



The Rolleston Junction

Edition 13 - Winter 2017

The Festive Fuddle & other Christmas Events - A Rolleston Romance - Carla's Canoe Challenge ...

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ROLLESTON'S REGULAR EVENTS

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard
07949 260032
every Wednesday
7.15 - 8.15pm
and Fri 10-11am
at the Village Hall
£6 per class

Darts

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

Seated Exercise

Cheryl Sheard
07949 260032
every Wednesday
10-10.30am
at the Village Hall

Skittles

Pat Sawyer
813771
(not during winter)
at the Village Hall

Total Fitness

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

GORGs

Nick Pearson
816382
Gentleman of Rolleston
Golfing Society
Regular outings

Bell Ringers

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

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.)
819197
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)
every Thursday evening
except summer) at the
Crown

Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter
819197
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.

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



Christmas approaches and as usual there is a lot going on in Rolleston.

On 3rd December there is the Rolleston Festive Fuddle. This is one for your diary....it's a bring and share Christmas lunch. This is for all ages for everybody in the village for seniors, empty nesters, young families and kids. There will be children's competitions, entertainment and arts and crafts in the Alice Chadwick Room! This is the community catching up, chatting and having fun together. Don't miss it!

On 13th is the Seniors' Christmas lunch (and that doesn't excuse you from the Festive Fuddle!!) and on 20th December is the traditional Carols round the Tree followed by Michelle's legendary hot punch and mince pies at Rolleston Manor (see page 27). Also, don't miss the Christmas Eve service at Holy Trinity - nothing like it!

Our Village Hall urgently needs help (see page 10). It's a real success story well run by a small enthusiastic team of people. The success is simply overtaking the team. If you think you can help in any way at all please contact Julian Ellis on 831165. It needn't even be a commitment, just availability. It's a great team, and it needs help!

Tony, Marg, Carole, Gill and Nick

Lotto News

36, 41, 52, 54



Could one of these numbers be lucky for you? If you are a new

resident and community spirited - please could you consider

taking up one of the village lottery numbers? What's in it for

you? Every week we give away £50 cash to the lucky winner! What's in it for the

village? Our local lottery raises more than £3000 each year towards the running

costs of the Village Hall. Your only outlay is £2 per week (which is collected as £20

every 10 weeks) or you can pay by direct debit. Checking the result is dead

easy ... the winning number is always the bonus ball number of that week's

National Lottery. Thanks to everyone who continues to support us! Select your

number by contacting Sandie Pearson, tel. 01636 816382 or email

sandie297@gmail.com Congratulations to recent winners: Barbara Sale, Thea

Chaaban, Jamil, Ian Whitehead, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Blakey, Jane Geraghty,

Mike Killington, Doug Townsend, Mary Hibbert and Tim Harries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

28th Carol singers' first rehearsal 7.30pm - Village Hall (p20)

DECEMBER

3rd VILLAGE CHRISTMAS 'FUDDLE'- for everyone - (p16-17)
4th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
7th Ninebarrow in Concert - Village Hall 7.30pm (p5)
13th Seniors' Christmas Lunch - Village Hall 12 for 12.30pm
12th - 16th 'A Christmas Carol' - Robin Hood Theatre (p14)
17th 'Gentlemen's Day' - Southwell Racecourse (p13)
20th Carols and Mulled Wine - 6.30pm phone box (p27)
24th Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church 6pm

JANUARY

8th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
23rd - 27th 'The God of Carnage' - Robin Hood Theatre (p14)
26th Peacock Angelli Trio - Village Hall 7.30pm (p5)

FEBRUARY

5th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
22nd - 24th 'Extra Time' - Robin Hood Theatre (p14)

Thanks once again to Gill Thackrey for providing us with another excellent piece of artwork for the front cover.

Ninebarrow in Concert



Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo.

Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles and inspired by the English folk tradition. The duo have recently been nominated for a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award in the 'Horizon' category for best emerging artist.

Not only exceptional singers, Ninebarrow are also equally passionate about the stories behind their songs. An evening with the duo isn't just an ordinary evening of great music - it's also a night of history, folklore and storytelling!

Thursday 7th December

Peacock Angelli Trio

We last saw Ruth Angelli in Rolleston when she backed Ashley Hutchings with "Words, Words, Words" show and were captivated with her singing and musicianship.

She has now formed the trio "Peacock Angelli" with her partner Sid Peacock and promises an evening of unique and beautiful sounds.



Friday 26th January 2018

Mark Billingham and My Darling Clementine present ...

The Other Half

In a rundown Memphis bar, Marcia-a washed-up Vegas showgirl - works double shifts and reflects on her single doomed shot at happiness, while her customers tell the stories of their own troubled lives. Tales of lust, loss ... and murder.



A unique collaboration between the leading lights of crime fiction and country music, an original story by bestselling crime writer Mark Billingham is sound tracked by the powerful and poignant songs of internationally acclaimed American duo My Darling Clementine.

Friday 23rd February

MORE TROUBLE WITH LEVEL CROSSINGS



ROBERT JENRICK
our local MP

The saga of Network Rail's failure to successfully install new barrier equipment at Newark Castle and other local crossings has continued.

I have been in almost constant communication with Network Rail over the summer as they've struggled to make the new equipment they've installed work, with very serious consequences for public safety and convenience as barriers have remained both up and down for prolonged periods.

Disruption in Newark has been significant at times and some villages have been cut off, risking public safety. The sight of the Rolleston barrier remaining open, with trains having to pass nonetheless, was very striking and disturbing.

I have been to see the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, to demand his input, putting pressure on Network Rail to devote the resources they need to get this fixed and the staff on the ground to operate the barriers manually until such time as they do. And, I've written to the rail regulator, the Office of Road & Rail, requesting that they urgently investigate Network Rail's conduct to ensure our safety and that lessons are learnt for the sake of other communities.

