

the Rolleston Junction

Edition 30 - Autumn 2022

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Dates for your Diary

5th September	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
15th September	7.30pm	Book Club - The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet	M'Vita Staythorpe Road
16th - 18th September	Church open throughout the day	Village History Weekend Display boards on view, as well as the famous Rolleston Pewter, and local talks.	Rolleston Church
17th September	7.30pm	Talk by Daryl Baxter, local archaeologist, (as part of Village History Weekend above)	Rolleston Church
25th September	10.30am	Harvest Festival	Rolleston Church
3rd October	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
15th October	7.30pm	Book Club – Trinity by Leon Uris	3 Holly Court
20th October	7.30pm	Blair Dunlop – “Trails” (A Village Ventures Musical Event)	Village Hall
7th November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
9th November	7.30pm	Book Club – The Prisoner of Zenda by Anthony Hope	Rolleston Villa
17th November	7.30pm	Holmes & Watson “The Farewell Tour” (A Village Ventures Theatrical event)	Village Hall
5th December	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
14th December	7.30pm	Book Club – Diary of a Nobody by George & Weedon Grossmith	Venue TBC

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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

At time of writing, we're coming to the end of the second extended heatwave. The previous one we experienced in July had record temperatures. Not too far from us, Coningsby in Lincolnshire was declared the hottest place in Britain with a recorded temperature of 40.3C. It felt like we had all survived something after it was over.

There's been lots of events to enjoy over the summer, and personally, I don't think I will ever take for granted the opportunities to socialise since the pandemic.

In early June, the organisers cleverly picked the best of the weekend weather by holding the Platinum Jubilee Picnic on the Saturday. Thanks to everyone who made the event such a success. See if you can spot your family, friends or neighbours amongst the photos.

In mid-June, we saw the return of the East Midlands Chilli Fest at its new home at Southwell racecourse. It was the hottest ticket in town - for a variety of reasons. A tremendous success and another chance to get together. See our review and view the photos.

With the dry weather at such extremes, spare a thought for our local wildlife, like the humble hedgehog. There's lots you can do to reverse the decline in the UK's rural population and encourage more sightings in our area. We explore the 'app' created by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society to show how we can all get involved.

On the subject of nature, and making our environment a better place to live, Pati Colman gives an interesting perspective on litter found in Rolleston and how often it's the small things that we can do locally, that can make a big difference.

There's been a green and leafy addition to the Kate Greenaway Garden: a new tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. We enjoyed the fizz and canapés to give it a good start and a sense of occasion. Hopefully, as it grows, our local wildlife, and our future generations, will enjoy the tree.

As we move into the Autumn, we can look forward to musical and theatrical events at our village hall, thanks to the restoration of the community arts initiative, 'Village Ventures'.

We are grateful to our own volunteers - for making it happen in Rolleston.

Well, we've covered climate change, conservation, community and cultural matters; I think that's enough to be going on with - until next time.

Best wishes

Carole, Gill, Beth and Tony



Village Hall Lotto

Here are the next set of winners since the last edition of the junction, including last Saturday 17th.

Alison Brothwell, Mark Robinson, Ian Whitehead, Mike and Jo Killingworth, Christine Salter, Mary Walsh, Mark Sanders, Shirley and Ron Burnett, Mary Walsh, Steve Johnson and Liz Garrod.

Don't miss out there are six vacant numbers - could one of them be lucky for you?



Thank you to all who continue to support the village hall. If you would like to choose a number for your weekly entry to the village lottery, contact me.

A £50 cash prize is awarded every week.

Angela Sanders

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Village Hall News

I am pleased to say that our Village Hall is doing well, and our recent children's party bookings are all loving the fantastic weather we have recently been enjoying. Although, I think that our regular exercise classes may be silently praying for more cooler weather to arrive very soon.



The Village Hall has recently hosted a wedding, with the Main Hall being beautifully decorated, it looked absolutely amazing, and the bride, groom and guests said that they all had a fantastic day. We were also delighted to host the Village Jubilee Day which was well attended and enjoyed by all; I would like to say huge thanks to the Village Hall Committee who work hard to make these kinds of events a great success.

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

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Autumn from Rolleston Village Hall.

Lucy Kyte

Manager, Rolleston Village Hall

Rolleston Parish Council News

First, a big thank you to all those who responded to my previous article seeking volunteers to help support the upkeep of the village play park.

There was enthusiastic support for two working parties convened at the play park over the Summer, splendidly organized by Councillors Salter and Colman, and hopefully this will mark the start of an informal community group supporting the longer term maintenance of this well-loved and highly-valued village amenity.

