



# Rooster

The Roos Parish Newsletter

February 2012

Number 199

## Is Spring in the Air?

Winter started unusually mild this year. The snowdrops, crocuses and cyclamen were bringing a touch of colour to our gardens and in some sheltered corners daffodils were just beginning to open their trumpets.

It was a shock to the system when February opened with some bitterly cold easterly winds and an evening of snowfall to remind us that winter is not yet over.

There may still be a shock or two in store (and the Government's Snow Code may yet come in useful, (see page 4) and as a proverb from John Ray's A Collection of English Proverbs of 1670 reminds us:

**February fill dike**

**Be it black or be it white;**

**But if it be white.**

**The better to like.\***

However, the days are getting longer bringing a sense of anticipation and optimism. This month, Alan Lavender has given us a couple of Valentine Day recipes and The Roos Bell ringers are looking forward to the installation of their new treble.

Finally a new contributor to the Rooster is introducing and helping us to identify birds and their birdsong as they attract new partners and build their nests.

Spring really is in the air!

*\* Black refers to rain, White to snow. Snow is better as it soaks gently into the soil as it thaws.*



# The Rooster Association



This is the 199th edition of the Rooster and preparations to celebrate the 200th are already underway!

It is timely that the AGM of the Rooster Association will be held on **Tuesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Black Horse**, just two weeks before the 200th edition is published in March 2012.

It has been an eventful 27 years since the first edition was published in 1985. Many of those events have been faithfully reported by its editors and given the evidence of the internet, there is little doubt that the Rooster has now become an archive in its own right. The Rooster continues to report in a clear and well

researched manner, giving an insight into rural life and the evolving history of Roos and its Parish. Over the years it has established a body of evidence and anecdotal material for succeeding generations.

The Rooster is an independent publication distributed to around 540 households within the parish - some are posted or sent via e-mail. It is also available to read or download from the parish website. The publication relies upon a small group of committed people who write and prepare material of topical interest. It is designed and presented in the most visually creative and stimulating form possible through the invaluable assistance of a professional graphic designer. It is then delivered to each household by a team of willing volunteers.

Over the years the Rooster has experienced many trials and tribulations

that have threatened its future and financial viability. On each occasion it has survived, but often only 'just in time' when people have come forward, often when least expected, to lend their support. Presently, the Rooster depends mainly upon individual financial donations from residents and supporters supplemented by some further income from advertisements placed by local businesses and organisations. All donations are gratefully received!

**All who contribute towards the Rooster automatically become members of the Rooster Association and have the right to attend the AGM. Please come along and declare your support by joining in informal discussion on all aspects of Rooster production and how it may serve our community better. We really do need your help. The formal AGM will follow.**

## Lavender for lovers



If you are planning a late Valentine's Day candle lit supper this weekend then Alan's choice of recipes may just be right.

As Alan says, "They are good to share, simple to make and taste divine. The pasta recipe is delicious and is really quick to make. The choice of fish is yours but try to use a number of different varieties to enhance the colour and texture of the dish, and of course the flavours. Vegetables such as asparagus, peppers or even broccoli will further enhance the dish.

If you are using cooked crab and prawns add them later in the recipe so as not to make them tough and chewy to eat.

At Chequers, this recipe was often used for a starter on formal occasions as it is quick to make so that when dinner was running late ( which was nearly all the time ) it could be completed as the guests

sat down in the dining room.

The chocolate recipe featured regularly and works very well with any type of chocolate, e.g. white, milk or plain. You can also experiment by using different liqueurs such as coffee, orange or coconut to give variety and a combination of different flavours. The Blair family really liked this recipe, particularly the white chocolate version. It is also a great favourite for children if you omit the alcohol and use a little fruit based syrup instead.

### Seafood & White Wine Pasta

500gm seafood (a mixture of prawns, salmon, lobster, crab, scallops, haddock, and monkfish is best)

25gm butter

1 chopped shallot

50gm chopped mushrooms

2 cloves crushed garlic

8 tablespoons white wine

200ml cream

Bunch of dill

250gm cooked pasta (penne is a good choice)

Lemon juice

Salt and pepper

Grated parmesan cheese

1. Prepare the fish mixture by cutting into even sized pieces.
2. Melt the butter and cook the shallots, garlic and mushrooms.
3. Add the fish and cook very gently without breaking it up.
4. Add the white wine, cream, chopped dill and stir in the pasta and heat through.
5. Season and add some lemon juice to taste.
6. Sprinkle on the parmesan and serve with a mixed salad.

