

# The Rolleston Junction

Edition 21 – Winter 2019

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# Dates for your diary

Dec 1st	Rolleston Festive Fuddle, 12.30pm - Village Hall
Dec 2nd	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Dec 6th	Wreath Making 1.00pm - 3.00pm, profits to the Village Hall Fund. £20pp for all materials and refreshments - Field Farm, Fiskerton Road
Dec 10th - 14th	Around The World in Eighty Days includes Matinée at 2.30 pm on Saturday 14th - Robin Hood Theatre
Dec 12th	Handel's Messiah, 7.30pm - Southwell Minster
Dec 16th	Carol Singing in Rolleston, Fiskerton Road / Holly Court, 7.00 - 8.00 pm Contact Emma Burnett at Emmajburnett@hotmail.com
Dec 17th	Carol Singing in Rolleston, Staythorpe Road, 7.00 - 8.00pm Contact Emma Burnett at Emmajburnett@hotmail.com
Dec 18th	Seniors' Christmas Lunch, 12.00 for 12.30 - Village Hall
Dec 19th	Carols 'round the Tree at the Jubilee Garden - 7pm, and back to the Dapper Spaniel at 7.30pm for mince pies and drinks
Dec 20th	Southwell Music Festival Christmas Concert, 7.30pm - Southwell Minster
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Carol Service, 6.00pm - get there early - it's usually a full house! - Holy Trinity, Rolleston
Dec 25th	Christmas Day Service - Holy Trinity, Rolleston
Jan 6th	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Jan 7th	Book Group, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Jan 28th to 1st Feb	Handbagged, 7.30pm, and Saturday matinee 2.30pm - Robin Hood Theatre
Feb 3rd	Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Feb 5th	Book Group, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Feb 28th - 29th	Trouble in Pantoland, performed by Robin Hood Theatre Youth Group, Saturday matinee 2.30pm - Robin Hood Theatre
Mar 2nd	Parish Council meeting 7.30pm - Village Hall
Mar 5th	Book Group, 7.30pm - Village Hall
Mar 12th - 14th	The Library Siege, 7.30pm, and Saturday matinee 2.30pm - Robin Hood Theatre

SEE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ENCLOSED  
FOR ALL FESTIVE EVENTS!

# Hello again from the Junction Team!

Christmas approaches – it's that time of year when the sensible organised people have already bought their Christmas presents and are ahead of the game... and then there's the rest of us!

Because December is such a busy month in Rolleston we have enclosed a pull-out supplement for easy reference. It's amazing how Rolleston has developed – so many things going on compared to just a few years ago.

The Junction is produced by a team of four – Carole, Thea, Dan and Tony. The village has a population of nearly four hundred people. To keep the

Junction fresh we are keen to get more input from the village.

We would really welcome articles or even ideas for articles from our readers. You don't have to be Shakespeare! We can put the article together or write it based on your input. Just email us at [Rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:Rollestonjunction@gmail.com)

Enjoy the Christmas Junction!

## Rolleston's Festive Fuddle

We are building on the tremendous success of the last two years to make this another event for Rollestonians to remember. It promises to be an informal afternoon of food, festivities and fun.

Thanks to the generous support of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council, we are able to keep entry prices low. Advance Ticket Sales only: £3 for adults, £1.50 for under 16s, (under 6s are FREE). Book your tickets and let us know what you are bringing for the Fuddle table.

**Contact Peter Garrood:**  
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On the menu: canapes, followed by festive poultry, meats, baked potatoes, plus, your own savoury side dish or dessert as your contribution. (One item per household please).

There is a Bring & Share list of suggestions to ensure we have a balanced menu of savoury

**Sunday 1st December at the  
Village Hall: 12.30pm for 1pm Lunch**

and sweet options. Remember to bring your own alcohol or soft drinks, there is no bar; but glasses will be provided.

Open to all, from seniors to infants, this community-spirited event not only includes fine food - but top-notch entertainment. There will be music, magic, children's activities and a surprise guest!

### WILL YOU HELP?

Can you help to decorate the hall, or assist on the day with setting up and tidying up? It's Rolleston's community spirited people that help to make events like this happen. It really is appreciated.

Contact [tony\\_hillary@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_hillary@hotmail.com) /  
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# Robert JENRICK

**MP FOR NEWARK**  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
HOUSING, COMMUNITIES  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Following on from my last column, I find it fitting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and I finally confirmed at the end of September the much-needed dulling of the A46 with an investment of £450 million.**

This is an unprecedented amount of investment and the largest investment into Newark in a generation and could be the largest investment since the Victorian Railways arrived.

Since arriving in Newark over 6 years ago, when I was chosen to be the Parliamentary candidate, it was clear that a by-pass was desperately needed. Newark was, and remains, a terrible bottle-neck causing so much delay and inconvenience to residents and businesses around the constituency. In Rolleston especially this has been a problem as it can take a substantial amount of time to simply get into Newark for shopping, impairing quality of life.

