

# The Rolleston Junction

Edition 6 - Spring 2016



You will probably have seen this dog around the village .... to find out about his owner see page 24 .... Could you be a CFR? .... page 8 .... puzzles .... events .... and lots of local news.....

**website: [rollestonvillage.co.uk](http://rollestonvillage.co.uk)**

# ROLLESTON'S REGULAR EVENTS

## Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter  
819197  
every Tuesday evening  
at the Village Hall

## Total Fitness

Jeni Overton  
816800  
Monday and Wednesday  
6-7pm, Sat. 10-11am  
Village Hall

## Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote  
812579  
every Wednesday  
7.30pm alternating  
between Rolleston and  
Upton churches

## Darts

Jayne Carby (ladies)  
07843 602458  
Nigel Carby (gents)  
07843 602376  
Ladies Tuesday 8pm  
(not during summer)  
Gents Wednesday  
8.30pm (not during  
summer)

## Share Club

Ross Thackrey  
816133  
once a month on  
Sundays 7pm at the  
Crown

## Dominoes

Peter Salter (Vice Capt.)  
819197  
every Thursday evening  
except summer)

## Skittles

Pat Sawyer  
813771  
(not during winter)

## GORGs

Nick Pearson  
816382  
Gentleman of Rolleston  
Golfing Society  
Regular outings

## Pilates

Cheryl Sheard  
07949 260032  
every Wed 7.15 - 8.15pm  
at the Village Hall  
£6 per class

## Rolleston Weekly Coffee Morning and Lunch Club

.....every Wednesday in The Greenaway.

**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. All welcome.

Contact: Amanda on 07779 561934





## *A lot has been happening in Rolleston!*

In the run up to Christmas Michelle hosted a Save the Children Coffee Morning that raised over £700. Carols Round the Tree, mulled wine and mince pies at Rolleston Manor also raised over £200 for Alzheimers Research in memory of Margaret Blacklock, a much loved Rollestonian who worked hard for the village.

Over forty seniors enjoyed the Seniors' Christmas Dinner and the Church once again had a nearly full house for the Christmas Eve Carol Service.

Guitarist and singer Martin Harley gave a great performance at the Village Hall as did Village Ventures in their production of "the Forbidden Door". Julian Ellis organised an entertaining and challenging quiz night.

The fund raising skills and hard work of the Village Hall Management Committee has resulted in increased income and more bookings. This has helped pay for the floor to be re-sanded, extensive redecorations and new carpeting in the Atrium and meeting room.

Sadly, on 13th February John Smith, a hard working, committed, long serving parish councillor passed away after a short illness. Our thoughts are with June and his family.

It's a time of change for the PC. After a combined 23 years of service to the community Alec and Linda have left the Parish Council. As Rollestonians we should recognise the amount of time, thought and commitment they have freely given for the benefit of our community.

More and more people are helping in village activities. The Village Day together with celebrating the Queen's birthday is planned for Sunday 5th June and we need more helpers - can you help? Contact Nick Pearson on 816382.

Enjoy your magazine!

### **Lotto News**



Thank you for your continuing support. All numbers are now taken but if you would like to go on the waiting list please contact

Sandie Pearson 816382 Good luck everyone!

### **WELL DONE !**

Recent winners: Doug Townsend (twice!), Graham Overton, Peter Smith, Christine Salter, Elizabeth Blakey

All profits go to support the running of the Village Hall.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS !!

## April

7th	Easter Fun Raceday - Racecourse
8th	'Sorry, I Haven't A Minute' - Village Hall
15th	Free Residents' Evening - Racecourse
22nd	Curry Night (provisional) - Village Hall

## May

6th	'The Thankful Village' - Village Hall
10th	Countryside Evening - Racecourse
21st	What's my Tipple? wine & beer tasting - Village Hall

## June

5th	<b>Rolleston Village Queen's Birthday Celebration</b>
12th/13th	Queen's Birthday and Southwell Folk Festival

## July

2nd	Race Night - Village Hall
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continued and outstanding commitment to the work of **Beaumont House**. At Beaumont House our ambition is to ensure that we can help every single person who needs us

at their most difficult times of life. We can only achieve that dream with the support of people like you.

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unique care and we are therefore appealing to you to consider making a gift to Beaumont House. Donating just £3 a month for a year could help us to pay for an hour of Hospice care for someone in their own home;

£5.50 a month for a year could provide a day care place and £33 a month for a year could help to pay for a night of respite. Setting up a standing order is simple - you can download a form from our website

**[www.beaumonthouse.co.uk](http://www.beaumonthouse.co.uk)** or call **01636 610556** and send it to Beaumont House and we will do the rest. Your gift will be worth even more to us if you also complete the gift aid declaration.





**8th April**

Presented by **Scary Little Girls**

Following their recent tour of 'Pub Quiz', Scary Little Girls return with their delightfully bonkers 'Sorry, I Haven't a Minute' cabaret radio show.



**6th May**

Presented by **Redapple Theatre Company**

Set against the backdrop of World War 1, the quiet village backwater of Bottledale is changed forever by the advent of the Great War in Europe. But the roll of honour stone in the village square remains empty and un-etched as the years pass, and folk start to wonder....?

