

the Rolleston Junction

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Dates for your Diary

1st July 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rolleston Village Hall
3rd - 6th July	Southwell Gate Folk Festival www.gtsf.uk	Kirklington Lakes
4th July 2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwyns, Station Road
12th July 12noon - 5pm	Rolleston Village Day	Village Hall and 2-acre field
12th July 7.30pm	Southwell Choral Society perform 'Serenade'	Southwell Minster
15th July 7.30pm	Book Club The Outside Boy by Jeanine Cummins	
1st August 2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwyns, Station Road
17th August Gates open 11am	Ladies Day Advanced tickets at: southwell-racecourse.co.uk	Southwell Racecourse
22nd - 25th August	Southwell Music Festival www.southwellmusicfestival.com	Southwell Minster & other Southwell venues
29th August 2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwyns, Station Road
2nd September 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rolleston Village Hall
3rd - 27th September Timed tickets	The Longest Yarn 2 - Britain at War www.southwellminster.org	Southwell Minster
18th September 7.30pm	Book Club For details contact Pati Colman	
26th September 2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwyns, Station Road

There is no Parish Council Meeting or Book Club during August

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

IMPORTANT CHANGE: The Junction magazine is going digital. To ensure you are on the village email list (and to receive future copies of the Junction magazine as a PDF) contact: **rollestonjunction@gmail.com** (See page 25 for full details)

Hello again

from the Junction Team!

We hope you have been making the most of the hot weather; there certainly seems to be more bees about in my garden at the moment compared to last year.

Graham Osborn has given us some hints and tips in his article on how we can support pollinating insects and other wildlife, especially during an extensive dry spell. (See page 17).

Next issue there will be an update on how the 'Rolleston bees' are doing (the ones who live in the hives on our community allotments), written by our local beekeeper, Michael Coombs of Bleasby. In fact, Michael was hoping to provide it sooner, but he has been very busy capturing swarms much earlier in the season than normal because of the warm weather! It's nice to know if you see any honey bees buzzing in your garden this summer, that they are most likely our own Rolleston bees foraging for local nectar.

In other news, in early June, our Rolleston community filled the church on two separate occasions to mark the sad loss of two well-loved members of our community: Eleanor Brettle and Julian Ellis. (See page 26).

We hope to bring you full tributes in the next issue of the magazine.

Regarding summer events, there are number taking place in our local area.

First of all, save the date for Rolleston Village Day, on the 12th July. Full details on page 16. It promises to be a fun-filled day with something for everyone. As always, these types of events need willing helpers to make it a success. So please pitch in and volunteer or help in whatever way you can by emailing Steve Johnson: sej43johnson@gmail.com or call **01636 819181**.

Southwell Music Festival is taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. If you have never been before, our very own Peter Garrood provides a preview and how to find out more details. Don't forget the highly acclaimed 'Festival Fringe' events which are free to attend. (See page 23).

For other events, please see the Dates for your Diary page.

After an exceptionally warm start in April and May, it bodes well for a good summer.

So, whatever you are doing, whether you are staying local or travelling further afield, we wish you a great summer with family and friends.

Carole, Gill and Beth

Editors note: This is our 10th year of publication. Something to celebrate! For news about some recent changes to the Junction, see details on page 25.



Church News

At the time of writing Rolleston is enjoying the sun and heatwave with temperatures in the high twenties. The churchyard has already said goodbye to the impressive displays of snowdrops, daffodils and cowslips.

On 29th April, the Annual Parish Church meeting was held outside in the early evening sunshine. The Easter Sunday service was well attended with over 40 in attendance, including adults and children. The Communion service was enthusiastically led by our Area Dean, Sarah Patten. The singing was boosted by some of The West Trent choir, led by David Hanson.

As a result of two successful events last year, the Flower Festival and the Fizz and Bubbles, we have managed to acquire a new notice

board for the Church. Thank you to everyone who helped raise the funds. Anyone passing by will be able to keep up with what is happening in our lovely old church.

If you happen to be walking by, why not take a break and call in? The church will be open from 9am to 5pm most days. Have a look around or just have a quiet moment.

