

# The Rolleston **Junction**

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# Zoom Dates for your Diary

April 6th	Book Club - 7.00pm (email pati.colman@icloud.com for Zoom invite)
April 12th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm (email chrissalter2000@yahoo.com for Zoom invite)
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June 3rd	Book Club - 7.00pm
June 7th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm
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July 15th	Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm

**AS WE GO TO PRESS, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ANNOUNCE ANY EVENTS WITH CERTAINTY.  
WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED BY VILLAGE EMAIL.**

## Village Hall Lotto

Here is the latest Village Hall Lotto news.  
We are looking forward to a time when the village hall can open again.

We have seven vacant numbers:



The winner is decided each week based on the Bonus Ball in the Saturday National Lottery Draw and receives £50.

Latest winners are:

Mark Robinson, Glenice Walton, Mark Pearce, Penny Shaw, Abs Chaaban,

Michelle Hillary, Sandra Sawyer, Liz Garrod, Brian Smith and Carol Jennings.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Village Lottery. Covid restrictions have drastically reduced our income for the Village Hall. The lotto is a key part of our funding.

If you'd like another number, or know anyone who might like to take part, (perhaps encourage a friend or neighbour!),

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# Hello Again

## From the Junction Team!

**This issue represents less of a "What's On", and more of a "What's going on?" in our village, as we hopefully reach the latter stages of lockdown. At the time we go to press, there's little in the way of events, but the big news is the Covid vaccination programme. We include some personal accounts of the vaccinated - and also what it's like to become a volunteer vaccinator.**

In other news, many of you will have noticed the racecourse planning application (ref:20/02508/FULM) that could have a significant impact on our village. (See Sue Saddington's article, the latest Parish Council minutes and the Rolleston Junction email we circulated 8th February). During the lockdown it's especially important we keep aware of what's going on. Parish Council meetings can be accessed through Zoom.

Karl and Kat have been busy with enhancements to the pub and the outdoor areas. Here's to the day we can raise a pint (or two) at the Dapper Spaniel and enjoy a meal out.

And speaking about looking forward to things, we present a review of some of the village events over the years, as a celebration of our community. Thanks to everyone who sent in their photo evidence!

Pati and Arne Colman describe their litter picking excursions and what unusual things they have found in trees and on the ground. "Unusual" being the polite word for it. We are grateful for their wanderings and hopefully we

can recruit more Wombles to the cause. There's still time to enter our 'Art of the Village' exhibition, open to everyone, with your creations on display in your gardens or windows, April 24th- 25th.

Thank you for contributing your articles, photos, and good humour. And a big shout out to our advertisers and sponsors too, without whom this would not be possible.

Keep well, stay safe and here's to the continuing vaccine rollout.

Best wishes,

**Carole, Thea and Tony**

*Sincere thanks are due to Gill Rowles, Pati Colman and Frank Mitchell for their significant help with this issue. Thanks also to Mark Robinson for his local wildlife photos (including the one on the front cover), and of course, Margaret's Hodgett's wonderful notes on nature.*



# First Vac

**In January, a number of our residents received their first vaccinations against the Covid-19 virus. This was a such a positive step forward and a major milestone in fighting this virus. So, we asked for their comments about the experience ...**



## **Eileen & Ken Beadles**

“ This past year living through a pandemic is continuing to be difficult for us all, but when news of the vaccines began to appear, I think everyone’s mood lifted a little. Ken and I were thrilled to book our appointment for our first dose on 28th December. We

felt as if we could jump over the moon (hardly, as I can barely walk without crutches at the moment following my hip operation in September). A light was surely glimmering at the end of a very long dark tunnel. When the day dawned, I didn’t realise Kings Mill hospital had so many car parks hidden away. Staff inside the hospital were numerous and very efficient, moving us smoothly through the necessary procedures: form filling, questionnaires, temperature checking (twice) - until we reached our vaccination point. Ours were the Pfizer BioNtec; the nurse had to wait for our vials to be fetched from storage and said that they’d spent the past six hours being brought from the deep freeze (-70-80C) to reach the appropriate temperature. The young nurses administering the injection told us they had also received their vaccine during the first week of roll-out. Afterwards, we stayed in a large room for 15 minutes, supervised by a nurse, just in case of an adverse reaction. Everyone we saw was fine. When we were free to leave we felt as if we were walking on air! What a relief. Our follow-up has been rescheduled to 8th March, a ten week gap, but we feel happy that this enables many more people to receive their first vaccinations. We feel so grateful that many others in the top age and



