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Dates for your Diary

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25th - 27th Nov	10am-4pm	Patchings Christmas Market	9
2nd Dec	7pm	For One Night only the village hall	Village Hall
		becomes The Old Cock and Bull.	
		Full bar, cask ales, substantial nibbles, quiz. £5. Bookings in ADVANCE only. (See p 23).	
			Villaga Hall
5th Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
6th Dec	10am-3pm	Southwell Christmas Market	Market Square
13th-17th Dec	7.30 pm	'Theft', a comedy thriller by Eric Chappell	Robin Hood
		(matinee 2.30pm 17th Dec)	Theatre Averham
14th Dec	7.30pm	Book Club - 'Diary of a Nobody'	Venue tbc
		by Anthony Hope	
14th Dec	12.00pm	Seniors' Christmas Lunch	Village Hall
21st Dec	6.30pm	Carols Round the Tree: Mulled wine,	Kate Greenaway
		bring your own sweet or savoury nibbles	Garden
		to share with family, friends & neighbours	
9th Jan 2023	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting (tbc)	Village Hall
17th Jan 2023	7.30pm	Book Club - 'The Four Winds'	Venue tbc
		by Kristin Hannah	
29th Jan 2023	7pm (tbc)	Camel Racing (food, fun, frivolity)	Village Hall
31st Jan -	7.30pm	'Deathtrap' by Ira Levin. A record breaking	Robin Hood
4th Feb 2023		play (the longest running comedy thriller	Theatre Averham
		on Broadway)	
6th Feb 2023	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
15th Feb 2023	7.30pm	Book Club - 'Toto Among the Murderers'	Venue tbc
2nd March 2023	7.30pm	'The Swearing Tree'	Village Hall
		(A live and local theatrical event)	
6th March 2023	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
16th March 2023	7.30pm	Book Club - (Book choice tbc)	Venue tbc



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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

So much has happened since we delivered the Autumn issue to your door at the end of August. Huge things.

Sadly, HM Queen Elizabeth II died, 8th September. We've had three changes of Chancellor of the Exchequer and three changes of Prime Minister.

That's an awful lot of change for our country; the impact of these events caused ripples in other parts of the world.

So, in this issue, despite the revolving doors at Westminster, and the cost of living crisis and the minute by minute 'reaction by the City'... we look to the positives of what's closer to home.

And there are many, starting with inspirational young people.

We report on two young athletes with Rolleston connections, achieving fantastic sporting successes in England and at Home International level. We're talking about gold medal winning performances.

We mention a young serviceman, who took an active role in the funeral of our late Queen.

We celebrate two hardworking students who have recently left the village to pursue their academic studies at University.

And on the international front, we congratulate one of our villagers, originally from Syria, who has now achieved British Citizenship.

And, by the time you read this, many of us will have attended the Syrian and Afghan Cultural Evening in Newark, organised by a well-respected charity for refugees with Rolleston trustees and volunteers.

We welcome all new residents, including those who have moved here from nearby, like Fiskerton or Southwell, or from further afield, like Surrey... and we give a special welcome to a mother and her young son from the Ukraine.

Winter is coming. (Well yes,... but with it comes social gatherings).

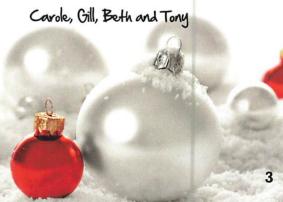
No pub? No problem. Have you booked your tickets for the special night at the village hall? With your help and some creative magic, it's becoming The Old Cock and Bull - for one night only (2nd December). There's been such a positive response to this idea, organised by a handful of village volunteers.

There's the Seniors' Christmas Lunch (14th Dec) and Carols Round the Tree (21st Dec) and we'll keep you posted by email about any other seasonal events.

In the meantime, keep on supporting the Live and Local theatre and musical events at the village hall. It's culture on your doorstep.

Thanks, as ever, to all volunteers, in whatever capacity, that make Rolleston village a pleasant and welcoming place to live. If you would like to engage in the village and help out, you'd be made most welcome. Contact us by email. We look forward to making new friends as we gather as a community.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy festive season,



Rolleston Parish Council News

Democracy is not a spectator sport, it's a participatory event. If we don't participate in it, it ceases to be a democracy. Michael Moore

To my mind, one of the most positive parts of the monthly meetings of the Parish Council is the involvement of the public. Each month around 6 - 10 villagers attend the PC meeting in order to listen to what is happening concerning our village, and to comment on either items raised on the agenda, or present their own interests and concerns. Most meetings are attended by Cllr. Sue Saddington, representing Nottinghamshire County Council, (NCC) and Cllr. Roger Blaney from Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC). Both of these councillors are able to respond to issues, which in some cases are outside the scope of the Parish Council.

In the September and October meetings, members of the public raised issues spanning from the very local, (the on-going problem of dog poo in the village), to a much wider issue, concerning the transparency of NSDC procedures in respect of their transfer of land off the Greenaway, to Arkwood Developments Ltd.

In response, new posters, regarding the need to dispose of dog poo responsibly, have been placed on lampposts around Rolleston, and Cllr. Blaney has given a robust response to the question about the NSDC procedures, assuring those present that the land in question was transferred at market value and that all obligatory legal checks were carried out by the Council.

