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Pilmar Lane Development

Planning Committee Decision

On 28th February the Borough Council gave "support in principle" to the planning application but referred it back for revision on three points.

In their Agenda, councillors had been given a Development Department briefing running to 8½ pages (including 3 full-page maps). It noted that Roos Parish Council disapproved of the development and that twelve letters of objection had been received as well as a "letter of comment" - and also that the outline application in July 1987 had been opposed by thirteen objectors and by a petition with eighty-six signatures.

The briefing outlined the kind of objections raised, including some from neighbours who felt that their own properties would be affected. However :

"The principle of residential development has already been established and it is only possible to look at specific issues raised by the detailed plans."

Three main planning issues were then outlined. These are summarised below. Direct quotation from the briefing is given inside inverted commas.

A. Density of Development

Objectors quoted from the Village Plan to argue that density in Roos should be less than the average of 10 per acre in Holderness generally - and the Pilmar Lane development would have 12 per acre. The briefing made several points to counter this argument :

- (a) The Village Plan figures should be related to the average density for building in Roos as a whole. Because of low density elsewhere, the average would still be well below 10/acre even if 30 houses were built on the Pilmar Lane site.

(One of the maps showed densities elsewhere :

Pilmar Lane (ex-council Houses)	: 7.5,
Existing "Pilmar Garth"	: 9.3,
Eastfield Estate	: 14.7,
Corner of Pilmar Lane & Main St	: 18.3,
South Park	: 5.09
Elm Garth	: 8.9,
Chestnut Garth	: 5.3)

- (b) Variety of housing is needed, including some smaller dwellings (and higher density) to enable local people to buy a house "and then move up the housing ladder" without leaving the village.

B. Vehicles on Pilmar Lane

- (a) The only access would be from Pilmar Lane. The development would increase traffic along the existing cul-de-sac. If fewer houses were built (say, 25), they would probably be larger and produce more cars overall than 30 houses would.
- (b) No through access is planned to the north, "although the existing footpath is rather wide. This is under discussion with the Highway Authority with a view to its reduction in width."
- (c) Development would cut off agricultural access to the east - "and the former owner has required a right of way over the estate road and through a gated entrance on the eastern boundary. It

appears that no alternative access is possible. However, there is only a six-acre field involved and movement will be limited."

C. Lack of Amenity Space

The applicant knows of the outline requirement for an amenity space. The Borough insist on amenity spaces only if parish councils require them and agree to maintain them. Roos Parish Council has not yet agreed. The applicant offers, as an alternative, to fence and provide play equipment for the existing play area at the corner of Pilmar Lane.

"If the Parish Council agree to adopt a play area within the site then one should be provided and the logical place would be on Plot 16 to remove development further from the eastern boundary."

D. Single-Storey Development on the Eastern Boundary

To reduce "visual impact" on the village's eastern approach, outline permission prescribed only single-storey dwellings on the eastern boundary.

"Although the dwellings contain dormers at first-floor level, these are relatively small and the profile of the buildings is low. On balance it is felt that the submission follows the spirit of the outline requirements, although members may feel that they would prefer to see these rear dormers omitted."

E. Planting on Eastern Boundary

(The briefing failed to say that tree-planting on the east was recommended in the Village Plan, where the implication was that planting would be within the development site - which would reduce the space for housing. The scheme referred to below would prevent such a reduction and may have been suggested to maximise the number of dwellings on the site proper.)

The applicant is considering acquiring a strip of land beyond the site to provide "a substantial planted area... The land-owner has agreed to this in principle."

F. General

Some smaller points are being discussed with the applicant to improve spacing from adjoining property and omitting overlooking windows where possible. Land ownership also needs to be resolved ("not strictly a planning issue"). Greater variety in the building line could be achieved.

The Recommended Decision

As recommended, the Borough Council supported the application in principle but referred it back for revision that would :

- (a) provide an amenity space;
- (b) reorganise the building line within the site;
- (c) give clear details of tree-planting proposals for the eastern boundary.

If the Committee had approved the application as submitted, the Planning Department would have recommended conditions, including :

- provision of a works compound within the site to reduce on-street parking by delivery vehicles or workmen's own cars;
- details of landscaping on the east to be submitted before development commenced.