vulnerable groups are now receiving this life-saving treatment and have nothing but praise for our NHS and the many volunteers. ”

## Brian & Kay Smith

“ Kay received an email from the Southwell U3A with details of a telephone number for booking vaccine appointments. We immediately got onto it and passed this information on to others. We spent 1 hour and 50 minutes on the phone; we were kept informed all the time, which number we were in the queue and eventually went from “55 calls ahead of you,” to speaking to the operator. A date was given for 10 days time and off we went to Kings Mill Hospital. We were most impressed with the whole service: from the speed of passing us through the registration process and then receiving the vaccine, followed by a 15 minute rest period. We were all done in less than an hour. As a terminal hypochondriac who does not do pain, I have to say it was so slick I did not feel a thing, and no after effects. We have now been given a date for the booster. Well done Kings Mill and a big thank you for an excellent service. Anybody with reservations, forget it - just go and get it done. ”

## Frank & Jean Mitchell

“ Jean and I had our jabs on 4th January at the conference centre at Kings Mill Hospital (right round the back, with its own car park). It was well organised: simple book-in process, a socially distanced (seated) queuing system, a painless jab and a 15 minute wait before being allowed to go home. No pain or side effects. ”

## Tony Hillary

“ I thought it was a very smooth operation at the Newark Showground. You realise just how many good logistics people there are as well – what a mighty project! Prof Jonathan Van-Tam lives outside Newark and he’s also been doing vaccinations. What a star! ”

Editor’s note: We have been advised as we go to press, that the official advice now is to please wait for a letter from your GP. Then you can use the on-line booking system or telephone line as advised in your letter.

# Volunteering to



**Whilst COVID has no doubt been a very difficult experience for the whole country, it has also brought out the best in our local communities. Our key workers have been doing an incredible job and here in Rolleston, everyone has been fantastic; in some way or other, everyone has been doing their bit.**

For me, I decided to volunteer with the St John's Ambulance Service, and I am just one of the 30,000 volunteers that the St John's will be recruiting by March this year. These volunteers will support the NHS vaccination programme by working alongside NHS staff to help look after the public before and after their vaccinations, and to administer the vaccination itself.

It does take a degree of commitment to complete the process; there is an online application, a telephone interview and some online modules to complete. Depending on which role you apply for there may also be some face-to-face training before you are ready to go.

There has been some criticism as to the extent of training required just 'to stick a needle in someone's arm', but the volunteers do need to be informed and educated to a level that enables them to be a real help to the NHS, and not a hindrance. So, they must be fully aware of all the Health and Safety requirements that come with working in a vaccination centre, be able to engage with a range of people, some of whom are very vulnerable or anxious; they must be able to respond to queries and know when and where to seek advice. They need to be able to help with any first aid issues that arise, and those administering the vaccine need to fully understand the associated legal responsibilities.



# Vaccinate



However, the online training can be done at your own pace and it's interesting and informative. The face-to-face training day is run in an absolutely COVID secure way and I personally found it really uplifting and exciting to be part of a team, preparing to play their small part in helping beat this virus.

I now have my T shirt and badge and a link to my area lead volunteer who checks in with us on a regular basis by phone, text and Zoom'. Currently in our area, St Johns Ambulance volunteers are supporting vaccination centres in Lincoln, Nottingham, Mansfield, and Boston with many more coming on stream in the next couple of weeks.