*Adults £10, concessions £8, children £5 Tickets available from Julian Richardson 01636 816370 or email: [julianrichardson@mac.com](mailto:julianrichardson@mac.com)*

**ROBIN HOOD THEATRE - AVERHAM**



**GASLIGHT**

by Patrick Hamilton

This classic Victorian melodrama will both thrill and intrigue you. What is the real reason behind the psychological torment of Bella Manningham by her husband, and why does the gaslight dip so ominously every evening?

*Tickets £10 available online at: [www.robinhoodtheatre.co.uk](http://www.robinhoodtheatre.co.uk) or call 07733 179986*

## DEVOLUTION: ITS TIME HAS COME

From time to time, a word becomes fashionable. Remember the first time you heard "sustainable" being used? Now it applies to everything from fishing to locations for new housing.

The latest buzz-word is "devolution", a consequence of the Scottish referendum in 2014. Since then, our government has concluded deals to devolve substantial powers and responsibilities from Whitehall to major cities such as Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham. But why should major cities have all the fun? Across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, nineteen local

authorities are currently negotiating a devolution deal that would transfer major powers in the areas of transport, infrastructure, housing, employment and apprenticeships, the skills agenda and business support.

But why stop there? I have argued recently that the County Council could devolve, say, highways responsibilities to the district authorities. Do you think we would still be waiting for a Kelham By-pass if it was a decision for Kelham Hall rather than County Hall? But I am determined that your district council must practise what it preaches. That's why, in turn, we are in the process of devolving some responsibilities to Newark, Otlerton and Southwell Town Councils and why we



**News from**  
**ROGER BLANEY**  
leader of  
Newark and Sherwood  
District Council

have offered to transfer ownership of the Corner Farm open space to Rolleston Parish Council.

All of this is an exciting example of another fashionable word: localism. Enabling decisions to be taken as close as possible to the people they affect. It is something I welcome – and I hope you do to.



**News from**  
**ROBERT JENRICK**  
our local MP

## MY AMBITIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENCY

It's almost two years since I was first elected as your Member of Parliament and as such, it's a good time to re-confirm my high and wide-ranging ambitions for the constituency.

Broadly speaking, my aims fall under three key tenets: education, employment, and

the enhancement of the local area.

Education is, first and foremost, the key to unlocking the potential of the next generation, by providing the foundation upon which individuals can realise their abilities and secure rewarding employment. I

want all of our local primary and secondary schools to deliver high-quality education and give young people the best possible start in life. Too many parents of secondary school students in Newark feel the need to take their children out of the Newark catchment, because, for a range of reasons, they aren't happy with the quality of education offered. That needs to change. I will do all I can to press for high standards and not to let vested interests, history or bricks and mortar stand in the way. This issue to me is one of social justice: no child should be left behind. As well as arranging regular school visits to Parliament and fighting for a fairer funding deal for rural schools, last year I launched the area's first ever Parliamentary Debating competition. The aim of the competition was to encourage sixth formers to formulate ideas on complex subjects and present these to an audience and judging panel. The art of public speaking can only be developed through practice and I look forward to hosting the competition annually to give more students the opportunity to showcase their talents.

A fulfilling education can, and should, continue beyond school and into the workplace. I work closely with the Newark Business Club and local Jobs Centre to attract investment and good jobs to the area. Unemployment in Newark is 1%, amongst the lowest in the country, but I am striving for full employment. Building on the huge successes of last year's 'Newark 4 Jobs', I will be hosting my second jobs fair in March, connecting local employers with local people.

Whilst education and employment are two key issues for me, I want to work with residents for the betterment of the area in general, addressing specific local concerns and representing these in Parliament. One such longstanding matter is the performance and fate of Newark Hospital.

I recently launched the Pledge for a Health petition, calling for a full merger between our failing NHS Foundation Hospitals Trust and another, high-performing Trust to ensure the future of healthcare for residents. The pledge has seen successes already and negotiations are underway for a sustainable long-term

partnership. I look forward to the outcome of these negotiations and subsequent improvements in local healthcare.

Finally, I appreciate that Rolleston residents are concerned about proposals for a giant gravel pit at Flash Farm, Averham. I have represented these concerns to Nottinghamshire County Council and recently wrote to the Chief Executive requesting he confirm that the Local Minerals Plan is based on sound, robust and up-to-date evidence. The last thing we need is the traffic, pollution and destruction of the environment this ill-conceived plan would bring. Please make your views heard by taking part in NCC's consultation.

As ever, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you think I can be of any assistance.

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# MY JOB



Mary Wilkinson



Hello.

I'm Mary Wilkinson from Holly Court and I'm a **Community First Responder (CFR)**.

CFRs are volunteers trained by the ambulance service to be first on the scene at certain emergencies. We carry equipment, including oxygen and a defibrillator, and work either singly or in pairs.

Whenever we are called out an ambulance has already been requested. Because we are local we often get there first and this is especially important when time is of the essence. Our job is to deal with the situation

until the arrival of ambulance personnel to take over. Sometimes we will be providing life-saving interventions and at other times we will simply be comforting and monitoring the patient until the professionals arrive.

