

the Rolleston Junction

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18th Nov	7.30pm	Greek Night. Tickets in advance.	Village Hall
30th Nov	4.30 – 8.30pm	Southwell Xmas Market	Southwell
3rd Dec	Leaving Bleasby 11.00am	Salvation Army Toy Run Passes through Rolleston approx 11.10am	
4th Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
6th Dec	12noon	Seniors Christmas lunch	Village Hall
5th – 9th Dec	7.30pm (matinee 2.30pm on final day)	The Flint Street Nativity by Tim Firth For tickets visit www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733 1799 86	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham.
9th Dec	7.00pm	Festive Gig at the Greenaway	Village Hall
10th Dec	10.30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
20th Dec	6.00pm	Carols Round the Tree	Kate Greenaway Garden
24th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church
2nd Jan	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
16th Jan	7.30pm	Rolleston Book Club. The Mad Women's Ball by Victoria Mas	For venue contact Pati Colman*
30th Jan - 3rd Feb	7.30pm (matinee 2.30pm on final day).	Ladies Unleashed by Amanda Whittington. For tickets visit www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733 1799 86	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham.
5th Feb	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
14th Feb	7.30pm	Rolleston Book Club. Book to be confirmed	For venue contact Pati Colman*

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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

The weather's turning... as I write this, we are off to Norfolk with the dog for a wet week by the look of it.

But there's so much to look forward to in Rolleston when we come back.

There's the Greek Night at the village Hall on the 18th November with a live music from ABBA Tribute act, 'The Dancing Queens'. The Vinery have prepared a 3-course Greek themed menu and I'm really looking forward to it. If you haven't got your ticket already - hurry - as it's advance ticket sales only.

Then there's the Christmas events to look forward to: 6th December, Seniors' Christmas Lunch, and then 9th December is the annual Christmas community 'do' which this year is called 'Festive Gig at the Greenway', (7pm Village Hall). There will be live music by local duo '2 Down' as well as a full bar service and a little festive food to keep you going. (See page 23 for details).

Don't miss the Carols Round the Tree, 20th December at 6pm, followed by seasonal refreshments on offer at the Vinery. It is always special when our community comes together.

Read about Eleanor Brettle's newly published book 'In those Days' on page 21. We are delighted that Eleanor's memoirs are now available on Amazon for all to enjoy.

There is a moving tribute to well respected and loved member of our community, Liz Garrood, on page 22 and we offer our sincere condolences to husband, Peter and their family.

On page 9 you'll find an interview with Alex Openshaw, professional carpenter and builder and one of our magazine sponsors. It is useful that we have so many professional skills on our doorstep.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors without whom this community magazine couldn't exist. This allows us to share information about our village, the people who live here, and their amazing talents.

So, thank you for contributing articles and news over 2023. It really is your magazine - we love hearing from you.

We look forward to seeing you over the festive season and wish you, your families and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill and Beth



Church News

Despite having no vicar, church services continue as usual. We can call on a number of retired clergy, and occasionally some of the staff from the diocesan office in Southwell. The lay readers are all doing a splendid job and taking as many services as they can, despite their inability to be in two places at the same time.

In Rolleston we are discussing having additional services, such as on Sunday evenings. Our main Christmas service in Rolleston will, as usual, take place at 6 pm on Christmas Eve, with a Carol service which is traditionally attended by a great many villagers.

The recent history exhibition was a success with the Rolleston Pewter being on display, here, rather than its usual place in the Civil War Museum.

The required five yearly survey of the church building took place recently, and fortunately did not throw up any major problems, but there is a list of two dozen small jobs that need to be done within the next year, such as cracked glass in windows and plants growing in gutters and gullies.

The problems of a building approaching its thousandth year are continuous and expensive.

The process for finding a new vicar has unfortunately been delayed by the absence of the Archdeacon for some weeks on special leave. Hopefully the job description and the parish profiles will be ready soon so we can get going in November with advertising of the vacancy starting shortly after, but we expect to be without a vicar for a good few months to come.