As I write this, I have so far covered four shifts at Boston, where the need for volunteers was the greatest. Everyone has been incredibly welcoming, and there is real positive buzz about the place. There are always local businesses popping by with biscuits, cake, and fruit, and one week we had beautiful daffodils and hyacinth posies donated too. We are vaccinating up to 1,000 people a day, and with friendly staff and volunteers, and a grateful public, it is both humbling and joyful to be there.

St John's Ambulance volunteers are asked to do a minimum of two shifts a month but they can do as many they wish. As time goes on, the likelihood is that some NHS staff, currently doing extra shifts, will need

to take time off, or revert to normal duties. However, the numbers needing vaccinating will continue to rise and so volunteers are going continue to play an important part in supporting the vaccination programme for many months to come.

In 1972, Jimmy Reid said, in his famous speech, 'Alienation': "Man is a social being. Real fulfilment for any person lies in service to his fellow men and women."

He couldn't have imagined how strongly that would resonate with us here in Rolleston, today. So, whilst we all know that volunteering undoubtedly requires commitment, certainly for me, my current volunteering role is proving to be a fulfilling experience.

## Gill Rowles

Editor's note: a huge thank you to Gill and other volunteers as well as all the keyworkers in our community. You are all greatly appreciated. If you have an uplifting story, one that you can share, don't forget to write to us at [rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonjunction@gmail.com)



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**MP FOR NEWARK**  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
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**The vaccine rollout is proceeding well. The Government are continuing to order more doses, adding yet again to our growing armoury of vaccines.**

As part of the national vaccination programme, a vaccine has now been offered to every eligible resident at every care home across the country. The rollout has been significantly better than we hoped for, at time of writing, 91% of over-80s, 95% of people in their late 70s, and almost 75% of people in their early 70's have received the vaccine. A total of 12.2 million vaccinations have been given across the country which is equivalent to approximately 1 in 4 adults in the UK. The pace of the vaccine rollout is imperative to protect those who are most vulnerable to the virus and a huge step forward to bring us closer to some normality.

I want to thank everyone involved in this national effort, from the Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Volunteers. Without you we would not be able to reach such a high number. Locally I have had constituents of all qualifying ages from Rolleston get in touch about the positive experiences they have had at our local vaccination centres. Nottinghamshire got off to a slightly slower start than I would have liked, for a range of reasons and I have stayed in close contact with the local team behind the

programme. However, Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have assured me that we are on track to achieve the Prime Minister's target of offering a vaccine to everyone over 70 and those who are clinically vulnerable by the middle of February. The pace is quickening and of course the Newark Showground site has made a world of difference in terms of convenience.

Everyone over 70, and those who are clinically vulnerable, should have received a letter inviting them to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre. The letter contains an online link to book but if you are unable to access the internet, call 0115 883 4640. However, please book online if possible, so people who do not have internet access can get through on the phone. I know it can be hard for some in Rolleston to get to the vaccination centre; the letter also includes help and options for transport. If you have not received a letter you should now contact the NHS, whether that is through your GP surgery or by the national helpline number which is 119.

It's critical that everyone gets vaccinated when their time comes. There is some hesitancy in coming forward, particularly amongst some communities and we all have a role to play in building trust in the





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vaccine and encouraging friends and family to have it. I've been working with councils, community groups and faith leaders across the country to help them play a role in countering misinformation and reaching out to those who haven't yet been vaccinated. I visited the first mosque to become a vaccine centre last weekend in Birmingham for example.

Although there has been some concern over the South African Variant, according

to Professor Jonathan Van-Tam and the data we have, the South African Variant does not have a distinct transmissibility advantage over the Kent variant, which is the dominant strain in the UK, meaning there is no reason to believe it will be dominant here.

As always, if you need any assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at: **robert.jenrick.mp@parliament.uk**



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# Rolleston Parish Council

**With the latest national restrictions still in place at the time of writing, Parish Councils have once again been prevented from holding open public meetings in person. The solution to the problem, as with so many other work-arounds during the pandemic, has been to turn to digital technology, and the phenomenon of Parish Council meetings by “Zoom” was born!**

The big surprise has been how effective this has proved to be in ensuring that the business of the Parish Council continues uninterrupted, whilst enabling a wider range of parishioners to fully contribute to the many important matters for the village.