Finally, great excitement is breaking out in anticipation of our new Vicar arriving at the end of July.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Peter Salter

Late news

Our church community and the villagers of Rolleston were greatly saddened by the passing of Julian Ellis, who served as our church warden for a significant number of years and was very active in village life.

We were also very sorry to hear of the death of Eleanor Brettle, a long standing resident, who moved to Rolleston and came here with her late husband Dick Brettle as tenant farmers and also raised their family in the village.

A funeral and a celebration of life service took place for Julian on the 9th June. A memorial service took place for Eleanor on the 11th June. Both services were held at the Church which was full on both occasions as was fitting for two cherished members of our community.



News from

Cllr Keith Melton

As I am sure most of you will have realised there has been a set of elections for the County Council in the last few weeks – just concluded – so I just wanted to say “Thank You” to those of you locally who voted for me. We ended up in a creditable (and much improved!) third place, relative to four years ago.

Your previous County Councillor, Sue Saddington, is back at the helm locally, with understandable personal support for her accessibility to, and her help for, residents over a long period. I would like to wish her well in her continuing role. I’m sure we’ll both keep appearing at Rolleston Parish Council meetings in our respective roles and trying to do our best for local governance.

For me, the election result means I will have more time to carry on working on my woodland creation on a modest plot of land I bought, when I retired from paid employment, eighteen years ago. The fields I bought were sheep pasture – and had been for as long as can be recalled – and the ground was very well trodden and difficult to dig when planting trees.

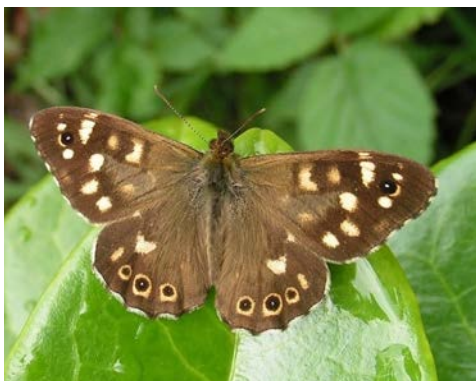
All these years later the impact on wildlife has been very noticeable and I have two interesting sitings to report. As it happens both took place on polling day – when I took the opportunity to relax in the late afternoon sunshine after visiting local polling stations for the second time! The first is to say that it looks as though the butterflies may be bouncing back from a very bad year last year and I saw a Speckled Wood butterfly resting in the sunshine.

The second siting to report was a little more unusual and I do not have a picture to prove it, but, as I got close to Holme Dyke, which runs along the bottom of the fields, I disturbed a couple of mallard ducks, which I think were planning to settle down for the night. (Sorry ducks!) The reason it seemed unusual was that the drake, in full colour, was accompanied by an albino female.

I have to say the first task of my woodland work is to cut the grass pathways which have managed to grow substantially despite the dry weather. I also now have some trees to plant as well – planting I had delayed because the weather has been so dry, for the most part, over the last couple of months.

Trees

Finally, talking of trees, you may well see elsewhere in the Rolleston Junction that we have eventually managed to get together with Parish Councillors and Lynn Preece, one of Newark and Sherwood’s country Rangers, to plot out where the Trees for Climate will be designated and planted.



Male Speckled Wood butterfly (*Pararge aegeria*). Photo by sannse, Osterley Park, London, 16 July 2004.

One of the things I have aimed for as District Councillor is to get as many trees planted as possible, as a legacy for the future in adding colour and form, sequestering carbon and providing homes for wildlife, across all the villages which I have had the pleasure and responsibility to represent.

Let's hope the lovely warm weather we have had for a few weeks continues over the summer period, with enough rain to water the gardens and keep the crops in good shape, but without inundating us all, as has happened a few times over the last couple of years.

All the best, until the next time.

Cllr. Keith Melton



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Village Hall Lotto

Here are the latest Lottery winners.

Jane Geraghty, Trish Steele, Lizzie and Thomas Rex, Bram Towse, Pati Coleman, Mary Walsh, Malcolm Mason, Tim Harries, Mark Sanders and Amanda Hobbs.

The Village Lottery raises funds towards the running and upkeep of the Village Hall.