I set myself the challenge of securing and delivering on this issue. Over the years I have lobbied each Transport Secretary, led delegations, held debates when I was a back bencher and then argued on the inside as a Minister – fortunately with the responsibility for infrastructure at the Treasury and most recently as the Midlands Champion. This has not been a sole effort and I would like to thank the Newark Advertiser, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Newark Business Club and all of you who filled out my petition earlier in the year.

Also, I am pleased that since my last article I have been able to secure further funding for Newark. In September I announced with the Prime Minister, the Towns Fund. This fund of £3.6 billion new investment across the country is targeted at towns to develop transport, skills, culture and digital technology. I am pleased that Newark is receiving £25 million of this fund, helping us to continue improving the town by raising living standards, skills, improving social mobility with career prospects and helping us future-proof the town. Newark and Sherwood District Council will take the lead on how the money will be spent, but Newark Town Council and Residents and Businesses of Newark will have the chance to get involved.

Newark is a great historic Market Town and I am keen to preserve the Historic Significance of Newark. In addition to the Towns Fund this September, I was able to secure a further £250,000 and potentially more funding for Newark through the Heritage Boost for High Streets. This fund is designed to help fund a new vision for the town centre. Recently the centre has been struggling with the increase of online shopping so I hope this investment can help draw more into the Town Centre and make it more attractive to shop and spend time in.

I hope all of these deals will provide the investment and the impetus for long-term renewal, ensuring Newark and the villages surrounding it, such as Rolleston, can look to the future with optimism.

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# It's getting busy at Southwell Racecourse

**It is right in the middle of Southwell's winter programme of meetings and at the time of writing, the big summer showpieces of 2019 seem a distant memory.**

The Racecourse also raced on August Bank Holiday on the 26th, a day which is themed as a family raceday. There were various different things to do for the kids including football activities with Mansfield Town FC and rugby with Nottingham Rugby Club.

As the racecourse now heads towards the end of 2019, we've had some great events in November and there are still some nice days to get excited about.

On Friday, 8th November, we had our 30th Anniversary celebration dinner, which celebrated 30 years of All-Weather Racing at the course. It was hosted by commentator

and broadcaster, Derek Thompson and racing legend Bob Champion. Everyone who attended, including our special guests, enjoyed a 3-course meal, Q & A and a raffle with some fantastic prizes.

The following night, 9th November, was Irish night. This featured racing and a parade of horses, (all of whom were multiple winners from over the years), followed by live music to finish off in style.

As ever, our December showpiece is Gentlemen's Day on Sunday 15 December, featuring live music, a best dressed gent competition and the chance to take on darts star Andy "The Hammer" Hamilton plus good quality jumps racing.

Please visit [www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk) or call **01636 814481** for details on all our racedays and to book tickets.



# Dear Rollestonians

Your five parish councilors do their very best to provide a really good service to you, working for the good of the village and our community.

Our aim, working alongside the other community groups in Rolleston, is to make a positive difference and to continue to make Rolleston a really good place to live.

Your Parish Council has a simple problem – we are just five. We need two more members.

This is really interesting work, a role that depends on a practical approach, good judgement and above all simple common sense. The PC meets at 7.30pm on the first Monday of every month except August.

The five of us work really well together and we are looking for two more people to join us by being co-opted onto the PC.

Whatever your age, sex, education or background you would be very welcome to contact us. All we ask is that you are keen to join us so that together we can make Rolleston an even better place to live, helping to build a strong and caring community.

**Contact Tim Harries on**

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**or Tony Hillary [tony\\_hillary@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_hillary@hotmail.com)**

**Christine Salter, Lucy Sole or Richard Thackeray**

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## Village Hall News

The Village Hall continues to be well used by not only local community groups but is rented by commercial groups too, all helping to contribute towards the not inconsiderable upkeep costs.

Unfortunately we have no Live and Local events this season, as we have nobody to organise them! The job entails attending the occasional taster events in the area from time to time in order to sample some of the performers in action and then selecting which acts to bid on, hoping to be successful in getting six. The acts have to be contacted for their requirements, and for ongoing liaison. The willing hands in the hall need calling in on the day to help set up the stage and lights (if needed) and setting out the chairs. Finally the acts need somebody to assist their needs on the day. If you are

interested, I will be happy to discuss the subject in more detail.

We are looking forward to the Halloween event for children (see details elsewhere), and the Christmas Fuddle on 1st December, and hope to see our hall full. There will be a call for help decorating the hall for Christmas through the medium of the Rolleston Junction email system.

We thank Lucy Kyte for running the hall booking system with great efficiency.