At the October meeting, Mr Chris Baillon-Saunders was co-opted onto the Parish Council prior to the formal elections in the New Year. Chris and his wife, Katy, plus their 3 children moved to the village in 2020 from Southwell. They are both Nottinghamshire born and bred and their intention is to make Rolleston their 'forever home'. Because of this, when Chris became aware of the 'casual vacancy' for a Parish Councillor, he stepped forward. Chris runs his own architectural business and hopes that this experience will be useful to the Parish Council and to the village when considering matters of planning. His personal passion is his

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Richard Thackeray • Richard.thackeray1475@gmail.com • 07.739 605262 Chris Baillon-Saunders • chris@indigo-architects.co.uk • 01332 541691 children and he is keen
to support projects that
will allow all children in the
village to grow up in a safe
and healthy environment. And
Chris's claim to fame? He won a
gold medal in the national Rowing
Championships of 2016... always good
to have a sportsman on board!

Meetings of the Parish Council are usually held on the first Monday of every month, (see Dates for you Diary on page 2), except for August. Anyone living within the parish boundaries is invited to attend and to make your voice heard. If you have views, but are unable to attend you can always contact one of us.

We are your local representatives and our objective is to represent your views in matters of planning, finances, village maintenance and development and community. I urge everyone to make use of us to protect and preserve the integrity of our village and thus to safeguard the joy of living in our small rural community.

Clr. Pati Colman

Village Hall Lotto

Here are the next set of winners since the last edition of the junction, including Saturday 15th October.

Steve Rowles, Nicola Grange, Mike and Jo Killingworth, Sandra Sawyer, Elizabeth Blakey, Village Hall - (3 times - i.e. vacant numbers), Shirley and Ron Burnett, June Smith, Peter Salter, Mark Sanders and Alison Brothwell.

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 running costs of the village hall through taking part in the lottery. 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.

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On the right track...

For a small village we are blessed with some amazing young people, and one of those is Zoe Smith. Zoe moved to Rolleston in 2015 with her Mum Jo, Dad Kevin, and brother Paul.

Aged 11, Zoe joined Newark Athletic Club and was already showing a talent for athletics, and sprinting in particular. Then, just to try a proper track out (prior to Newark having their own) Zoe went to Grantham Athletic Club and instantly her potential as a hurdler was spotted.

Zoe has moved through the age categories and the hurdle distances, and now, 16 years old in November, she has become a very talented young hurdler. Zoe frequently runs at 80m and 300m hurdles, and all sprint distances between 60m and 400m, and is performing at a level demonstrating the potential for an exciting future ahead.

Of course, it is no easy task to become a successful athlete; Zoe's training schedule is demanding – 3 times a week at local athletics clubs, and then once a week for 'strength and conditioning' (to ensure correct body alignment and optimum muscle strength and stamina for her chosen discipline).

Then there are competitions to attend at local, county, regional, and national level.

Fortunately, Zoe is really well supported by her family; her Mum Jo, is an athletics track official and her Dad Kevin, is a former rugby and cricket player, and now a qualified sprint and hurdler coach. And of course, Paul, her brother, is really proud of her too.

2022 has been a great season for Zoe who has been running in competitions in the Under 17 category. She has won gold medals at the Nottinghamshire County Championships and came 4th in the 100m relay in the English Schools Championships in Manchester. In the Mason Trophy Inter Counties competition she claimed bronze

in the 80m hurdles and silver in the 300m hurdles and in the Midlands Championship she achieved gold in the 300m hurdles and silver in the 300m flat.

In August, Zoe qualified for the England Athletics Under 17 National Championships in Bedford. At only 15 years old, Zoe won the bronze medal in the 300m hurdle with a personal best and breaking the club record to boot.

Zoe is now placed 5th for under 16's, and 9th for under 17's in the UK rankings for the 300m hurdles and even though she hasn't focussed on 80m hurdles this season she still ranks in the top 40.

Zoe is juggling her GCSE studies alongside her demanding schedule. She hopes to continue her education at a college that specialises in elite sports activities. This will give her a chance to focus on her amazing talent with an eye on a possible Olympic team place when she is a bit older.

Zoe has already achieved a lot, and her dedication and hard work have made her a great role model for the kids at Newark AC and for any young girl interested in sport. We wish her the very best in whatever track she takes, and don't forget to keep your eyes open for a possible Olympic medallist from Rolleston in a few years' time.

Gill Rowles

Editor's note: Athletics is an expensive sport with kit, travel, and training costs. Zoe gratefully received a £500 grant from the Joanna Brown Trust which encourages involvement in sport. www.joannabrowntrust.org

Zoe and her parents would welcome any sponsorship from local/national businesses interested in supporting her athletic development.



Claire's Recipe

Christmas Cake

This will be my 8th Christmas writing for the Junction - and I've not yet written a Christmas cake recipe!

So, for those who haven't made their cake way back in October (me!) - I thought I would share my favourite last minute recipe. Because of the melting method used it is lovely and moist without the need to store and feed it.

You will need a deep 18cm cake tin, lined with greaseproof paper. I also tie a band of brown paper around the outside and stand the tin on a pad of brown paper on a baking sheet to cook it nice and slowly at 150°C.

Ingredients

(For the syrup mixture)

- 150g butter
- 175g golden syrup
- 175ml milk
- 250g currants
- 125g sultanas
- 125g chopped dates
- 125g raisins
- · 50g chopped mixed peel

(To complete the cake batter)

- 250g plain flour
- 2tsp mixed spice
- \bullet 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 eggs

Method:

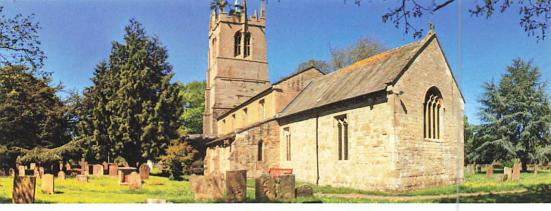
- 1. Put all the syrup mixture ingredients in a pan and heat slowly until the butter melts.
- Sift the flour with the mixed spice and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl, add the syrup mixture and 2 beaten eggs. Mix thoroughly.
- Pour into the prepared tin and bake for approximately 2 hours at 150°C or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean.
- 4. Leave in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool.