### Valentines Chocolate Cream

2 egg whites

60gm caster sugar

2 leaves gelatine

2 tablespoons chosen liqueur

150gm good quality cooking chocolate

¾ pint double cream

1. Whisk the egg whites until firm and gradually add the sugar whilst continuing to whisk.
2. Soak the gelatine in cold water.
3. Melt the chocolate.
4. Lightly whip the cream.
5. Dissolve the squeezed gelatine in the warmed liqueur.
6. Add the egg white sugar mixture (meringue) to the chocolate.
7. Then add the gelatine and finally fold in the cream.
8. Place in a glass sundae type dish, preferably a sharing one, surround with berries and some biscuits to dip in.



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Meeting held on 31st January 2012.

Discussion identified some key proposals for further evaluation and development.

In summary:

- **A Street Party** is proposed for Saturday 2nd June from 11am - 3pm from the junction of Pilmar Lane to South Park. The closure of this stretch of road is subject to permission being granted by the ERYC who will require the approval of 70% of residents affected.
- **Senior Citizens Party**  
The WI will host a party in the Memorial Institute for Senior Citizens at the same time to enable the whole community to come together.
- **Summer Dance**  
A Dance is proposed for the evening of Saturday 2nd June from 8pm onwards on the playing field with a live band, a DJ and a Licensed Bar.
- **A Beacon**  
It was proposed to examine the possibility of lighting a small celebratory beacon on the village green to coincide with the national beacon lighting arrangements.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 7.30 in the Memorial Institute, Roos. All are welcome to attend.



# 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

**February 2012**

- Mon 20th RES Community Fund AGM. Sports Pavilion 7.00pm
- Roos & District Horticultural Society. Memorial Institute 7.30pm
- Tues 28th Rooster Association. Black Horse 7.30pm

**March 2012**

- Wed 7th W.I. Memorial Institute 7.30pm
- Mon 12th Parish Council. Memorial Institute 7.30pm
- Tues 13th Bingo. Memorial Institute 7.30pm

## The Rooster Association

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Black Horse at 7.30pm Tuesday 28th February 2012**

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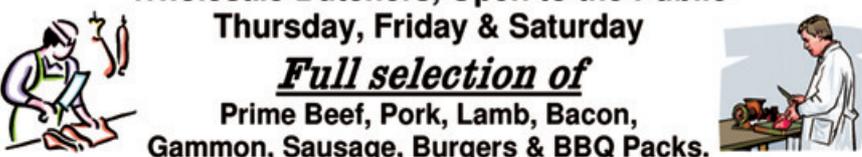
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# Government snow code

Clearing snow and ice from pavements yourself

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**Snow Code - useful tips**

- Clear the snow or ice early in the day.
- It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow.
- Start removing the snow and ice in the morning.
- Use salt or sand - not water.
- You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre should work.
- Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.
- Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash.
- Offer to clear your neighbours paths.

Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 393939

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# The Women's Land Army



East Riding of Yorkshire War Agricultural Executive Committee.

## THRESHING ARRANGEMENTS

SEASON 1943—44.

*The attention of all Farmers in the East Riding is drawn to the following Regulations which will be in force during the Threshing Season 1943-44.*

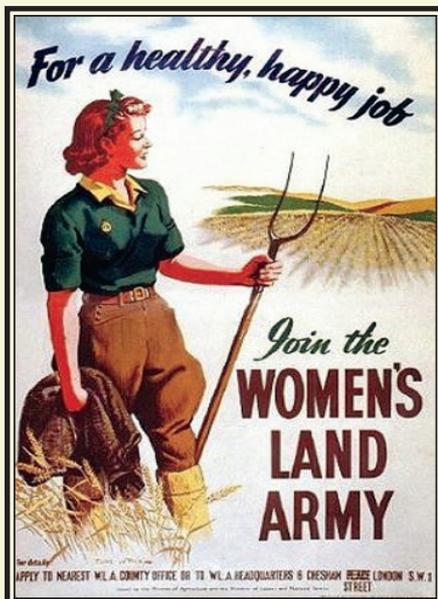
### I. THE AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTORS (REGISTRATION AND CONTROL) ORDER, 1940.