Julian Ellis

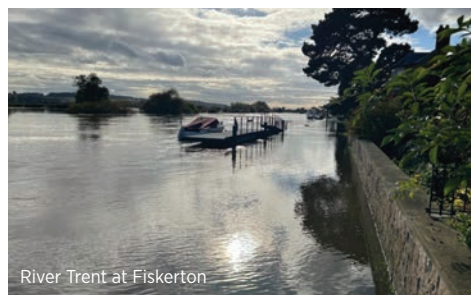
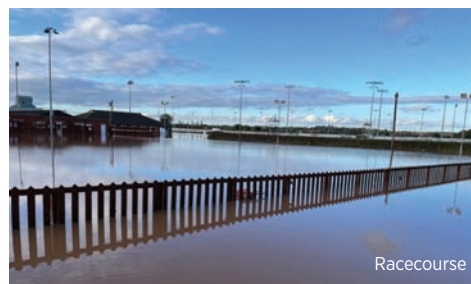
Note from Peter Salter: Photos of our wonderful church with the masonry repairs carried out by Artisan Stone of Southwell. The 2018 Quinquennial Survey highlighted the work that has now been done to protect and preserve the stonework for the village for many years to come. But the repairs have used up all our Fabric Reserve in meeting the cost of £14,600.

As Julian mentions in his article, we have just received the results of the 2023 Quinquennial survey which highlights further ongoing repairs to carry out over the next five years. If you wish to assist, one way is by using the Give a Little QR Code. There is also a contactless card machine in the church for future giving. Thanks to all those who have helped and continue to do so.



The Floods and Storms

We heard that the Bardills have been flooded on Station Road so we send our sympathy to them and to anyone else that has been affected by the recent floods and storms. Thanks to all those that have offered help during this trying period and to our flood warden Steve Bosworth for the work he does for the village.



Photos: Pati Colman and Karen Swann

Village Hall Lotto

Here are the winners since the last edition of the Junction:

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- **Steve Rowles**

There are no vacant numbers for now, but I know that there are a few houses for sale in the village, so anticipate some numbers becoming available soon.

Thank you for your kind support which we do need. A £50 cash prize will continue to be awarded each week.

The lotto is a major source of funding as well as running a few fundraising community events each year.

This keeps the village hall a facility for all to enjoy. Don't forget to come along to our main fund raising event this year on Saturday, 18th November; Greek Night, with an Abba tribute act and a 3-course Greek themed menu supplied by The Vinery. Advance ticket sales only. Refer to page 8 for details.

Angela Sanders

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Claire's Recipe Sprouts!

I thought I would concentrate on Brussels Sprouts for the winter recipe what with Christmas being around the corner. Like many of you I was brought up on soggy, over-cooked and bitter sprouts and hated them. However, when I met Pete and started seeing how they grew and the different varieties available they started to grow on me too. So, here are a few ideas to get you started.

Cooked Sprouts

Remove any tatty outside leaves and trim the ends, no need to put a cross in the base, but if you have any very large ones cut them in half. Bring a pan of water to the boil and drop in the sprouts, cook for about 5 minutes until just tender. Drain well and toss in a little melted butter and freshly ground black pepper. To ring the changes, fry a few chestnuts or almonds and add to the sprouts before serving. Some crispy bacon bits never fail to get the thumbs up in this house either.

Stir Fried Sprouts

Prepare by removing outer leaves and trimming the stalk, cut any large ones in half or even quarters and leaving little ones whole, the idea is for all them to be roughly the same size. Boil them for about 5 minutes and leave to steam dry. Chop up one onion and sweat it in a knob of butter until soft, add one chopped up apple and a few sage leaves, also chopped. Stir in the sprouts and heat through adding a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce to finish.



Christmas Salad

This salad was a surprising hit last Christmas too!

100g cabbage finely sliced, 50g fennel, finely sliced, 100g raw sprouts, finely sliced, 100g raw parsnip grated – (I use the magi-mix for all this slicing, either using the fine slice or coarse grater disc depending how chunky you like it).

Mix all the vegetables in a bowl with a tablespoon (or more!) of chopped capers and about 5 tablespoons of mayonnaise or yoghurt (or half and half). Before serving, cover the salad with a bunch of watercress, pea shoots or lamb's lettuce leaves and some chopped walnuts. It's great with cold meats.

However, you like your Brussels Sprouts, enjoy; they're full of vitamins. Our youngest grandson calls them mini cabbages and loves them.

P.S. As I write this, we have just come back from the Autumn Veg Trials in Lincolnshire this afternoon and Rachel Green, (the chef, author and TV presenter) was cooking Tempura Sprouts with soy sauce! Delicious and definitely worth a try especially for those with air fryers.

Editor's Note: Do you have a favourite recipe? Claire is interested in hearing from villagers who would like to feature their recipes in this regular column. It would be lovely to hear your suggestions, whether it's starters, main courses or puddings and why they go down well in your house!

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Rolleston Village Hall



I am pleased to say that our Village Hall is doing well. We would like to remind everyone of the fantastic exercise, fitness and other classes that are held at the Hall.

