

The

Rolleston Junction

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Dates for your Diary

September

6th 7.30pm
9th 7.30pm
12th 1.30pm
13th 2.00pm
26th 10.30am

Parish Council Meeting
Book Club (open to all)
Rolleston Revived!
Kate Greenway Action Group
Harvest Service

Village Hall
Village Hall
Rolleston Manor Gardens
Rolleston Villa, Staythorpe Road
Holy Trinity Church

October

4th 7.30pm
7th 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting
Book Club

Village Hall
Village Hall

November

1st 7.30pm

Parish Council Meeting

Village Hall

December

4th 6.00pm
13th 2-4pm

Victorian Christmas Gala
Children's Christmas Party

Village Hall
Village Hall

Hello again from the Junction Team!

We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays, even if it's been a 'staycation', rather than an adventure abroad. Speaking personally, it has made us explore and appreciate the beauty of the British landscape and visit places we've never been before, like Haworth in West Yorkshire, (Bronte Country) and Anglesey in Wales.

If you have any new places to share with others, why not write to the Junction and let us know? We'd be happy to publish your discoveries. And, so, closer to home, at the time of writing, there are a number of housing developments under discussion, not yet applications by third parties, but things that need discussion and feedback as they could lead to big changes.

I refer to the proposed social housing development by NSDC, (funded through three properties for commercial sale on the same plot) that is planned for the NSDC owned land in front of the village hall. The second development is a proposed scheme in the early stages, for 4 houses adjacent to Holly Court, on rural land behind the late Eric Ulliyat's cottage on Fiskerton Road. (The house now bears the blue plaque acknowledging it as the former and influential home of the

Victorian artist, Kate Greenaway) and therefore the countryside has historical significance. But whatever your views, for or against, make sure your voice is heard through the Parish Council and through looking out for the formal applications when they come to light.

In other news, we are all looking forward to a grand reunion of all Rollestonians, including meeting our new residents, at the Rolleston Revived event in the gardens of Rolleston Manor, September 12 at 1.30 pm.

We're delighted to have an article about the Field Farm 'Open Farm' event in July; it was a tremendous success and we hope that the Foster family may consider doing it again!

Thank you again for your contributions, news, announcements and achievements; keep them coming, without you this magazine wouldn't exist ... it's what sets us apart from other local publications and reflects just how special our village community is ...

As always, a huge thank you to all our sponsors for covering our printing and production costs and keeping us going.

Carole, Thea and Tony

Special thanks to Gill and Steve Rowles, Pati Colman and Mark Robinson for their kind help with this edition and their inspired contributions.

Cover photograph: 'Chaffinch' by Mark Robinson

The Rolleston Pewter

No doubt many of us have the odd pewter tankard lying around - maybe a birthday gift or perhaps given to us to commemorate a special event. But did you know that Holy Trinity Church Rolleston owns the earliest known commemorative pewter tankard!

It is a big one – holding 4 pints of wine, and it was made around 1683 to commemorate the marriage of Charles II to Catherine of Braganza a few years earlier. Despite the pressures on Charles and Catherine - he a protestant and she a catholic, (not to mention Charles' well know philandering's), the love birds engraved on the thumb piece seem to indicate that they were a couple in love and committed to a life together. At least, we'd like to think so.

It's a piece that has attracted the attention of the Pewter Society and the V&A Museum in London for its age, size, and exceptional wrigglework which depicts the Royal Standard, 2 full length figures (one crowned and one uncrowned) and floral designs.

During this period, 'Royal Health' drinking was especially important, and involved sharing a cup, singing ballads, and frequently getting very drunk. So, a tankard of this size and beauty would have come in particularly useful!

How it ended up in Rolleston church is something of a mystery, but it was probably donated by a benefactor, possibly Margaret Sutton, Lady Lexington of Averham.

The tankard, along with a Pewter basin and plate are currently on loan to the National Civil War Museum in Newark and more information on them is available on the Holy Trinity Church website.
www.rollestonchurch.org.uk.

Gill Rowles

With grateful thanks to Julian Ellis for the image.



Village Hall Lotto

Here are the Lottery winners since the last issue of the Rolleston Junction:

Di Overton, Glenise Walton, Elizabeth Dowson, Peter Smith, Village Hall, Liz Garrod, Mary Walsh and Sandra Sawyer.

There are only two vacant numbers -

New to the lottery or to the village? As events open up in the Village Hall again, we really welcome your good selves and also your support for our valuable community facility. We rely on the village lottery to pay for the running costs of the hall.

Only £2 a go, and a £50 cash prize every week. To pick your number and see how it works, contact:

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Angela Sanders

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Village Hall News

I am pleased to announce that our Village Hall is slowly reopening to more of our regular users. Our usual exercise classes and keyworker training for NHS and Power Station employees had already returned, but we are now really pleased to welcome back our Wednesday Seniors' Coffee Mornings.

The Rolleston Village Hall NHS QR Track and Trace Code is still clearly displayed in the Atrium on the Office, Bar and Kitchen doors. There is also hand sanitiser gel provided for each attendee, and, although masks are now optional, we welcome their use if you prefer to wear one.

Moving forward, enquiries and bookings are starting to come in. There is a wedding reception booked for July and another for next May.

We are very lucky that everyone who uses our Village Hall takes great care of it. We are making sure that everyone who books are also taken great care of, by making sure that the Hall is cleaned regularly and COVID Guidelines are followed at all times

Lucy Kyte

Manager

Rolleston Village Hall



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Rolleston Book Club

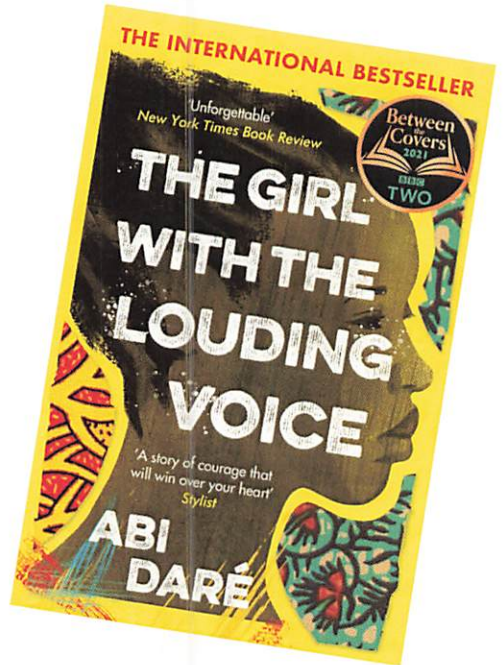
Rolleston Book Group is extremely grateful for having been given the option to hold our July meeting in the church after the weather made a garden meeting at the Vicarage a most uncomfortable option. We were delighted to welcome a new member, David Hanson, to the group. We all agreed that *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo was an easy yet enlightening read.

