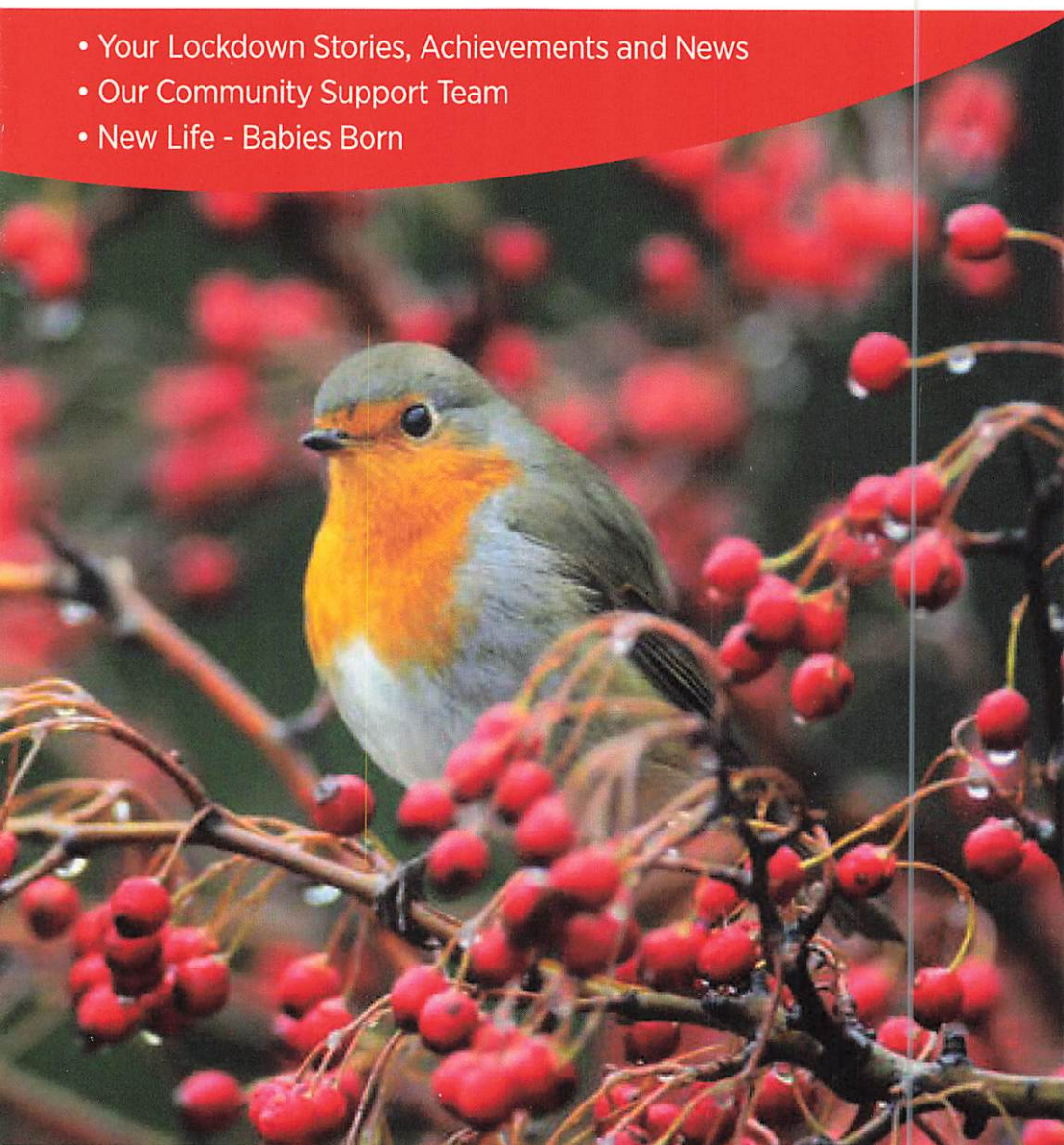


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Dates for your Diary

December 5th	Dapper Live Lounge Music - Abi Phillips and Richard Phillips
December 7th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
December 12th	Dapper Live Lounge Music - Andrew Warner
December 19th	Dapper Live Lounge Music - Emily White
December 23rd	Dapper Live Lounge Music - Abi Phillips and Alicia Albanese
Christmas Eve	Dapper Live Lounge Music - Matty Haynes
January 4th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
January 5th	Rolleston Book Club - Contact Pati on 01636 813260
January 26th - 30th	Relatively Speaking - 7.30 pm Robin Hood Theatre,
February 1st	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
February 3rd	Rolleston Book Club - Contact Pati on 01636 813260
March 1st	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall
March 4th	Rolleston Book Club - Contact Pati on 01636 813260
March 17th - 19th	Perks of the Job - 7.30 pm, Robin Hood Theatre
April 5th	Rolleston Book Club - Contact Pati on 01636 813260
April 12th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm Village Hall

Please note:

These events are subject to change depending on latest Covid restrictions.
Dapper Live Lounge Music evenings are free to attend!



See the Rolleston Junction regular email updates for details of additional events

Hello again from the Junction Team!

It's been a truly awful and shocking eight months since the last Rolleston Junction magazine. Everybody has been affected and it still continues. The virus has also tested the strength of our Rolleston Community and as a small village we've done well.

Watching and listening to the news media, it is so easy to become deeply cynical. Yet if we look below the surface in our own community, we find so many caring people, volunteering, helping those in need and being there for each other. We have so appreciated Rolleston's Community Support Team, and all the volunteers.

Dan, our very talented graphic designer for the last three years, has retired from the role. He gave his time freely and helped create a very high quality publication. Thank you Dan! Welcome to Eva and her colleagues at Ryba Media who have taken over the design work.

Thanks also to Pati Colman, for keeping the kids (and adults) busy with various competitions, creating Rainbow posters for NHS & keyworkers, growing sunflowers, carving pumpkins and Happy Halloween artwork.