Yoga with Mandy, is on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 10 - 11.30am, and then there are evening sessions, Yoga with Paula, Monday, at 7 - 8pm and Wednesday at 6.30 - 7.30pm

Pilates with Cheryl takes place Wednesday afternoons at 2.30pm.

Martial Arts evening sessions run on Fridays, 6 - 9pm and Sundays, 5 - 7pm.

Indoor Bowls runs on Tuesday evenings at 7 - 9pm.

Enquiries and bookings are now coming in daily, with the Hall again getting very busy with Children's Parties and Christmas events.

Another date for your diary is Saturday, 18th November, when together with help from The Vinery we are holding a fund raising event for the Village Hall, 'Greek Night'. This features live music from an Abba tribute act, The Dancing Queens, as well as a 3 course Greek themed menu. It sounds like everyone will have a smashing time as it going to be absolutely 'fab-bua-lous'! As the girls from AbFab would say...

Christmas Events:

Our Seniors' Christmas Lunch this year is on Wednesday, 6th December at 12 noon.

We have our village Christmas 'do' which this year's called, 'Festive Gig at the Greenaway' open to Rolleston residents (over the age of 18) on Saturday 9th December. Doors open at 7pm.

We are very lucky that everyone who uses our Village Hall loves it and takes great care of it, and in turn, we are making sure that everyone who books are taken great care of too.

If you would like to contact me to find out more about any of the exercise classes or enquire about hiring the Hall, please email: bookings@rollestonhall.org.uk

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Winter Season from Rolleston Village Hall.

Lucy Kyte

Manager, Rolleston Village Hall



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Meet Alex Openshaw

Alex, a self-employed carpenter and builder, has been living in Rolleston village since 2021. He lives at 4 The Greenaway, with his wife Elena, and their three boys, Jasper, Dexter and Luca. The family moved here from Southwell.

Originally, Alex was born in Manchester, but his family moved to Southwell when he was aged 5. Alex gained joinery qualifications at MBQ Level 3 after studying at Basford College for 3 years and gained significant experience working for Cairns Developments working on new housing projects in Southwell.

In 2009, he and Elena took the bold decision to emigrate to Canada to pursue opportunities there; they settled in Vancouver for a year, with the aim of living there permanently. Alex worked for G Wilson Construction building multi-million dollar homes. Their application was being processed with the Canadian authorities when suddenly, they received a letter out of the blue. The rules had changed due to the global recession and they were advised to return to their home country and reapply! They were due to fly home anyway for a few weeks to visit family, so they felt that the situation was getting too complex and reluctantly took the decision to return to the UK.

They spent 3 years in Cornwall and 4 years in Brighton near to where Elena had family. Their first son Jasper was born in Brighton, but house prices had risen so much during this period it was difficult to buy their first home in the area.

Sadly, in 2017, Alex's father died, and they decided to move back to Southwell. Jasper was settled into Lowes Wong Infant school. Alex was able to firmly establish his joinery and construction business, Openshaw Living Ltd, and gained an excellent reputation for producing high quality work.

Today, Alex specialises in a variety of building and bespoke joinery projects, big and small, including new builds, extensions, kitchen fitting, home improvements, window installation and repairs as well as construction of patios and architectural work for gardens.

Says Alex, "What I like most about my job is the variety of work. One day I might be laying a patio, the next day - I'm hanging a door,

creating a fireplace hearth, or doing a roof. That keeps me interested and it gives me a great sense of satisfaction."

In his spare time, Alex has a real passion for crafting electric guitars from scratch and has made artisan wood items like vases, chopping boards and bespoke furniture from rare and exotic woods.

Alex and his family particularly enjoy living in Rolleston, and like living in a small community where people know each other, compared to a busy town. They appreciate the peace and quiet and the pleasant environment for their growing children.

Things have moved on since their early adventures in Vancouver. It seems that in Rolleston although we cannot offer mountains and coastlines, this family have found a real sense of home.

Carole Chandler



Editor's Note: if you would like contact Alex for building or joinery projects, see Openshaw Living Ltd on page 18. As a customer, I can certainly recommend his professionalism, exacting standards and reliability.



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Rolleston Parish Council News

The Parish Council Grows and Reaches for the Sky!

Despite it being the holiday season, the months of July, August and September were very busy for us.

The great news is that during this time we were very fortunate to acquire two new people to expand our team. Maria Broadbent from the Vinery has now been formally co-opted onto the council and we also appointed Denise Bryant as clerk to the council.

