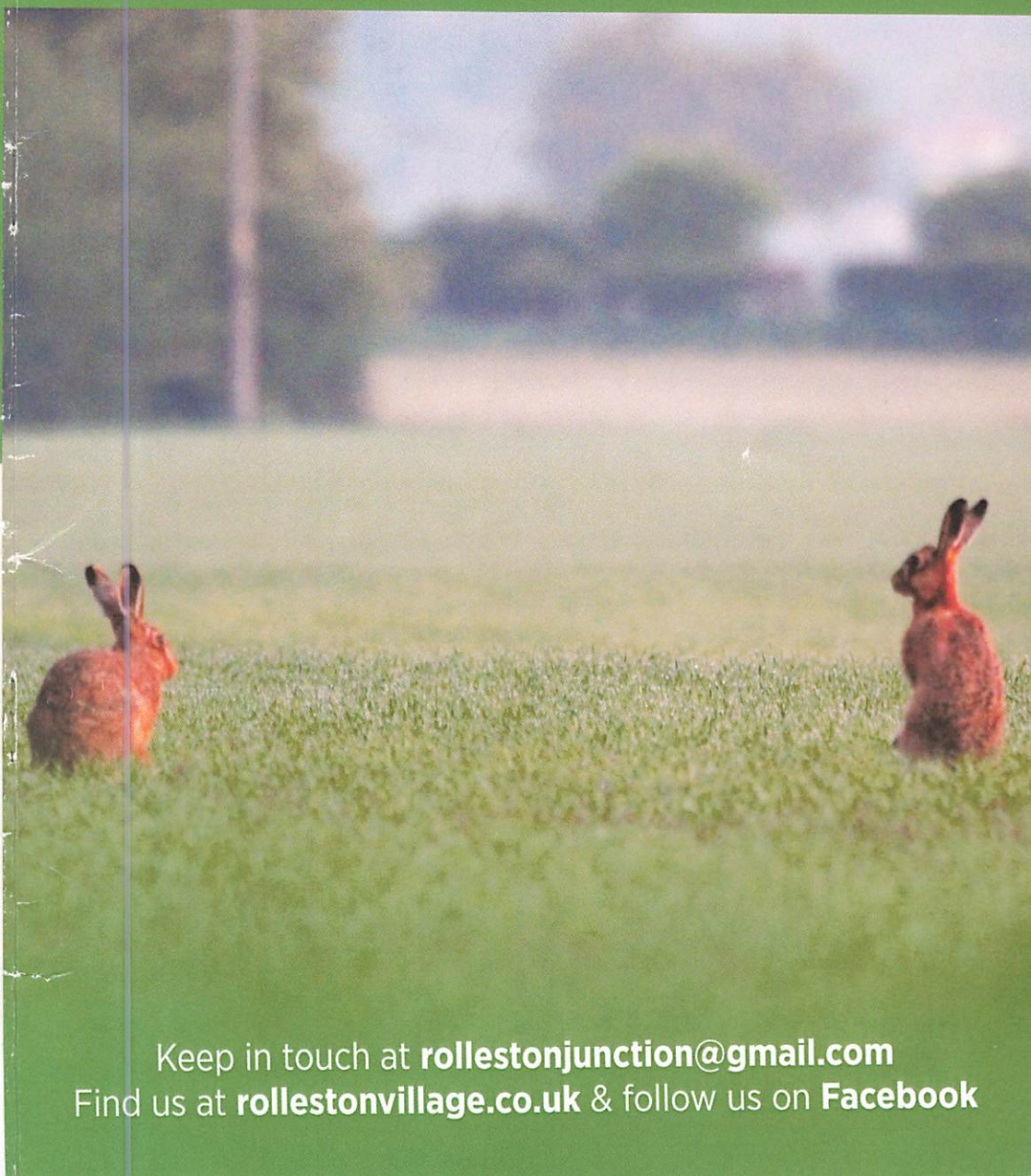


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Dates for your Diary

4th April	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
12th April	7:30pm	Book Club – contact Pati Colman for details: 07786 937266	Venue tbc.
17th April	Time tbc.	Easter Egg Hunt. Contact: laurabosworth22@hotmail.co.uk	Venue tbc.
30th April - 2nd May	10am-4pm	Flower Festival	Rolleston Church
4th May	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
11th May	7:30pm	Book Club	Venue tbc.
3rd June	11:15am	(Bank Holiday Friday): Church Bells ring for Platinum Jubilee	Rolleston Church
4th June	Time tbc.	Platinum Jubilee Picnic	Village Hall & 2-acre field
6th June	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
9th June	7:30pm	Book Club	Venue tbc.
4th July	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
12th July	7:30pm	Book Club	Venue tbc.

Hello again

from the Junction Team!

The first thing that struck me when we put this issue together was the number of social events for the diary page. As I write this, the Kate Greenaway Victorian Tea Party, will have taken place on the 19th March, and in the coming months we have the Easter Egg Hunt, the Flower Festival and the Platinum Jubilee Picnic. So, alongside the usual clubs and activities at the village hall and the thriving book club, there's plenty going on. It's gratifying that it's not just the tulips and daffodils opening up. Rolleston is springing back too - which is wonderful to see.

In other news, we are pleased to announce we have a new volunteer who has joined our team, Beth Dowson. Read the 'Dowsons of Rolleston' to hear about their unusual pet, and how Beth and Greg have been kept busy on renovating their home since their move to Rolleston only a year ago.

On the planning front, there have been two applications (and one preplanning proposal) by external third parties, including two councils. These could have a significant impact on the village and our community. For example; NSDC's preplanning proposal to develop the land in front of the Village Hall for social housing and other homes for private sale. Then there is NCC's application to build houses on the land known as the 'Croft' behind Ulyat's cottage, Fiskerton Road, (the house with Kate Greenaway connections). The Racecourse have applied to double the number of evening races from 20 to 40. At time of writing, it is likely that decisions will have been made on all three, in mid-March/early April.

You may have spotted a mention of these developments in the various emails in February. These applications have certainly kept our PC busy over the months! Whatever your views, for or against, it's important your voice is heard as we consider changes to our village.