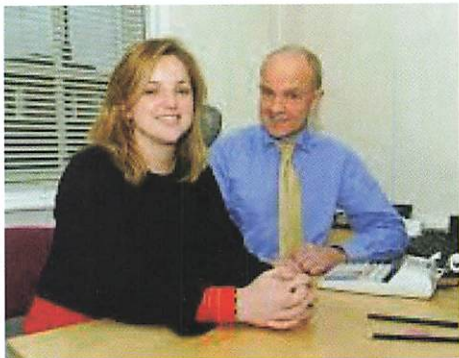
You most definitely do not need to have had previous medical or first aid experience to become a CFR, since the skills and drills can all be learned and the training is thorough. You progress through different levels of training provided by East Midlands Ambulance Service and must achieve FPOS (First Person on the Scene) certification at each level. You will never be required to work beyond your level of assessed competence. CFRs are organised in groups and I belong to the Southwell group. Mostly we receive calls for Southwell and the local villages but we may also be asked to go further afield, for example to Newark, if demand on the ambulance service is particularly high at any time.

We work on a rota basis between 8am and 10pm, 7 days a week. Volunteers are expected to offer an average minimum of 4 hours per week. Being a CFR is a rewarding and worthwhile experience. As you can imagine, every call is different and you get a chance to help people when they most need it. We are always on the lookout for new recruits and funding for extra equipment.

*If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Mario Stankovic, the leader of the Southwell CFRs, on 01636 814494.*



## FATHER & DAUGHTER TEAM!



Recent years have seen the increase in father and daughter start-up businesses, compared to the more traditional father and son start-ups.

Research shows that a new father and daughter business frequently out-performs the more traditional business.

This is exactly what Rollestonian Tom and Polly Geraghty did in July last year. After more than 30 years as a partner/director at Barker Maule and Co, Tom decided to set up Tom Geraghty Associates, practising from Northgate Business Centre, Newark with Polly as a co-director. Polly trained at Ernst and Young, a major international firm of accountants in London, specialising in VAT and Corporation Tax. Earlier this year, she

decided to leave her job as a Tax Manager in a London property company. She wanted a more client focused position and a move away from sitting behind a desk staring at a computer.

Polly's sister, Annie, a management consultant, shared her expertise in the business start up, including having a major role in developing and designing the website.

Tom Geraghty Associates provides a full range of accountancy and business services, with Polly specialising in work placed pension schemes.

Tom and Polly are committed to the recruitment, training and career development of the staff, ensuring they are valued and supported in a friendly environment. They believe this is the key to providing an excellent and responsive service to old and new clients.

Since its inception Tom Geraghty Associates has grown steadily and has recently moved to larger offices. It will be engaging additional staff to deal with the increasing workload in the near future.

Please feel free to contact Tom or Polly.

Give them a call - or pop in for a coffee!

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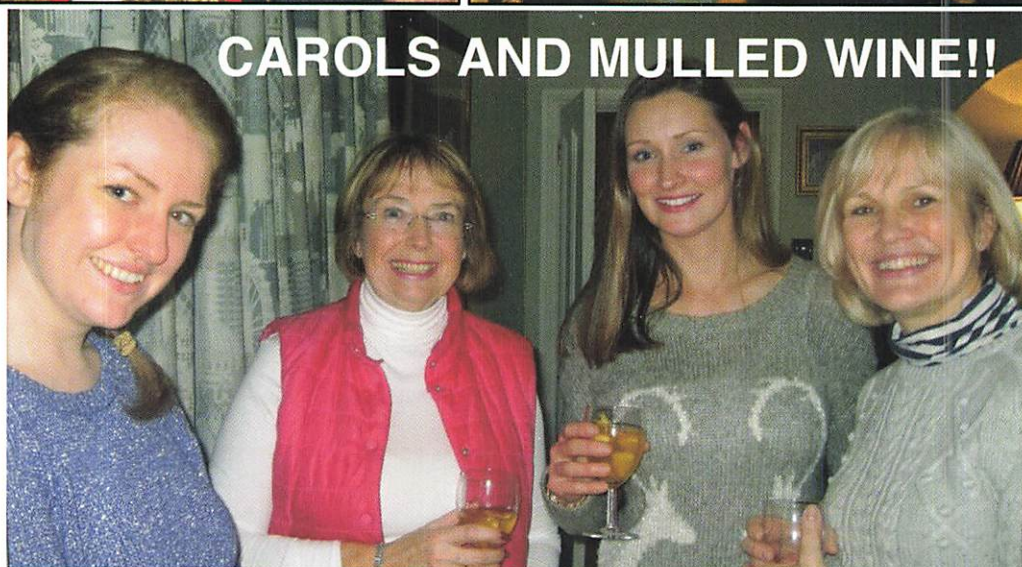
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or 07715 606086