Our experience is not one which has been enjoyed universally - many of you will have seen the spectacle of Handsforth Parish Council whose meeting on “Zoom” in December “went viral” with the filmed recording trending on several platforms, (if you haven’t seen it search for: Handsforth Parish Council meeting descends into chaos) – but for Rolleston it has worked.

What has been particularly encouraging to see is the number of “new faces” joining meetings. Typically, face-to-face meetings of the Parish Council often only attract a handful of members of the public, but the ability to join meetings from the comfort of your own home has led to more parishioners logging in to see the Parish Council in action, and increasingly making important contributions to the discussions (often sustained by a glass of wine during the proceedings – but not for Councillors, of course!).

The format also enables representatives from our District and County Councils to continue to join our meetings, but also have the ability to log into meetings of other Parish Councils in their districts, many of which are held on the same nights. At our February meeting, for example, we were joined by District and County Councillors at the beginning of the meeting, who then logged out to contribute to Fiskerton & Morton Parish Council’s meeting, then re-joined our meeting, bringing with them some useful feedback on discussions held in our neighbouring parish. All in all, a far more efficient use of their time.

At the time of writing, the current Covid legislation is due to end on 6th May and the advice from the National Association of Local Councils is that this means that from 7th May, Parish Councils can only hold face-to-face meetings as remote meetings will then be unlawful. Whilst a return to the pre-Covid way of life is naturally to be hugely welcomed by everyone, it would be great if we could sustain the increased level of interest and contribution to Parish Council meetings which we have seen during the period of “Zoom”. In a small parish such as Rolleston, much can be achieved if a higher representative number of villagers feel encouraged to engage in discussions about the important matters of the village, and one of the challenges for the Parish Council will be to explore ways in which this new-found engagement can be sustained.

**Tim Harries**

Chairman - Rolleston Parish Council



# Claire's Kitchen

## Rhubarb Recipes

I love rhubarb.... I think it's because one of my first memories is of eating a freshly pulled stalk dipped into sugar, held for some reason in the corner of an envelope, a used one of course, it was the sixties! Dad always had, and still does have, a big rhubarb patch up behind the greenhouse. A good job actually as my own attempts to establish rhubarb have all ended in failure. However, rhubarb is easy to come by from the forced bright pink sort available from January until about March, to the maincrop right through to August. (Don't be tempted to eat the leaves as they contain Oxalic Acid which is poisonous).

### Poached Rhubarb

500g rhubarb, 1 orange, (zest and juice), 100g caster sugar (or to taste).

Depending on your Rhubarb, cut off both ends, wipe the stem, then chop into 3cm chunks. Use a peeler to remove any coarse stringy bits if your rhubarb is a bit older.

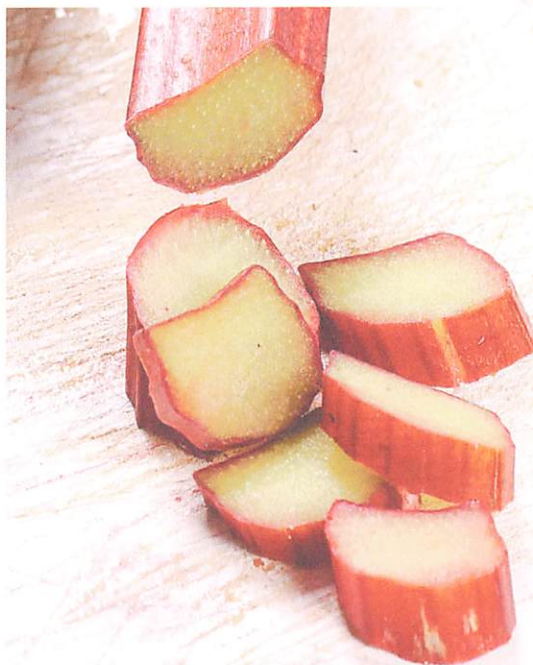
Put in a pan with the sugar and orange and 2 tbslp water and cook for a few minutes until cooked but holding its shape.