- 5. I'm usually in a hurry when I make this cake, so I mix it together while the syrup mixture is still warm. It cooks more quickly this way, so check after an hour if you decide to do the same.
- The dried fruits can be varied; whatever appeals to you or whatever you have in the cupboard. We like cherries or cranberries instead of the peel. You can substitute some of the fruit for nuts; just keep the total quantity approximately the same.
- 7. Decorate with glazed fruit and nuts or top with marzipan and icing.

Happy Christmas.

Claire Foster



Reverend Phil

Dear Friends.

I'd like to say I hope you have a happy Christmas but...

'The world is changing. I feel it in the water. I feel it in the earth. I smell it in the air. Much of what was... is lost...'

If you are a Lord of the Rings fan you might recognise this as Galadriel's introduction to the film version of the books. Later she refers to 'a shadow in the east, whispers of a nameless fear...' Tolkien's context included memories of the trenches, the chaos of WWII and the hope and fear of what the future would bring.

These feelings are not lost on us today of course, after all, between writing this article and you reading it, how many chancellors, cabinet members and prime ministers might we have had?

Nothing remains the same. We are still receiving jabs to fend off Covid. Many of us have yet to use the central heating. Many others visit food banks more often than previously, there is fear amongst mortgage holders...

I'm trying to learn to be 'in the present moment' to focus on 'moments of joy', remain still and practice being relaxed and 'to be' rather than 'to do'. Clichés perhaps, but there is a kernel of truth to be discovered, not lost.

The Queen's funeral suddenly feels a long time ago, but HM once said (in the context of being asked about the demands of public scrutiny and questioning) that 'a touch of gentleness, good humour and understanding' can be 'an effective engine for change'. Not all of 'what was' needs to be lost, if we put it into practice in the here and now.

Best wishes

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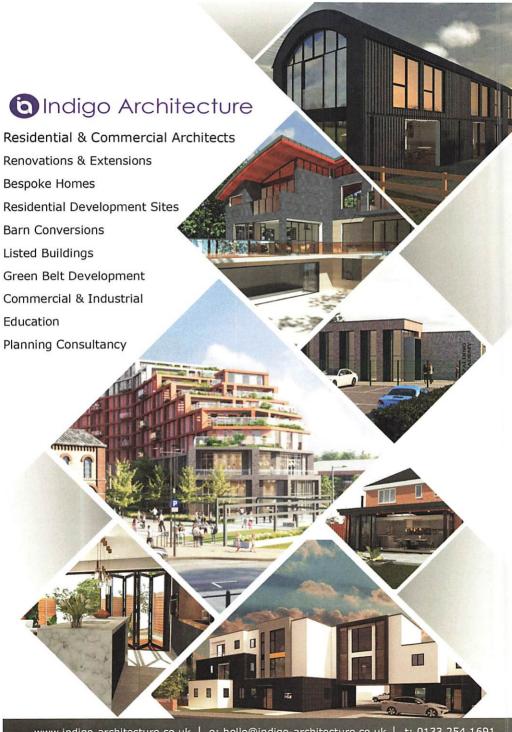
Remembrance Service at Morton or Upton: Sunday 13th November

Christmas Carol Service: Saturday 24th December 6pm.

Worship at Holy Trinity: Every 4th Sunday at 10.30am.

Benefice worship online: Every Sunday at 9am (link on the website), ask for an email invitation please.

Morton, St Denis Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday 12th November (Arthur Radford)



Local History Talk

On 29th September, local history enthusiast, Ken Ogilvie, gave a fascinating talk on some aspects of our local history.

He started with the story of two Minster schoolboys who joined the RAF and fought and survived WWII. Fl. Lieut. Reginald James Cook took part in many operations against German targets and was awarded the DSO, DFC and DFM. Pilot Officer NR Norfolk, who was a Spitfire pilot who fought in the Battle of Britain, was awarded the DFC in 1940. Of particular interest to many of those who attended, was the part of Ken's investigations which covered The Minster School. In c 1920 the school comprised 82 pupils, 31 of whom were boarders. 5 of the pupils were under 10 years and 5 over 15 years. The Headmaster was the Rev. Joseph Wright.

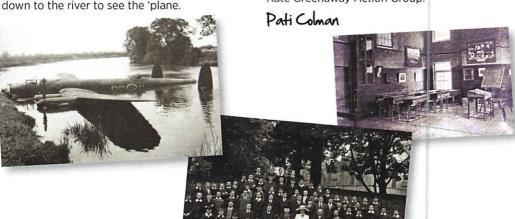
Whilst researching the history of the School, he also found that one of the teachers, Gordon Scott, became a bomber pilot and that he was killed when his aircraft was shot down.

Ken told us about the Lancaster Bomber which crashed into the River Trent at Rolleston on 6th September 1943. Apparently Frank Mitchell remembers his sister going down to the river to see the 'plane.

Finally, Ken informed us about the families who were evacuated in WWII to live in caravans sited on Occupation Lane and whose children attended the school in Rolleston. Ken told us how he was approached by a gentleman wanting to know if he could find out any information relating to his friend at school. The only information he had was that his friend was called Brian and he had a sister who was called 'Elaine' who had died (of measles and pneumonia) and is buried in Rolleston churchyard in an unmarked grave. He was able to remember this because his own mother tended the grave after the child's family moved away after the war. Ken was able to search the archives and discover that the little girl's father was Abel Simpson and that her given name was actually Eileen.