At the meeting we made a number of decisions to which we would like to draw your attention:

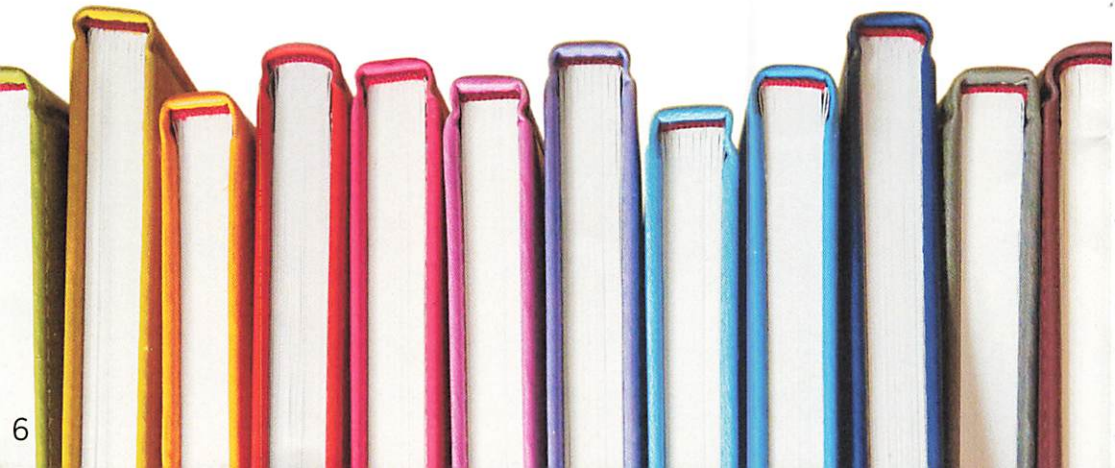
1. There will be no meeting in August.
2. Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Village Hall.
3. The September meeting will be on Thursday, 9th September at 7:30 p.m. in the main hall of the Village Hall.

If you are new to the village, or you've been here for ages and just never quite got around to joining us, you would be most welcome to come along. It will be a "Show & Tell" evening at which members tell us about a book they have enjoyed and why they liked it. There will be light refreshments available.

4. The book to read for the meeting on 7th October is, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare.



We are always pleased to welcome new members, so if you would like to join us, email or call pati.colman@icloud.com / 07786 937266





Claire's Kitchen

Almond and Berry traybake with a Citrus Glaze

My recipe for Autumn is a very useful cake/dessert recipe sent to me by one of my sisters-in-law. We have served it with creme fraiche as a pudding at The Old Barn a couple of times and people really like it.

For the cake:

250g unsalted butter
100g plain flour
275g ground almonds
275g caster sugar
75ml milk
2 tsp baking powder
3 medium eggs
pinch salt
1tsp almond extract (optional)
200g frozen berries (I use a mix of redcurrants, blackcurrants and crushed raspberries but have also used frozen rhubarb successfully.)

For the glaze:

Juice of 1 orange and 1 lemon (or any citrus fruit - lime is good or even grapefruit if nothing else to hand!)
80g caster sugar

Method:

Melt the butter and let it bubble away until all the water has boiled off, when the steam disappears, take care not to burn but you need it nutty and the base colour should be a hazelnut brown. Cool in a large bowl for a couple of minutes.

Add all the other cake ingredients and stir to a smooth batter. Pour into a lined tin 20cm x 30cm approx. tin. Scatter over the fruit and bake at 180-190C for about 25 mins until golden brown and a skewer inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Boil the juice and sugar together for 5-6 minutes until sticky then brush the glaze over the cake. Cool and then cut into squares.

I sometimes divide the mixture into 2 loaf tins, so they bake more quickly and cut into nice slices. Using the frozen fruit does work very well and also means that all the ingredients are always available.

Claire Foster

Anna's Greatest Test



Living in Rolleston today it is almost impossible to imagine being forced from your home by an invading Army as a 12-year-old, let alone spending the next 9 years travelling through Poland, Siberia, Uzbekistan, Persia, India and Rhodesia, to settle in a strange Country, as a 21-year-old "Displaced Person"*... but this is the story of Anna Milanowska, the mother of Alec Jezewski, our fellow Rollestonian for the last 30 years.

Anna was born in 1927 and grew up happily in a village near Augustow in Eastern Poland where her father was the mayor, but in September 1939, Anna, her family and her whole Country became engulfed in a human tragedy of epic proportions.

The first act of the Second World War, the German invasion of Western Poland, was followed 16 days later by the Russian invasion of Eastern Poland including Augustow. Within a year, Russia had moved an estimated 1.5 million Poles, thousands of miles east to Siberia, as slave labour. Anna's family were given an hour to pack. They spent their "Christmas 1940" overwintering in a Siberian slave camp in intolerably cold, insect ridden and cramped conditions.

After almost two long and dark years, the course of the war began to change when Germany attacked its former ally Russia. That July, in London, the 1941 Sikorski-Mayski Agreement between Soviet Russia and Poland was signed, leading directly to the freeing of all of Russia's Polish slaves. Anna and most of her family were released from their Siberian camp and quickly embarked on a treacherous 3,000-mile journey south through Uzbekistan, to the nearest British occupied territory, Persia.

In the depths of wartime, the Milanowski family had little help. To make matters worse, they were forced to leave without Anna's father, now imprisoned by the Russians. Sadly, even though he was released at the end of the war and eventually returned to run their former farm, Anna never saw her father again.



Britain and Poland were close allies. At the outbreak of the war, Poland and France were our ONLY Allies and Polish civilians suffered greatly in those early years. Later, when Polish mathematicians shared their exceptional enigma codebreaking skills with Alan Turing at Bletchley Park, it was arguably the beginning of the end of the war.

