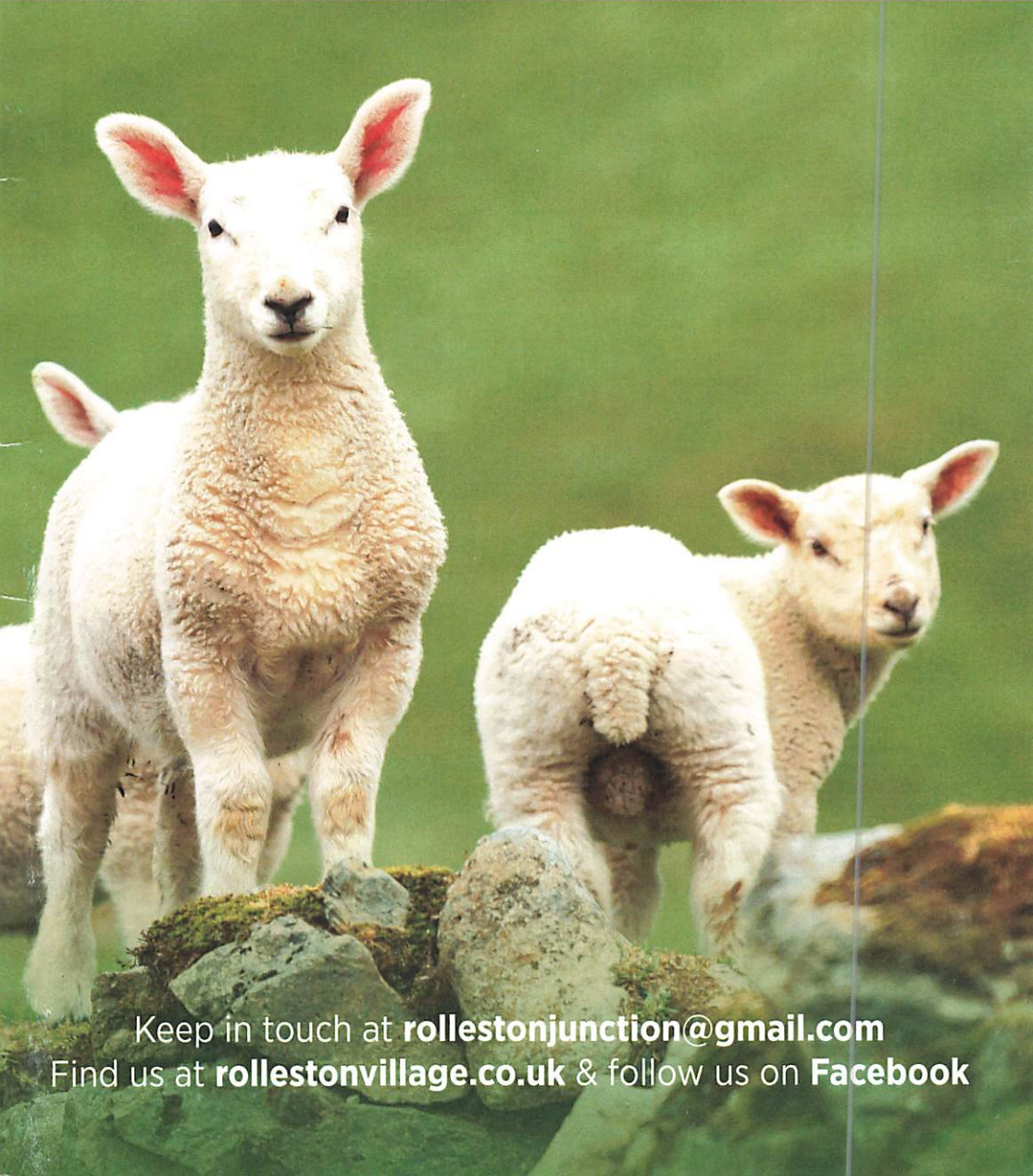


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Edition 32 - Spring 2023

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Dates for your Diary

3rd April	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
1st - 9th April	Time of your choosing during the week	Easter Treasure Hunt (for children aged 10 and under). Kindly sponsored by Indigo Architecture. (Thank you to Chris Baillon). Deliver your answer sheets to 6 Greenaway for your prize! For more info: laurabosworth22@hotmail.co.uk	Pick up the question sheets for the Egg Hunt in a folder by the Village Hall
18th April	7.30pm	Book Club - The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins	For venue contact: Pati Colman*
25th - 29th April	7.30pm	Peggy for You by Alan Plater Tickets: 07733 179986 or www.rhtc.co.uk	Robin Hood Theatre
1st - 31st May	Check library times	An exhibition of original art by Chris Stanley of Rolleston. See page 8 for details	Southwell Library
7th May	2 - 6pm	Coronation Celebrations at the Village Hall (See flyer enclosed and page 26 for details)	Village Hall (afternoon)
7th May	From 5.30pm	Coronation Celebrations continue at the Vinery. Live streaming of the Coronation Concert. (See flyer and page 26 for details)	The Vinery (evening)
15th May	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
17th May	7.30pm	Book Club - American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins	For venue contact: Pati Colman*
5th June	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13th - 17th June	7.30pm	Nell Gwynn by Jessica Swale Tickets: 07733 179986 or www.rhtc.co.uk	Robin Hood Theatre
15th June	7.30pm	Book Club - Sister by Rosamund Lupton	For venue contact: Pati Colman*
18th July	7.30pm	Book Club - Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro	For venue contact: Pati Colman*

*Check latest times and venues on the Book Club meetings:
Contact Pati Colman: **07786 937266**
pati.colman@icloud.com

Indigo Architecture would like to ensure all children in the village receive an Easter egg. If your child is unable to attend the under 10s Easter Egg Hunt, or is of school age (up to 18 years), please register for an egg by contacting laurabosworth22@hotmail.co.uk asap.

To ensure you are on the village email list contact:
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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

Spring is in the air ... and the pub's open!

We interviewed new residents, Andy Poxon and Maria Broadbent. See page 6 to find out more about their pub and restaurant, The Vinery. What's really good to hear, is how they have engaged with villagers to create a venue that has a broad appeal to our community. They have made such a positive impression already.

