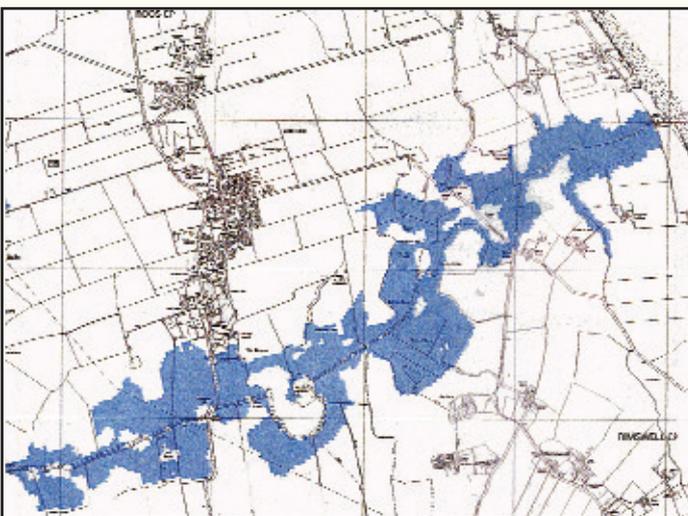
In temperate climates honeybees are unique in that their queens will lay throughout the year, which requires the temperature in the hive to be more or less constant come rain or shine, at about 30C. Only when the air temperature outside drops below freezing will they cluster tightly together to maintain a warm core in the

otherwise cold hive. Other species of bee live in much smaller colonies. The ground nesting and rock nesting solitaires, such as the ones that live all the way along Hodgson Lane have already finished their annual increase - the new queens are developing in their burrows, ready to emerge in a week or two to build up a small nest of their own to hibernate in. Bumbles, on the other hand, live in relatively large colonies, maybe 2-300 bees, and will continue to feed and lay until the back end of summer. They will soon move from the oil seed rape to various *Tilia* species such as the English limes that surround the west side of the church yard. As we live in a more or less arable monoculture, and now that field margins are so small and denuded, tree pollen keeps many of our bee species alive.

Planting your garden to help bees is one way everyone can help to support these vitally important insects. Alternatively, you can look out for a popular book, *Bees and Beekeeping Explained*, available at all good book shops.



Tunstall Flood Defence Scheme



Extent of flood plain should no action be taken

Roos Parish Council were recently notified that funding had finally been secured to enable the Tunstall Flood Defence Scheme to be completed in 2013!

It has taken a very long time to reach this point particularly as The Environment Agency highlighted the problem as long ago as 2007. Delay and spending cuts have taken their toll. It has taken the application of persistent pressure on both the Environment Agency

and ERYC by a number of interested parties, including Roos and Rimswell Parish Councils, ERYC Ward Councillors, Keyingham Level Internal Drainage Board and not least Graham Stuart MP.

The scheme as it is currently envisaged will involve the construction of a 385 metre long, 7 metre high embankment some 200 metres inland from the current coastline. It is expected to have a lifespan of at least 50 years. It will create a saline lagoon and a saltmarsh which in turn will provide habitat for wildlife.

The necessity for the scheme is highlighted by the flood plain map prepared by the Environment Agency. This shows that whilst there is apparently little threat to housing or other properties the impact upon valuable farmland would be extensive. Not least of course further down the Drain even as far as its outfall into the Humber!