Last year it raised £3681. This is a substantial sum and a very significant contribution to the Village Hall funds.

Thank you to everyone who participates.

There are no vacant numbers at the moment, which is fantastic. Two fund raising events took place over the last few months: the Abba Night and the Fashion Show. Thanks to everyone for attending and supporting our village hall

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News from

Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

At the time of writing, the local elections have just taken place and I am pleased to say that our two representative councillors from N&SDC and Nottingham County Council are still with us.

Congratulations to Sue Saddington and Keith Melton on their success. It will be good to continue our relationship with them. We also have a new parish councillor joining us - Dan Sanders, the Manager at The Crown, has agreed to join us. It will be great to have some young blood on the council. Welcome Dan.

The summer weather is here, and we have had no rain for a while, meaning no winter floods. Let's hope it continues.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th April, Steve Bosworth was able to report on the lack of activity required by the Flood Protection Team and the fact that they had taken possession of the new flood water pump and ancillary equipment. I have no doubt that the team will be busy in the future.

Other presentations were given by Pati Colman (Book Club and Kate Greenaway Action Group), Michael Gemson on the Parish Council's budget, Carole Chandler on behalf of the Rolleston Junction magazine team, Steve Johnson for the Allotments Society and Mark Sanders on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

Main items to select from their presentations are:

The Rolleston Junction's printing costs have more than doubled in the 10 years of its existence which means the team are considering a digital way forward to reduce costs and still keep the magazine as a free publication with the same high quality graphics.

It was agreed that many of us consume our regular news on mobile phones, iPads, digital tablets etc. these days. Villagers can really help in keeping costs down by receiving the publication digitally via the current village email system. Accessibility for all is very important to the editorial team, so a limited number of printed versions in a newsletter format would be printed on a home office printer and hand delivered with the priority on serving our residents, (particularly senior residents) *who do not have access to email services*. A campaign to identify those residents is currently underway. The new digital format allows the Junction to extend its reach to other villages in the locality which helps current sponsors and advertisers.

The village hall is still at the centre of a planning battle with N&SDC. Despite the council's acceptance of the Certificate of Lawful Development and the consequent dismissal of their planning application to develop houses on land adjacent to the hall, they have now submitted an appeal against the rejection of their application to the national government's Planning Inspectorate. I know that many of you have submitted objections to the Planning Inspectorate and councillor Keith Melton has objected strongly within the council offices, calling for them to withdraw their appeal. This is a continuing battle, and we sincerely hope that we can win it.

I also made a presentation at the meeting about the plan to plant trees in the village. I am pleased to say that good progress is being made on this item. Michael Gemson, Keith Melton and I met with Lynn Preece, Community Woodland Creation Officer at N&SDC, in early May, to view possible planting sites and discuss the way forward.

Lynn is working on more detailed plans using information about soil type, underground and overground elements such as cables and pipes. We will continue to work with Lynn over the summer to finalise the plans and choose the types of trees we would like to plant. We also intend to plant spring flowering bulbs. Please watch for further information on this plan and notification of meetings where you will be able to question the council and Lynn Preece on the details. You are welcome to get involved and to volunteer in working on its implementation.

Tree planting sketches are available for the 2-acre field and for the Kate Greenaway Garden which show the proposed tree planting locations. Please see the village website, rollestonvillage.uk for details.

We would also love local landowners and farmers to take advantage of the opportunity to plant trees for free. Please see 'Information on the Tree Planting Scheme for Landowners' opposite which provides more detail on opportunities for getting involved.

Clr. Bob Steele



Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

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Information on the Tree Planting Scheme for Landowners

Rolleston Parish Council is currently undertaking a tree planting programme - and we need your help. By increasing the number of trees in the village we are making our community more attractive, greener and a healthier place to live.

In Nottinghamshire, The Trees for Climate programme has funding available for landowners including farmers, schools, paddock owners and businesses to plant more trees.

The Trees for Climate programme offers flexible and competitive grants. It is versatile and can support schemes from 0.1ha (this equates to an area 10m x 100m) up to full woodland creation of several hectares. Trees for Climate can fund new hedgerows, low-density 'parkland style' planting, urban trees in towns and villages, orchards and native mixed woodlands.

