

Murder Mystery Night & Dinner coming soon 2nd October.
Who wouldn't eat the mushrooms, who gets the chop, who spills
the beans, who soufflés off this mortal coil, who wields their stilton
cheese knife, a pinot noir production with beerly any survivors

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The events are top secret. In past games I have noticed that some competitive folk like to practice for weeks ahead. Here are a few real games from past Olympics that might be included.

Sled dog racing from 1932. Your dogs pull you around the course, shouting 'mush' for straight ahead, 'gee mush' to turn right and 'haw mush' to turn left, 'whoa' to stop. Spectators to remain mute (fat chance).

Glima is Icelandic wrestling in which the competitors wear leather straps around their waists and thighs that their opponents grab to score takedowns.

Poodle clipping from 1900 was great fun to watch. Possibly we could live it up by 'first catch a dog...'

Synchronised swimming in Michelle & Tony's pool.

Croquet—the most vicious sport played on grass I've come across.

Duel Pistol—last man standing wins? So who comes second?

Tumbling where you tumble along a 2ft wide strip of horse-hair doing flips and twists.

Club Swinging where you have a club in each hand and swing them quickly around your head and body.

Kabaddi with teams of 7 on a pitch in two halves. The teams take turns to send a raider into the other half to tag as many opponents as possible, whilst holding their breath and chanting kabaddi.

Finally, we could have 'Delivery Van Driving' 1900, won by France, and 'FireFighting' 1900, won by Portugal.

These were all Olympic events, if you want to start practicing.

ROLLESTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of Rolleston Parish Council was held on Monday 10th May 2010. The Chairman, your District Council and Notts County Councillors, Rolleston Village Hall, and the Church Parochial Council are all able to give their annual reports and any villager can have an equal say.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work this last year and how a lot of the work that RPC does extends over many years, and so we might see the start of a project in one year and the end result may be several years later. The 2 acres is one such project which has gone from strength to strength over the last few years. Last year, we saw the play equipment in position, and this year the RPC arranged a day in March to plant out the area. A lot of the village came along and helped so that in the course of a morning it went from bare beds to a fantastic garden with trees and shrubs. I would like to thank everyone who helped individually but it would be



more like a roll-call of the village. For those who missed it, there will be an opportunity to help in the Millennium Garden later this year.

A special thanks to Ian Whitehead that has made the project possible through his hard work and organization skills, to Rob & Mary Hibbert for supplying the plants and the power station for their generous donation to buy plants. We also have some benches and waste bin thanks to the Goods and Sue Saddington.

This year, we will need to put in the benches and waste bin, so a few helping hands will come in handy.

Possibly we can help find some land for allotments. If anyone has some spare land to rent out, please let us know.

You might be wondering what is going to happen to the grassy area between Staythorpe Road and Corner Farm. We will probably be offered the task of looking after this. I know a pond formed in the middle but I am sure that there are no plans for a ducking stool. The land will be transferred to NSDC along with a sum of money allocated to look after this area. If you have any ideas for this area, now would be a good time to let us know. If you have a spare statue or mini Stonehenge, they might look the part, as long as it isn't a pagoda.

GREET EMBANKMENT AND WATER SEWERS

Steve Johnson has been working away at all the various agencies to stop the Greet flooding the village. Work should have started in April strengthening the Greet bank between the railway line and Station Road bridge. This has been postponed

until May due to resourcing issues within the Environment agency, and RPC will continue to press them to see that this essential work takes place.

The aim is to stop the water seeping through the rabbit holes and old tree roots in

the Greet embankment. They will insert a steel barrier into the embankment. The EA did wonder if we wanted a picnic bench and table there, but as the PC doesn't own the land, we couldn't do that really. It would make a nice

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spot to watch the swans, and horse boxes churning up the verge. Severn Trent have joined up the missing part of the surface sewer, near the Staythorpe Road bus-stop and will be fully testing the whole system in May.

A Rolleston Emergency Plan exists with some 60 properties signed up to a telephone cascade process. This is designed to give a more efficient response to any emergency which may occur in the village. Any households not yet signed up can do so by contacting Steve Johnson, PC Resilience and Flood warden on 819181 or at john-sons@hawthorns0.freemove.co.uk A pocket-sized household emergency plan, from NCC, has been made available for all households in the village and are enclosed with this newsletter.

A safari supper is a progressive dinner in which participants move to new locations for each course of the meal. It will be held on Saturday 24th July (assuming there are enough participants).