Thank you also Karl and Kat and the team at the Dapper Spaniel. You've worked hard to keep going, serving the village, upgrading and investing in the Dapper during this period. You thoroughly deserve our support.

Your Junction magazine is back!

Well done Rev Phil, moving your work online. You've kept your flock together and have reached new people by the innovative use of Zoom, not only for Sunday services but during the week.

Thank you to everyone, for all your contributions, comments, your stories and articles. We have never had such a wealth of communications sent to us before.

Although we may have fewer Christmas events this year, this really is the big, "catch up" edition to read what's being going on in your lives, and in our community.

At time of writing, a second, nationwide lockdown is imminent. Please check with individual organisers about the events listed in this issue. If you know of any forthcoming events that are taking place in the village, that comply with the latest restrictions of course, then please write to: rollestonjunction@gmail.com and where appropriate, we will publicise via the village email.

Enjoy Christmas, stay safe.

Best wishes from,
Tony, Carole and Thea





Robert JENRICK

MP FOR NEWARK
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
HOUSING, COMMUNITIES
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Recently the Government announced £80m of early accelerated Towns Fund funding which is being made available for immediate investment. Newark will receive £750,000, which will be a real boost to the Town and the surrounding areas like Rolleston.

It will give us the opportunity to drive economic growth and improve prospects for our community, which will be vital as the country responds to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. I would like to thank all of those involved in this project and I look forward to seeing the plans come to fruition.

I was also delighted to see Newark has been given the green light for the Historic England regeneration scheme to aid local economic recovery, with the Town Centre being awarded £250,000.

This additional funding is important for our local area, especially for independent shops. Recently I visited and spoke to independent shop owners in our area to discuss the issues they are encountering. Independent shops and restaurants are the heart of our communities

and with coronavirus and the increase in online shopping it is even more important, now more than ever, that we have confidence to shop locally and support our great local shops. Not only has it been a hard time for our local retailers, but also for our local heritage. As I write this today, Southwell Minster has been awarded £400,900 as part of the £1.57bn Government Culture Recovery Fund. This will make such a huge difference to the Minster, the town and the wider community. This is an essential lifeline which will help safeguard the fabric of the building, preserve jobs, and build on the hospitality of welcome for those who visit the Minster.

Farmers have had a challenging year, like all of us, making sure supermarket shelves are stocked around the clock to keep us fed. I was glad I could catch up with the local farming community recently and the NFU to hear their views on the state of the sector. I'm proud to represent a constituency with a strong farming community.

Thanks to the Governments comprehensive and

Village Hall Lotto

Here is the latest Village Hall Lottery news. It's good to mention that the Village Hall was being used again for a brief period over the summer.

We have seven vacant numbers:



Covid restrictions have drastically reduced the income of our Village Hall. The Lotto is a very a key part of our income.

There are many winners as the last was reported back in February!

Michelle Hillary, June Smith, Village Hall (5 times), Mark Sanders (twice), Doug Townsend, Sally and Brian Johns (twice), Steve Johnson (3 times), Peter Smith, Steve Rowles, Penny Shaw, Sandra Sawyer, Frank Mitchell, Neil Smith, Janet and John Gilbert, Mark Pearce (twice), Nicola Grange (twice), Alistair Aden, Peter Salter, Tony Hillary, Abs Chaaban, Lisa Osborn and Bram Towse.

**Do you know anybody who would join our Lotto?
If so contact me on 01636 815045 or angela-janders@btinternet.com**



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generous response in March, we have seen three consecutive months of economic growth, millions of people have moved off the furlough and back to work, and consumer spending is returning. But the resurgence of the virus threatens our recovery. And now it is clear we have to live with coronavirus for months to come, this means the economy cannot return to exactly as it looked in March and the economic rationale for the next phase of support must be different to that which came before. You can find more information about this support on www.gov.uk.

While relaxations of restrictions over recent months have been most welcome, it is disappointing that despite the enormous sacrifices of the British people, the latest figures have shown an increase in the number of

coronavirus cases. While I write this article (early October) there are discussions of additional measures in our local area to control the virus. All along the Government has been clear that, if necessary, it will reinstate measures to keep the virus under control. I understand that this might be difficult, but we all need to work together to protect the vulnerable and defeat this virus. I would also like to thank those groups and individuals who have stepped up during this crisis and helped support others in the community. You are an asset and thank you for your hard work.

If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk or call my office on 01636 612837



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Hello Rollestonians, from Tim Harries

In my last Parish Council report written back in February I looked ahead at the council's new financial year and commented on the range of proposals and initiatives which had been programmed for the year and the preparatory work which had been done to ensure that the committed plans for the village were funded within the constraints of the parish Precept.

Little could I have envisaged that, within days of the report appearing in The Junction, the global Covid-19 pandemic was about to have such an overwhelming and, in some cases, devastating, impact on all our lives.

Much has been written during the last six months about how the pandemic has highlighted the importance of localism to local communities, exemplified perhaps by the many ways in which our communities have come together to support families, friends and neighbours, local businesses and services, as well as the increased awareness of the role which carers play in all of our lives, whether nationally as part of public sector services, or locally and voluntary.

At the "grass-roots" level of local government, Parish Councils have always been at the heart of local communities and have a vital role to play in localism, and, as chairman, I have been hugely encouraged to see how quickly the Parish Council adapted to overcome the constraints imposed by the pandemic to ensure that the structure and "machinery" of local parish government carried on, and indeed continues to do so as restrictions remains imposed.

Meetings continued to be held, either "virtual" on-line or, when guidance permitted, in person, either in the open air or inside and socially-distanced, enabling the essential business of the Parish Council to be completed. The Parish Council was also an

important means of communication throughout the village and took steps to ensure that essential communications and, where required, consultations with parishioners, were maintained throughout.

Despite the restrictions, there has in fact been much for the Parish Council to do during the past six months, including the following:

Audit and publication of the Annual Financial Return, statements and certification. For those of you who are not aware, the annual return of the Parish Council's financial records are open for all to see, either on the village notice board or on the NSDC website, reference: Rolleston Parish Council.