#### THE EAST RIDING THRESHING SCHEME.

COMPULSORY  
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GIRLS.

6. Two members of the Women's Land Army will, as far as practicable, be attached to each threshing set operated by a Contractor, and no Contractor will be permitted to start threshing for any farmer who refuses the service of the girls. In certain cases where the Executive Committee consider it desirable up to four girls may be employed; farmers in the area affected will be notified and will be expected to employ the additional girls.
8. The majority of the girls will be working for their second season on threshing, and many of them have now a good knowledge of the work. Farmers are asked to co-operate with threshing machine proprietors and the Committee in helping to make any untrained girls into efficient workers as quickly as possible.
9. Complaints about the services of the girls should be addressed to the Labour Officer, St. Mary's Manor, Beverley, immediately after the occasion of complaint has occurred.

Following the illustrations taken from the National Insurance Scheme document last month, we publish another example from those times - Threshing Arrangements for Summer 1943 - 44. It makes for interesting reading about farming practices of the time. For example the number of consecutive days a farmer could book a threshing set was determined by the acreage of corn grown. This was to ensure a fair share for others. Similarly it was necessary to ensure



that an adequate supply of coal was on hand for steam powered equipment. Elsewhere are details concerning the terms of employment for Land Girls who increasingly came to work on the farms.

So whilst Ron and thousands more like him were away during the war, their work was taken up by the Women's Land Army. The idea of the formation of a Women's Land Army at the onset of war was greeted with scorn by the farming fraternity. This attitude is reflected in one of our selected paragraphs - *the Compulsory Employment of Land Girls*. Yet so successful was the Land Army to become. that the NFU protested strongly on its disbandment in 1950.

Like the regular armed forces the women of the Land Army were issued with uniform. For work it was brown dungarees, a matching jacket and wellington boots but for other times it was an outfit of brown corduroy breeches and knee length fawn socks. A green jumper over a fawn aertex shirt, a brown felt hat with a three-quarter length waterproof brown overcoat finished the outfit!

Living and working conditions were hard, many were required to work and live away from home for extended periods of time. They lived close to their allocated farms, in lodgings or billets of which very few had baths or readily available hot

water for washing. Time off was limited and it was left up to individual farmers to decide when it could be taken. There was no set holiday entitlement, paid or unpaid. The conditions came as a shock,



particularly as many of the girls came from London or industrial areas and were totally unfamiliar with country life.

Nevertheless, the Land Army set out to work the land and there were new farming skills to learn including the operation of machinery.

Later, when men returned from the war, it was the girls who taught them how to operate the new machinery and equipment that had been developed and introduced during the war years.

**No wonder the NFU protested about their disbandment!**

## Once in a lifetime **Part II**

# Ron Remembers...

*Last month we interrupted Ron's recollections following his return from sea and just after he had signed up for the RAF and told to 'go home, keep fit and wait'.*



Ron in a flying suit

*'All we ever wanted was right here in Roos. Enjoy the village as we have done. God Bless you all Kath & Ron'.*

No work on the fish dock, all the trawlers taken for the navy, but there were tons of jobs about, I fancied one job which was building some radio masts out at Ottringham (Ott.) they were to build eight masts each one 640ft high. The firm was Callender Cable Consturction Company. So I went to Ott. - start in the morning son, I was in - but I had to get there. I had a car but was only allowed enough petrol to last for about two days. So in the afternoon down to Jordans down Prospect Street where my pal was foreman. I bought a smart little Francis-Barnet motor cycle for £1.50 (true). I still can't get enough juice so in a morning I filled the carb. with lighter fuel, it came in pint tins, then when the bike had warmed up, switched over to the main tank which was full of paraffin (not rationed) and off I went to Ott. arrived 8am next day in a cloud of black smoke, bike red hot but ok. This worked fine for months and never once did it let me down.