**Should you wish to hire the hall, do not hesitate to contact her at [bookings@rollestonhall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@rollestonhall.org.uk) or 07398 670139, when Lucy will look after your requirements.**

**Julian Ellis**





# Rolleston's Festive Fuddle

**SUNDAY, 1st DECEMBER**

**Village Hall - 12.30pm for 1.00pm Lunch**

**Food, Entertainment, Music, Magic,  
Childrens' Activities & Special Guest!**

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## Holy Trinity Church News

### Dear Readers

The Summer months have been busy at the church. The church is now open every day and so far in 2019 we have had 48 entries in the Visitors' Book. We do recommend that you take a look in the church and read the comments.

Work is progressing at bringing together the existing churchyard with the newly acquired land.

The heating in the nave has been upgraded and modernised. Work continues in completing the maintenance required following the 5 year Quinquennial Survey.

The Harvest Supper was this year held in church with 38 people attending for a hot meal and friendly quizzes. The highlight was being provided by Stanley Chapman with a

box of artefacts and curios to identify, that caused much head scratching and amusement.

The Harvest Festival service was taken by Elizabeth Blakey on the following Sunday and afterwards all harvest gifts were donated to Caudwell House in Southwell for the benefit of the children.

Advent and the Christmas Season will soon be upon us and details of the services will be shown on the Church Notice Board and in the Tatler.

**However, please take special note that on; Tuesday, 24th December, the traditional Christmas Eve Carol Service is at 6.00pm when a warm welcome is extended to everyone in the village.**

Peter Salter

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## Dominoes

The 2019/20 Season has now started.

At the time of writing Brian Walton and Julian Ellis are due to play the semi final of the Pairs Knockout, a trophy they have won for the last two years.

The Winter Cup, which is a team trophy kicks off with a quarter final match against The Cross Keys. We usually have a pool of 11 regular players to choose from but on this occasion we only have 6 available. Therefore, we are extremely grateful to May Fearn and Beryl Northcote for coming forward to make up the team. I will let you know in the Spring Edition how we have done in both competitions.

Our thanks go to the Dapper Spaniel for their continued support . If you are keen to play please contact me on 819197.

Peter Salter

# Bozzy's Big Jump

My 60th birthday surprise from my girls was a tandem parachute jump from 13,500ft. I decided I also wanted to use this opportunity to raise some funds for our local air ambulance team.



On Friday, 13th September, I was on my way. The day was the most perfect weather to jump out of a plane, and to my great surprise there were no nerves. The team at Sibson Airfield, Peterborough, were total professionals and my thanks go to Radech, my tandem partner.

I think the photos show you how much I enjoyed the experience. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to my fund raising activities.

I raised a total of just over £1,400 for the worthy cause of the Notts/Lincs Air Ambulance Service.

**Steve Bosworth**

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# Carol Singers wanted!

This year the Carol Singing will be to raise funds for the Rolleston Village Kate Greenaway Day. Keep a look out and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE come to your doors and support us.

**This is where we will be ...**

- Mon 16th Dec -7pm-8pm, Fiskerton Road and Holly Court, Manor Farm Close
- Tues 17th Dec -7pm-8pm, Staythorpe Road, Croft Farm Close and Station Road

**If you miss us then please come along and show your support at: Carols around the Christmas Tree on Thursday 19th December.**

If you would like to come along and be part of our troop then everyone is very welcome, the more the merrier and no solo's required. All we ask for is the ability to enjoy singing Christmas carols, the desire to raise money for a good cause, and sometimes to shake the collection bucket.

We meet just before 7pm at the phone box prior to heading out and suggest that you wrap up warm and bring a torch or lantern.

Christmas hats help the festive atmosphere, but are entirely optional.

**For further information drop me a line at [emmajburnett@hotmail.com](mailto:emmajburnett@hotmail.com)**



## Christmas wreath making

On Friday, December 6th, 1-3 pm,  
The Old Barn at Field Farm, Rolleston.

We are running a Christmas Wreath Making workshop as a fund-raiser with all proceeds going to the village hall. The cost is £20 per person which includes everything you need to make a real moss wreath. Included in the price are mince pies and drinks and a whole lot of festive cheer! We expect this to be a popular event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Please email Helen at [theoldbarnatfieldfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:theoldbarnatfieldfarm@hotmail.com) or call 07834 689878



# NEWS FROM CLLR ROGER BLANEY



## An end in sight for traffic congestion around Newark?

The recent announcement that the Newark Northern by-pass upgrade is included in the Government's 2020-2025 Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) is tremendous news and something for which I have been campaigning for many years. I am grateful to our MP, Robert Jenrick, for inviting me to join him at meetings in Whitehall with a succession of Roads Ministers. In addition, I have been able to use my influence at East Midlands Councils – the representative body for all 46 city, district and county councils in the region – to argue that the bypass is of regional, indeed national, importance. Currently it is the key bottleneck of what is now widely called the "A46 Growth Corridor". Indeed, Lincolnshire County Council publicly describe the bypass as their single most important highway 'need' – even though it is not in their county!!