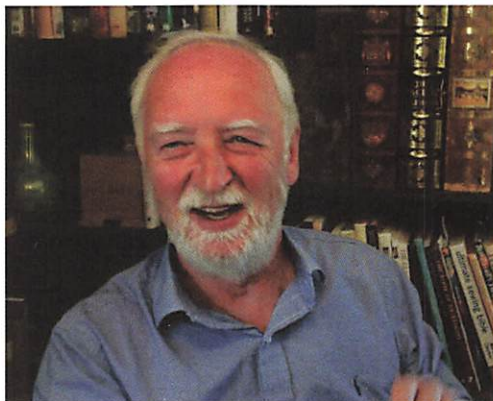
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Anna's eldest brother spent his war in the Polish army and so his displaced family later became entitled to come to England to settle. By 1942, Anna and her family had reached the relative safety of the British occupying forces in Persia, and it was here that this grainy photograph was taken. Anna, now 15, is pictured (back left) with her mother Lucyna, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.



Alec Jezewski today



A ship in the water

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Offloading from Mauritius to Southampton picked up 349 Polish displaced persons from Tanganyika and North Africa at Dar-es-Salaam c/o Polish Resettlement Corps arriving in Southampton on the 10 July 1948

In 1943 the Allies moved the family from Persia, through India to Abercorn in Northern Rhodesia, where they lived in a "Displaced Persons" camp for the remainder of the war. Then, six years after reaching the relative safety of Teheran, they boarded the former British Hospital Ship (now the troopship) HMT Empire Ken and on the 10th of July 1948, they finally arrived at Southampton Harbour.

The family were soon resettled in Nottingham where Anna later met Gus Jezewski and they were married at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. Their first son Alec was born in 1950 and by the mid 1970's he had an engineering Degree and was working for Rolls Royce. He later built several local businesses and served on our Rolleston Parish Council for over 10 years.

Anna had passed her Greatest Test and survived to live a full life with her family around her, but her story is a stark reminder never to take our freedom for granted.

*The difference between a 'displaced person' and a 'refugee' is that the former, is taken against their will from their home.

Editor's note: This amazing story, about Alec's mother, Anna, started as a conversation in our local pub a few months ago. With many thanks to Alec for allowing us to share his family history and his mother's epic journey of survival. We are grateful to Steve Rowles, who put this article together after close consultation with Alec on the facts and timelines. If you have interesting stories to share about your family, your career or something unusual and out of the ordinary that happened in your life, and you would love to see it in print, please write to: rollestonjunction@gmail.com

News from Cllr Sue Saddington

Our new Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, Ben Bradley MP, has the added advantage of being able to be in direct contact with Government, when necessary, over various issues within Nottinghamshire. He has already had meetings with the Prime Minister and Ministers, this has to be a bonus for everyone in Nottinghamshire as he has direct access to Ministers.

As reported previously, I was offered and accepted the position of Chairman of Health Scrutiny and I have a very able Vice Chairman who was newly elected in May. Our committee looks into and scrutinises all matters relating to Health concerns throughout Nottinghamshire. The job of the Committee is to 'drill down' into problems which patients experience. If the Committee is not satisfied with the Clinical Commissioning Group's and others' explanations brought before the Committee, we can refer them to a Government department for further investigation.

The first meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee focused on Nottinghamshire University Hospitals' Improvement Plan for maternity services. The Care Quality Commission's review published in December 2020, re-rated the service from "Requires Improvement" to "Inadequate", along with regulatory notices requiring the Trust to take immediate action.

The Committee received a progress report from senior NUH officials, but I stated in a press statement following the meeting, that their report lacked detail,

and requested they return in October with more information with regard to the experience of the midwives and what incidents have taken place. Just to comment on incidents and details regarding 'after care' is unacceptable. Only a few days after our meeting, the Maternity Unit at NUH hit the news headlines.

In July, we received a briefing from the Clinical Commissioning Group regarding their desire to transform the infrastructure at QMC. It will be a very expensive transition with a great amount of disruption for several years. We were given very little information considering the size and length of the project, I asked them to return in September with more detail.

As to the future, I have suggested we look at Mental Health, many I believe, young, middle-aged and seniors, have been affected in various ways by the lockdown. Plus, there were those suffering stress and mental health long before lockdown.

It is, I believe, a massive problem and I do not think is fully understood, patients need to be listened to and it is important they receive the help they require.

The proposed programme: Highways Capital and Revenue Funding Programme has set out how the Council proposes to deploy the £48m it is investing in Nottinghamshire's highways during 2021/22 and includes funding secured through successful external funding bids.

The new administration will look to identify a significant amount of additional funding

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for road maintenance in due course. The investment of this extra money will take into account the outcomes of the work of Highways Review Panel, expected to report in the Autumn, to ensure best value is achieved.

Work has begun on preparing the new Council Plan, provisionally titled: 'Healthy, Prosperous, Green'. The Council Leader has already issued press releases and social media statements emphasising the Council's commitment to fight climate change and promote the green agenda.

We have been given our Councillors Divisional fund for the coming year, so I am happy to help with small contributions for village projects and events.

I look forward as ever to joining you at future village events as we gently come out of lockdown.

Kind regards,
Sue

Councillor Sue Saddington



Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council
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Country File

Rolleston's Summer visitors and water residents

Editor's note: We would like to sincerely thank Margaret Hodgett, who has been delighting us for a number of years with her charming and well written, 'Notes on Nature'. Margaret has stepped down from her role recently and we send her our gratitude and well wishes.

Mark Robinson has kindly agreed to be our seasonal commentator for our Country File page. Mark, who is a keen photographer, has also allowed us to publish his amazing wildlife photos taken in our locality.

Summer is the season of visitors from abroad – and in our village I especially look forward to the screeches of the Swifts as they spectacularly fly up and down our streets in these hot days. As Ted Hughes wrote: "Fifteenth May. Cherry Blossom. The swifts materialize at the tip of a long scream of a needle ... They've made it again, which means the globes still working, the creation's still waking refreshed, our summer's still all to come."

To see another Summer visitor who arrives a little earlier, you do have to walk the beautiful River Trent path from near Farndon to Fiskerton, and half way along, making their homes in the mud embankment, is a colony of Sandmartins. They are like our local housemartins, but brown in colour. Their nesting holes go four feet into the embankment and they are brilliant to watch darting over the water.

Pied Wagtail (photo: Mark Robinson)



Great Crested Grebe
(photo: Mark Robinson)

In fact, our river walks are such a good place to explore - I also enjoyed seeing a pair of Great Crested Grebes diving for fish in the river near the Power Station, but the most exciting of views we can see in our local rivers and streams - is the flash of bright blue of a Kingfisher. At Fiskerton Mill and the River Trent where the Greet meets the Trent, I have been lucky enough to catch a glimpse of this very unique and intelligent bird.