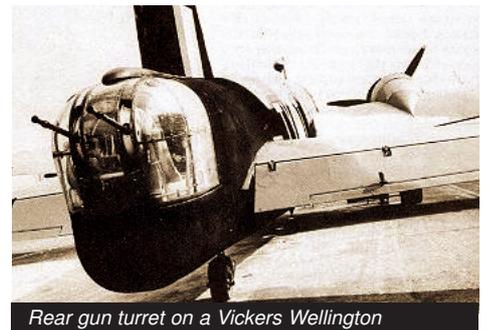
The pylon I was sent to work on was already 300ft high and we had to climb ladders all the way, a bit scary considering I had never been any higher than the deck of a tram. Local wages were £1. 5 - £2.00 and my first weeks money was £17. The higher we went the more we got and the slower we went. I remember on a clear day we could see Lincoln on one side and Teeside at the other! Rugby every week-end then the usual pub crawl. Most young lads were in the forces now and 'down town' was full of young ladies on the loose (life was good), by now Hull was being bombed a lot, so Mum and the girls were sent away for safety. Dad and I stayed at home, house in a mess - no windows - very cold but Dad would not leave the house and I slept most of the time down in the air raid shelter. Scary days!

I lost my job at Ott. going to work one Sunday morning a car came screaming out of 3 Nuns pub yard. He hit me hard, the bike and me were in a mess. I was unconscious for five days - fractured skull - one eye out of its socket - arm broken - five ribs smashed! Two weeks in Hull Royal down Prospect Street then a couple of weeks in Beverley Westwood.

Back home and soon my calling up papers arrived. I had waited over a year for this to happen but I had very mixed feelings. Dad was a super man, he was badly gassed in France and suffered a lot and he knew the

score. First time I had ever felt so sad. I did not know then but when we finally went away it was to be five long years before I would see them all again (it was such a long time and during those years I often cried for Mum and Dad).

But now I had a job to do - passed my wireless ok - then my air gunnery then on to the pilots course. Flying no problem at all - it was bringing them down where I failed - I just could not get the hang of it - totally hopeless and after a broken undercart I was given the boot - and that was how I became a rear



Rear gun turret on a Vickers Wellington

gunner on Wellingtons. I could not have got much lower but at least I am still flying and I'm happy! We used to take up a couple of ducks with us, Linda and Lucy, what a smell they made! A couple of short home leaves, promised to marry quite a few of my girl friends but never got round to it!

Next letter report to Liverpool to a Royal Mail liner called the Alcantara, 22,000 tons and after being on small 200 ton trawlers she looked so big! I was just 18 and on a boat going to where no one knew. I remember the Bay of Biscay - Gerry was there but thanks to the Navy all ok. Two or three more days and we docked at Port Said then onto Egypt State Railway, just four wheels and a tin roof. Two days on the train then a fleet of lorries picked us up at a camp called Gianackalefs and we were off way out into the desert. Right away we got an idea of what things were going to be like. We were attached to the South Africa Desert Air Force, they did not like us one bit and soon we did not like them. They were just arrogant pigs, if I told you what went on it would start WW3. We stuck it for about a year then, like magic, the desert war was over, our 'desert rats' were wonderful, every one of them a super hero. It was a clean war, man against man, no civvies at all, the Gerry Afrika



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the office and said 'Spud, you aren't very happy are you'? I said no, I don't want to stand here for the next 30 -40 years chopping up fish. Dad said, 'look Spud, don't ever do anything you do not want to do for money. Life is too short'. By now Dad was so ill I could not leave so stuck it out. Sadly it was not long before we lost a wonderful Dad. The Fish Dock was wound up and I went to work full time down on the farm. The best move of my life, the next thirty odd years was just sheer joy I loved every minute of it. Just before Dad left us he came down to Roos, the house that Kath and I lived in was up for sale and he

Corps were a great enemy, we have a lot to thank the English, Scots, Irish, Welsh, Aussies, New Zealanders, Poles, French, Indians and many more, for they tramped up and down the 'blue' for years.

We arrived in Tunis and had to line the desert road into town, thousands of us, then we heard this noise and for the next few hours I was so happy as I saw all the highland troops the 50, 51 Black Watch desert rats come into view, kilts swinging, pipes blazing away every man a blonde and as brown as berries. Truly wonderful!

Then off to Sicily where we lost a lot of Paras. the Yanks dropped them short and they all drowned. We by-passed all this and ended up in S. Italy on a big 'drome FO661, dozens of Squadrons here. All very slow, we had to wait for the Yanks and Rats to get going. It was very hard for them as it was very mountainous with a lot of close combat. No flying, so we went down to Barrie Docks where ships were still pouring in from Africa, full of wounded Germans and Italians as well as ours, we saw scenes which no one should never have to see. One day Gerry got through and hit three of the ships!