Some nine planning applications considered and comments lodged (between March and July alone), which we believe is a recent record, hence the proliferation of building works underway in the village at the moment!

Risk assessment procured for the management of Parish-owned land and amenities.

Support for local volunteer groups and procurement of extra funding.

It is widely predicted that many of the ways in which individuals, local communities, and businesses have all adapted to the changes we have experienced over the past six months, will endure, and that the Parish Council, at the heart of the community, will continue to have an ever more important role to play. My thanks therefore go to those Councillors who have gone above-and-beyond the call of duty this year, but also to those many villagers who have provided such vital support and help to our community at a time when it has been needed the most.

Tim Harries

Chairman – Rolleston Parish Council



Claire's Kitchen

Iced Raspberry and Eggnog Trifle Cake

A lovely Christmassy dessert and you can make it up to a month ahead. Perfect! It is from an old Good Housekeeping booklet that I have.

Ingredients

- A heaped teaspoon of powdered gelatine or 2 leaves, sprinkled over 2 tblsp water
- 2 tblsp cornflour
- 1/4pt milk
- 2 1/2oz sugar
- 1/3rd pint Advocaat plus 4 extra tblsp.
- 9oz Cantuccini or Amaretti biscuits crushed
- 1pt double cream
- 2 large egg whites
- 12 oz frozen raspberries, thawed and lightly squashed, plus extra fresh ones to decorate
- 1 tblsp icing sugar
- A sprig of fresh bay leaf

Method

- Mix the cornflour with a little of the milk in a pan, stir in the remaining milk and sugar.
- Bring to the boil and stir until it thickens.
- Stir in the soaked gelatine, make sure that it has dissolved.
- Stir in the Advocaat and transfer to a large bowl, leave to cool.
- Line the base of an 8" springform mould with baking parchment.
- Scatter over the crushed biscuits as evenly as possible and drizzle with the 4
- tblsp of Advocaat.
- Whip half the cream, softly, fold into the Advocaat mixture.
- Whisk the egg whites until soft peak stage then fold this into the mixture too.
- Pour a third of this mixture over the biscuit base and tap the tin on the worktop so that the custard fills any gaps.
- Spoon over half the raspberries, make sure some are against the side of the tin so that they will be seen.
- Add half the remaining custard then the rest of the raspberries then the final layer of custard.
- Cover and freeze overnight.
- Run a warm knife around the edges of the cake to release it from the tin, lift it out and peel away the parchment.
- Return the cake to the tin.
- Whip the remaining cream with the icing sugar and spread over the top.
- Freeze until firm. (You can freeze it for up to a month at this point)
- To serve, loosen the cake as before and carefully remove it from the tin, place on a flat serving plate.
- Transfer to the fridge for 3-4 hours then decorate with whole fresh raspberries and the bay leaf sprig.
- Enjoy.



60 Things When 60

We were delighted to receive this article from Fiona Haynes who celebrated a milestone birthday and shares with us how she embraced it, and set herself new challenges.

"Last year I retired after working for the NHS for 39 years and I also celebrated my 60th birthday. So, I decided to set myself the challenge of doing 60 things when 60 so that I wouldn't get bored.

The idea was to do things that I've always said I would do - but had never got round to, as well as learning new skills and revisiting things that I hadn't done for years. Obviously, this has been more of a challenge in recent times and many planned events have been cancelled, walking the Inca trail and going to Latitude festival included. However, I've completed 42 so far and have until the end of October to fit in the final 18 challenges.

The things that I have done so far have been varied and have included seeing the Northern lights in Norway, learning to juggle, making marmalade, walking the route from my childhood home to school (in Stevenage!) and starting ballroom dancing lessons. I also wanted to include something that took me outside my comfort zone and when I saw the charity Wing Walk in aid of Beaumont House Hospice advertised, I decided to sign up.

Beaumont House Hospice provides supportive palliative care to patients and their families living in the Newark area and provide in-patient

care, day therapy and a Hospice at Home community service. As a volunteer, I have witnessed first-hand the amazing work they do. Like many charities, their ability to raise essential funds has been severely affected by Covid-19 and the Wing Walk was the first event to go ahead this year.

There were 5 of us who took part and although I was rather anxious and wondered why on earth, I had signed up for it, I had amazing support from my daughter, Sophie, and her fiancé, Sam, plus three generations of The Danby family!

The set up at Wickenby Airfield was very professional and I felt so reassured by their safety talk that I agreed to the more adventurous flight rather than the more relaxed one. I am so glad I did as it was an incredible experience. The ups and downs and changes of direction were exhilarating, and the views were stunning! The flight lasted 12 minutes but seemed more like 5 as I was enjoying it so much! Beaumont House have booked the airfield for next August, so please contact them if you are interested in taking part... I would definitely recommend it.

So far I have raised £900 for the hospice and would like to thank everyone who has sponsored me."

Editor's note: well done to Fiona, and if you would like to make a donation to Beaumont House or help with fund-raising, or volunteering, visit www.beaumonthouse.co.uk

Fund-raising for Beaumond House



Elaine Maiden, President of MFR WI, presents a cheque to Sheila Drummond, of Beaumond House with WI Treasurer, Susan Bosworth (left) and WI Secretary, Beryl Northgate (right).

Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI held a pop-up sale to raise much needed funds for Beaumond House Community Hospice.

Plants, books and new and nearly new items were sold locally; the total amount raised was £550. (£450 cash plus a donation of £100). Many thanks to all who came and supported this local charity.

Thanks to all involved.

Elaine Maiden (WI President)

Village Hall News

During these strange times I am pleased to say that our Village Hall was being used for a brief period, when allowed to do so, after the initial lockdown.