Each participating couple hosts two other couples for one course (a starter, a main course or a dessert) and the other two courses. Each with changeovers occurring at are informed of the course for or three weeks before the of their first venue after we all at the beginning of the event- kept secret in sealed envelopes and not revealed until the end of the first or second course as appropriate. If everything works out, each participating couple will dine at three different locations with a total of six other couples; no two couples should meet twice in the same evening (unless passing in the street between courses!).

SAFARI SUPPER

The evening ends with a gathering at the Crown.

If you would like to participate or would like more information please contact Julian Ellis on 831165 or julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk. There will be a charge of £6 a head for Hall Funds.

Please be aware that each couple's participation will usually affect at least 8 other couples; last minute withdrawals will be potentially disastrous as stand-ins can

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON A617

Who wants to keep them? Come on, hands up, or rather hands to pen and paper and write to Sue Saddington demanding they stay. RPC can badger NCC but they always like a flood of letters. Perhaps at one time we could have survived without the lights and used Averham as a by-pass to the by-pass, but once you have something that actually works, who wants to return to all that aggro of squeezing out into a continuous stream of trucks that were obviously all trained as extras to drive the truck in Duel.

The lights are planned to go, unless we can persuade NCC Highways to keep them. They were put up to help the power station traffic get onto site. Or more likely to get them off site and keep them out of the village.

Sue Saddington, NCC, County Hall should get the letters to the right people.

Duel, in case you didn't know, was Steven Spielberg's first directed film. Whatever happened to him??

FARM CLOSES

At one time Rolleston had a lot of farms, I don't know how many, but I seem to remember John Smith telling me is over a dozen. Not so long ago, about 98% of the population worked on the land. If we ignore the Poles, it is now 2% and we don't have any farms that are based in the village. So it seems appropriate to name the place they were as closed such as Manor Farm Close, Corner Farm Close, Croft Farm Close.

GRAVEL PAVEMENTS

Some of us used to remember pavements, they are those strips of flat tarmac that are a bit higher than roads. It was the sort of thing that a person could walk on and it would not feel like their gravel driveway. As we all like gravel driveways, NCC wants us to have the same for our pavements. It will take a few years to get that crunchy surface, but it is getting there. If you don't know what tarmac is, think of concrete without water but with bitumen instead. Bitumen, being a petrol based substance, tends to disappear over time leaving the other stuff.

RPC were invited to go to a meeting with NCC to find out how 'the repair process' worked. But what we found was that we were near the bottom of the pecking order. The pecking order is set afresh each year and rather than rising in the list, other, more important and needy pavements, always came above us.

Sue Saddington is trying to pave our way to rise in the essential list, so please complain to her to encourage this.

Church Dates

18th September : Harvest Supper

19th September Harvest Festival

16th October Craft Fair

4th to 12th December Tree Festival

All in church

DOG ORDERS

What is the truth about dog poo and horse muck? There has been a lot of discussion recently in The Crown about the dog orders on the 2 acres and the Millennium Garden, and why is horse muck not treated the same. You can look this up of course on the internet and see for yourself, but, the main difference is that horses are herbivores and dogs are meat eaters. So when it comes to diseases, germs and pathogens, a herbivore set of these rarely coincides with carnivore's set. Hence we don't catch horse bugs and they don't catch ours. Short of eating it whilst it is still hot, we are probably immune.

Toxocariasis, still causes partial blindness in up to 100 children every year. There is really no need to worry provided your dog is regularly wormed. This should be carried out monthly until the dog is six months old and then regularly thereafter. Toxocariasis is an infestation of humans, usually children, with the larvae of *Toxocara canis*, a small threadlike worm that resides in a dog's intestine. A dog harbouring the small round worm causes large numbers of worm eggs in its faeces, which can then contaminate the soil. Children who then play with an infested dog or with soil contaminated with its faeces can then inadvertently put their fingers in their mouths and can swallow some of the worm eggs. The swallowed eggs hatch in the intestine of the child to liberate larvae, which then travel towards the liver, lungs, brain and eyes. Here they can trigger off allergic reactions such as asthma, and they also have more serious affects such as loss of vision at least partially. There are other things as well you can catch, but the basic problem is that we find unpicked-up dog poo all over the place, although why horse owners can't return to pick up their apples is another unknown. Maybe a horse rider might like to write an article as to why they don't so that I can pass it on to all those people that complain to me about it.