I met with the regulator and have been campaigning for a full investigation into this fiasco, in order to guarantee that taxpayer's money is not wasted in future, and so that we can hold faulty parties to account. I will be meeting, soon, with the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) to discuss this further.

My priority is to get the crossings operating efficiently and safely. However, I also want to know why Network Rail chose seemingly untested equipment and their staff were insufficiently trained to handle the situation when it developed.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at:

Robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk, or by calling my office on 01636 612 837.

Thanks Annie!

Belles Floral Boutique is a superb florist in Clinton Arms Court, Newark. It was started four years ago by "almost Rollestonian" and very talented Annie Johnson.

Annie is very generously providing all the floral table decorations for our Festive Fuddle on 3rd December.

Previously from Staythorpe, Annie has kept her horse, Ben, at Rolleston Manor for twelve years, so you will have seen her riding round the village!

So whether you're looking for beautiful fresh cut flowers for display in a vase or fabulous creations for Christmas, just speak to Annie. We've used Annie in our own home – she's very good!

Tony and Michelle

You can reach Annie on bellesfloralboutique@hotmail.com or phone 07595 733776



Thank You Via

You may have noticed that the strip of land outside Rolleston Manor, facing the church now has a very smart kerb.

This work was done completely free of charge by Via, the contractors who re-surfaced the road. This was not part of the job, they did it for the village.

The area has now been levelled and grassed. This will make a really nice feature opposite the church and it will be kept neatly mowed during the growing season.

So thank you Via, and a big thank you to Adam Lakin, Project Manager, who arranged it - a great example of contractors and community working well together.

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CASTLE HOUSE - A ONE STOP SHOP

News from
**ROGER
BLANEY**

leader of
Newark and
Sherwood
District Council



In the last issue, I wrote about the District Council's move into its new offices, Castle House, next door to Newark Castle station, and about the continuing problems affecting our level crossings since the 'upgrade' Network Rail carried out last year. Let me update you.

Castle House opened to the public on 23rd September and is already proving very popular and effective as a 'one stop shop' for our residents. Let me give you an example from our very first week. Despite the lowest unemployment across Newark & Sherwood for many

years, three people, sadly made redundant from a local firm, signed on at the JobCentre Plus, now relocated with us to Castle House. Whilst there, they were encouraged to speak to the council about their entitlement to Housing Benefit and, in turn to Citizens' Advice about other concerns. So, one visit, one

location, three services, something that wasn't possible before our move.

Network Rail have replaced key components in the new automatic barriers at all our level crossings so let's hope the periodic failures are behind us. At the same time, the safety improvements at Fiskerton level crossing are in place - a year late, but still both welcome and very necessary.

Nevertheless, Robert Jenrick and I had a meeting in Westminster with H M Inspector of Railways to raise our concerns and frustration with the unacceptable problems we have all



CASTLE HOUSE

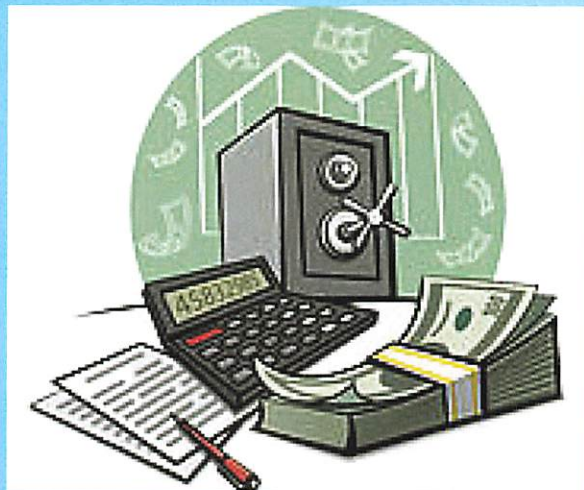
experienced - and Network Rail's lack of urgency in resolving them. Will they be shamed into agreeing with us and taking action?

I'll let you know.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

NEW TO THE VILLAGE? BEEN HERE A WHILE?

The Village Hall *urgently* needs your help!

Due to the current success of lettings, the **Good news** is that we are currently running a financial surplus, enabling long term maintenance and updating of equipment to take place ...



However!

We have only a small hardworking committee of volunteers who find it increasingly difficult to meet the physical and time demands of the Lettings customers and Village events.

We need volunteers to give up a little time to be involved with the following tasks:

- Keep the Hall welcoming and clean and tidy - a 15 minute tidy up, including vacuum of the Atrium carpet and replenish hand towels in the Toilets, is needed two or three times a week.
- Setting up and putting away staging, light and sound and chairs and tables.
- Meet and greet people hiring the Hall and explain about the equipment and House Rules.
- Provide holiday cover for the Bookings and be on hand to admit maintenance people when necessary.

If you are able to devote a few minutes of your time, we can ensure Rolleston Village Hall will continue to attract custom for years to come. If you are interested in meeting other villagers and getting to know your neighbours this is a great way of doing so.

Please contact **Peter on 819197** and, subject to response, we can organise a mutually convenient get together at The Greenaway to discuss how we can work on this together.

Peter Salter - Village Hall Committee

WHO'S FOR DARTS ?



The Crown has two darts teams – a ladies' captained by Jane Carby and men's led by Nigel Carby. They meet on a Tuesday evening (except during the summer).

Last season they had mixed success. The Ladies, despite injuries, won the local Subsidiary Cup; the men however won the Wooden Spoon award. Oh dear!

If you are a darts player hiding your talents, come along and have a game. We're a friendly crowd and you'll be very welcome! Contact Jane 07843 602458 or Nigel 07843 602376

DOMINOES NEWS

Congratulations to Brian Walton and Julian Ellis who won the pairs domino final, beating the Hearty Goodfellow A Team 3 - 0 !



THANK YOU CLLR SUE SADDINGTON

Sue is our hard working county councillor and now Vice Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council. She is always supportive of our village, attends our events and takes a real interest in what we do.