Things moving now and after a few moves from strip to strip we finished up well past Rome on the river Po. Had a few trips on



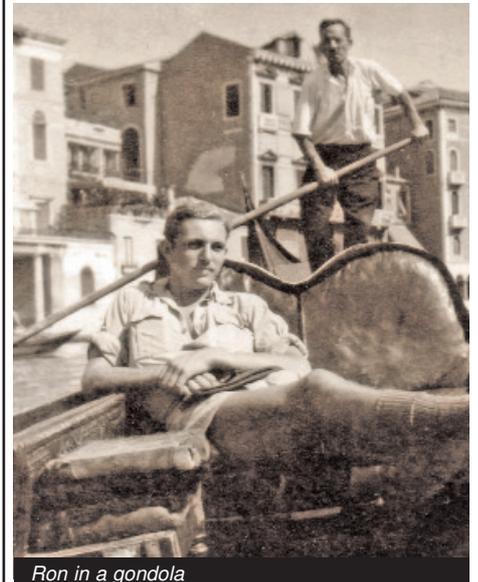
Ron outside his tent

the way up, one bad one, the lads went to the oil fields in Rumania Poleski and lost too many good lads. Don't know why I missed out on this one but I did. Doing more flying now I often wonder how much luck I still have, flying off and on for three years now, I often now shed a few tears for Mum and Dad it must be terrible for them but most of the time we are not in danger. Home seems further away than ever.

At last they tell us that the war in Italy is over. We move up to the Alps but our hopes of going home are soon dashed, they said it will be months yet. Not a lot of flying now and that is fine by me. All of a sudden I hate going up and soon get scared. I pray I'm not cracking up like thousands of other lads. It's time we were out!

Now the next few lines will sound as crazy to you as it was for me. I do not recall a thing about the last few months in Italy nor the journey home. I know that at Calais I had everything, but all the bits and pieces I had picked up over the years were stolen, I had nothing left. Crossing the Channel, getting de-mobbed, going home and meeting my family, all was a blur and to this day nothing is any clearer. I know now I just got out in time, enough is enough! My loving family soon pulled me round and in a few days I was feeling ok. Then one morning early on Dad woke me up and said 'come on spud we are going down to dock and make sure you have uniform on'. He was so proud of me and wanted to show me off to all his pals. Down on dock in my officer uniform my medals and air gunner wings anyone would look good. The lads gave me a great time, you would have thought I had won the war single handed! A bit touching but I liked it. Soon I was back in the old routine, buy a load of fish get it filleted, usually by lunch time, then off, but I wanted more, and was soon on my way to Iceland again but this time the magic had gone and I never went to sea again.

Back with Dad again! Most nights out for a pint. Then one night in the Alexandria having a pint with a pal, in walked this young lady and I knew straight away she was for me. As I am very shy it took me 10 seconds before I went over for a chat. It all went very well and over the next few weeks we saw a lot of each other. Back on the fish dock, filleting away, Dad came down from



Ron in a gondola

bought it for us (what a Dad). We are still in the house, Kath gave me three lovely lads and they all came down to work on the farm to work but after a few years they all turned to the sea for a living. Mike on the Ferries for over thirty years, Shaun twenty years fishing and Paul went on the big cruise liners - QE 2. Mum survived Dad by thirty years and spent all her days in our Boothferry Road home. Heard the Davy my first ship was lost coming home from Iceland - 19 lads drowned she was 23 years old, I will never forget her. It's now over twenty five years since I left the farm and what wonderful bosses, Ken, Pete and Tony (Grant) were, and a great gang of men to work with, Stan Cook topped them all. Sadly four years ago we lost our eldest boy, Kath has never walked since, I'm so lucky to be still here and able to tend for her it is the hardest work I have ever done but so gratifying, our love is stronger now than ever. In over 60 years we have never left Roos for a holiday, no need. All we ever wanted was right here in Roos.

