

the Rolleston Junction

Edition 36 - Summer 2024

In this issue...

- THE FLOWER FESTIVAL
- THE CROWN AT ROLLESTON
- ANDY GETS HIS AWARD

Keep in touch at rollestonjunction@gmail.com
Find us at rollestonvillage.uk & follow us on Facebook

Dates for your Diary

22nd June	3pm - 5pm	Tea and Art	Holy Trinity Church
1st July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
4th-7th July	Refer to website	Gate to Southwell Folk Festival www.gtsf.uk	Archway House, Kirklington
5th July	2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
11th-14th July		Newark Book Festival	Various venues in Newark
16th July	7.30pm	Book Club	For book and venue please contact Pati Colman
20th July	2pm - 5pm	Rolleston Village Day	Village Hall and 2 acre field
2nd August	2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
23rd-26th August	Refer to website	Southwell Music Festival www.southwellmusicfestival.com or call 01636 330014	Various locations
30th August	2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
2nd September	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
12th September	7.30pm	Book Club	For book and venue please contact Pati Colman
24th-28th September	7.30pm matinee 2.30pm final day	Present Laughter by Noel Coward for tickets visit www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733 179986	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham
27th September	2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road

* Check latest times and venues on the Book Club meetings:
Contact Pati Colman: **07786 937266**
pati.colman@icloud.com

To ensure you are on the village email list contact:
rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Hello again

from the Junction Team!

Did you see them? There are those that did... and those that didn't. (And I'm in the latter camp unfortunately).

I'm talking of course about the Northern Lights that made a surprise appearance and lit up our night skies, 10th May. I slept through, oblivious to the magic above.

Two day later, I was delighted to bump into Frank and Jean Mitchell at The Crown enjoying a Sunday lunch with their daughter and granddaughter. Frank's granddaughter, Stacy, mentioned she had managed to take some photos of the aurora borealis.

So, we are delighted to publish her brilliant photo on the front cover. Clearly, Stacy has inherited her granddad's skills in photography!

Speaking of The Crown pub, have you been yet? We interviewed Tom and Gail Dandy to hear all about their future plans with their dedicated team and their newly refurbished interior. You can read all about it on page 23.

The Flower Festival at the church was magnificent in May. This year's theme was the Paris Olympics. A lot of thought and skill was put into the floral creations by the exhibitors as the photos show on pages 20 and 21.

Further afield, Peter Garrood demonstrated how he reached Cologne in a day, setting out from Rolleston Station! Read his adventures by train on page 7.

In other news, Andy Haynes received his MBE award at Windsor Castle. He described the day and sent us some lovely photos (see page 19).

Rolleston has a great social vibe; we are pleased to report on the St Patrick's evening that took place in March at the Village Hall.

As I write this, we look forward to the Afternoon Tea and Art event at the church in June, and the Rolleston Summer Fete at the Village Hall in July.

There are two music festivals to look forward to; please refer to Dates for your Diary for what's on locally.

For detailed information on Rolleston forthcoming summer events - refer to the News in Brief pages.

Thanks for your articles - keep them coming!

We welcome two new advertisers; Steve Cook, a qualified electrician and accredited solar power specialist, and Jarvis Flooring Ltd, who have opened a shop in Southwell, supplying all types of flooring including carpets to homes and commercial properties.

Please support our advertisers by giving them an opportunity to quote if you have a requirement for their products or services.

Thanks to all contributors and our sponsors for making this community magazine possible.

Have a great summer!

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill and Beth

Church News

We have a magnificent church which belongs to Rolleston. It is Grade 1 listed. The church is open every day between 9am and 5pm so everybody has the opportunity to come and sit in a peaceful space. It is there for those who have any religion or none - it is a somewhere just to sit and think, even if not to pray or give thanks for the wonderful place where we live.

Our church has been there for a thousand years, and during that time has provided a centre for celebrations at times of great joy and comfort at times of great sorrow.

We might not have a vicar, but it doesn't mean that we stop caring for parishioners. If you need a home visit, let me or Peter Salter know, and we can even arrange home communion, should you wish it. We have regular contact with clergy from the surrounding area. The organising of special services like weddings and funerals is straightforward and doesn't stop during a vacancy.

A space in the extended churchyard is available to all who live in the village, whether of any religion, or none. (But it makes it easier to bury you if you are dead!). There is a special area set aside for cremated remains. Every used space can be marked with a stone. We have room for burials for at least 200 years; we plan well ahead.

There are on-line services in the benefice (the group of local churches to which we belong) held every Sunday at 9am, and a short (12 minute) service of night prayers at 7pm every Wednesday. The latter is a calm session called Compline - meaning completion - giving a peaceful session after a busy day.

If you would like a link to the Zoom on-line services, let me know.

Julian Ellis

📞 01636 831165 / 07976 425899

✉️ julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk

Note from Julian about Village History:

There are many items relating to Rolleston's history in the church (which is open during every day) and many more held in the Nottinghamshire Archives. Those in the archives are well indexed, and easy to access. Of special interest is the diary of Robert LeBand, our vicar from 1589. It is one of the most important parish documents in the country, and is nearly always shown to groups visiting the archives.

I have copies on my computer of many historical documents and if anybody is interested, I am happy to help.



Marathon Man - 'Mr Bee'

First of all, a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me with my fundraising for LINKS, that's always a big encouragement and much appreciated.

So, another London marathon in the bag, my third one to date and another amazing experience. It's hard to describe the feelings as you enter the starting pen and prepare for the klaxon to sound. A mixture of extreme excitement and intense butterflies in the stomach comes closest.

The day was very cold but dry and bright, perfect conditions for a marathon if it wasn't for the stiff breeze early on too. I managed not to freeze waiting for the start knowing that I would soon warm up!