If you don't receive emails, especially if you are new to the village, contact:

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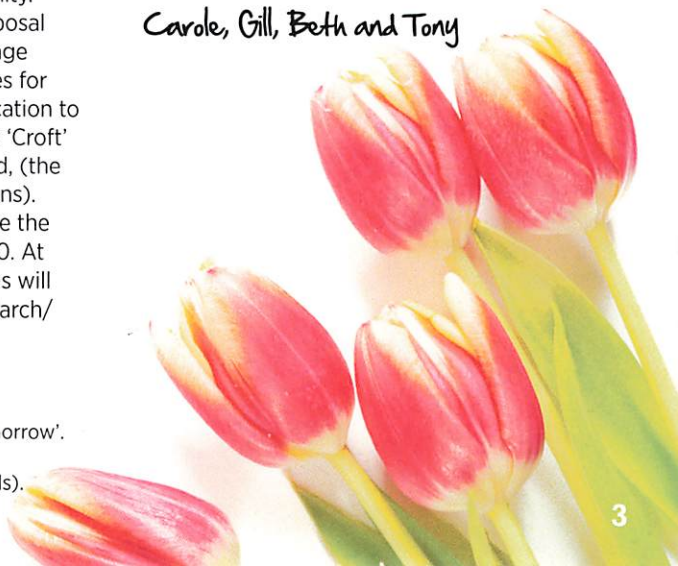
We can add you to the Junction and the Parish Council circulation lists. This will ensure you are fully up to date on all things happening - including all the forthcoming social events!

Thank you for all your articles and items of news; this personal touch makes the Junction quite unique and sets us apart from other community magazines. Thanks are also due to our regular advertisers; without whom the Junction would not be possible. Please support them as an important part of our community.

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill, Beth and Tony

Front cover picture: 'Hare today, gone tomorrow'.
Photo Credit to Mark Robinson.
(Taken near Averham Park and Kelham Hills).



Village Hall News

Our Village Hall is as busy as ever with our weekly exercise classes, Yoga two mornings a week, Mondays and Tuesdays at 10am, Martial Arts on Friday and Sunday. Seniors weekly Coffee Mornings and monthly lunches on Wednesdays and Indoor Bowls on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

Enquiries and Bookings are also coming in thick and fast, with the Hall being very busy with Children's Parties, Business Meetings, Parish Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, Training Courses, First Aid Training and a couple of Weddings due to take place this year.

At time of writing, everyone is expected to still be following current COVID Safety Guidelines and be mindful that some people will still want to wear masks, which we support and encourage.

Each attendee is still required to provide their own equipment, and masks are to be worn in all communal areas within the Hall such as the Atrium, Kitchen and Toilets.

As I have said before, we are very lucky that everyone who uses our Village Hall takes great care of it and we are making sure that everyone who books are taken great care of, by making sure that the Hall is cleaned regularly and current COVID Guidelines are followed.

Lucy Kyte

Manager,
Rolleston Village Hall

Village Hall Lotto

Here are the winners since the last Rolleston Junction Issue.

*Village Hall (twice), Beth Dowson, Lisa Osborn, Tim Harries, June Smith, Amanda Hillary, Elizabeth Blakey, Sandra Sawyer, Michelle Hillary, Doug Townsend, Julian Ellis, Tessa Stevens, Amanda Hobbs, Trish Steele and Pat Sawyer.

*Note where it names the 'Village Hall' as the winner, it means that number was not allocated to a villager.

Don't miss out; there are five vacant numbers:

19

25

36

43

51

Thank you to all those who continue to support the running of the village hall. If you would like to choose a lucky number for your weekly entry to the village lottery, contact me.

A £50 cash prize is awarded every week.

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Rolleston Book Club

It's all change for the Rolleston Book Club. We have decided to revert to meeting in members' houses for a more relaxed experience. As before, we will be meeting at 7:30pm, but on different evenings of the week, across the year. This ensures that everyone who wants to join in the discussions is able to do so at least sometimes. We have planned our reading list for the full year ahead so you can follow our recommendations, even if you aren't able to attend the meetings.

Day	Date	Book
Tuesday	11th January	Kings, Queens, Bones & Bastards by David Hilliam
Wednesday	9th February	Raise the Red Lantern by Su Tong
Thursday	10th March	The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
Tuesday	12th April	Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
Wednesday	11th May	The Smallest Man by Frances Quinn
Thursday	9th June	The Salt Path by Raynor Winn
Tuesday	12th July	Mrs England by Stacey Halls
Wednesday	10th August	Clothes, Clothes, Clothes, Music, Music, Music, Boys, Boys, Boys by Viv Albertine
Thursday	15th September	The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet
Tuesday	11th October	The Prisoner of Zenda by Anthony Hope
Wednesday	9th November	Trinity by Leon Uris
Thursday	14th December	Diary of a Nobody by George & Weedon Grossmith

If you would like to join the book club, you would be most welcome. Just give me a call on **07786 937266** and I'll give you the details of where each meeting will be held.

Pati Colman



Call the Midwife

Editors note:

We are delighted to be granted permission from the author, **Iris Piper**, to publish extracts from this charming letter, written to Frank Mitchell a few months ago.

Iris spent the first 16 years of her life in Rolleston, before the Piper family moved to Newark. Iris, now in her nineties, still resides in Newark, but has fond memories of Rolleston. (Frank was best pals with her younger brother, Gordon). With thanks to Frank Mitchell for unearthing the photo of Mrs Rick, the community midwife, from his archives which led to this article...

Dear Frank,

At last I have been able to sit down and pen a few memories of Rolleston. When we last chatted on the phone, you mentioned Mrs Rick – the village midwife.

I don't remember ever seeing her but have always understood that she delivered all the babies of our era.

In those days, midwives were not trained, although some doctors would oversee their work and be called if there was a problem. In 1905, the Central Midwives Board started training courses, but took years before all midwives were trained. Many of the women could not afford to pay for a course and very few were educated enough to attend lectures.

Hygiene was a problem in puerperal infections were dangerous. Some of the early midwives also laid out the dead. Not a good combination.