Having Maria on board with her energy, enthusiasm and business acumen is a wonderful boost for us as a team. Denise comes with a wealth of experience and knowledge to help us manage our finances and communications. She has already made a significant contribution to supporting our efforts and we look forward to working with her over the coming years.

We are making rapid moves into the 21st century with the purchase of a dedicated laptop with cloud-based (hence 'reaching for the sky' in my headline) financial management software and a move to on-line banking.

The cloud-based financial software will make it a lot easier to keep track of our finances, provide us with enhanced security and the ability to maintain the required audit trails. Having the on-line banking will make it easier for us to pay our bills more quickly.

In the coming months we will be generating the budget for the next three years. This will mean taking a good look at what our outgoings and incomes are as well as planning for keeping something in reserve for any nasty surprises that may occur.

As we all know, inflation is back, and we will need to take that into account too. Although managing our finances and budgets is vital, we are also working hard on the continuing development and improvement of facilities in the village.

We are looking at how to keep the wonderful play park in good and safe condition as it gets older and requires more maintenance and finance.

We are planning an awareness and training event for the defibrillator in the Spring of next year.

Following a prompt from Alec Jesewski at the Old Vicarage, we are pursuing the idea of installing at least one electric car charging station in the village.

As always, we are concerned with the footpaths around the village and between us and our neighbouring villages. We have reached out to the Parish Council in Fiskerton-cum-Morton to perhaps share ideas about maintaining the paths and dealing with problems caused by dog owners not clearing up after their dogs and paths being ploughed up.

Looking to the future, we are keen to see how we can improve life for wildlife and nature (and therefore for us and future generations) around the parish by promoting tree planting and rewilding projects. Keith Melton, Portfolio Holder-Climate Change at Newark and Sherwood DC, is keen to support us with his expertise and in obtaining funding for this initiative.

Watch this space for more information about future developments.

Finally, we aim to get a Parish Council - (maybe a community website) up and running in the near future. And if anyone out there feels that they would like to join in with these exciting developments, please get in touch - get co-opted!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all Rolleston Parish Councillors.

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

Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

Time has passed quickly this year. I can hardly believe the leaves are already falling from the trees, clocks will be turned back to wintertime and the nights are expected to become colder.

So, we must batten down and enjoy the months ahead, keeping as warm as we can and looking forward to the Christmas festivities. I will, as usual, be contributing towards the village Christmas event and will do my best to join you on the evening of December 9th.

I have been very busy during October attending the Integrated Care Board (ICB) listening exercises regarding Newark Hospital proposed changes. For any of you who have been unable to attend the briefings, I will briefly explain their new plans.

They have committed to providing a high quality sustainable service at Newark and have been given over £5.6 million pounds. With this money, they have built a new operating theatre with a recovery area and converted 2 rooms into 2 minor operation suites for small surgical procedures to free up the theatre.

They anticipate they can do 2,600 additional operations and procedures each year. As Health Scrutiny Chairman, I visited the theatre before it's completion with my Vice Chairman, Bethan. Donning hard hats, we had a tour of the new part of the hospital; it was impressive, it is clean, and the staff are so pleasant.

Operations to replace hips and knees will continue and procedures for replacement shoulders will take place. They have introduced a one-stop Breast Cancer service, the introduction of gynaecology procedures, and residents will be able to access diagnostics, scans, hearing tests, CT and MRI scans. The list is long.

There will be an additional car park to ease the problems we experience with parking. The one problem is the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) and the fact it is not open overnight. They have explained in detail at every briefing that Urgent care is for a non-threatening illness. Emergency care is for life threatening illnesses or accidents where you should dial 999 and go by ambulance to a large hospital.

The proposed hours to continue are 9am to 10pm. Residents are unhappy, decisions have not yet been made and their findings from these briefing sessions will come back to my Health Scrutiny Committee when we will make suggestions as to how to move forward. I can only think our recommendation will be for longer opening hours.

So, with that I close for now, keep warm and safe from Flu and Covid which seems to be raising its ugly head again.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



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Progress on several fronts

Hello all,

The new Administration partnership for Newark and Sherwood DC is settling in.

I was trying to find the right word to describe it the other day when someone suggested, 'convivial' which seemed to be quite appropriate. We all are getting along well without falling out and beginning to understand each other's driving motivations and they all seem to fit well together.

So, we have made progress with finalising a Community Plan which will soon be available for consultation and comment from residents - indeed it may be out by the time you read this.

I am rushing around getting ready for a holiday (the holiday that never got taken during the summer, which seemed to flash past in an instant, it was so busy). In fact, I am now in Belgium, as I finish writing this.