In other news, remember to save the date, **Sunday, May 7th, 2-6pm** for King Charles III Coronation Celebrations at the village hall in the afternoon, and later in the evening, from 5.30 pm at The Vinery. Turn to page 26 for details and see the flyer enclosed in this magazine.

To mark the Coronation - at the request of the King - there is a nationwide initiative to volunteer in your community. So, we have launched a scheme in Rolleston called the **'Big Help Out'**.

We have been busy creating a register of people willing to volunteer a few hours of their time during the month of April - to help residents with jobs or village projects that need doing. And we want to hear from residents who could do with a helping hand. It's like a 'matching' service in the spirit of friendship. See page 19 for examples of how you can help. We encourage residents to register your tasks, jobs or needs or to come forward as a volunteer. Write to: rollestonjunction@gmail.com. Alternatively, use the form enclosed in this magazine and drop it in to the village hall post box.

Our sincere condolences to the Gemson family for the sad loss of Sandra Gemson. There is a tribute to Sandra on page 23. Michael and his daughter, Grace, have been touched by the support and kindness they have received from villagers and we send them our warmest wishes.

A number of new residents have recently moved into the village. They have mentioned that Rolleston seems a special place to live, judging by the warmth of the welcome they have received.

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the Kate Greenaway tea party at the church commemorating her birthday, and the Live and Local play, 'The Swearing Jar' at the village hall.

As well as all the weekly activities at the village hall, the buzz at The Vinery, the approaching Easter holidays and the Coronation Celebrations - there's lots to look forward to in Rolleston over Spring and the coming months.

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill and Beth



Rolleston Parish Council News

“Make a Change – Become a Parish Councillor.”

Parish Council Elections 2023

Saturday May 6, the date for the Coronation of King Charles, is not the only important one for the month, because two days prior to the London event is election day for local parish and town councils, when local residents have opportunity to take steps to become involved in the affairs of their area by putting their name forward for their local council.

The message for Thursday May 4 is ‘Make a change, become a councillor’ with residents being asked are they passionate about their community and do they want to help make a long-lasting change or have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it.

The message going out to all residents aged 18 or more years underlines the importance of getting people interested in the future of their parish and giving them an opportunity to have a say on the future of their area.

The message from the National Association of Local Councils is “If this is you, then we need you” saying there is a need for people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election.

“Do you have innovative ideas for the council? Do you have concerns about a specific issue and want to do something about it? If this is you, then we need you. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect their community to put themselves forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.”

The ‘Make A Change’ campaign is aimed at helping improve local councils through various experiences, skills, and knowledge, and help councils become representatives of their communities.

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you become somebody your community will look to for help, guidance and support, and be a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped to make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

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Parish Councils typically meet once a month discussing issues such as crime prevention, planning, local amenities like village halls, community support and managing open spaces. Why not talk to your local councillors and find out what they think about the role. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, a representative of your local council can help you find the necessary forms and to fill them in.

Although the elections are not until May 4th, nomination forms must be submitted to Newark & Sherwood District Council by 4pm on Tuesday 4th April so you don't have long to think about it. If you miss this deadline, you will have to wait 4 years for another opportunity unless a councillor resigns in the meantime. Don't wait: Make a Change NOW – become a Parish Councillor."

Tim Harries

Art Exhibition at Southwell Library

One of our villagers, Chris Stanley, has discovered a new passion for painting. Chris will be writing about how she got started and her successes in our next issue of the magazine. But we are pleased to announce, that during the month of May, her art will be on show in Southwell library. So do pop in and take a look (1st May - 31st May). Her work covers various genres and some of her paintings have been inspired by her recent visit to Costa Rica.



Village Hall Lotto

Here are the winners since the last edition of the Junction, to Saturday 4th March.

Liz Garrod, Neil Smith, Abs Chaaban, Richard Thackery (twice), Michelle Hillary (twice), Christine Salter, Damien Rex, Lisa Osborn, Peter Smith, Nick Pearson, Mark Robinson and Di Overton.

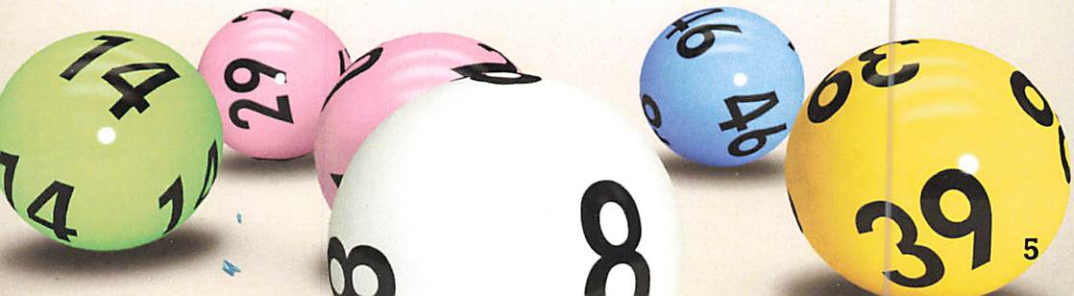
There are no vacant numbers for now, but I know that a few people are moving out of the village, so anticipate some numbers becoming available soon.

Thank you for your kind support which we do need. A £50 cash prize will continue to be awarded each week and the lotto keeps the village hall running as a facility for all to enjoy.

Angela Sanders

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Welcome to Andy and Maria

We are pleased to welcome to the village, our new residents, Andy Poxon and Maria Broadbent. In fact, they've made quite an impression since they moved in, and have been warmly welcomed with open arms by many in our community - especially since they happen to be the new restaurateurs and licensees of our pub!

At the time of writing, I caught up with Maria and Andy over a coffee to hear about their exciting plans for the pub and restaurant, now named 'The Vinery'.

Having consulted with the locals they recognised how important the pub used to be as the heart and 'hub' of the village. They listened to villagers - and were keen to create an engaging space; whether you want a quiet drink, a good meal with family and friends, or play dominos or darts - there's something for everyone to enjoy. There's even a shelf loaded with games for children and adults.

They have enjoyed meeting fellow Rollestonians and have been bowled over by the warmth of the welcome and by the offers of help to get things ship-shape.