Many mothers were wary of going into hospital for their deliveries, but by 1948 with the birth of the NHS, fewer babies were born at home. Antenatal care, postnatal care and child health clinics were commonplace.

Referring back to Mrs Rick, the midwife, she had 3 sons and 2 daughters. Arthur and Jack Rick both worked at the railway station. Jack ran the ticket office and Arthur looked after the buildings and garden. During the Winter months, there was a warm coal fire in each of the waiting rooms. Arthur lit the lamps, and announced "Rolleston Station – change for Southwell!" and I suppose, blew the whistle when the train was due to depart.

The little railway stations were a source of pride. The train going to Southwell was called the the Paddy Train. Charley Rick worked at the Sugar Beet Factory in Newark. The two sisters, Kate and Jane-Hannah, (who lived in Averham), I don't remember at all. I don't think any of them married.

After Jane-Hannah died, her bungalow in Averham was kept as she had left it, but sadly it was broke into and things were stolen - including the grandfather clock. In those days, doors were hardly ever locked, as people were trusted.

I was chatting to a lady shopping in Morrison's a few weeks ago. She said that she and her husband thought Rolleston was a very desirable place to live. Her husband belongs to the golf club.

Best wishes,

Iris

Photo: Mrs Ricks (left) and her daughter Kate.



Paws & Claws

George, the (middle-class) Dragon

Hello! I'm George. I'm a four-year-old bearded dragon (or a *pogona vitticeps* if you're fancy) and I live with Greg and Beth at Peartree Cottage. Whilst I'm pretty lazy (unless there's food involved!) I am quite nose-y, so I've enjoyed having lots of people around whilst the renovations have been going on. Almost all of the workmen say "Morning George" when they arrive and if they are lucky - I will give them a nod back!

By the time that you are reading this I should have woken up from my annual brumation (like hibernation, but for cold-blooded animals) and will be ready for a VERY big dinner. I eat lots of crickets, locusts and other bugs, but my favourite (non-live) foods are butternut squash, rocket and blueberries (particularly Waitrose's organic blueberries), which is why I'm known as a middle-class dragon!

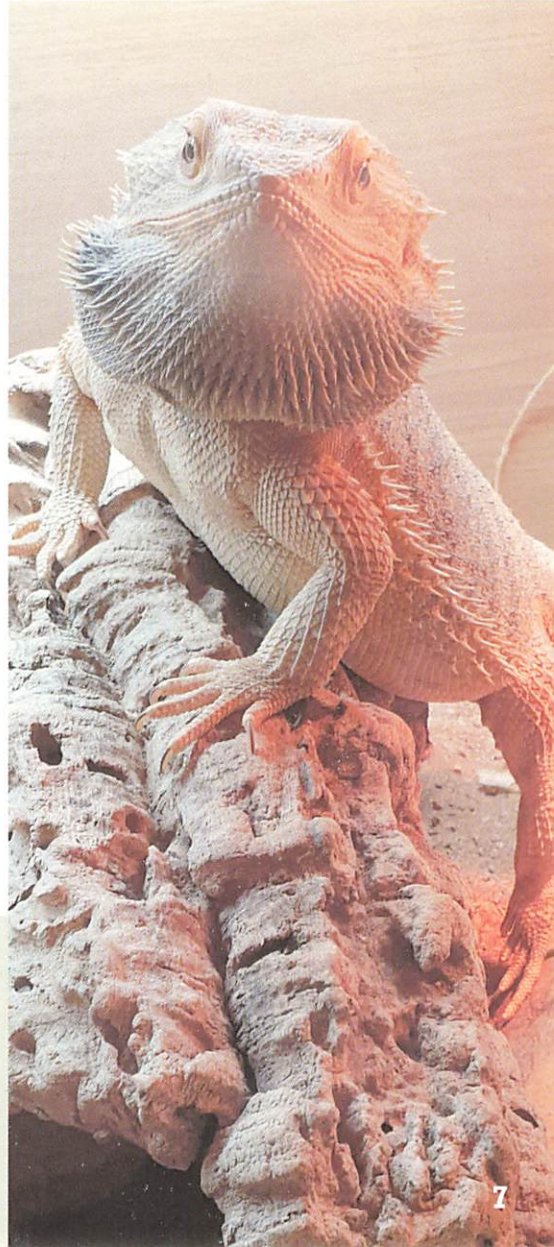
I blow out my beard like I'm doing on this picture when I get grumpy (or just fancy a stretch). If you ask some of Greg and Beth's Godchildren they will tell you that I can breathe fire if I get really angry (I am a dragon, after all) but I'm generally a fairly chilled-out guy so I'll have to leave it to you to decide whether you think that's true or not!

George

Editor's Note: If you would like your pet to feature in Paws and Claws (not forgetting Hooves) - write to:

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Please include their picture or a drawing.



Claire's Recipe

Clementine Cake

A recipe from my daughter; it's a lovely orange flavoured cake (gluten free) that can be used as a dessert with some cream or creme fraiche or simply eaten as a cake.

Ingredients:

- 375g (approx. 4) clementines
- 6 large eggs
- 225g sugar
- 250g ground almonds
- 1tsp baking powder



Method:

1. Put the clementines in a pan and cover with water. Bring to the boil then cook for 2 hours until soft. I often start them off on the hob in an oven proof pan with a lid, then pop them in the oven whilst cooking something else. This saves all that steam in the kitchen, and having to watch over the pot, and saves on fuel too!
 2. Drain and leave to cool. Cut in half, remove any pips and blitz in a food processor or chop by hand.
 3. Set the oven to reg. 5/190C/375F.
 4. Butter and line an 8" round, deep tin or loaf tin.
 5. Add all the other ingredients to the clementines and beat until smooth.
 6. Pour into the prepared tin and bake for about an hour until a skewer comes out clean. You might have to pop a bit of foil or baking paper over the cake about halfway through to stop the cake top burning.
 7. When cooked, cool in the tin. Enjoy on its own or with cream or creme fraiche.
- A lovely gluten-free recipe that can be enjoyed by everyone.

Claire Foster





Reverend Phil

What stories do we live by?

