



The Rooster

Roos Parish Newsletter

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Roos Parish Plan

2nd Public Meeting : 24th May in the Roos Memorial Institute

Background

The Chair was taken initially by Cllr David Winter, Chair of Roos Parish Council.

He referred to the first public meeting on 17th May. At that meeting it had been agreed to proceed with a Parish Plan and a Steering Group had been elected.

It had also been agreed to hold the second meeting in order to invite residents in Tunstall, Hilston and Owstwick who had not been properly notified of the first meeting.

The Steering Group

An additional member was elected to the Steering Group, which currently has eleven members :

Mr Willis Ainley	Roos	<u>Chairman</u>
Mrs Ann Coupe	Roos	<u>Volunteer Co-ordinator</u>
Mr David Craggs,	Tunstall	<u>Parish Councillor</u>
Mr Kenneth Cross	Roos	<u>Secretary</u>
Mr Gavin Eastman	Roos	<u>Treasurer</u>
Mr Leslie Helliwell	Roos	<u>Parish Councillor</u>
Mr David Kirk	Roos	
Mr Derek Pearson	Roos	<u>Publicity Officer</u>
Mr John Ward	Roos	<u>Vice-Chairman</u>
Mr Stephen Whitfield	Roos	
Mr Colin Wilson	Hilston	

Airing of issues

Mr Willis Ainley took the Chair for an informal discussion involving Steering Group members and others.

Among the topics raised and suggestions made were :

- The need for a Vision Statement based on community values; hence the need for wide consultation in consideration the development of the parish.
- It was essential to set realistic targets and develop an effective mechanism for developing the Plan.
- Countryside Agency funding was assumed but other sources of support would be needed.
- The Parish Plan should be completed within a year.
- It would be helpful to know the population of the four communities in the parish.
- There might need to be sub-groups to deal with separate issues – e.g. the effects on Tunstall of seasonal holiday-makers at Sand-le-Mere.
- "The Rooster" (especially if its circulation extended to the whole parish) could aid reporting and consultation.
- The Steering Group must report periodically to the Parish Council and seek its continuing support.

Parish Plan Steering Group

Meeting on 27th May in the Playing Field Pavilion

All members were present. The Minutes of the meeting on 24th May were approved.

Urgency

The Countryside Agency required the grant application form by the end of May.

Expert advice

It was necessary to show that professional advice had been sought. The Chairman had already established contact with Peter Ashcroft (Forward Planning Officer) and Graham Betts (Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council) who had first advised the Parish Council on the benefits of a Parish Plan.

Calendar and estimated costs

Members discussed how to respond to questions in the application form about an action plan and costs. The Chairman proposed headings for a skeleton calendar :

- Information-gathering : Research and Consultation.
- Analysis, Feedback, further Consultation.
- Drafting and Feedback.
- Submission to Parish Council for comment / approval.
- Printing and Distribution of the Parish Plan.

Members agreed that this outline should be submitted with the application. Detailed estimates of cost would follow.

Finalising the application

It was agreed that completion of the form should be decided by four members : Willis Ainley (Chairman), Ken Cross (Secretary), Gavin Eastman (Treasurer) and Leslie Helliwell. The form would then, subject to his approval, be signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council on whose behalf the application was being submitted.

The office of the Countryside Agency would be closed over Bank Holiday. In order to meet the deadline Derek

Steering Group, 27th May (continued)

Pearson undertook to deliver the documents by hand on Monday 31st May.

Postscript

Saturday 29th May : The application form was completed.

Sunday 30th May : David Winter signed it.

Monday 31st May : Derek Pearson took it to Leeds.

Its receipt was subsequently acknowledged. Steering Group members sighed with relief and prepared for their next meeting.

Steering Group Meeting, 7th June

Mr David Kirk had sent apologies. All others attended.

Members exchanged brief biographical details as a way of becoming better acquainted and learning what skills and experience the Group could draw upon.

A constitution was adopted based on the Agency's model.

Members then discussed the format for the estimates of cost to be forwarded to the Countryside Agency

It was agreed that, if the grant application was successful, the main work of research and consultation would begin in September and run until September / October 2005.

Meanwhile the Group would meet in July and August to clarify how to progress the project within the stages agreed at the meeting on 27th May.

They would also develop ideas about the likely shape of the eventual Parish Plan.

All Saints', Roos

Service times : 10.30 a.m.

United Service	1st Sunday of alternate months
Holy Communion	2nd and 4th Sundays
Morning Prayer	3rd Sunday

All are most welcome to attend

Anyone unable to attend Church but wishing to make a donation to the continuing faith or the Lighting Fund is asked to contact the Churchwardens on 01964 - 671659.

Vandalism

The stained-glass window at the west end of the church has recently been extensively damaged. Repairs will cost in excess of £1,350. To combat this problem anti-vandal paint has been applied to various church surfaces.