After much refurbishment of the kitchen and the interiors, they were finally able to open the bar February 25th and 26th, much to the delight of our community.

And, in early March, they officially opened their restaurant and were able to serve food; they were fully booked!

Although Maria and Andy have previously been successful in managing restaurants in Suffolk, they were keen to come back to this area, which they regard as "coming home."

Both have Nottinghamshire roots: Maria is originally from Burton Joyce and Andy is

from Gedling. They are delighted to be closer to their families and experience village life once again as part of a thriving community.

Prior to being involved in the hospitality industry, Maria set up the office for a European Member of Parliament and was responsible for working for a local MP, writing articles for newspapers and taking on voluntary roles within the Suffolk area. Andy has previously worked for Kodak in Annesley, enjoyed a spell of working in Belgium for a few years and also worked for Rolls Royce in Derby as a management consultant, prior to joining Maria in the world of hospitality a few years ago.

As we head into warmer weather, the couple are particularly looking forward to utilising the outside patio for Mediterranean-style eating. Says Maria, "I love being creative in the kitchen and feeding people well. Andy and I wish to provide a welcoming atmosphere and we are both looking forward to meeting as many residents as possible. We'd like to thank everyone in Rolleston who has helped us in various ways - and for the amazing welcome!"

Maria and Andy have kindly volunteered to help with the bar facilities for the Coronation Day celebrations at the village hall, Sunday, 7th May, 2pm - 6pm. This will be followed by further celebrations and live TV streaming of the concert at Windsor in the pub from 5.30pm onwards.

We are very fortunate to have them as new residents and wish them the very best for the future.

Carole Chandler



To keep up with the latest food and drink options, join The Vinery mailing list
email: **thevineryrolleston@gmail.com**

For bookings, either email or call: **01636 924187**

Asparagus Soup

I'm hoping that by the time you get this copy of The Junction we will be picking this season's Asparagus and that it will be widely available for a few weeks.

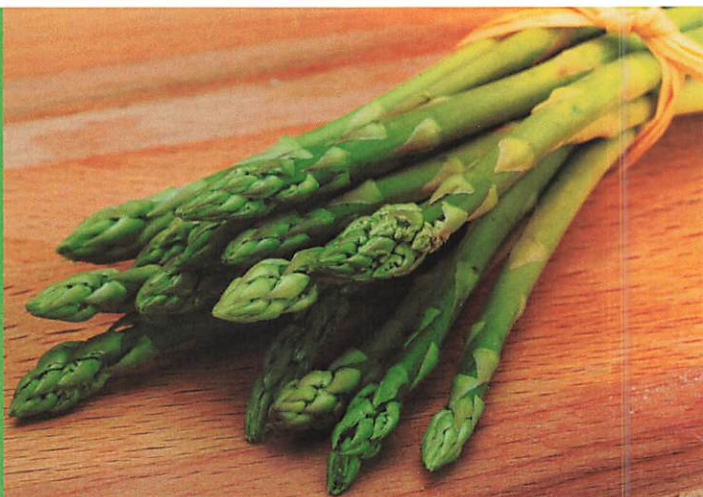
Freshly picked spears need nothing more than a quick blanching until they turn that beautiful vibrant green, cooling quickly by running under cold water to maintain the colour, then toss into salads, pasta or risottos.

However, any especially thin or fat spears, or ones that have wilted a bit need not be wasted; they're too expensive to throw away.

Asparagus Soup is a delicious way to use these up and is super quick.

Ingredients

- 25g butter
- 350g asparagus
- 3 shallots/ a small onion or a few spring onions - chopped finely
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2 handfuls of spinach or watercress or green salad leaves of any sort
- 700ml vegetable stock
- Good olive oil and some sourdough bread to serve



Method:

1. Start by cutting off the asparagus tips and cook quickly in the butter until bright green.
2. Remove and save these. Add the shallots, garlic and asparagus stalks to the pan and cook for 5 minutes or so; you still want the stalks to be bright.
3. Stir in the spinach, pour over the stock and bring to the boil.
4. Blitz in a food processor if you have one, or push through a sieve if not.
5. Taste, season, add hot water (or cream for extra indulgence), to loosen it if a bit thick.
6. Ladle into bowls and top with a drizzle of olive oil and the reserved asparagus tips.

Especially good with sourdough or your favourite bread.

Claire Foster

Reverend Phil

Is it 'well with your soul'?

As someone who loves maps, I am slightly dismayed that I have resorted to satnav so completely! Maps give all kinds of details as well as the general direction towards a destination. However, satnav is amazing for finding one's way around, on a walk, in the car or even on my ebike. I'm looking forward to having this resource when I cycle the Camino del Norte to Santiago in September.

It's interesting to note that Kate Greenaway may be remembered as people journey to and from Rolleston (if the station is 'adopted'?). We should do this in Thurgarton too for Walter Hilton. You may not know him, but his writings have survived for over 600 years and are still in print. He was a contemporary of Julian of Norwich and the author of 'The Cloud of Unknowing'. I know, I'm testing your knowledge of medieval spiritual writers here.

Walter was probably born in the East Midlands in 1340, survived the black death and came to the Augustinian Priory to write and reflect. He wrote in English and to lay (secular) people both women and men. No slouch our Walter! I have just received a review copy of a very short book of daily readings from his original two volumes of work.

We should remember Walter as a man of special significance in these parts. More than this, he and others like him are guides in the

spiritual life that we have largely forgotten, or think are only for the 'religious'. Being spiritual is for anyone, it contributes to our wellbeing and can add a wisdom so often lacking in our 'twitter-ised' culture of today.

Like a map that gets us from A to B, Walter Hilton and many others can point us in the direction of travel that will make it 'well with one's soul'. This is not about what you believe or don't believe, it's about being fully human. What are you doing to invest in this kind of 'sat nav'?

Best wishes,

The Revd Phil

- *'It is well with my soul' is a hymn by Horatio Spafford with an interesting back story.*
- *If you would like a complimentary copy of 'The Greatest Desire' by Kevin Goodrich (DLT), just ask.*

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You are welcome to:

- The Priory Church of St Peter, Thurgarton on Sunday March 26th, at 10.30 (HC) to commemorate Walter Hilton. It is also the start of the annual pilgrimage.
- Worship at Holy Trinity every 4th Sunday at 10.30.
- Easter Sunday worship at St Mary's Bleasby at 10.30, 9th April.
- Online worship every Sunday at 9am (request an email invite please).