From September we were pleased to welcome back most of our exercise classes and a couple have even added additional evenings as they were unable to use their usual venues. They are all following strict COVID Safety Guidelines with regard to social distancing spacing and cleaning. Each attendee is required to provide their own equipment and contact information and Rolleston Village Hall now has its own NHS QR Track and Trace Code clearly displayed in the Atrium on the Office, Bar and Kitchen doors. There is also hand sanitiser gel provided for each

attendee use.

We are very lucky that everyone who uses are Village Hall takes great care of it and we are making sure that everyone who books are taken great care of, by making sure that the Hall is cleaned regularly and COVID Guidelines are followed at all times.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Christmas from Rolleston Village Hall.

Lucy Kyte, Manager at Rolleston Village Hall

Please note: Since Lucy wrote this article the second lockdown has come into force. All activities are temporarily suspended until further notice.



News from Cllr Sue Saddington

We are almost at the end of the year, but I think we will all agree that 2020 will be known as not the best of years!

Just as many of us started to gear ourselves up for a return to “normality”, it appears for at least the next 6 months, life is going to remain anything but normal.

During the first lockdown, it was pleasing to see so many neighbours in all the villages I represent helping those who were unable to shop and collect prescriptions. I know many have said they met and spoke to their neighbours, possibly for the first time.

At County Hall we are working in very a different way to pre-Covid, but I am always available should you wish to contact me personally.

Many Parish Councils have held their meetings virtually and where possible, I have connected into them. In September, we were able to meet face to face at Rolleston. It was lovely to see everyone again, but following the meeting, the rule of 6 was brought in!

During the summer, I decided to write to Network Rail as I had acquired an email address for the Senior Public Affairs Manager. I have for the last couple of years or so, with Cllr Blaney, requested that Network Rail improve the performance of the barriers along the Newark to Nottingham line.

Having accepted the crossing barriers are not as they should be, they have agreed to improve the performance and infrastructure.

I arranged a conference call with them and requested that they inspect every crossing along the line. I requested reports regarding the crossings, following the inspections and necessary repair work and I'll report back to the Parish Councils.

Hopefully, this will give the residents more confidence about the safety of the barriers. They agreed to inspect Bleasby, Morton and Fiskerton on 15th July. The inspections at Rolleston, Staythorpe and Newark Castle were to be carried out on 15th September.

The Senior Public Affairs Manager wrote to say that the inspections so far have found the crossings to be in a good condition and that they are safe and well maintained. There are some minor maintenance interventions identified at each site which they said they will address in the near future.

That includes some vegetation work to improve sighting at Morton, small adjustments to one of the barriers at Fiskerton, and the jet-washing of the ‘trespass guards’ at Bleasby and Fiskerton. This work will take place as quickly as possible. In addition, there are planned upgrades for the datalogging at each site and some enhanced relay testing activity.

In September, I thanked him for the update regarding inspections, but said that was not sufficient, my reply:

"Where you refer to further improvements you say you will attend to these as soon as possible. Please could you report back when the work has been completed. To me as a layman, there could appear to be important safety measures.

"On another issue, Newark Castle, Rolleston and Staythorpe were not yet inspected; I understand the inspections were to have taken place on September 15th.

"It was reported to me that on Wednesday September 9th, a market day in Newark, the barriers came down 4 minutes prior to the Newark to Nottingham train departing for Nottingham. Then, following its departure, everyone had to wait a further 2 minutes before the Nottingham train came into Newark Station. Why do drivers have to sit over 3 minutes whilst passengers board the train in Newark station?

"Meanwhile, on what should be a busy Wednesday, all roads around the cattle market island and beyond through Newark, were jammed with gridlocked traffic.

I have now arranged that NCC Officers and Network Rail work together, rather than working individually. Time is of the essence

here; drivers and business owners are tired of the problems they experience. Our town is suffering, and we need this problem to be resolved at the very earliest."

I will continue to press them for improvements. As Christmas approaches, shops and business require every possible help.

I'm sorry that all the lovely events usually organised in Rolleston, particularly at Christmas, have been cancelled; we have so enjoyed them in the past. However, we must keep positive and protect our families and friends.

Although not the easiest of times, I wish you all a pleasant and safe Christmas.

We must all hope that in 2021 we can defeat the Covid "enemy" allowing us to resume a normal working relationship and generally get our lives back.

In the meantime, stay safe. My very best wishes to you all,

Sue





Country File

There's a lot to catch up on since Covid struck, and my previous article in Spring 2020.

The year started with the emergence from their winter hiding places of an unusual number of queen wasps, larger than the familiar summer irritants and each a potential wasp nest later in the year.

A more welcome sight was the arrival of early honey bees collecting pollen from the crocuses and heather once the warmth of the midday sun enabled them to fly. Meanwhile, a pair of Mistle Thrush had been quietly nest building in a cherry tree. They succeeded in raising three young before an attempt at a second brood in a very exposed position, but they fell prey to a combined corvid attack. Yes, you're right to read that again, corvid does sound similar to Covid. But in this case, it was a magpie and crow, as members of the 'corvid' or crow family, that were doing the attacking.

Rather more uplifting moments were to follow; a female Kestrel was often seen surveying the field below her hawthorn vantage point for vole activity before the hover and dive attack from above (there would appear to have been a glut of voles this year).

Great Spotted Woodpeckers were regular visitors to the peanut feeder (causing the Blue Tits to hide in the hawthorn hedge on their arrival). They would select a peanut, then wedge it in a forked branch of the liquid amber tree to break the nut into pieces before taking off to feed their young in a nest hole elsewhere (location unknown). Later, the young would accompany the adult to the branches of the liquid amber tree to be fed

peanut pieces.

The Blue Tits and House Sparrows were instrumental in delivering 'manna from heaven' for the male Blackbird, as he stood expectantly below the bird feeder. He eventually worked out how to cling to the base of the feeder and source his own intact peanuts, displaying great determination and persistence.

Other highlights over the year:

A pair of Lapwings relocated from a field towards Upton when they were disturbed by a plough near the racecourse and the Greet.