If you see anything suspicious around the church or churchyard please contact the Withernsea police.

Charity Shop in the Memorial Institute

Saturdays from 9.00 to 4.00

Donations of items for sale are most welcome. They may be brought to the Institute on Saturdays or left at The Old School during the week.

Already some local people have shown interest in selling their own craft items (in return for a donation to the Charity Shop).

ROOS PARISH

The parish includes Roos, Tunstall, Hilston & Owstwick + 4 properties in Danthorpe & Fitting (with postal addresses in Burton Pidsea).

In the Parish Plan application the Steering Group had to state the population of the Parish. At the 2001 Census the figure was 1113. In Roos there has been new housing since 2001. The figure is probably higher now.

Current Electoral Register

	Properties	Electors
ROOS	484	790
TUNSTALL	55	96
HILSTON	12	23
OWSTWICK	19	40
DANTHORPE	2	3
FITTING	2	5
Totals :	474	957

When young persons under 18 are added (up to 200?) the total population must now be approaching 1,200.

Roos A.F.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd June

7.30 in The Black Horse

All interested footballers are invited. All welcome.

Enquiries to John Ward (670499)

Roos Parish Council

This newsletter is being printed before the June Parish Council meeting. A report of the meeting will appear in July.

Next Meeting

Monday 14th June

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

All Saints', Roos

Music from the Shows

Choir Concert in the Memorial Institute

Thursday 17th June at 7.30

Admission (including refreshments) £5.00

Tickets from Ben Pawson, Owl Tree Cottage (671087)

Dedication Day

Wednesday 7th July

Family Service in Church : 2.15

Rectory garden : from 3.00

Games, stalls, refreshments for all the family.

Child-friendly gifts will be welcome : pen sets, colouring books, small toys, etc.

ROOSC : Roos Out-of-School Club

The club, which is open to children from Roos and the surrounding area, is a registered charity. It shares overall administration with the Patrington and Withernsea clubs.

The three clubs last year received a large grant from the National Lottery providing funding for three years, though local fund-raising is also necessary. For example, Kerry Green is to do a sponsored abseil down Withernsea lighthouse. Proceeds from such activities will be devoted entirely to children in the Roos club.

The club has three paid staff : Kerry Green, Senior Play Worker, and two others. In addition it has two voluntary helpers. All have been checked by the police.

Up to 20 children are collected from Roos School at 3.30 and taken to the Playing Field. At about 4.00 they are offered a light snack with a choice of hot dogs, cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, fruit, yoghurts, biscuits and an unlimited supply of drinks – water, juice and milk. Parents, who pay £3.00 per session, collect them at any time up to 6.00 p.m.

In fine weather there is equipment for outdoor activities and also the wonderful new children's playground.

There is indoor provision in the pavilion for many craft activities, including painting and making junk models. Materials such as glue, glitter and playdoh are available. There is also a range of toys, games, books and puzzles.

The children are encouraged to take part in all activities and are asked what new ones they would like.

During school holidays the club is open from 8.30 to 6.00. The cost per child is £11.00 for a full day and £6.00 for half a day. Children may bring a packed lunch but light snacks are also available. They are allowed 20p a day to spend in the club tuck shop.

There are also popular days out. At Easter the children went to Bradford's Museum of Film and Photography, which they loved. There are plans for a wide range of activities and days out in the summer.

Parents value the care their children receive and often make donations in the form of biscuits, juice and sweets as well as unwanted toys, books and puzzles. Such gifts are much appreciated.

Kerry Green will be pleased to answer enquiries. Ring :
01964 - 671344 or (mobile) 07751027248.

The Rooster

Donations

Many thanks for donations from Mr & Mrs A.Hupper and the Roos & District Horticultural Society.

Further donations for 2004 will be very welcome. Suggested rate : £3.00 - £5.00 (maximum).

Please put your donation in an envelope with a slip giving your name and address and the amount. Leave the envelope, marked "Rooster", at the Roos Store or send to :
L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane, Roos, HU12 0LB.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

**Please supply material for the July issue by
Friday 9th July**

Correspondence

24 Pilmar Lane,
Roos.

Dear Editor,

Dog Fouling

Over the past few months there has been a lot of dog dirt on the track to the playing field.

As organiser of the Roos Out-of-School Club I have had to clean up the mess five times a week to protect our children. It should not be my job to do this. If dog owners ignore the notice "NO DOGS OR HORSES" they should at least remove the mess themselves.

Many of us agree that it may be time to prosecute offenders who break the law and have no respect for children and other residents using the playing field.

Yours sincerely,
Kerry Green.