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When one door closes...

When we moved into Rolleston I loved our front door. It was old, weathered and eminently suitable for an old cottage. Unfortunately, what I thought, 'characterful', was my husband's, 'not fit for purpose'.

When is a door not a door? Apparently, according to Greg, when it's flimsy, ill-fitting (when it rained the dining room knew about it) and insecure. Who knew?! So, sadly, it found itself in the skip after I'd spent over a year failing to think of a creative use for it.

The longer we live here the more we discover how many talented Rollestonians there are, and thankfully one such resident, Stuart Brown, knocked on our (new and boring) front door one day. He asked if he could possibly take the old door for his woodwork. Greg jumped at the chance (knowing he would get much less grief from me if the door was repurposed). Stuart wanted to trade it for one of the bug hotels or bird boxes that he makes.

What subsequently arrived on our doorstep wasn't just a bug hotel - it was the Dorchester of bug hotels! Four storeys high, immaculately constructed, with a perfect roof and the most amazing attention to detail. Every tiny thing had been planned and executed flawlessly, right down to the beautifully handmade 'Peartree Cottage' sign. It blew our minds!

Stuart's creation now has pride of place on Hotel Lane (aka a fence support joist) next to a little build-your-own-bug-hotel-from-a-kit-in-a-tin from one of our godsons. We love that too, but it's definitely at the budget end of the market compared to Stuart's beauty! Greg sent pictures via WhatsApp to friends signing off, 'loving village life', which sums it up.

Thank you, Stuart.

Beth Dowson





Robert JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK

Since my last time of writing in the Winter edition I have undertaken a new role within Government as Minister of State (Minister for Immigration) in the Cabinet of Rishi Sunak. To say this is a hot topic right now is an understatement and the role, as I am sure you can imagine, comes with a whole range of challenges. It is a large remit covering not only legal migration which includes everything from our UK points-based system, safe and legal routes and resettlement and Border Force operations, but also illegal migration and asylum.

It is in this element that I am responsible for our small boats policy, asylum decision making and modern slavery, our Nationality and Borders Act, our detention estate and immigration enforcement. This is but a fraction of the responsibilities requiring difficult and sometimes, contentious decisions to be made. It is critical that we stop the small boats and restore security to our borders and fairness to our system.

Closer to home you may have noticed a couple of blue signs that have been put up around the area, claiming that I have 'voted

against reducing the dumping of raw sewage into our rivers'. These fabricated claims reflect poorly on the organisation involved. A growing population, Victorian infrastructure and an increase in extreme weather events has brought the frequency of discharges to an unacceptable level. We know this and are seriously tackling it. Should you wish to have a copy of the facts, please do email me at Robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk.

I feel the importance of protecting our waterways that more than most, representing a beautiful constituency through which the River Trent flows from Torksey Island to Gunthorpe Bridge. I can think of few better places to sit on a summer's day than the riverbank at Hoveringham or the Bromley at Fiskerton. Long may that continue.

Clhrs Roger Blaney, Sue Saddington and I recently met with Network Rail to discuss barrier failures at Staythorpe and Fiskerton which can leave the area inaccessible. I hope we can secure improvements to the speed of re-opening and potentially have signage to explain what is going on!

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Helping Hands

One of the joys of living in Rolleston is the strong sense of community spirit that exists here, and the willingness of villagers to help each other out.

At times we all need a helping hand and when it comes to things such as babysitting, the occasional bit of garden upkeep, emptying post boxes, or feeding our pets, and some of our teenagers are great candidates for doing this.

Many of us will remember with great fondness for example, Holly Stafford and her 'Angels', who supported us at many village events with washing up, serving on tables, and supervising children - it was great opportunity for them to earn a bit of extra cash and it was always a joy having them around. And of course, it is our village teenagers who deliver the Rolleston Junction to your door - a big thank you to Ethan Thackeray, and also to Dan Sanders, who delivered our magazine for several years before leaving for University.

We are fortunate in having some fabulous younger residents who are willing and able to help with these sorts of occasional activities. So, if you need a hand with something and think that one of our teenagers might be able to help, we can try and put you in touch. Please note: any practical and financial arrangements would be between yourselves, and the safe guarding of young adults would be the sole responsibility of parents or guardians.

Equally, if you are one of our young Rollestonians who would be willing and able to do these kinds of tasks, do let us

know and we can pass your details on if any requests come our way. If you are under the age of 18, please obtain parental permission before you write to us.

Write to: **rollestonjunction@gmail.com** and please mention the kind of work you are happy to provide.

We are also aware of successful babysitting schemes that run elsewhere, where parents babysit for another family in exchange for 'tokens' which they then use, at later date, to 'pay' for a sitter for themselves. If anybody wants further information on how these sort of schemes work, please contact either Julian Ellis at **julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk** or Alec Jezewski, both of whom have successful experience of 'babysitter circles'.

Gill Rowles

Editor's Note: To kick start the idea, read all out about THE BIG HELP OUT, (page 19) our community volunteering scheme during the whole month of April, leading up to the Coronation weekend. This could be useful as a free trial for our young folks prior to getting paid for work in the future.

However, for the Big Help Out scheme, it's important to emphasize that adults of all ages are invited to join, whether you are volunteering for services or wish to list jobs/tasks you want assistance with; we fully expect new friendships will ensue which is part of what makes Rolleston a pleasant place to live.

To register your services or requests, email: **rollestonjunction@gmail.com** and we will match helpers with those requiring assistance. Volunteer names and requests received in confidence.

Cllr Roger Blaney

An End of Term Report

The next District Council elections take place in early May, so it is timely to reflect on some of the present council's activities over the past four years. Shortly after the last elections in 2019, I wrote explaining how the council's forward plans had been informed by the 11,200 questionnaire responses it had received to a district-wide and comprehensive Residents' Survey in 2018 (including an above-average 15% response rate from Rolleston).