You can now use this in a crumble or pie, or top a Cheesecake made with a gingernut base – delicious - or spoon on your breakfast muesli or just eat it with a dollop of yoghurt or cream.

Rhubarb also goes well with savoury dishes especially pork or white fish, using the basic poached mixture as a colourful accompaniment.

### Rhubarb Gin

Cut up 1kg rhubarb into chunks and put in a large screw top jar with 400g caster sugar. (Don't use golden caster sugar, as it spoils the gorgeous colour.) Shake and leave for 24 hours as the sugar starts to draw out the juice from the rhubarb, then add 800ml gin and leave for 4 weeks, shaking gently when you think about it. Strain through a sieve lined with muslin or good quality paper towel and pour into a bottle to hopefully enjoy this summer with some tonic and ice - and maybe share with some friends too; now that would be nice.



## Rolleston - a great place to live

**When you think about the quality of our life in Rolleston compared to, for example, living in a high rise flat in the middle of a city, you do realise just what we have in our village. Here are my 15 reasons why Rolleston is a great place to live:**

1. The scale of the village – just the right size, not too big, not too small.
2. A good mixture of ages ranging from young families to seniors.
3. Really good schools including Lowes Wong, Holy Trinity and The Minster.
4. A friendly, supportive village culture – our Covid Volunteers being a great example.
5. An excellent well-presented Gastro Pub.
6. A modern well used village hall.
7. An exceptionally well equipped play park.
8. Lots of interesting walks.
9. Many well supported community activities in normal times.
10. Within walking distance to Southwell Racecourse and Southwell Golf Course.
11. Fast fibre optic internet.
12. An improving train service.

13. A beautiful church whose origins date back more than 1000 years.

14. Secure - very little crime.

15. The historic Kate Greenaway connection.

Aren't we lucky?

**Tony Hillary**



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# NEWS FROM **CLLR ROGER BLANEY**

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## **Balancing the books can be challenging.**

In early March, Newark & Sherwood District Council will be setting its budget and hence its Council Tax level for 2021/22. Although we collect all the Council Tax you pay, we do so on behalf of the County Council, the Police and the Fire Authority, retaining barely 10% of the total to fund the wide range of services we provide.

Setting our budget a year ago was straightforward. There were the usual certainties and just the need to factor in the impact of new activities or the restructuring of existing services, in particular the savings from bringing the management of our council house stock back in-house. However, who could have predicted that our leisure centres, the Palace Theatre and our National Civil War Centre would be required to close for much of the year - or that usage of the Council's car parks in Newark would fall so dramatically? All these and other consequences of the Covid pandemic have had a huge impact on our budgeted income levels, although Government support has helped to offset these.

Setting our budget this year feels very different. The usual certainties have gone. How soon will things return to normal? What, indeed, will be the new normal? Will government support continue – at the same or at a lower level? So many others face the same questions, but that doesn't make the task of forecasting or budget setting any easier. Fortunately, our finances are in a sound position. Over the past decade, we have restructured services, reduced costs and prudent

financial management has enabled us to build up healthy reserves. 'Fix the roof while the sun shines', as someone once said!! As a result (and not giving anything away), I am still confident that any increase in Council Tax from 1st April will be no greater than the 1.9% it was for 2020/21.

In recent years, some Councils, needing to generate additional income, have invested in office or retail developments for example, whilst others have set up wholly-owned energy or insurance companies. Much has been written in the national press questioning the wisdom of these decisions. Newark & Sherwood chose a different path. We set up Arkwood, a wholly-owned development company charged with delivering homes for open market sale. Its first site is on Bowbridge Road, Newark, on land adjacent to our leisure centre and to Gladstone House, our recently-built extra care housing complex.