Sadly, he also found out that her father, Abel, who was a flight engineer, was killed whilst flying a Lancaster on a raid over Germany. He never found out what happened to Brian, but there is a possibility that he went to Australia in the 1950s.

Our thanks go to Ken for the interesting talk and for donating the ticket money to the Kate Greenaway Action Group.



Trekking with Alpacas

My daughter, Gemma, bought me an Alpaca trek as a surprise birthday present. So, we visited J and J Alpacas at Dry Doddington, a village between Newark and Grantham.

My first impression? Alpacas are really cute and quite shy with outrageously long eyelashes. They are herd animals and are often confused with llamas, but they are much smaller. They will let you stroke their neck (tentatively) and generally don't spit at people. They don't have top teeth just a hard gum plate and bottom teeth - so they don't bite. They come from Peru, Chile and Bolivia.

Walking with alpacas is rather like taking a giant furry sheep for a walk with an anxiety disorder.

Holding firmly onto the rope attached to their halter... it's like something out of Dr Dolittle - a bit of a 'push me- pull you' affair. Words of encouragement are required, but you gradually make progress. The lovely creatures in the photos are boys: Huckleberry is cream in colour and Calvin Klein is the black one. They both developed a spring in their step as we neared the lady alpaca enclosure!

Our guide told us all we needed to know about Alpacas. They make such a unique sound as they walk along, like a wistful humming; it really is most unusual. They use this sound to communicate with each other and to keep checking that all is well.



They have a fascinating reproductive system. They don't come into season (like most mammals) which means they can have babies (called cria) at any time of year. In their native South America, the females live in large herds in the wild and they drive any approaching males away. The males are not tolerated within the female herd, because they would harass them constantly.

However, the males possess an amazing superpower. A male can make a special noise in its throat called 'orgling' and if female alpacas hear it - they spontaneously ovulate.

The male alpaca who woos the ladies in this way is allowed to 'mingle' with the female herd. (Yes, all of them). After 7 days a female knows if she is pregnant - and if so - she spits at him! And off he trots back into the wilderness with the boys again.

A normal pregnancy lasts 11 and half months. However, if at any point the conditions deteriorate (e.g. bad weather or predators are on the prowl), the female can 'pause' the pregnancy. Hormones are released that stop the baby from growing and pregnancy can be suspended for a number of months until conditions improve.

If you keep alpacas, you have to have a minimum of three. (If you only had two and one dies - the other one will die of grief in 24 hours). They are very sensitive animals. In the U.K. where they have no natural predators, they will stand up to foxes and let out a blood curdling 'death scream'. This is so effective it frightens the foxes away. For this reason, a number of British farmers keep a few alpacas with a flock of sheep to act as quards.

In their native lands, they have such amazing eyesight, they can spot a mountain lion from over a mile away. At night they stand in formation like a clock, rump to rump, facing outwards, giving them a 360 degree view of the landscape. In South America, they are herded like sheep, and used for meat and wool. Their meat has the lowest level of cholesterol compared with any other meat. Their fur is dense and is legendary



for warmth. In the UK the wool is sent off to be processed and then distributed to hand knitters working from home, who create scarves, gloves and socks to sell. Alpacas don't smell, unlike sheep, as their fleece doesn't contain lanolin. Their long necks allow them to clean all parts of their body, so they are not subject to the lifethreatening diseases like 'fly strike' which can plague sheep in the summer.

They are fairly low maintenance animals in terms of animal husbandry, although if they become ill - it is difficult to spot. They remain standing (so as not to give any clues to predators). It's also not obvious if they have lost weight because of the thickness of their woolly coat. If they collapse, members of their herd will bite their backs to make them stand up, so they don't attract predators.

Alpacas have been on the planet for 6000 years and have developed their amazing biology and evolutionary survival techniques over centuries.

The trek experience at J and J Alpacas costs about £35 per person - but you can just look at them for free. They have more than 90 alpacas and a really good cafe. We saw some babies (cria) from the café windows. For more information check out their Facebook page and website or read the reviews on Trip Advisor. It's a great family day out.

Carole Chandler



MP FOR NEWARK

I take the view that when a Prime Minister asks you to serve in Government you should accept and contribute. Having supported Rishi Sunak in the leadership election in September, and knowing of the Prime Minister's decision - that only her supporters would serve in her first Cabinet, I was not expecting the call. Prime Ministers choose their top team and that's only right. And so, I was surprised to be recalled to the colours early last month as Minister for Health.

I've always taken a keen interest in health and social care matters, from our local efforts to safeguard Newark Hospital and raise performance at Kings Mill, to serving on the Health Select Committee, to two years as Local Government Secretary, in which time I worked on all manner of Covid-19 interventions, especially those for the vulnerable like the Shielding programme.

The pandemic continues to cast a long shadow over the health service, as we know locally in Rolleston with substandard ambulance response times and difficulties accessing GP appointments in some surgeries. The root of many challenges is social care and the need to increase capacity there, enabling hospitals to discharge medically well patients. There is also significant variability in service locally and nationally, from the outstanding to the unacceptable.

Since starting the role, I have spent part of the night shift at Nottingham A&E and was impressed by the way they manage patients swiftly from ambulances into the ED, enabling the paramedics to get back on the road quickly. On the same night, delays were far greater at Leicester Royal A&E, which has not yet adopted the same procedures. I will be visiting Leicester shortly. These are the sort of issues I will be getting into, to try to improve services locally and indeed across the country. I've always admired the NHS and its workforce, but first and foremost I will be a patients' champion.

The last couple of weeks has seen significant disruption on the financial markets, partly global, partly focused on the position of the UK's public finances. The markets want reassurance that there is a credible plan to balance the books and that financial institutions which they believe protect the integrity of our system are in place and also that the UK's fundamental strengths can be harnessed to drive sustainable long term economic growth.