I had to stop writing, at the end of the last paragraph, because the taxi arrived to take us to the station... we were going to travel down to London on the Saturday to catch the Eurostar, but, because of the rail strikes, we ended up having to travel down on Friday evening and stay in a hotel overnight.

Talking of the railway, let me say that I have supported the need to have ticket offices open and staffed. The fact that the government overlooks, when they say that only 10-12% of people use the ticket offices, is that those are often the most vulnerable people who use the railways - the elderly or disabled who really need assistance.

For example, visually impaired people for whom ticket machines are a nightmare and wheelchair users who cannot go chasing around a station to find a member of staff. In addition, women traveling alone, who may arrive at an unstaffed

station when it is dark, would feel much safer if a station were staffed. So, it is clear the decision has been driven by financial savings rather than by customer service. Shame!

On the District Council front, however, we continue to make progress. We are now looking to plant many more trees over the next few years. I recently went down to the Liberal Democrat Conference in Bournemouth, where we passed a motion calling for a doubling of the UK's tree canopy by 2030.

That is my hope for Newark and Sherwood District too; we are working on ways to plant a lot more trees over the next few years. As I have mentioned before, it would be good to see more trees at the entrances to our villages and on land where each village has space to plant new trees. Get in touch with me or your Parish Council if you would like to help make this happen!

And, finally, for this news update, we are now accelerating the decarbonisation of NSDC Council buildings and property over the next four years and have recently approved a plan to work out where and how we might make the most savings for the investment of your money.

I am very conscious of the fact that all we do has to be paid for from your rates and taxes. So, we always need to get really good value for money.

Warm regards to all.

Cllr. Keith Melton

Trent Ward, NSDC

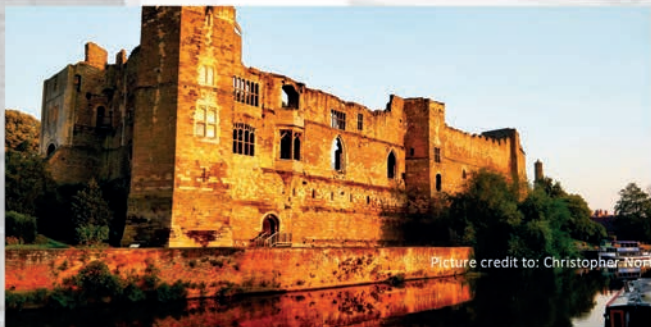
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Fund injection for Newark

In a significant move to bolster the growth and prosperity of Newark, the Prime Minister has announced a staggering £20 million investment as part of the government's Towns Fund initiative. This significant injection of funds reflects a commitment by the government to the development of our town, and is a continuation of the positive trajectory set by the previous £25 million investment in 2019, bringing the total investment in Newark to an impressive £45 million.

The Towns Fund, which I created four years ago in my role as Secretary of State for Local Government, has proven to be a catalyst for positive change, addressing key areas of concern and fostering development.

The recent announcement outlines a strategic allocation of funds across crucial sectors, including skills development, combating antisocial behaviour, heritage preservation, and high street regeneration. The Towns Fund has already been instrumental in supporting transformative projects that are shaping the future of Newark.

One of the significant projects underway is the construction of a new engineering and space college -ASI, bringing T-levels in engineering and new opportunities for post-16 learning to Newark.

The town centre is also witnessing a revitalisation, with housing developments on the former M&S site on Stodman Street, breathing new life into the heart of Newark. The restoration of heritage storefronts in the marketplace further enhances the town's charm.

It was great to visit a restored historic shop front in Newark marketplace, a few weeks ago, now occupied by Flossie & Boo.

I'm passionate about heritage and proud that Newark has so many listed buildings. Restored shop fronts transform the look of high streets and can help independent shops to attract customers and create the unique shopping experience they need to prosper.

What makes this announcement even more thrilling is the potential for additional projects. The restoration of the castle gatehouse, transforming it into a tourist attraction, is on the horizon. This, coupled with a renewed focus on tackling antisocial behaviour and crime in the town centre, aims to ensure that Newark remains a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike.

The Towns Fund resonated with millions in 2019 who felt that the concerns of towns and rural areas were finally being addressed. This additional investment of £20 million is welcome news.

As we embrace the festive season, I am excited to see Newark adorned with the festive lights. As your Member of Parliament, and in the spirit of the season, I extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas to all.

May the joy of the holidays fill your homes, and as we celebrate, let's also remember and appreciate the dedication of our NHS staff, police, and all other public service workers, who will be working tirelessly throughout the winter season to keep us safe.