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Roos & District Horticultural Society

62nd Annual Show

Saturday 3rd July

Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall

Charity stalls from 2.00

Show opens 2.30

Sports 3.00

Presentation of Cups

at 4.00 by author

Valerie Wood

Raffle drawn at 4.15



34 Silver Challenge Trophies & The Banksian Medal
of The Royal Horticultural Society

Admission : £1.00 Children : FREE

Clay Shoot, Roos, June 27th 2004

Corrections, omissions, apologies

My apologies for date errors in the June issue

All Saints' Dedication Day : Wed. 7th July (not June.)

RCPA Car Boot Sale : 6th June (not 9th)

Website omission

My apologies also to Gill & Trev Buttery for omitting the websites below in their half-page advertisement.

THINKING OF GOING TO FLORIDA?

Websites :

www.gillintrev.co.uk & www.gillscondo.com

A caller's complaints

Parish Council Report : Car parking at North End

A resident rang to say that the report of the public session was wrong. The suggestion made had not been to extend yellow lines throughout the village but to ban pavement parking throughout.

I said I was sorry for the error and would print the correction.

Roos Post Office

The caller said that the councillor who raised the issue of opening times had given the Parish Clerk the address of the Hull Postmaster yet "The Rooster" had reported that the Parish Council agreed to write to the proprietor of the Post Office in Roos.

I said that I believed this was what had happened.

General criticism

I was accused of airing my own opinions but refusing to let others express theirs. I said that I tried to report matters objectively but would always print a letter expressing a different perception.

The criticism persisted (unfairly, I thought). I began to lose patience. I said I would put the phone down if the altercation continued. It did. I rang off.

L.H.

The Friends of Roos School
invite you to their

ANNUAL FUN DAY

Saturday 19th June

Opened by Magic Mike at 1.00

Giant Elephant Slide Swing Boats

Face painting Coconut Shy Film Quiz

Beat the Goalie

Bric-a-brac & many other stalls

Plants and Planted Containers

All day BBQ & Beer Tent Delicious afternoon teas

GRAND RAFFLE

1st Prize 100 Cash Draw at 2.30

Bring the Family Enjoy the Day

PETITION

to save the

HOLDERNESS HOPPER

Please read the article below.

If you wish to help, please sign the petition in
ROOS POST OFFICE

Save the Hopper

Many readers will have seen the front-page item in last week's *Holderness Advertiser* featuring Cynthia Rhodes of Withernsea. Because of disability she needs a wheelchair to get about locally and has relied on the invaluable dial-a-ride Hopper bus for essential transport farther afield.

Funding for the Hopper has come from various sources, notably the Countryside Agency, but the Agency will no longer support the service after the end of June. After that, the bus will probably no longer run.

The Holderness Hopper Management Board may be able to apply for other funding from September. Meanwhile, £15,000 to meet running costs is needed by the end of June. An appeal is being made to local firms and others.

Mrs Rhodes and other elderly and disabled passengers have launched a petition to save the service. On behalf of the Management Board, Mary Hugill (01964 - 611383) is preparing a report for the Countryside Agency and the signed petition forms will be presented with it.

If you want to support the appeal, please sign the petition in Roos Post Office - and do so URGENTLY.

Coming Events

June

- 14 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.
- 17 Music from the Shows. Memorial Institute. 7.00.
- 19 Friends of Roos School Fun Day. From 1.00.
- 22 Roos A.F.C. 7.30 Black Horse : A.G.M.

July

- 3 Roos Show. Burton Pidsea Memorial Hall. 2.30.
- 7 All Saints', Roos. Dedication Day.
Family Service, 2.15. Rectory garden, from 3.00
Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker,
Mr I. Sugarman : The History of Judaism in Hull.
- 9 Deadline for "Rooster" material.
- 12 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

August

- 4 Roos W.I. Memorial Institute. 7.30. Speaker, Elsa Cox : Making Greetings Cards.
- 9 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

Burstwick W.I.

CHARITY AUCTION

in aid of the Daisy Appeal

Sunday 27th June

Burstwick Village Hall

Viewing 12.00 - 1.00 Sale starts 1.00

Farmer's wife serves in Iraq



From the cold, rain, mud and greenery of Holderness it's a far cry to the intense heat and arid sands of the Middle East. Yet that is the transition made by local farmer's wife Jane Smales.

She recently returned from a tour of six months serving her Queen and Country as a Territorial Army Captain with the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Corps.

In the photograph above Jane is seen to the right of Tony Blair – an opportunity to add another smile to his family album (or perhaps a human shield to protect him against criticism – or worse).

From Mrs Smales to Captain Smales

Jane wasn't always a soldier. Nor was she from a farming family. One grandfather had a haulage business.

Born in a village west of Hull, after school she trained as a nurse and followed this vocation from 1974 to 1980. She then had a two-year in the police force before returning to nursing in 1982. She specialises as a theatre nurse.