The focus now turns to the Parish Council itself.

The current seven Parish Councillors' 4 years term of office will end in May next year, and with a number of councillors having served two terms in office it is anticipated that several will choose not to stand again, leaving vacancies for new councillors to join.

Being a member of your Parish Council provides an excellent way of bringing individual, and often diverse, skills and talents together, to the benefit of the village, in an entirely non-political setting, and is something which many councillors find to be a rewarding and valuable experience and a great way to "put something back" into the wider parish community.

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor is very welcome to speak to one of the present councillors to find out a little more about what is involved and the (very straight-forward) process, or just pop along to one of the monthly meetings at the Village Hall to see what it is all about.

As at the time of writing, there is already one "casual" vacancy on the Parish Council which we are looking to fill for the few months before next May.

This has arisen following the resignation of councillor Tony Hillary who, as many of you will know, is moving from the village with his wife, Michelle, after many years as resident and custodian of Rolleston Manor. Tony's enthusiasm, business know-how and "can-do" attitude has been of huge benefit to the village over many years, and his contributions as parish councillor will be hard to replace.

Tony was the driving force behind many initiatives over the years including the village pictorial signs, the acquisition of the Kate Greenaway garden for the village. Tony was also a force to be reckoned with in pursuing the county council, in particular, to fulfil its obligations to maintain the village stiles, footpaths and signage!

Alongside Michelle, he was also instrumental in the success of the Village "Fuddle", the legendary mulled wine and mince pies at the Manor every Christmas after the carols round the tree, numerous fund raising events, the new village hall (of which he was a trustee), the "Rolleston Revived" village fete and, of course, the Rolleston Junction.

He also lent his support to Michelle's own hard work on the Wednesday Seniors' coffee mornings at the village hall, the organisation of the Seniors' Christmas Party each year, and her numerous other voluntary roles. He leaves with our grateful thanks. They make a great team and will be missed.

Tim Harries

Chilli Fest 2022



After a break, its return seemed bigger than ever... the 6th Chilli Fest was the hottest ticket in town - in more ways than one.

First of all, the weather. We went on Saturday and it was hot with hardly a cloud in the sky. With little shade on offer (well apart from the beer tent) and the big- top circus pavilion, folks armed themselves with golfing brollies, parasols and some even brought their own gazebos and set up camp.



Very much a family affair, with lots of competitions to keep the kids amused, families soaked up the atmosphere of the festival in its new home: Southwell racecourse. Convenient for festival goers who live in Rolleston, (and the parking was free), making the £11 we paid for an adult ticket excellent value.

There were banners either side of the central stage displaying the smiling image of the late Bob Price, known as "Chilli Bob". It was great to see, if not a little poignant for those who remember him well. Bob's son, Neil, did sterling work on the microphone whipping up the atmosphere with the chilli-eating competition; the two finalists left sweating it out for the trophy were too intrepid women. I truly felt sorry for the one that lost... (all that agony and no glory!)

We didn't stay for the face-off in the evening between the two professional champions competing for the World Title Belt. We needed to take a break from the sunshine and take our dogs home to cool down a bit.

The artisan food and craft stalls were great, the beer and other drinks on offer were superb (the main sponsor of the Chill Fest was Blue Monkey), the music was atmospheric... and all in, it was a grand day out.

Carole Chandler



Additional photos provided by Martin Bakalarczyk.

Easy One-crust Fruit Pie

This is based on an American idea with no cutting and special tins. Also, less pastry to filling ratio, so easier on the waistline.

Ingredients:

For the base: 6oz plain flour, 1 1/2oz lard, 1oz butter, cold water.

For the filling: 1 1/2lbs prepared fruit (apple and blackberry, rhubarb, gooseberries, peaches, plums or damsons - whatever you have to hand).

3oz caster sugar, 2 tbsp semolina, 1 egg yolk.

For the glaze: 1 egg white, 6 crushed sugar cubes or a tbsp of demerara sugar.



Method:

1. Make up the pastry, knead lightly and pop in the fridge for 30 minutes.
2. Pre-heat the oven to 200C.
3. Prepare a baking sheet, either lightly grease or use a sheet of baking paper.
4. Roll out the pastry to approximately 14", as round as possible. Transfer to the centre of the baking sheet.