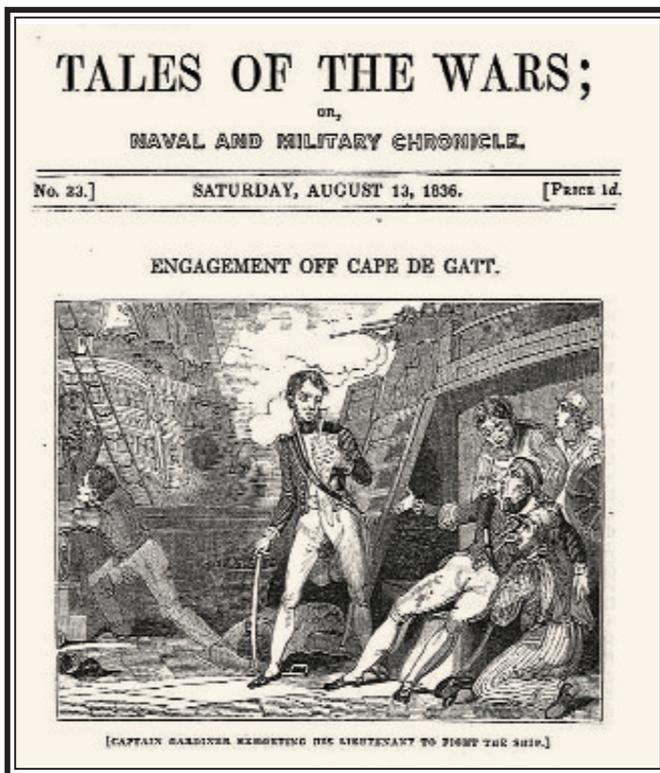


Cliff top site meeting in early 2011, with Graham Stuart MP, ERYC Councillor Cracknell, and Cllr. D. Craggs

The Storrs of Hilston

The Admiral Storr

The second instalment of, *The Storrs of Hilston*, traces some aspects of the life and times of Rear Admiral John Storr, some research into his naval career has shed a little more light on some of the likely reasons why the tower on the Mount at Hilston became known as Admiral Storr's Tower.



STORR, Rear Admiral John, 1709-1783

He became a captain in 1748 and just 8 years later he became commander of a 'ship of the line'- the *Revenge* in 1797. It had a crew of about 480 men and an armament of up to 70 cannons. The lower gun deck fired 24 pounder cannon balls, they were of medium size when compared with the 42 pounders carried on the larger ships, such as *The Victory*. The *Revenge* was one of the Mediterranean fleet and John Storr's reputation rose as a result of his attack on the French ship *Orphee*.

An account of his engagement is reported in the "Tales of the Wars or Naval and Military Chronicle".

"Meanwhile the *Revenge* of 64 guns, Captain Storr, pursued another of the enemy's ships, and having come up with her about six o'clock, a very warm engagement took place at about 40 yards distance. It was not of long duration, for the *Revenge* maintained such a close and well directed fire, that in about half an hour the French seamen deserted their quarters, nor could all the rhetoric or menaces of their officers induce them to return. "Many of them," says an officer of the *Revenge*, "have since told me that fighting so close was unfair, and downright murder; however, it is the only way to engage them."

The *Revenge* had twenty-two men killed and above 100 wounded. Among the latter was Captain Storr, who had the calf of his leg shot away,"

The following is a tabulated account of Admiral Storr's career. Click on the links to see the technical specification and nature of the ships of the time.

Naval Service Events					
Appointed a Commander, 3rd July 1746					W032
Commissioned as a Captain, 1st November 1748					W032
Ship	Date from	Date to		Event	Source
Gloucester	1748/11/01	1753	As Captain		B057
Saint George	1755/01	1756	As Captain		B057
Revenge	1757	1760	As Captain		B057
Revenge	1758/02/28			Osborne's Action	
Revenge	1759/11/20			Battle of Quiberon Bay	
Monmouth	1760	1762	As Captain		B057
Promoted to Rear-Admiral of the White, 19th March 1779					W032
Promoted to Rear-Admiral of the Red, 26th September 1780					W032



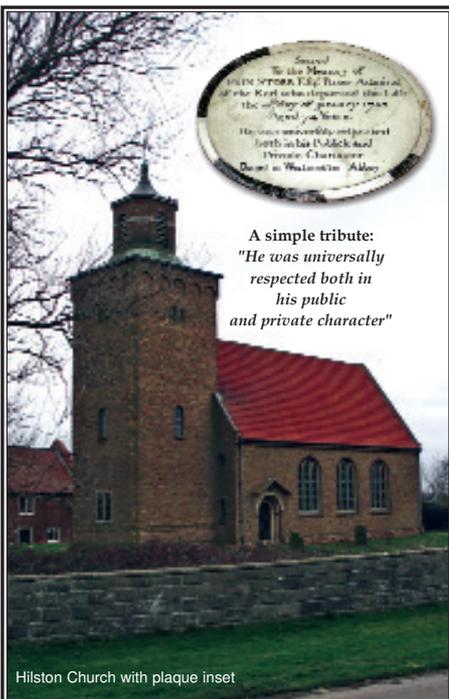
The Battle of Quiberon Bay

Later in 1759 the Revenge was one of the first ships to sail into action during the attack on the French Fleet at Quiberon off the west coast of France.