Mark Robinson

Kingfisher (photo: Hans Veth)



'Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno'

How's your Latin? Mine is appalling and I hated the subject at school (generational give away). But we are familiar with the English version, 'One for all, and all for one'.

We know it as the motto of The Three Musketeers (Alexander Dumas 1844). But it has a history; Shakespeare used it in his poem 'The Rape of Lucrece', so we won't go into that.

More interestingly is the 'third defenestration' of Prague, inflicted on the population in 1618. In the face of this, a representative of the Protestants declared, 'As they also absolutely intended to proceed with the execution against us, we came to an unanimous agreement among ourselves that, regardless of any loss of life and limb, honour and property, we would stand firm, with all for one and one for all... nor would we be subservient, but rather we would loyally help and protect each other to the utmost, against all difficulties'. Certainly, a wonderful expression of loyalty and community that we rarely experience today.

It is reminiscent of the early church 'all the believers were one in heart and mind. No-one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had... there were no needy persons amongst them'.

In keeping Covid protocols and wearing masks in indoor spaces, we are thinking less of ourselves and more of others. In keeping our own counsel and avoiding gossip about others we are showing loyalty and respect for the differences of others (we don't have to agree with them). In keeping our wallets open we can have compassion for those things of value and for people who need to be valued.

May we mask up, gossip less and give more, building coherent 'one for all and all for one' community.

Every Blessing,
The Revd. Phil

Note: All Benefice churches are keeping covid protocols for in-person worship and church events until further notice to protect each other in the spirit of 'one for all, all for one'. Zoom worship continues. Please ask for details of either.

Holy Trinity, Rolleston Church should be reopening for private prayer once the key rota is re-established!

Quote: Acts 4.32-35

ROLLESTON REVIVED

As lockdown restrictions are eased, and we start to move back towards normality, we are making our final preparations for our village reunion event: Rolleston Revived!

Join us in making Rolleston Revived a fun and memorable event. It's for all ages and is taking place in the gardens of Rolleston Manor Station Road, Sunday, 12th September.

We start with an aerial group photograph at 1.45pm prompt – so when you hear the church bells at 1.30 pm please make your way to Rolleston Manor gardens to mark this momentous occasion.

After the photo there will be lots to do. Tea and coffee are free. Food and drink is on sale, homemade pizzas, burgers, craft beers and wines will be expertly catered by Karl and Kat from the Dapper Spaniel.

The amazing band from Fiskerton, "2Down", will be there.

We'll make sure there is plenty of cover in case it rains (or there's a heatwave!) and there will be plenty of places to sit and chat.

So do come! This is for everybody in the village. Whether you want to sit quietly, meet new people and old friends, enjoy the music and great food and drink on offer - or test your skills on the Bucking Bronco - this is for you!

See you there on Sunday, 12th September!

Tony Hillary

PS. Please could you bring a homemade cake as a donation to the Kate Greenaway cake stall? This will help raise valuable funds.

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To mark the end of Covid restrictions
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Commemorative Village Photograph

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

When the church bells ring at 1:30pm,
please make your way to

Rolleston Manor Gardens

for an aerial group photo at 1:45pm

(followed by catching up with village friends & fellow Rollestonians)

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2 DOWN

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Open Farm at Field Farm

We decided to open our family farm in Rolleston to visitors for a day in July to show people how the vegetables they eat get to their plate! Farming is well and truly in the Foster blood with generations farming before us, in nearby Woodborough.

Around 120 people came to visit us and were taken on a guided tractor ride where they learnt about the large variety of vegetables we grow at Field Farm. This includes cauliflowers, broccoli, kale, brussel sprouts, radish and courgette, to name a few! These are grown from "plugs" (small plants cultivated from seed by a nursery in Lincolnshire). We plant 15,000 a week from May through to the end of the Summer to ensure we have a continual supply for the greengrocers who sell our vegetables to the public, which includes our local village shop at Fiskerton.

Many were surprised to learn that all of the vegetables were picked by hand, with the exception of the brussel sprouts! And that we are very much at the mercy of the weather, sometimes having to plough in whole fields of crops if they fail.

As well as the vegetables visitors were able to see the wheat and barley growing and the huge combine used to harvest it in the Summer!

Everyone certainly seemed to enjoy their time at the farm. We raised over £200 for the Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance through the sale of homemade cakes and our very own vegetables. We hope to do another similar event in the future.

Claire Foster



Rolleston Parish Council

In the last edition of The Junction I commented that the enforced regime of staying local and working from home over the past 16 months seemed to have provided many villagers with the opportunity to reflect on several aspects of village life, and this was perhaps especially true of those villagers whose work or other life commitments has meant that they have previously enjoyed only limited time to fully experience and consider the many amenities afforded by the village.

As we all take the first tentative steps back towards what life used to be like, it is clear that many villagers have used this time of reflection as a catalyst to make their own personal contributions to the village, and it is lovely to see the first results of the quiet work and creative industry that many villagers have put in, either collectively in organized groups or individually, and all with the shared vision of "making Rolleston an even more attractive place to live for all."

The voluntary work to restore the Parish-owned Jubilee Gardens, at the junction of Station Road and Fiskerton Road, has started, with years of vegetation growth removed or cut back, and revealing, for the

first time in many years, the small plaques set at the base of trees bearing the names of villagers who sponsored individual trees when first planted. The seat benches have been repaired and are already being well used as increasing numbers of people spend a few minutes enjoying the garden's tranquil setting.

The Kate Greenaway Garden (previously Corner Farm) off Staythorpe Road, is being lovingly developed and tended by the thriving Kate Greenaway group, and the open space has enjoyed a Summer's-long use as a mini football pitch and games area, benefiting from the increased safety provided by the newly-installed bollards on the road verge, courtesy of Nottinghamshire County Council.

Visitors to the village have already been spotted following the "Kate Greenaway Trail" with posters for the trail and leaflets freely available at several points around the village. This close literary connection is literally putting Rolleston "on the map"!

Tim Harries
Chairman Rolleston Parish Council



What are th

Some time ago, (maybe about 8 years or more, when I'd lived in Rolleston only a couple of years), I found out at a New Year's Eve party at the Village Hall, that the chap I was standing next to, had not only attended Hull University, but had also read Chemistry; albeit we were there in different academic years. He said his name was Tom Geraghty and that he was an accountant. At that time, I thought that was such an amazing coincidence for a village so small!