5. Brush the centre 10" with the egg yolk and sprinkle over the semolina, this absorbs the juices and the egg provides a waterproof coating so that hopefully you won't end up with a soggy bottom!
6. Pile on the prepared fruit sprinkling in the sugar as you go. Then turn in all the edges, working your way round, if it tears at all just patch it up; it's meant to be rustic.
7. Brush over the pastry with the beaten egg white and sprinkle over the sugar.
8. Bake on a high shelf for approximately 35 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Serve warm with ice cream or Greek yoghurt.

There are lots of variations, adding ground hazelnuts or orange zest to the pastry for instance.

The amount of sugar you add to the filling is very much a matter of taste and depends on the fruit chosen.

Claire Foster





Reverend Phil

Dear Friends,

I've been listening to a BBC Sounds podcast: The Secrets of Storytelling. One episode looks at how important openings are to draw the reader into the story and provoking questions that if you read on will be addressed. One of my favorites is *'The past is a foreign country, they do things differently there'*; (LP Hartley, 'The Go Between').

If we were to tell our story how would we introduce it?

Hindsight they say is a 'wonderful' thing, usually with heavy irony. "If only... I had or hadn't said/done...". Many of us try to avoid too much retrospection. After all, you can't change the past so why dwell on it? But reflection and self-awareness are important not just in reviewing the past but in learning from it and changing the future.

Even the Christian gospels do this. Mark is sometimes described as like a detective story with the denouement given away in the first sentence, *'The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God'*. In other words, this book explores the most important thing about Christian faith looking back but also looking forward as it is very much about the future. Incidentally this is still the most important thing for 'church', working out what the good news is

for each time and community, not wishing the past back again, not institutionalism, not becoming a cultural chameleon, not stuck in a time warp... (if only...)

So, do we take time to reflect, learn and restore? Or avoid it and simply repeat and deny? The ideals of forgiveness and compassion for ourselves and for offering it to others can lead to restoration and hope for the future, for us as individuals and also the world... (if only...)

"The unexamined life is not worth living"
(Socrates)

Best wishes

The Revd Phil

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Worship around the Benefice....

visit www.beneficeofwesttrent.org
and at Holy Trinity see Church News
article by Julian Ellis, Church Warden.

Online worship continues every Sunday
at 9am, please ask for an invite.

Refugee Summer Party

The Rolleston based charity, Support for Refugees, arranged a summer party in the Village Hall for the local Syrian and Afghan refugee families.

It was a beautiful sunny day and over seventy people came. They danced to Syrian music and feasted on traditional Middle Eastern food.

All the families arrived legally into the UK and are rebuilding their lives in their new country. They work hard and their kids do well at school. The charity has fifteen volunteers providing practical support and friendship to the families.

If you think you can help in any way, contact **Jane Geraghty** on **07718 990406**

Tony Hillary



Church News

The church is continuing to provide for the village just as it has been doing for over 1000 years, even in the building that was there before the present one was started, which was probably some years before the Norman Conquest.

There is a church service at 10.30am on the 4th Sunday of each month at the moment. We plan to increase this when we have more people available to lead worship.

The Parochial Church Council has been strengthened by Mike Taylor joining, and the appointment of Damien Rex as churchwarden to follow Peter Salter, who is standing down after many years of service, for which we give thanks. Peter remains treasurer.

We are in the middle of obtaining approvals for the commencement of work to the eroded stone masonry. Obviously, this is needed for a Grade 1 listed building. Some of the cost is being met from funds raised at the Flower Festival in May.

We are planning to arrange to have the church open every day using an electromagnetic lock. Hopefully this will be up and running in the next few months if approval can be obtained.

Village History Weekend: 16th - 18th September 2022

A village history weekend is taking place at the church, from Friday to Sunday, (16th - 18th September). There will be display boards about many aspects of our history throughout the church, and there will be talks from Chris Salter about Kate Greenaway, and one from Daryl Baxter, the local archaeologist on the Saturday evening, 17th September at 7.30pm.

Amongst the exhibits will be the earliest known commemorative pewter tankard, the Rolleston Pewter, commemorating the wedding of King Charles II to Catherine of Braganza. It is currently on display at the Civil War Museum in Newark.

Do come along to learn more about our amazing village.

Julian Ellis

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Your Junction Team

Did you know our community magazine has been going for 7 years? We put together some display boards for the Jubilee Platinum Picnic Day and thought it was worth reproducing the information in this Autumn edition. Whether you are new to the village or a long established resident, here's the lowdown on how the magazine gets put together and delivered to your door.