Parish Council

The meeting of 13th March was chaired by Councillor G.E. Winter. All other members were present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the February meeting were approved. The Chairman said that he had met representatives of the Gas Board and the Highways Department. Two sites had been agreed for the kiosks to house regulating equipment : the area at the eastern corner of Pilmar Garth and the grass verge at the N.W. corner of Pinfold Lane (but not the actual site of the old pinfold).

Correspondence

White Rose Landscapes, Hull. Advice of the firm's services.

South Park. The Director of Development had asked if a new name was required for the further development in South Park. It was agreed that the address of the whole should be "South Park".

Auditors. The new auditors, Messrs Robson Rhodes, were given authority of access to the Parish Council bank account.

Planning

Approvals. The Borough Council had now approved two previous applications : at Plot 5 south of Dove Lane and 1 Elm Garth.

New applications.

The Parish Council supported :

YEB. Extension of overhead cable in front of The Elms and Elms Cottages.

Northern Garth, Tunstall (W. side of Hilston Road. Mr Evison). Amended plan : same design but farther north.
Plot 3, South of Dove Lane (Mr & Mrs Sowerby). Four-bedroom house.
Dent's Garth. Outline consent to erect a detached dwelling. Existing workshop to be demolished.

Rustlings, Chestnut Garth (Mr W. Aitchison). Erection of conservatory.

The Parish Council referred back an application concerning South Park (Hooson & Partners) since the site plan showed 12 houses instead of 11.

Pilmar Lane Development.

The Chairman reported the Borough Council's support in principle for the building of 30 houses on the site behind Main Street and Pilmar Lane. He himself had argued strongly against the high density (12 to the acre) and was disgusted that fellow borough councillors had blatantly ignored recommendations in the Village Plan. The application had been referred back for improvement in three respects : provision of an amenity space, reorganisation of the building line, and details of tree-planting proposals on the eastern boundary.

In a letter to the Borough Council, the developer had offered to fence and equip a children's play area on the land at the eastern corner of the entry to Pilmar Garth (i.e. where a Gas Board kiosk is now to be sited). Councillor Grant said that this site would have been inappropriate for a play area. Other members thought it would have been no substitute for an amenity area within the development site proper.

It was understood that the developer was now not to be Mr D. Wilkinson but James Roberts Developments, one of whose directors had contacted the Chairman, hoping to discuss features that would make the development more acceptable to the village - though retaining the density. Other councillors shared the Chairman's view that it was not for the Parish Council to negotiate with developers, who should submit their revised application for consideration in the normal way.

Councillor Helliwell said that the Borough Council had been persuaded by the Planning Officer's closely-reasoned argument. Whether or not one accepted the argument in detail, it was not true to say that the Village Plan had been ignored. The Parish Council needed to address the reasons why

the Planning Officer thought that support for the application would not breach the Village Plan. Councillor Helliwell tried to persuade fellow councillors to consider what the reasons were. Only then could the Parish Council assess their validity.

Accounts

Three payments were approved :
Sinart Printers. £28.75 for 500 Meeting Notice forms.
Roos Memorial Institute. £30.00 for hire of the Institute on five occasions from December to March.
Municipal Mutual Insurance, Ltd : Premium of £25.00.

Outstanding Items

The matters raised all concerned the Highways Department.
Path to North End. A letter was to be sent pointing out that the path had still not been properly restored near the white railings.
Damage to Young Trees. No acknowledgement had been received to the request that contractors be asked to avoid damaging trees when cutting grass verges.
Burton Pidsea Road. A further letter was to be sent stressing the dangerous condition of the surface from Owstwick Lane End to Burton Pidsea.

Any Other Business

Councillor Quarmby commented that the Institute was clean, attractive and well-heated. Other members agreed with him that a letter should be sent to the Institute Committee in appreciation of their work.

PUBLIC SESSION

A resident asked that advice be sought from the Parish and Town Councils Association about the enforceability of the Village Plan, which had suggested limits to the density of new housing in Roos. The Borough Council had submitted the Village Plan to the Department of the Environment so that it could be given statutory force. It ought to be possible, therefore, to prevent high-density development in Roos by invoking the legal status of the Village Plan. Some councillors supported an enquiry to the Parish and Town Councils Association. Others thought that, whatever the legal status of the Plan, its references to density were not prescriptive enough to be enforceable.