**We look forward to hearing from you to discuss how we can help you manage and grow your business !!**





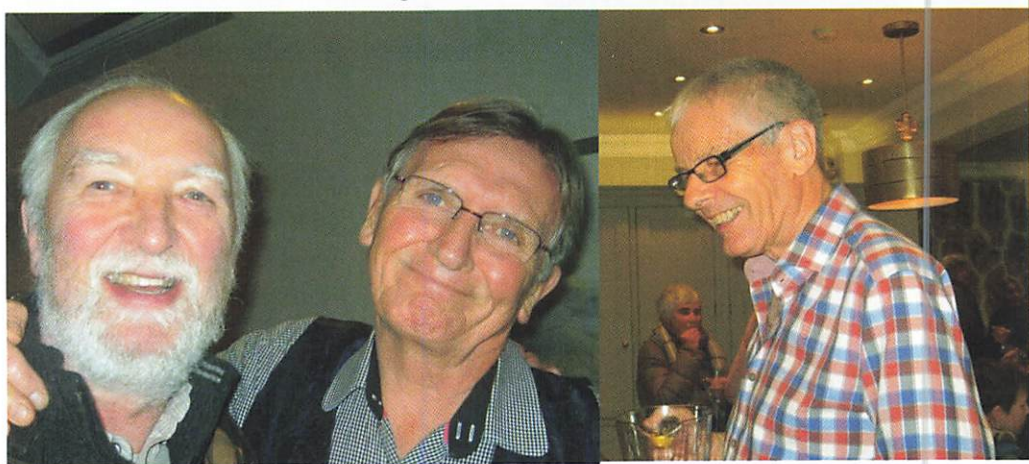
## CAROLS AND MULLED WINE!!





On the 23<sup>rd</sup> December almost 100 people came along to sing carols round the tree before retiring to Tony and Michelle's at the Manor for some very welcome mulled wine, mince pies and a chance to thaw out, chat and wish each other Merry Christmas.

Each year, more of us turn out for what is a lovely, friendly and rewarding evening. This year there was also a collection for the Alzheimer's society in memory of Margaret Balckock who sadly died a few weeks earlier. The collection raised £200 to add to the £600 raised at Margaret's church service - thanks to all who donated.



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# VILLAGE HALL UPDATE



## What an exciting year 2015 was!

The Hall has gone from strength to strength and is now hopefully on a sound financial footing.

Following on from the Paintathon in October, ably led by Abs, we have been able to have the Main Hall floor renovated as well as replacing the carpet in the Atrium and Meeting Room with a more user friendly colour. Our thanks go to, Simon Wills of Farnsfield for the floor renovation and to Vince of H & H Carpets Newark for the carpeting.

We have held many successful events, including the Village Day and Village Ventures, and a fantastic Curry Evening

led by Jamil from Gurka One.

In 2016 we have already had a Quiz Night run by Julian Ellis and an evening of song from Matt Shepherdson on Valentine's weekend in 2016 with food prepared by Bernie from the Southwell Golf Club.

We have seen an increase in regular bookings which go a long way to meeting our overheads. The latest regular hirers are using the hall for Martial Arts training. We have also held a Bollywood Dance Class and Cupcake Decoration class.

The biggest talking point in the village was when we had upwards of 40 yellow vans and cherry picker vehicles bringing the work force to attend a company meeting.

I did not know what I was letting myself in for in October when taking over from Erica, but with her advice and support from the committee have survived so far.

Finally, if you are interested in hiring the Hall please contact me.  
Peter Salter 819197

## ROLLESTON VILLAGE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On **June 5th** there will be a village event to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It will include stalls, games, dog show, events, music, BBQ, bar and more .... details to follow.....







## **BUSY START TO THE YEAR CONTINUES AT SOUTHWELL**

It has been an extremely busy start to 2016 at Southwell Racecourse with nine meetings in January and a further seven in February already having taken place, and the show doesn't show any signs of slowing down in March and April.

**March** brings another eleven fixtures, including the **Cheltenham Double Headers on 15th and 16th**, in which all the races from the Cheltenham Festival will be shown live on the big screen to run alongside action from Southwell of course.



**April** sees the return of an **Easter Fun Raceday on Thursday 7th April**, before

our **Free Residents' Evening** in aid of Beaumont House on **Friday 15th April**, which will also feature live music after racing.

**Countryside Evening** promises to be bigger and better than before on **Tuesday 10th May** with lots of different things to look ahead to before the two biggest days in the racecourse's calendar in July and August.

**Family Fun Day**, sponsored by the Chad newspaper, takes place on **Sunday 10th July**, with Paddington Bear being the guest children's character on the day. It is always a very popular fixture indeed and it will be no different in 2016.

The **Advertiser Ladies Day** is the jewel in the racecourse's crown however, on **Sunday 14th August**, with a fun filled Raceday packed full of other exciting things - such as a fashion show and live music.

*For more information on all of the upcoming fixtures at Southwell, please visit [www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk) or contact Will Bowler – Marketing Assistant at Southwell Racecourse.*

*Office number 01636 814481, email: [wbowler@southwell-racecourse.co.uk](mailto:wbowler@southwell-racecourse.co.uk)*



## ROLLESTON'S OLDEST RESIDENT CELEBRATES HER 97TH BIRTHDAY !



On Wednesday 2nd December 2015, **Iris May Worgan** (Beryl Northcote's mother) celebrated her 97th birthday with members of the Wednesday Coffee Morning, over a fish and chips lunch in the Village Hall.