From her Discretionary Fund, she has very kindly offered to support our Festive Fuddle and the Seniors' Christmas Lunch with a £200 donation for each.

Sue, thank you - really appreciated!

AN INTERACTIVE SPEED SIGN FOR ROLLESTON ...?



As I write this report, it is difficult to believe that 12 months ago, Network Rail commenced work to improve the Newark to Nottingham railway crossings with the installation of new automated barriers.

Twelve months and millions of pounds later, we are still experiencing problems with unreliable barriers.

Both myself and Cllr Blaney have had meetings with Network Rail and have exchanged numerous emails with them, in an attempt to try and make them understand that the 'improvements' they promised have resulted in repeated barrier failures and incidents which have given rise to safety concerns from residents who, understandably, now have no confidence in the system.

Network Rail have been, to say the least, tardy with their responses and action. Apart from the inconvenience and worry to local residents, the repeated failures at crossings from Newark to Lowdham has resulted in loss to businesses, Doctors appointments and many other untold inconveniences.

Network Rail will have to make these crossings fit for purpose however much it costs and however long it takes.

When they are fit for purpose, I consider Network Rail owe a huge apology to residents for the inconvenience that has been caused. They also need to regain the confidence of the residents because this whole project for them has been a PR disaster. In my opinion, only when this has been achieved will residents gain confidence in the safety of the crossings.

On a happier note, residents are now benefitting from a smooth drive through Rolleston following the resurfacing work. Myself, along with the support of the Parish Councillors have lobbied for years for this work to be carried out.

The new Chairman of Transport and Highways asked Members to put forward 5 Maintenance schemes and 5 integrated Transport Schemes, rather than officers making decisions as to which roads need attention and which projects should be considered.

Since the Election, I now represent 13 villages and one third of Newark. I have therefore tried to suggest schemes to include as many of the villages I represent as possible.

I asked the Parish Councillors to let me have their preference. We all agreed Rolleston could benefit from an Interactive Speed sign, so I have made that suggestion. There are certain criteria which must be met, but I felt it was worth making the request.

The nights are now getting darker and Christmas is not too far away. I hope to pop into the two Christmas events in December which the hard working volunteers are already organising.

Many residents may be aware that I have a County Divisional fund. This allows me to offer a little financial help with projects. I have therefore given £400 towards the cost of the two Christmas parties. With some extra funding, it will add extra sparkle to both events.

To conclude the year, there will be the Carols around the tree which I plan to attend. This is usually followed by wonderful hospitality from Michelle and Tony.

To all residents, thank you for your warm welcome which I always receive in Rolleston.

Finally, I send Christmas Greetings to all and wish you a Healthy New Year.

Kind regards

Councillor Sue Saddington

*Vice Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council
County Councillor for Farndon and Trent Division,
District Councillor for Muskham.*

IT'S GETTING BUSY AT SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE

It is right in the middle of Southwell's winter programme of meetings and at the time of writing, the big summer showpieces of 2017 seem a distant memory.



We also raced for the first time on August Bank Holiday on the 28th, a day which was sponsored by the Nottingham Post. In unusually glorious sunshine given it was a Bank Holiday, the day was a great success with 2,500 in

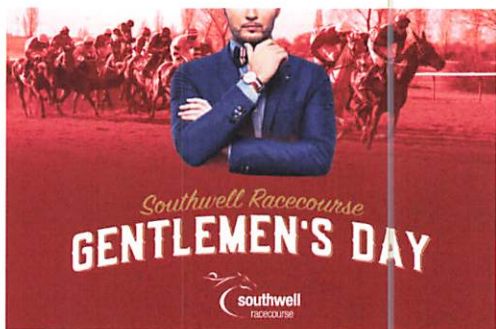
attendance. We also had Charles Owen Pony Racing on the day as well (pictured).

As the racecourse now heads towards the end of 2017, there are still some nice feature racedays to get excited about, in particular **Gentlemen's Day** on **Sunday 17th December**, featuring live music, former Darts World Champion Andy Fordham and

good quality jumps racing.

Family Fun Day took place on July 16th, with various different bits of children's entertainment going on throughout, and it produced an increased crowd on 2016 which was fantastic, and hopefully in 2018, will be even better again.

That was followed by Ladies Day on August 20th, with 8,500 people coming to the racecourse to enjoy a day of racing, live music and fashion. Ladies Day has become common place amongst the social calendar for people from miles around now and certainly doesn't show any signs of dwindling yet.



Please visit www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk or call 01636 814481 for details on all our racedays and to book tickets.

ROBIN HOOD THEATRE - AVERHAM

Robin Hood Theatre Company presents ...

'A Christmas Carol'

by **Charles Dickens**

(Adapted by Karen Louise Hebden)

This new stage version was first performed at Derby Playhouse, and this classic story of greed, grief, ghoulish ghosts and eleventh-hour redemption with seasonal carols is a wonderful reminder of the joy of Christmas.



'Extra Time'

by **Ian Collinson**

The cold war in the fractured Walton family heats up when Rona, estranged wife of Ed, appears to be trying to restrict his access to granddaughter Nellie. Ed retaliates by joining Rona's U3A local history group with disruptive intentions that have hilarious consequences.

Siblings Joni and Dylan still don't know exactly why their parents split up in the first place. Ed refuses to talk about it, while Rona selectively drops dark hints. Joni decides it's

time to intervene. She triggers a series of family meetings that lead to unexpected outcomes and revelations, while simultaneously setting her



'The God of Carnage'

by **Yasmina Reza**

Two middle class couples meet to discuss a playground incident between their two sons – one 11 year old has punched the other in the mouth.

One of the couples is rather conservative, sophisticated even, with an obvious attachment to the material world; the other appears more liberal, with more of a social conscience.