In 1762 he commanded the Monmouth, on the North American Station. In 1779 he was advanced to be Rear-Admiral of the White, and a year later to the same rank in the Red Squadron.

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/history/battles/battle-of-quiberon/>

He died in London, January 10, 1783, aged seventy-four, leaving a wife, but no children. He was buried in the North Transept of Westminster Abbey. This later became known as the Statesmen's Aisle following the burial of Prime Minister William Pitt, Earl of Chatham in 1778. The graves of Charles James Fox, William Gladstone and Lord



A simple tribute:
"He was universally respected both in his public and private character"

Hilston Church with plaque inset

Palmerston and memorials to Benjamin Disraeli and Sir Robert Peel among others are also located there.

'Our' Admiral Storr rests among some very good company!

A transcript of his memorial reads:

'To the Memory of JOHN STORR Esq/ of Hilston in the County of York, Rear Admiral of the Red Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet/ In his Profession a brave and gallant officer/ In private life a tender Husband/ an honest MAN & a sincere Friend/ He was born August 18th 1709/ Died January 10th 1783/ & interred near this Place'

To visit the National Maritime Museum record follow the link.

<http://www.nmm.ac.uk/memorials/Memorial.cfm?Search=westminster&SearchCriteria=Place&Area=&MemorialPage=2&MemorialID=M4775&Full=Transcript>

Back in Hilston a tablet to perpetuate his memory was placed in the church against the inner wall of the chancel, its text ends with this simple tribute to his worth as officer and man :

" He was universally respected both in his public and private character."

At one time there was a stained-glass window installed in the church with the inscription:

"To perpetuate the memory of the family of Storr of Hilston and Oustwick. John Storr of Hilston died 1657. Joseph Storr of Oustwick died 1857. This window was placed hereby the descendants, MDCCCLXI. 'Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation".

This window may have been lost when the church was bombed during WW2.



Day in the life

I write this as we are enjoying a spell of wonderful weather. The sun is shining, the birds are singing in the trees, and all that sort of poetic rubbish. But we know it will rain one day, the wind will blow, we'll get wet and we'll all moan.

Just like life, really. Some days the sun shines and everything works; other days are normal and ordinary, a bit of this and a bit of that, and yet other days there are personal disasters, even life-changing events. A birth, a death; a marriage, a break-up.

I find it comforting to think the church can tell us a lot about how to cope with this sort of thing, because by and large, it has been there already. Jesus died, but rose again. And for an excellent example Mary, Jesus's mother, knew the wonder of seeing her son born, the agony of seeing her son killed, the glorious amazement of his resurrection, and then again the pain of losing him for a second time, on Ascension Day, when he went back to the Father. And in time she would join him in heaven where, as we are promised, every tear will be wiped away.

The beauty is that there is always hope. The rain will stop, the wind will die down and the birds will sing again. Life does go on here on earth; and life reaches its conclusion, God willing, in the glorious kingdom to come.

And who said talking about the weather was a waste of time?

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April 22	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
	18.30	Garton	Evensong
April 29	11.00	Joint service for the group of parishes at Holmpton	
May 6	8.30	Tunstall	Holy Communion
	9.30	Garton	Mattins
	10.30	Roos	Joint Service at the Memorial Institute
May 13	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
	18.30	Garton	Evensong
May 17 (Ascension Day)			
	19.30	Joint service for the group of parishes at St Matthew's, Hull Road, Withernsea	
May 20	9.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion
	9.30	Garton	Mattins
	11.00	Roos	Holy Communion
	15.00	Hilston	Holy Communion
May 27 (Whitsun)			
	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
	18.30	Garton	Evensong