Imagine my surprise when Steve Johnson approached me about a month ago and said, "I hear you went to Hull and studied Chemistry ... so did I!"

Yes, I know, dear readers, this was just too much of a coincidence to pass up, so with a bit of arm twisting on my part, here are our collective memories of Hull and those heady days ... when we were young (and easily influenced ...)

Carole Chandler

Steve Johnson: Class of 1962 - 1965

Growing up in North Lincolnshire my first memories of Hull were train, ferry and bombed buildings on the docks. The University of Hull was unknown to me and when I started to study Chemistry in 1962, people thought it was my "local" University. There was no Humber Bridge then - so over 2 hours by car and a variety of times by a ferry dependent on Humber tides and sandbanks!

Studying Chemistry was hard work in terms of the time spent in lectures and lab work - I remember plenty of headaches from fume cupboards! I played a lot of sport so not much time in the Student's Union.

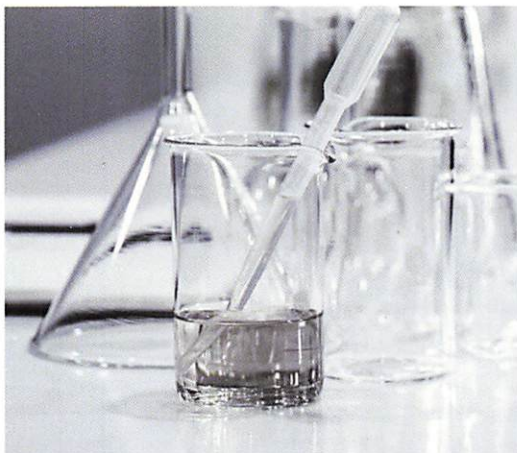
No internet of course, and it soon became apparent that the poorer lecturers had written a book which you were encouraged to buy to make sense of things.

The poet, Philip Larkin, was Chief Librarian, so he was targeted with overdue library books, but he always seemed to be thinking about poetry rather than fines.

Professor George Gray was doing ground breaking research on liquid crystals but I missed the chance of working with him and perhaps getting into The Times Rich list.

Rather than doing a further degree, I did Teacher Training at Hull, got married, and worked at a school in Hull for four years.

There is saying Hull, Hell and Halifax. I have never been to the last two, but Hull still has many fond memories for me.



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Tom Geraghty: Class of 1967 - 1971

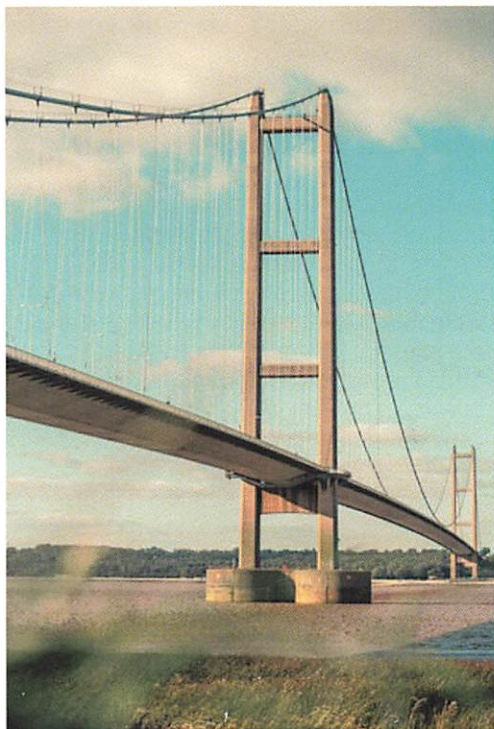
I was interviewed by Dr. Scarrat, who lived in Skidby, by the windmill, not far from Cottingham, where I lodged in Ferens Hall in my first year; it was named after a local industrialist who, presumably funded the building. The hall was very traditional. We had a warden who said grace, "Benedictus Benedicamus" before every meal - except breakfast. We all had to stand as he led in a small procession of academic worthies into the dining hall. Two meals were provided each weekday and three at weekends. (I should state that Ferens Hall was a boy's hall. The girls at Thwaite Hall had to cook their own meals at weekends).

Social activities centred on the Students Union on campus. There were many student societies including the Hull University Winemaking and Brewing Society, of which I was a founder member. We received a starting grant of £85 which was used to purchase equipment and ingredients and commercially produced ales, for comparison. Discos were very popular and in my third year, as social secretary, I helped organise events in the Catholic Chaplaincy. I was preparing a poster for one such event in the newly opened Brynmor-Jones library, (the Librarian was Phillip Larkin, the famous English poet) when I met a small group of drama students, one of whom is now Mrs. Geraghty.

I met a number of foreign students, particularly French and one called, Michel. Jane and I have continued to visit ever since. He and his family have stayed with us in Rolleston on many occasions, over the last 40 years.

Later in my first year, I joined, with many fellow students, the international movement (participants are known as the 'Soixante-Huitarde' in France). We occupied the Admin building for several weeks and held many noisy meetings in the Students Union building. After summer it all stopped and Brynmor-Jones went back to his job as Vice-Chancellor, as if nothing had happened.

I stayed on an extra year to do my Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE). My tutor was Dr. Bradley, a very kindly man who took great interest in me, visiting me on teaching practice in Scunthorpe.



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Carole Chandler: **Class of 1977 - 1980**

I have a soft spot for Hull. I think you often do for your university town. Spending three years in a place and living away from home, at quite an influential time of your life, will create a strong impression. Studying chemistry was not for the faint-hearted, it was pretty full on and I remember being a bit envious of the English and Drama students (who I often hung out with) who seemed to have one lecture a week and the occasional tutorial!

In contrast, we had about a 40-hour week with lectures and laboratory practice sessions. So, it was rather like a full time job, and then you had to factor in the extra hours studying for exams.

There were only 6 women in my year, out of 45 students. Thank goodness times have now changed and more women are encouraged to do science from an early age. My professors, (Chapman, Baldwin and Wilkinson) and other lecturers, called all the young men by their surname and with the women, they addressed us as 'Miss' before our surname, often in the middle of lectures, asking probing questions and keeping us on our toes. (All a bit old-fashioned and scary if you hadn't been paying attention!)

I lived in Reckitt's Hall, a mixed hall of residence at "The Lawns", a large student complex, but in green surroundings in Cottingham, (one of the largest villages in England, was its claim to fame). Well that, and the "King Billy" pub, as it was affectionately known, as a favourite haunt of students at weekends.