There was also discussion of the proposed amenity space within the Pilmar Lane development.

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 10th April : 7.30 p.m.

in the Memorial Institute.

Members of the public cordially invited to attend.

Women's Institute

At the March meeting there was a report of the Bulb Show at Hedon. Although few in number, some members had entered bulbs and flower arrangements. Roos won the Cup for the Institute entry with Mrs K.Nelson's "Weather Forecast" interpretation and came third in the overall competition. The President, Mrs Norah Hornby, thanked those who had taken part. She also welcomed a new member, Mrs M.Ball.

We need a delegate to represent Roos and Hollym at the London AGM on 1st June, always a memorable experience. In addition to debates in the splendour of the Royal Albert Hall, there is the sense of unity with members from Institutes nationwide. Interested? Then inform the President or Secretary.

April Walker, the speaker for the evening, demonstrated a most versatile kitchen tool, a mixer, grinder, shredder and liquidiser all in one.

The Group Rally theme in May will be "A Day at the Seaside". To prepare for it, the competition, judged by Mrs S.Quarmby, was for fish flans and star-shaped biscuits. Winners were : Flan : Mrs C.Houlton, Mrs N.Hornby, Mrs P.Alexander; Biscuits : Mrs M.Godfrey, Mrs L.Foster, Mrs P.Alexander.

April's competition, also linked to the Rally, will be for an arrangement of flowers in a shell.

Venues for the summer outing were discussed and whether it should be an evening or full-day event. Ideas and opinions welcome.

C.F.

Roos & District Horticultural Society

Spring Show

Saturday 15th April : Open at 2.0 p.m.

Presentation by Mrs J.Quarmby at 3.0 p.m.

Raffle - Cake Stall - Bring & Buy - Refreshments

Adults 30p.

Children 10p.

Return entry forms - no later than 13th April - to Mrs J.Grant, Granleigh, South End, Roos. (670576).

The March Puzzle

From the top of the 'spire' of the shape formed by the letters, 'read' them downwards and from left to right :

R M A A E R Y Y S H I A H D T A B L U I G T
A T E L L E E L H A T M F B O I P T O S T F
G L N E I E M C O E C W N A O S C W F H S I
O T O E R A O S T S S N N O O W I A T N A D
L E U V T E A R R Y G W N H O E C

From left to right, the even letters spell out : Mary had a little lamb; its fleece was white as snow; and everywhe...

From right to left, starting at the end, the odd letters spell out : Congratulations to Roos F.C. on coming top of the League this year.

The Roos Group of Parishes Coffee Evening

25th April : 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall.

Tombola + Raffle + Cakes and other stalls

Including refreshments : Adults 30p. Children 10p.

All Welcome.

Football

5th March : Roos A v Viking / Malet B

The game was cancelled because Viking/Malet could not raise a full team, Roos were awarded the 2 points.

12th March : Roos A 1, N.D.L.B. 0

For this final match Roos welcomed Mark Nesti back after 18 months in Canada but because of illness neither Dave Hampton nor Sean Royce was available.

NDLB turned up with only ten players, but their determination and competitiveness proved them to be one of the best sides to visit Roos this season.

Roos had most of the possession throughout the game but lacked the creative skills of Dave and Sean and could not penetrate the tough and skilful NDLB defence until late in the second half.

The goal was well worth waiting for. Chris Hodgson played the ball to Geoff Newton on the right, Geoff managed to get round the defence to send an excellent cross into the penalty box, where Tony Hunt, playing up front for the first time this season, produced a superb diving header into the net. This was the best football of the game - and the goal was decisive.

Geoff Newton gave another hard-working and skilful display and Tony Hunt showed more of his enormous

potential, taking his goal brilliantly. Mark Nesti fitted in as though he had never been away. We hope that he can find work in this area so that he may play regularly next season.

Once again, it has been an exciting and extremely successful season. We hope to maintain this level of success next year when Roos will be in Division 1, with only the Premier League of higher status. First Division football will be tough and competitive but Roos are well equipped to cope and will be striving for the ultimate goal, a place in the Premier League.

Final League Statistics 1988 - 9

				Goals		Pnts	Posn
Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agnst		
21	18	3	1	61	27	39	1

Figures include the Viking/Malet game. Although it was not played, the points were awarded to Roos and it is shown in League statistics as a 1 - 0 victory.