Tony Hillary

Tony founded the magazine 7 years ago and headed the editorial team for 5 years. He continues to support the Junction by contributing articles and managing funding. Tony, a well-known local entrepreneur, still has commercial interests, but also takes an active part in supporting local charities, including those helping refugees to settle in the UK. He and his wife Michelle will shortly be leaving the village after 28 years here, but both remain committed to the success of our community magazine and will no doubt maintain their strong links with Rolleston. We say a huge thank you and wish Tony and Michelle every happiness when they move to their new home in a different part of Nottinghamshire.

Carole Chandler

Carole has been a member of the Junction for 5 years and “conducts the orchestra” pulling everything together as editor. She agrees deadlines with the graphic designers, the printers and our sponsors who support the Junction with advertising. She organises delivery dates with Ethan. Carole moved to the village from Southwell with husband Dave, in 2010. Carole likens the Junction to a school magazine, where all contributions are welcome, keeping it homely and relevant. She would like to acknowledge Frank Mitchell for providing local history images and stories from his extensive ‘archives’. Now retired, Carole enjoys creative writing as a pastime and prior to retirement spent 15 years in the IT industry. Before that she worked 20 years in the packaging industry originally coming to the Nottinghamshire area to work for Boots.



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Gill Rowles

An original member of the Junction team when it was first formed, Gill ensures that Junction emails are sent out to the village, so everyone is kept up to date on events and news. Gill also contributes articles to the magazine and proof checks all copy. Having lived in the village for 30 years with husband Steve, Gill is a valuable source of knowledge about Rolleston. Recently retired, Gill worked for the Red Cross Organisation for 11 years and prior to that, for the NHS for more than 20 years.

Beth Dowson

Beth moved to the village from Bingham in 2020 with husband Greg, during the first Covid lockdown. Beth ensures contributions from our regular writers are submitted on time by engaging with our local councillors, our MP, and our representatives of the Village Hall, the Parish Council, the Village Lottery, the Book Club, the Church, the Kate Greenaway Action Group and the authors of our wildlife articles (Mark Robinson) and recipe ideas (Claire Foster). Beth also shares the management of emails going out to the village. Every three months Beth meets with Carole and Gill to discuss the content and ideas for the next issue of the magazine. Beth works full time as a corporate lawyer for a practice in Nottingham.



Ethan Thackeray

Ethan is an essential part of our team: he ensures your Junction magazine is delivered to your door. Ethan enjoys playing rugby for Southwell RUFC.

Celebrating 7 years of The Rolleston Junction

Best wishes to everyone in Rolleston,

Tony, Carole, Gill, Beth and Ethan

We love to hear from you...

Thanks to all our contributors. We always love to receive articles (or news snippets) about family occasions, hobbies, your job, travel stories and announcements of local events.

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Robert JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK

Over the pandemic, GP's have been on the front line, seeing those who are ill and helping those suffering with Covid at home. I am grateful for the efforts they made to adapt and face this difficult challenge.

However, as we move into a post-lockdown world it is evident that many people with medical issues did not come forward during this period, quite rightly due to concerns of burdening the health service, fears around COVID-19 infection or down to cancelled appointments to make space for those with Covid. This has now opened the floodgates and is stretching the capacity of GP surgeries.

The number one issue from Rolleston and across the constituency, that is continually raised in emails (or is raised as a concern in my surgeries) - is about GP clinics. This includes concerns on accessing face-to-face appointments at surgeries, the length of time for referrals and waiting lists, or simply to get an appointment.

It is important that we tackle these issues. I understand that many people may prefer to have online appointments with GPs which work around their own working day and save travelling to the surgery, but the option of a face-to-face appointment must continue to be a choice for those who wish to seek assurance about their health in person.

With the NHS being stretched to deal with the onslaught of Covid it has unfortunately caused waiting lists to rise nationally. These lists will continue to rise over the coming year, but the Health and Care Levy will see a record £39 billion of additional funding invested in the health and care sector to help reduce waiting times and ease pressures on the workforce so they can deliver for patients. Good progress is being made on cutting waiting times - the number of people on the longest waits has halved in the past four months but more needs to be done, which is why I am glad to see that the Secretary of State is looking at a plan for change for primary care, focussing on how pharmacy can help first.

Alongside the national picture, I am currently looking into the causes of these issues and will convene a meeting and invite local GP surgeries and the ICB, focusing on how we can jointly work through these problems, giving better patient satisfaction and service, whilst at the same time supporting the surgeries and those who work in them.

As always, if anyone in Rolleston needs my assistance, please do contact me at the details below.