The social life was good, there were some

great gigs at the various Uni venues, (I saw Kate Bush, The Jam, The Clash, Susie and the Banshees), we had good facilities in the student union building. I managed to wangle a grant to buy some filming equipment and the 'Film Making Society' was born. Our small band of students made a few films (mostly comedies) at the weekends and we had fun auditioning the drama students to appear in our creations.

Politically, it was the time of apartheid in South Africa, and I remember attending a number of protests, various occupations of buildings, (on night shift) but most of all, I remember a strange occurrence in our hall of residence, where I lived in my first year. I recall it was late at night, and the Student Union president appeared on our landing, where I and my fellow neighbours were gathered around a table, drinking tea. He was accompanied by a small and well swaddled guy, in a duffle coat, scarf and a pom-pom hat, he wore large glasses that magnified his eyes and a huge grin. It was November and he looked absolutely freezing! I jumped up immediately and offered to make him tea which he gratefully accepted. While I was in the kitchen, I heard him thank us all for the stance we were taking over South Africa, and how it was making a difference. Afterwards, he thanked me profusely for the hot drink, as we said our goodbyes. "Who was that?" I asked. "He said he was a Bishop," someone said, "his name was Tutu ... or something like that ..." Years later of course, when he appeared on telly as the ordained Archbishop Tutu, I was able to tell my kids ... I made him a cup of tea and I had no know idea who he was! Philip Larkin was still Chief Librarian when I

e Chances?

was there, and although I spent many hours in the Brymor-Jones library revising for exams, I never got to meet him.

I was taught organic chemistry by Dr Gray, (who later became Professor) who invented liquid crystals for digital display (often used in calculators and other digital equipment, like scanners). He helped the University win the coveted Queen's Award for Industry, a formal ceremony took place with the Lord Lieutenant, as representative of the Queen, and I was lucky enough to be invited along with the whole Chemistry Department. As humble undergraduates, we really appreciated the free posh food and drink!

I recall the first giant steel cables being spun across the Humber during the years I was there, and the first road sections being lifted into place as I was leaving ... we went to view the bridge with my parents after my

graduation ceremony. It was at that time, the largest single span bridge in the world. Bridging such a distance, the twin towers were out of parallel to cater for the curvature of the earth. So I have distant, but fond memories of the streets of Hull, especially the Land of Green Ginger and the atmospheric quality of the old pubs in the heart of the city used by smugglers in days gone by ... In latter years, the old docks were turned into a marina, the city promoted itself as "A gateway to Europe" (thanks to the Hull - Rotterdam ferries and the contributions from the European Union) and it became the City of Culture in 2013.

I was lucky enough to obtain a job with Boots after graduation in 1980, and a different city (Nottingham) beckoned me; I was persuaded to fly even further south ... where the natives seemed friendly.



Kate Greenway Action Group

Things have been moving at an amazing pace for the Group and we are pleased to confirm that the three pictorial maps are now in place:

- On the side of the village hall (aptly named The Greenaway)
- In the Kate Greenaway Garden
- On the fence opposite the gate leading to the Church.

We are grateful to Gill Thackrey for all her fine work in producing the map, to Arne Colman for making a stand for the map in the Kate Greenaway Garden and putting up all the maps. We would also like to thank the Village Hall and Tony and Michelle Hillary for allowing us to put maps on their fence on Station Road.

You will also notice that there are Kate Greenaway images on the back of the Parish Council notice board and in the Vicarage notice board. (see photos). We hope that you, and any visitors to the village, will enjoy these as a reminder of the style of Kate Greenaway's illustrations.

The Group meets on a monthly basis while we continue our work on developing the website: www.kategreenawayinrolleston.com as well our new Facebook page, Kate Greenaway in Rolleston. We are also extremely fortunate to have been given some money from the N&SDC Community Engagement Fund to purchase a digital projector so that we will be able to give talks about Kate Greenaway and her connections with our village to local societies/ groups.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th September at 2:00 p.m. at Rolleston Villa, Staythorpe Road.

SAVE THE DATE: Our next big project will be the planning of a Victorian Christmas Gala to be held at 4th December 2021, 6:00 pm, at the Village Hall. (Covid restrictions allowing).

We are always pleased to welcome new members, so if you would like to join us, email or call pati.colman@icloud.com / 07786 937266

Information on Kate Greenway, her life and work, on display in village noticeboards



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Beth Dowson with her creative ladder planters

Plant Stall Success

Laura Bosworth has been running a plant stall outside her home over the summer months. Laura said, "So far I have raised about £160 which will be split between Friends of Newark Hospital and the Rolleston Village Children's Christmas Party. The party is currently in the planning stage. The date for your diary is Sunday, 12th December, 2 - 4pm. Entry is by invitation only, to all village children under 16. Invites will be delivered in the next few months.



Blooming Marvellous



Roses at Corner Cottage



We've noticed how lovely the village has been looking over the summer months and it's been a joy to see on strolls through the village. Some folk definitely have green fingers and creative skills when it comes to gardening!

Here, we feature some photos of the 'wall of roses' at Suzanne & David Boyd's home, (Corner Cottage, Station Road), which were marvellously fragrant as you walked past and also the charming 'ladder planters' created by Beth & Greg Dowson displayed outside their cottage. Beth thinks she got the idea from the internet, and said, "Greg and I are absolutely delighted to live in such a nice village with such lovely folk – especially given all the disruption when we were redoing the outside of our new home. That was appreciated."

We also noticed the flower border outside Rolleston Manor, which was a riot of colour this year, attracting lots of busy bees and other pollinating insects. Many thanks to our roving reporter, Pati Colman, for taking the photos and getting 'the scoop'.

Carole Chandler

Congratulations

Congratulations are due to Eileen and Ken Beadles granddaughter, Megan, on her recent success. Eileen said, "A huge thank you to all the good folk of the village who were willing to give their time and patience to complete our Welsh granddaughter Megan's survey, which was connected with her degree dissertation. Megan received her results and was awarded a First Class MA with Honours Degree in Linguistics & French (with a Distinction in Spoken French), from Edinburgh University. Thank you again to all those who took part. Unfortunately, there couldn't be the usual graduation ceremony this year, but Megan and several friends travelled up to Edinburgh and, dressed in their graduation gowns and mortarboards, they had photographs taken in and around the city as a 'pretend' ceremony!

Megan will be spending the next academic year teaching English as a foreign language at Caen University."

Eileen & Ken Beadles



Megan with her degree dissertation, with grateful thanks to all Rollestonians who contributed to her survey.