With a European war raging, economies across the world are slowing or tipping into recession and with energy prices continuing to be very high, it is a highly challenging environment. We all want a lower tax burden and I have argued for the dynamic effect of lower taxes on individuals and businesses for years.

I also believe in sound money and careful stewardship of the public purse. I have long feared protracted inflation and higher interest rates. I argued for this over the summer when the Conservative Party was debating its future direction and it's been a core tenet of my beliefs as long as I can remember.

The government will seek to provide those reassurances to the markets in the coming days, with a new Chancellor and a statement laying out the medium-term financial strategy or how to balance the books over a reasonable amount of time, very soon.

This will be important as we can all see the highly damaging effects of inflation and

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mortgage interest rises, impacting every one of us, right now, I appreciate that a lot of people are very concerned right now, thinking about what might happen to their personal finances. Providing this confidence and clarity is the most important task in British politics right now.

I will continue to argue for targeted support for the most vulnerable, supply side reforms to grow the economy - like building more homes - coupled with fiscal responsibility to protect people's savings and mortgages.

Robert Venrick

MP for Newark

Editor's note: this article was written prior to the resignation of PM Liz Truss and the announcement of a new Prime Minister on the 24th October, As the old saving goes, "a week is a long time in politics." But who said it? Submit your answer to rollestonjunction@gmail.com

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Cllr Roger Blaney

Are you being served?

Every four years, Newark & Sherwood District Council undertakes a district-wide Resident's Survey. The latest survey was undertaken earlier this year and the results will help inform and shape the Council's 2023-27 Community Plan.

The survey was open to any resident in the district aged over 16. Some 4,577 responses were received but, because this was a self-selecting sample, a further survey was conducted by a specialist company of an additional 780 residents, representative of the district in terms of age, gender, geography and type of housing tenure. The initial results were reported to the relevant council committee in early October.

Overall satisfaction with the council at over 70% remained high, however it will be necessary to drill down into the data to understand why other respondents were dissatisfied. By comparison with 2018, more residents were getting in touch with the Council and were doing so more frequently, probably a reflection of the Council's higher profile and support for residents and businesses during and following the Covid pandemic.

Once again, the top 3 services that residents wanted from the Council were:

- 1. Refuse collection and recycling
- 2 Keeping the streets and public areas clean and tidy
- 3 Tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing crime.

However, action to stimulate regeneration of town centres and high streets was considered more important now than it was

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in 2018, whilst a kerbside glass collection was one of the most frequently requested additional services.

Over the coming weeks, further analysis of the survey results will become available and will be fed into development of the new 2023-27 Community Plan. This will set out the Council's objectives over the coming four years, as well as the activities that will help achieve these objectives.

Performance will be monitored and reported on a quarterly basis, as it has been for the 2019-23 Community Plan. Indeed, the most recent quarterly report was presented to the Council's Cabinet meeting in early October and can be viewed on the Council's website. Do look at it. It contains a wealth of facts and figures about your Council and its performance in the April-June quarter of 2022-23, from the 115,224 telephone calls the council received, to the 38,897 council tax energy rebate payments totalling £5,834,550 that it made and to the 522 fly-tipping reports it received, 97.2% of which were removed within three days.

By analysing its performance in this way, Newark & Sherwood District Council seeks to ensure it continues to deliver quality services to you, its residents, as well as identifying areas for further improvement.



WI News

In September, The Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston Women's Institute (MFR WI) had a very interesting talk about 'The Kennedys. On the 11th of October we had a presentation by the Kate Greenaway Action Group about the celebrated Victorian artist and children's author, Kate Greenaway and her connections with Rolleston.

We held an evening event on the 29th of October, at Rolleston Village Hall, which was open to everyone, called: 'What's my Wine'. All proceeds went to the Children's Bereavement Charity in Newark.

As I write this, events coming up:

Tuesday 8th November WI meeting. (£5 charge for visitors).

'Cathy's Chocolates' - Chocolate making demonstration and tasting with all types of chocolate for sale (just in time for Christmas!). Thursday, 10th November and open to everyone who lives locally - Indoor Kurling at Rolleston Village Hall. 2-4 pm. Tickets £2; available to buy on the door.

Some ladies meet regularly to play Rummikub and Whist. If you don't know how to play, they will gladly teach you. There are also darts and Whist competitions that take place locally.

If you are interested, please come for a visit. MFR WI meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Arthur Radford Hall, Fiskerton, 7.30pm.

Susan Bosworth

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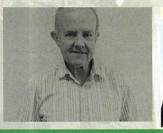


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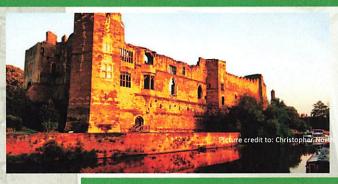
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I organise a family hike each summer where I leave our car in Southwell and we take a long hike from Rolleston via Fiskerton and then around Morton over to Brackenhurst and down into Southwell. We visit one of the local pubs in Southwell as a reward for a long walk - knowing we just have a short drive home.

The route goes through varying countryside - beside the River Trent, up beautiful dumble valleys with paths through woodland and fields. There are also great views of the Trent Valley, Southwell Town and the Minster along the way, as we get to quite a height.

On this year's walk we saw the local Kingfisher on a branch overlooking the stream at Fiskerton Mill. This gave me the idea of seeing if I could actually get a good Kingfisher photo as they are such shy and intelligent birds that are often gone in a blue flash should you ever come across one. So, I encamped myself a number of times on the Fiskerton Mill Bridge and sure enough after a number of waits the Kingfisher was there above the stream and I was able to get my prize. Whilst waiting there I also noted some beautiful Grey Wagtails and a large Heron that frequent that part of the stream.