At the same location, a pair of Oyster Catchers could be heard calling – there seemed to be a fair amount of coming and going over the village. *

The gallant struggle of the House Martins and Swallows to find mud for nesting. The patchy and late departure of their young were hampered by south winds as we basked in an Indian Summer.

The non-arrival (to date at the end of the first week of Oct), of chattering fieldfare and skeins of geese high overhead, heading for winter quarters further south on the East Coast.

Even the Robin has behaved brazenly, expecting "goodies" to be delivered by the gardener then purposefully(?) flying into the gardener in frustration! In compensation perhaps, he now delivers a delightful musical song at daybreak.

As ever, thanks are due to others for nature news. The Kingfisher still patrols the Greet, the Barn Owls are with us (it seems we have a pair!) and the Tawny Owl has been seen and heard at the start of October.

We know not what lies in store as Christmas approaches.

Margaret Hodgett

Inspired by Nature

Mark Robinson wrote to us and sent in three amazing photos, showing us the fantastic wildlife we have on our doorstep.

Mark says, "Margaret Hodgett's wildlife articles made me try and get some good Rolleston wildlife photos as I had time for some local walks

in the lockdown time with my camera.

I regularly see these and many other birds and mammals on my runs around the local footpaths."

Mark Robinson



Oystercatchers near the Staythorpe Power Station



Sedge Warbler with its Mayfly breakfast

Deer on one of the fields next to the path from the Village Hall to the River Trent



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VJ Day Memories

Earlier this year, in May, we commemorated the 75th anniversary of VE Day in the village, despite having to observe the lockdown restrictions. Photos of the day were circulated in a special digital version of Rolleston Junction, mainly by email, although we did hand deliver some printed versions to folks we thought may not have access to email.

As a follow up, Eleanor Brettle wrote to us in August about her vivid memories of VJ Day (when the war finished in Japan, signifying the end of WWII).

"Following my memories of VE Day, can I risk boring you with a follow up of my VJ Day reminiscences.

I was at school harvest camp at Glenfield in Leicestershire when it was still quite a small village. We took our bikes and cycled out to various farms to help with the harvest, mostly stooking sheaves of wheat. We "camped" in the village school which was next to the graveyard. One girl had a full length white night dress and would wake us in the night cavorting around the room making ghostly

noises. I remember also this was the first time I had seen a bread slicing machine, used to prepare our packed lunches.

While we were out working on VJ Day the staff prepared an excellent meal and our cookery mistress (Miss Pye) made an enormous cake. They had dressed up in fancy, quickly made outfits, Miss Pye wore a large hat made from cabbage leaves. Surprise, surprise, we were allowed to join the dancing in the pub yard in the evening, I was 16 at the time.

Next day it rained heavily so we couldn't work. Four of us persuaded the caretaker to stoke up the boiler as we had found an old tin bath in the cellar. In turn we indulged in the luxury of a good old soak. Feeling refreshed we got on our bikes and cycled into Leicester to the pictures (cinema) and promptly fell asleep.

P.S. I never did have my official two day VJ holiday.

Regards to everyone,"

Eleanor Brettle

Rolleston Community Support (for Covid)

Here's an update from Thea Chaaban. As readers may know, Thea is a valued member of the Rolleston Junction team, but also instrumental in getting this volunteer group off the ground. We are very grateful to her, the main co-ordinators, and all the volunteers who offered to help our community during these challenging times.

"Back in March when the lockdown to combat Covid-19 was first initiated, we started a database of volunteers to help those shielding or isolating within the village. The group was set up with three main co-ordinators, Pati Colman, Amanda Beswick and Thea Chaaban. We began by sending out a village wide email and a mail drop to each house, informing people about the volunteer group for our community and asking for more volunteers to deliver the service to residents.

We received 40 offers for volunteering! The typical errands included shopping, prescription pickups, dog walking and making phone calls

to chat to those who were alone or felt isolated.

Most of the volunteers are now contacted directly by those with whom they have built up a relationship.

The response we had for volunteers was immense (and some have yet to be called upon) but it was truly amazing to see people come together during such uncertain and strange times. It was gratifying to see how we could all work together as a community through the difficult phases of the pandemic.

The scheme is still running today and will continue to run as needed. If you need assistance, here's a reminder of our contact details:

Thea Chaaban - 07956 20452930
Pati Colman - 07786 20937266
Amanda Beswick - 07779 20561934

Thank you everyone and stay safe,"

Thea Chaaban

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Ella's 100 Mile Charity Challenge

Ella Pearce decided to do a charity run for a great cause. We circulated the details through the village email for donations, but here is an update.

Following the abrupt end of my final year at Sherborne Girls, I returned home from boarding school and found myself restless as I wasn't doing the level of sport that I was previously completing. I, like many others of the population started the Couch to 5k program and started to really enjoy it and wanted to challenge myself as I'm not a born runner!

So, during the month of August I ran a total of 100 miles in aid of charity, called "Asha". This is an Indian charity who I went out to volunteer for in October 2018 in the slums of New Delhi.

The coronavirus lockdown has caused many families to lose their sole source of income and therefore their small amount of savings for food and healthcare are nearly depleted. Asha have created an emergency response team for those worst affected by Covid-19 providing food packages and emergency healthcare. As I am sure you probably know, the slums are extremely crowded with very poor ventilation, and minimal space to walk - let alone practice social distance.

I fell in love with the culture and people over in India and have been constantly thinking of them during this time and so I decided to do to help whilst I had time on my hands.

The weather wasn't too unkind to me, and I was able to miss the raindrops the majority of the time, but the heat was a whole different challenge. Even in the mornings when it was supposedly cooler!

I encountered a couple of health concerns halfway through which were dealt with but did set me back a little. I set my initial target at

£200 and very quickly smashed that. At the time of writing, my total stands at £730. I was on target to completing the 100 miles just in time for me starting the University of Nottingham to study Sport and Exercise Science having achieved AAB in my A-levels (Biology, Chemistry and Sport Science).