**Enjoy the village as we have done.**

**God Bless you all**

**Kath & Ron.**

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# Roos Benefice

February 19	9.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion
	9.30	Garton	Matins
	11.00	Roos	Holy Communion
	15.00	Hilston	Holy Communion

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)	19.30	Roos	Holy Communion and Ashing ceremonies
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February 26	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
	15.00	Garton	Evensong

March 4	8.30	Tunstall	Holy Communion
	9.30	Garton	Holy Communion
	10.30	Roos	Methodist Service at the Memorial Institute

March 11	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
	15.00	Garton	Evensong

March 18	9.00	Tunstall	Holy Communion
	9.30	Garton	Matins
	11.00	Roos	Holy Communion
March 25	15.00	Hilston	Holy Communion
	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion

March 25	9.30	Roos	Holy Communion
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## Rooster DeadLine...

The Deadline for the March issue is Friday 9th March 2012.

# theWI

INSPIRING WOMEN

The February meeting was opened by the President Dot Walker and following the Minutes of the previous meeting being signed as correct, many interesting items were read out and discussed. Amongst these was a challenge to celebrate the 2012 Olympics for W.I members to walk or swim 209 miles between 1st April and 16th September! Full details are available on request. Congratulations to Margery Pittock who, as a member of East Riding Flower Club, has won the cups in the Novice Class and jointly for most points in all classes for the year. An outing for ten pin bowling was thoroughly enjoyed and a list of further trips was suggested, including a golf-taster and various other visits.

The speaker for the evening, Trevor Lambert, gave a very interesting insight into his work as a volunteer on the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Everthorpe. This group monitor day to day life in a local prison and play an important role in dealing with problems or issues that prisoners may have. It seems that their work is vital in the ultimate rehabilitation of prisoners. The competition for 'a book at bedtime' was won by Carol Charlesworth and the flower of the month was won by Margery Pittock.



Some of the W.I. members enjoying the ten-pin bowling outing.

## Roos Parish Plan Questionnaire update

Many thanks to those residents who contacted us because we either, failed to deliver or collect a copy. An analysis of the returns by Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council is now underway.

ERYC Broadband Speeds. The ERYC are conducting a survey about Broadband coverage across rural areas. Please complete their online survey by logging on to <http://broadband.eastriding.gov.uk>

This will lend extra weight to the survey of Broadband Speeds being undertaken as part of the Parish Plan Questionnaire.

## Eastfield Estate Report

Residents are hopefully continuing their usual activities but of course a lot depends on the weather - which at the time of writing is not too good! Please be careful when walking and ask for help if pavements etc are in need of attention. It will soon be Spring!

## Roos Parish RES COMMUNITY FUND

**Annual General Meeting**  
Roos Playing Field Sports Pavilion at 7pm on Monday 20th February 2012.

**All are welcome to attend.**

## The Roos and District Horticultural Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Roos Memorial Institute**  
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The following are edited extracts from the January 2012 Meeting.

*Six Council Members were in attendance. No members of the public were present.*

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

*Apologies: Cllrs. A. Coupe, D. Craggs and J. Ward*

## 1. Consideration of Councillor's declaration of interests.

There were no changes declared.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2011

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### Matters arising from the minutes

## 3. The Pinfold

It was reported that Cllr Dodson had now completed planting of shrubs on the site.

## 4. Flooding/land drainage issues

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Tyson would approach Mr Quarby next week concerning silt which may be preventing free water flow in the beck north of Hodgson Lane.

## 5. Tedder Hill Windfarm

A letter was received from Infinis relating to the provision of funding to local communities and the specific obligations placed upon the company as outlined in an Unilateral Undertaking.

The Clerk reported that ERYC had confirmed that this did not require updating as the obligations go with the land irrespective of the wind farm developer.

The Chairman reminded members that a further meeting had been arranged with a representative of Infinis at 1.00pm on the 19th January.

## 6. RES Community Fund - Heads of Terms

It was reported that the draft Heads of Terms had been forwarded to RES Ltd for approval. Members were advised that the AGM of the RES Pre-construction Fund Panel would be held in the playing field pavilion at 7.00pm on 20th February 2012.

## 7. Severe weather grant assistance

Cllr Smales reported that he had sourced a salt/grit spreader suitable for available supplies. Technical details would be provided for the next meeting with an indicated cost of around £900.00 including VAT.

## 8. ERYC's Chairman's awards

Following brief discussion it was agreed not to offer any nominations for this year's awards.

