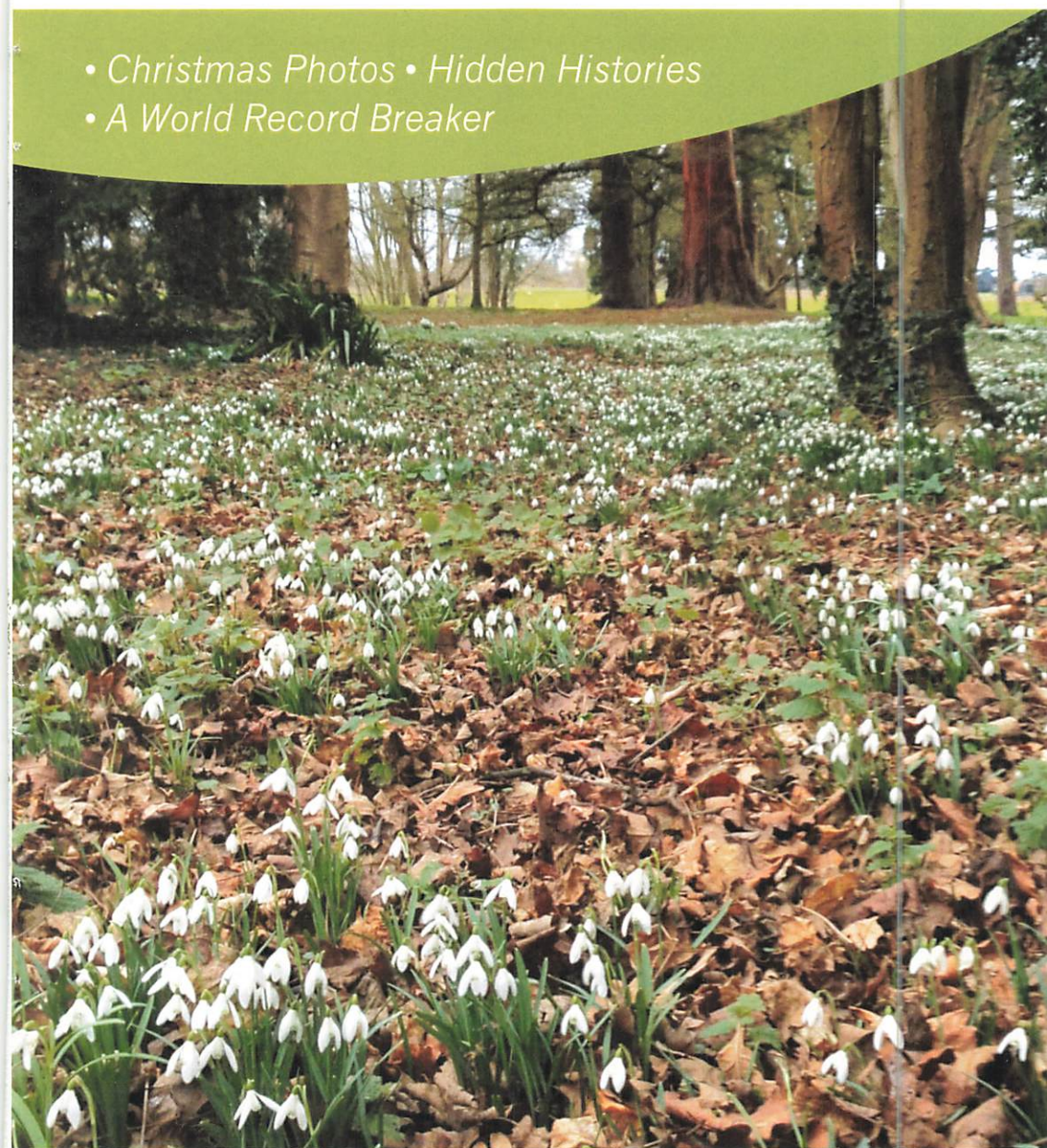


The Rolleston Junction

Edition 14 – Spring 2018

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ROLLESTON'S REGULAR EVENTS

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£6 per class

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Meets monthly

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Peter Salter
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every Tuesday evening
at the Village Hall

Zumba

*Editors' note - the Zumba
class has now moved to
Upton Village Hall.*

Rolleston Weekly Coffee Morning and Lunch Club

.....every Wednesday in The Greenaway (Village Hall).

1st Wednesday in the month : Noon. A two course lunch is available at a cost of £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)

Gluten and caffeine free available. Contact: Amanda on 07779 561934

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Welcome to Spring!

Christmas and New year have passed, spring approaches, early flowers come to life, leaves appear on the trees, everything feels fresh and Rolleston looks really good. What a great place to live!

Didn't the village do well over Christmas! The Festive Fuddle, The Seniors' Lunch, Carols round the Tree and the full to capacity Christmas Eve Carol Service. As a community we worked together, enjoyed each other's company... and had fun as well!

We mustn't underestimate the planning and the amount of work that so many people put into the activities. The result was amazing and so good for our community.

Now here's the rub; we now need more support in two important areas - the Village Hall and the Parish Council.

Feeling more like groups of enthusiastic friends working together for the village rather than "committees", these do really worthwhile and interesting work. If you think you might be interested then there's no commitment in just a having

a chat. The work in both organisations is really rewarding because you can see that you are making a difference.

Village Hall - Julian Ellis 831165,
Parish Council - Tim Harries 815838

Founder members Marg Finch and Gill Rowles have retired from the Junction after three years. They were both an absolute pleasure to work with. Thank you for the hard work and commitment you have put into the Junction. Welcome to Dan Blanshard and Thea Chaaban who have joined our team. Dan is taking over from Marg doing the design and pre-production work. Thea's contribution will cover operations and newshounding!