Those responses enabled the council to develop its 2020-2023 Community Plan which was published - and is still available to view - on the council's website. This plan set out what the council aimed to achieve over its term of office to improve quality of life locally and to benefit all those who live, work and invest in Newark and Sherwood. Since 2019, the council has also monitored, analysed and published details of its performance on a quarterly basis, showing the progress it has made in delivering on its plans whilst identifying areas for further improvement.

Certainly, the past four years have been far more challenging than could have been anticipated. The Covid pandemic had a huge impact throughout 2020 and for much of 2021 and we were forced to refocus our efforts to provide emergency support for our residents and businesses. The consequent structures we put in place and the experience we gained have made us more agile and

responsive in addressing the more recent humanitarian need to rehouse Syrian and Ukrainian refugees and, now, in providing support to both residents and businesses facing the current cost of living challenges.

However, all of this has been achieved whilst still delivering on our Community Plan. Indeed, of the 60 actions in the plan, 40 have been completed or are now firmly embedded within the council, whilst a further 4 will be completed in the next three months. The remaining 16 are ongoing or are major activities that will be delivered during the lifetime of the next council, such as the continuing programme of house-building by Arkwood, the council's wholly-owned development company whose profits help fund the council's services, or delivery of the exciting projects part-funded through the £25million Newark Towns Fund grant and the £20million Ollerton and Clipstone Levelling-Up grant that we have been successful in securing from central government.

Last year, we undertook another district-wide Residents Survey, the responses from which are now helping us develop our soon to be published 2023-2027 Community Plan. Interestingly, we asked residents which service areas they felt were most in need of improvement, something we had also asked in 2018. Comparing the results, concern about one or two areas remained the same, parks and leisure for example, whilst concern about regeneration of our town centres had

increased. However, concern had declined in all the other areas, suggesting the plans we had put in place to address the responses to the 2018 questionnaire had been both noticed and effective.

There are never grounds for complacency but, as we develop the District Council's Community Plan for the next four years, I am confident that it will continue to deliver on the needs and aspirations of our residents and businesses.

Chr. Roger Blaney

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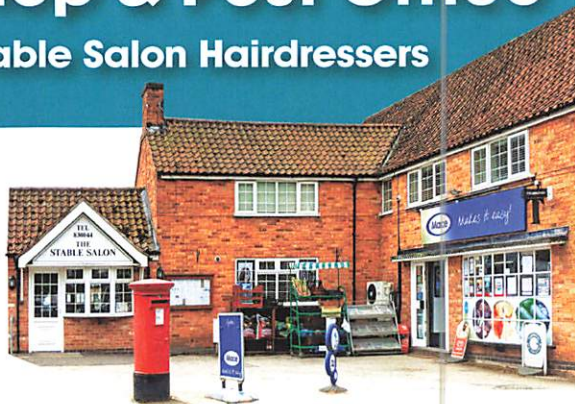
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The Old Cock & Bull

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The event sold out in 3 weeks, and with the added attraction of cask ales, fine wines, a pub platter and a quiz on offer, 110 Rollestonians thoroughly enjoyed themselves and made new friendships and connections.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen, including help with catering, creative posters, props, creating the quizzes, and setting up the hall to make the transformation complete. Thanks to Sue Saddington for the funding contributed by NCC.

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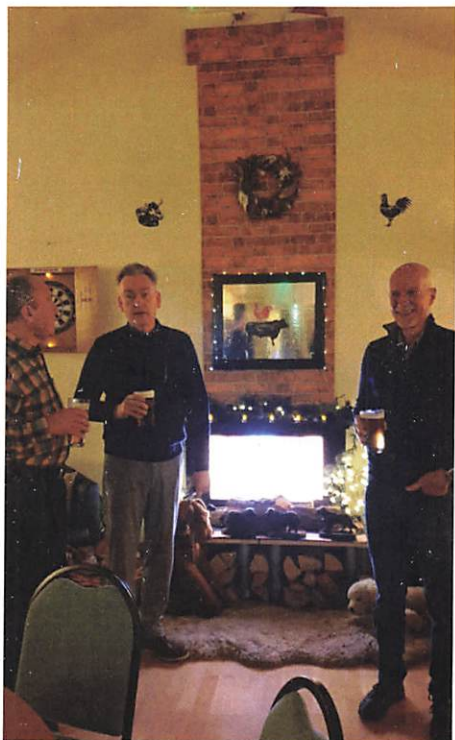
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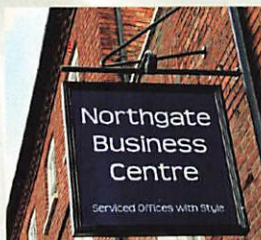
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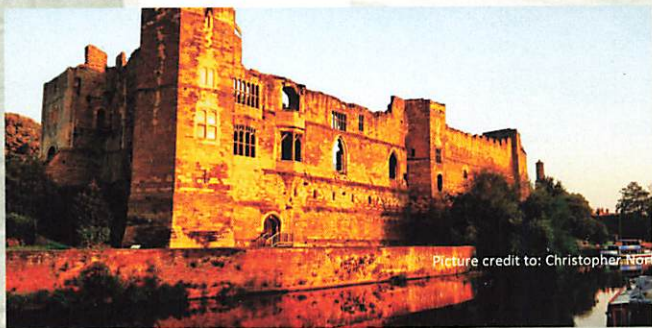
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The Big Help Out



You may already have read in the mainstream press about the initiative to volunteer during Bank Holiday Monday, May 8th, in your community, as part of the Coronation long weekend.

We as Rollestonians, want to take that one step further.

So, in the lead up to the Coronation during the whole month of April, we would like willing volunteers to give a few hours of their time to those who could do with a little help to get a task done.

For example, could you spare a few hours for some garden work, babysitting, taking someone to the shops, (or doing their shopping), visiting someone in their home for a chat (with a cake?). How about taking someone out for a coffee, a walk, providing a lift to an appointment, do a bit of painting/ decorating/DIY? Other options could be: looking after a pet, dog walking, sewing, mending or spring cleaning - the list is endless, but we're sure you can come up with your own specialities...

'Matching' Service

So, in the spirit of friendship and community, we need to collect that information now.