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations





The Platinum Jubilee Picnic at the village hall on June 4th, gave villagers a chance to celebrate, mix and mingle after the isolation of Covid. This was achieved by a lot of hard work and planning by the Village Hall Committee, other helpers and the British weather ... (not raining and just about hot enough).

Without going into an Oscar-style acceptance speech: particular thanks should go to the following folks:

Laura Bosworth, who unfortunately was not able to be there on the day, but organised donations from supermarkets, a rota for the refreshments and collection of bins and chairs from the Racecourse.

Steve Bosworth, Arne Colman and Steve Rowles, who did sterling work on grounds maintenance, mending picnic tables and the sound system.

Thanks also to our **Parish Councillors**, and **District and County Councillors**.

And to end the Oscars, (wipe away the tears), and give many thanks to all the villagers who came along, enjoyed themselves and each other's company.

The Village Hall Committee always welcomes fellow villagers to help plan and organise events. Any volunteers should make contact by the village hall website.

Steve Johnson
Village Hall Committee







Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

As I write this article for the Autumn edition of the Rolleston Junction, we have just experienced the hottest weather in the UK. It certainly feels like it, I know you will be doing all you can to keep cool. Our homes are not built for such high temperatures, I am sure we will all welcome the expected cooler temperatures.

For anyone who is interested, NCC did try to control the condition of the roads during the excessive heat. Nottinghamshire's Highways team sent out the gritters ... we certainly do not expect to see these in the height of summer!

Following the extreme temperatures across the county, this preventative measure was taken to protect the carriageway surfaces, specifically targeting those most likely to be affected by the weather. The road surface reacts to varying weather conditions, it softens when it's hot, so doesn't maintain the same strength all year round.

Apparently, not all road surfaces are made of the same type of material, which means the temperature at which roads soften may vary. Busy roads may become damaged when air temperatures reach extreme levels. To avoid this, granite dust is being spread to soak up excess bitumen and help stop the roads from being damaged.

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The Health Scrutiny Committee which I chair is continuing to investigate NUH, looking at proposed changes and reported CQC concerns. When I called for the NUH leadership to resign following our investigation into Maternity Services and that of the CQC into Maternity Services, I never thought for one minute there would be changes at NCC.

There is a new Chairman of NUH; he arranges frequent meetings with me to bring me up to date with matters at NUH.

There is a new Chief Executive who will commence work at NUH on September 1st. It is Anthony May who is currently the Chief Executive at NCC.

When I congratulated him, I said, "Anthony, I never thought when I called for the hospital leadership to resign you would apply for the position and leave here". He put his arm around my shoulder and said, "Be careful what you wish for Sue".

All joking aside, if anyone can sort out the problems at NUH, I believe it is Anthony. It will be Anthony who will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to answer our questions, a case of déjà vu.

**Chairman of the Health Scrutiny
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We, at NCC, have appointed a new Chief Executive, Adrian Smith. He is currently our Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Place. I believe this is an excellent appointment.

We are urged to embrace the spirit of the Tour of Britain which will pass through Newark and Sherwood on September 8th. It is the third time it has come to Nottinghamshire; it will start in West Bridgford before finishing at Mansfield. It will pass by the county's most iconic landmarks and tourist attractions, including Southwell Minster, Clumber Park and Sherwood Forest.

I cannot believe this report is for the Autumn Rolleston Junction, where has the year gone? I trust you will enjoy the rest of the summer with more normal weather temperatures.

Best wishes

Clr. Sue Saddington



Rolleston *Book Club*

Here are some reviews from the books we have been reading over the Summer:

MAY: The Smallest Man by Frances Quinn

Seamlessly weaving together history and fiction, Quinn's heart-warming tale of loyalty and bravery reimagines the life of the short-statured court entertainer of Charles I's Queen, Nat Davy. Inspired by a true story, and spanning two decades that changed England for ever, *The Smallest Man* is a heart-warming tale about being different, but not letting it hold you back. About being brave enough to take a chance, even if the odds aren't good. And about how, when everything else is falling apart, true friendship holds people together.

We all enjoyed the book, even those of us who purport not to like historical fiction. An excellent and engaging read.

JUNE: The Salt Path by Raynor Winn

Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband of 32 years, is terminally ill their home and livelihood is taken away. With nothing left and little time, they make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630

miles of the sea-swept South West Coast Path, from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. They have almost no money for food or shelter and must carry only the essentials for survival on their backs as they live wild in the ancient, weathered landscape of cliffs, sea and sky.