Enjoy the Spring Junction!

Tony, Carole, Dan, Thea



The Village Hall Lotto News

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If you're feeling lucky, or you feel it's time you were lucky then how about investing the *huge* sum of £2.00 a week in one of the lucky numbers above? There's a £50.00 winner every week! Numbers are limited to 99. It's collected as £20.00 every 10 weeks or you can pay by direct debit.

Congratulations to recent winners who include Steve Johnson, Ian Whitehead, Nigel Carby, Andrew Pearson, Frank Mitchell, Peter Smith, Penny Shaw, Tony Hillary, Elizabeth Blakey and Malcolm Mason.

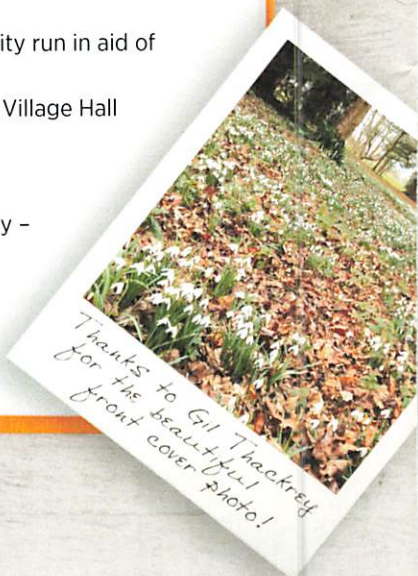
Checking whether you have won is dead easy - the winning number is always the bonus ball number of that week's National Lottery.

£3000 a year is raised by Rollestonians supporting the Lotto. This goes towards the running costs and maintenance of our superb Village Hall.

So, choose your lucky number, and contact Sandie Pearson on 01636 816382, or email sandie297@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

- March 5** Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
- March 8-10** "Sitting Pretty" by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson - Robin Hood Theatre
- March 7** Book Club
- March 24** Steptoe and Son - Robin Hood Theatre
- April 1** Easter Sunday Fun Race Day - Racecourse
- April 5** Book Club
- April 9** Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
- April 17-21** "Single Spies" by Alan Bennet - Robin Hood Theatre
- April 20** "The Importance of Building Holes: The Great War and More - Village Ventures production, Village Hall 7.30pm
- April 20** Free Friday Fixture - racing followed by live music
- May 14 (TBC)** Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
- May 14** Book Club
- May 15** Countryside Evening - racing, hounds and country pursuits, Racecourse
- May 15-19** "Giving Up Guilt" by Caroline Drury and Cliff McArdle, Robin Hood Theatre
- May 19** Chase the Royal Rainbow 5k charity run in aid of Beaumont House - Racecourse
- June 4** Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
- June 5** Book Club
- June 7-10** Gate to Southwell Folk Festival
- June 9-23** "The Ghost train" by Arnold Ridley - Robin Hood Theatre
- July 4** Book Club
- July 15** Family Fun Day - Racecourse



VILLAGE VENTURES - ROLLESTON VILLAGE HALL

Harp And A Monkey presents The Importance of Digging Holes: The Great War and More

Rolleston Village Hall
Friday 20 April 2018, 7:30 pm

Fronted by an easy-going raconteur and BBC *"Who Do You Think You Are?"* historian, this acclaimed Lancashire folk-storytelling trio matches an excellent First World War folk set with humorous and melodic northern life story-songs. Lively inventive folk music delivered in a down-to-earth manner.

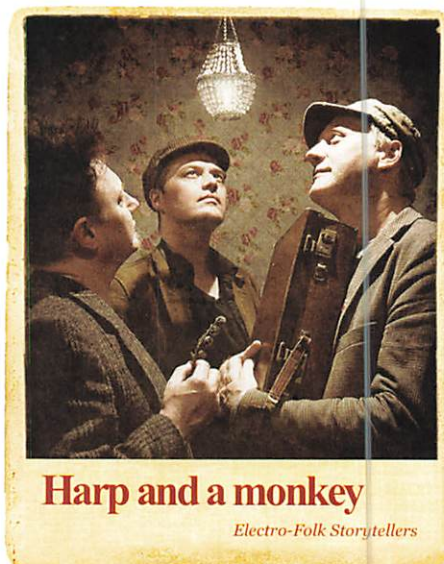
Songs about cuckolded mole catchers, a lone English oak tree that grows in Gallipoli, care in the community and medieval pilgrims... just some of the topics from **Harp And A Monkey's** repertoire.

The harp 'n' banjo driven electro-folk-storytelling of Martin Purdy (vocals, glockenspiel, accordion, harmonica and keyboards), Simon Jones (harp, guitar, viola) and Andy Smith (banjo, melodica, guitar and programming) is imbued with a deep Lancashire sensibility that shines through in their beautifully crafted and sometimes spooky vignettes of northern life, love and remembrance. ★★★★★ *"Bold and brilliant"* **The Observer**

"Fantastic stuff" **Clare Balding, BBC Radio 2**

"Rousing music and droll Lancashire humour" **The Daily Telegraph**

Tickets: £11 (£9 concessions) from Julian Richardson email: julianrichardson@mac.com or telephone: 07398 670139



Two Tree Fellas

A big thank you to unsung heroes, Ross Thackery and Steve Short, for setting up the village Christmas Tree for the 2017 Christmas celebrations. It all looks very illuminating...

MESSAGE FROM ROBERT JENRICK M.P.



ROBERT JENRICK

our local M.P.

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Tel. 703269

Come and join me at this year's Annual Jobs and Senior Citizens Fairs.

Since being elected in 2014, I have held two fairs every year: one for local jobseekers and employers looking to connect, and another for senior citizens in the local area.

For any Rollestonians who are looking for new job opportunities, **on Friday 16 March I will be holding my 4th annual jobs fair at the new District Council office**, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1BY.