However, now is not the time to sit back. There is no room for complacency. Some £450 million has been allocated to the scheme, the largest ever single transport investment in this district's infrastructure. Yet this is unlikely to be sufficient given the scheme's complexity: crossing a river

twice, a railway line three times, grade separation (flyover to you and me!!) at the Cattle Market roundabout and a complete remodelling of junctions with the A1 and the A17 to the east of Newark. Indeed, mile for mile, the bypass upgrade is probably one of the most expensive schemes in the Government's whole programme. As a result, either the full scheme may not be affordable unless savings can be found or unless further monies are allocated in the 2025-2030 RIS programme.

Further, the current timetable does not have the by-pass open for traffic until 2027, some eight years hence. And, at the present time, who can predict what the political or economic environment will be like in eight months, even weeks, let alone eight years? So, we will have frequent congestion when we try to get into Newark for some time yet. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The recent announcement is very welcome but I – and I know our MP – will continue to argue for the full scheme and for its completion to be brought forward, not pushed back.

**Roger Blaney (Cllr).**

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Village Hall Lotto

### Winners since the last issue:

Rob Squires, Abs Chaaban, Thea Chaaban,  
Carole Chandler, Simon Haycock, Steve Johnson,  
Elizabeth Blakey, Peter Salter, Ian Whitehead,  
Amanda Hobbs, Neil Smith, Steve Rowles  
and Frank Mitchell.

The Village Hall makes a profit from the Lotto and this is a big part of our running costs. We've got five vacant numbers that we need to fill -

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# The Kate Greenaway Action Group

A group of nine interested villagers met in September at Rolleston Villa with the aim of considering ways in which we might raise the profile of the artist Kate Greenaway and her connection with our village.

The idea had originally come from Pati Colman and Emma Burnett who were wondering whether it might be possible to have the equivalent of a blue plaque put on the side of the house. This was previously occupied by Eric Ulliyatt and was the house in which Thomas ("dada") and Mary ("mamam") Chappell, had lived and where Kate frequently stayed as a child. We have approached the Parish Council asking for their support in lobbying Nottinghamshire County Council as owners of the property and a further suggestion has been made that the proposed village sign might include reference to Kate Greenaway.

## At the meeting it was decided to pursue several courses of action:

- Contact the Parish Council for their continued support regarding a 'blue plaque' and the village sign to recognise Kate Greenaway's significance to Rolleston.
- Contact the County Council for information on the registration documents relating to 18 The Holding, the home of Mr & Mrs Chappell.
- To make contact with former villagers and others who may be able to assist in gathering additional information.
- To consider organising a village Kate Greenaway Day in March 2020 (to roughly coincide with her birthday on 17.03.1846)
- To catalogue what we have in the way of documents / artifacts that relate to Kate Greenaway and specifically to her childhood spent in Rolleston.

The meeting in September demonstrated we have a lot still to learn about Kate's time in Rolleston in the late 1840s and 1850s and that quite a few people in the village have already done some research and are in possession of some very interesting artifacts relating to her. We suspect that this may also be the case for others who may have left the village or were not able to come to the meeting.



With the purpose of establishing what we know and what we have in the way of source material and associated artifacts, there was a second meeting which took place on Wednesday 6th November at Manor Close, Station Road.

If you are interested in joining the group, or if you have information or items that relate to Kate Greenaway, please do get in touch.

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Kate Greenaway is our village's former inhabitant and the most popular children's book illustrator of her generation.

Although born in 1846 in the East End of London, she spent her early infancy and then many subsequent summers in Rolleston until she was twenty. As a child, she spent hours sketching scenes of rural life here.

Kate developed her talent at the Slade School of Art. Her drawings of children dressed in clothes of a bygone era charmed the public. Greenaway's books and greeting cards sold by the thousands during nineteenth-century Victorian Britain and had international appeal. Her work was acclaimed by art critics, including John Ruskin.

In 2018, she was inducted into the Society of Illustrators Hall of Fame in New York.

[www.societyillustrators.org/kate-greenaway](http://www.societyillustrators.org/kate-greenaway)

# Rolleston Book Club

The Rolleston Book Club meet at the Village Hall every month with occasional meals out at The Dapper Spaniel.

Books recently discussed were "The Other Mrs Walker" and "A Woman of No Importance".

Come and join us! Meeting dates are 7th January, 5th February and 5th March.

Contact Jenny on 07925 485954



## Reverend Phil

Dear All,

Welcome to autumn! It's a beautiful time of year isn't it? Although it ends in the depths of winter and Christmas. We're already thinking about that, and you can buy Christmas decorations in the shops - already!?!