SPEED CAMERA CATCHES SPEEDERS

Amazingly, there are still speeding cars in the village. In case you didn't know, it takes 2 minutes to drive through Rolleston at 30mph, and a breath taking 10 seconds can be shaved off this by going at 40mph. Now I know a lot of things can happen in those 10 seconds, conceivably, eat a doughnut, arrive at The Crown 5 seconds faster, having left the car at home and walked. Or relax and be worry-free as you wave to all your friends on the kerb.

If you see any power station coaches, make a note of the number plate and time and pass it on the RPC. They shouldn't be coming through Rolleston.

TRAIN SERVICES WHY NO REQUEST STOP?

I looked at the train timetable the other day, in case I wanted to catch a train to Newark or Nottingham. They aren't that often any more. We did have about 12 trains stopping each way before, now it is half that number. The problem seems to be that the train service has been improved and they are running more trains on the line. We also don't have enough users of the service, so it's our fault.

What is wrong with it being a request stop, and you stick your hand out, to get on, and tell the conductor, to get off? Seems an old fashioned idea, so how about we txt the driver. We could STAR:-) to stop train at Rolleston and 10X:-(if it doesn't stop.

To complain about the train you should contact Roger Blaney.

GRAVEYARD EXTENSION?

The Church grave yard needs to expand if we all want it to be there, just in case. This expansion would be into the field at the back of The Old Vicarage. So the PCC asked RPC if they wanted to buy it, but RPC doesn't have money for these sort of things, so it declined. Hopefully NSDC will give the planning permission and buy it in

NEW PARISH CLERK

A new Parish Clerk has been appointed. Her name is Lisa Tidy and she lives in Newark. She also works for NSDC at Kelham Hall. Her contact details will be in the notice board. If anyone needs to contact RPC in a formal way, as opposed to the usual way of having a chat in the pub, it should go through the Clerk.

CORNER FARM

It is nice to see Corner Farm is now part of the community, rather than just a derelict farm yard or a building site. For Holly Courtians and others to the south, it is a very handy short cut to the Crown.

The area of garden onto Staythorpe Road will eventually be given to NSDC, along with a large sum of money to maintain it. One possible option is that RPC take over the responsibility to look after it. But that tree looks expensive if it has to come down. What do you think about the hedge onto the road, should it stay or go?

Someone suggested we could put a Christmas Tree into this area, but that might be for the future.

SPEAKING OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Every year, we had a Christmas Tree donated by Martin Fish, and everyone always thought that the best place to put it was in the Millennium Garden next to the flag pole. Martin Fish ran out and RPC thought it would be nice to still have a Christmas Tree but it wasn't in the budget and at one time it was thought that Rolleston's Christmas would be bare, and all the tiny voices wouldn't be able to have a Christmas treat. But a scrounge in the pub delivered the means and a tree was kindly donated in the dickens of timely traditions.

A kind benefactor in true old hall tradition later gave a live tree so that Rolleston would not have to go through this treatment again. By hook and by crook, the tree was planted in the Millennium garden so that generations of Rollestonians to come can enjoy Christmas.

SEWAGE FARM

The sewage farm next to the waste tip takes all the local sewage from here and Southwell. The clean water that it generates is then fed into the Greet. You probably didn't know this, but that is why the water goes up and down so much and so quickly. When it rains in Southwell, a lot of the rain goes into the sewers and straight to the sewage farm. As it is 'clean water' any overflow that they cannot hold in storage at the farm goes into the Greet.

They have built the new pipeline to take this water straight to the Trent, and I am sure we can remember the chaos that created. Not to mention, but I will, the destruction of the verges along Station Road.

What difference the new pipeline will make to the flow of water in the Greet is still unknown, but we will see. I am sure we will be ok.

PLANS FOR ROLLESTON

Every so often, someone up high makes a plan for housing needs in the future. The latest plan to come out is that the NSDC area is to be a 'growth point'. I am not sure what this means really as the other alternatives are not obvious. By 'growth point' NSDC says that there will be more houses built in the NSDC area. Possibly more houses than if it wasn't a 'growth point'. Or maybe less, because possibly they could have had 'a new town', or be a 'growth area'.

Of course, everything is under 'review' now that we have a new Coalition, so it will change I guess.

Anyway, in order to have more houses in the area than they would normally plan for, they are stopping all house building in all the small villages, such as ours. Whereas once we could expect in a no-growth point NSDC to have a steady increase in houses in Rolleston, now that NSDC is designated to grow we can't have any. Kafkaesque logic to perfection, you might think. Not so.

One of the ways to stop growth of the village is to not have a 'village' any more but to take away the boundary and have all the houses in 'the countryside'. Then they can build all the new houses in the countryside around Newark. Now that is what I call real Kafkaesque.