'Asha', in Hindi means 'hope', and I believe we all have relied on the thought of hope of a better tomorrow throughout this challenging time.

I would be really appreciative and grateful for any donation to help the charity and motivate me in my runs come rain or shine.

My just giving link is : <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ellas-100miles>

Many thanks,
Ella Pearce



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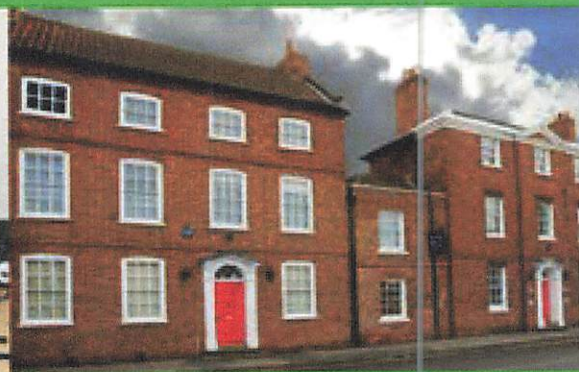
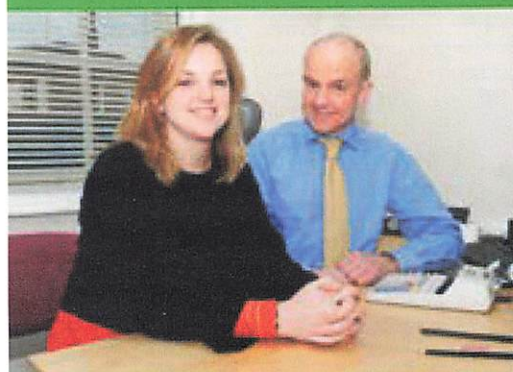
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Rolleston Book Club

Rolleston Book Group has met regularly since April via Zoom, all set up by Angela Moore for which we are very grateful.

We have read and discussed 6 books since lockdown, the most popular probably being *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee and *When All is Said* by Anne Griffin. Not everyone has wanted to or been able to join in discussions but those who have, have enjoyed the opportunity to compare notes and to see some friendly faces, albeit across the airwaves. The book for 7th December will be: **A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote** and hopefully we can share a virtual festive glass together while discussing it.

If you would like to join the Book Group or you just fancy some recommendations for your personal enjoyment our plans for 2021 are:

Tuesday 5th January:

The Fourth Shore by Virginia Baily

Further dates:

Wednesday 3rd February

Thursday 4th March

Monday 5th April

Book choices: tbc.

For more details or if you would like to join the Book Group please contact Pati Colman at Rolleston Villa / pati.colman@icloud.com / 01636 813260



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Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat please put a penny in the old man's hat.

By the time you read this Christmas will be even closer. But what kind of a Christmas will it be!?

I heard an episode of Desert Island Discs this week with Samantha Morton as the guest. She is a leading actress, director and winner of many awards. Her personal story began in Nottingham in a background of considerable difficulty and disadvantage. But she has come through.

As an actress learning her profession from an early age, she learned to observe and notice people, how they looked and moved.

There is a great deal to learn by simply 'noticing'. It is not far from what a great man once said 'consider how the lilies grow...not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these'.

How much do we 'notice' and give thanks? Or are we overly bothered with everyday concerns, what we should eat or drink or wear!? They are important but as the great man said 'life is more than food, and the body more than clothes'.

Christmas highlights this. I caught myself thinking (in October), 'oh my goodness what will we eat, where and with whom?'

Samantha Morton added a surprise to the

interview. She said that what had really helped her in all her struggles was faith! Faith not in herself nor her abilities or the kind people who helped her, but faith in the love of God to surround and guide her through every difficulty. A love that is always there even beyond our rational understanding.

I'm not sure I understand it, but I agree with Samantha Morton it is there...if you want to notice it.

The rhyme about Christmas isn't really about the traditional goose (turkey is a foreign import!), it's about noticing those to whom we can offer assistance.

Surely our life is about more than my food and my drink? Isn't it also about what we notice and are prepared to give? What have you noticed this week, and what might you do about it?

**If you haven't got a penny,
a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny,
then God bless you!**

What the great man said is in Luke 12: 22ff Blessings,

The Revd Phil

Links to recorded Zoom worship can be found every week at:
www.beneficeofwesttrent.org and remember, invitations to
worship just email me at any time please.

What we are planning....

As it may not be possible to have a traditional carol service this year we are working on an alternative... we hope to video record some readings, carols, etc to be part of a Zoom Christmas Carol Service which will be available to anyone. Details to come!

The Rolleston Sunf

Earlier in May this year, Pati Colman organised a Sunflower Competition for the village. Thanks to the generosity of The Power Station and an anonymous village benefactor, we had some wonderful prizes for children and the grown-ups!

The competition was well supported by the village. Of course, due to Covid restrictions, it had to be judged remotely. Villagers sent in photographs and the measurements of their potentially award-winning sunflower specimens. We had various 'classes' and the prizes were duly delivered by Pati, on the 17th August. Every entrant received a gift for entering, even those whose flowers never matured!

We had some wonderful reactions from people, especially the children, when Pati knocked at the door to present (socially distanced of course), the lucky ones with their prizes. The Power Station had provided us with some colourful, miniature gardening sets for the younger categories. The little ones were so thrilled that they'd won the competition, they literally danced on the doorstep.

We are happy to publish a selection of prize winners and entrants here, and a huge thank you to everyone who entered and joined in the fun. We are hoping that it might become an annual event. Here's to next year!