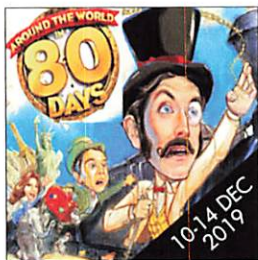
What will the world look like by December? Will we be in the EU still, out with a deal or a no deal? Will we have had a General Election? Who will win it, or will it be a draw? Is another referendum going to happen? Will taxes for the rich be reduced, adding to our national debt? Will those in high positions be honorable and wise, or held accountable by the law for their wrongs? Will the rich and powerful always hold sway, whilst the ordinary and those without influence lose out? Maybe you'll say 'twas ever thus', even Jesus said 'you will always have the poor with you'.

Have we seen or experienced any injustice recently? Or observed how those with wealth have an unequal chance of success? It's important not just to be fed this from the media and do nothing about it. We may not be able to do much, but surely there is some small thing we are able to do. As the Chinese say 'How do you walk a thousand miles? By taking one small step at a time'. Do we or should we not feel a divine irritation with injustice and the way the world too often works in favour of the rich and powerful. Are we the rich and powerful?

The Christmas story gives us hope. A story of humble origins, a bias to the poor, of love, care and respect being at the heart of everything good. A narrative we need to hear, and try to put into practice, with or without Christmas decorations.

**Blessings,**  
**Rev'd Phil.**

# Robin Hood Theatre Company

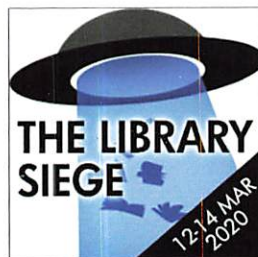


**Around the World in 80 Days** by Jules Verne,  
adapted by Laura Eason, Director - Dave Baliol-Key  
10 to 14 December (incl Sat matinée at 2.30pm).

This classic story follows Phileas Fogg of London and his newly employed French valet, Passepartout, as they attempt to circumnavigate the world in 80 days.

**Handbagged** by Moira Buffini, directed by Jean Lebeter  
28 January to 1st February (plus Sat matinée at 2.30pm).

For over a decade Margaret Thatcher met the Queen for a weekly audience. With other Prime Ministers the Queen enjoyed a fairly informal relationship, but with Mrs Thatcher things were different.



**The Library Siege** Barry Wood,  
12 to 14 March (plus Sat matinée at 2.30pm).

When a conspiracy theorist lays siege to Higgsfield Library the fate of mankind hangs in the balance. In this wacky comedy, a full complement of nutty librarians are held hostage by a customer who thinks he is saving the world. 'The Library Siege' by Barry Wood, winner of the Robin Hood Theatre 2018 Script Submission competition, is our 'New Work' play for the season.

**Tickets from £8. Please call the Box Office on 07733 179 986**

# Engage with your Parish Council!

Parishes are the smallest areas of civil administration in England, and whilst the Parish Council is the lowest statutory tier of local government it is the closest to the people and has a unique ability to represent the views of parishioners and to listen to, and understand, the views and needs of different groups in the community.

Those views and needs can be communicated to the Parish Council in many different ways.

The monthly meetings of the Parish Council feature two "open sessions" where members of the public are encouraged to make points or observations or raise questions, including the opportunity to raise questions of representatives of District and County Councils, who are regularly present during the first open session.

A glance through the minutes of recent meetings reveals questions about highways maintenance, local authority house building, road markings and pot-holes, bus timetables and train crossing safety.

Those members of the Parish unable to attend meetings personally can send letters or emails to the Parish Council at any time, and comments or questions received are reported at the monthly meetings and recorded under the section devoted to "general correspondence". The authors of all correspondence are afforded anonymity, unless they express otherwise, and the Parish Council

will always try to provide answers to any questions, or direct the question to whoever might best be able to provide the answer.

Correspondence received and discussed at recent meetings includes such diverse topics as restricted footpaths, a request to re-stake trees on Corner Farm, report of alleged drug dealing in the village, notification of the 2020 race meeting programme at Southwell Racecourse, parking on verges, and a query on the maintenance regime for the village defibrillator. There is a wealth of knowledge within the village and often the answers to questions comes from members of the public present at meetings.

The Parish Council is also an ideal way for groups within the village, both formal and informal, to let others know about projects or initiatives of interest to the community. In recent months this has included Holy Trinity Church seeking support for its successful acquisition of additional land to extend the graveyard, the launch of the Kate Greenaway Action Group, and the village signs project.

However you choose to engage with the Parish Council, all communications received are welcome, whatever their level of importance, as it is only through these contributions that the Parish Council is able to truly fulfil its role of representing the views of parishioners.

**Tim Harries, Chairman**

## Indoor Short Mat Bowling

Every Tuesday evening throughout the year, (almost without fail), unless a public holiday, a band of hardy or not so hardy people meet for an evening of gentle exercise to play Bowls in the Greenaway.

It is warm on a cold winter's night and even warmer on a hot summer's night. A warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to visit and see what goes on and have a go.

7.00pm every Tuesday. Do give it a try. You never know you may enjoy it and be good.