Jane married Andrew in 1989 and joined the ubiquitous Smales family (dynastic and weblake in these parts either by birth or matrimony). Since 1990 her home has been Hall Farm off Southfield Lane, Tunstall. In 2003 she became a Roos parish councillor.

She joined the Territorial Army after agreeing to accompany a friend at a recruitment presentation. She is required to attend a two-week T.A. camp each year, as well as a number of training weekends, a total of some 28 days in the year.

The call

On 21st October 2003 she was summoned for mobilisation in Nottinghamshire. 24 hours later she was at an army base near Grantham for lectures and training with weapons and gas masks. On 10th November she was flown from RAF Brize Norton to Basra where the heat was, "like being hit by a fan oven." Things were hotter later, reaching 47 °.

On the job

Two days later she was acting as Nursing Officer in Basra Palace – not very palatial, "more of a compound, really."

Jane remembers Christmas Day as the occasion when BBC News 24 filmed her and other officers observing the tradition of serving the Yuletide meal to other ranks. (On normal days all ranks ate together in the cookhouse. The food there was good, prepared by a master chef.)



On Boxing Day she went to the British Military Hospital at RAF Sharbah, 1½ hours from Basrah. The terrain was desolate. Jane was Theatre Nurse for the Field Surgical Team, treating injuries sustained in action but also routine "peace-time" maladies.

Daily life

Water was brought by tankers and very precious. There was also bottled water. Troops were advised to drink 4 - 6 litres of water a day and each day one (brief) shower was permitted.

At first Jane and her colleagues were housed in tents and had to use mosquito nets. Later they had "coramecs", like portacabins for two.

In December and January there were violent storms that caused flooding. During one storm, with lightning all around, Jane realised that they were trying to rest on water beds with metal frames.

At other times there were dust storms and carnivorous camel spiders several inches across. The spiders were able to jump and inflict a nasty bite. This anaesthetised the area and allowed the animal to munch away unnoticed.

Brief respite

Jane had an OSD (Operation Stand-Down) : an overnight stay in Kuwait. Accustomed to drabness, she was struck by the vivid colours of the flowers and bushes. She was not in uniform but dress had to be "appropriate" : no short sleeves, for example.

The experience

Jane's time in Iraq was memorable rather than enjoyable.



Jane chatting to the driver of a Warrior tank

She was very aware of the plight of the Iraqi people : their poverty and poor health-care and especially the restricted lives of the women.

The Iraqis she came across at Shaibah were all men, workers on the site. Jane thought them affable and well-disposed. (No doubt they had been well screened!)

Air-lift to normality

On 1st May she flew by RAF Hercules to Qatar and from there to Brize Norton and home, arriving back on 2nd May.

On 10th May she attended the Parish Council meeting in the Memorial Institute. No camel spiders there!



Nice to be home! Tunstall 19th May

(This article was meant for the May issue but was held over because of trouble with the photographs.)

Are you there, Owstwick?

The last newsletter enclosed a special reply slip for Hilston and Owstwick residents.

It asked for responses on two topics :

The Rooster

How many people would like a monthly copy?
Would anyone help to deliver copies?

The Parish Plan

Would anyone like to attend the next meeting and take part in the work?

Some Hilston residents responded on both issues. Sadly, no one in Owstwick responded to either. (Sorry to point the finger!)

So?

All parts of the parish - except Owstwick - now receive a newsletter each month.

It is especially important that work on the Parish Plan is reported to all residents so that they can comment or take part - or even object.

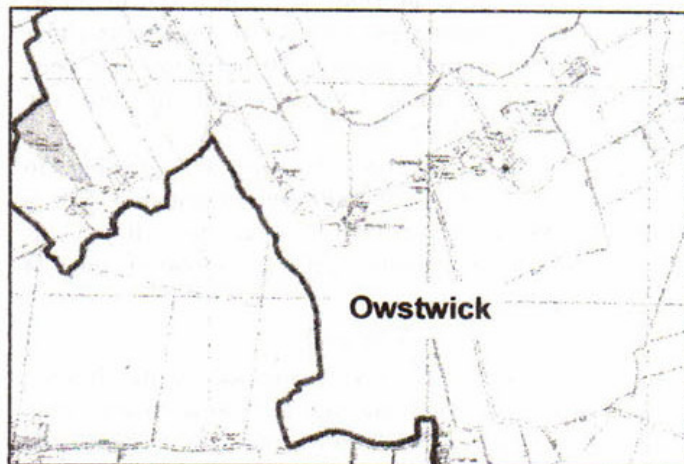
"The Rooster" can serve this purpose.

Ways and means

Please suggest ways of distributing copies.

A batch could be picked up from the Roos Store. Would there be, say, two or three people who could arrange delivery?

Suggestions / offers to 01964 - 670291



Mrs Helen Audley

BA (Hons) ALCM

Music Tuition

Clarinet – Piano – Theory

Beginners welcome Ring 01964 - 670895