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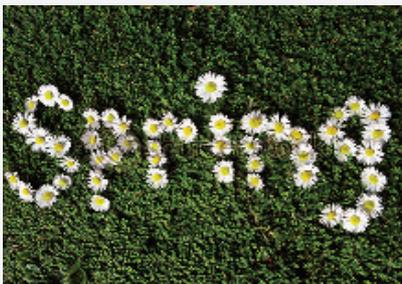
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INSPIRING WOMEN

Margery Pittock, Vice President, opened the April meeting and welcomed guests from Burstwick W.I. Members were invited to share in a minute's silence in memory of Margorie Hunter who had recently passed away. Margorie had been an active member of the W.I. and she would be very sadly missed.

The Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and signed as correct. A gift was presented to Mary Winter who had celebrated her 80th birthday recently. Mary is the longest serving member of Roos W.I. and members wished her many happy returns.

Items of interest were read out from the Newsletter including 'Step into Spring' to be held at Skipsea Community Centre. This is the Federation's major fundraiser this



year and a few places are still available. Events inviting members to attend were listed on 'the board' including Silk painting at Hollym W.I., the Spring Walk and Archery.



The speaker for the evening was Ann Atkin who gave a very interesting insight into her time as a TV Topper Girl. She had started dancing at a very young age and following the Black and White Minstrel Show being staged at Hull's New Theatre had applied for an audition. Eventually she was fortunate in being chosen to join the group for a season in Blackpool. Ann brought lots of souvenir items with her including dresses, hats and glamorous props together with photographs showing the elaborate costumes worn.

Flower of the month was won by Carol Charlesworth, 2nd Denise Simpkins and 3rd Joy Moate and all displayed daffodils. The competition for an Easter Bonnet was won by Margery Pittock, 2nd Sheila Tyson and 3rd Sylvia Turner.

Next month's speaker for the evening will be Dot Perkins and her subject is 'Owt about Nowt' which is something to look forward to!

christian aid week

Roos people have always been very generous to the Christian Aid house to house collection which takes place each year during the second week in May. Each year we have reported in the Rooster the results of your generosity. The total collected over the last few years adds up to £5355.65. We have a willing group of helpers without whom this would not happen. This year the collection week begins on Sunday 13th May until Saturday 21st May.

HELP IS NEEDED!

This year we have two extra problems which need to be solved if Roos is going to help the world's poorest with the same generosity as before. We need a couple of people willing to visit a couple of streets each. These are to replace friends who have been forced to retire. Also we are about to move so there is a need for someone to take over the role of organiser for the village. This is simply to allocate the streets to collectors and to deliver the envelopes to the Withernsea area co-ordinator at the end of the week.

We do hope that the generosity of Roos people will continue for this worthy cause and if you can help please contact us as soon as possible on 670596.

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The following are edited extracts from the March 2012 Meeting.

Eight Council Members were in attendance. Two members of the public were also present.

Present: Cllrs. D Winter (Chairman), W Ainley, A. Coupe, D Craggs, A Dodson, B Smales, K Tyson and J Ward.

Apologies: Cllr. J Cracknell

1.Consideration of Councillor's declaration of interests.

There were no changes declared.

2.Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2012

These were agreed as a true record subject to the addition of the words "and contact details" after the word "purchase" in item 7, they were then signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the minutes

3.Tunstall Coastal Defence Scheme

Confirmation was received from ERYC that the Cabinet had approved an allocation of between £100k and £190k towards the financing of construction of the above scheme. The Council expressed its satisfaction on the outcome of the long awaited approval.

4.RES Community Fund - Heads of Terms

The Chairman reported that Cllr. Cracknell was in the process of arranging a meeting with ERYC to determine the administration of the fund. He also confirmed that the Pre-Construction Fund panel would be meeting on 17th April to consider further applications from groups seeking funding.

5.Severe weather grant assistance

The Chairman reported that £1,000.00 remained available to bid for from the ERYC for other schemes which would benefit the community. It was agreed that this be considered at the next meeting.