If you have any job vacancies and would like to take part, then please send an email to my team on **lewyj@parliament.uk** at the earliest.

In our previous 3 years we have had on each occasion over 1,000 people through the door so this really is a great opportunity for all. The Jobcentre have an apprenticeships fair on the same day in the same room so this will provide the public with a one stop shop.

The week afterwards, I will be holding my 4th annual Senior Citizens Fair at the Salvation Army Church Centre on Mead Way (off Lowfield Lane), Balderton, NG24 3GA on Friday 23 March. The aim is to highlight the huge variety of groups and activities available in the area supporting and assisting to stave off loneliness and promoting health and wellbeing.

If you would like to take part in this event, please email **graysj@parliament.uk** at the earliest to receive a copy of the booking form. If you know of anybody who you think would like to come, please do share this with them.

I look forward to seeing many of you there!

News from the Parish Council

Our first Parish Council meeting of 2018 marked the resignation of Cllr Steve Johnson who retires after more than 10 years' committed service to the village.

During his tenure as Parish Councillor, including some time as Chairman, Steve made full use of his many skills, honed during a career in education which, coupled with his knowledge and wide village connections, enabled him to effectively represent the parish in many important causes, including spear-heading initiatives to improve the village's roads and footpaths, contacts at District and County level, and particularly his vital role as the village's flood and emergency plan officer.

Steve's contribution to the Parish Council will be missed, and a vote of thanks from the Chairman of the Parish Council was endorsed by all of the members of the public at the meeting.

The Parish Council will now start the formal procedures to find a replacement Councillor.

The important financial business of the Parish Council continues with the finalisation of the annual precept due in February, and there are decisions to be made on the Parish's managed amenities to ensure they continue to provide optimum use and enjoyment by the village as a whole.

The Parish Council continues to benefit hugely from the varied views and knowledge from all of those members of the village who take the time to come along to the monthly meetings and make their voices heard. You are all an integral part of the operation of the Parish Council and your contributions are important to us. We are particularly grateful that Steve Bosworth has kindly offered to take over Steve Johnson's role as flood and emergency plan offices.

I would hope to extend a welcome to even more members of the village attending meetings in the year ahead.

Tim Harries.

Claire's Kitchen

Leek and Potato Soup To serve 4

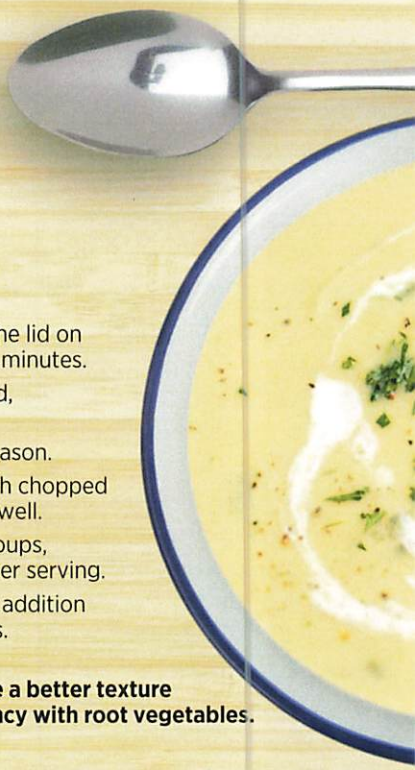
- 200g roughly chopped leeks
- 200g roughly chopped potatoes
- 50g butter or oil
- Approx. 1.2 litres of liquid, made up of milk and stock (made with a chicken or vegetable stock cube)
- Salt and Pepper

- 1) Sweat the leek and potato in the butter in a large pan with the lid on until starting to soften, add the liquid and simmer for 20-30 minutes.
- 2) Puree with a blender until the desired consistency is reached, silky smooth or chunky.
- 3) If its a little thick add some more stock or milk. Taste and season.
- 4) To serve, swirl a spoon of cream into each bowl and top with chopped parsley or alternatively some crispy bacon pieces go down well.

The same basic idea can be used for lots of vegetable based soups, allowing 100g of veg and 25g butter and 300ml stock/water per serving.

Try Watercress and Pea, Mushroom, Broadbean or Carrot. The addition of a small chopped onion helps with the less strong vegetables. Add whatever other flavourings you like.

I find the combination of milk and water and stock cubes give a better texture and flavour than all stock, which produces a gloopy consistency with root vegetables.



A THANKYOU TO ANDREW MUTER

News from **ROGER BLANEY**

**leader of
Newark and
Sherwood
District Council**



At the end of January, Andrew Muter left his role as Chief Executive at Newark & Sherwood DC after 11 years to take up a similar position to the States of Alderney in the Channel Isles. We thank him for all he has done and wish him well for the future. In my roles as Deputy Leader and for the past 6 years as Leader, I have worked closely with Andrew and know what a huge debt of gratitude we owe him.

Andrew has been pivotal in transforming the council into one that is modern, sustainable and entrepreneurial. He re-structured the organisation into business units, empowering managers to make key decisions and to become more pro-active and commercially-minded.

Andrew has been passionate in re-designing our services to make them more efficient, cost-effective – and better. Take leisure for example. The building of the Newark Sports & Fitness Centre and the establishment of our wholly-owned company, Activ4Today, to manage all three of our leisure centres, has seen their net annual cost reduce from £1.27m in 2010 to just £117,000 today. Similarly, the opening of the £5m

National Civil War Centre and improvements to the Palace Theatre have halved the net costs of our cultural services. And, of course, the move from Kelham Hall to Castle House has taken £500,000 out of our annual running costs

We have embarked on our largest council housebuilding programme for 40 years; and, at his very last committee meeting, Andrew saw members agree a recommendation to establish a council-owned development company that, initially, will build houses for sale.