Church News

Rev Phil returns from a two month sabbatical in October. It is intended that Rolleston will then have regular services twice a month. One Holy Communion Service and one Morning Praise for Everyone. On the third Sunday there will be a Benefice service held in turn in different Parishes.

The Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 26 September at 10.30am.

Please see the Church Noticeboard for any amendments to the regular services.

Peter Salter, Churchwarden



If you have announcements of events, family occasions, achievements, messages of thanks, write to rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Messages of Thanks

David, Suzanne, Adam, Hugh and Helen Boyd from Corner Cottage would like to say a huge thank you to all of the kind villagers who sent their good wishes and prayers to Kings Mill and then to Sheffield for David, to help him with his recovery. Suzanne said, "David has been home for a few months and is going out for daily walks with the challenge of beating his previous 'lap times' and continues to progress well after his extended hospitalisation. Despite the challenges and the long road ahead, we continue to be grateful for the support of family and friends."

Suzanne & David Boyd

"We wanted to thank everyone for the very warm welcome we received, when we moved into the village. People have been very kind and so very helpful. We have never experienced so much goodwill when moving before, so ... we think that makes Rolleston, one very special place to live!

Ron and Shirley Burnett, 5 Holly Court

"Thanks so much for the friendly welcome to Rolleston. There have been gifts and cards, and neighbours have popped in to say 'hi' which is lovely. Like so many people, I've made the move from London after many years to be closer to family - my parents live in Southwell. I also wanted to enjoy more space and greenery while working from home. Joining the village book club in July was fun and I'm getting to know the nearby churches. Good local transport and a couple of great pubs in walking distance, what more could a chap ask for?"

David Hanson, 3 Holly Court

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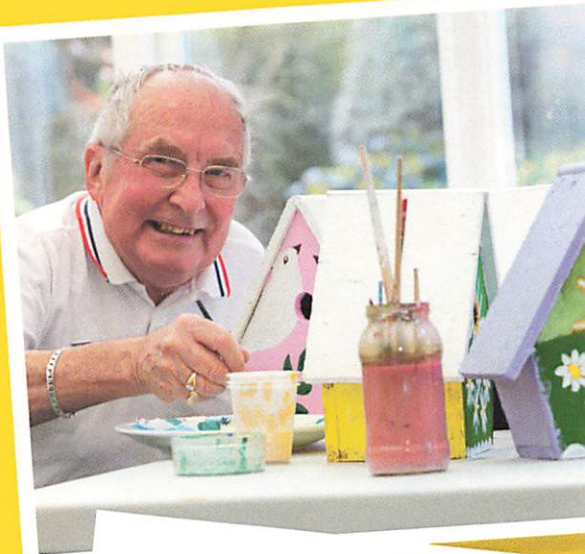
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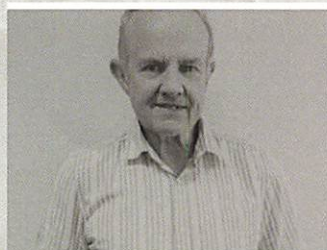
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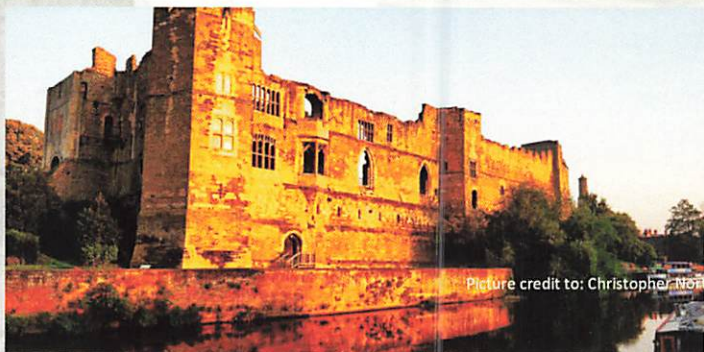
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Macmillan Yorkshire Dales Mighty Hike

Last issue we did a feature called Going the Distance, a summary of our intrepid Rollestonians performing amazing challenges for charity or to meet personal fitness targets. We asked Gill Rowles to record her adventures in the Yorkshire Dales in July. It really was a family effort, hiking for the Macmillan charity, alongside husband Steve, her brother, Phil and sister, Pam, raising funds in memory of Gill's mum.

A walk in God's own Country is always a great day out, but we should perhaps have paid more attention to the word 'hike' and the description 'hilly', and oh yes, then there was the rain!

And to add insult to injury, there was a course diversion at the end which added on an extra 2 miles – uphill!

Yet despite it all, it was great fun. The scenery was magnificent, the camaraderie was fantastic, and the event was brilliantly organised with hot drinks and biscuits to start, more hot drinks and snacks halfway through, and a medal, glass of champagne, and lunch at the end. It was fabulous to be part of such a joyful, positive and uplifting event and to know that every step taken was raising money for a great cause. Our small team of 4 have raised £1,700 which is almost enough to cover the costs of employing a Macmillan nurse for 2 weeks; that means 2 weeks of help, support, care, and compassion for someone at the end of their life – a priceless gift. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

Gill Rowles

An Optimistic Start



The Soggy Reality



The Best Bit



Editor's note: Congratulations to Gill and the team for raising such a mighty sum! For those who wish to donate to Gill's team for their mighty effort, here is the link to boost those funds even further:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gill-Rowles>



Robert JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
HOUSING, COMMUNITIES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thanks to the hard effort everybody has made, the Prime Minister was finally able to give the go ahead to stage 4 of the roadmap this month, removing most legal restrictions. Although this is a time to be jubilant, we also need to continue to exercise caution and continue with self-responsibility and a common-sense approach, making sure we keep the virus under control.

After several weeks where cases have been steadily rising, we are seeing cases starting to come down and I hope that continues. Thanks to our world beating vaccination program, many lives have been saved through breaking the link of getting the virus and hospitalisation.

At the time of writing this over 70% of adults have received both doses. Although this figure is staggering, I encourage anyone who has yet to have stepped forward to get a vaccine to do so. Getting the vaccine not only protects you but also your loved ones.

Now restrictions have been eased we all have the opportunity to get back to the things we love and enjoy. Johnathan Van Tam and I were delighted to be at the first Park Run at Sconce Park in 18 months. The

event was well organised and if you are looking at getting a bit fitter or a new challenge, you can join at 9am every Saturday.