Arkwood is on track to deliver its first dividend in 2022/23. This will deliver greater income (at around 7%), than the revenue we could have generated from traditional long-term investments. So, not only will Arkwood deliver additional income, but it is already providing local employment and will add to our housing stock and our future Council Tax income. This is a 'win-win' situation and the establishment of Arkwood is proving to be a decision that is sustainable, will contribute to the Council's finances and help to keep future Council Tax increases lower than they would be otherwise.

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# Country File



**Inspired by Nature**

## **Observations, Enigmas and Rolleston birds.**

Why does a magpie, with what appears to be obvious relish, enter shallow water and turn over floating leaves, whilst jackdaws remain on the shoreline "paddling" on the spot, and then peer down at their feet? Why, when a jackdaw strides out over ice (perhaps a new medium?) do others fail to follow?

Why have the green and the great spotted woodpeckers rarely been seen in December or January, but both, usually the females, appear again in late January or February? Others not seen for weeks include the barn owl and the bullfinch. The heron too has been missing from its normal hunting ground.

Why has the wood pigeon taken to eating snow on top of the ice in the bird bath, yet has not been seen eating snow anywhere else? Does the unexpected arrival of the sparrowhawk on the garden fence explain the lack of sightings of the female kestrel in the nearby hawthorn?



Buzzard

On a happier note... an overcast morning was lifted when a skylark sang as it rose to dizzying heights whilst a pair of yellowhammers posed on top of a hedgerow. A promise of Spring round the corner?

## **Margaret Hodgett**

*Editor's Note: with thanks to Mark Robinson for the photos, all taken in or around Rolleston.*



Kestrel



# Kate Greenaway Action Group

The Kate Greenaway Action Group was formed in 2019 with the purpose of exploring and then promoting the connection between Kate Greenaway and the village.

Kate Greenaway (1846-1901) was a Victorian artist and writer who was known primarily for her children's book illustrations. Although she lived in Rolleston for a while as a young child, she spent most of her childhood summers here. The village, its people, and the surrounding countryside were the inspiration for her most popular works.

## **The Group have decided on an overall plan which is:**

- To check the facts around where and when Kate Greenaway stayed in our village and the locality.
- To build up a picture of what Rolleston would have looked like at the time (1846-1866).
- To have a commemorative plaque affixed to Ulyatt's Cottage, (the house in which Kate Greenaway stayed during her visits here.)
- To design an information leaflet and set up an audio trail allowing people to access a website which would contain additional information.

The group's planned programme was de-railed by the arrival of Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns. However, we met in September and had a Zoom meeting in October.

## **So far, we have achieved:**

- A compilation of information about some of the key buildings and features of the village which can be incorporated into the Trail and accompanying information.
- A compendium of flowers mentioned by Kate Greenaway's journal.
- Location of the graves of Mr & Mrs Chappell, (the couple who Kate Greenaway called 'Mamam' and 'Daddad' and who lived in what is now called Ulyatt's Cottage).



- Connections with other places of interest; Fiskerton, Farndon, Newark and Southwell.
- The agreement of Nottinghamshire County Council that we can erect a commemorative plaque on Ulyatt's Cottage.

## **Future action will include:**

- The design and commissioning of the commemorative plaque.
- The planting of a flowerbed based on flowers known and loved by Kate Greenaway on what is now known as the Corner Farm green space, but may in the future, be named after her.
- The design of an information leaflet and the setting up of an audio trail linked to an information website.
- Pursuing local resources through the Minster School and the Minster to assist us with setting up the website, procuring funding and involving young people.

If your house, or part of it, was built in or before 1846, please let us know and include any information which you might have from your deeds etc.

If you would like to join The Kate Greenaway Action Group, or you have a particular area of knowledge or a skill set that might be useful to the Group, please contact Pati Colman.

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# A Look Back at Village



**Sometimes you have to look back, in order to look forward.** In this Spring issue, we thought we'd feature some of the fabulous events that took place in Rolleston over the years, from the old village hall to the new village hall, and 'sporting' events like the Olympiads! We hope this brings back lots of happy memories of times past. Although we know life won't return to normal in the short term, we can still look forward to a time when we can all celebrate together again. Top marks for recognising the faces, the places, and the occasions. Just for fun, send your answers to [rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonjunction@gmail.com). Do write in, we love to hear from you! With kind acknowledgements to Gill Rowles, Frank Mitchell, Alec Jezewski and Sandie and Nick Pearson, for providing photo evidence!