Most of the group found *The Salt Path* to be an honest and life-affirming true story of coming to terms with grief and the healing power of the natural world. Only one (me!) or maybe two, did not find it compelling in any way and struggled with the self-satisfied and accusatory stance of the author who seemed to be seeking revenge on the individuals and systems that she believed had wronged them. This difference in reaction to the book resulted in an interesting meeting!

JULY: Mrs England by Stacey Halls

Set against the atmospheric landscape of West Yorkshire and simmering with slow-burning menace, *Mrs England* is a portrait of an Edwardian marriage, weaving an enthralling story of men and women, power and control, courage, truth and the very



darkest deception. When newly graduated nurse Ruby May takes a position looking after the children of Charles and Lilian England, a wealthy couple from a powerful dynasty of mill owners, she hopes it will be the fresh start she needs. But as she adapts to life at the isolated Hardcastle House, it becomes clear there's something not quite right about the beautiful, mysterious Mrs England. Ostracised by the servants and feeling increasingly uneasy, Ruby is forced to confront her own demons in order to prevent history from repeating itself.

There was general agreement that the book was enjoyable but no wild acclamation. Some saw it as cliched and derivative and there was a view that this was not the best of the author's works. The training and duties of Ruby, the nanny, and the role of women in Edwardian society were well portrayed. There was discussion about the parallels between the two main families in the

book-each dysfunctional in its own fashion - and the ways in which our perceptions of characters changed as more was revealed. Coercive control in a marriage was felt to be a particularly topical issue. The ambiguity at the end of the book (was Mrs England as on the level as she seemed?) intrigued some and irritated others. Overall, the ending was considered weak.

If you would like to join the group, you would be most welcome. Just give me a call on **07786 937266** and I'll confirm the details of where each meeting will be held.

Please refer to Dates for your Diary (page 2) for meetings being held from September through to December and which books we'll be covering.

Pati Colman



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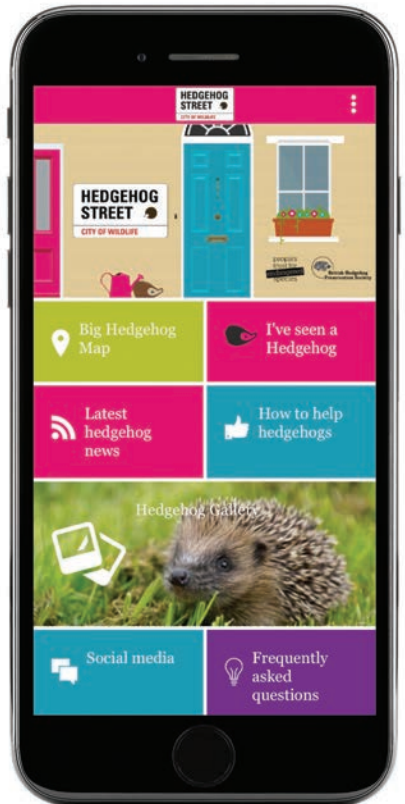
Garden Visitors

We've been pleased to see a number of hedgehog sightings this summer in our garden on Holly Court and we saw one on Staythorpe Road in the early evening. He (or she) was scuttling at quite a pace and thankfully heading for the safety of a hedgerow. One also made an appearance in the garden of the holiday cottage where we were staying in North Yorkshire.

Whenever I see a hedgehog, I record its position on the 'app' called Hedgehog Street, which has been created by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. Using this app, you can record your own observations or view hedgehog sightings in our immediate area or anywhere in the UK. You can also learn from the app how to help hedgehogs, especially during this hot spell of weather. They benefit from extra food by using it as a supplement during dry periods when their natural food is scarcer. Hedgehogs in the wild normally feed on worms, beetles, slugs, caterpillars, earwigs and millipedes.

There are 'specialist' hedgehog foods being sold in garden centres and pet food stores but note that none of these are regulated or accredited, so the recommendation is to use a high protein cat/dog food. Place in a shallow dish and put in a sheltered spot around sunset.

Don't forget to offer water bowls too. Hedgehogs are lactose intolerant so they shouldn't be given bread and milk. Bread is low in energy so fairly worthless to them in terms of nutrition. To avoid the food being eaten by pets and foxes you can make a feeding station that is difficult for larger animals to access. E.g. a piece of piping, or a shelter made of paving stones or a lidded plastic box with a hole cut in the side and a wide diameter plastic pipe inserted for an entrance... big enough for a hedgehog to enter but deterring predators. There are lots of ideas on the app on how to create ideal feeding stations, especially if you keep parts of your garden in a wilder state to encourage these prickly visitors.