Training hadn't gone entirely to plan with some niggly injuries and a couple of colds knocking me back (I never get colds, haven't had one since before Covid, but marathon training puts a huge strain on the body and can weaken the immune system). Also, the weather has been miserable right up to press which is an additional challenge.

Off we go, soon settled into the pace I thought I could maintain for 26.2 miles and then just concentrated on good form and keeping the hydration and energy gels on schedule.

Whizzed past the Cutty Sark (6 miles approximately) and before I knew it over Tower Bridge at 13 miles, just about halfway.

The next few miles felt quite hard for some reason, but my pace didn't drop really until around mile 18 which is always the twilight zone in a marathon, you start to realise just how far you've come already and there's still a long way to go!

Never mind, I've been here before I thought to myself, I know what to do.

The crowds were deafening at this point, made even more intense by the fatigue I was now feeling. Digging deep.

All too soon I'm on the Embankment and Big Ben is looming into sight, nearly there!

My Garmin running watch beeps furiously to tell me I've completed the marathon distance in 4hrs 20mins... but wait, there's still another half a mile or so to go!

The problem is that you can't follow the 'racing line' (because you can't see it for all of the other runners), and you end up going much further than the official distance.

Onto Birdcage walk, Buckingham Palace ahead... gentle sweep to the right and a final burst of energy over the line in 4hrs 27 mins. Phew.

Absolutely thrilled and absolutely exhausted I collect my medal and hobble off down the Mall to find Mrs B who was waiting to guide me back to our caravan at Abbey Wood. Bless her.

I've got the marathon bug again and already entered the ballot for next year's race where I hope to be able to prepare better and smash my previous 3 hour, 58 minutes personal best to smithereens!

Ian Beadles





Residential & Commercial Architects

Renovations & Extensions

Bespoke Homes

Residential Development Sites

Barn Conversions

Listed Buildings

Green Belt Development

Commercial & Industrial

Education

Planning Consultancy



www.indigo-architecture.co.uk | e: hello@indigo-architecture.co.uk | t: 0133 254 1691

Rolleston to Cologne - By Train in a Day

Rolleston may rank 2433 out of 2578 when it comes to station usage and the train service poor, but the rails connect the village without a break to far flung corners and allow some interesting journey possibilities.

One of these is to Cologne in a day with just three changes, and a little bit of walking. I tried this out in April this year, setting off at 8am to catch the 8.24 train to Newark Castle and then walking across to Northgate to catch the 9.22 to London.

The Eurostar took me to Brussels and another Eurostar took me on to Cologne. I arrived at my hotel near the Cathedral 10 and a half hours after leaving home, having covered just over 700km by train and about 2km on foot. I spent about 4 hours waiting for trains, half at St Pancras.

Over the whole 7-day trip, I used 17 trains, most in Germany. LNER to London was the best – on time and good on-board service. Next was Eurostar between London and Brussels. Eurostar between Brussels and Cologne was a long way behind, especially as the journey length is roughly the same as Newark to London, but the journey time is half an hour longer and on a high speed train – to boot!

The less said about German trains, the better. Mostly very late and poor on-board service. The best of a poor bunch were two steam trains, both on time, although admittedly the seats were a bit spartan.

Overall the experience was a better one than flying, and marginally cheaper, especially comparing airline on-board service with LNER and Eurostar.

If you are thinking of trains to Europe, an excellent website for information is The Man in Seat 61, and if you want to plan a journey anywhere in Europe then use the German or Austrian railways **websites:db.com** or **oebb.at**

In fact, I use DB and OBB to plan UK journeys: you often get more sensible and less expensive journey suggestions than those offered by Trainline or National Rail, both quite poor in my experience. I avoid these sites altogether and book through the train operators' own sites after first planning the journey with DB.

Peter Garrod



TOM GERAGHTY & associates



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS

Following a successful 40-year career in practice, Tom Geraghty, a local chartered accountant, decided to collaborate with his daughter Polly, a tax specialist, to bring you a bespoke accountancy service - tailored to your individual needs.

Contact us and talk to a member of our team or pop in to see us to discuss your needs.

We offer a wide range of services; some of these are listed below:

- Business Advice
- Business Start-ups
- Bookkeeping
- Accounts
- Corporation Tax
- Self-Assessment
- PAYE & NI
- VAT
- Making Tax Digital
- Payroll inc. CIS
- Auto-Enrolment
- Cloud-Accounting

38-40 Northgate | Newark
Nottinghamshire | NG24 1EZ
T: 01636 642 882
E: tax@tgeraghty.co.uk
www.tgeraghty.co.uk



THE INSTITUTE
OF CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS
IN ENGLAND AND WALES
AUTHORISED TRAINING EMPLOYER

Claire's Recipe

Gluten free

Chocolate Courgette Cake



I'm thinking that a lot of people will have a glut of courgettes over the summer, so this recipe is based on one overgrown fruit, peeled with the seeds taken out, by cutting in half lengthwise and using a dessert spoon scrape out the core, before grating the flesh.

Alternatively, if smaller courgettes are used - there is no need to peel or core, you can simply grate the whole thing.

In the ingredients list below the courgette flesh is measured by volume (you can use a measuring jug for this). This recipe is gluten free as it uses gluten free self-raising flour.