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WI News

The September meeting of the Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI featured four 'Workhouse Story Tellers'.

There was a Workhouse Matron, who ran the Workhouse with her husband, a Workhouse boy who now had a successful blacksmith business as an adult, a Workhouse maid who had grown up in the Workhouse and a 'lady' who lived in an orange box and was an occasional resident of the Workhouse.

All the stories were fascinating and made us realise that The Workhouse wasn't all doom and gloom but actually helped some people.

The October meeting was Crafting. This took the form of the WI members being given the opportunity to have a go at 'Water colour painting with an Autumn theme'. Three of our members, who are proficient in this craft, guided the WI members and encouraged them to 'have a go'.

The November meeting was Gin Tasting. This event was led by 'Red Smith Distillery', who brought a selection of various gins for members to taste and purchase if they wished.

The WI December meeting is our Christmas meal at The Moon in Morton.

Future meetings in 2024 include 'Healthy Eating' and 'The Hat Lady'.

Pilates classes, with Cat Bagley (a qualified fitness instructor), are organised by WI, but are open to everyone, both female and male. They take place at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall on Thursday mornings 10am to 11am. The cost is £6 cash payable as you attend. For further information contact Susan Bosworth on 07733 135175.

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

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall, Cooks Lane, Fiskerton NG25 0UT.

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Eleanor Brettle's Memoirs Published

Eleanor was born in Nottingham in 1929. She has had a very active life, much of it spent outdoors as she loved sport and the natural world. After working for the Ministry of Agriculture in the 1950s, her dream came true when she and her husband, Dick, became tenant farmers. A keen gardener, Eleanor has a large family and still lives in Rolleston on Fiskerton Road.

As Eleanor herself says, "The idea for this memoir came to me about 20 years ago when I was telling stories of my childhood to my 10-year old granddaughter, Emily. I had held her attention for some time until I commented quite casually, "I got a new doll's pram for passing my 11 plus."

The look of horror and disbelief on her face was indescribable. "You didn't, Grannie!" she exploded.

I had to explain to her that at that age I was still regarded as a child and would remain so until I was 21. Teenagers did not have a category of their own in those days.



My family persuaded me to write all this down for the other grandchildren to read. This I did, and then I realised there was much more to tell of my life after 21 so I just kept on writing..."

Her book, 'In those Days', is available through Amazon. Just search for the author and book title on the Amazon website and you will find it. Priced at £5.99 it's a bargain and would make an excellent Christmas present for anyone interested in local history and life itself.

Carole Chandler

Sincere Condolences

Elizabeth Garrood

We were saddened to hear that Liz Garrood of Holly Court passed away at home on 2nd September after a long illness. We send our condolences to Peter Garrood and family. Liz was a well-known figure in Rolleston and was involved in many groups in the village and beyond, often connected to her love of music. She will be missed as a valued friend in our community. See the full tribute on page 22.

Brian John

We also send our condolences to Sally John and family. Brian died at Beaumond House Hospice, Friday, 20th October after a long illness. Brian will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In memory of Elizabeth Patricia Garrood (Baxter)

8th July 1946 to 2nd September 2023



Elizabeth, Liz to everybody throughout her life, had lived in Rolleston for just less than five years - although she had firm roots and connections to the village.

Liz was born in Newark and at that time, her parents were living at the corner of the Ropewalk and Lower Kirklington Road in Southwell. Her paternal grandparents owned the sweetshop on King Street that still exists, and her maternal grandparents farmed Croft Farm in Rolleston. Her mother grew up on the farm and went to the village school.

Liz's parents were married in Rolleston Church, having met on Rolleston Junction station waiting for the train to Newark. After war service Liz's father worked for a wholesale grocery company and the family moved first to Mansfield, then to Newark, Derby, Forest Town and finally Wollaton.

Liz's musical life began with learning the piano but to make up class numbers for a new cello teacher Liz was one of three girls told she would be switching to the cello. This became Liz's instrument for most of her life. She played in orchestras and sang in many choirs and ensembles in Canada and England.

Liz trained as a music teacher and after a year teaching in Nottingham moved to Canada and taught in elementary schools before taking time off to raise her two children. When they were older Liz had a variety of jobs, including portrait studio photographer, hosting a weekly classical music show on local radio, and teaching special needs adults.

On moving back to England in 1991, she returned to music teaching at Dagfa, an independent school in Beeston, where she raised the interest of the students by mounting an annual school musical and an annual music competition. For an end of term wind-down, Liz invented the game of music bingo.