**Peter Salter**

# HIDDEN HISTORIES

## HANDSTANDS UP TO THE HAYSTACKS



Eileen Beadles

Frank Mitchell's article about 'Threshing Day' sparked some childhood memories for Eileen Beadles. Below is an account which gives a glimpse of what life was like during the period of 1943 to the early 1950s on her Grandfather Sharpe's farm, (Holly Farm). This was where her father, Lesley, grew up with his six other siblings.

Thanks to Eileen for sharing these reminiscences which are rather special. Carole Chandler.



Eileen - Age 7

"My earliest memory is traveling in Uncle Bill's van, one of my dad's brothers, delivering milk round the village. It was dispensed, by gills and pints, into household jugs using his metal measures.

One day, during his milk round, he told me that my Grandpa Goodwin had died, and it was very sudden. He was my maternal Grandfather. I was so shocked as I really loved him. I remember praying between the tears that he would be brought back to life.

My paternal grandfather, John Thomas Sharpe (known as "Tom"), was quite a different character. He was a tenant farmer at Holly Farm and believed children should be 'seen and not heard'. My dad (Lesley) was brought up at Holly House along with his six other siblings; there were six boys and one girl.

Uncle Verdun was the youngest of the seven children. He also worked on the farm with Uncle Bill and my dad, Lesley. The three sons were paid, but the rest of the family pitched in. It was always clear who was in charge - Grandpa Sharpe even had his own motorcar and petrol pump, but no one else was allowed to drive it!

I often played there, sometimes with my friend, Maureen Savage. I went in the summer holidays

and the days always seemed to be hot and long. At harvest time, we'd deliver packed lunches (meat or jam pasties and cans of hot sweet tea) to the men who stoked and loaded the corn onto horse and cart.

Threshing Day and the arrival of Bob Hough and his chugging threshing machine caused great excitement for us children. We'd do handstands up to the haystacks and climbed the many steps up to the granary into the huge pile of grain. I can remember being almost unable to breathe after rolling about in the dusty grain. My dad's trouser bottoms would be tied with string to prevent the mice, which hid in the haystacks, from running up the inside of his trousers!

The many cats and kittens which roamed the farmyard helped to keep the rodent population down. The animals on the farm

held a fascination for me. The paddock was full of work horses. I found them quite scary; to my five-year-old self they were towering giants.

Farming in Rolleston was 'mixed'. There was a little of many things: pigs, poultry and sheep. Dairy and beef cattle were also farmed - the breed was 'Lincoln Reds'.

One day, Grandpa Sharpe and Uncle Bill went to check the beef cattle in the fields near the River Trent. We travelled by horse and cart down the lane, (where Chilli Bobs is today). I'd be about six and was warned not to go wandering off as they wouldn't wait. I picked violets from underneath the hedgerows. When I turned round, Grandpa had gone! They were already in the distance and they didn't stop for me. I ran in some distress all the way back to the farm.

I recall that he told me not to



The Sharpe Family.  
Eileen's father  
(Lesley) sitting on  
Grandma's knee.

pick flowers from his garden or fruit from the orchard. Today, I don't pick flowers from my own borders or have cut flowers in the house. Funny how things that are said in childhood form a lasting impression.

When calves were born in the crew yard they sometimes struggled to survive. One year, I remember seeing my father's suffering when the newly born calves all succumbed to some dreadful disease. The sad side of farming stayed with me. I remember thinking I definitely don't want to marry a farmer!

Grandpa kept poultry. The henhouses were towed into the cornfields after harvest for the hens to glean the fallen grain. Inevitably, Mr Fox would come along to behead a few prize chickens. I also remember fluffy chicks in the brooder and white ducks swimming in the murky duckpond in the stack yard.

I loved to collect the newly laid eggs. There was plenty for boiled eggs and soldiers for breakfast. However, during WWII, some had to be preserved for the war effort. A preservative powder called 'isinglass', made from the swim bladders of fish, was dissolved in water and the fresh eggs were submerged in the solution.

Sheep also featured at Holly Farm. One year, my dad's sheepdog, Jess, broke loose from her tether in the cowshed. Unseen, she raced into the nearby flock, severely injuring several sheep. Dad was so upset. He knew Jess could never again be trusted. For six weeks, he kept her tied up, unable to bring himself to "do the deed". I would creep into the byre each day, praying she was still there, giving her a stroke, and hoping that Dad would relent. He couldn't - but it broke both his and my heart to see her demise.

The farmhouse was quite imposing to a young child; large rooms and two staircases. There was a wide, sweeping one and

some backstairs used by servants in previous times. The grandfather clock in the drawing room had a moon-faced image that would rise above the dial of the clock face. It used to terrify me. It seemed so sinister, yet now it's comforting to have the same clock chiming in our lounge today at Holly Cottage on Staythorpe Road. (Incidentally this was my childhood home, my dad moved out of the farmhouse at Holly Farm and moved here when he married my mum, Margaret).