As we move into the Autumn, you notice the geese crossing noisily above the village as we change seasons and they prepare to journey afar. I am now getting my feeders cleaned and ready for their Winter visitors as we move into shorter days and look forward to the Spring.

Mark Robinson

Editor's note: Did you know that 'dumble' is a dialect word? It is confined to (but not exclusively) to the North and east Midlands. It originates from the Old English 'dumbel' or 'dymbel' meaning 'hollow; wooded valley; deep cut water course'.



Cllr Sue Saddington

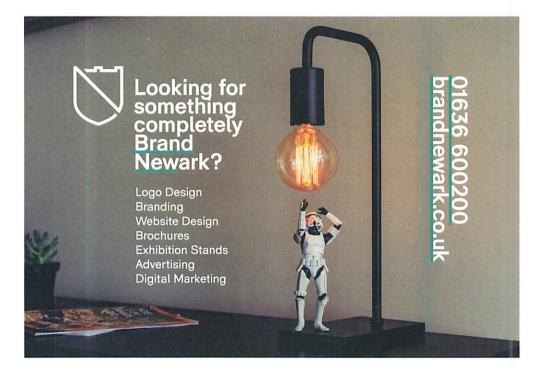
In touch with Council news

Our summer has drawn to a close and we are now approaching the time for the clocks to go back an hour at the end of October, the darker nights and colder weather will soon be upon us. However, I am sure there will be many Winter/Christmas events which will brighten everyone's lives.

On September 8th, the Tour of Britain came to Nottinghamshire. Residents turned out to encourage and wave to the cyclists. I visited several villages, all of which had put out the painted yellow bikes, it was lovely to see them. Sadly, that same evening we learnt of the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen, I

am sure we were all shocked at the speed of her death.

On July 28th, a fire took hold at County Hall, our Headquarters in Nottingham, I guess you saw the pictures on television. A blaze spread across four floors and was caused by an accidental electrical failure. A total of 12 fire crews tackled the blaze which initially started on the first floor. Nottinghamshire Fire Service said a lighting fixture and nearby wiring in a ceiling void overheated. Fortunately, nobody was injured, but the building suffered fire, smoke, and water damage.



The Fire Service said, "The fact that the affected floor had well-fitting automatic fire doors that functioned correctly is a testimony as to why the most severe fire and radiated heat damage was contained to one area, leaving adjacent stairwells clear to aid evacuation."

At the moment we are in another room within the building, hopefully we will be able to return to our offices in the New Year.

I continue to Chair the Health Scrutiny Committee. Last month the NUH Executive members explained the Committee preparations they have in hand for the winter pressures. In fact, they are already dealing with winter pressure.

Discharging patients is an ongoing challenge. The NHS trust may postpone non urgent operations to prioritise those with the greatest need. Should you have a medical problem, I suggest you use the NHS service 111 phone line and urgent treatment centres where possible.

Unfortunately, exactly a week after we held our meeting, a critical incident was declared. This indicates the level of disruption which results in a local NHS Organisation temporarily losing its ability to deliver critical services.

Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, NCC Vice Chairman of Newark & Sherwood District Council District Councillor for Muskham (NSDC)

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As I write this report, Cllr. Roger Blaney and I have a meeting with Network Rail, once again to discuss the unreliable Crossing barriers.

My NSDC Civic Service was held at Southwell Minster on October 9th.

Southwell Minster was full of residents singing to well-known hymns, it was a lovely occasion.

Thank you to those residents who gave to Child Bereavement, my charity for the year and thank you for your support.

I understand plans are underway for the Seniors' Christmas Dinner in December, I have, as always, offered help with funding the occasion. The date is in my diary and hope to pop in to join in with the Christmas singsong. In the meantime, I hope you all keep well and free from a possible Covid and Flu outbreak.

Clr. Sue Saddington



Our new British Citizen

You may know Kusai Shteit, known to his friends as 'Q', who arrived in the UK from Syria a few years ago. Q eventually came to live in our village, settling in Holly Court. We are delighted to announce Q recently gained British Citizenship having passed the citizenship test and received his certificate and his medal from the Sheriff of Nottingham, Cllr. Nicola Heaton. The ceremony was held at Nottingham Council House, 11th October. David Hanson also attended the special day. We send our best wishes and many congratulations to Q.

So, do you think you could pass the citizenship test? The questions can be tricky! Without using Google can you answer the following: How many National Parks are there in the UK? When did the Roman army leave Britain? When did Concorde carry passengers for the first time? Which Court deals with the most serious civil cases in Scotland? See what we mean? Send your answers to rollestonjunction@gmail.com





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There will be a classic pub quiz, substantial nibbles, and a buzzing bar with Blue Monkey cask ales, fine wines and soft drinks options. Plus, some good spirits on offer in every sense.

Open to all villagers; come and join us for an entertaining evening to bring everyone together and make new friends. More details will be announced over the next few weeks. Look out for the flyers and posters.

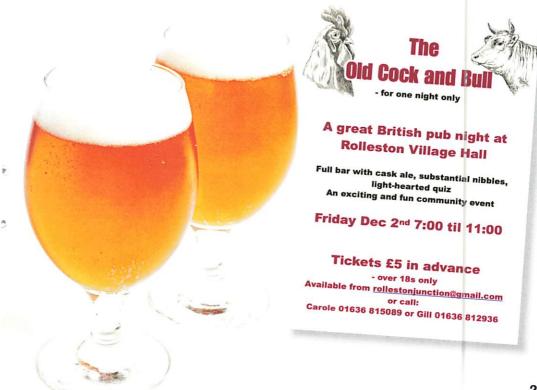
Tickets £5 - These need to be booked in advance. Sorry, but no 'on the door' ticket sales.