To find out more and register your interest please email: lynn.preece@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

The Greenwood Community Forest team can offer free support to design, plant and manage your new trees and woodland. You can find further information about the scheme on the village website at rollestonvillage.uk



Village Hall News

Two fund-raising events for the village Hall took place in April and May:

Abba Night

April saw the village hall full of fun and excitement as Abba Night took place. 70 people took a chance to enjoy the sounds of Abba, provided by Viva Abba, and to be treated to the themed menu by the Crown at Rolleston which included dishes from Sweden and Greece.

Everyone had a fantastic time and although it isn't all about the Money, Money, Money, the event raised over £1000 for the village hall to help with the costs of maintaining our important village resource. Thanks to everyone who came along, to everyone who helped to set up the hall and those who helped tidy up afterwards. Look out for an upcoming Country and Western event later in the year!

Fashion Show

May saw some villagers 'owning the catwalk' at the SOS fashion show that was organised by Pati Colman and the Village Hall Management team. Another great evening, with some bargains on offer that raised nearly £230 for the village hall. Big thanks again to everyone who supported the event and helped with the set up of the hall.

Mark Sanders



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Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

On May 1st the County Council Elections took place. I would like to thank all those residents who voted for me which secured my re-election to Nottinghamshire County Council. Looking back at the last 4 years, they have certainly been very busy and fulfilling.

For example, at the beginning of the last Administration, I was fortunate to be given the honour of the Civic position of Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council and Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council. On September 8th, 2022, we received the sad news of the death of our late Queen. I am sure we all remember where we were, I was in Mansfield on the finish line for the Tour of Britain.

A few days later from Castle House I read the Proclamation proclaiming our New King, Charles III; this was a real honour. Later that day a service followed at Southwell Minster.

Prior to this, in Summer 2022, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, street parties and events were held in the villages. This year many villages have organised parties and family events for the VE Day celebrations .

With the help of the Councillors Divisional fund I was able to help fund many events and projects in Rolleston including the celebration of the Coronation, not to mention several projects over the last 4 years and the seniors lunch every December. Each year

when I arrive the volunteers are cooking, serving and washing up, after which the quiz takes place along with some Christmas singing. It is a lovely occasion, many thanks to all the volunteers on behalf of those attending, without whom the event would not take place.

Regarding concerns which have been raised at Parish Council meetings:

Potholes are now being repaired differently, larger sections are being repaired, called hot boxing, we have invested in new machinery. Recently Fiskerton Road has received hot box treatment.

Larger repairs prevent the tarmac washing out with all the heavy rain we experience. Next year we had intended to spend a further £200m repairing not only the roads, but pavements and drainage clearing at the same time.

However, following the Election, the Reform party takes over the running of County Hall, so we will have to see what happens. I will report in the next Rolleston Junction.

We must continue to look at flood prevention, keeping an eye to the river and drainage. The Environmental Agency has a large part to play but other agencies are also involved.

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The Network Rail barriers continue to cause frustration to everyone.

I have a meeting late May with Network Rail to question them as to why these problems continue to occur.

I have asked Highways signage department to look at how shoppers can turn out of Marks and Spencer in Newark to avoid long delays. The entrance is unsuitable for the amount of cars which use that area.

Thank you to the Parish Councillors, the Chairman, the Clerk and all the volunteers who help the villages tick.

I have certainly enjoyed representing Rolleston at County Hall. I now look forward to continuing to represent residents and work with your Parish Council to deliver your priorities.

Thank you everyone,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



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Summer Meringue Roulade

I don't think I've shared this recipe with you before, even though I make it often; last night in fact.

I like it because the flavours can be changed to suit any occasion and tastes, and it keeps in the fridge for a day or two. The texture changes a little, but it is still lovely.

You will need a large, shallow tin: I use a roasting tin with a non-stick piece of parchment in it. Don't worry too much about the sides, you can run a knife around the edges to loosen it before turning out.

Ingredients:

- 5 egg whites
- 140g caster sugar
- 1 tsp cornflour
- 300ml double cream
- icing sugar

Method:

Whisk the egg whites until white and frothy, add 1 spoon of sugar and whisk until getting stiff. Then add the sugar gradually, mixing the cornflour with the last bit.