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# Events...





# Rolleston Book Club

**Rolleston Book Group continues to meet every month at 7pm on different evenings of the first week in the month.** This is to allow everyone who wants to join us to do so at some point. To help structure the meeting, the person who has chosen the book prepares some questions in advance, which allows everyone to speak if they so wish. Along with many other groups these days, we are currently meeting via Zoom. This doesn't suit everyone, but those who do attend, (usually about 8 of us), enjoy the opportunity to get together and discuss the chosen book. This year we have read *The Fourth Shore* by Virginia Baily, which took us to Libya, and our next books will

take us to North Carolina, Malaya (Malaysia) and Lincolnshire.

In our February meeting we discussed, 'Where The Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owen and in March we talked about, 'The Garden of Evening Mists' by Tan Twang Eng.

Next Meeting: 7p.m. Tuesday 6th April – 'On Chapel Sands' by Laura Cummings. For future dates, see Zoom Dates for your Diary, page 2 of this magazine.

Anyone in the village is welcome to join us and, even if you don't fancy a Zoom meeting, you can always use our book choices to guide your personal reading. **please contact Pati Colman on [pati.colman@icloud.com](mailto:pati.colman@icloud.com)**



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# Reverend Phil

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**I hope you are keeping healthy in body, mind and soul during our Covid incarceration.** I joined a Zoom group the other day for 'peer support'. The counsellor leading the session asked the six of us to introduce ourselves. This seemed like a fairly straightforward thing to do. As I introduced myself, I looked at the other faces on screen and commented, 'It's interesting being the only man present'. (Ha ha!). The response was, 'Well you're not, there is 'x' present too'.

Oh no, I thought, but he looked ... I hung my head in shame. If I can't even tell the difference between male and female on screen, what can I be sure of?

Covid has introduced many uncertainties we have not seen before. Will I catch it? Is it 'like flu'? Will I end up in an ICU fighting for breath? What does 2m look like? Can I see my grandchildren? When will I be vaccinated, and will it protect me? When will it end? Should I follow the rules, or are they guidelines? Do I think of myself or others first?

We like a sense of certainty. So many have said to me over the years, 'I envy your faith and the certainty that must bring'. Well actually, your envy is misplaced. Having faith in a loving God brings as many questions as not having faith. Life is full of uncertainty, faith or not.

Perhaps faith's importance is not in providing certainty but offering significance in uncertainty. To maintain a healthy soul, do we not need the possibility of there being more to this life than what we can see, feel or touch, or the hope of love being a universal value sustained by more than human effort?

Having faith won't prevent me confusing male or female faces and making a fool of myself, nor solve the pandemic, but might give me something that nothing else can. There is no vaccination against uncertainties, but I hope you get your Covid vaccination soon!

Best wishes

**The Revd. Phil**

**Zoom worship continues. You are welcome to access the link on the website, [www.beneficeofwesttrent.org](http://www.beneficeofwesttrent.org) - or email me to ask for an invitation: [phil\\_07@btinternet.com](mailto:phil_07@btinternet.com)**



# Cllr Sue Saddington

**As I write this short report, we are in our third lockdown but looking ahead to being invited to have the Covid vaccination which hopefully will make the summer this year, a little different from the last.**

Over the last few months, life has continued in Rolleston.

Regarding the railway crossing barriers, I am aware some barriers continue to fail which is unacceptable when residents are cut off from their homes, or the 'world outside' of their village. Having had several meetings with Network Rail expressing my concerns, I have arranged a meeting on February 16th for 2 representatives from each of the Trent side Parish Councils to attend. This will allow Network Rail to account to the public for their failings and for the Parish Councillors to ask questions of them.