He can be especially proud of his engagement with and support for business, whether through driving in a 'buy local' policy for the council, through our establishment of a Growth Investment Fund to provide loan finance to local companies or through regular 'business breakfasts' with key local executives.

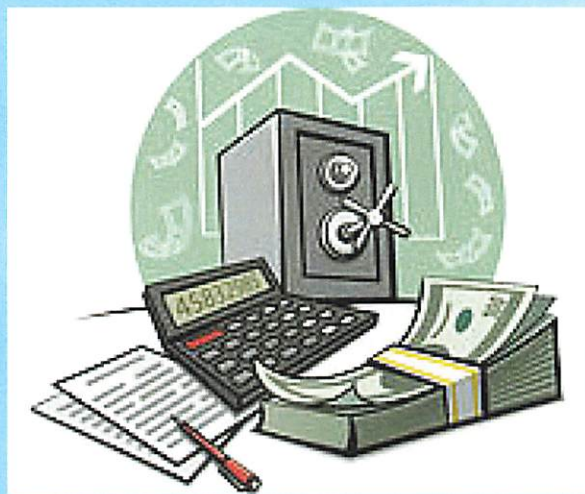
Newark and Sherwood DC is recognised rightly as a high-performing council. Indeed, we have been shortlisted for 'Council of the Year' in the local government equivalent of the Oscars. We will know if we have won at an award ceremony in London on 21st March. Andrew will be joining us and it would be a fitting and richly-deserved acknowledgement of his legacy if we do. My fingers are crossed.

**Roger Blaney (Cllr)
Trent Ward & Leader, NSDC.**

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we can help you manage and grow your business !!**

Carol Singing for the Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance

On four very cold nights in December, led by Emma Harries and her daughter Pippa, our group of intrepid Carol singers trekked the pavements in search of the warm-hearted folk of Rolleston and their generous donations.

The final performance culminated on the 20th December, where the newly formed Carol singing group (well practiced by then), led the traditional carol singing around the tree, followed by the legendary mince pies and mulled wine at Tony and Michelle Hillary's house.

Emma, aware that the Air Ambulance had been called out twice to Rolleston in 2017, to attend incidents which were life-threatening situations, decided to raise money for this valuable service.

Emma said, "Thank you to the Carol singers and everyone's donations, the final figure raised was £502.00, 1 euro and 50 Hungarian

Forint (!), which I will pass on to the Air Ambulance. Your commitment was wonderful and much appreciated. It would be wonderful if it could become an annual event. It was great to see our community spirit alive and kicking."

Karen Carter, (Community Fundraiser, Nottingham, Lincs/Notts Ambulance) said, "That's an amazing amount - and 50 Hungarian Forint - a bonus! I hope the weather wasn't too bad for you all - and please thank everyone from us for braving the cold and singing their hearts out to support us."

Editor's comments: A special note (if you'll forgive the pun), for Liz Garrood, one of our newest residents and a musical talent in her own right; we needed her skills to keep us in time and in tune! We sounded quite professional in the end ... Thanks Liz!





LINCS & NOTTS
AIR AMBULANCE
SAVING LIVES EVERYDAY



About Lincs/Notts Ambulance Service:

The current helicopter is an AgustaWestland 169 – a state of the art, Emergency Medical Service aircraft. It came into service in June 2017. A children's competition helped decide on a name for the new Ambucopter, which is now affectionately known as, "Horace".

In September 2017, the helicopter started to carry blood on board, allowing the medical crew to deliver potentially life-saving blood-transfusions at the scene of the incident. These advances mean that the charity needs to raise £2.5m a year to keep the service running.

They have over 30 paid staff spread across the 2 counties as well as over 500 volunteers who help them make all of this possible. As it says on their website, "We want to continue to provide our patients with the very best and most advanced critical care possible outside of a hospital environment. Hundreds of families still have their loved ones today because of the fast actions and expertise of our crew and this is something we are extremely proud of. We still receive no direct government funding and remain reliant on public donations."

They have now flown over 18,600 missions since that first airlift in 1994.

To donate, or for more information about the Air Ambulance Service, visit: www.ambucopter.org.uk



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WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS IN ROLLESTON



News from **COUNCILLOR SUE SADDINGTON**

Vice Chairman of Nottinghamshire
County Council

County Councillor for Farndon
and Trent Division, District
Councillor for Muskham

Dear all,

As I write this report, Christmas is now well behind us.

However, on December 3rd I popped into the Festive Fuddle which was organised by the wonderful volunteers in Rolleston. What an exciting Village event that was!

There was a lovely selection of food, some grown on the allotments. There was entertainment for the children and songs for the parents and seniors to enjoy.

As if this wasn't enough, another event followed on December 13th, the Seniors' Christmas Lunch.

This was a happy event, once again Christmas lunch was cooked and served by volunteers, well known Christmas songs provided by Jayne Darling, 'Mrs Claus' and a Christmas quiz just to keep everyone on their toes.

On December 20th, I joined residents in the traditional Carol Service around

the tree, followed by the wonderful hospitality provided by Michelle and Tony, including the unforgettable mulled hot punch and mince pies.

I can't help but think how fortunate the residents in Rolleston are to have such an enthusiastic group of volunteers who made the three weeks before Christmas such a happy time for everyone. I can't possibly mention everyone by name, so my thanks to you all. I look forward to a re run of events next December!

We now move on towards the Spring all hoping to avoid the 'flu.

Members returned to County Hall on January 8th. There is not much to report as yet, except that we are awaiting the outcome from the consultation regarding the redrafting of the Minerals Plan.

I have requested that when Kelham Bridge is closed for repair, it is closed for the shortest possible time. I have asked them to ensure they have materials to hand before they commence the work. Apparently there is also some debris in the river which needs to be recovered.