For me it was great to have an almost normal Christmas despite the Covid presence. It was especially good to come to Rolleston for an almost normal Carol Service on Christmas Eve, and for a Benefice service in January with the new Archdeacon Victoria Ramsey (who happens to live close by in Goverton).

Worship at Holy Trinity is every 4th Sunday (next is 20th February, then 27th March for Mothering Sunday) and there are Benefice Services every 3rd Sunday, at one of the churches. Online worship continues at 9am every Sunday and is also well attended.

It's also great to look forward to events relating to Kate Greenaway and of course the Platinum Jubilee later in the year.

Reflection: Having enjoyed the season of 'peace and goodwill', can we appreciate the Christmas story as being far from just for children or even only for Christmas? We can hope for news of peace and goodwill as the New Year unfolds, whether Christmas is 'our story' or not.

If only we could enjoy more certainty in our lives going forward? What's certain, is there is nothing certain.

Take football as an example. 'VAR' (the Video Assistant Referee) has been introduced to eradicate the traditional complaints about poor refereeing and bad decisions and so bring greater certainty.

However, goals may now be disallowed because VAR can spot an elbow or a striker's fringe in an offside position! Now football lovers can argue about how the 'spirit of the game' is being spoilt, as decision making is taken out of the referee's hands. The greater certainty we hope for eludes us. You don't have to watch Match of the Day to appreciate the point.

We strive for greater perfection, for the right things to be done, for good reasons. We want truth but it is hard to find and even harder to decide what it is when we think we might have found it. So, we have or search for stories that we can live by in order to bring a greater sense of purpose and certainty. What's yours? How is it that so many can believe in conspiracy theories and alternative facts (QAnon anybody?). Fundamentalism is no longer the preserve of religion. "When [people] choose not to believe in God, they do not thereafter believe in nothing, they then become capable of believing in anything" (GK Chesterton).

We need a good story to live by, one that is reliable and gives us higher values. The Christmas story has offered this for 2000 years, with its values of strength in weakness, compassion expressed in vulnerability and humility overcoming power. Isn't this what we want? Peace and goodwill which can't be bought, but won't materialise from nothing. We need a good story to live by. What's yours?

Best wishes as 2022 unfolds,

The Revd Phil

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Rolleston Parish Council

One of the key fiscal responsibilities of any Parish Council is the setting of the annual Parish "precept" which is the primary income on which the Council relies to fund the cost of the essential local services which it is charged to provide. The Parish precept is a cost towards which most villagers contribute through their Council Tax, although the sum is fairly nominal per household and typically represents no more than 2% of the total Council Tax bill.

This is the time of year at which the precept estimate is determined for the forthcoming financial year, and an application submitted to the District Council for approval. The Parish Council receives guidance on the national target percentage parameters for any increase in the precept, and the challenge is always to adhere to this guidance whilst working within the tight constraints of the very small budget available. This year in particular, has also seen significant inflationary pressures on the cost of providing essential services.

Many of the Parish costs are mandatory or statutory, over which the Parish Council has no control, leaving only a balance of the precept available for the more visible elements of Parish work. The overwhelming majority of the precept is required to maintain the Parish's amenities, which include the village playpark and 2 acres field, the Jubilee Garden, the telephone box and defibrillator, notice boards, signage and certain elements involved in the upkeep of the Kate Greenaway Garden.

The Parish Council has previously highlighted the cost of maintaining and repairing the village play equipment and playground site, which is a disproportionately large facility relative to the size of the village and the available funds. Procured for the village many years ago, the play equipment is ageing and expensive to maintain, and for many years the Parish Council has had to juggle the desire to retain a facility within the village for children of all ages to enjoy and use, against the spiralling costs of maintenance, which represent a disproportionate proportion of the Precept income but are nevertheless essential to ensure the equipment remains safe to use. The village will have some difficult choices to face in the future, unless additional funding can be procured.

The Parish Council regularly receives requests for funding for village events or initiatives. In some cases, these requests can be met through match-funding from the County Councillor's divisional fund, but increasingly this is not the case and the Parish Council is having to make some difficult choices between which events or initiatives it can afford to support and those which it cannot.

These budget constraints have highlighted, once again, the important personal contributions which many villagers make by finding time to volunteer to help out across many areas of village life. There is already a committed group of village volunteers involved in litter picking, gardening, maintenance and fund-raising, as well as support to the elderly or vulnerable requiring a little extra help, and more volunteers would be warmly welcomed. If you would like to become more involved in the village in any capacity, please contact the Parish Council who will be pleased to put you in touch.

Tim Harries



Kate Greenaway News

At the time of writing this piece The Kate Greenaway Action Group is busy organising the Victorian Tea Party on 19th February. ~~February~~ ^{MARCH}

The aim of the event was not only to spend an afternoon enjoying the delicious tea prepared by Claire Foster, the music of The Kate Greenaway Singers and the games arranged for the children - but also for people to find out more about the Victorian children's author and illustrator, Kate Greenaway, and her life in Rolleston. We are fortunate to have this connection with someone held in such high regard across the world. We wished to celebrate the link and ensure that her legacy is protected for future generations, not only those who will live in Rolleston, but also for the whole of Nottinghamshire and visitors to the area.

At the time of writing, Chris Salter, on behalf of our group, has prepared a presentation which has been well received by a number of local organisations, including Bleasby History Group and Averham WI. We have several bookings for later on in the year.

One of the most pressing issues at the moment is the future of 18 Fiskerton Road. You may have seen the blue plaque on the wall. This was where Kate Greenaway stayed as a child and we are very keen that the house and the adjacent public footpath, (part of the Trent Valley Way), are not affected by the proposed development to The Croft, (the land behind the cottage). We have expressed our views on the outline planning application lodged by Nottinghamshire County Council, and we have sought to increase the awareness of both the County and District Councils by updating the information on the Historic Environment Register held by NCC.