Ingredients: (For the cake)

250g gluten free self-raising flour
100g ground almonds
50g cocoa powder
1tsp mixed spice
1tsp salt
175ml olive oil
375g golden caster sugar
3 large eggs
2tsp vanilla essence
500ml grated courgette (use a measuring jug)
140g toasted hazelnuts, roughly chopped

Ingredients: (For the icing)

200g dark chocolate, chopped
100ml double cream

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180 °C/160 °C (fan)/gas 4 and line a 24cm cake tin with baking parchment. In a large bowl, combine the flour, ground almonds, cocoa powder, mixed spice and 1 tsp salt.
2. In another bowl, combine the olive oil, sugar, eggs, vanilla essence and grated courgette. Mix the dry and wet mixtures until just combined, then fold in the toasted hazelnuts and scrape into the tin.
3. Bake for about 40-50 minutes, or until a knife inserted into the middle comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out on to a wire rack and leave to cool.
4. To make the icing, put the chocolate in a bowl and bring the cream to the boil in a pan. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate and stir until melted. Cool to thicken slightly, then spread over the cake.

Leave out the hazelnuts if you like. Enjoy!

Claire

Editor's Note: Do you have a favourite recipe? Claire is interested in hearing from villagers who would like to feature their recipes in this regular column. It would be lovely to hear your suggestions, whether it's starters, main courses or puddings and why they go down well in your house! Write to: rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

Summer is on the way! We hope so... Well, let's hope that the storms and floods are behind us for this year at least.

As I write this, it is a lovely day; I heard a cuckoo this morning and saw swallows flying over the river - it really feels that summer is on its way. And the pub is up and running again - welcome to Tom and Gail Dandy.

A number of villagers attended the Rolleston Annual Parish Meeting, 25th April and we used The Crown as the venue. Thanks to Tom and Gail for letting us use the pub for this event; it worked perfectly.

As the title suggests, this is a once a year event and it was a great success with presentations by our District and County Councillors and our Finance Director Michael Gemson.

But it was also an opportunity to hear from local representatives of active groups in our community who also gave informative talks, including the Book Club, the Kate Greenaway Action Group, the Rolleston Junction Magazine, the Rolleston Village Hall Committee, the Flood Action Group, the Village Allotments Group and the Bee Keeping Group.

A presentation of particular note was one on bees by Michael Coombs (who happens to be

the Chair of Bleasby Parish Council). Apparently, we have some beehives at our allotments in Rolleston and his presentation was about the threat to bees as an incredibly useful species.

There has been a lot of recent publicity about bees and their plight - as well as our relationship with nature in lots of other ways. My view is that although we quite rightly expect governments and large corporations to act in proper ways on our behalf, it is equally important that we act properly as individuals.

Small communities such as ours can make a fantastic contribution to preserving and improving our natural surroundings and Rolleston should try to do this. For instance, we have plans in association with the District Council to plant more trees in the village and one consideration is the right trees for encouraging bees. I am inviting Michael Coombs to give a presentation about bees at the village hall hopefully around September - watch out for more details.

With regard to the floods and the prevention of a repeat of last year, we have a promise from Severn Trent to investigate and repair a broken main drain underneath Staythorpe Road as well as a plan for clearing the drainage sump at the corner of Station Road.

Undertaking these tasks should reduce at least two significant flooding concerns in the village.

We continue to fight N&SDC over their plans to demolish two bungalows and build five new houses on the land next to the village hall. We are receiving great support from Sue Saddington, our Nottinghamshire County Councillor on this issue.

I sincerely hope that we will stop the Council getting planning permission for going ahead with this ridiculous idea. Please see the new website: rollestonvillage.uk for the latest information on this.

The burying of High Tension electricity cables by National Grid late last year left a mess of some significant grassed areas in the village.

We are liaising with them to come back to carry out landscaping of the areas to improve these spaces now that the weather has improved.

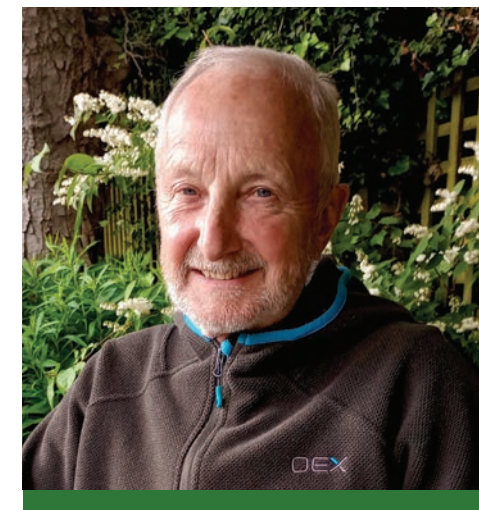
Denise Bryant, our clerk, has put in a great deal of work into getting our formal documentation such as the yearly audit and council procedure statements into a complete and professional state.

These can now be viewed on the website at rollestonvillage.uk

And finally, some great news... Lucy Kyte has kindly volunteered to be co-opted onto the council from June. Thanks very much Lucy, we look forward to having you onboard. We still have a couple more places available on the parish council if you wish to have go.

Go on - you know you can do it!

Cllr. Bob Steele



Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

✉ bob.steele@rolleston-pc.gov.uk

JARVIS FLOORING

DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL

- * CARPET
- * VINYL
- * LVT
- * LAMINATE

UNIT 5
24 THE ROPE WALK
SOUTHWELL

TEL: 01838 382859

Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

Once again, we have arrived at the end of the Parish Year and I believe summer may be on its way!

Here, in Rolleston, we have one or two new Members sitting on this Parish Council and a new Chairman. I would like to take this opportunity again to offer my thanks to the previous Chairman and former members of this Parish Council, it was my pleasure working with you.

The one word I would use to describe this year is STORMS, one after the other, resulting in severe flooding, leaving homes ruined and roads damaged.

I fully understand residents' concerns and their fear of flooding. The flooding has left roads in disrepair throughout the county, which will cost hundreds of thousands to repair.