Hedgehog sightings on Holly Court

Hedgehogs roam between 1 - 2 km each night during their active season when they are finding a mate. By linking gardens, that really helps hedgehogs and all they need is a 13 x 13cm (5" x 5") hole in walls or fences; this will let hedgehogs through, but be too small for most pets. If you have made a hole in your garden wall or fence you can record it on the app. You can also buy 'Hedgehog Highway' signs (made from recycled plastic) to fasten above the hole to show how you are helping hedgehogs and encourage others to get involved.

Up to three quarters of Britain's rural hedgehogs have been lost in the past 20 years. Will you help to encourage the population in Rolleston?

June was an exciting month. My husband, Dave, moved a plastic box in the garden that housed some external electrics, and disturbed a grass snake who was lurking beneath it! It moved so fast he couldn't get a photo.

Grass snakes are non-venomous and although they are Britain's most common snake, in the 12 years since we've moved here, we have never seen one. I happened to be talking to Pati and Arne Colman and they reported they had also seen a couple of grass snakes in their garden too!

Despite the dry conditions we've spotted a high number of frogs amongst the undergrowth this year. We have two small ponds so no doubt they take the occasional dip to keep their bodies hydrated. If you have any sightings of wildlife, send an email to rollestonjunction@gmail.com so we can share your information with our community.

Carole Chandler



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Litter Picking

According to an article in the "i" newspaper, published in May 2022, "More than half (51%) of identifiable litter found by volunteers during a UK environmental clean-up project can be traced back to 10 brands: Coca-Cola, McDonalds, Cadbury, Red Bull, Walkers, Lucozade, Stella Artois, Tesco, Budweiser and Strongbow."

The article states that the drinks industry is the largest polluter, being responsible for more than a third of the 85,326 pieces of litter recorded as being found in 2021, including cans, bottles, single-use cups and lids. Of course, this is not strictly accurate in the sense that the drinks industry, and more specifically Coca-Cola, which produces the most of all branded litter, is not the polluter... the polluters are those people who drive through our village and, it would appear, throw their unwanted food and drink packaging out of their vehicle windows, usually as they either leave or enter the village. A particular favourite in this area appears to be Stella Artois cans.

So, what can we do to deter people from using our village as a rubbish dump? Arne and I work on the basis of reverse psychology: if people see more litter about, they feel easier about adding their own to the rest - so, if we keep the village clean and litter-free, people will feel less inclined to throw out their rubbish here. So far it seems to be working!

If you would like to support us in keeping Rolleston clean why not make a point of simply checking the area outside your own house or on local walks and popping whatever you find either in your own bin or there is public bin in the driveway of Rolleston Villa which is collected on a fortnightly basis by NSDC for which we are very grateful. We also want to thank Eli Beadles who has joined us in litter-picking as part of his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award (Community/Environment).

Arne and Pati Colman

Welcome to Wilf



Carole and Dave Chandler are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild, Wilf Edward Joseph, born 24th June to their daughter, Gemma, (formerly of Rolleston) and their son-in-law, Ben. Weighing in at 6lb 3ozs, Wilf has been busy growing and mother and baby are both doing well. Thanks to Rollestonians for their good wishes, kind words and cards.

Carole and David Chandler

A bit of culture

We are delighted to see that Village Ventures, has been restored to Rolleston. For those not familiar with this cultural initiative, the Village Ventures programme features over 120 professional performances in village halls and other community venues across Nottinghamshire. The programme is coordinated by Live and Local and is funded by the Arts Council England and District Councils and supported by local volunteer promoters.

The events vary from theatre to music, dance and children's shows.

We are grateful to our own band of volunteers, Julian Ellis, Mary Walsh and Pati Colman, who managed to successfully 'bid' to secure three shows for Rolleston village hall.

These events are listed in Dates for Your Diary (see page 2), but here is some background information.

Obtain tickets in advance from Julian Ellis.

Call **01636 831165**

email: julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk

The two acts listed have performed in Rolleston before and they are a great evening out.

Coming in Spring
Save the date

More details to be announced:

2nd March 2023 • 7.30pm
The Swearing Tree

20th October • 7.30pm

Blair Dunlop: 'Trails'

Award-winning singer-songwriter, Blair Dunlop, brings his experience of the Queensland 'Festival of Small Halls' on a return visit to our community. It is a documentation of a time and a place and will include songs from Blair's own catalogue as well as tales from the road.