We'd like to keep a confidential list at the Rolleston Junction, of folks who require a few jobs doing, and those that can volunteer one or two hours of their time during April.

Will you help out in the BIG HELP OUT?

Will you come forward to tell us how we can help you?

We will also be engaging with the seniors' weekly coffee mornings in March and April, giving out leaflets and keeping in touch, to ensure that residents that may not have access to email are fully aware of this initiative.

“A few hours of your time, means a lot to our community”

Please note: once we have matched you, any practical arrangements would be between yourselves, and in the case of young adults/ children, safe guarding issues would be the sole responsibility of parents or guardians.

To register your services or requests, email: **rollestonjunction@gmail.com** with your contact details (including phone number if possible) and we will match helpers with those requiring assistance. Volunteer names and requests are received in confidence; we will contact you directly to discuss any potential matches and ask for your permission to put you in touch.

*Carole Chandler, Gill Rowles,
Beth Dowson*

(On behalf of the Coronation Celebrations Team for Rolleston Village)

Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

We will soon be advancing our clocks one hour, the snowdrops are appearing, it must be Spring! Or is it I wonder, as we are advised there may be another Beast from the East towards the end of February, I sincerely hope not.

The Seniors' Christmas meal was enjoyed by all with the usual quiz, raffle and Christmas songs. Thank you to all those who make this meal possible.

I noticed last time I drove through Rolleston, the tree we planted for the Jubilee is flourishing.

I understand after I left the last Parish Council meeting, the Councillors were going to discuss how Rolleston will celebrate the Coronation.

Unusually, within 12 months, Parish Councils have celebrated the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, witnessed her sad death and then the proclamation for our new King, Charles III - and then held an event to celebrate the Coronation. As Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council, I have been honoured and privileged to be a part of all these events, not least the reading of the Proclamation at Castle House.



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I am sure the entertaining budgets will have been stretched with all these events , it is with this in mind, I have requested £200 funding from my County Council budget to help towards the expense.

On February 9th, the Budget meeting was held at County hall. The County Council element of the Council Tax for 2023/2024 will increase by 2.84%; we kept the rise as low as possible in order to maintain services.

The Adult Social Care precept is levied at 2% to part fund increasing adult social care costs.

Next year our Divisional funding has been reduced , the £5000 we have had for a few years is reducing to £3000.

I consider we are fortunate to have £3000, as some County Councils have withdrawn all Divisional funding from Members in trying to save costs.

Clearly I will still be able to help with small projects. I anticipated this reduction, hence the reason I held back funding from this year's budget to help with Coronation events.

I receive many reports from residents regarding the condition of the roads. The Chairman of Transport and Highways is well

aware of the problems we face over this winter and has explained that the salt, which legally has to be put on the roads, goes through cracks on the road surface and then as it rains or freezes it lifts the tarmac and creates potholes.

I believe 4 or 5 crews are out constantly patching as quickly as they can, but it is never enough.

Should you wish to report potholes, please call 0300 500 8080. You will be given a 'HAMS' number in order that you can check the repairs.

When the better weather arrives , planned road resurfacing will take place.

I wish you all a pleasant Spring , Easter and an enjoyable Coronation event; this is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the coming together of residents who, through Covid and Flu, have been somewhat confined to their homes.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



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WI News



Thirty members of the Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston Women's Institute enjoyed a Christmas meal at 'The Full Moon', Morton on 13th December 2022.

The speakers at our January 2023 meeting were from the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance. They were very informative and made us realise how fortunate we were to have such a service in our area. Some members shared their direct experiences of this fantastic charity.

The February meeting was titled: 'Queen Elizabeth II' - her personal jewellery and in March we enjoyed a talk called, 'British Sign Language'.

This gives a taste of the varied speakers we have at our WI meetings. There are also activities organised by County WI for any interested members.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings with a £5 charge to include refreshments.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall, Cooks Lane, Fiskerton NG25 0UT.

Please note that our website is now live. Visit: www.mfrwi.co.uk

Susan Bosworth

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In memory of Sandra Gemson

4th May 1967 - 18th December 2022

Sandra was the younger daughter of her parents, Vera and Ken Ashley. She was born in Redditch and after school she did several jobs before going on to study catering and tourism. Michael and Sandra met through a mutual friend, and they married on 27th November 1999. In 2001 they moved from Watford to Rolleston and a couple of years later, in 2003, Sandra gave birth to their beautiful daughter, Grace. Sandra subsequently took up a teaching post at Loughborough College and later moved to Nottingham College, where she lectured in travel and tourism before rising to become Manager of the course in HE Business Studies.

In 2022 Sandra was diagnosed with cancer. This was a great shock to everyone who knew her, but we all hoped for a positive outcome resulting from her treatment. Sadly, Sandra developed complications and died on Sunday 18th December. She was 55 years old.

Sandra's own approach to her diagnosis was practical, she didn't complain but just said "it is what it is, and we'll deal with whatever



happens." This statement encapsulates the amazing strong woman that Sandra was, she approached any problem with a positive attitude, always looking for a solution. She was an inspiration to her colleagues and students but most of all to Michael and Grace. A wonderful woman who has passed on her strength as her legacy to Grace.

Everyone who knew and loved Sandra will miss her always.

Rest in Peace.

On behalf of the whole village, our sincere condolences to the Gemson family.

Church News

Thanks to all who helped to plant the new boundary hedge on the churchyard extension. The planting includes hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose, hazel, holly and crab apple.

Repairs to the masonry will commence in March. Funding for this work was provided by the proceeds from the Flower Festival, a grant from the Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust and monies designated by the Parochial Church Council.

Currently, services in Rolleston are held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Morton has a service on the same Sunday, so it is planned to change our regular service to the second Sunday of the month. This allows church goers in Morton and Rolleston to have the option to attend services on two Sundays each month.

The next 5 yearly Quinquennial survey is due in August.

Peter Salter

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Rolleston Book Club

The Rolleston Book Club meets on Mon/Tues/Wed in the third week of every month, except August and also December, when we share a celebratory meal together instead. We are a friendly group of women and men, and we would welcome anyone from the village who might care to join us. All the books we read are chosen by our members with the one rule that you must have read the book before you recommend it.