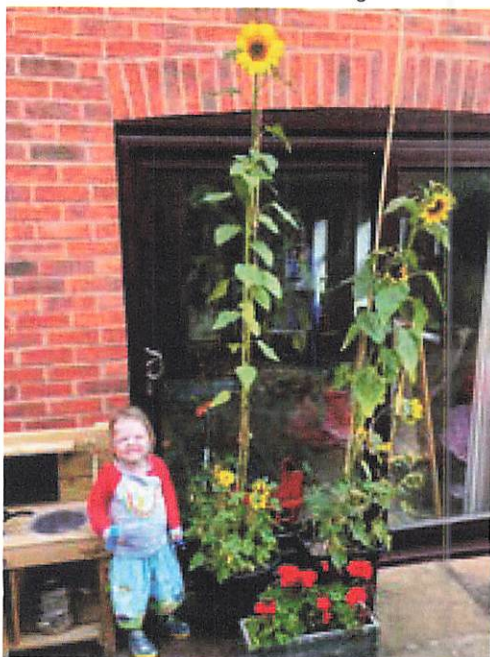
Pati said, "I think it's been a great success: people were genuinely thrilled to have won and it certainly brought a lot of smiles to a lot of faces ... just what a sunflower ought to do!"

A special thanks to Pati for organising it, supplying seed and starter pots, our independent judge, Michael Gemson, and the team at Staythorpe Power Station for sponsoring the competition. It brought us joy.

Carole Chandler



1st Prize - Sienna & Natalie Lilley



2nd Prize - Elizabeth Grange

Flower Competition



Competition Results

Sienna & Natalia Lilley	1st Prize - Best in Show
Tracey and Matt Lilley	Consolation Prize
Elizabeth Grange	2nd Prize - Happiest Sunflower
Carole Chandler	Smiliest Sunflower and Owner
Louise and Eve Whitehead	On behalf of Mavis and Shelia the Wonder Flowers
Noah and Claudia Blanshard	Super Sunflower
Harriet Burton	Most Luscious Foliage
Ethan, Oscar and Isaac Thackeray	One Out of Three
Zoe Smith	Splendid Sunflower
Paul Smith	Special Sunflower
Kate Haydock	Most Delicious Foliage - as judged by the snails!
Tom and Jane Geraghty	Consolation Prize
Michelle and Tony Hillary	Consolation Prize
Amelia, Benjamin and Natsha Lawday	Consolation Prize
Laura Baldock	Consolation Prize
Katie Taylor	Consolation Prize
Sammi Chaaban	Consolation Prize

The Sassy Sunflower Girls

We received the following from Louise Whitehead in August, at the height of our sunflower competition when tensions were high, and so were the plants!

Louise reported on the friendly competitiveness our sunflower competition evoked in her family!

"My eldest Eve (23 years), and myself (54 years), have enjoyed a bit of healthy competitiveness with our sunflowers!

We decided that they were ladies; mine is, "Mavis", and hers is, "Sheila". Both came from the Rolleston seeds, provided by Pati.

Mavis was in a pot and took an early lead with her strong thick stalk and enormous flower, but didn't make it with the height and is now, not looking so good. She peaked too early.

Sheila is in the ground and had a slow start, she was very needy with the watering, scaring us a few times with her regular wilting! She gradually grew and took over Mavis and has only just started to open.

These ladies became part of the family over lockdown and family and friends regularly enquired as to, "how the girls are". They have both made it to Instagram and

Facebook also! Eve has taken her responsibility with Sheila seriously and connected with nature more whilst being furloughed.

All in all, a great time has been had by all thank you.

We have a third sunflower, not in the competition, called Vera, (she's South African and is a "Velvet Queen", given to us by Angela Sanders next door). Vera has shown the English girls how it's done - she is a lovely red colour, been no trouble at all, is taller and seems to have many more flowers coming!"

Louise Whitehead

Editor's note: We are delighted to report that both Louise and her daughter, Eve, were awarded prizes for Mavis and Sheila in the "Wonder Flower" category.

Photos below of Mavis, Sheila and, even though she wasn't in the competition, the magnificent Vera.



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65th Anniversary

Our congratulations to Frank and Jean Mitchell who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary, 1st October. Best wishes to both of them.

Wedding Congratulations

Our congratulations and our best wishes for the future go to Conor and Lucy, who are residents of the village and got married Friday, 21st August. Sandie Pearson, Conor's grandma said, "We had a lovely family reception at Lucy's parents in Bleasby. Conor loves living back in Rolleston and has taken over from his Grandfather Nick with visits to the pub!"



Sandie sent us a lovely wedding photo and couldn't resist sending us a photo of young Conor opening the new village hall!

Welcome to New Residents

The team at the Junction, and all 'Rollestonians', would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has moved into the village since the coronavirus crisis started at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, we can't welcome you in person, like we normally would do.

During these times, it is important to make sure you are on the village email list for important announcements and updates. If you agree,

please can you provide your email address to rollestonjunction@gmail.com so that your household can be included? And, an appeal to all residents, if you have someone who's moved in next door, can you write to us and let us know?

We are very reliant on this information to keep our records up to date. The database is protected and confidential and you won't be blitzed with information.

BOUNCING BABIES

Baby news is such good news isn't it? Four babies as far as we know, were born in the village. So that's wonderful and congratulations!

Baby Grace



Laura Bosworth wrote to us and said, "Laura, Nicky and Ellie welcome Baby Grace to the family. Born 4th July, weighing 7lb 1 oz. The picture is Ellie holding her new sister, Grace."

Baby Lilac

Alex Turnbull, (our local tree surgeon), wrote to us to announce that he and his partner have a new addition to the family. He is proud to announce a sister to brother Teddy, who is highly delighted. The new baby girl is called, Lilac Lorena Turnbull. Alex said, "We named her Lilac after a lilac tree, and in honour of the family business. Lorena is after Bonnie's Mum."

Congratulations to Penny Lester who is about to become a grandmother (fingers crossed!) Her daughter Emily and her partner are in the final stages of adopting two children. We wish them every happiness!

Baby Freddie



Congratulations also go to Conor and Lucy, on their birth of their new baby, Freddie Nicholas James Pearson, who was born 23rd July, weighing in at 9lbs 8oz.