We have to appeal to the new Mayor who will now have the money and roads will be repaired as soon as we have funds available to do them.

NCC as the lead flood authority have written and produced Section 19 relating to for Storm Babette, but Section 19 has yet to be written for Storm Henk. Evidence is still being gathered.

A few weeks ago, I, and the Chairman, and Parish Councillors, did meet in Rolleston with the drainage Manager to discuss issues in the village.

At time of writing, in a week or two, they plan to dig out the ditch on Station Road and make it deeper and repair the broken drain on Staythorpe Road.

Flood wardens find that motorists move cones and road closure signs. Drivers go through the flooded road, causing a wave of water which pours into properties flooding them and causing danger to other motorists. I understand moulded interconnecting plastic barriers may be used in the future; they are not so easy to disconnect.

I have a modest budget available this year. I am happy to give a contribution in the year to a project or event and will support your event if invited.

When you request funding, payment is delayed if all details aren't given, i.e. name, address, name of group, telephone number, email address, bank details.

There is strict scrutiny regarding these payments. During the course of the year, I gave to the Seniors' Christmas lunch which is always lovely, and the village Festive Gig in December.

We will continue to work together to keep the Rolleston as the lovely village it is.

Thank you everyone, Parish Councillors, our Clerk, Denise, and volunteers who play such a large part in providing and working for the village.

Enjoy the summer.

Cllr. Sue Saddington

☎ 0115 977 4158

✉ cllr.saddington@nottsc.gov.uk

- County Councillor for Farndon and Trent Division, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Vice Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee Nottinghamshire County Council
- District Councillor for Muskham, Newark and Sherwood District Council



Village Hall Lotto

Here are the latest winners:

Tony Hillary, Trish Steele, Frank Mitchell, Heather & Alan Brogan, Amanda Hobbs, Shirley & Ron Burnett, Heather & Alan Brogan (which was kindly donated back to the Village Hall Funds), Pati Colman, Amanda Hobbs and Beth Dowson

Number 42 has become vacant if anyone would like to contact me.

Thank you for your kind support which we do need. A £50 cash prize will continue to be awarded each week and the lotto keeps the village hall running as a facility for all to enjoy.

(See the article about the successful St Patricks Day on page 28).

Angela Sanders

☎ 01636 815045

✉ angela.sanders@btinternet.com



Cllr Keith Melton

Community Spirit

It is now over a year since I was elected to Newark and Sherwood District Council and an interesting year it has been.

It has proved to be a rather steep learning curve at times, being projected from 'ordinary citizen' to 'Councillor' and then to 'Cabinet Member' all in the space of a few weeks after May 4th 2023.

As well as your local Councillor and a Portfolio Holder, I have also become a member of the Planning Committee and it is remarkable how different the three hats are, in terms of how one has to think in order to do justice to each role.

As local Councillor I can 'take a position' and push it for our residents. As a Portfolio Holder

I can take decisions, but have to balance the needs of all residents in the District. And as a member of the Planning Committee, I have, legally to remain as neutral as possible weighing various aspects of 'material planning issues' in the balance, to be able to come to a fair result without predetermination.

Sometimes the three 'hats' don't fit comfortably together, but one has to do one's best to keep them in balance.

One of my pleasant discoveries in the last 12 months has been the way community members can – and often do – come together in the interests of the community as a whole and vulnerable people in particular.

On more than one occasion I have been reminded of a story my Brazilian wife tells of the little hummingbird. In Brazil the bird is called 'uma Beija-Flor', (a Kiss Flower) – a rather more romantic name than hummingbird (which comes from the noise their wings make when hovering to drink nectar; they beat remarkably fast just to stay still.)

The story is about a serious forest fire. Most of the animals and birds stick around grumbling that the fire is going to rob them of their homes and food sources, but NOT the hummingbird.

The hummingbird flies to the nearest stream and picks up a couple of drops of water in its beak and then flies over the burning forest and drops the water on the flames. All the other animals and birds look on in fascination. After a while they ask the hummingbird, "Whatever are you doing? – you're never going to make a difference with such small amounts of water against those terrible flames!"

The hummingbird scoffs, "Sure, I may not be able to put the fire out by myself – I know that! But if we all did what we could do, according to our size and capabilities, we could make a difference by working together in a common cause!"

What I have seen, with all the flooding events we have been having, is a great willingness for people to play their part in helping the community effort – and taking on the wisdom of the 'Beija-Flor'.

If we all did our little bit to help, all sorts of things can be achieved. I certainly like being part of this kind of community. Thank you to all the volunteers across all the villages in this lovely Trent Ward.

Cllr. Keith Melton



✉ keith.melton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

• Trent Ward - NSDC

• Portfolio Holder for Climate change and Net Zero

Fiskerton Shop & Post Office

Incorporating The Stable Salon Hairdressers

- Convenience store, selling locally sourced produce
- Post Office
- Hairdressers
- Dry Cleaning



POST
OFFICE

General Store: Open Mon to Sat 6.15am-5.30pm, Sunday 7am-4pm
Post Office Counter: Open Mon to Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm
Stable Salon Hairdressers: Call 01636 830 044
General Store/PO: 01636 830230

Dan - the Front Man

You will all remember young Dan Sanders who used to be 'Dan, our delivery man' posting Rolleston Junction magazines through your doors for about 5 years before he departed for Uni. Well look at him now! During his degree studies he set up a band called 'Off Licence' with 5 other fellow students. Dan and Owen (on key-boards) have written an album. The band have generously agreed to play live music at the Village Fete event 20th July. This will be there 3rd gig after delighting local audiences in York.





Robert
JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK

As summer approaches, I am looking forward to more opportunities to meet residents across the Newark constituency at my surgeries and various events.