## 9. ERYC local development framework core strategy

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's response to the latest consultation had been forwarded to the ERYC. Stephen Hunt (ERYC) had replied noting the ongoing preparation of a refreshed Parish Plan which may consider/identify which of the sites submitted by landowners for potential building development are preferred by residents. Mr Hunt advised that a number of further sites had been submitted by landowners for consideration since consultation began in 2010. He suggested that the Council may wish to await publication of the revised draft assessment before developing this aspect of the Plan. This was agreed.

## 10. Highway and planning issues

It was reported that the Chairman and Clerk had met with the Area Engineer to discuss the grips and surface water accumulating at three locations on Rectory Road following land drainage improvements by ERYC's contractors. The Area Engineer agreed to refer the matter for attention. It was also pointed out that there are specific guidelines for the creation of grips and it was agreed to draw the Area Engineer's attention to them.

The ERYC planning enforcement officer had replied that he would inspect farm buildings recently erected off Rostun Road to evaluate whether any planning consent was required for their erection.

## Proposed tree/hedge planting at the school

Cllr. Coupe confirmed that Stephen Robinson of HEYwoods would be contacting the Clerk. The Clerk reported that he had not yet been approached, but would pursue with him the question of funding. He anticipated that monies would be forthcoming from the wind farm community funds.

## Correspondence

### 11. Police report

The report highlighted:-

- an attempted theft of lead from the church on Rectory Road;
- the theft of lead flashing from the school roof;
- the theft of a pedal cycle and assault causing actual bodily harm on Seaside Lane, Tunstall;
- speeding motor vehicles on

Main Street and

- youths throwing eggs and banging on windows in Pilmar Lane.

## 12. Home safety - cold callers/scamming

Cllr Cracknell provided leaflets supplied by ERYC which may be of interest to residents. Cllr Tyson agreed to pass copies on to the warden of Eastfield Estate.

## 13. ERYC Parish news

The latest edition of the above newsletter was circulated.

## Planning

### 14. Applications

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

*It was agreed that no objections be made to the above re-submitted application provided that there is a condition imposed to provide further passing places and road widening where necessary throughout the length of Southfield Lane.*

### 15. Decisions

It was reported that ERYC had approved the following applications:-

- Demolition of boundary wall and erection of covered amenity area and store after demolition and rebuilding of boundary wall at the Roos Arms, Main Street, Roos.
- Siting of a building for use as additional offices with access ramp and erection of additional palisade fencing at the Abattoir Hilston Road, Roos.
- Erection of two storey extension to side and rear following demolition of existing rear dormer and single storey extension at Hollydene, South End, Roos.
- Erection of a single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory at Dents Garth. South End, Roos.
- It was reported that ERYC had refused the application for the erection of a two storey extension at 11, Hinch Garth, Roos.

### 16. Refresher Parish Plan

Cllr Ainley reported that the Parish Plan Committee was awaiting documentation from HWRCC and that an appropriate response had been made to Mrs Blenkin arising from her earlier correspondence to the Committee, the contents of which were noted by the Council.

## 16. Emergency Plan update

Cllr. Cracknell reported, on behalf of Cllr. Ward, that progress was being made in identifying residents who may be particularly vulnerable and need particular assistance in the event of an emergency. The briefing notes relevant to the previous table top exercise at Tunstall, were to be reviewed. It was agreed that the plan be re-visited in April.

## 17. HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was reported that the next meeting of interested local organisations to consider proposed celebrations had been fixed for 31st January in the Memorial Institute.

## 18. Treasurer's report

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

- Avondale Landscapes- shrubs for the Pinfold - £34.86
- B Lee - Clerk's salary for three months - £800.00.

## Any other business

### 19. Proposed upgrading of former footpath to Burton Pidsea

Cllr Dodson reported on the proposed reinstatement of the footpath to the local Parish Paths network. It was noted that ERYC was investigating the circumstances of the bridge across the drain which was understood to have initially fallen into disrepair and ultimate collapse many years ago. The Clerk confirmed that he would contact ERYC to seek clarification.

### 20. Annual review of Clerk's salary/expenses

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to include expenses by £175.00 per annum.

## Next meeting

The next meeting to be held on Monday 12th March 2012 in the Memorial Institute commencing at 7.00 pm.

## Rooster Association DONATIONS

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*"If you have not already done so, then your financial contribution for this year would be most welcome".*

## FeedBack.....

Please remember that the Rooster is your Parish Newsletter and we welcome your contributions.