Goalscorers

Dave Cowell	18	George Bilton	2
Dave Hampton	12	Tony Hunt	1
Ian Carrick	8	Andy Bailey	1
Sean Royce	6	Gary Thompson	1
Mike Clarkson	6	Nick Derbyshire	1
Geoff Newton	4		

Match appearances

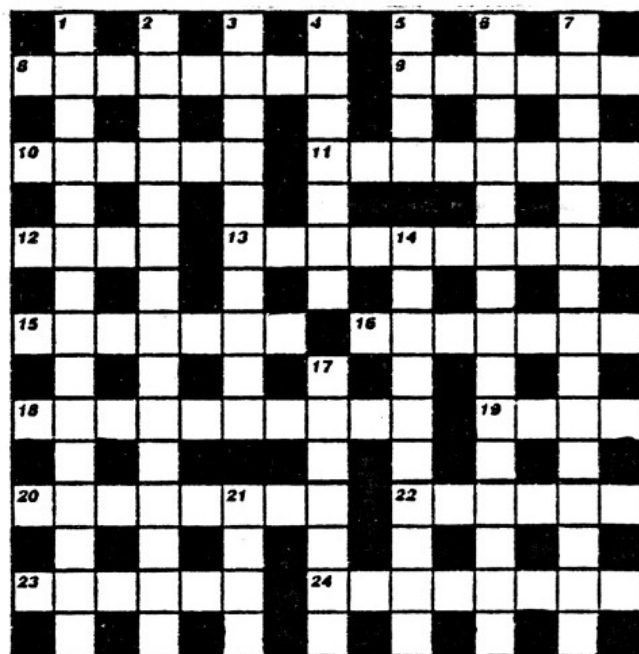
21 Dave Cowell	14 Geoff Newton
Stuart Blenkin	Sean Royce
20 Dave Hampton	12 Chris Hodgson (1 as sub)
Pete Dearing	10 Gary Thompson (1 as sub)
Mike Clarkson	6 Nick Derbyshire (1 as sub)
18 George Bilton	3 John Dearing (1 as sub)
Andy Bailey	Richard Young (1 as sub)
Tony Hunt (7 as sub)	1 Mark Nesti
15 Ian Carrick (2 as sub)	Phil Wright (1 as sub)
Ian Clarkson (5 as sub)	

Details of the presentation evening are not yet decided but will be advised here as soon as known.
R. Derbyshire.

Coming Events

April	
5	Roos WI, Mem. Inst. 7.15, Mr A. Burnham : Alpine Tour.
9	Sponsored Walk (Playing Field), Roos Arms, 9.30.
10	Roos Parish Council, Memorial Institute, 7.30.
15	Horticultural Society Spring Show, Mem. Institute, 2.00.
23	Methodist Family Service, Memorial Institute, 10.30.
25	Combined Benefice Coffee Evening, Roos School, 7.30.
May	
3	Roos WI, Mem. Inst. 7.15, Rev. T.C. Willis : Ghosts.
June	
24	Roos School Summer Fair.
July	
15	Horticultural Society 47th Summer Show, Burton-Pidsea.

Rooster Crossword No. 1



ACROSS

8. Edna after 50 gives mechanical advantage (8).
9. Coins or spirits apprehensive of steps (6).
10. Unstable mobber, maybe attack again (6).

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11. Feeling in assent, i.e. New Testament (8).
12. Direct debit in outsize form for the better (4).
13. For earthy science, dose Old Bob after Wee George (10).
15. Quiet decapitated fish enclosure (7).
16. Chargeable assault companion? (7).
18. Arrange for Tenniel to be Italian citizen (10).
19. Belted in much earlier times (4).
20. Secret, if Stoic e'er changed (8).
22. Conveyed on street but stepped out (6).
23. Pay the reverse of outlay (6).
24. In the Spanish, put after dispatched guard (8).

DOWN

1. Number fatal lapses for perdition (5,6,4).
2. Review creations or dine (15).
3. Reversed period costume is able to hold trash (7 - 3).
4. Retiring people expect no snipe free (7).
5. Egyptian god in downpour (4).
6. Unwelcome when opposed to cereals (7,3,5).
7. ---- transporter on crests reports without offence (5,10).
14. Even as then, a gift from the gods (6 - 4).
17. Figured wrongly in sum and role (7).
21. Bank in what are effective ways (4).