To book your ticket - email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com or phone Carole on 01636 815089 or Gill on 01636 812936

Please note, due to the licence, this event is restricted to adults aged 18 and over.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Carole, Gill, Pati, Linda, Angela and Fiona



Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters

With London less than one and half hours by train, you would think that most of us were familiar with the city and all the delights it offers. Yet until a few years ago, I had no idea that beneath the hive of industry, the splendour of the Royal residences and the interesting museums, was the old City of London. I knew about it being a square mile, and that bells rang out from all of the churches, but I did not know that traditions (many dating back centuries), were being honoured and evolving to be part of our living history.

On the 4th July I was installed as the newest Liveryman for the 'Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters'. The Framework Knitters are an old company dating back to the turbulent time of Oliver Cromwell. In 1657 the importance of framework knitting was such that it was granted a Charter. Of course, Oliver Cromwell's reign was short and when King Charles II came to the throne, he too recognised its importance and in 1663 gave the company a second Charter. (A Charter allows a monopoly to exist - therefore it is extremely valuable and ensures quality control over products).

Framework knitting has always been very important to the Midlands. In fact, in Calverton, not very far from here, William Lee first invented a Framework Knitting Machine in 1589. Before this, knitting was a cottage industry. The whole family would work at knitting and preparing the wool. The old nursery rhyme 'Wind the bobbin up' is about teaching young children to get a bobbin of wool ready for their mother or father.

Once the Framework Knitting Machine was readily available, people could not only make more quantities, but the goods were much better quality. One of the main products was the stocking, which is still honoured today in the 'Ceremony of the Socks'. Later the frames were adapted to make lace, thereby ensuring Nottingham's position as the finest lace makers in the world.

Today, the Framework Knitters Company bears little resemblance to its youth. No longer is its sole aim the production and use of Framework Knitting Machines, but rather the improvement and safeguarding of the British textile industry.



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The Company's charitable works include cottages for retired textile workers in Leicestershire. They also provide bursaries to textile students.

It is a great honour for me to join their illustrious ranks. Most of the Liverymen are connected with the industry, however, the Company has become more diversified over the years, and now welcomes people from different backgrounds who can become an asset to the group. I was invited to join by Julian Ellis, who was the Master last year. As they put the 'fun' into fundraising, I leapt at the chance.

They have wonderful dinners at many different Livery Halls. This means that you get to see all these beautiful halls tucked away in the back streets of London. People who work in the city will walk past them, not even knowing they exist. Yet the livery companies are essential to the country, they give millions away to help students in all of the different industries. They help the young and old according to their remit and still ensure that people can meet and discuss new technology and innovations to improve their industries.

Livery Companies are still being created to this day. You will see the Companies on parade at the Lord Mayor's show in London each year. Originally, they would sail down the Thames, but once the roads were passable, they moved to the streets of London. Yet they still travel on 'Floats' because they used to float down the river.

If you would like to know more about the Framework Knitting industry, I heartily recommend a trip to the Framework Knitting Museum in Ruddington. Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe WI went on a trip this summer and enjoyed learning about knitting and the lives of the workers, and had a lovely lunch in the café.

The photo shows me at the Installation Dinner, having a drink with the current Master.

Angela Moore

Rowing for Gold

Linda and Malcolm Mason are very proud of their grandson Ben, 21 years old who has achieved fantastic results in the sport of rowing this year.

Ben and his team rowed in the Home Internationals, representing England in July 2022.

He achieved a gold medal in the 8s sprint, and won 2 silvers for the 4s and the 8s team events. In the photo, Ben is back row, on the far right.

Congratulations to Ben and his team on this outstanding performance.



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Condolences

Many in our community were shocked to hear the news in late September about a young life ending suddenly and far too prematurely. The Junction team and many friends in Rolleston wish to send our sincere condolences to Malcolm and Linda Mason and their family. Linda says, "Malcolm and I wish to thank everyone for the many messages of condolence following the death of our grandson Harvey in an accident on Thursday, 22 September. Harvey was just 19 years old."

Church News

Elizabeth Blakey has retired as Reader in the Benefice after many years of service taking services and preaching both locally and, before coming to Rolleston, as a Reader in the Diocese of Ripon. Elizabeth now becomes Reader Emeritus. Appreciation was shown to her in a special presentation recently, where she was given a folder containing photographs of all seven churches in the Benefice of West Trent, and including many tributes from parishioners across the area.

Harvest Festival Gifts

The staff at Caudwell House were very grateful for the gifts of fruit, vegetables and tinned food given for the Church Harvest Festival. A monetary donation is to be used for the Children's Christmas Party for the residents in the home. Thanks for to everyone in our community for their kind donations.

Moment of Reflection for HM Queen Elizabeth II

There was a National Moment of Reflection at the church on Sunday, 18th September in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II. During the previous weeks, many villagers and visitors to the church signed the Book of Condolence or had lit a candle in her memory. It seemed only a short time ago that in late April the church was filled with floral tributes. during the Flower Festival with the theme of anniversary years to mark the Queen's reign. And later, in early June, we gathered as a community in the sunshine to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee with a picnic. We look forward to seeing the tree that was planted in the village to celebrate her 70 years as monarch, beginning to blossom next Spring.

Pilates Returns

We are pleased to announce that Pilates classes with Cheryl Roebuck will be returning to the village hall, commencing Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30 pm. Cheryl's classes have always been extremely popular with Rolleston residents; they are suitable for all levels. The cost is £10 per one session.