Born in Gloucestershire, like most girls at the time, she entered service on

leaving school at 14. Whilst in a house in St. Briavels, she met her future husband, Harold George Worgan. They married on 30th October 1937 and were blessed with three daughters, Beryl being the youngest. Iris and Harold became regular visitors to Rolleston after Beryl and Bryan moved here in 1988.

Widowed in 1994, Iris continued to visit Rolleston by herself right up to her ninetieth birthday, travelling by National Express coach, as she never learned to drive.

Thereafter, Bryan and Beryl would go and fetch her by car.

Following some health issues, she was persuaded by Beryl and Bryan to move in with them here in Rolleston.

She is still sprightly, and revels in the fact that she is six months older than Dick Brettle, Rolleston's next oldest resident!

God willing, Iris will enjoy a few more years in this community who have taken her into their hearts. Maybe there will be a telegram from the Queen in three years time...



News from  
**SUE SADDINGTON**  
our County Councillor



The signs to the race course, which myself and the Parish Council requested, are now in place. These should restrict vehicles over 7.5 tonnes travelling through the village

and the Racecourse Manager is in touch with Highways to discuss how they can help to reduce the problem by offering to direct traffic down Racecourse Road. I am sure residents will be grateful for any assistance they are able to give.

### **Minerals Plan: Flash Farm Averham**

I reported at the Parish Council meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> that the NCC Environment & Sustainability Committee, had met and agreed that Flash Farm would be included in the draft Minerals Plan. Councillor Laughton and myself strongly opposed it, not least in respect of transport issues relating to Kelham Bridge and the already chaotic traffic issues around Newark.

I also expressed concerns regarding problems associated with the proposed infill of inert materials following extraction. This would increase the traffic problems and the overall timescale for work at the site, since supplies of the replacement materials are in short supply.

At the full Council meeting at County Hall on January 14<sup>th</sup> it was agreed that the document would go out for a 6 week consultation on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Any resident is able to send in comments

## **IN TOUCH WITH COUNCIL NEWS**

during the Consultation and if you feel strongly I would urge you to write in to County Hall either in support or not, whichever the case may be. The closing date for representations is March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

The document and supporting information is available at [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals).

It was not supported by our Group. I spoke against the Minerals Plan pointing out that owing to the claim of smaller tonnages now being required, due to the drop in requirements for sand and gravel, current sites being granted extensions, and materials being recycled owing to the cost of the landfill tax, that Shelford and Averham should be removed from the document. The majority group would not agree.

Any further HGV traffic will have a major impact on the wider community as well as Averham and Kelham and should, in my opinion, as far as is practically possible, be resisted, until at least we have a Kelham Bypass.

The one concession we were granted however, is that the department re calculate their figures to see exactly what tonnages we do require.

I have requested a cheque for £150 towards the Celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which the village plans to hold. If I am available I will attend, even if only for a short time, as I imagine many villages will be holding parties around the same weekend and I will endeavour to pop into all of them.





**VILLAGE FUN !**







# CLAIRE'S FABULOUS FISH PIE

Even though it has been un-seasonably warm for the time of year, a homely, comforting supper is still welcome when we get in at the end of the day, and in my book, **Fabulous Fish Pie** fits the bill perfectly, so here is my favourite recipe.

To serve 6

5 or 6 large potatoes cut into chunks

2 handfuls fresh spinach or curly kale, shredded

1 onion, finely chopped, 1 carrot, finely chopped

olive oil

300ml double cream

2 handfuls grated cheese (mature cheddar or parmesan are good)

juice of 1 lemon, 1 tsp mustard, handful of chopped parsley

500g fish - a mix of cod, smoked haddock and salmon is good. Fish counters are helpful at sorting, or I see what I have in the freezer and use it up.

Skin, bone and cut up the fish into strips.

Pre-heat the oven to 220c

Boil the potatoes in salted water until cooked. At the same time, steam the kale in a colander or steamer over the pan. This will only take a couple of minutes or so. Remove and squeeze out excess moisture.

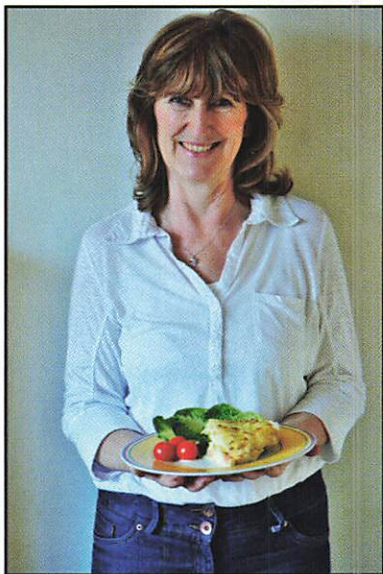
Drain the potatoes and mash with some olive oil or butter and season with pepper and salt - and nutmeg, if liked to your taste.

In a separate large pan, slowly fry the onion and carrot in a little olive oil for about 5 minutes. Add the cream and bring just to the boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese, lemon juice, mustard and parsley.

Now it is time to assemble the pie!

Butter an ovenproof dish put the kale/spinach in first and spread out as much as possible. Next, place the fish on top and pour over the sauce. Spread the potato on top and just fork for a homely look, or pipe if you want a more professional finish.