I will let the PC know when I have a date for the work to commence.

Kind regards

Sue



BUSY START TO YEAR CONTINUES AT SOUTHWELL

Towards the end of 2017, the flood alleviation scheme at the Racecourse was completed by AV Squires, protecting all the track and buildings.

Tim Harries of Rolleston Parish Council, walked the completed scheme at the end of January, perusing the 4km Clay Keystone bund, flood water storage cells and a series of inlets, outlets and valves. That seven figure investment has now paved the way for further investment to the track, with planning permission granted for 54 floodlights at the course, to provide winter evening Flat racing, which subject to gaining additional fixtures, could bring about an exciting new chapter for the racecourse.

As for the here and now, there have already been nine meetings in January and a further six in February which have taken place, and the racing doesn't show any signs of slowing down in March and April.

March brings another eight fixtures, including the **Cheltenham Double Headers on 13th and 14th**, in which all the races from the Cheltenham Festival will be shown live on the big screen to run alongside action from Southwell.

April sees the first of our family themed racedays of 2018, the **"Easter Sunday Fun Day" raceday on 1st April before our Free Friday fixture on Friday 20th April**, which will also feature live music after racing.

Countryside Evening promises to be another cracker on Tuesday 15th May, featuring jumps racing and a range of different country pursuits on show including a parade of hounds before racing.

Family Fun Day, which will once again be sponsored by the Chad newspaper, takes place on Sunday 15th July. It is always a very popular fixture indeed and it will be no different in 2018 with many families from the local area enjoying a big day out.

The Advertiser Ladies Day is the jewel in the racecourse's crown however on Sunday 19th August. In 2016, the day broke a previous record crowd for the racecourse with 8816 people coming through the turnstiles for a fun filled raceday packed full of exciting things including live music after racing.

On top of the racing, there is also a range of non-racing events taking place throughout the year too. **Field Dog Antiques Fairs** are bringing **BBC One's very own Bargain Hunt** to the racecourse in the Summer, **Moonlight Cinemas** will be here again offering a unique cinema experience and once again, the course is the host location for **The Gate To Southwell Folk Festival** in June.

For more information on all of the upcoming fixtures at Southwell, please visit www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk or contact Will Bowler – Marketing Assistant on 01636 814481 or email wbowler@southwell-racecourse.co.uk

Rolleston Festive FUDDLE



On Sunday 3rd December, 2017, the day finally arrived for the first ever, "Rolleston Festive Fuddle".

Thank you for your marvellous enthusiasm for supporting this new event! It was a sell-out event with 115 people attending.

It was very popular with families of course, but we were equally delighted that some of our senior residents also chose to come along because it was a village celebration for all to enjoy.

There was action-packed entertainment, the singer, Matt and "Magic Paul" went down well with everyone and the young ones enjoyed the arts and crafts. But best of all was the

delight in the little ones faces when Santa and his elves paid a surprise visit. Thanks also to the spontaneous offers of help we received on the day, blessed are ... the "soup servers", the "washer uppers", the "sweepers" and the "moppers", (you know who you are), and you were all appreciated. So, thank you for getting into the spirit of joining in and gracing the Fuddle table with your amazing food contributions. We'll let the photos speak for themselves!

From the Festive Fuddle Team.



The Robin Hood Theatre Company

Sitting pretty

by Amy Rosenthal
8 to 10 March 2018



Argent Theatre returns with a wonderful dramatic comedy from the playwright described as 'the female Ayckbourn'. Dowdy and newly redundant Nancy accepts

an offer of employment – and chooses to keep the full extent of the job from her self-assured sister Nina. The narrative unfolds, with poignancy, wit, twists and turns that bring the play to its unexpected conclusion.

Argent Theatre

Steptoe and Son

by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Adapted by John Hewer

24 March 2018



Albert and Harold; father and son. One proclaims he's "a poor old man" while the other protests that actually he's "a dirty old man!" In actual fact, both are telling the truth.

These two warring rag-and-bone-men, in their Shepherd's Bush scrapyards, became household favourites for entire generations throughout the 60s and 70s and still they continue to entertain audiences today. Now it's time to relive some of their finest misadventures through this brand new production marking fifty-five years since the show's first ever broadcast.

Hambleton Productions

Single Spies

by Alan Bennett
17 to 21 April 2018



Winner of the Olivier Award for Best Comedy. Espionage, interrogation and double-lives are explored in these two award-winning plays. Alan Bennett delves into the

world of espionage, forgery and double-lives. In her dressing room in a Moscow theatre, actress Coral Browne receives an inebriated visitor, a familiar, upper-class Englishman. An invitation later reveals her visitor to be disgraced spy Guy Burgess. She is invited to dine at his Moscow flat armed only with the instruction to "bring a tape measure".... Funny and engaging,

An Englishman Abroad explores the world of a British double-agent as he comes to terms with life in exile. A Question of Attribution follows Anthony Blunt, Art Historian and Surveyor of the Queen's pictures who accidentally encounters the Queen whilst trying to replace her much-loved Titian painting. A sharp and dangerous exchange of wits ensues, but will he reveal to her what would later be revealed to the world - that the man who worked in the heart of her household was also a Soviet spy? A sharp, pithy play that explores the murky shadows that lurk behind even the most familiar of facades.

Robin Hood Theatre Company

Tickets from £8 • Box Office 07733 179986
Church Lane, Averham, NG23 5RB

Giving up Guilt

by Carolyn Drury & Cliff McArdle

15 to 19 May 2018



A story of modern living when it seems that everything except being thin, keeping fit, being successful and beautiful leaves most of us with a guilty

conscience. It's a story of ordinary people who do their best, most of the time. Some of them work in the local Leisure Centre where there is trouble afoot. The Slimming Club has some of the women in its power whilst some of the men prefer pie and chips in the Dog and Duck. There is plenty of guilt about although some people don't feel as guilty as they should.