We started 2023 with 'The Diary of a Nobody' by George and Weedon Grossmith, an amusing book which invites the reader into the life of the hapless George Pooter and his family in Victorian London suburbia. Our second book was 'The Four Winds' by Kristin Hannah. It is a moving and powerful story about the strength and resilience of Elsa Wolcott and her children as they struggle through life in the dust bowl of the Great Plains and then in California, during the Great Depression. In March we read 'Toto Among the Murderers' by Sally J Morgan. Set in Leeds in 1973, and inspired by the author's close brush with the serial killers, Fred and Rose West, it tells the tale of three young women living dangerously close to a world of corruption and violence. As you can see, quite different reads!

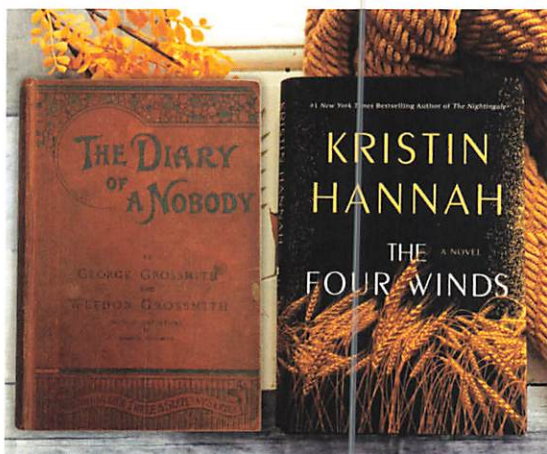
Our next meeting is 18th April at 7.30pm. You are welcome to join us, but please use the contact details below to check for the venue (it changes each month).

If you can't attend in person why not read along with us?

For a complete list of our book choices for the year, or you have any queries about the group, just get in touch.

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Pati Colman





Coronation Celebrations

Sunday, 7th May 2pm - 6pm

Save the Date! Plans are coming together for the Coronation celebrations at the village hall. The event is open to all Rollestonians, family and friends. We have picked Sunday, 7th May, to have an afternoon of fun, (hopefully in the sunshine). Refreshments and homemade cakes are on sale. If you would like to bring your own food or a picnic you are welcome. Maria and Andy will provide a professional bar service and savoury snacks at the village hall through the afternoon.

So, if you simply wish to turn up to enjoy the day - everything is here for you. There will be some seating available on the picnic benches outside, but you are welcome to bring along folding chairs and tables to add to the celebratory atmosphere. We plan to have play equipment and activities for children and hope parents will volunteer to spare some time to make the day enjoyable for young families. In case of inclement weather, there will be seating in the hall. The village hall will close at 6pm. However, the pub will be open from 5.30pm onwards, to continue the celebrations. The Coronation Concert for King Charles III will be live streamed on their TV. The outside covered patio area will be open and everyone welcome. If evening meals are required at the pub, Sunday, 7th May, then please book a table well in advance with the Vinery.

Email: thevineryrolleston@gmail.com
or call **01636 924187**

Happy Birthday Kate!

On Saturday 18th March 2023 we held our second Tea Party in honour of Kate Greenaway's birthday. A special thank you must go to Claire Foster and her band of able assistants who put on another marvellous spread. Sandwiches, cakes and tea, the perfect way to honour Kate Greenaway.

As well as displays of Kate Greenaway's own artwork we were very happy to be able to display some of the artwork of our own villagers, their friends and relations, which were made to reflect Kate Greenaway's love of nature. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We were especially pleased to welcome back the Kate Greenaway Singers. They were on fine form, and we thoroughly enjoyed their selection of country songs.

Our final thank you goes to everyone who came to enjoy the celebrations and who made this the perfect way to spend a March afternoon. We hope that you will all be able to join us next year when we will be celebrating some of the winners of the Kate Greenaway Medal, an award to recognise 'distinguished illustration in a book for children'. Some of the past winners whose names you might recognise are, Helen Oxenbury, Shirley Hughes and Quentin Blake. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Kate Greenaway Action Group
kategreenawayinrolleston@gmail.com

Welcome to New Residents

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to two new couples who have moved to Rolleston. Heather and Alan Brogan have moved into Manor Farm Close with their new puppy, Leo. Vicky Spencer and her fiancé Nathan have recently moved into the Greenaway.

We expect you have already received good wishes from many villagers already. You join us at a good time; we have the pub open and there's lots going on at the village hall, including the Coronation Celebrations on Sunday, May 7th.

Thank you for the Music

On the 10th November, we were treated to a free concert by the Southwell Orchestral Society at Rolleston Village Hall. One of our Rollestonians, Peter Garrod of Holly Court, played the trumpet.

We are so lucky to hear classical music played live and the event was very well attended. The programme was varied, and interesting snippets were given about each piece and the composers by the conductor of the orchestra, Greg Place:

Pepusch: Overture 'The Beggar's Opera'
W F Bach: Fugue in G minor
Rawsthorne: Overture for Farnham
Finck: Two Little Dances
Schubert: 'Rosamunde' Ballet Music No 2 and Overture
Alford: March 'The Middy'
Minkus: Pas de deux from 'Don Quixote'
Poise: Overture 'La Surprise de l'Amour'
Lumbye: The Sleigh Ride, Gallop
Mozart: Overture 'The Magic Flute'



Best wishes to the Chaaban Family

In March, Thea, Abs and Sammi Chaaban left Rolleston for pastures new in Southwell. We wish them all the very best. We hope to see them in the village from time to time. So, we'll say farewell – but not goodbye. In the meantime, we would like to say thank you for their many kindnesses and their willingness to embrace village life in various volunteering roles during their time here, including working on this magazine. Thea initiated and took a lead role in the Covid Support Group for Rolleston – and that will be always be remembered. Thanks also to Abs for his professional painting and decorating skills. Harwood Decorators are still going to sponsor the Junction for the year ahead (see back page for details) – and we are grateful for their continued support. All the very best in their new home.

New Baby Girl

We are delighted to announce the birth of a baby girl born in early March to Angela Moore. Angela is the daughter of Alex and Kathy Jewiski who live at the Old Vicarage in Rolleston. Our best wishes go to mother and baby – we hope they are both doing well. The baby is a new little sister to Angela's son, Rupert. At time of writing, that's all the details we have but sincere congratulations to the whole family!