If you would like to prepare this dish ahead, then wait until all the components are cold before assembling (this is because the fish is raw and you don't want it sitting around in a warm sauce) Fridge or freeze until required. You will need to cook it for a good hour at a moderate heat from cold. If you are making and cooking it in one go, then assemble and cook as the recipe.





# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The PC continues to monitor the Southwell Racecourse Flood Alleviation plan. This is awaiting planning consent by NSDC and the consultants involved have made amendments to their original plan after representations from the PC and local residents / landowners. Liaison with the racecourse, together with a great deal of hard work from Cllr. Sue Saddington has resulted in new road signage which should hopefully reduce the flow of heavy traffic on Station Road.

Planning consent for quarrying at Flash Farm Averham has not yet been granted. The PC, local county and district councillors, and neighbouring councils have opposed this scheme as there are a number of concerns, particularly the increased use of Kelham Bridge by heavy lorries.

We are also aware of the poor state of our own roads and continue to press Notts Highways and Severn Trent for improvements. Parishioners can report issues such as potholes on-line or by calling 0300 500 8080. The more issues we report the greater chance we have for some action.

Unfortunately, due to the irresponsible attitude of a small number of dog owners, the problem of dog dirt continues. We are consulting with NSDC to look more closely at measures which could

result in fines for this dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets.

After extensive consultation with parishioners the PC voted for the following motion to go to NSDC: The Parish Council agreed in principle to accept the offer made by NSDC to transfer ownership of the Corner Farm land to the Parish Council conditional to the Parish Council being satisfied that NSDC provide an unequivocal indemnity to the Parish Council that the 106 monies transferred would not need to be re-paid to any party at any time, subject to the monies being used solely for maintenance and if it were to be repayable, NSDC would pay it.

Discussions are now taking place with NSDC on this matter.

Councillors Alec Jezewski and Linda Mason have resigned from the Parish Council and we would like to thank them for all the hard work they have put in for the benefit of the village.

Details of how to apply for the vacancies on the Parish Council will be circulated in the near future  
Steve Johnson

On behalf of Rolleston Parish Council

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# ROLLESTON ALLOTMENTS - JANUARY 2016

## Run by undeterred allotmenters !!!!



We now have 9½ allotments occupied by a diverse and great group of individuals with a wide variety of life experiences. We are so looking forward to our second growing season in 2016.

We made great progress during our first season in 2015, and have enjoyed fruit and vegetables of varying types and sizes from over half of the plots.

The water system bore hole had been fitted with a pump powered by solar panels and a battery, with piping underground to three sheep troughs.

We have been successful in keeping out

the larger mammals - but not the human animals that stole our solar panels, water pump, gas tank, gate lock, various tools and a mower.

A second burglary, two months later, saw all the sheds broken into.

Undeterred, we are planning to replace the stolen items and take further precautions to protect the expensive items, once the finances allow.

The lane up to the allotments needs levelling with rubble or gravel, if anyone has any spare!!



We are determined to restore Rolleston Allotments to last year's success and enjoy even more produce during 2016.

Network Rail have kindly agreed to donate a redundant metal storage box from trackside for more secure storage, as renovations are undertaken along the railway. Network Rail wanted to help their "Railway neighbours", following our turn of misfortune.

They are viewing this as a relationship building opportunity, for which we are very grateful.



We are all looking forward to the new growing season once all the rain and soaked soil has dried up!!

Even some vegetables have bravely survived!! .....

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## Indoor Bowls

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Every Tuesday evening throughout the year, come rain or shine, the Indoor Bowls Club plays short mat bowls in the Village Hall. It is a civilised and friendly game most of the time, though keenly fought battles do take place.

The evening starts with drawing for teams and Slow or Fast mat. One important ritual is the tea and coffee break when we all sit down and put the world to rights and catch up with gossip or snooze.



There is no age limit. If you are able to send the bowl to the other end of the mat you can play. We have had age ranges from 9 years old to above 90.

*If you are interested in playing please contact me.  
Peter Salter 819197*

# CHURCH NEWS

During the last couple of months we have been busy doing maintenance in the churchyard. We have had working parties where clearing overgrown areas and generally getting rid of rubbish has been the aim. Thanks must go to all who have given their time and the pyromaniacs among them who made the bonfires to burn whatever was combustible. Particular thanks go to Rod Shaw who took all the non-combustible stuff to the Newark tip in his trailer.

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## Churchyard Tidy Up

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Thanks to monies raised by the Friends of Holy Trinity, we have been able to replace the fence between the churchyard and the field behind the Old Vicarage and also pollard the trees alongside the road which were unbalanced following the work done by Western Power to clear their power lines.

Bob Marshall carried out this work and many people have remarked on how improved this makes the look of the churchyard overall.



Nature being what it is, there will always be times when we need to do more in the churchyard to keep it looking nice for visitors and we will use the Rolleston Junction e-mail circulation to appeal for help from time to time during the year.

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## Trent Churches Choir

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On Sunday 13th December Trent Churches Choir held their annual Carol Concert in Rolleston Church. There were 28 choir members and over 100 in the audience. The conductor was John King and the accompanist was Margaret Ladbury

It was a lovely event and enjoyed by all who attended raising over £400 for Lincs. & Notts. Air Ambulance.