If you would like any further information about the work that we are doing or you would like to join the group, please contact me on **01636 813260, pati.colman@icloud.com**

Pati Colman



Country File

We may be thankful that this Winter has, so far, been very mild, with only glimpses of the white stuff in the sky and no sign of it landing and staying. However, this means things may have been easier for the wild birds that can sometimes visit your garden when times are tough. We seem to have had only the usual suspects frequenting our birdfeeders – Robin, Dunnock, Blue and Great Tit. However, we have also had some more occasional feeders recently such as Chaffinch, Long-tailed Tits and Greenfinch.

The other advantage of Winter viewing of wildlife and particularly birds, is the lack of foliage giving more visibility in trees and hedgerows. I stopped on a run in the fields, and right next to me was a small grey but well-marked bird in the bare hawthorn hedge, that I only see now and again – a Black Cap. He was easy to recognise as his name suggests. The pain in my knee which

made me stop seemingly disappeared as this sighting made my day.

The Winter also sees flocks of Fieldfare and Redwings, who scatter away as you head up the tracks or across fields when out walking or running and make a marked and welcome difference to the Summertime, I think. They can be quite bonnie if you can get up close with their different markings to plain thrushes or starlings.

As we move into Spring, I'll be cleaning my nesting boxes and bringing feeders in, ready for the change in foliage and bird activity. My project this year is to set up Swift nest boxes on our house to see if they can help our village's brilliant Summer visitors.

Mark Robinson



Long-tailed Tits Feeding



Dunnock



Black Cap



The Dowsons of Rolleston

18 months ago, we hadn't even heard of Rolleston. However, when Greg and I decided that 20 years in Bingham was enough, (far too much development), driving round Nottinghamshire villages became our new weekend past-time.

One Sunday, we walked onto the drive of a house with a for sale sign outside - with no viewing booked - to be told that the owners were accepting an offer the following morning. I'm a corporate tax lawyer so not naturally spontaneous (!) - I'm more of a "let's think this through logically" kind of a girl (fun, huh?!). However, by the time we walked off the drive, we had agreed to buy Peartree Cottage sealed with a covid-compliant 'elbow bump' instead of a shake of the hand, (and a comedy I.O.U. on a Post-it note). The rest, as they say, is history, and during a snowy lockdown Friday in February, we moved in with George the bearded dragon and four bonkers bantams.

Although tiny, Rolleston has a huge personality and community spirit, and we're very grateful it's now home. We were welcomed with warm smiles, cards, gifts and village info, and so many people stopped and said hello (and let dog-lover Greg fuss their pooch). Given our full back-to-brick renovation we clearly have the loveliest, most patient neighbours as they're somehow still talking to us (thank you!)

Greg renovates houses but this is the first time he's worked on our home. A great adventure, but never again!

When the opportunity to join the Junction team arose, I couldn't resist - I'm really looking forward to getting stuck-in and learning about my fellow Rollestonians (if a newbie's allowed that moniker?). The renovations are almost finished so by all means come and see what we've done (old Peartree Cottage photos are very welcome too) and I might even put the new kitchen through its paces with one of Claire's gorgeous cake recipes!

Beth & Greg Dowson



Robert JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK

I'm increasingly concerned by the rising cost of living, particularly for those on the lowest incomes in our local area. Westminster is turning to this issue lamentably slowly. The spike in inflation is being caused by high global demand for energy, materials, consumer goods and labour.

Like putting your foot down and pushing an old car from 0 to 60 as quickly as possible the world's supply chains are creaking as the global economy reopens after the pandemic.

Here the economy is performing well, in part due to the Government's important judgement to keep the country as open as possible this winter, allowing our local shops to continue trading and importantly our hospitality sector.

However, we must keep in mind some of these rising costs are a product of poor domestic energy policy over many decades. In rural areas like Rolleston, these price rises will be felt even more, especially in areas relying on oil for heating.

We should be going hell for leather for renewable technologies like wind, investing for the long term in new nuclear and but also making use of our own supplies of gas, like Staythorpe Power Station whilst we transition to net zero. We've had successes with wind but failed to invest in new nuclear and have become absurdly dependent on gas from Putin and the Gulf.

The effect of all this will be very challenging for many this year. It will be a focus for me in Parliament. Government can do relatively little in the short term to tackle inflation caused by these external forces, but it can assist on taxation and support the most vulnerable. I recently argued that the proposed increase in National Insurance should be postponed relieving that burden on squeezed incomes, funded by the additional receipts the Treasury has had from the growing economy and from strong employment. Taxes on working families are already too high, however the Government have chosen not to do this, and the Chancellor has announced a raft of new measures to protect consumers from rising prices.

I've also been arguing for a robust response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. For a brief time, many years ago, I lived and worked in Russia. Its present stance is rooted in its longstanding view of its neighbours, but also Putin's search for a legacy and his opportunism at the West's disunity and repeated failure to stand up to authoritarianism. Ukraine is a sovereign democracy that deserves our support. The invasion or undermining of free countries cannot be normalised. There won't be 'boots on the ground', (this is not a NATO country), but we can supply defensive weapons, exert diplomatic muscle, and apply significantly stronger sanctions than we have in the past.

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Such pressing issues are crowded out by the events in No10 Downing Street during lockdown. I have received hundreds of emails from constituents, including in and around Rolleston, expressing a mix of anger and sadness at the situation. They are not messages that should be dismissed. Most are from fair minded people who don't usually put pen to paper and write to me. Many have set out their own experiences of lockdown in deeply moving terms.

Although the official and police process will go on for some time and it would be prudent to await their resolution, I appreciate most people have already formed their opinion. One can provide explanations, but not excuses. Whatever happens next there is a great deal of work to do to regain confidence and trust.

Robert Jenrick

MP for Newark

Blink and you missed it!

Are you watching the new series of Call the Midwife?

It seems such a coincidence when we had already decided to feature an article this issue on midwifery in the fifties – and then, at the last minute, we received this item of news.

Our eagle-eyed viewer, Gill Thackrey, spotted one of the characters (Phyllis Crane) holding a Kate Greenaway book. Gill managed to capture a few photos off the TV.

The book, called the 'Language of Flowers' is clearly seen. This should satisfy Kate Greenaway fans and also fans of the TV show, so we couldn't resist. Enjoy!