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## Roos Bells Appeal-Update

**A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has supported our appeal so magnificently, 2012 is going to be an historic and exciting year.**

A lot of work continues to ensure our restoration project runs smoothly. An engineer from Whites of Appleton has taken precise measurements for the construction of steel work necessary to support the new bell. For more information log on to [www.whitesbellhangers.co.uk](http://www.whitesbellhangers.co.uk)

Volunteers from Roos and the Beverley and District Ringing Society will assist them to dismantle the bell fittings to be taken to Oxfordshire for refurbishment, afterwards they will assist in their reassembly and in hanging the new treble bell, this will reduce our costs significantly.

If you would like to join and help us - please contact me.

The new frame will be positioned above the existing one to support the third bell of the six. This means the existing treble will move into the place of the second and the new bell will replace it. It is a bit more complicated than simply hanging the new bell in the new frame.

When the new bell is installed the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council are planning a Service of Dedication to mark completion of the work. It will be a great celebration!

We would like to finish off by laying a new carpet approximately 11ft square on

the floor of the ringing gallery. So if anyone has some wool based carpet in their loft we would be pleased to hear from you. A wool based carpet is preferable as synthetic fibre carpets cause more wear to our ropes as they hit the floor.



There are just five limited edition prints left of the watercolour of Roos church by local artist Arthur Allott. The price is £20 with proceeds going to the Bell Restoration Appeal. An example is on display at Ella D Bridal Studio.

We recently rang a quarter peal to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ben Pawson our long serving organist and another for our member Susan Fenner on her 50th.

It's a New Year and possibly time for a new hobby? We can never have too many ringers and complete beginners are very welcome. You do not have to attend church, or be musical, or be very strong. However a basic sense of rhythm is useful, together with the ability to count up to five - soon to be six!

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## Identifying Wildlife in East Yorkshire

# Birding with Flowers

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Great Spotted Woodpecker

He is well qualified to do so having gained a qualification in ornithology from Bishop Burton College. He writes,

*"I've been interested in wildlife since moving next to a large Victorian cemetery as a young child in 1969. I started leading local bird watching classes in 2004, which now operate twice-a-day, 4 days a week with over 80 'pupils' currently enrolled. I also try to teach birdsong, which isn't easy, but is very satisfying for my 'students' once they begin to pick out some of the singers."*

### Love Really is in the Air!

For this Valentine's edition I will highlight some February bird sounds as the Dawn Chorus, which began in a quiet way in December, suddenly seems to become louder when a few new species join the orchestra! These are male birds which we can hear. Every song has a dual purpose: they are trying to attract a female, but they are also staking a claim to a territory - their song is attempting to keep rival males out of this territory.

In January you should have heard Robins, Starlings, Dunnocks, Woodpigeons and Song Thrushes singing, especially on bright, sunny days. Whilst these birds are

all members of 'the woodwind' section, a single example of the 'percussion' section began to make its presence heard and should continue through to March: the drumming of a male Great Spotted Woodpecker on a resonant old tree branch.



Great Tit

The most noticeable song heard in January was probably the metallic, insistent, repetitive 'see-saw, see-saw' or 'tee-cher, tee-cher' of the

Great Tit. This continues in February, but several new soloists also begin to swell the chorus. Each year every species begins to 'sign in' around the same date, because birdsong is determined by the increasing length of the day. My 'students' who accompany me each week are well aware when each new singer joins the chorus, as we stop and listen, but they also check their copy of my 2012 Yorkshire Wildlife Calendar, which highlights the dates when you can expect to hear each new bird join the avian concert!

One of the most widespread British birds



Chaffinch (Male)

is the colourful Chaffinch. Its 'fink, fink' calls punctuate any cold, wintry day, but from now onwards the cheerful, rollicking song of this beautiful bird becomes more noticeable. Many bird

books refer to this as having the rhythm of a cricketer running up to bowl with the final flourish coinciding with the throwing of the ball. However, as a lady from Burton Pidsea on my course said "that must have been thought up by a man!" This description isn't that helpful unless I am there to point out the song to someone when they are actually standing under a singing individual, or watching a bird in a garden. Perhaps, a more user-friendly way of helping you to recognise the song in print may be Tony Soper's, who rendered it as: "Chip - chip - chip - chip - cherry - cherweel". The Chaffinch will be joined by many more resident male birds which start singing over the next few weeks.

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

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