Whisk until stiff and shiny then spoon into the prepared tin, (lined with parchment paper), and smooth to level the surface.

Bake at 100°C for 45 minutes. Cool uncovered for an hour in the tin.

Turn out onto a sheet of baking paper dusted with icing sugar. To remove the parchment paper, try tearing it off in strips, holding one piece firmly while pulling a strip off in the opposite direction. Loosen the edges first as this is where it might stick, don't worry about a few holes, you won't see them once rolled up.

Whip the cream to soft peaks with your chosen flavouring and spread over the meringue.

Add your chosen filling then roll up, from the short end, dust with icing sugar and serve immediately or cover lightly and place in the fridge until needed.

Fillings:

For the cream: Vanilla essence, Brandy, Baileys, Coffee, Rosewater, Orange liquor, Elderflower cordial - add a little sugar to taste.

For the filling: Lemon or Orange curd, Strawberries, Raspberries, Mango, puree or slices, Cherries, in fact anything you like!

I have used this dessert as a birthday cake on a few occasions with candles in a row down the centre as it looks so special and always gets eaten up.



Rolleston Village Day



Rolleston Village Day is coming on Saturday, 12th July, from 12 to 5 pm at the Village Hall and 2-acre field. Mark it in your diaries now! This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow villagers, enjoy some great food, drink and entertainment and to celebrate being part of the community.

We're putting the last finishing touches to the event, but if you're able to help out please get in touch with Steve Johnson email: sej43johnson@gmail.com or call 01636 819181.

Opportunities to get involved:

- Volunteers to help out on the day (selling raffle tickets, or helping set up or close down the event).
- If you'd like to donate a raffle prize (either as a business or personally).
- Local businesses who want to offer their products to the village are being offered space in the hall.

We've already got an exciting line-up of events and activities that promise a fantastic day out for the whole family and entry to the event is free of charge!

Already confirmed for Village Day this year are:

- Bar and Food by The Crown at Rolleston: Satisfy your hunger with delicious food and refreshing drinks.
- Outdoor Music: Dance and sing along to live music featuring the band, Off Licence, with our very own Dan Sanders as the lead singer!
- Bouncy Castle: Ready to unleash your inner child? Our bouncy castle is calling you!
- Raffle: We already have some amazing prizes that have been donated.
- Cake Competition: Calling all bakers in the village - who will make the best Victoria sponge?
- Dog Show: the ever popular event to find the perfect pooches in the village returns!

Your support is crucial to making this day a success! If you can get involved, please do contact Steve, otherwise make sure you're ready to come along on the 12th!

There's more excitement yet to be confirmed, and we're working hard to make this event even greater! Put it in your calendars and make sure you join us for Rolleston Village Day!

Mark Sanders

How to help wildlife during a drought

At the time of writing, the long-term forecast for the summer suggests prolonged dry spells and drought conditions. We celebrate these warmer days because we have choices to spend time in the sun, quench our thirst and step into air-conditioned buildings when it all gets too much.

But our local wildlife is not so lucky. Carol Kirkwood isn't telling them what's ahead; they can't adapt to cope with extreme heat and drought.

We Rollestonians can really help to ensure that wildlife has the best chance of surviving and not suffering over the summer. Here are some things we can do:

Provide Food Sources and Water

Keep pollinator friendly and summer-flowering species going by watering well (ideally using collected rainwater) and deadhead regularly. Nectar flow can slow if plants are thirsty and flowers can run to seed. Make sure bird feeders are well stocked. Leave out bowls of hedgehog-safe food and include watery fruit and vegetables like melons and tomatoes etc.

Water sources diminish in hot weather; ponds are often overcrowded by wildlife, or dried up. One of the best things you can do is to leave saucers of water in the garden and put pebbles in them to aid insects and smaller birds. Place the saucers in a partly shady spots, refill and clean regularly and ensure that ponds and bird baths are always topped up. Birds bathe regularly to keep their feathers in good condition and to cool down as they don't have sweat glands like other animals. Using a bowl in the sink to collect water when rinsing fruit and vegetables means you can reuse it in the garden.