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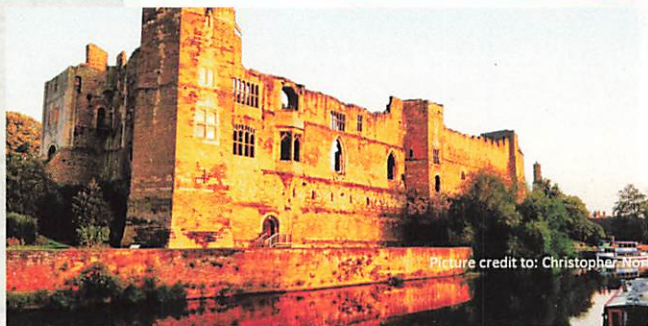
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WI News

A fundraising event organised by Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston (MFR WI) took place on Saturday 16th October at Rolleston Village Hall. This was entitled 'What's My Wine' and 65 tickets were sold to members and their family and friends. A really good evening was enjoyed with a wine tasting quiz followed by a light supper. This successful event resulted in a donation of £500 being sent to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. A big thank you to all who attended and helped to make this event a success.

The November meeting was an interesting talk by Richard Hawkes - 'Fossils and Stone Treasures'. Richard showed us many examples of fossils of creatures that were millions of years old. There were also many polished stones that were made at his workshop into very attractive pieces of jewellery. Many members purchased pieces for Christmas presents.

On Saturday 13th November we organised and sold refreshments at the Morton Christmas Fair held at the Arthur Radford Hall. This was in aid of Morton Church Funds and our WI made a donation of £100 from our sale of tea/coffee and cakes donated by our members.

On Wednesday 24th November, 9 members went to Doddington Hall near Lincoln to enjoy the fantastic Christmas decorations followed by lunch. On Tuesday 7th December 15 members went to The Robin Hood Theatre for a very funny performance of 'The Vicar of Dibley'.

Our Christmas Celebrations started on Tuesday 14th December with 33 members enjoying a fantastic Christmas meal at 'The Full Moon' in Morton.

MFR WI meets on the second 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall, Fiskerton at 7.30pm.

Visitors welcome. If you are interested, please contact:

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Beryl Northcote: 01636 812579

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News from **County Councillor for Farndon and Trent Division, NCC**

Cllr Sue Saddington

As I write this, we appear to be getting through the winter and the snow which we might expect at this time of year has not arrived, which I have to say is a relief, but probably not from the children's point of view! The snowdrops are coming into flower and hopefully we can look forward to a bright Spring.

New Decision making Process

Nottinghamshire County Council are proposing a new Decision making process, which, if approved, will be implemented at the Annual meeting in May 2022. Decisions will be driven by the Leader and Cabinet Members , rather than by multiple Committees.

It would be referred to as a Cabinet system, rather than a Committee system. A Scrutiny/ Select Committee made up of cross-party Members will meet and hold the Cabinet Member to account.

Council Tax

This is always a difficult decision to make and will be brought to full Council for decision at the end of this month. A Council tax increase is being proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council as part of its Budget for 2022/23.

This will fund vital road infrastructure works and continue to provide high-quality care for vulnerable adults. The proposal will see Council tax raised by 1% and the Adult Social Care precept implemented at 3%.

Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, NCC
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New Virtual Employment Hub to help residents and businesses

A virtual one-stop-shop has been launched to support residents find work opportunities and help employers develop their talent pool. Nottinghamshire Opportunities aims to be the go-to-place to explore local career opportunities and provides a platform for people to search for jobs, training courses, and apprenticeship opportunities. To access go to: Nottinghamshire Opportunities / Get a foot on the career ladder (oppsinnotts.co.uk).

Platinum Jubilee

On a lighter note, I am sure we are all looking forward to the Jubilee Celebrations over the June bank holiday. I know the Parish Councils are making plans and to help with costs, I held back some of my Divisional fund with a view to providing some funding .

I have asked Parishes to let me know before the middle of February if they would like some funding and I will distribute my balance between them all.

Cllr. Sue Saddington



Cllr Roger Blaney

Into an exciting future

Travel into Newark and you will have noticed that the cattle market, that gave its popular name to the nearby roundabout on the A46, is no more. It has been demolished and the site cleared. Over the coming year and subject to the grant of planning permission, an impressive new building will rise in its place: IASTI or, to give it its full name, the International Air and Space Technology Institute.

IASTI Newark, a £10.6m project sponsored by Lincoln College and benefitting from a share of the £25m Towns Fund levelling up grant secured from central government, is the first of its kind in the UK; a second at IASTI London has been announced recently. This exciting new institute will deliver a truly innovative approach to training across both military and civil aeronautical industries to create pre 16, post 16 and post 18 career pathways for pilots, ground crews and engineers.

The first students enrolled last September and are currently in temporary accommodation. However, the new building is planned to be completed in time to welcome the new academic year in September 2023.

IASTI Newark is but one of ten priority projects part-funded through the Towns Fund grant that are scheduled for completion by 2025.

A second project is the redevelopment of the former Marks and Spencer store in Newark town centre, closed in Spring 2019 and bought by Newark and Sherwood district Council the following year. The Art Deco frontage on Stodman Street will be retained, however the rest of the site will be rebuilt and repurposed into a mixed use development of some 29 new town centre 2 and 3 bed apartments and between two and four new, smaller retail units. Again, on grant of planning approval, part demolition and subsequent construction is expected in 2022 with completion in 2023/24.

A third project is the YMCA Community and Activity Village, taking shape off Bowbridge Road, Newark and with its main facility building due for completion this Spring. Like IASTI, this is the first of its kind in the UK and will not be of just local importance but also of regional if not national significance as well. I take a particular interest in seeing this project come to fruition, having been instrumental in securing it for Newark and Sherwood in December 2016 when I was Leader of the District Council. You may not have heard much about it yet, but you will !! Take a look at its website <https://ymcanewarksherwood.org>.