6.Highway issue

It was reported that ERYC had provided "French drains" to three areas where surface water was accumulating on Rectory Road, however the area near Chestnut Garth was still holding water and it was agreed to inform ERYC of this.

7.Proposed upgrading of former footpath to Burton Pidsea

A consultation paper was received from ERYC inviting Council comment upon their proposal to make an order to record the above on the relevant definitive map. It was agreed to support the proposal.

8. Sand le Mere holiday complex

A reply was received from ERYC which confirmed that the site was being developed in accordance with the approved plans.

Correspondence

9. Seismic survey

An invitation was received from Rathlin Energy to attend a meeting at Aldbrough Village Hall on 22nd March at 7.00pm to receive an update upon the company's survey it had recently completed in the area. Members were asked to attend if at all possible.

10. ERYC Parish News

The latest edition of the above was circulated for member's individual attention.

11. Household insurance

Cllr. Coupe tabled an e-mail she had received from a resident having difficulty in obtaining Household Contents Insurance following the flooding of 2007. It requested clarification as to why the flooding had occurred and the measures that had been taken to prevent future flooding. It was agreed that the Clerk respond accordingly to the resident.

12. Roos Windfarm - Tree planting fund

A letter was received from ERYC inviting the Council to nominate a member to sit on the grant panel to administer the above fund. It also enquired whether the Council was interested in developing a proposal to take advantage of the available funding. It was agreed to nominate Cllr. Dodson to serve on the committee and also to request an application form to seek funding from the scheme.

13. Police report

The report highlighted an incident of fraud by false representation in Seaside Lane, Tunstall, and, snowballs being thrown at a widow of a house in Pilmar Lane, Roos.

Planning

14. Applications

Erection of a new tiled roof following

removal of a flat roof to rear extension, a replacement garage with pitched roof and conversion of roof space to living accommodation with Velux windows at Marve 44 Pilmar Lane, Roos.

It was agreed that no objections be made to the above application.

Continued use of land for storage of re-locatable buildings together with retention of hard-standing and earth bunds at Kenby Farm, Quaker Road, Owstwick.

It was agreed to object to the application on amenity grounds, in that, the existing use is an eyesore in the rural open countryside and was destroying skyline views from Roos and surrounding area.

15. Decision

Change of use of land to form an extension to the existing caravan park, together with additional tree planting at Holderness Country Park, Southfield Lane, Tunstall.

It was reported that ERYC had approved the above application.

16. Withdrawal

Erection of three dwellings at land south of Halfway Cottage, Main Street, Roos.

It was reported that the above application had been withdrawn.

17. Refresher Parish Plan

Cllr. Ainley reported that the Parish Plan Committee was preparing a report and analysis of the Questionnaire for publication in The Rooster.

● Conservation Areas.

Cllr. Ainley reported concerns expressed by a resident about possible breaches of Conservation Area planning regulations. Following enquiries made to the ERYC they suggested that the Parish Council monitor Conservation Areas within the parish

● Neighbourhood Planning. (Localism Bill)

It was agreed that Cllr. Ainley distribute to all Councillors proposed arrangements concerning Neighbourhood Planning which had previously been sent to the Chair and Clerk

● Parish Plan Questionnaire

The Council received the final Questionnaire Analysis together with a tabulated list of resident's comments. It was agreed that Councillors should send comments directly to Cllr. Ainley.

18. HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Cllr. Ward gave a detailed report on further progress made at the meeting of interested organisations held on 6th March. It included an update on preparations for a Street Party, an Evening dance and for a Senior citizens party.

The Clerk provided a quotation from Central Design Ceramics, for the supply of both bone china and earthenware commemorative mugs. It was agreed to purchase 200 bone china mugs for distribution to local children.

19. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer sought and received approval for payment of the following accounts:-

- Avondale Landscapes- for erecting finger posts on parish paths - £216.38
- Zurich Insurance - renewal of Parish Council insurance policy - £225.00
- It was agreed to donate £20.00 to the Tunstall Village Hall Group.

Any other business

20. Dove Lane

It was reported that the By-way was becoming increasingly difficult underfoot and the Chairman agreed to inform ERYC of the situation.