However, when the chips are down, principles and vases fly out of the window, inner selves are revealed and it is not a pretty sight.



It should be a simple issue to settle. In fact, it all starts out as a perfectly civilized and civil encounter, but as the evening progresses, loyalties change.

off on an unlikely romantic adventure that might just kick start a life that keeps stalling.

Lively and witty throughout, this domestic comedy raises contemporary issues to make you think while you laugh.

Tickets from £8 Box Office 07733 179986

SUPPORT FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

- the latest news

Why should people just like ourselves, with settled lives, families, jobs, businesses, ambitions be forced out of their homes by ISIS, bombing, fighting, gassing and chemical attacks? It's not their war – all they want is to get on with their lives, just as we all do.



Most have seen people, friends and relatives wounded, killed and dying. The children have seen things no child should see. Then they escape with their kids and whatever they can carry across the border to Lebanon to live unwanted in refugee camps. We work with Newark and Sherwood District Council and the Refugee Forum to welcome them to Newark and help them build a new life there.

Two more families, four adults and six young children arrived in June. They have been settled in private rented accommodation near Beacon Hill

Already you can see them recovering from the trauma; the school age kids are settling into education really well, picking up the language and being really well looked after by the schools. The parents have joined the other four families and are getting fifteen hours a week of english language tuition.

The families are desperate to work. To be unemployed is completely against their way of life.

Before they can become employed they need to reach a minimum standard of English and this is what they are working towards.

Two of the families have catering experience and have already produced a Syrian buffet for fifty people. As their English improves and they study for their food hygiene certificates they have plans to develop a catering business. The wife of one of the new families is a business studies graduate – a very quick learner, rapidly developing her English skills.

To settle in successfully it is important that they get to learn about the UK. We took the six families on a day out to York, went into York Minster, explored the Shambles and then went on to Scarborough visiting the Sea Life Centre and the beach. We included an educational aspect, explaining the history of York, the Roman road etc.

The next trip planned is by train to Matlock Bath. They have never seen countryside like Derbyshire and they will also learn about the history of the area.



So, thank you Rollestonians for your support – clothes, warm bedding, bicycles, televisions.

The families really do appreciate it and have asked us to say "thank you". But for an accident of birth, it could be us.

You really have made a difference.

Tony, Michelle, Tom, Jane and Jenny

- on behalf of 'Support for Syrian Refugees'



Rolleston Festive Fuddle

SUNDAY, 3rd DECEMBER

- Food, Festivities & Fun for ALL



This new event for Christmas in Rolleston promises to be an informal afternoon of food, festivities and fun - taking place at the Village Hall, 3rd December, 12.30 pm for lunch at 1 pm.

Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are £3 for adults, £1.50 for under 16s, Free for under 6s.

Open to all villagers, from seniors to infants, this community-spirited event, not only includes fine food, but Carol singing, music recitals, and a surprise guest!

Children's entertainment includes arts and crafts activities and some competitions with prizes! Adults will be entertained by a local talented vocalist - Matt Shephardson and magician, Paul Longhurst, who's performed magic for the Queen.

On the menu: Vegetable soup, followed by festive poultry, meats and baked potatoes. Please bring a savoury side dish or dessert to add to the Fuddle table. (One item per household please.)

Email: michelle.hillary@hotmail.com or call 07818044788 for a list of Bring-and-Share Fuddle dishes, suggested by the catering team, to ensure there is a wide and varied selection of foods on offer.

Please bring your own alcohol or soft drinks - there is no bar; but glasses will be provided.

Spread the word about the Rolleston Festive Fuddle!

But, there will be lots of ways we will keep you updated.

Sorry, no tickets sales on the door; remember to purchase your ticket in advance: please email or phone:

Carole Chandler: carole.chandler1092@icloud.com 815089

Michelle Hillary: michelle.hillary@hotmail.com 07818 044788

Emma Burnett: emmajburnett@hotmail.com 07967 743124

Alternatively, use the sign-up sheet displayed in Gurkha One. Remember to provide your contact details and the number of Adult and child tickets you require.

WILL YOU HELP?

Join the team to help on the day. **Can you donate a raffle prize?** Do you have some arts and crafts materials we can use? Please get in touch with one of the contacts listed above or email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Fuddle: a communal buffet for a special occasion. (For those who may not have heard of the Nottinghamshire term before!)



*Rolleston
Festive*

FUDDLE

SUNDAY, 3rd DECEMBER

Village Hall - 12.30pm for 1.00pm Lunch

Food, Fun & Festivities for Everyone!

**Food • Entertainment • Music Recitals • Carols
Children's Activities • Competitions • Special Guest**

For tickets email carole.chandler1092@icloud.com
or call 07901 917194

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Request the 'Bring & Share' Fuddle list, email
michelle.hillary@hotmail.com
or call 07818 044788

**£3 Adult,
£1.50 Child
(under 6s free)**

GREENAWAY

**Main course included, but please bring a dish to add to the fuddle –
homemade or shop bought... it's all about sharing the occasion!**

There's no bar, so bring along your own alcohol & soft drinks (glasses available).

MY JOB

This month we'd like to introduce ...

★ Eve Whitehead ★



Eve was born in Rolleston 20 years ago and lives here with her Mum and Dad, Louis and Phoebe, and Tala the poodle!

After finishing her A levels at the Minster, Eve went on to complete a year's course in make-up and beauty at Central College Nottingham. This combined both Eve's interest in make-up and image, with the artistic and creative flair she demonstrated at school.

After completing her course, Eve went to work for Oldrids at Downtown, Grantham and then at Kiko in the Victoria Centre in Nottingham.

However, following a full day's interview and a skills test, Eve has recently been appointed as Lead Artist for Charlotte Tilbury, based in John Lewis Nottingham – congratulations!

Charlotte Tilbury is a luxury make-up and skin care range launched in 2013 by British make-up artist Charlotte Tilbury.