Liz began playing in the Southwell Orchestra shortly after returning to England. Initially she played the violin to brush up her skills on that instrument and meet a request from parents at Dagfa to teach violin to their children. Liz returned to the cello soon after and stayed in the orchestra until her illness forced her to give up playing in April.

Liz's second talent was designing and knitting sweaters with wool bought from wool shops wherever they could be found. Many a ball of wool was stuffed into the corners of her and husband Peter's suitcases on their foreign travels. The jumpers were made at the rate of roughly one every month; cupboards soon overflowed and for many years Liz had a table at the Christmas market at the garden centre on Fiskerton Road to sell her jumpers for charity.

Yet another talent was composing vocal and orchestral pieces. At least two carols were performed in Southwell Minster, and many orchestral pieces were played by the Southwell Orchestra. Many a tune stayed in people's heads for several days. Her composing highlight was conducting her own Christmas carol for the first time in Southwell Minster. Other pieces had their first performance in Rolleston at the Greenaway.

Liz and Peter owned a narrowboat and spent many nights on board cruising the canals. After Peter retired, the boat and other travels to Canada and mainly Austria meant almost a hundred nights were spent away from home most years.

For the last few years of her life Liz bore with great fortitude and optimism her treatment for the cancer that had returned nine years after being first diagnosed and treated. She wished to stay at home and died peacefully there close to where her mother had been born and her parents married.

Editorial Team's note: Liz will be sadly missed by all who knew her in Rolleston and beyond. As friends and neighbours on Holly Court, we will miss her calm demeanour, her kindness and her gentle sense of humour. We were privileged to know her. We send sincere condolences to Peter and the whole family.

Festive Gig at the Greenaway

Save the Date: **Saturday, 9th December**

This year something different for the Village Christmas 'Do'.

Building on the success of last Christmas where we turned the village hall into 'a pub for one night only' we decided to have an evening event again, this time with live music provided by local duo '2 Down'.



'2 Down' have appeared at other Rolleston events and went down a storm. They play pop and rock covers from across the decades and really like to get involved with an audience.

So, come to the Christmas event of the year and bring friends and family. Enjoy live music, tap your feet... or dance away. The choice is yours. Just bring your festive spirit and enjoy!

Full bar service provided by The Vinery with cask ales, fine wines and spirits. Note: Due to licensing restrictions, this event is open to over 18s only.

Tickets are £12 and must be booked in advance. (No on the door ticket sales) The ticket price includes sausage/veggie roll and a mince pie.

Book your ticket now:

Email rollestonjunction@gmail.com or call **Gill: 07972 689083** or **Pati: 07786 937266** or **Carole: 01636 815089**

All proceeds to Beaumont House



Herbicide Free

Can we be herbicide free from 2023? Some of you may have noticed in the October issue of The Bramley that trials were underway in Southwell by Nottinghamshire County Council to forgo its usual second application of the herbicide, Glyphosate. As part of the trial in Southwell, Newark and Sherwood DC has also committed to not using Glyphosate on all open spaces and housing communal land for 2023.

Glyphosate is a general-purpose herbicide and is more commonly known by its popular marketable product, Roundup. As a non-selective herbicide, it kills any plant it touches - it won't care if a gust of wind drifts some droplets onto your roses.

I hate to admit it, but it is a very effective weapon in any gardener's arsenal as it takes out even the toughest of plants such as tough grasses, bindweed and nettles. But not forever. Invariably you'll find these plants always sprouting back.

So, I find it really exciting to see local authorities embracing biodiversity and opting for the 'greener' solution. If you've walked around the parks and cemeteries of Southwell, you can see that it works, and you don't need chemicals to make green spaces accessible. In Southwell, as a result, various wildflower species have been identified, including Clovers, Storks-bill, Forget-me-Nots, Violets, Foxgloves, Wild Garlic and many more.

It got me thinking. Why can't Rolleston do something similar? Could we become a herbicide free village? Not just in the municipal areas managed by the council (which would be a great start), but in our own gardens too?

The Pesticide Action Group UK (pan.uk.org) have some great resources for alternatives, ranging from Do Nothing or Less, the 'old-fashioned' way, such as mechanical methods like hand-pulling, and 'new-fashioned' ways such as hot water or foam, wire-brushing or even using electricity!

Spraying is easier than manual extraction; you'll often spray more frequently and often at greater concentrations too (belt and braces!). However, this leads to excessive quantities of chemicals being used. So maybe its efficacy isn't worth the harm it causes after all?