The Middle Ages

This further version of Mr Wilbraham's History is a selective summary. Much of the original is too detailed for a newsletter article. When Mr Wilbraham's own words are extensively used, they are usually quoted inside inverted commas.

Roos and its Guilds

The old guilds were almost as familiar in people's everyday lives as their religion. Some were of great practical use. "If a member was sick or in distress, he looked to his guild for aid. If he died in poverty, his guild buried him, looked after his widow and children, and paid for masses for the repose of his soul. If he wished to leave money or lands in charity, he left it to his guild, and thus many guilds were rich."

Some guilds were chiefly religious. In his "History of Holderness" Poulson describes the church in 1832 - i.e. before it was restored. In the north aisle the left-hand window had the words :

Orate pro animabus omnium uxorum parochia de Rosse quae fecerunt hoc fieri in A.D. M...

"This clearly points to a Guild of Women."

In the centre window of the same aisle :

Fratrum et Sororum hoc fieri in

"This indicates a Guild of Brothers and Sisters. There is now no trace of these two inscriptions - taken away and maybe destroyed when the aisles were rebuilt. The House of the Guild was in existence in 1652. Among fragments of ancient glass in the east window of the south clerestory there is still today, 600 years later :

Orate pro aiabus filia hoc fieri L., dni
which clearly refers to a Girls' Guild."

(As quoted, the Latin of these texts is suspect.)

During the Tudor period, "the greedy eye of the Government" fell on the the Guilds. Their property was confiscated, "thus angering and injuring masses of the poor folk in those days."

Village Life

In the Middle Ages the village was still self-supporting. "The killing of sheep, pigs, and cattle took place in October as there was little winter fodder. The carcasses were salted. Bread was made from flour to which the scum from the beer vat was added for the same reason we nowadays use yeast. The miller had a busy time - it was the wind he wanted. The shopping list was a short one - no sugar, tea, coffee, cocoa, tinned goods or luxuries. The travelling pedlar brought news he gathered on his way and told his buyers while he displayed the goods he was selling. Spinning and weaving were carried on in the homes of the people and later there would be craftsmen such as they" (*i.e. working from home?*).

A church at Roos is mentioned in Domesday. It was not a Gothic church as we know it today and may not have been the first on the site. "This church could have been a second attempt at erecting a House of God and fencing in God's Acre...."

The original church, "could be like one I have seen in Essex, built of trunks of wood cut down the middle and thatched with reeds. It may not have had a tower, although it might, for there are some Saxon churches in England lasting up till now with a central tower. It probably consisted of a chancel containing an altar, a nave seated with benches, and a font near the entrance door on the south side....

"However, we can only presume for no records have been preserved... Nor do we know the names of the early Rectors - all these names have been destroyed. In fact, the first parson whose name we know was WALTER, a priest sent by Kirkham Abbey sometime in the reign of Henry II...." The Priors of Kirkham Abbey remained patrons throughout the Middle Ages.

Materials for most Holderness Churches were at hand - large cobbles out of the soil and from the beach, lime, and reeds. The dismantling of Ros Castle no doubt provided useful further materials.

Church Architecture

Mr Wilbraham observes that the styles of old churches give a good idea of the time when they were built. He lists the main architectural periods and adds comments about the church in Roos.

Early English

Narrow pointed or lancet windows with simple tracery. High gables and roofs. Deep buttresses. Slender shafts. Bell-shaped capital with either plain mouldings or bold and graceful foliage. Round abacus, i.e. level tablet above the capital of a column. This period dates from the end of the 12th Century. In our church the tower and nave belong to this period. Note the pillars and arches.

Decorated : 1274 - 1377

The windows are divided into a number of lights by thin mullions. The upper portions are filled in with tracery, at first of geometrical designs - circles, trefoils, quatrefoils; later, flowing and waving of endless variety.

In our church note the beginning of the Chancel and especially the north-west window and the Priest's Vestry - then a Chantry Chapel.

Perpendicular : 1380 - 1547

Distinguished by the tracery of the windows which is characterised by an upright and square tendency. Perpendicular lines prevail in windows and there is ornamental panelling. Doorways have square heads over pointed arches. Clerestory windows are square-headed. Arches are depressed - four centred or Tudor arched. Roofs - timbered and ornamental.