The farmhouse boasted an indoor bath and a toilet, but there was an outdoor 'privy' which housed seven wooden-seated toilets. These tapered from adult-sized to five smaller ones. I often wondered, did they all sit down together?

The kitchen had a roaring fire. Grandma Sharpe, my mother and Winnie, (an employee) would be gathered round the big table either baking or preparing meals.

The butcher would come on pig-slaughtering day. He would tell the children - "I've come to talk to piggy." A freshly killed pig on the table caused more commotion - jointing the meat, preparing pork pies, hams and processing other

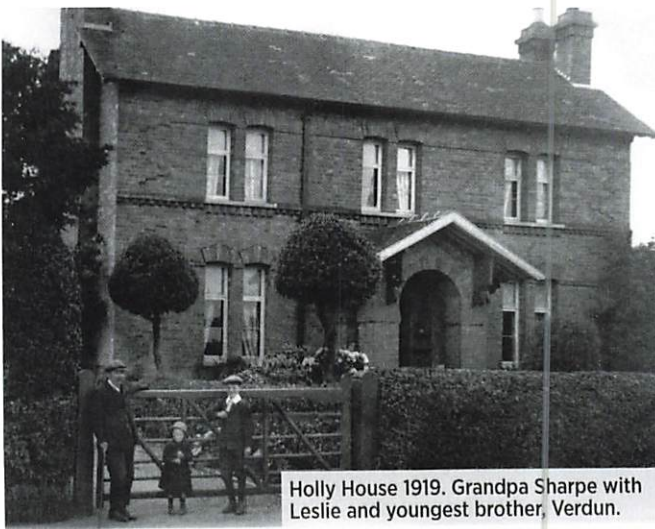
parts - certainly not appealing to my eyes.

Mum often worked in the dairy. My dad would milk the cows, sitting on his three-legged stool, his capped head pressing into their flank. Then the bucketful of warm milk was tipped into the cooling machine in the dairy by the back door of the house. I can picture my mother with the wooden butter pats, making our butter.

As I grew older, things changed. The milk lorry called daily to collect the churns to take to the local dairy for processing. Uncle Bill's days of delivering the milk round the village were over. Grandpa Sharpe died in 1946; the sons continued the farming and a tractor replaced the workhorses. The Power Station opened in Staythorpe in 1950 and provided alternative employment. A number of farmworkers went to work there and eventually, so did my dad.

I have many memories of the farm, happy and sad. But certainly, as a child, I had a lot of freedom and a rich playground to explore and develop the imagination."

**Eileen Beadles**



Holly House 1919. Grandpa Sharpe with Leslie and youngest brother, Verdun.

# Is there a plumber in the village?

Yes, there is now. Mick Gilbert, who recently moved to Holly Court, originally started in business in 1995, with his wife Janet, who handled the accounts and administration side of things. They had at that time, three young children, Tanya, Laura and Michael.

The Gilberts initially worked on building projects with plumbing as one of the key trades. Mick worked on some interesting jobs which included English Heritage property restorations. As a local authority approved contractor, he also worked on police stations, schools and colleges.

In 2003, at the age of seventeen, his son, Michael, joined the company as an apprentice plumber. Young Michael was keen to carry on the family tradition of being in the plumbing trade and successfully qualified after working during the day and studying at college in the evenings and on day release. Four years later, in 2007, his father, Mick, decided to retire from the business and hand over the reins (or the pipes) to his son.

When Michael took over he refocused the business and decided to create the Gasline branding. Today, with sixteen years of experience under his belt, Michael specialises in plumbing, heating and air conditioning services for the home environment.

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Gasline is a gas approved contractor and is gas safe registered and offers a 24-hour service with no call-out fees. The company still retains its family ethos. Janet continues to support the business with administration and Mick, although retired, enjoys giving the occasional helping hand to Michael, especially with his accrued wealth of knowledge.

Some would say, like father like son, or maybe it's a case of once a plumber, always a plumber!

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Mick (left) and Michael Gilbert



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# Claire's Kitchen

## Beetroot and Shallot Tarte Tatin

Hi Everyone,

I like this recipe as it makes an impressive vegetarian main course but could just as easily be served as a side dish for everyone to enjoy.

It can also be made gluten-free if you use the Jus-Rol gluten free pastry. With Christmas approaching a very useful recipe to have to hand.

### Ingredients

- 1 sheet ready rolled puff pastry or 1/2 a block or make it yourself! 300g approx.
- 300g shallots
- 1 tblsp. olive oil
- 2 tblsp. balsamic vinegar
- 2 tblsp. light brown sugar
- 300g cooked beetroot, the vacuum packed or home cooked sort, not pickled.