Improve access to ponds

Ensure wildlife can get in and out of ponds as water levels drop. Extend ramps in ponds or position plants so they can provide access points.

Create Shade

Shade is invaluable to wildlife. Concrete and stone can build up heat; artificial grass can become 20°C hotter than natural grass. If it's too hot for us to stand barefoot on, it's certainly too hot for wildlife. Replace these surfaces with grass or mats to create cooler spaces. Shade from trees really helps; plant a native tree in your garden to decrease surface temperatures by 10°C. If planting isn't an option, look at screens, shades, parasols etc. Leave grass, piles of logs and rocks intact too. When digging, watch out for toads and newts who may have burrowed to escape the heat.

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Tend your compost heaps, but not your lawn

Composting garden waste in shady areas is very helpful. The insects, slugs and worms associated with rotting vegetation are a food source for amphibians and hedgehogs. Moisten the compost if dry, but resist the temptation to water your grass and leave it to crisp up! In a well-established lawn the roots will still be alive, and grass will bounce back once rain returns. You can also group your garden pots together and keep them well-watered as a refuge for frogs, toads and newts.

No room at home?

If you don't have suitable outdoor space where you live, consider doing something where you work, at your child's school or another local green space.

Native wildlife isn't used to this sort of heat any more than we are, so let's help our wildlife friends this summer and give them as much support as we can.

Graham Osborn

The 'Cake' Greenaway Tea Party

On Saturday, 29th March, we marked the birthday of the celebrated illustrator, Kate Greenaway, with a wonderful tea party on a theme of cake!

Claire Foster worked miracles, providing a delicious selection of sandwiches, tartlets and scones for everyone.

We received donations of all sorts of cakes from generous supporters and each of our visitors was given a selection of slices from which to vote for their favourite cake. All entrants to the competition were given a wooden spoon to thank them for their efforts. Proving their excellent taste in cakes, our visitors chose a strawberry fresh cream sponge as the best and tastiest cake. The winner, Jane Yates, received a prize of an apron.

The Kate Greenaway Singers performed a selection of songs on the theme of cakes and food which were really enjoyed by the audience who were provided with song sheets so that they could join in, which they did with gusto!



Overall, it was a lovely afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. We would like to thank Holy Trinity Church for allowing us to use their venue plus all the members of The Kate Greenaway Action Group and friends who helped by planning the event in advance, setting up and clearing tables in the Church and preparing and serving teas and singing at the actual event.

A sum of £180 was raised overall; £90 went to our host, Holy Trinity Church, and the remainder will go to a local charity which will be decided at a future meeting of the Kate Greenaway Action Group.

Pati Colman



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WI News

The February WI meeting was a talk by Trevor Vennett -Smith who is a retired auctioneer. He entertained our group with his many stories, and he is now an avid collector of memorabilia.

Our March meeting was organised by the committee and we made fabric wreaths with an Easter theme. Everyone had a go with some results better than others.

In March, seven of our members had a day at Belton Wood Spa and enjoyed some pampering and a light lunch. All enjoyed the experience and company.

The April meeting is traditionally our Annual Meeting. The meeting was preceded by Fish and Chips from The Moon, funded from our WI funds. This was followed by discussion of the National WI resolution for 2025 – 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. The resolution was voted for by those present and this will be reported back to the National WI.

Jeannette Brownson has stepped down as our President and Elaine Lewis-Evans was voted in as our new President. Beryl Northcote is our Secretary and Helen Boffy is our Treasurer. The committee consists of the three officers and three other WI members for the year 2025-26.

The WI craft and chat group have been busy with the WI scarecrow ('Wlinne') for the Annual Easter Scarecrow competition in Morton, which took place over the Easter weekend. It did not win first prize, but it is the taking part that counts in the community.

As some of you may know, the Arthur Radford Hall is still closed for major repairs, so our WI meetings have been taking place at Rolleston Village Hall. However, in May only, our monthly meeting was held at Thurgarton Village Hall, 7.30pm on 13th May, (2nd Tuesday of the month).