Nearly Instant Theatre Session

The Ghost Train

by Arnold Ridley

19 to 23 June 2018



Arnold Ridley wrote this play after becoming stranded overnight at Mangotsfield railway station.

It's now regarded

as a modern classic. The plot revolves around a party of assorted railway travellers, who find themselves stranded in the waiting room of an isolated country station in the evening. The Station Master tries to get them to leave the site as he is closing the for the night. They are all reluctant to leave due to the lack of alternative accommodation, but are warned that if they remain they may be in danger from the supernatural spectre of an old railway carriage train that can bring death upon all those who set eyes upon it. Incredulous of his story they refuse to leave, and he departs leaving them facing a night on the station...

Robin Hood Theatre Company

The Newark Syrian refugee families update

Our six families are settling really well in to their new lives in the safety of Newark.

The children have settled in well at school and their speed of learning English has been quite amazing.

The parents are working really hard on their English as they realise that this is essential for them to be able to enter the world of work.

Two of the families are taking a food hygiene course so that they can develop a Syrian food outside catering business. Emad, who previously had a mobile phone and computer repair shop in Aleppo, Syria has applied to work at "Know How", part of Currys Dixons.

Mohammad and his wife Malaka arrived in Newark fifteen months ago. He is a skilled stone mason. He has been working very hard on his English and it is now good enough for him to have been given a day's trial working on a church restoration project in Peterborough. A skilled tradesman, Mohammad just "gets on with it". He happily worked at the top of the church tower, got on really well with his workmates, and now is applying for his CSCS card, essential if you are working on building sites.

Living in a rural part of Syria he had never been on a train before! Typical Mohammed, a steady guy with a great sense of humour, just got on the train and his employer met him at Peterborough station.

After a good day on site he caught the train back...and noticed how smart everybody was, working on their laptops, speaking on their phones, how comfortable and spacious the carriage was. A ticket inspector came into the carriage, looked at him, looked at his ticket and said, "Wrong seat sir, you should be on the other side of the catering carriage." He was sitting in 1st Class!

As trustees of Support For Syrian Refugees we really appreciate your help and generosity. These are good people, an absolute delight to help.



Malaka and Mohammad

Tony, Jane, Jenny, Michelle, Tom

THE
SENIOR ROLLESTONIANS'
CHRISTMAS LUNCH



In December the Rolleston seniors had yet another fun-filled Christmas lunch washed down by large quantities of wine!!



As well as enjoying a mouth watering three course lunch our senior Rollestonians were challenged by a quiz and entertained by the hugely talented and unique Jayne Darling!!

Elegantly clad in her Father Christmas outfit, she performed the old songs in a way that would have made the legendary Vera Lynn envious!

As always it was so good for everybody of a certain age to get together and have a good time. This is how village life should be and is one of the great things about living in Rolleston.

Thanks to the ladies who put it on, their consorts who helped, and to Cllr Sue Saddington who contributed £200 towards the cost.



Hidden Histories

I met Jenny Edmonds a few months ago in the Autumn; she was coming from her drive and was crossing Station Road in a diagonal route. We chatted; she was on her way to collect windfall fruit from some old apple trees and invited me to see her garden. We went through a picket gate and I was surprised her garden was situated across the road! Jenny explained that it used to be one end of the village green, (nearest the church), the other end being the Memorial Gardens near the telephone box. Jenny mentioned that her house also had an interesting past. This was intriguing so I arranged to meet with both Jenny and her husband, Mike, in January to find out more.

In 1980 the Edmonds moved into their cottage. There was a Mrs Griffin who lived opposite. She was one of the Walker family who farmed the far end of the village, so she had lived in Rolleston a long time. Mrs Griffin told them that their dining room window was the frontage of a butcher's shop! In fact, their living room and the living room of the much smaller property next door, (now extended and known as Corner Cottage), was the village bakers. The connecting wall between the two properties housed the bread oven and there was a door from the baker's that opened onto the street.

The left window was the butchers shop, the right window/half of Corner Cottage was the baker's shop.



Jenny explained that Mrs Griffin, who was probably in her late eighties when they first met, had told them about an early childhood memory. It was Christmas Eve, in the early 1900s and Mrs Griffin would have been a young girl. Her mother asked her to pick up the meat from the butchers, and take it next door to the bakers, (presumably so it could be cooked overnight in the bread oven to be eaten on Christmas Day). When she returned home, she told her mother she had done as she was told – but she got a spanking! Unfortunately, she'd got her pinafore dirty!

In the Edmonds kitchen, there were some old photos. One showed the original village green, viewed from the top of the church. There was also another photo, taken by a professional photographer, depicting a flood scene. Mike told me that, one day, some years ago, there was a knock at their door. A lady who had



Mike and Jenny in their garden with the old apple trees and their dog, Teasel.

owned an antiques business was retiring and she was having a clear out. She had a framed photo of Rolleston in the floods of 1921. On the back was a caption with people's names. One was "G. Doddridge, (Station Master)"; you can see his regulation cap. To his left, "Sam Pepper, (Postman)", is giving him a letter. The lady walked around the village, determined to find the cottage in the photo! She rather generously gave them the photo - which has hung on their wall ever since.

In the dining room, Jenny showed me the hook protruding from a beam where the shop bell used to hang. There was no door to the small room behind the dining room; we accessed it from the kitchen. It was set lower than the rest of the house, with several steps leading down to it. Above the quarry tiled floor was a raised stone "shelf". The cuts of meat would have been laid on this and there would have been a butcher's block in the middle. A small glazed window cut into wall, allowed the butcher to peer into the shop. If the bell rang, the butcher would have had to go outside, walk around the side of the building and onto the street and enter the shop. It must have been a bit disconcerting for the customer, suddenly hearing a voice behind him saying, "Yes?"