It is a brand Eve feels passionate about - "Every single product is fabulous. They are all great for your skin, and they are so easy to apply. I've never worked with products that are as simple to use but give such fantastic results."

Whilst there is a large range of products to choose from, Charlotte Tilbury has also designed 10 iconic looks ranging from the pale and gentle Ingénue to the strong and dramatic Rebel with everything in between. Each look has its own specific colour palette.

Along with its strong emphasis on customer care and artistry, Eve says that this gives the team the time they need to chat to the customer, and then the opportunity to use or adapt one of the looks to create something that is right for them. Eve has also recently run a master class session presenting their products and demonstrating the art of make-up application - and it really is an art – just check out their web site www.charlottetilbury.com

As to the future - "there are lots of opportunities in the world of make-up and I don't know where the future lies, but for now I'm really happy at Charlotte Tilbury where I'm getting some great experience and working with a brilliant team."

A Rolleston Village Romance

Inspired by Gill Thackrey's superb picture on the front cover of the Junction's last issue we are reminded of a village romance that started in that field with Jean and I crawling across the field on hands and knees singling* sugar beet. The field is large, the rows long, and the ground stony. In a 3 hour evening session we could get to the far end of the field and nearly back.

I suppose there are down-sides and up-sides to all jobs, but I can only think of ONE up-side to this job. The ONE is this: One person who came singling was Jean Thurlby from Fiskerton. Six weeks of every year crawling up and down this and other fields together (for up to 70 hours weekly) enabled me to get to know her well !

From that, we eventually progressed to cycling together to village dances in local villages and then to being married in Bleasby Church.



Why did we marry? Was it love, or love of singling sugar beet? Well, perhaps the former; she is still with me 62 years, 2 daughters, 5 granddaughters, and 3 great- grandchildren later ... and the singling finished many years ago...!

Frank Mitchell

(* singling - the process of thinning out the sugar beet plants)

Potato Harvesting in Rolleston



Taken from behind the church on the footpath to Fiskerton, the photo shows potato harvesting one morning in late September.

The tractor in front prepares the ground for the potato harvester, the red machine between the tractors. The dark red elevator transports the potatoes to the trailer.

The soil has to be fertile and well drained. To keep it healthy the next potato crop will probably be in at least three years time.



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WANTED ... Carol Singers

Know some Christmas carols?

Like to be part of a community group?

**Have a couple of evenings free in
December?**

**Want to help raise money for the Air
Ambulance?**



We are getting together a group of villagers to lead the singing at the Rolleston Festive fuddle. We also plan to go carol singing throughout the village on 3 evenings in December when we hope to raise money for a charity that helps our community. If you would like an opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit then why not come and join us? We are having a rehearsal on Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Even if you can only make a couple of dates you are still very welcome.

No previous experience necessary, just a desire to have fun and meet new people.

Please give me a call or drop me an email so I can send you more details. Contact me on 07967 743124 or emmajburnett@hotmail.com Many thanks Emma & the Rolleston Festive Fuddle team ...

CLAIRE'S ... CHRISTMAS YORKSHIRE PUD



This recipe comes from a friend in Fiskerton who likes to try something a little different each Christmas whilst still keeping with all the traditional flavours.

This one ticks all the boxes and has become a family staple.

I think, after making it last week with roast chicken, it will definitely be on my Christmas dinner menu.

To serve 4-6 people

First make your batter :

100g plain flour,

2 eggs,

225ml milk,

salt and pepper

Put in the fridge to chill.

Select a small roasting tin, approx. 20cm x 30cm, or you could use individual yorkie tins.

Put 8 large or 16 small sausages and 12 peeled shallots (or quartered red onions) with a little rapeseed oil in the tins and roast for about 20 mins. until golden.

Whilst cooking, make your stuffing - a nice Thyme and Parsley with added Cranberry sauce works well.

Shape into balls; you need 2 each and could freeze any others for next time.



When the sausages and shallots are cooked, take out of the oven and turn up the temperature to 210c and pour over the batter mix.

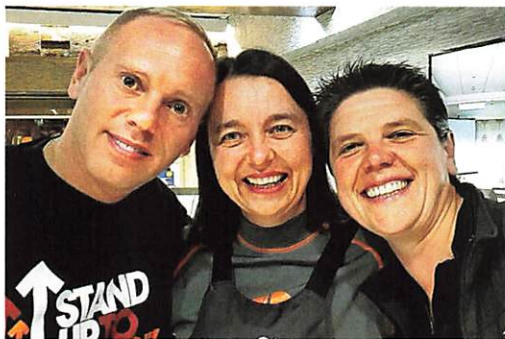
Arrange the stuffing balls on top, making sure each portion will have an equal amount of each ingredient, or not, - according to tastes!

Pop it back into the oven and cook until well risen and nicely browned.

Enjoy!

CARLA'S CANOE CHALLENGE !

Sometimes we are not aware of the personal challenges that people face, and how they overcome them - even though they are often on our own doorstep.



Hens-at-Home duo - Carla (middle) and Debs (right) with Judge Rinder on Day One.

We are pleased to publish Carla's story and her tremendous achievement ...

I am Carla Bradbury, one half of Hens-at-Home Pet Services in Staythorpe.

Five years ago, I was diagnosed with stage 3b cervical cancer and told there was only a 50% chance of long term control. My tumour was inoperable and so I underwent intensive chemo and radiotherapy. With the treatment and the support of my family and friends, I won the battle and the cancer was annihilated! My oncologist said I was the worst case she had treated but with the best outcome she had seen.

I have been left with some side effects, but they are manageable and I'm grateful to still be around. I made friends with a fellow cancer patient who went through the same treatment as me. We were both given the all clear. However, her cancer returned, and unfortunately

spread, and in July 2017 she sadly passed away.

The day I was notified of her passing, I saw an article on the British Canoeing Facebook page asking for four cancer survivors to take part in a challenge for Stand up to Cancer.