For more information contact Cheryl email kynetic@hotmail.co.uk

Dominoes

As our village pub is currently closed, the dominoes team have been looking for a new venue and are now playing their home fixtures at the Waggon and Horses, Bleasby. Several players are required to make up the numbers, in order to keep the team viable, so if you are interested in joining them, to play on a regular or an occasional basis, please contact Peter Salter on **01636 819197.** The matches are played on Thursday evenings starting at 8.00pm and finish with a light supper.

Carols Round the Tree, 6.30pm 21st December

Carols around the Tree this year will take place in the Kate Greenaway Garden. The Parish Council will provide the tree, and volunteers will put it in its new location. The tree will be decorated with solar lights. The Kate Greenaway Action Group are organising the event and will be providing mulled wine and hot drinks. Come and join us at 6:30pm and bring your own sweet or savoury nibbles to share with friends and neighbours.

Camel Racing 28th January 2023

Hidden away in the recesses of a cupboard in the village hall, and patiently awaiting for their return since Covid times, six steeds are jockeying for position ready to make an appearance again.

A few years ago, we ran a number of popular evenings involving the 'racing' of homemade wooden camels (a bit like hobby horses) ridden by human jockeys and raised funds for our village hall.

Camel racing involves giant dice, good food, great company and much hilarity. So, we have planned a camel racing evening at Rolleston Village Hall on Saturday, 28th January 2023. We have the camels, (spruced up and repainted) but to make the night successful we need: Race Sponsors (for prizes), a Bookmaker's Clerk, a Bookies Runner, A Racecourse Steward and a Master of Ceremonies. (Camel Owners and Jockeys will be chosen on the night).

Can you help? For more information on this fun event and how you can get involved contact: Clerk of the Course, Julian Ellis email: julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk or call 01656 831165.

Theatre at the Village Hall, 2nd March 2023

At the time of writing, we've had two successful Live & Local (Village Ventures) events in the village hall. Folk singer, Blair Dunlop, entertained us 20th October, and on the 17th November we had the play 'Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour'.

Save the date: 2nd March 2023 for our Spring event, a play called The Swearing Tree, and enjoy our local theatre culture. Thank you for your support in making these village events successful; the performers and organisers really appreciate it. For tickets - email: Julian Ellis Julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk or call 07976 425899. Can you help? We need volunteers who can help set up the hall on the day of the performance.

Guard of Honour

We like to say thank you and well done to Tom Burton, who took an active roll in the funeral of our late Queen.

Tom is the son of Rolleston residents, Chris and Andrea Burton and a former student of the Minister School.

Tom joined the RAF in 2018 and joined the Queen's Colour Squadron (now the King's Colour Squadron) in 2020. He has taken ceremonial and operational roles guarding a number of Royal residences, including Buckingham Palace, Tower of London and Windsor Castle. He has also taken part in key events such as the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall last year, the Remembrance Parade at the Cenotaph and the Royal Windsor Horse Show.

Tom was part of the Royal Guard of Honour receiving the Queen's coffin as it arrived from Scotland at RAF Northolt, South Ruislip. He was selected to stand at the Tri-service Guard of Honour on Parliament Square at the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II, on 19th September.

Chris and Andrea must be immensely proud. The Junction team and I'm sure the whole village would like to thank you for your service Tom.

Wedding Nuptials

How lovely to have a couple who live in our village tie the knot in our local Church. Congratulations to Katy and Chris Baillon-Saunders who got married 31st August at Rolleston Church with Revd. Phil White conducting the wedding ceremony.

Chris says, "We are now Mr & Mrs Baillon-Saunders, having chosen to hyphenate our names as a sign of our joining together in harmony. We were joined by close friends and family and are grateful to the church choir for accepting our request to be there for our special day. Having moved to Rolleston in 2020 with the intention of being here forever, and with 3 children (Jessica 9, Alexander 7 and Charlotte 2), our marriage is the icing on the cake and we hope to enjoy many years in the village."

Congratulations also go to William and Alexandra Towse, who got married 1st September at Southwell Minster. William is the son of Rollestonian Bram Towse, and we were delighted to receive this photo from Karen Towse of the happy couple. William and Alexandra live locally in Olleston



Welcome

As is customary in Rolleston, we always like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents.

So we'd like to welcome Clare and Jack Broomfield, mother and son, who have recently moved from Fiskerton into Croft Farm Cottages, Bernard and Colette Kelly, who have moved to Millstead Lodge, Station Road, and Kevin and Gail Scott, who have moved from Surrey to Rolleston Manor.

We'd also like to extend the hand of friendship to Lana and Artem Dzera who arrived in August from the Ukraine. Atem is 6 years old and is settling in well at Holy Trinity School in Southwell. He loves football and basketball. His mum, Lana, is a manicurist/pedicurist and happy to take on clients locally. For more information or to book an appointment with Lana, please email Mary Walsh

mmtw15@gmail.com

Welcome to the World

We would like to offer many congratulations to proud parents, Nicola Grange and Damian Rex of Holly Court on the birth of their son, Thomas, born in early October. A new brother for Elizabeth! Well done to all four of you.

Congratulations

We send our best wishes to two hardworking students who have left Rolleston recently to complete further studies. Katie Taylor has completed her BTech course in Countryside Management at Brackenhurst and is now living in student halls on site studying for a Foundation Degree in Wildlife and Conservation. Another of our young residents, Grace Gemson, worked for a year after gaining her A-levels in summer 2021. Grace is now at university further afield and is also studying an agricultural course.

Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard • 07949 260032 1 hr classes return to village hall. Wednesday 2.30pm

Wednesday 2.30pm Contact Cheryl for details

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.) • 01636 819197

Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.) Thursday evenings (except summer) Wagon & Horses, Bleasby at 8pm

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

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

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