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The scope of the current and planned activities is as exciting as it is extraordinary. Football pitches, athletics, basketball, netball, tennis, Tai Chi already, to come one of the few Olympics standard climbing walls in the UK, a cycle track, skatepark and canoeing together with a dance studio, digital media suites, art studio, recording and rehearsal space, nursery, not to mention a training kitchen, function rooms, adult education classes – oh, yes, and a café for a well-earned tea or coffee afterwards!! The Community and Activity Village is going to be truly transformational – and just six miles away from Rolleston. What's not to like?!!

These three projects, exciting though they are, are but a taster and I will have to leave details of the Newark Construction College, the SiScLog, the Castle Gatehouse project, completion of the southern link road and the rest of the Towns Fund priority projects until a future issue. However, there can be no doubt that your District Council is maintaining its proud tradition of initiating or supporting some of the most exciting developments in the East Midlands and for the benefit of us all as we emerge into a post-pandemic world

Chlr. Roger Blaney

Trent Ward, NSDC

Rolleston Seniors' Christmas Lunch

It was so good to be back together again! Covid kept us apart, but at last, after nearly two years of restrictions we were able to meet, chat and just enjoy ourselves.

We were entertained by Haley, a talented young vocalist. The food, as always, was really good... and the wine was plentiful!

It was a thoroughly good lunch and a lot of fun!





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Messing about in Boats

Editor's note: We were delighted to receive an article about the sailing adventures of Hazel and Steve Short of Sycamore Cottage in Rolleston. They have lived here for more than twenty years and are both retired teachers. If you have stories to tell about your travels, do send them in!

I suppose all our holidays have had an element of adventure in them and can be categorised into camping, living and sailing on yachts and later walking in the alpine areas of Europe.

During our late twenties and thirties, we spent our time sailing around the coastline of North Wales and later the Suffolk and Essex coast. Now I have to admit to not being a natural sailor, but I went along as crew all the same. After having a small yacht, Steve set about fitting out a twenty six foot yacht from a bare hull. And so, life on the sea was fixed and we spent all our spare time sailing along the coast. It is always more interesting to read about more challenging times and I have picked a couple of incidents to relate which still give me nightmares.

We had sailed to Shell island in North Wales one weekend on a beautiful, calm sea. The mountains stood outlined in sharp, clear air and Cnicht held its head proudly in the bright blue sky. We anchored up in the natural, sheltered lagoon and felt very pleased with ourselves as we were fairly new to life at sea. However, for some reason Steve decided at low water that the anchor was not laying quite right and moved it. I thought no more of this until at midnight, as we floated off on the incoming tide, the boat spun around trapping the anchor chain between the boats twin keels. Steve jumped into the water and managed to untangle the chain before climbing back on board but now we were adrift and heading straight for a steep shelf and our doom ...

Somehow luck was with us and with no time to start the engine, we were able to catch hold of another yacht and sort ourselves out. We learnt our first big lesson. Let the anchor settle where it will - it knows what it's doing.

Later on, despite being more experienced sailors, we had another alarming incident. Sailing down the River Blackwater in Essex, we were too early to enter the harbour because of the tide. Steve said we could go to a deep water mooring, but I sensed all was not well and checked the echo sounder. There was barely a metre beneath the hull. "Back off" I cried. Too late! and now with a yacht with only a single keel, we touched down and spent the next five hours sitting on the same side of the deck not daring to move, praying that we wouldn't keel over. Oh, what long hours they were and what a relief when we were afloat once more.

But there were wonderful times, being accompanied by harbour dolphins into Pwllheli, sailing along with seals, beautiful bird life and the starriest of nights... not forgetting the people we met. There were evenings when the Irish sailed over, their singing accompanied by the local male voice choir. There was the kindness of the Welsh and fellow sailors, holiday makers and the wonderful harbour master.

Then there were our friends, Maureen and John Dodshon, who formed the CCCCC: The Careful, Comfortable, Cowardly Cruising Club. I was inspired to pen:

"The Dodshons do many hours 'sailing',
Upstairs in their flat by the sea,
And many a time we have joined them,
And 'sailed' over afternoon tea."

Hazel Short



2015 celebrating the launch of the Scottish Day Boat built by Steve

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Brow & Beauty Studio

We have a new business in the village. If you fancy the kind of beauty treatments fit for royalty read on...

Asha Paton has worked in the beauty and spa industry for over 15 years, mainly based in the Middle East. She has worked at prestigious spa resorts and also as personal therapist to the Royal family in Dubai.

In 2020, during the pandemic, Asha, who is mum to two girls, Willow and Yuri, took the decision to move back to their home in the village (near Rolleston Mill).

Asha felt that during the lock-down in Dubai, the girls at the time, aged 2 and 7, needed to be outdoors and with temperatures in the United Arab Emirates continuing to soar, there was nowhere for the girls to go outside. At that point, Asha started to plan and build her new business, called the Brow & Beauty Studio.

Asha is excited about being able to offer clients the benefit of her considerable knowledge using the same luxury treatments. She has created a relaxing, results-driven spa menu that she knows customers will love.

She feels the rural, peaceful setting of Rolleston is perfect for her business; it means it is totally private and away from the crowds.



For appointments or enquiries: email or telephone the Brow Beauty Studio, or contact via social media or Instagram.

Asha says, "I'm looking forward to being part of the village and treating my customers to a first-class experience. Do call me if you wish to have a chat about treatments which I can perfectly tailor to your requirements."

Asha

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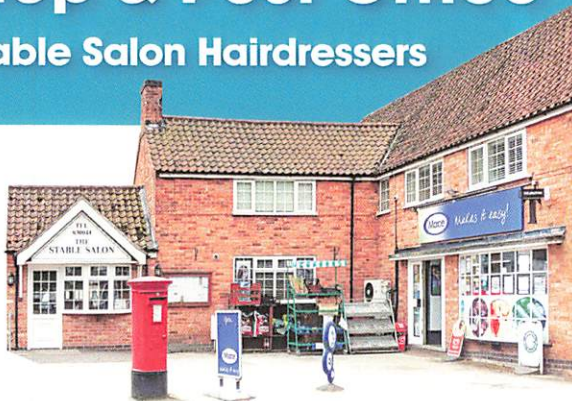
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Flower Festival

30th April - 2nd May

This year's flower festival will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The flowers will depict the major anniversaries during her long reign. The church will be full of imaginative flowers displays for you to view.