21. Dog fouling

Comment was made on the increase in dog fouling, especially around the church area. It was agreed to seek the current cost for provision of litter bins for the locality.

Cllr Dodson confirmed that he had an appropriate "pick it up" stencil which could be used in appropriate areas on the footpaths.

Public session

Mr Towler commented on why his planning application had been withdrawn. (*Erection of three dwellings at land south of, Halfway Cottage, Main Street, Roos*).

In seeking clarification, it was explained to him that the site was outside the currently designated Development Limit for the village. It was further explained that ERYC was in consultation on their proposals for the Local Development Framework.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th May 2012, commencing at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Institute Roos.

Richard Stead

Roos Parish Council expressed their respect on the recent passing away of Ward Councillor Richard Stead by observing a 'Minute's Silence' prior to their recent meeting.

Richard had represented the interests of the South East Holderness Ward since his election to the ERYC in 1999.

Tributes were paid by Council leader Councillor Stephen Parnaby who said: "Richard's death is a sad loss to the council..." Beverley and Holderness MP, Graham Stuart said: "Richard was warm, funny, effective and knew how to get his point across"

Richard was particularly supportive of Roos Parish Council and regularly attended their meetings, particularly in the aftermath of the flooding of 2007. He was influential with officers at the ERYC in delivering flood remedial work and in the upgrading of Hodgson Lane.

Parish Council Chairman David Winter said, "He was a man of decency and great integrity and on a personal note a constant source of help and support. He will be greatly missed".

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Identifying Wildlife in East Yorkshire

Birding with Flowers

April brings an enormous influx of summer migrants, and one of the easiest to observe is the Swallow, which initially is usually seen catching insects over water. There can be very few people whose spirits don't lift on their first annual sighting



Swallow

of these superb, acrobatic fliers. Our feelings for the Swallow are no doubt enhanced by their friendly chattering calls

often heard near their nest sites. Swallows have long been associated with mankind, and usually nest in man-made habitats, such as barns. If they arrive in a dry April, as in both 2010 & 2011, it is possible to give them a helping hand. Swallows & House Martins need moist mud to construct their nests, so if it is dry, and you do not mind them using your buildings, please place some soil in say an old dustbin lid, add water and place near their normal nest site!

"Little spring shepherdesses" also start arriving back in the UK in April, but sadly no longer in the same numbers as forty years ago. I'm not referring to lots of Little Beau Peeps, but "little spring shepherdesses", which is the English translation for what the French call Yellow Wagtails. These stunning birds can often be seen around the feet of sheep and other livestock. As a cow grazes it stirs up insects in the long grass, which the Wagtails then catch and consume. Sadly these birds are no longer as common as they once were, as much of the flooded meadows they prefer have been drained, but other agricultural changes may also be

to blame for their decline. Recent research by the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) has shown that although Yellow Wagtails may seem to blend in with fields of flowering Oilseed Rape, they can only usually manage to have one brood in what

Yellow wagtail



becomes a very dense crop. However, if they nest in a more sparsely growing crop, such as potatoes then they can often sustain a second brood. The argument is that

if there were more potato crops planted around Yellow Wagtail's favourite haunts in Holderness then the apparent decline may be stemmed, and even reversed.

Another of Britain's most colourful breeding birds arrives briefly on the east coast, around Spurn Point before heading further inland. The Redstart is a close relative of the Robin, and like its cousin has a bright orange breast, but the male also has a blue-grey back, a black face & throat, a white forehead, and an orange

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Redstart

tail, which it 'shivers' constantly. It is the Old English for tail, 'steort', which has given the bird its common name. There should be a second chance to see them in the autumn, when less immaculate individuals spend longer fattening up on the coast before starting on the epic migration to sub-Saharan Africa. Reference books on ornithology state that Redstarts breed mainly in the North West of the UK, with the nearest individuals nesting sparsely in West and North Yorkshire. However, my classes throughout the whole of East Yorkshire have revealed that this stunning bird does actually breed on the Yorkshire Wolds near Millington and Thixendale. It's well worth a trip to nearby 'Hockney Country' to try and see them in all their glory.

For further information about Michael and his lessons please log on to

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