Baby Rupert



We are also delighted to announce that Angela Moore, (daughter of Kathy and Alec Jezewski), has had a baby boy. Rupert Alexander Moore, born 1st October, weighing 7lb 14oz. Alec and Kathy are thrilled to have their first grandchild.



Staycation anyone?

UK breaks, often referred to as 'Staycations', have become popular; they are certainly very topical during these challenging times. So, we are pleased to give a mention to Andy and Anna Owen and their local Motorhome hire business, based in Rolleston. Holidays Motorhome Hire was launched 2 years ago. Anna says, "Our motorhomes are modern, clean and well equipped with a kitchen, shower, toilet, heating, hot water and even a king-sized double bed! We are dog friendly; up to two well behaved dogs are permitted." The UK does indeed have some amazing scenery, and as long as you follow the latest Covid restrictions regarding locations you can visit, and the current advice, motorhomes offer a flexible alternative to tour the countryside and coast. For enquiries, or more information, visit their website: www.holidaysmotorhomehire.co.uk or call Andy: 07977 061129



Messages of thanks

We enjoyed receiving all your stories, news and kind comments. We also received a number of messages, where folks just wanted to say, 'thank you'. We are delighted to publish them here.

Laura Bosworth: "We would like to thank everyone who bought plants off my stall this summer. I raised £125 which I donated to the Friends of Newark hospital."

Elizabeth Blakey: "I should like to express my gratitude for the caring behaviour of so many friends and neighbours and especially to Thea, Pati and Amanda. It has meant a great deal to me. Very best wishes."

The Junction team would like to second that, Elizabeth. We really are fortunate to live in the community of Rolleston, and a special thanks to the Community Support Team and the fabulous job they continue to do.

Kay and Brian Smith wrote to us in August: "As a couple of Octogenarians, we do not have an excess of energy when it comes to extra curricula activities helping the village, but we are always both surprised and pleased to see the wealth of wonderful volunteers in our community. Producers of The Junction, Parish Councillors, Village Hall helpers, Church Wardens and a host of other volunteers. This morning at 9.00 am I saw Christine and Peter Salter busy cleaning the Village Telephone box and thought how lucky we are to have such villagers. You all deserve a Medal. Many thanks and best wishes."



WELL DONE

A number of our younger residents received their results over the summer, or graduated (without a formal ceremony) because of Covid. We wish them every success in the future. Some are going on to further study while others go on to start their careers. We wish them every success in the future, despite the difficult year. The 'class of 2020' will turn out to be the most robust of individuals and we are very proud of them.

We are delighted to summarize their successes below, congratulations and well done to:

Evie Beadles



Evie Beadles, granddaughter of Ken and Eileen, has achieved grades A, A, B in Maths, Physics and Chemistry. Evie has secured a place at Bath University to undertake a Pharmacy degree. Eileen sent us a message: "Well done Evie! We wish you all the best in your future ventures, lots of love, from Bro Eli, Dad & Mum, Ian and Sarah and proud grandparents Ken & Eileen".

Ella Pearce

Ella Pearce, is off to the University of Nottingham to study Sport and Exercise Science, having achieved AAB in her A-levels (Biology, Chemistry and Sport Science).

Editor's note: Ella has also been very busy during the summer, taking on the challenge of a 100 mile charity run. Please find her article on page 16 of this edition.

Alex Robinson

Alex Robinson, got a First Class Honours, BSc Medicine, at UCL in July 2020. Alex has still got 3 more years training and is studying to qualify as a doctor, but this is a great milestone along the way.

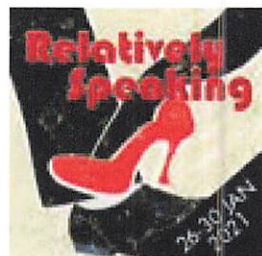
Jack Stafford



Jack Stafford, son of Andrew and Julie, graduated with a 2:1 BSc International Business Management with Spanish from Newcastle University. Andrew Stafford, Jack's father, wrote to us and said, "Under the circumstances Jack has done really well to get a job - he's working as a Business Development Associate at Yordex in London - a software company. Currently, due to Covid restrictions, Jack is doing one day in London and four in Rolleston."

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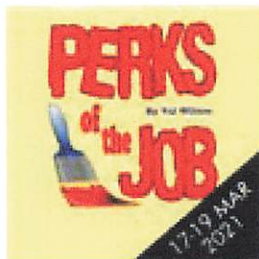
Relatively Speaking by Alan Ayckbourn

26 to 30 January 2021, plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Relatively Speaking was Alan Ayckbourn's first West End success, having been originally performed in Scarborough in 1965, under the dreadful title of Meet my Father. It was written at the request of Stephen Joseph who asked him for a play which would make people laugh when their seaside summer holidays were spoiled by the rain and they came into the theatre to get dry. Ayckbourn says "The launch of my play Relatively Speaking in 1967 in London's West End, when I was still under 30 was my big break. It came at the right time: it was a French window play at a period when most plays were set around kitchen sinks. I think the critics breathed a collective sigh of relief: instead of dirty dishes and angry northerners they had

shiny southerners having breakfast in the sunshine." Greg and Ginny are living together and Greg wants to get married. Ginny goes to visit her parents without him and he decides to follow her. However Ginny is really going to visit her older married lover to insist the affair is over, but Greg arrives first and mistakes the ex-lover Phillip and his wife Sheila, for Ginny's parents, resulting in a series of hilarious scenes and major confusion. This is a play which, although Ayckbourn willingly describes it as a period piece, has certainly stood the test of time. It is as fresh and hysterically funny as when first written; so if you want two hours of pure escapism, and who doesn't these days, then then Relatively Speaking is the one for you.

DRAMA BEGIN...



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by Val Wilson

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Wednesdays in the Village Hall

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3rd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea and cake etc (Free), bacon cobs (£1)

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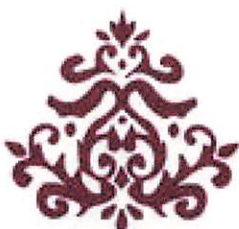
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