Crown making for the Children:

This year, we would really like to involve the children. So, please do get creative with ideas and please encourage your children to take part. We would love to display the children's crowns at the flower festival, held in the church. The crowns could then be worn at later events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June.

Your children's crowns need to be brought to Church between 2pm - 4pm on Sunday, 24th April so they are ready to be displayed during the flower festival itself which takes place the following Bank Holiday weekend. A small prize will be given to all those who make a crown! With more than 80 children in our village, we are hoping many would like to join in.

For further information:

chrissalter2000@yahoo.com

If you are new to the Rolleston flower festival, it really is an amazing sight and a lot of creative ideas go into each exhibit. We look forward to welcoming you! Refreshments available.

Christine Salter

Flower Festival

celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Anniversaries

**Saturday 30th
April to Monday
2nd May**

10 till 4 daily

Rolleston Church

Free entry, refreshments available
Donations welcome towards masonry
repairs Raffle



MESSAGES OF THANKS

Children's Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone who came to the children's Christmas party. We all had a fantastic time as the photo shows. An Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Sunday, 17th April; more details to be announced.

Laura Bosworth



Thanks for your Donations

The hardy band of Carol singers, wish to thank everyone who donated as we sang round the village. Half of the donations went to the Kate Greenaway Action Group, and half went to Reach, the learning disability charity, who were extremely grateful for the £150 donation to their funds.

Pati Colman

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done (and thank you) to Poppy



"Let me introduce to you our granddaughter Poppy. In 2020, Poppy, along with many other final year medical students, answered the call from the NHS to finish their degree course 12 weeks early in order to help out in the height of the COVID Pandemic.

Poppy, despite working 12 hour shifts, finished working on her dissertation and attained a First Class Honours Degree from Birmingham University Medical School. COVID restrictions meant that her graduation ceremony was unable to be held until later in 2021.

Poppy is now working at Leicester Royal Infirmary Children's A & E Department. To say we are so very proud of her is an understatement."

Malcolm and Linda Mason

Editor's Note: A Happy Birthday to Malcolm Mason who celebrated a special birthday in March. Best wishes from us all!

Sporting Triumph for Aimee & Amber

Aimee (17) and Amber Robinson (15) found out in February that they have qualified for ISU World Junior Synchronised Skating Championships in March 2022. The sisters will be skating for Team GB Icicles; the competition takes place this year in Innsbruck, Austria, March 18th and 19th. Proud dad, Mark, said, "It's amazing that sisters can compete together at such a high level."

Editor's note: We agree Mark, and I'm sure that the whole of Rolleston will be rooting for them! Read how they get on in the Summer issue of the magazine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Picnic - 4th June

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Rolleston is holding a Bring Your Own Picnic on Saturday, 4th June. This will take place at the Village Hall and on the two-acre field behind. The Village Hall will be open for light refreshments, tea/coffee, scones etc. Further details of activities and timings will be given nearer the event, but any ideas or suggestions would be welcome. Please email bookings@rollestonhall.org.uk or post your ideas in the Village Hall post box. Save the date and we look forward to seeing you there.

Village Hall Management Committee

Welcome to new residents

A very warm welcome to Tasha and Rob who moved into The Hurdles a few months ago. We didn't catch up with you before Christmas, but wish to officially welcome you to Rolleston and wish you every happiness in your new home.

The Dapper Spaniel

Sadly, the doors of the Dapper Spaniel are now closed. The pub, in all its guises over the years, has been the hub of our village. Best wishes to Karl and Kat as they start their new venture in Leeds and thanks for their hard work and their many, (often unsung), acts of generosity and kindness.

Church Bells for the Queen's Jubilee

Friday, 3rd June, is the official Bank Holiday for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Rolleston bell ringers will be marking this historic occasion on the morning of the Bank Holiday by ringing the bells at Upton, Rolleston and Thurgarton.

At each church we will do 70 rounds of a ring called 'Queens' by way of celebration. The proposed times are: 10.30 am at Upton, 11.15 am at Rolleston and 12.00 pm at Thurgarton.

If you would like any information on bell ringing, contact: Bryan Northcote tel. 01636 812579 or e-mail bryannorthcote@btinternet.com

Bryan Northcote

Dominoes & Indoor Bowling

Dominoes has suspended play pending future developments at The Crown. Indoor Bowling has now restarted on every Tuesday in the Village Hall, between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. New members welcome.

Peter Salter

Anyone for Bridge?

A very friendly group of players play Bridge at Lowdham on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. New players are welcome. For further information, contact Brenda Rowley on 07933 705967 or Frank Mitchell on 01636 813014. Very inexpensive and can share lifts.

Frank Mitchell

Wanted: 3-bedroomed home

If you are thinking of selling (or know anyone who is considering it), there is a family in the village who would be interested in moving to a 3-bedroomed home, preferably with garden and a garage. We can put you in touch. Confidences maintained. Please email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com or call 01636815089.

Editor's Note: We are not thinking of starting an estate agency, but if we can help out fellow Rollestonians we are happy to do so!

Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard • 07949 260032

On-line Zoom classes available weekdays, contact Cheryl for details

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.) • 01636 819197

Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)

Thursday evenings (except summer)

Currently suspended

Darts

**Barry Thomas
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Bram Towse • 01636 813901

Gentlemen of Rolleston
Golfing Society

Book Club

Patti Colman • 01636 813260

Meets monthly (various venues), call for details

Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter • 01636 819197

Tuesday evenings, Village
Hall 7pm - 9pm

Yoga

Mandy • 07773 551916

Pre-booking is essential for all classes
Monday: 10-11.30am Gentle Stretching & relax
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Total Fitness

Jennie Overton • 01636 816800
Village Hall

Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote • 01636 812579
Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating
between Rolleston and Upton Church

Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

1st Wednesday in the month at 12pm
2-course lunch: £2.50 plus £1 for raffle
ticket (optional).

Small prize donations welcome.

2nd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea
served with Cakes or Biccies (free).

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

4th & 5th Wednesday - 10.30am
Coffee/Tea/Cakes (free).

Note:

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