Today this back room is used for general storage. But hanging up from one of the beams near the window was a very large antique meat cleaver with a very broad blade. Mike said they'd found it in their garden a few years ago. At this point I decided that maybe it was time to go... but Jenny was kind enough to hand me some cooking apples, I don't know the variety, but they made the most delicious apple sauce which went well with the roast pork I cooked that night. Perhaps Rolleston can rival Southwell's most famous Bramley apple, as our village is quite a special place full of hidden history and "secret gardens".

With thanks to Mike and Jenny Edmonds for being so generous with their time and providing such an entertaining morning!

The flood scene of 1921. (Jenny and Mike's house on the right). The Station Master being handed a letter by the Postman



I am also grateful to Frank Mitchell for the loan of a local history book, published in 1931, "The Village and Church of Rolleston" by E.H.S Longhurst. This contains the following extract about the village green ... "In the centre of the village stands the base of an old cross, round which there were at one time several carved shields, but these can no longer be seen; this cross would seem to show that there was formerly a Market at Rolleston. Within living memory, the portion of the ground adjacent to this cross, now cultivated, and surrounded on three sides by the road, used to form the Village Green, where also the ancient Stocks (now disappeared) for the punishment of evil-doers were placed; the actual use of these is still remembered by an old resident, who confesses to ridiculing, as a little girl, an offender undergoing the punishment."

Carole Chandler

Editor's Note: In the next issue of the Rolleston Junction, more will hopefully be revealed about the shops and services in Rolleston in bygone days, including; butchers, bakers, blacksmiths and post offices. If you have any information or old photos, please email rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Creative Corner

SNOWDROPS

*Well sheathed, the frail translucent spears
Have pierced the tool-proof earth.
Threatened by intrusive gusts
Shivering snowdrops
Tremble involuntarily.
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Flirtatiously these shy coquettes
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Jenny Starr – A life well lived

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Born in 1935 she lived at the Crown with her parents Bill and Winn. They ran the pub for nearly 30 years until 1960 after which they moved to Willwyns Cottage on Station Road.

Jenny and her friend Marion Foster (now Marion Voce) used to go ice skating in Nottingham most Saturday mornings. She also would go with her friends to the local cricket matches

Educated at Newark Girls School Jenny's ambition was to be a nurse, but was talked out of it by her mum Winn who advised "It's all about wiping backsides and emptying bedpans". She subsequently worked at the tax office, became a rent collector for Southwell Rural District Council and later moved to Newark and Sherwood District Council as PA to John Staton, the Head of Housing. Jenny also worked part time as a barmaid at The Bromley and The Kelham Fox!

Married to David Starr, they had three children, Dean, Robert and Wendy. Sadly this ended in divorce.

Horse racing and cooking were Jenny's main hobbies. She grew up around Rolleston racecourse (now Southwell Racecourse) and her dad Bill worked there in the kiosks on race days and Winn ran the Jockeys' Canteen. She loved the Races, studied form and enjoyed a modest bet – 50p each way!

An accomplished cook, Jenny's expertise extended to incredibly tasty jams, pickles and lemon curd.



Eventually she moved to 60, Castlegate Newark. Outside you can see a sign "Starrs Yard, named after Jenny.



Bill and Winn Starr behind the bar at the Crown Inn, Rolleston.

Jenny gave her time freely and was a passionate voluntary worker.

She worked as a volunteer in Victim Support for Nottinghamshire Police, acting as the 'Appropriate Adult' helping unsupported minors being held in police custody. She also worked with a taxi company accompanying troubled children and those with disabilities to and from special education centres throughout Nottinghamshire.

In 2011 Jenny was diagnosed with breast cancer. This was treated, but sadly the cancer returned in 2015. She was uncomplaining through her illness and passed away on October 3rd 2017.

Her son Dean summarised his mum's principles

- Not to judge
- Be supportive of those less fortunate, particularly those society may prefer to ignore
- Make time to listen to and help those who have fallen on hard times
- Work hard – don't expect something for nothing, pull your weight, earn your keep

Jenny Starr was and always will be a Rolleston Girl – and a truly extraordinary lady.

Country File

Observing a problem solving Egret

Late one morning in early December a walk past Rolleston Mill elicited a little Egret facing away from me on a small branch in the shade over the Greet. Its yellow feet were quite a sight at the end of its black legs but it was what it was doing that grabbed my attention.

As I watched it became apparent it was unable to grip part of the small branch as it moved its left foot out seemingly to widen its base. On closer examination (binoculars proving invaluable), I could see that a part of the branch was covered with a thin layer of transparent ice rime – we'd had a hard frost the previous night.

After several further attempts its foot came up against a fork in the branch which stopped further sliding. Then it turned its head towards me, grabbed another part of the branch a little nearer me with its dagger like beak as it lifted and turned its right foot to anchor itself whilst simultaneously completing the turn by releasing its left foot from its position in the fork.

Mission accomplished! It had turned to face the opposite direction without ruffling its feathers or falling into the water. Now its left leg "vanished" into its white body to defrost leaving it standing on one leg on the branch over the Greet.

Margaret Hodgett



You might have seen this pair trotting about Rolleston on their dog walks with owners, Steve and Amanda Hobbs of Holly Court.

Says Amanda, "Bonnie is 8 years old and very much a typical laid back lab, loves everybody, thinks everybody loves her! She is never happier than when she can bring you something... Flo is 2 years old and not a typical lab; she's a bit anxious which can come across as a bit full on but it's all bluster. She is absolutely the happiest dog ever if you chuck a ball for her!"