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

Other events include a coffee morning at Southwell Garden Centre (monthly), Book Club at The Full Moon, (2nd Friday of the month), Craft and Chat in an evening at a member's house (venue changes each month). 'Pub Club' at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This is a social get together at The Bromley in Fiskerton.

Pilates Classes, with Cat Bagley, (a qualified fitness instructor), are organised by WI, but are open to everyone, male and female. Whilst the Arthur Radford Hall is out of action, we have moved the Pilates classes to the Revival Schoolroom at the bottom of Gravelly Lane on Thursday mornings, 10am to 11am. The cost is £6 cash payable as you attend. For further information contact Susan Bosworth on 07733 135175.

Visit the MFR WI website: www.mfrwi.co.uk

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Throughout the year, I organise and host several community fairs across the constituency. I invite local groups and organisations to exhibit at these events, offering a platform for them to showcase their work and raise awareness of the wide variety of health and wellbeing groups, activities, and services available in the local area.

These events are free to attend for both exhibitors and the public, and we even offer free tea, coffee, and cake to all guests!

In previous years, I've had the pleasure of hosting a number of successful community fairs in Southwell, and I intend to do so again soon. If you are aware of any local community groups that you think would be a great fit for the event, please do get in touch with me – I would be delighted to hear from you.

Large-scale solar farms and BESS proposals remain among the biggest and most contentious issues across our area. If all the proposals currently on the table are approved, nearly 9% of our entire constituency will be covered by solar farms – the largest proportion of any constituency in the country. This is simply not acceptable, and I know that many of my constituents share this sentiment.

I remain absolutely committed to standing with residents and making their voices heard. I continue to regularly meet with local action groups across the constituency that are fighting against these developments.

Most recently, I met with residents from Averham, Kelham, Rolleston, and Staythorpe,

who raised a number of serious concerns about the proposed BESS site, including health and safety risks, local evacuation plans, and the potential impact on critical infrastructure, such as the railway crossing barriers at Staythorpe, in the event of a fire.

Your safety is my top priority, and I'm proactively working to address these concerns.

I have requested a meeting with Network Rail to discuss these issues further and will provide a comprehensive update in due course. I'll also be writing to the Minister responsible for energy systems, the grid, and networks, stating that the current guidance on BESS installations is inadequate and must be updated to address health and safety concerns and fire risks.

And after having my previous request refused, I will be asking again for a meeting with Ed Miliband, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, to raise residents' concerns about the scale and cumulative impact of the proposed developments across our area.

I will always do everything I can to ensure that the interests of our community are effectively represented at all levels of discussion and decision-making.

I look forward to meeting and engaging with many of you throughout the summer months. As always, please do not hesitate to email me at robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk with any issues with which I may be able to assist you with.

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Southwell Music Festival

Southwell Music Festival will take place on the August Bank Holiday weekend from the 22nd to 25th August. This will be the eleventh season and led by Founder and Artistic Director, Marcus Farnsworth.

The Festival will again offer world class classical music by a range of composers, including Bach and Mahler, all performed by experienced musicians with professional careers in the UK and across the world.

There is also jazz, folk, cabaret, informative talks, a masterclass for young musicians, and a family musical picnic.

A Come and Sing event is conducted by Marcus on the final day. The concerts and events take place in the Minster, Methodist Church, Palace Gardens, Southwell Library, and the State Chamber. For full details and venues visit: www.southwellmusicfestival.com

The Festival is very much a community event with many volunteers carrying out many roles.

A feature of the Festival is the Festival Fringe that takes place in the Methodist Church and the Market Place. Fringe concerts are free to attend, but there is a retiring collection for a local charity. Fringe performers are amateur singers and players performing an eclectic mix of music and styles; they are extremely talented individuals from our local area.

The programme also includes recent graduates from Chetham's School of Music in



Manchester and young people studying music at local schools.

This year the Festival will be supporting the Inspire Able Orchestra based at Portland College in Mansfield.

Southwell Music Festival brings world class music to our doorstep and is a privilege to hear stunning performances in the wonderful setting of Southwell Minster. People return year after year and those who attend concerts for the first time leave full of praise for the quality and achievements of the singers and musicians.