Music: Folk. Suitable for age 12+



17th November • 7.30pm

Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour

A spoof-style Sherlock Holmes comedy with hilarious doubling up of roles and plenty of frantic fun. This pair of actors were enormously popular last time they performed in Rolleston. Theatre: Comedy. Suitable for age 8+



Connections



I was pleased to meet David and Jane Holberton at the Platinum Jubilee Picnic in June. They approached me as they remembered that I'd written an article about a year ago, entitled "What are the chances?" about my discovery that there were 4 people of us in the village who had attended Hull University and 3 of us had graduated in the same subject: Chemistry!

I thought this was a remarkable coincidence at the time for such a small village. Imagine my surprise when David and Jane told me we had similar connections. Jane explained that they have lived in Rolleston since 1993, and moved here from Beverley, as they were both at Hull University. Before that, they were both at University College London.

David explained that he was lecturing in Zoology at Hull from 1969 until 1989, whilst Jane was doing a postgraduate research degree at Hull from 1970 until 1973. Although we are a small village, it turns out it's a small world! This now brings the number of residents with connections to Hull University to 6 people. So far, we have Tom and Jane Geraghty, Steve Johnson, David and Jane Holberton and yours truly. Unless, of course... you know different and there's more of you out there? If so, do get in touch!

Carole Chandler

Tree Planting for the Jubilee

A tree planting took place in the Kate Greenaway Garden, 5th June, to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. Councillor Sue Saddington was invited to plant the tree after a suitably sized hole was enthusiastically dug by the Thackeray boys; Ethan, Isaac and Oscar. Parish Councillors were in attendance along with many Rollestonians and a glass of fizz and some canapes added to the sense of occasion. With many thanks to Arne and Pati Colman for organising and Claire Foster who catered for the gathered throng. Hopefully the tree, which is a maple leaf crab apple, will continue to flourish and bear fruit in its new home for future generations.



Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard • 07949 260032
On-line Zoom classes available
weekdays, contact Cheryl for
details

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.) • 01636 819197
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)
Thursday evenings (except summer)
Currently suspended

Darts

Barry Thomas
01636 830064

GORGS

Bram Towse • 01636 813901
Gentlemen of Rolleston
Golfing Society

Book Club

Patti Colman • 01636 813260
Meets monthly (various
venues), call for details

Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter • 01636 819197
Tuesday evenings, Village
Hall 7pm - 9pm

Yoga

Mandy • 07773 551916
Pre-booking is essential for all classes
Monday: 10-11.30am Gentle Stretching & relax
Tuesday: 10-11.30am General Hatha Yoga

Total Fitness

Jennie Overton • 01636 816800
Village Hall

Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote • 01636 812579
Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating
between Rolleston and Upton Church

Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

1st Wednesday in the month at 12pm
2-course lunch: £2.50 plus £1 for raffle
ticket (optional).

Small prize donations welcome.

2nd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea
served with Cakes or Biccies (free).

3rd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea
and Cakes etc (free), Bacon Cobs (£1).

4t & 5th Wednesday - 10.30am
Coffee/Tea/Cakes (free).

Note:

Please contact individual
organisers for bookings or to
check events are running in
the Village Hall.

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Elite Beauty - Treatments, Massage, Nails	07971 507798
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The Old Barn at Field Farm - Arts, Entertainment	07834 689878
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Colour Analysis & Styling Services	07803 480796 • debepearce@outlook.com
Brow & Beauty Studio	0115 666 3333 • contact@thebrowbeautystudio.co.uk
Little Brunette Bakery	07969 167535 • thelittlebrunettebakery@gmail.com

Useful contacts

Flood Warden - Steve Bosworth

01636 815542 • 07976 894449

Parish Council - Tim Harries

01636 815838

Village Hall Chair - Julian Ellis

01636 831165

Village Hall Bookings - Lucy Kyte

07398 670139

Holy Trinity Vicar - Rev. Phil White

07720 010066

Pavements, pot holes, street lighting, standing water: Nottinghamshire Council

0300 500 8080

Church Warden - Julian Ellis

01636 831165

Church Treasurer - Peter Salter

01636 819197

District Councillor - Roger Blaney

01636 830743

County Councillor - Sue Saddington

01636 704550

Member of Parliament -

MP Robert Jenrick

01636 703269

Southwell Doctors

01636 813561

Minster Vets

01636 812133

Southwell Racecourse

01636 814481

Community Car Scheme

01636 611220

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- Rolleston Village Facebook page - for instant updates.
- Rolleston Village web site – **rollestonvillage.co.uk**
- Our leaflet distribution – helpful if you aren't on-line.
- The notice board on Corner Farm.
- The Rolleston Junction – **rollestonjunction@gmail.com**
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