In our church the rest of the Chancel and clerestory belong to this period - and there is some 14th century brickwork.

"The corbel table, a row of projections to carry the weight of the roof, carved in grotesque heads, was a common way of expressing ridicule for those who might be disliked by the builders. It was also usual for dripstones of arches and doors to terminate at a head - those outside are in course of time weathered but those inside retain the features and those at the dripstone ends on the fine nave arch could well be carvings of King Edward I and his wife. In Roos church visitors are amused at the grotesque features on stones, four of them ten feet above ground level, looking as if they are holding up the weight of the tower on their shoulders."

The Wars of the Roses

The Wars of the Roses lasted for thirty years and ended in 1485 with a Lancastrian victory. They did not materially affect the lives of Roos folk. The news would arrive somehow that their lord of the manor, Thomas, had been beheaded by the Yorkists and that his son Edmund had been given back his possessions by Henry VII.

Lords of the Manor

The Noble House of Manners

The Manor of Roos passed from the de Ros family by marriage to the Manners family, in which it remained for most of the Tudor period.

The Manners family is one of great antiquity - some of its members were persons of note in the time of Henry II.

Mr Wilbraham traces the family through several generations down to George Manners who succeeded to the Barony of Ros and the Baronies of Vaux, Trusbut, and Belvoir. He married Ann, daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas St Leger, Knt, niece of Edward IV. He died in 1513 at the siege of Tournay.

He was succeeded by his son, Thomas, created Earl of Rutland in 1525 and installed Knight of the Garter. At the Dissolution of the Monasteries Thomas acquired the site of Rievaulx and Watre. The monuments of Albin and Ros were removed from the priories of Belvoir and Croxton to Bottesford. He filled several offices under King Henry VIII. He died in 1543 and was buried in the chantry at Windsor.

Henry and Edward were the second and third Earls of Rutland. In 1575 Edward sold the manors of Howden, Watre, and Helmsley.

On the death of Edward in 1587, the Earldom of Rutland devolved upon his brother, John, and the Barony of Ros on his only daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of William Cecil, afterwards Earl of Exeter. She was only 13 when she married and died at 16.

The manor had thus passed through two noble families and then into the family of Cecil.

The Villiers Family

In 1620, by marriage to the wealthiest heiress of the kingdom, the daughter of the Earl of Rutland, the Barony for a time passed to George Villiers, later Duke of Buckingham. Born at Brocklesby in Leicestershire in 1592, he was a favourite of James I. He was created a knight, then Viscount Villiers in 1616, and two years later a marquis, and soon was the wealthiest nobleman in the kingdom. Made Duke of Buckingham in 1623, he became hated for his arrogance. He was impeached in the House of Commons and assassinated in 1638.

The 2nd Duke, born in 1627, was brought up with the children of Charles I. He lost his estate in the Civil War and, strange to say, married the daughter of the man who had acquired the estates, Lord Halifax. He was restored to favour and on the death of Charles II returned to Helmsley whose castle had been battered by Lord Fairfax. Some repairs were done and for thirty years he lived a useless life. While hunting near Kirby Moorside he was taken ill and died there in 1687. The castle was left to its fate. The Manor of Roos, however, stayed with the Cecil family.

200-Year Gap

After Buckingham's death, the Barony fell into abeyance until 1896 when it was successfully claimed by Charlotte Boyle through a complicated descent from the 6th Earl of Rutland.

From Charlotte, the 19th Baroness, the title passed through the Fitzgerald family to Mary, Countess of Dartrey (d.1939), and then to her daughter, Lady Una Mary Ross, whose right to the title was confirmed by the King in 1943. Her son, Lt.Cmdr Peter Ross was killed in action in 1940.

(At the time of writing :) "The present Baroness's great-grandmother, Lady Georgiana de Ros, was a daughter of the Duke of Richmond. When she died in 1891 at the age of 96 she was one of the last survivors of the ball given by her parents in Brussels on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo. To the end she retained a vivid memory of that night."

Rooster Deadline

Monday 23rd April

Please provide items for the May issue by or before the above date to :

Leslie Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos. (670291)

Further contributions invited to the cost of "The Rooster".