Christening of Baby Thomas

In more happy news, Nicola Grange and Damian Rex had their baby son, Thomas, christened at the Church in Rolleston in February. Thomas was born in October '22. Our best wishes to the family.

Steve Lambert - 'Marathon Man'

On Sunday, 23rd April, Steve Lambert of Rolleston, is doing the London marathon; a whole 26.2 miles lays ahead of him. He is raising money for a children's hospice, the Jessie May Foundation, who provide free nursing care to families with children who have a life-limiting condition. Their specialist nursing care, where possible, is provided in the comfort of the family home, to support families who face challenging and emotional times. When Steve was looking for a charity to support and he came across the story of how the Foundation was named in memory of a little girl, it really resonated with him as a father. His young daughter happens to be named Jessie May. It was one of those moments that was meant to be.

At time of writing, according to his wife, Emily, "Steve is currently in training, but has lots more to do. The treadmill in the garage is going like the clappers and will be for the next few months!" The whole family, including their two children, Jessie and Charlie, are going down to London to support Steve and we are hoping they will send some photos of his triumph for the next edition of the magazine.

Please support our 'Marathon Man' and his sterling efforts to raise funds for this worthy cause. Here is the link to his fundraising page.

**[www.justgiving.com/
Stephen-Lambert8?utm_id=27](http://www.justgiving.com/Stephen-Lambert8?utm_id=27)**

Alternatively, if you wish to make a cash donation or a pledge, please contact: Steve on **07723 016982** or email: **lambert1ste@hotmail.com**

For cash donations, please place in an envelope and pop round to Chimneys, Fiskerton Road, Rolleston NG23 5SH. Remember to add your contact details as Steve and Emily would like to thank you for your kind support. Every little helps.



New Airbnb in Rolleston

Congratulations to a local couple who have recently got engaged, and although they live in Thurgarton, they've created quite a presence with their new business in Rolleston.

Mercedes Barrowcliffe and James Salmon, own and manage the self-catering accommodation, Rooms at Rolleston (situated next door to the pub). They have been very busy lately and have refurbished all the rooms to a very high standard. The four double bedrooms and one single are tastefully decorated and offer clean and bright accommodation. All have ensuite bathrooms, TV (including streaming services) and tea and coffee making facilities.

We are delighted that they have made a commitment to sponsor the Junction magazine. We will be interviewing Mercedes and James for the next issue, to discover a little more, talk about their commitment to this area, and their future plans. They are grateful for the support of Rollestonians, as a number have already booked to accommodate family and friends who need overnight accommodation for various social occasions.

For details about booking - see advert on page 22 and their entry in the local business directory, back page.

Carla Rings the Bell

You may know Carla Bradbury and Deborah Storey. Although they live in Staythorpe they are well known in Rolleston. Under their company known as 'Hens at Home', they look after all variety of pets while owners are away, and offer daily dog walking, doggie day care and overnight boarding services. Their electric van with the registration plate 'HEN' is a familiar sight in our village as it picks up its waggy-tailed customers.

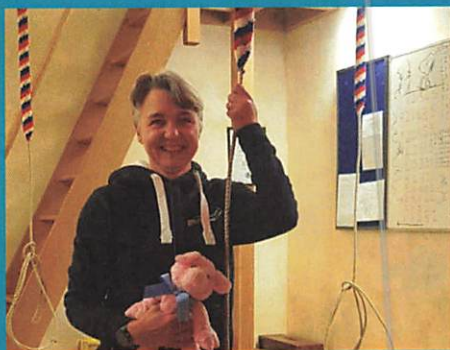
A number of years ago, we published a story about Carla when she took part in an epic 'Great Canoe Challenge', as part of Stand Up to Cancer, which was shown on TV. She paddled 120 miles from Chester to Liverpool along with four other cancer survivors who had a celebrity partner in their canoe each day, including Judge Rinder and Anthea Turner.

Now Carla is in the press again. On the 30th November, she reached a massive milestone. It was exactly 10 years ago that her oncologist was delighted to tell her that her Stage 3b cervical cancer was gone. However, Carla never got to ring the bell to announce the end of her extensive treatment. So, to mark her 10th anniversary, Carla decided to ring the biggest bell she could find, with the help of the bell ringers at St Michael's and All Saints church, Averham. The photo shows her holding a soft toy pig which she was given by a friend's little girl to give Carla some comfort during her cancer treatment regime all those years ago. That little girl is now 14 years old! It shows how far Carla has come.

Since 2017, she has volunteered for Cancer Research UK (CRUK), and was awarded Ambassador of the Year in 2020. She has been involved in a film project to highlight the treatments and side effects of pelvic radiotherapy to help other cancer patients. Says Carla, "CRUK are looking at opportunities to use my experiences to help others just diagnosed or coming to the end of treatment. I regard the real superheroes as the consultants, oncologists, researchers and people involved in clinical trials."

Evidently, ringing that bell was a huge thing for Carla and we trust it rang out loud and clear.

Editor's note: Huge thanks to Carla for sharing her story. For more information and for donations, please visit www.cancerresearchuk.org



Carol Singing in the new location

A new place for the Christmas Tree was chosen this year. It was situated in the Kate Greenaway Garden and there seemed much more room to gather as a community for the Carols Round the Tree event, 21st December. Thank you to the Kate Greenaway Action Group for organising and a special mention to Claire Foster for co-ordinating the catering, mulled wine and hot Ribena. There was space for a gazebo where homemade mince pies and hot drinks were served by

members of the KGAG group. The mince pies were delicious and kept our peckers up on a cold night.



Rolleston Regular Events

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1 hr classes return to village hall.
Wednesday 2.30pm
Contact Cheryl for details

Dominoes

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Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)
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Wagon & Horses, Bleasby at 8pm

Darts

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Bram Towse • 01636 813901
Gentlemen of Rolleston
Golfing Society

Book Club

Patti Colman • 01636 813260
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Peter Salter • 01636 819197
Tuesday evenings, Village
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Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

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3rd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea
and Cakes etc (free), Bacon Cobs (£1).

4th & 5th Wednesday - 10.30am
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Note:

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