NEWS FROM REVD PHIL...

Dear All,

'I don't mind what you do in life, as long as you are happy' my Mum often said to me. Do parents still say that to their children? Mum genuinely meant it, though what made her happy and what made me happy could be points of conflict! I'll spare you the details, but choice of music was just one of them.

I was watching a YouTube link of Johnny Cash & June Cash singing 'Jackson' recently. It was very '60's', their clothing, lack of movement and I'm not sure Johnny was really playing his guitar! But the way they inhabited the music was amazing. They had music in their soul and they were just letting it out. Another link to Leonard Cohen and backing group singing 'Hallelujah', showed something similar. They played with complete unison, apparently unaware of each other, as they too were all 'inhabiting' the music, lost in it.

I'm not musical, though it brings a degree of happiness to listen. I liked the sense of unity of purpose, a working together, a sharing of the meaning in music even a transcendence. Or am I overstating it!?

I heard a TED talk (a collection of thought provoking educational talks – ed) online saying, 'the pursuit of happiness makes you unhappy', that what we really need to seek is meaning not happiness.

Martin Seligman (an American Psychologist) says that meaning is achieved through 'belonging to and serving something beyond yourself'. Music, or art may help in this regard. The TED speaker recommended that meaning and purpose was more to do with 'what you give than what you want in life'. Are we net contributors or net receivers? Do we use our strengths to serve others? Do we value others for who they are, not just for what they do?

My Christian faith is a massive source of meaning, purpose and transcendence, though not necessarily happiness! Where do you look for yours?

Hopefully not by spending too much time on the internet; or advising one's children as my Mum did, even though that's how I feel.

The Revd Phil



"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak", Remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

**St Luke quoting
St Paul quoting
Jesus in Acts 20:35**

"Even when a person has an abundance, his life does not result from the things he possesses."

St Luke 15:11

A Power Lifting World Record holder in Rolleston?

Amanda Hillary, a born and bred Rollestonian has just broken the Amateur World Powerlifting Congress (AWPC) record for her weight and gender.



Powerlifting is a strength sport that gives contestants three attempts at three different lifts – squat, bench press and deadlift. The referee adds the three highest individual weights together and that is the score. She is in the under 67.5kg personal body weight, ladies class.

To do the squat Amanda had the loaded bar resting on her shoulders, bent her knees into the squatting position, then returned to the upright position. She lifted 145Kg – a AWPC world record for her class

For the Bench Press Amanda had her back resting on the bench, took the loaded bar at arms length, lowered it to her chest and raised it again until her arms were straight. She lifted 65.5 Kg. An event best.

For the Deadlift she had to grasp the loaded bar resting on the floor and pulled the weight off the floor until she was in an erect position, shoulders back, knees locked, then in a controlled manner returned the loaded bar to the

floor. She lifted 135.5 Kg – and AWPC world record for her class.

Her total score was an amazing 346kg.

So how does a young lady weighing less than 67.5kg, 10st 8lbs, lift twice her own weight? As with any successful athlete, it's a love of the sport, perfect technique and absolute discipline.

She has a tough workout every day to a carefully planned regime, has a very nutritious and disciplined diet that she carefully adjusts as she approaches a competition, no alcohol, lots of water and a good sleep regime. For her day job she is a busy personal trainer also delivering specialist sports massage.

You can see the two Amandas in the photos – competing and then in real life with Adam her powerlifter partner.

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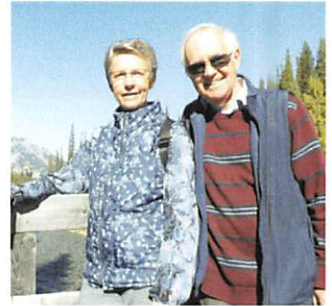
to Steve and Amanda Hobbs of Holly Court for becoming grandparents! Their daughter, Kayleigh, gave birth to their new granddaughter Sophie, born 14/12/17, weighing 7lbs 15oz.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Gemma Chandler, daughter of Dave and Carole of Holly Court, for her recent engagement to Ben Nash. The couple both live in London and are looking forward to their wedding in Southwell in May 2019.

WELCOME

to Peter and Liz Garrood, who have moved into Holly Court, (formerly the Richardson's residence). They lived in Southwell for twenty-seven years before moving to Rolleston. After finishing their education, they both worked in Canada, Liz as a teacher and Peter as a mining engineer. In 1991, they moved back to the UK and settled in Southwell, Liz carried on with teaching music in Nottingham and Peter started a new career managing railway projects. Peter said, "We are both retired now and busy with all sorts of things. We travel quite a bit and enjoy leisurely trips on our narrowboat."



Rolleston Book Club

A group of us get together every month, enjoy nibbles and a glass of wine and discuss our "Book of the Month".

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The Village Hall ('The Greenaway') belongs to you; everyone in Rolleston. It is run on your behalf by a group of volunteers who operate as the Village Hall Management Committee.

Unfortunately, there are too few people on the committee; it is in danger of not being able to operate properly as it is too small to meet the requirements of the constitution. Our meetings are only every two months. We spend about an hour planning events, and much of the time laughing.

Do join us: an ideal time is at our April AGM, the details of which will be circulated by email nearer the time.

We urgently need one or two volunteers to take bookings and run the Hall,

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Because the Rolleston Junction is a quarterly magazine, the email list provides not only a useful way to broadcast the latest updates, but also serves the community in other ways - for example, we have:

- * Reunited owners with cats, dogs and even model airplanes
- * Issued timely reminders of forthcoming events so you don't miss a thing
- * Sent out alerts on important community issues such as crime or flood warnings

Do you have new neighbours? Please let us know and we can pop round with a welcome package and also ensure they are added to the distribution list.

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