I applied and got one of the places!

The challenge, involved paddling tandem canoes along canals from Chester to Liverpool via Manchester. That meant paddling virtually a marathon every day for five consecutive days— a total of 120 miles!

There was significant training involved as you can imagine. Debs, the other half



Day Two: Carla with actor Tyger Drew-Honey. (His steering was terrible!)

of Hen's at Home, supported me by taking part in an event in the lead up to the challenge for the Macmillan charity.

The Stand up to Cancer Canoe Challenge took place 25-29th September. Twenty-five celebrities joined us in our boats as canoeing partners across the various stretches. Celebrities from Gogglebox, Made in Chelsea, Love Island, TOWIE,

Hollyoaks, Magic FM, and Kiss FM all took part, as well as personalities such as Judge Rinder, Anthea Turner and Michelle Heaton.

Don't be fooled by the photos - it was very tough, with day four being my worst day. I cried at breakfast at the thought of another day in the boat, 28 miles to clock up and quite a few locks, feeling very tired and emotional. I also had a lot of muscular issues, including a painful knot in my shoulder requiring physio at every stop, but the knot came back after only two miles in the boat.

(wanting to know if he was still the best), and I am now an honorary member of his fan club!

So ... how can you help me? Please donate online to Cancer Research UK: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/carlas-canoe-challenge> and a sincere thank you if you have already done so.

Please also spread the word. The videos can be viewed at: www.standuptocancer.org.uk/canoe-highlights.



Day Five: Carla's canoe on the left, completing her epic challenge!!

In only five days, the four of us became close, like a little family.

Judge Rinder (my first pairing on day one), kept in touch in the following days,

You can donate either £5 or £10 by texting canoe5 or canoe10 to 70404.

OUR ROLLESTONIAN

Penny Lester



Penny has lived in the village for over thirty-four years, and was originally born in the heart of Nottingham city.

She moved to Rolleston in 1983, from East Bridgford. Penny's father, at that time, working in Southwell, received a tip-off from a work colleague, who was a resident in Rolleston, that a house in the village was up for sale. Unoccupied for two years, the accommodation had been split into a home at the rear, while the front had been converted into a shop which served as the village Co-op for several years.

The original shop front, near the bus stop on Fiskerton Road, can still be seen to this day. Her house was one of the six built in Rolleston around 1919, as Homes for Heroes - the homes allocated to soldiers returning from the war.

Owned by the Ministry of Defence, each home included an extensive garden to enable the ex-soldiers to grow their own produce. Penny, believes that the shop mainly sold garden produce and other items from the tenant farmers in the locality before becoming the Co-op.

Soon after moving here, she got very involved in the local community, helping to run the Pre-School at Fiskerton which her daughter, Emily, attended. She also managed holiday play schemes and Mother and Toddler groups.

Although today's children can now enjoy the play area in the village, those days there was no such facility, so she ran craft fairs to raise funds to buy a shed, storing play equipment at the old village hall. She also ran Sunday Clubs for children, at various village halls across the Four Tons parishes.

Eventually, when Emily was nine, Penny was appointed to run the first ever 'After School Club', at Lowes Wong School, assisted by her friend, Jenny Hall, (also from Rolleston).

One morning, she recalls standing with children and other parents at the bus stop, waiting for the school bus, and a huge pet pig, owned by Richard and Sue Green, escaped across the road from Holly Farm, joining the kids in the queue!

After much shouting and coaxing, Sue managed to get the pig back across the road! At that time, the Greens made amazing sausages, so Penny often wondered if the pig decided it had better make a run for it! She thinks it was called Mabel or Mavis ... (Editor's note: anybody know?)

Penny currently works at Holy Trinity School, running the breakfast club and is also a mid-day supervisor there (dinner lady). Many of us already know her through the helpful services she provides to our local community, including: after school care, holiday cover and babysitting, as well as pet



Qualified in child learning development, first-aid, child safety and arts and crafts, Penny is very experienced in the field of child care.

When she does get time, she enjoys attending the theatre, cinema, local music events and going for walks in the countryside. Says Penny, "I've always loved nature, and the best thing about living in Rolleston is its rural

setting. But not only that, I like living in a local close-knit community"

sitting, cleaning and ironing services.

If you need a helping hand, Penny is contactable on 814242; she advises to leave a message, and she will return your call.

Editor's note: we would love to do an article on the shops we used to have in Rolleston, the butcher's, the baker's, the Co-op! (Not forgetting the Post Office, of course). If you have memories to share, please get in touch via rollestonjunction@gmail.com



CREATIVE CORNER

In Praise of a Green Harvest

My childhood memories include
Words my Mother often spoke.
She worried about keeping us fed.
In war-time it was no joke.
Almost every day she said,
"Eat your greens they'll do you good
And if you don't there'll be no pud."

"So Dad's allotment was hallowed ground,
Where nutritious treasures were to be found.

Winter brought a succession of cabbages,
January Kings and crumpled Savoy
Surviving the weather's ravages.
And dark Spring-greens, we tried to enjoy.
Curly Kale sometimes seemed tough
But of Purple Sprouting Broccoli
I couldn't get enough.

A common experience I came to regret
Was curled green caterpillars
Trapped in a cauliflower's floret!
I questioned the flavour of chubby Sprouts,
Said to be sweeter picked after frost.
I always had my doubts.
Their appeal on me was lost.

But Leeks Oh dear!
Cooked in long ribbons, coated in sauce,
Unable to swallow, I often baulked.
Getting me into trouble of course.