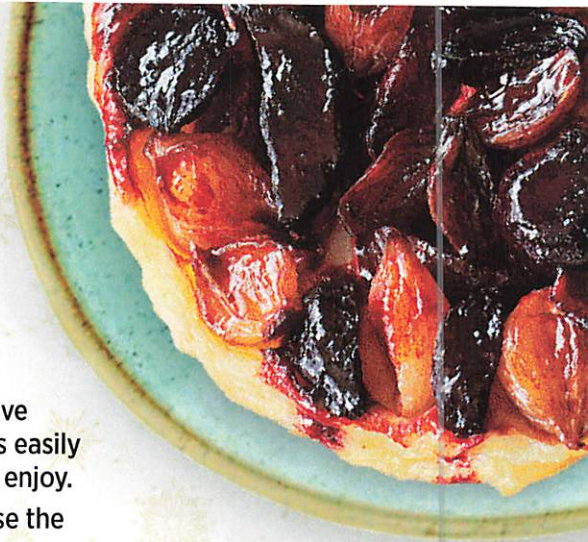
### Dressing:

- 25g blanched hazelnuts
- 1 tblsp capers, drained
- 1 tblsp red wine vinegar
- 5 tblsp olive oil
- a small bunch of parsley and a few mint leaves

### Method

- 1) Heat the oven to 200C. (fan) or 220C. Roll out the pastry to a rough 30cm circle. Lay it on a sheet of greaseproof paper on a baking sheet. Chill.

- 2) Put the shallots in a heatproof bowl and pour over boiling water to cover.
- 3) Leave for 10 minutes then drain and peel. Cut any larger shallots in half so that they are all roughly the same size.
- 4) Heat the oil in an ovenproof frying pan (approx. 25cm) over a medium heat. Add the shallots and cook for 10 minutes then add the vinegar and sugar and cook for 5 minutes more until thick and syrupy.
- 5) Halve the beetroot and nestle among the shallots.
- 6) Lay the pastry over the vegetables and tuck in the edges.
- 7) Bake in the oven for 35-40 minutes until crisp and golden ( it needs longer than you might think to cook through)
- 8) Meanwhile make the dressing. Finely chop the hazelnuts and herbs, stir in the capers, vinegar and oil.
- 9) After leaving the tarte to rest for 5 minutes invert onto a serving plate or board and drizzle with the herb dressing handing around the rest separately. **Enjoy.**





### **SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

We are sad to announce that Doreen Duda, one of our oldest residents in the village, passed away peacefully, 24th October, at Hazelford Care Home.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and all who knew Doreen. She will be sadly missed. Anyone wishing to do so can make donations to the Alzheimer's Society via E Gill & Sons Ltd. of Newark.

### **30 YEARS ALL-WEATHER TRACK CELEBRATION**

On 8th November Southwell Racecourse celebrated 30 years of racing on its highly acclaimed all-weather track.

Since the devastating floods of 2007, 2008 and 2012 the Racecourse has gone from strength to strength. To protect its future 4km of new flood defences have been built.

Recently, parent company Arena Leisure showed their confidence in the future of Southwell Racecourse by installing state of the art lighting to enable evening racing.

As a good neighbour to Rolleston and an important local employer we wish the Racecourse every success for the next thirty years!

Amanda Hillary



### **POWER LIFTING BRITISH RECORD**

Congratulations to Rolleston's power lifter, Amanda Hillary. She has achieved yet another British Record for her weight class at the Irish Pro International Powerlifting and Benchpress Competition in Kilmarnock, Limerick.

She managed to achieve a squat lift of 172.5 kg. A squat lift is when you rest the weight bar behind your neck on your shoulders. You lower your hips from a standing position then stand back up again.

Personal trainer Amanda weighs under seventy kilos so she lifted two and a half times her body weight. Her success comes from strength training, correct technique, a well planned diet and most importantly, self discipline.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Penny Lester who is about to become a grandmother (fingers crossed! Her daughter Emily and her partner are in the final stages of adopting two children. We wish them every happiness!

### **DON'T FORGET...**

The Legendary Carols 'round the Tree get together! 7.00pm on 19th December at the Christmas Tree on the Jubilee Garden and then everybody back to the Dapper Spaniel at 7.30pm for delicious mince pies and drinks offers!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE SANDERS

Two special birthdays were celebrated in the Sanders household recently. Angela and Mark Sanders partied in style at a joint celebration to mark their half century, 31st August. (Angela's actual birthday was 29th August and Marks's was 3rd November).

Happy 50th Birthday wishes to them both!



Angela & Mark Sanders



The Team looking rather Dapper at the Awards Night

## PUB WINS DINING AWARD

Congratulations go to Carl and Kat and their fantastic team at the Dapper Spaniel for winning the Madeinn award for family dining. Carl and Kat would also like to give a huge thank to everyone in the community who has helped and supported them. "We couldn't have done it without you and we are very excited and proud to say we are now an award-winning pub."



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(not during winter), The Dapper Spaniel

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**Nick Pearson - 01636 816382**

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## Indoor Bowls

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## Yoga

**Mandy - 07773 551916**

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