### THE CROWN DOMINO TEAM

Since the Ghurkha 1 opened, when entertaining visiting village pub domino teams, we have enjoyed a taste of classic Nepalese. The eating only takes place after the competition has finished which often means we have to wait until 10.45 pm for supper. The opposition teams are often a little apprehensive but are soon won around. Not like the dominoes where we are at present languishing in the lower half of the division.

Back ground:

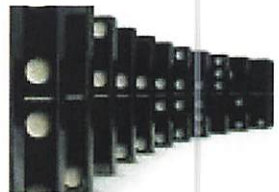
The competition is made up of 13 pub teams from the surrounding villages and we play in pairs in teams of 8.

The game played is known as 5s and 3s. We use a cribbage board for marking. Points are scored by adding up the spots on the two end dominoes. Doubles count twice.

To score points the total has to be a multiple of 3 or 5 and in some cases both. The best score is 15 which includes 5 3's and 3 5's making a score of 8.

The winning team is the first to reach 91 points exactly. It is a challenging game of memory, maths and cunning.

If you are interested in playing please contact me. Peter Salter 819197



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# ONE MAN AND HIS DOG

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## Brian Walton



Brian was born in 1939 in Burton Joyce, before moving to Morton in 1944.

After leaving school at 15, he went into agricultural work before taking a job at Staythorpe power station in 1961.

In 1968 Brian applied to the local council for a house in Rolleston, and was

offered one on condition he was married. He was by now courting Glenice; they had a holiday planned in Scotland and he suggested to her that she might like to make it a honeymoon instead. So, with a special licence, they were married in Southwell 4 days later, before setting off to Glen Coe as newlyweds!

Brian first developed problems with his vision in 1954, finally losing his sight completely in 1978.

He continued to work at Staythorpe until 1990, and four years later, in 1994, he got his first guide dog - Chips. Since then he has had Scamp and now his current dog, Kado – named after Kathleen and Dorothy, Kados, sponsors. Brian is one of approximately 5,000 working units in the UK today, and of course there are pups being trained and other guide dogs in retirement.

This all mounts up to a cost of £50,000 for the training and lifetime care of a guide dog. So, it's not cheap, but what fantastic dogs they are and what a great asset.

Acquiring a guide dog allowed Brian and Glenice to get involved with the Guide



Dog Action Group, with whom they have travelled to places many of us can only dream of:

- cruising the Nile and the Baltic and rafting up the Yellow River
- walking in New Zealand and Borneo and along the Great Wall of China
- travelling round Cambodia and camel riding in Mongolia
- hiking in the Pyrenees and the foothills of the Himalayas
- visiting Angkor Wat and the Valley of the Kings (where other worried visitors stuck close to him in case the lights went out –they felt sure Brian could find his way in the dark!)

Brian's heightened sense of touch,

pressure and smell mean that these places are really able to talk to him in a way many of us just cannot appreciate. He is also much more attuned to sound too, so he can listen to several conversations at once – something to bear this in mind when you are next within his ear shot in the Crown! As Brian says, with his sight, life may have been different. But would it have been any better?

Either way, it certainly hasn't stopped him enjoying himself. Glenys and Brian are currently planning their next trip away - walking in Catalonia.

They certainly make a great team!

## ANOTHER GREAT FESTIVAL PLANNED AT CHILLI BOB'S !

After a very successful 2-day East Midlands Chilli, Beer and Artisan festival in 2015, ChilliBobs is planning to run the next one on the **9th and 10th July**, again at the **Chilli Farm in Rolleston**. As well as the excellent mix of almost

80 Chilli & non-chilli stalls, food, drink and professional music, in 2016 there will be three stalls demonstrating and selling hydroponic systems to avid gardeners.

Can you cook a winning chilli-con-carne? Contact Bob to discuss the Chilli Cook-Off competition taking place on the **9th July** at the festival.

The festival will continue to have free children's activities and, if parents pre-book their tickets online, then children's tickets are free.

See [www.em-chillifest.co.uk](http://www.em-chillifest.co.uk) for tickets and details.

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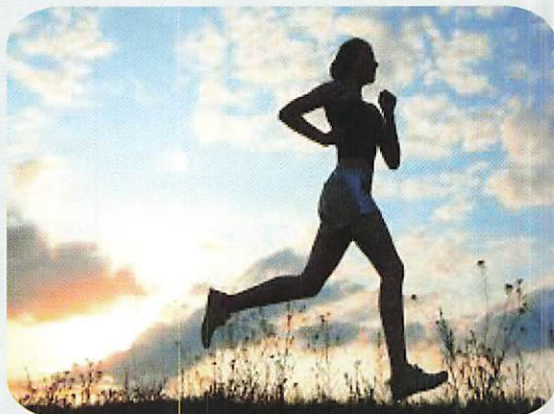
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## Puzzles



### HERE ARE A DOZEN RIDDLES TO EXERCISE YOUR MIND .....

- 1: Brothers and sisters I have none, but this man's father is my father's son... ?
- 2: What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?
- 3: Tear one off and scratch my head... what was red is black instead.
- 4: What room can no one enter?
- 5: What is it that's always coming but never arrives?
- 6: Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?
- 7: Which creature walks on four legs in the morning, two legs in the afternoon, and three legs in the evening?
- 8: What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
- 9: What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- 10: Paul's height is six feet, he's an assistant at a butcher's shop, and wears size 9 shoes. What does he weigh?