Peas perhaps were my favourite crop.
Eager always to pick and shell
Because I could manage to pop
One in the mouth for two in the pot.
Such sweet treats went down well.
Crisp celery was nutty to crunch.
Dad scrubbed it at the kitchen sink
To serve with cheese after Christmas lunch.
But I resisted wilted Spinach.
"Not for me " I'd beg.
Mum topped it with poached egg.
"Now eat your greens, come on do,
I cooked it especially for you.
It helped that Popeye liked it too)

Years have passed and Mum's proved right.
Medical research has brought to light
That eating greens can help your sight.
Eat your spinach, you really should,
For macular degeneration it can be good.
Folic acid has caused a sensation
As good if not better than medication.
So eat your greens in generous measure
for they are full of hidden treasure.
(And I have discovered now I am old,
Even leeks can be eaten with pleasure!)



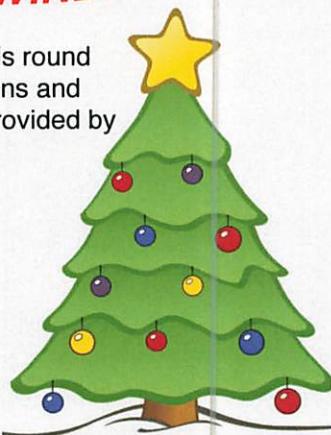
Elizabeth Blakey



CAROLS AND MULLED WINE !!

Come and get into the Christmas spirit by singing carols round the tree in Rolleston at the phone box in Jubilee Gardens and then moving onto mulled wine and mince pies kindly provided by Tony, Michelle and Digby the dog at Rolleston Manor!

All welcome.



6.30pm Wednesday 20th December



A Morning Walk on Rolleston's Doorstep

Summer-time ended earlier this morning as a dapper looking Magpie took two sips from my birdbath.

Beyond, above the hawthorn, a group of Jackdaws were battling the wind, when a female Kestrel I had not seen, spread her wings and dived into the long grass beyond the fence, before returning to her perch in the hawthorn.

Three jackdaws tried harassing then emulating her forays as best they could but pulling up on the top rail of the fence – presumably trying to master a new technique.

All this a prelude to a walk over the rail crossing by the Mill, producing a pair of Bullfinch then a male Grey Wagtail, the latter being remarkable - well camouflaged amongst the fallen yellow poplar leaves as it worked its way round the edge of a large puddle just a few feet ahead.

Further treats were in store as I spotted a Kingfisher, well hidden amongst orange-brown autumnal leaves as it faced me, before displaying its iridescent blue as it dived into the Greet.

Starting back, I all but trod on a panicked Cock Pheasant, saw my first Redwings of the season by the Mill as a Little Egret flew over.

Quite a morning!

Could this be the same bird that startled a village resident late summer as it flew over her shoulder from behind, followed by much squawking as it attempted to dispatch something just out of sight in a driveway ahead.

All this within a few yards of the village phone box.

Margaret Hodgson



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NEWS FROM PHIL ...

Dear All,

The other day I ordered a goose for Christmas. I'm not sure which combination of people will eat it yet. At the same time, so many other things were happening in the world that make my concerns seem very small.

Kenya is going through another contentious election with the opposition party withdrawing and the voting reduced by a huge percentage. Someone from our charity (Bungoma Calling) is waiting to see how things work out before getting on her planned plane departure during November.

I remember visiting soon after the previous 2 elections and seeing burned out buildings and camps of displaced people. The Bishop I used to stay with had barricaded himself into his compound for safety. It makes our Brexit referendum seem very docile indeed!

I was told that things were calm in the churches in the Bungoma district because the Christians were less divided over tribal issues than society around. I'd like to think this is still true.

Loving one's neighbour is the challenge for us all whether of the community of faith or not.

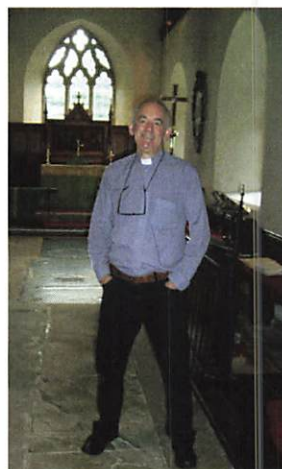
So, the season of good will towards all beckons. Will we manage the goose, the family and put into practice what the angel announced was the purpose of Jesus coming?

At Rolleston Church and in our Benefice (of 7 parishes) we are collecting for Newark Women's Refuge and for the St Dorcas Orphanage (especially for shoes, £6.00 a pair).

Feel free to join in, and hope to see you at one of the Christmas services to celebrate the season.

Blessings

The Revd Phil



KEEP IT CLEAN



Thankfully we have many responsible dog owners, but we still get the occasional report of foul play! There have been quite a few unmentionable deposits recently spotted, along the public footpath that runs across the fields to Fiskerton Mill. Thank you for remembering to take plastic poo bags with you.

Let's keep it clean for all walkers who enjoy our beautiful countryside and for making Rolleston village a pleasant place to be for everyone.

PAWS FOR THOUGHT ...



I am a 3-year old Black Labrador Retriever and both of us have lived in MY house for just over a year.

I hope you like MY pic with favourite toy which I love to retrieve again and again - and well, you get the drift.

Keith complains from time to time that his arm is falling off, but I take no notice.

Some of the time I do as asked ... Well... OK.... most of the time, having been trained in the Guide Dogs programme.

Sadly, I developed a poorly rear leg and it was decided that I should be re-homed and that's where Keith came in to my life. He said their loss was his gain. I say result!

I am, I think, very intelligent! I can spell C-A-R-R-O-T, W-A-L-K and understand other words like Dinner Time, Bed Time, in addition to the usual Sit, Stay and Heel etc.

Must go now to take as much room on the sofa as I can before "himself" comes along to watch FOOTBALL. Boring!!

Woof, Woof!

Ingrid.

Editor's note: If you would like your furry friend, dog, rabbit, guinea pig, or exotic pet to feature in Paws-for-Thought, please drop us a few lines and a photo.

Email: rolleston.junction@gmail.com

NEWS IN BRIEF.....