Peter Garrood

Editor's note: A keen supporter and volunteer, Peter Garrood was invited to serve on the main committee for this year's Southwell Music Festival. We congratulate him on that recognition for all his hard work over the years. Peter wishes to extend an invitation to all Rollestonians to come along, whether to a mainstream event or to some of the free Festival Fringe events.

It really is one of the biggest events in our locality and has firmly put Southwell on the map for music festivals. www.southwellmusicfestival.com



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The Junction goes digital

It's our 10th year of producing the Rolleston Junction!

A big change was announced at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in April, that the Rolleston Junction would become a digital magazine delivered via email. This decision was reluctantly taken due to rising costs of production since we started. For those residents *who do not have access to email*, we can provide a version printed as a stapled newsletter on a domestic office printer.

This will ensure all villagers, especially our most senior, continue to have access to the information. Thanks to all who support and sponsor our community magazine. You can help to extend our readership by sending the digital version to family and friends in neighbouring villages in our locality and beyond.

If you already receive regular village email updates you will automatically receive the digital Junction. Any queries, email: **rollestonjunction@gmail.com** or call **01636 385911** and leave a message.

Thank you

Thank you to folk who turned up to litter pick around the village recently and especially to Pati and Arne Colman who regularly go out collecting rubbish from the roads in and around Rolleston to help keep it a lovely place for us all to live.

Pati said, "Many thanks to the volunteers. We filled 14 bags of rubbish and collected a discarded bollard and several paint tins. It was very successful, if that's the right word... Unfortunately, we forgot to take a picture of the helpers, but here is the evidence of the rubbish!"



Indoor Bowling update

It is with regret I have to advise of the closing of the Rolleston Indoor Bowling Club due to a lack of numbers and also 'muscle power' to move the big mats. So, it was decided to call it a day.

In 2005 there were over 24 playing regularly. Recently the numbers had dropped to single figures.

We are extremely grateful to the support provided by the Village Hall Committee and recommend its wonderful facilities.

However, never being a group to miss out on a good 'do', we attended The Crown for a super farewell lunch.

Peter Salter

Washindo success

At the recent Washindo weekend in the village hall, Katie and Fiona Taylor were awarded their red belts and Gill Thackery was awarded her yellow belt. Congratulations to them all.

Southwell Choral Society

Saturday, 12th July at 7.30pm, members of Southwell the Choral Society will be performing a concert of choral music titled 'Senerade' at Southwell Minster. Conducted by Marcus Farnsworth, the concert will feature Bob Chilcott's 'Songs My Heart Has Taught Me'. Tickets are available from the Minster Shop (01636 812933).

Welcome

Many of you will have welcomed the extensive work being done on 18 Fiskerton Road (known as Ulyats cottage locally). The house displays a blue plaque, marking the link with celebrated Victorian author and artist, Kate Greenaway. Another claim to fame is that the house is also the birthplace of long standing resident, Frank Mitchell!

The work is being carried out by the new owner, Gary Milton. No stranger to building projects, Gary is finding it enjoyable but challenging as the house has been empty for a number of years and needs a lot of renovation. Gary is looking forward to finishing and living in his new residence. We wish him well with his project and welcome him to our community. We hope to interview Gary in time for the next issue of the Rolleston Junction. We have encouraged him to keep taking photos as the development progresses, so watch this space!

Carole Chandler



It is with sadness...

It is always sad to report on the loss of any of our Rollestonians, but since the last edition we have lost two much loved members of our community. We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

Eleanor Brettle who lived here with her late husband Dick, and who farmed in Rolleston for many years, raising their family here. Eleanor saw a lot of change in the village over her lifetime and had so many incredible stories to tell which she documented in her memoirs.

Julian Ellis (OBE) who gave so much to our community over the years that he lived here, being an active member of the church and the village hall committee and supporting and participating in all village activities.

Both will be sorely missed. Full tributes will be produced in time for the next issue with the kind permission of their families.

Julian Ellis

Julian's sister Diana, and his daughters Philippa and Caroline would like to thank Julian's many friends in Rolleston who helped and supported Julian during his illness, especially in the last few months. Diane said, "Thank you for all the cards and messages of sympathy that we have received, and to all those who came to celebrate his life with us at his funeral."

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