(Answers on page 29)

## CAN YOU HELP ?



We are blessed in Rolleston with a great, modern village hall, the envy of many other local communities. Over the years it has seen lots of activity and remains the hub of our community and available to us all.

The Village Hall is now in tip top condition; the hall floor having been reconditioned, the hall decorated, and the Atrium and Meeting Room

recarpeted. All this under the close supervision of Peter Salter.

Our manager, Peter Salter, has been doing a brilliant job in dealing with all the day to day running issues and sorting out the bookings and deserves a big thank you for all his hard work. Peter, who manages the hall on a voluntary basis, has also been very successful in increasing our revenue stream; (we need a net profit of £15,000 a year to meet all our running costs.)

With Peter doing such a great job of the day to day stuff, the role of the committee members is pretty straightforward. We have a really good team and being on the committee is fun, rewarding and a chance to get involved with what is going on. If you would like to join us, even just for a year or two, please do get in touch.

We would particularly like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking over the treasurer's role from Nick Pearson who has been at the helm for some years now. You don't need any qualifications – if you can run a household budget the village hall finances will be no problem and in terms of commitment it's only a couple of hours a month.

If you want to know more about joining us, just call Nick Pearson on 01636 816382

## PICK UP THE POO !



Dog poo in the village is becoming a problem. Please could all dog owners behave responsibly and take a 'poo bag' with you when you walk your dog. Dog poo has the potential to cause blindness in children. Thank you if you already do.



## LOCAL SERVICES AND BUSINESSES

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<b>Chilli Bobs</b>	Rolleston's own chilli farm	0790 1820914 chillibobs.co.uk
<b>Lucy's Vicarage Tea Rooms</b>	Summer Weekends	816882
<b>Arne Colman</b>	Village Handyman	813260
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<b>Robert Marshall Landscaping</b>		812647 or 07702616664 info@robertmarshall-landscaping.co.uk
<b>Fiskerton P O and Village Shop</b>	veg from Field Farm	830230
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<b>Penny Lester</b>	Child minder, Cleaner, Dog Walker	814242
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### Answers to Penny's Quiz:

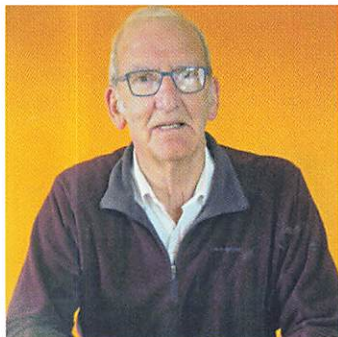
1: The man is my son. 2: Nothing 3: A matchstick 4: A mushroom 5: Tomorrow 6: A coffin 7: A man – he crawls as a baby, walks upright as an adult, and uses a walking stick in old age. 8: A stamp 9: A towel 10: Meat 11: Incorrectly 12: A secret

## SAD NEWS - FAREWELL TO DEAR FRIENDS

As many of us already know, **Margaret Blacklock** died just before Christmas. If anyone epitomised a sense of community, it was Margaret - she helped out, she joined in, she looked out for others, and she never said a bad word about anyone. She will be remembered with much love and affection for her kindness, her generosity of spirit, and her happy heart. She will be sorely missed.



### John Smith,



who had lived in Rolleston since a child, sadly passed away in February. John had been an active member of the community - including serving on the Parish Council and being captain of the Crown Domino Team. He will be missed by many in the village and our thoughts are with his family. June and her family wish to thank everyone for their support at this difficult time. They have been overwhelmed by all the kindness shown by so many people.

### Rolleston's annual ski trip

was to Galtur, a pretty Austrian village surrounded by beautiful mountains. The holiday has been running for over 30 years and is organised by Clive Wisdom, previously of the Crown. If you are a skier any age, any ability you're more than welcome! We're just a bunch of friends that enjoy skiing, have fun and don't take it too seriously. And we stay in comfortable hotels with good food!



Contact Tony at 07775510000 or [tony\\_hillary@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_hillary@hotmail.com)



## Useful Contacts

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### Allotments

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### Church Wardens

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**Minster Vets** 812133

**Southwell Racecourse** 814481

**Community Car Scheme** 611220

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## KEEP IN TOUCH

There are 3 holders of the village email list - the Rolleston Junction editing team, Julian Richardson for the Village Hall and Christine Salter for the Parish Council. Between us we have a pretty comprehensive e mail list for the village. We work together to make sure we keep as many of you updated with news as possible and over time this has proved to be really useful:

- ☐ we have reunited owners with cats, dogs and even model airplanes
- ☐ we have been able to inform you of events and activities— not to be missed!
- ☐ we have circulated requests for help
- ☐ we have been able to update you of important issues that impact on our community such as crime or flooding

It's well worth being on the list and if you are not, and would like to be so, just drop a line to [rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonjunction@gmail.com). Even if someone in your house is on the list we are very happy to add on anyone else who lives there too.

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