Our recent Collingham Community Fair at the Memorial Hall was a tremendous success, with hundreds of residents attending to support local charities and organisations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you at my upcoming events. Please stay updated via my Facebook page and constituent leaflets for details.

For any assistance or if you wish to meet, don't hesitate to contact my office.

As we look forward to celebrating summer festivities across the constituency, addressing community concerns and ensuring safety remains a priority of mine. I have been working to address anti-social behaviour in Newark town centre, holding several crime and ASB summits and collaborating closely with the police and council leaders.

Our strategy includes increasing police presence and adopting more robust policing methods to curb anti-social behaviour. We are also utilising the government's Safer Streets Funding to invest in critical improvements like enhanced CCTV to ensure the safety and security of all residents.

Newark's historic town centre is a jewel, and I am committed to preserving its beauty and character, making sure it remains a pleasant public space for everyone.

Another concern is the rise in applications for large-scale solar farms in and around Newark. While renewable energy is crucial, we must also consider the impact on our landscape, agricultural land, and community.

Following nearly 1,000 responses to my Solar Farm Survey, which overwhelmingly opposed these developments, I am doing all I can to challenge these proposals unless significant adjustments are made. I have raised these concerns with the Prime Minister and other government ministers, and discussed the community's stance in a recent parliamentary debate on solar farms with my colleagues.

I am proud of Newark's rich history and vibrant community life and will always put the constituency first, working to preserve the beauty and safety of our area.

I am also thrilled to report the positive impact of the £45 million government investment from the Towns Fund, which I initiated as the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. This funding is making a significant difference in Newark and the surrounding areas, driving economic and educational advancements, particularly at the newly opened Air and Space Institute (ASI) in Newark. ASI offers exceptional vocational and technical education in engineering, providing students with valuable and alternative pathways to careers in aerospace and beyond.

As always, please feel free to reach out to my office for any support. I look forward to hearing from you and continuing to engage with and serve all residents in the constituency.

Robert Jenrick

📞 01636 612837
✉️ robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk
29a London Road, Newark-On-Trent, NG24 1TN

📘 RobertJenrickNewark
🐦 RobertJenrick
www.robertjenrick.com

WI News

Our Annual Meeting of the Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI took place in April and was well attended. We all enjoyed a fish and chip supper from The Full Moon, funded from WI funds on this occasion.

Two committee members have stepped down from the committee after 7 years and, one committee member has stepped down after 2 years. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will all continue for another year in their roles, with one other committee member – so four on the committee in total. All were voted in by the members. There are approximately 50 members of our WI group, but more are always welcome.

The speaker at our May meeting was Peter Herniman, from Pinder's Opticians in Southwell talking about eye health. This was a very informative and interesting talk.

The June meeting welcomes a speaker from the Grantham Canal Society.

The July meeting will be a socialising event with quizzes - 'Who's the Baby' and 'Blind food tasting'. I am sure there will be lots of chatting and laughing.

August will be a get together for tea and cake. The venue is yet to be decided.

Other monthly events include coffee mornings at Reg Taylors, Book Club meetings at The Full Moon, (approximately every 6 weeks), Craft and Chat evenings at members' houses (venue changes each month), and a bi-monthly lunch club (various venues in the area).

Visitors are welcome at our meetings with a £5 charge for refreshments.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall, Cooks Lane, Fiskerton, NG25 OUT.

Pilates Classes, with Cat Bagley (a qualified fitness instructor), are organised by WI, but are open to everyone, male and female. They take place at The Arthur Radford Hall on Thursday mornings, 10am to 11am. The cost is £6 cash payable as you attend. For further information contact Susan Bosworth on **07733 135175**.

Visit our website: www.mfrwi.co.uk

Susan Bosworth

Contacts:

Jeanette Brownson: 07816 609913

Beryl Northcote: 01636 812579

Helen Boffy: 07515 280707



GasLine

plumbing, heating & air conditioning

- Boiler installations, servicing & repairs
- Burst pipes, water & gas leak repairs
- Plumbing work for kitchens
- Complete bathroom installations

"Michael came to my rescue when the boiler broke down and I had no heating or hot water. I have been using Gasline for 4 years now; I am registered disabled and they always go above and beyond. They make recommendations taking into account cost and usability and explain things properly. From answering my call through to the finished quality of their work, Gasline is reliable, friendly and professional."

Mrs D. Dulake, Skegby, Notts.

Call us on: 01623 871772 or 07805 525174

email: info@gaslineheating.co.uk

or visit www.gaslineheating.co.uk



**24-HOUR
SERVICE**

**NO CALL
OUT FEE**

Andy Gets His Award

In a previous issue way back in 2023, we reported that one of our Rollestonians had been notified he had been awarded an MBE. Andy Haynes was given the honour for Services to Healthcare in Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire and received the award in recognition of his work after a long career in the NHS.

In the previous article Andy was keen to point out that he shared this recognition "with the many brilliant colleagues and teams he had worked with over the years."

It normally takes quite some time before you are invited to the award ceremony and Andy eventually received his official invite and attended Windsor Castle February 7th this year, accompanied by his proud family.

We were very pleased to receive this update from him about the day and some lovely photos. Congratulations again to Andy for his achievement - and what a grand day out for all concerned!

"I collected my MBE on February 7th when I received the honour from the Prince of Wales at Windsor Castle. The photos capture the special day.

And it was special, sharing the day with my wife Fiona, our daughter Sophie and our son Euan. Sophie flew over from Canada and Euan came down from Newcastle for the occasion.

Sadly, my brother, (who has pancreatic cancer) was too ill to join us and our eldest who lives in Kenya was unable to come over.