GOODBYE TO PAM AND JULIAN

Sadly, this month, we have to say goodbye to Pam and Julian Richardson who are leaving Rolleston to live nearer their family in Oakham. Pam and Julian have lived in and around Rolleston for many years and have always been actively involved in our community. As well as supporting and helping out at our numerous village events they have also both served on the village hall committee as chair and secretary respectively. For many years they have run the Village Ventures Arts programme in Rolleston – booking the events, publicising and selling tickets, organising raffles, feeding the artists and even putting them up overnight! Julian has acted as treasurer for the Crown investment Club and been an informal 'Mac Support' for many Mac users in the village. We are going to miss them both, for their kindness and generosity, their sense of fun, their commitment to the village and of course Julia's encyclopaedic knowledge of just about anything and everything! They won't be too far away so we hope to welcome them back as guests at future events and in the meantime, we want to thank them for all they have done and wish them every happiness in their new home.

CONGRATULATIONS ... to Alex Robinson, on her A-Level achievements and wishing her good luck as she embarks on studying Medicine at University College London (UCL) this year.

THANK YOU ... Sheila Taylor would like to say thank you to everyone who has been so supportive to her during her recent health problems. Sheila says, "A massive thank you to all my dear friends and neighbours for all your help, visits and best wishes for my recovery."

CONGRATULATIONS... to Gurkha One !

Our congratulations to Jamil and Michaela and all the team at Gurkha One. The restaurant was crowned "Restaurant of the Year: East

Midlands", at the

prestigious English Curry Awards !

Attended by 350 industry

representatives, the ceremony took place at the Manchester Mercure Hotel, 21st August.



THANK YOU ... to Dan Blanchard and Michon Ltd. Advertising Agency for designing and printing the tickets and posters for our village Christmas 'Fuddle'.

SAD NEWS ... The village was very saddened to hear of the passing of Jenny Star on 3rd October 2017. We would like to send our sincere condolences to Jenny's family and friends.

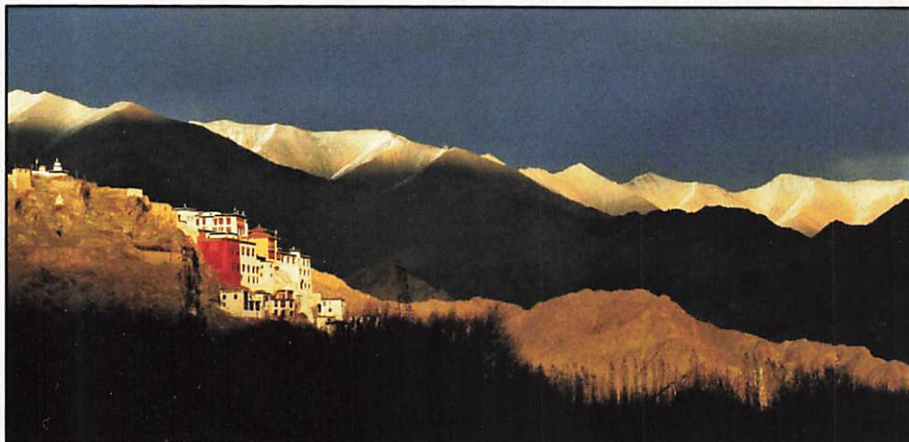
CONGRATULATIONS to Lisa and Graham Osborn of Staythorpe Road, on the birth of Oliver Daniel weighing in at 8lbs 10 oz at Kingsmill Hospital. "Big brother Joshua is delighted and very proud of his new brother!"

LOCAL SERVICES AND BUSINESSES

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If we've missed your business out and you would like to be included in the next issue, please contact our editorial team on rollestonjunction@gmail.com

EXPLORING BUDDHISM of the HIMALAYA



On **28 January 2018** there will be a talk on Buddhism as practised in Tibet and the Himalayan regions of India, Bhutan and Nepal.

Following a break for tea and coffee, there will be an hour of yoga and meditation.

Open to all, the event will run from 1000 to 1300 in Rolleston Village Hall, and all net proceeds will go to the Tibet Relief Fund.

The event is being hosted by Bleasby-based author Colin Stump and well-

illustrated with many images from the Himalaya and Tibet.

Colin lives in Bleasby and has travelled extensively in the Himalaya.

He has recently published a book 'Wisdom of the Mountains,' - a guide to Tibetan Buddhism.

Mandy is a popular and long-established local yoga teacher, taking classes and workshops, as well as specialising in one-to-one Yoga Therapy and taking groups to India for ashram retreat.

The Tibet Relief Fund was founded to help Tibetan communities in need working through local projects that address basic needs and provide vital healthcare and education and respond to emergencies and promote self-sufficiency (www.tibetrelieffund.co.uk).



known local yoga teacher Mandy Keast-Southall.

The talk will also include an update on Tibet under Chinese rule and be

Tickets are £10, and can be obtained from Colin (07980 211531), Mandy (01636 830218), or online at www.himalayanbuddhism.com/contact

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IT'S GOOD TO KEEP IN TOUCH

We have a comprehensive email list of village residents, and if you, or members of your family, would like to be added to it, please email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com

The list is jointly held by The Rolleston Junction editing team and representatives from the Parish Council and the Village Hall.

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.

Editor's Note: Please be assured we do not share your information and neither will we bombard you with messages.

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We always enjoy hearing your news and we are open to receive items or articles from guest contributors.

If you have an item or a snippet of news, or a hidden creative or sporting talent you want to tell us about, then the cut-off date for the Spring publication is 19th January.

Email articles to: rollestonjunction@gmail.com

If you prefer to put pen to paper, please send your articles to Marg Finch, The Mill House, 3 Holly Court. Remember to include your name and contact number on your submission.

Please note: the editorial team reserve the right to edit items and to reject material if they believe it is unsuitable for publication in the community magazine.