Earlier this month I was humbled to be at the unveiling of the Irena Sendler statue at Fountain Gardens in Newark. Irena was a Polish humanitarian, who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the horror of the Warsaw Ghetto, as part of the Polish underground resistance during the second world war. In October 1943, Irena was arrested by the Gestapo. She withstood torture and imprisonment and was sentenced to death but escaped on the day of her scheduled execution after the guards escorting her were bribed. Irena was a hero in the truest sense of the word, and I encourage people to visit the statue and take your children to pay respect, learn about Irena and the incredible work she did.

Alongside the unveiling of the statue the Polish Ambassador, other dignitaries and I laid wreaths at the Polish War Graves to commemorate and pay respect to the Polish airmen who fought alongside us during WW2.



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Rolleston in Past Times

We are always grateful to Frank Mitchell for allowing us to dig into his archives and come up with some gems. Here are a couple of photos from times gone by.



R101 over Rolleston Church, 18th October 1929 - taken by EHS Longhurst.



Harry Sharpe, Holly Farm (home on leave 1914-18 war).

Published with kind permission of Eileen Beadles. (Harry Sharpe was Eileen's uncle).

News from **Cllr Roger Blaney**

A Planning Miscellany or a Miscellany of Plans?

Like most councils – parish, town, district or county – Newark & Sherwood DC takes a planned Summer break from scheduled meetings each year until early September. That, though, does not mean that the Council's work stops. It carries on, especially this year in its continuing support for businesses and individuals affected by the Covid pandemic.

Another important piece of work with which I have been particularly involved, as the lead councillor overseeing its development, is the review of our Local Plan. In late July, we published an Options Report (available to view on our website, both to read and to submit responses) and rather catchily entitled the "Amended Allocations and Development Management Document Options Report" (I know, I know – but don't blame me, it is the Government who come up with these titles, honest!).

The document, however, is important. It sets out changes to the policies against which we will assess future planning applications and, especially, changes to our policies on affordable housing.

Additionally, we are required to set out our proposals for the allocation of new sites for housing, for commercial development and for Gypsy and Traveller pitches through to 2033. Such allocations are invariably contentious. However, for reasons it is not necessary to expand upon here, the Options

Report does not propose any additional sites for housing or commercial development. There is, though, an urgent need to identify sites for future Gypsy and Traveller pitches and our preferred approach is to allocate land for these in Ollerton and the Newark Urban Area, where the majority of our existing Gypsy and Traveller community live.

The public consultation is open until 20th September. I am sure that Rolleston Parish Council will be considering whether to submit a response but I hope many individual residents and interested parties across the whole of Newark and Sherwood will do so as well.

On another subject, proposals for the development of the land behind Greenaway that I referred to in the last issue of The Rolleston Junction were presented at the Parish Council meeting on 24th June when a handout was made available to those present. Currently, the plans are for a total of five social housing properties (including the replacement of the current semi-detached bungalows). This contributes to the council's 5-year programme to deliver 350 new council homes across the district.

In addition, there would be three houses for market sale. The exact details are yet to be finalised before a formal planning application is submitted for consultation and consideration in the next few weeks. I thank those who have contacted me already with their comments and I hope others will do so as well, especially when the application is submitted.

Nationally, the Government has announced plans for 'a once in a generation reform of the planning system'. A Planning Bill is expected to be tabled in Parliament after its Summer Recess. Some fear that the reforms will weaken the ability of communities to resist inappropriate development. Our Member of Parliament, Robert Jenrick – as Secretary of State and sponsor of the Bill – is clear this will not be the case. I sincerely hope so, but this is a subject I may return to once the Bill is published.

Ellr Roger Blaney
Trent Ward, NSDC



Thanks to Dan, our Delivery Man

Huge thanks to Dan, for his invaluable years of service on the Junction team ensuring our magazine reaches your home. We are sure all our community wish him well as he moves on to new adventures. Congratulations on his recent A-level success in Music Technology, Physics and Maths. He will be studying a Music and Sound Recording course at York University and is really looking forward to it.

Thanks Dan, for delivering the Junction magazine in rain and shine. From all of us, our very best wishes for your future success.

Carole, Thea, Tony and Gill

Editor's note: Welcome to Ethan Thackeray who will be our new member of the team for deliveries of the Junction.



Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard - 07949 260032
Weds 6-7pm at the Village Hall, prebook only
Online Zoom classes available weekdays

Darts

Barry Thomas - 01636 830064
The Dapper Spaniel - contact Barry (above)

Book Club

Patti Colman - 01636 813260
Meets monthly in the Village Hall or by Zoom

Skittles

Pat Sawyer - 01636 813771
The Dapper Spaniel, not during the winter

Total Fitness

Jennie Overton - 01636 816800
Village Hall, contact Jennie (above)

Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote - 01636 812579
Wednesdays 7.30pm, alternating between Rolleston and Upton churches (may be suspended due to covid, please contact Bryan for updates)

GORGs

Bram Towse - 01636 813901
Gentlemen of Rolleston Golfing Society

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.) - 01636 819197
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)
Thursday evenings (except summer) at The Dapper Spaniel (may be suspended due to covid, please contact Peter for updates)

Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter - 01636 819197
Tuesday evenings, Village Hall 7pm – 10 pm (We are hoping to resume in September, please call Peter for updates).

Yoga

Mandy - 07773 551916 (**pre-booking essential for all classes**).

Monday: 10 – 11:30 am Gentle Stretching & Relax
Tuesday: 10 – 11:30 am General Hatha Yoga
Tuesday: 7:30 pm (until September) 6-week Strengthening Course



Coffee Morning and Lunch Club
Wednesdays in the Village Hall

1st Wednesday in the month - Noon
Two course lunch (£2.50), plus £1 to include a raffle ticket if desired.
(small prize donations welcome)

2nd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea served with cakes or biccies. (Free)

3rd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea and cake etc (Free), bacon cobs (£1)

4th and 5th Wednesdays - 10.30am Coffee/Tea/Cakes (Free)

Note: Please contact individual organisers to check when events are recommencing in Village Hall.

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- Rolleston Village web site – rollestonvillage.co.uk

- Our leaflet distribution – helpful if you aren't on line

- The notice board on Corner Farm

- The Rolleston Junction – rollestonjunction@gmail.com

- We are a quarterly magazine dependent on our advertisers and sponsorship.

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- It's your magazine and we welcome articles, announcements, snippets and photos from you. Send us an email or phone Tony on 07775 510000 or Carole on 01636 815089

- New neighbours? Let us know and we'll pop round with a welcome package and a Junction!