The drive up to and parking at Windsor Castle was surreal. The staff were all so friendly and helpful; we had a tour through the rooms in the State apartments with so much information shared about the history and artwork.

It was Prince William's first day back on Royal duties, but he was easy to talk to and made you feel comfortable.

We shared the occasion by sending some lovely photos to the two members of my family that were unable to attend. My 18-year old self growing up in a South Yorkshire pit village, on free school meals and being the first person in my family to go to university, would never have thought this was possible... and my parents would be very proud!"



Flower Festival 2024

The Rolleston Flower Festival took place at the church, 4th - 6th May. This year the celebratory theme was the forthcoming Olympic Games in Paris.

The individual creations were a riot of colour and the flower arrangers had really put some careful thought and inventiveness into depicting a variety of Olympic sports.

Many villagers and visitors to Rolleston enjoyed the displays which were sensational, and thanks are due to the organisers for creating something rather special for everyone to enjoy over the May Bank Holiday weekend - including the homemade cakes on offer.

Taking part this year were: **Shirley Burnett, Claire Foster, Gillian Clark, Emma Burnett, Sarah Beadles, Fiona Taylor, Gill Thackrey, Angela Moore, Kathy Jezewska, Angela Green, Linda Mason, Elizabeth Blakey, Beryl Northcote and Christine Salter.**

Donations and funds raised from the raffle were used to put towards replacing the notice board.



The Crown at Rolleston



Editor's Note: I'm pleased to report we had a lovely family Sunday lunch with my daughter, Gemma and 2-year old grandson, Wilf, who were visiting from London. It was delicious with gravy to die for! If you've not tried it yet, give The Crown a whirl and if you like it - spread the word further afield. It all helps put Rolleston on the map.

Have you been yet? As we reported in the last issue, the pub is now under new management. Tom Dandy and his mother, Gail, are excited to take on the challenge having spent many years catering for big events including weddings at Norwood Park in Southwell and The Pumping House on the edge of Sherwood Forest. Their award-winning food has been much appreciated and they are bringing the same high standards to their new venture.

We caught up with them both in early May to get the low down on their ambitious plans.

The pub has been renamed The Crown at Rolleston to put it on the map and attract customers from outside our immediate locality - which of course is vital for its on-going success.

At time of writing, Tom and his team currently provide evening meals only - with the exception of an extended lunch time service on Sundays. However, it is planned that from 12th June, the Crown will also provide a lunch time menu from Wednesdays to Saturdays.

Currently the opening times are:

6pm - 11pm Wednesday to Saturday, (evening menu available: 6pm - 9pm).

12 noon - 9pm Sunday, (lunch menu available: 12pm - 6pm).

All food is homemade by Chef Tom and Chef Luka and the menu will change with the seasons. Regular main dishes featuring on the menu are pub favourites such as: Fish and Chips, Steak with various sauces, Steak and Ale Pie and a Classic Burger. The menu also features vegetarian options.

Two of the items that appeared to 'hit the spot' with locals recently were some starter dishes specially created by Tom called Crispy Buttermilk Chicken and a Spiced Parsnip Soup. Don't be fooled by their simple titles, the focus here is on flavour, and then it's the finesse and the finishing touches that make these stand out dishes.

The Crown has undergone an extensive and thoughtful refurbishment to broaden its appeal. There are cosy seating areas to satisfy regular patrons who pop in for a drink, as well as a bright, clean cut restaurant area filled with light. This provides a lovely environment to spend time with friends and family who enjoy meals out. There are nice touches, like the eye-catching display of black and white photos on the walls showcasing our village in previous times; images provided by our very own local historian, Frank Mitchell. There is no doubt you are in a pub with history, yet it has a modern contemporary feel.

Then of course we are looking forward to warmer days where locals and new customers can take advantage of the covered Mediterranean style terrace outdoors. Here's hoping we get a good summer! The pub has dog friendly areas; well behaved pooches are allowed in the main bar and also outdoors.

Gail enjoys assisting the pub business with a varied role, sometimes working front of house, behind the scenes in the kitchen and also on administration. She says, "We had fun deciding which puddings would regularly feature on the desserts menu. So, we had a 'Dessert Off' competition where Tom, Luka and me all had a go at preparing our best pudding."

Needless to say, Sticky Toffee Pudding, (a real winner by Luka), Tiramisu (Gail's special recipe) and Lemon Tart and Chocolate Brownies (created by Tom) - all feature on the menu.

Tom says, "What I love the most is that every day is different. As well as the catering aspect, I've enjoyed taking on new things like the cellar work, and meeting with local beer suppliers for instance. For me life has come full circle. Twenty years ago, I worked here as a pot washer. I love Rolleston, I like the people and the area. It's become my new home and I look forward to meeting and getting to know more locals at The Crown."

Mark and Angela Sanders said, "We are business partners of Tom and Gail are proud to be involved. We would like to thank all of the village for their wonderful support. Please recommend friends and family outside of the village to come along and sample the delicious food and drink on offer."



Tel: 07764 990563
Email: stevecookelectrician@gmail.com
www.stevecookelectrical.co.uk

- 18 years serving Southwell and surrounding areas
- All aspects of electrical work undertaken
- Installations, repairs, testing and certification

Renewable Technologies
Solar PV Installations Battery Storage Solutions
Electric Vehicle Charge Points
Energy Efficiency Upgrades of Lighting and Heating
Smart Home Automation
CCTV, Security Systems and Gate/Access Control



Meet Steve Cook

Editor's note: We are delighted to welcome Steve Cook, one of our new sponsors for the magazine. We are amongst many locals who have used his professional services in the past, as he is an experienced electrician and also a solar power expert.