All of the plants removed are part of complex food webs. Spraying the plants isn't just killing them, it's having an impact on a number of other species too. Thistles for example, are loved by bees and butterflies, and the seeds are a favourite of Goldfinches. Dozens of other insects eat the leaves which in turn, provide food for insectivorous birds. So maybe we don't need to remove them all - perhaps leave some corners for nature?

We are also starting to understand how herbicides have direct toxic effects on animals too. Glyphosate is intended to interact with an enzyme only found in plants and bacteria. However, as we begin to learn more about the importance of gut biomes in humans and other animals, (think Yakult and Actimel) we are seeing how the 'good' gut bacteria are affected by herbicides too.

Studies show a direct correlation between Glyphosate uptake and bee health and mortality. This stuff is pernicious. New Year's resolutions aren't always easy to keep, but they're easier if you do them with someone else, so let's all get together as a village community and be herbicide-free post 2023.

Graham Osborn MCIEEM
Biodiversity & Ecology Lead, Severn Trent

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Carols Round the Tree

20th December at 6pm

Don't forget to save the date! Carols round the tree will take place in the Kate Greenaway Garden on the 20th December at 6pm. This year the refreshments afterwards, hot sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine and other enticing beverages, including hot chocolate - will be on offer at The Vinery at very reasonable prices. So, come and join us for this traditional village gathering - it really is something quite special.

The Green Girls 50p Hobby

We are Amelia, Jess and Ellie Green aged 13, 11, and 9. We have lived in Twin Pines on Fiskerton Road for the last 10 years. We named our house after the two large pine trees in our front garden. We love living in the village and are keen footballers.

We wanted to share with you our hobby of collecting 50p coins. Did you know there are over 116 different 50p coins with different pictures and dates on them?

Some popular series include the Beatrix Potter sets which include three different kinds of Peter Rabbit.

Then there are the Olympic and Commonwealth Games sets with lots of different sports on them. Our favourites are the Paddington Bear sets which shows Paddington visiting different places around the country.

If you do come across any 50pence pieces with special pictures on them - please do pop round and swap it with us so we can add it to our collection. We'd be very grateful.

Amelia, Jess & Ellie





James and his Giant Sunflower

During the summer term the children in Foundation 2 at Lowe's Wong Infant School planted sunflower seeds. Once they had begun to grow, the plants were sent home. This is James Sole's (5), it now measures an incredible 3.3m tall.

Editor's note: Well done James, you've definitely got green fingers!

Wanted: Help with Sound and Lighting

Are you a fading rock star, or a resting actor, or an ex-roadie, missing the smell of the greasepaint? Are you an aspiring young thespian or a music student, a troubadour, or a trainee lighting designer, keen to learn more the art of managing stage sound and lighting equipment?

Maybe you are just a humble Rollestonian, happy to help now and then. Whoever you are, Your Village Hall Needs You! We have an opportunity for someone to support me in managing the sound and lighting rigs for Rolleston Village Hall. Please call me on 07973 246677 and let's see if it's something where we can help each other out.

Steve Rowles

Charity Fundraiser at The Vinery

On October 5th The Vinery hosted a fundraising event for Beaumont House with the event organiser being the Rotary Club. It was very successful, every table booked, and it raised over a £1000 for the charity.

Dominoes Resumed at The Vinery

Domino League has restarted. However, there are only 5 pubs taking part, so we have 4 matches at home and away against the other teams. We have so far played 3 matches up to now with one 'by' in late October. Our final away fixture is 3rd November and then our 4 home fixtures at The Vinery starting at 8.00pm, are on 16th, 23th, 30th November and 14th December.

If anyone is interested in playing in the team, they are welcome to contact me on 01636 819197.

Peter Salter



Wildlife Encounters

Photo: Gill Rowles

A recent visit from a very long grass snake in our garden at Holly Court came as surprise both to me and to the dog who was holidaying with us! At about 3 feet long and basking in the sunshine it was no threat and we felt lucky to have had it visit us. We haven't seen it since, but no doubt is still in the vicinity and we are keeping our eyes out.

Then whilst doing some work on the roof at the back of the house our next surprise visitor was a pipistrelle bat. Needless to say, it was 'down tools' immediately, but a visit from Natural England and the Bat Conservation Trust identified it as a lone bat, not a roost, and it soon disappeared. So, with their authorisation it was 'Carry on Constructing' again.

Gill Rowles

If you find yourself getting up close and personal with any local wildlife - do send us a picture - we'd love to publish it.



Pipistrelle Bat

Rolleston Regular Events

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Dominoes at The Vinery

Peter Salter • 01636 819197

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