"I am local to the area and currently live in in Farnsfield, but have lived in and around Southwell since I was 8 years old, so around 40 years in total. My favourite thing about the area is the open countryside and scenic walks, and the people.

Some details on my company and services: We are *NICEIC and *MCS approved contractors, and we have been carrying out work in homes and businesses in and around Southwell and surrounding villages since 2005.

Whether it's a simple domestic call-out or a large-scale commercial upgrade, our services are tailored to each new or returning customer.

With the rapid rise in renewable energy technologies and the continuous improvements in energy efficiency of solar panels and battery storage, we are able to design installations to be as efficient as possible for customers and to maximise the return on their investment.

The last few months have seen some significant price drops on various solar and battery products as individual manufacturers get more competitive. Higher electricity bills have meant the payback periods for customers wishing to invest in solar technology have significantly reduced compared to 10 years ago. If taking the leap to a greener energy system for your property is on your mind, now may be the time to have an initial chat with us.

With regard to our electrical services, we have over 20 years of experience and we are happy to work on small jobs or larger



scale projects. For example, socket or lighting changes, domestic rewires, new build installations, commercial installations and upgrades, charge point installations for electric vehicles, routine testing and inspection, intruder and fire alarms, electric gates, home and heating smart automation.

The best things about the job are the people you get to meet, and the places you get to visit - no two days are the same. Every customer installation, fault or request can involve a different set of issues, and being able to solve them with technical knowledge and problem-solving skills gives a real sense of reward.

Being in a fast-paced, changing industry keeps you focused. The new technologies are great and being rapidly developed, but the most important thing is ensuring the physical installations comply with regulations and are safe for the customer to use.

If you're in need of any electrical works, or interested in discussing options available for you to benefit from cheaper and greener energy, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Steve Cook

📞 07764 990563

✉ stevecookelectrician@gmail.com

*NICEIC is the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting

*MCS is the Micro-generation Certification Scheme, (with reference to approved solar installers)

Flags
Posters
Banners
Leaflets
Booklets
Invitations
Post Cards
Canvas Prints
Vinyl Graphics
Signs & Boards
Business Cards
T-Shirt/Clothes
Mugs/Glasses
Personalised Wallpaper

primeprint
design copy print promote

Unit 6 Rubys Avenue, Fernwood, NG24 3RQ
Tel: 01636 703680 / 07435 974297
Email: info@primeprintnewark.co.uk
www.primeprintnewark.co.uk



OPENSHAW

CARPENTRY AND BUILDING

- CARPENTRY AND BUILDING
- EXTENSIONS AND RENOVATIONS
- KITCHENS
- FLOORING
- WINDOWS / DOORS / BIFOLDS
- GARDEN ROOMS / PATIOS / DECKING
- ALL TRADES COVERED

For more information contact **Alex Openshaw**
T: 07866 712721 • E: openshawliving@yahoo.co.uk

rooms at ROLLESTON

Newly refurbished Guest House containing 5 letting rooms



- 4 DOUBLE ROOMS
- 1 SINGLE ROOM
- ALL EN-SUITE



Available to book on AirBnB
roomsrolleston@gmail.com

roomsatrolleston.com



Tea & Art Event

Saturday 22nd June
3pm - 5pm

At time of writing, by the time you receive this magazine, an Afternoon Tea and Art Event celebrating the illustrative work of previous winners of the Kate Greenaway Medal will be taking place at the Church from 3pm – 5pm.

As many will know, the Victorian artist and author Kate Greenaway, lived in our village as a young child and spent many summers as a visitor here. She was inspired by the local countryside. The Kate Greenaway medal was an annual prize awarded to illustrators of children's books for their outstanding work. At this event, local children and adults have been invited to submit their own illustrations based on their favourite book. You can bring them along to the church on the morning of the event and your artworks will be displayed for all to enjoy. There will be free refreshments provided for the children and Afternoon Tea (including delicious homemade cakes) can be purchased at the event for £5. There will be children's activities available outside. All welcome. Half of the funds raised will be split equally between the church and the Kate Greenaway Action Group.

Editor's note: a full write up with photos will be published in the Autumn edition of the Rolleston Junction.

Save the Date:

Saturday 20th July
2pm - 5pm

Mark your calendars for a day packed with fun and excitement at the Rolleston Village Day.

Head over to the Village Hall and 2-acre field for an unforgettable family experience. Entry is absolutely FREE!

We have a fantastic array of activities, including BBQ and bar by The Crown, refreshments, and live music by our Rollestonian, Dan Sanders and the band, called 'Off Licence'. There will also be a giant inflatable slide (suitable for adults and children!), cake competition, dog competition, children's story telling sessions, games, face painting and a raffle. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with your fellow villagers and support our Village Hall.

We're also requesting volunteers to help with refreshments, selling raffle tickets, or any other tasks. Your support makes a huge difference!

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pati Colman (813260) or Steve Johnson (819181). Let's make it a day to remember!

Rolleston Village Hall Committee



St. Patrick's Night

Villagers really enjoyed the St. Patrick's event at the Village Hall on March 17th. We were entertained with live music from the talented Higgs Bo'sun band. Everyone enjoyed the story telling, the authentic sound, the songs as well as joining in the spirited dancing. There were Irish snacks on offer, a challenging themed quiz and some great raffle prizes. Thanks to the Village Hall Committee for a really great night.



Welcome

A warm welcome to the new residents at Pippins, Staythorpe Road. Tamara ('Tam') Taylor and her two daughters, Esme (17yrs) and Frankie (15yrs) who both attend The Minster School.

The family have two dogs, two cats, two guinea pigs, one tortoise and what started out as two rabbits - but now have increased. (Apparently, not the two females they thought they had!)

Tam has just been appointed as Brand Ambassador for Weaver's Wines, Castlegate, Nottingham and Esme and Frankie have just started working part time at the Crown pub. They are a friendly bunch so be sure to have a chat if you see them!

Southwell Music Festival

23rd - 26th August

The 10th Southwell Music Festival takes place 23th - 26th August 2024. The programme includes a performance of Mozart's Requiem alongside the world premiere of a new piece for choir and orchestra, commissioned by the Festival from composer Cheryl Frances-Hoad and poet Kate Wakeling.

The programme also includes a headline recital from acclaimed British tenor Mark Padmore in the stunning setting of Southwell Minster. Come to Southwell for a jam-packed August bank holiday weekend of classical, folk and jazz music at various venues in the town. Tickets are on sale from Monday 17th June.

visit www.southwellmusicfestival.com or call 01636 330014

Easter events

Thanks go to Laura Bosworth for organising the Easter Treasure Hunt this year. We would also like to thank Chris Baillon-Saunders for the generous donation of Easter eggs for all children who live in Rolleston to enjoy.

Flower Festival

A big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Flower Festival. It could not happen without the cake makers, refreshment servers, raffle prizes, raffle ticket sales and especially the flower arrangers. Thank you to all who attended making the occasion so enjoyable.

Christine Salter & Beryl Northcote

Editor's note: the Flower Festival was a tremendous success this year; see article and photos on pages 20 and 21.

Message from Frank Mitchell

I would like to thank all the kind people of Rolleston, especially Katie and Simon Haydock, for all the help, and offers of help, cards and good wishes sent to me after my stay in hospital in March and my recovery during April. I'm pleased to say I am fully recovered now.

Best wishes,

Frank Mitchell

Editor's note: We would like to send our good wishes to Frank and Jean and are delighted to see him back home and on good form.

Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard • 07949 260032
1 hr classes return to village hall.
Wednesday 2:30pm
Contact Cheryl for details

Total Fitness

Jennie Overton • 01636 816800
Village Hall

Darts

Barry Thomas
01636 830064

GORGs

Bram Towse • 01636 813901
Gentlemen of Rolleston
Golfing Society

Book Club

Pati Colman • 07786 937266
pati.colman@icloud.com
Contact for times and venues

Indoor Bowls

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

Dominoes at The Crown

Peter Salter • 01636 819197

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

Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

1st Wednesday in the month at 12pm
2-course Pre-booked Lunch
To book: call **Amanda 07779561934**
£3.50 includes raffle ticket.

2nd Wednesday 10.30am
Coffee/Tea/Cakes/Biccies (free).

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

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

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote • 01636 812579
Wednesday 7:30pm, alternating
between Rolleston and Upton Church

Note:

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

Local services & businesses

Steve Bosworth - Joiner & Building Contractor	01636 815542 • 07976 894449
Fiskerton Post Office & Village Shop	01636 830230
Turnbull and Sons - Professional Tree & Hedge Care	01636 816361 / 07970 633150 turnbullandson@outlook.com
The Old Barn at Field Farm - Arts, Entertainment	07834 689878
The Stable Salon - Ladies Hairdressing, Fiskerton	01636 830044
Gasline - Plumbing & Heating (24 hour service)	01623 871772 / 07805 525174
Harwood Decorators - Abs Chaaban	01636 815979 • 07788 962707 abs.chaaban@hotmail.com www.harwooddecorators.com
Morton, Fiskerton, Rolleston WI	01636812881/07733135175 susan.bosworth24@yahoo.co.uk • www.mfrwi.co.uk
Indigo Architecture	01332 541 691 • hello@indigo-architecture.co.uk www.indigo-architecture.co.uk
Rooms at Rolleston - Airbnb	07815 846773 • roomsrolleston@gmail.com www.roomsatrolleston.com
Nikky Green - Remedial & Sports Massage	07734 155240 • info@nikkygreenmassage.com
Alex Openshaw - Carpentry & Building	07866 712721 • openshawliving@yahoo.co.uk
The Crown at Rolleston	01636 925719 • hello@crownatrolleston.co.uk
Steve Cook Electrical Ltd	07764 990563 • stevecookelectrician@gmail.com
Jarvis Flooring Limited	07838 382859

Useful contacts

Flood Warden - Steve Bosworth
01636 815542 • 07976 894449

Parish Council - Bob Steele
01636 812463 / 07971 028801

Village Hall Chair - Julian Ellis
01636 831165

Village Hall Bookings - Lucy Kyte
07398 670139

Holy Trinity Vicar
(Vacant post)

**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 - Keith Melton
01636 672276

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

Police
Emergencies 999 • Non emergencies 101

It's good to keep in touch

If you don't know what's going on, how can you get the most out of the village?

This is how we do it...

- If your email is registered with The Rolleston Junction, you are also added to the village Parish Council email list. This means you don't miss out on any important news. Your information is not shared with other third parties.
- Rolleston Village Facebook page - for instant updates.
- Rolleston Village web site - **rollestonvillage.co.uk**
- The notice board on Corner Farm.
- The Rolleston Junction - **rollestonjunction@gmail.com**
- We are a quarterly magazine dependent on our advertisers and sponsorship.
- We do need more donations and advertising income - if you have a business your advertising support would be appreciated. A quarter page costs just £30 per issue.
- It's your magazine and we welcome articles, announcements, snippets and photos from you. Send us an email or phone Carole on **01636 815089**
- New neighbours? Let us know and we'll pop round with a welcome package and a Junction!



HARWOOD

d e c o r a t o r s

Call Abs for a quote on **07788 962707/01636 815979**
or email **abs_chaaban@hotmail.com**

Fantastic local references can be given on request