I recognise Southwell racecourse currently have a planning application (ref: 20/02508/FULM), which is raising concerns to many residents in the village. I am doing my best to represent you to ensure we have a suitable outcome, although, as with any planning application, there are always policies to follow. I can inform you at this current time, I have asked Nottinghamshire County Council to speak with Newark and Sherwood District Council Officers to try to obtain accurate, technical information on the

proposed surface and any concerns which could result from using it.

Looking outside and seeing the snow flurries reminds us Winter is still with us, but the spring flowers are ready to pop up and offer us colour through the coming months.

As we all look forward to better months ahead, and the virus hopefully being brought under control, I assume most of the villages I represent may wish to have a Celebration, albeit smaller than usual. We will be possibly still social distancing, but it will bring everyone together again after many months. I have requested £200 from my County Councillors Divisional Fund to help with your celebrations.

Until we can meet again, keep safe.  
Kind regards to you all,

**Sue**

Councillor Sue Saddington

Vice Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee

County Councillor for Farndon and Trent Division,  
Nottinghamshire County Council

Member of the Nottinghamshire and  
City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue  
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District Councillor for Muskham,  
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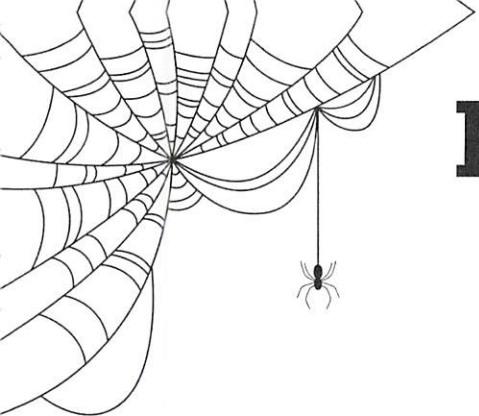
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# Halloween Co 20

**We are grateful to Pati Colman for running a very successful Halloween art competition for our younger residents which was judged in early November.** The children displayed their pumpkin artwork round the village. As our Winter edition had already gone to print before the results were announced, we are delighted to feature their artwork and a big thank you to the children for being so creative and making the village look spooky!

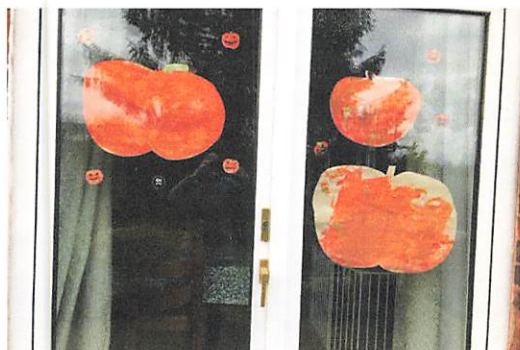
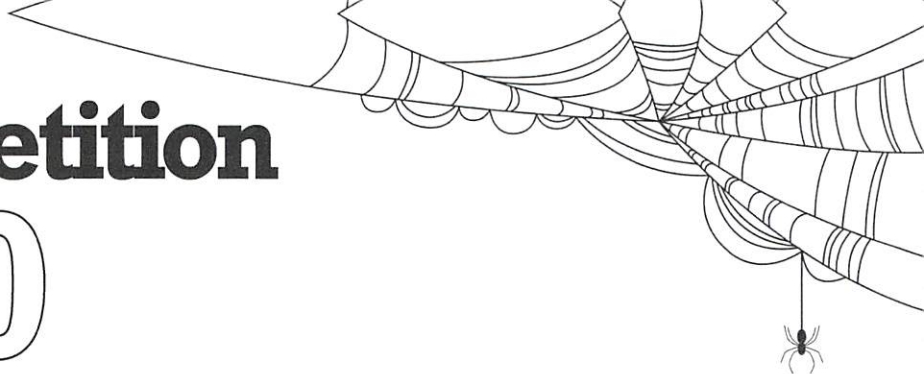


**Elizabeth Dickinson (age 11) Winner**



**Ellie Bosworth (age 3) Runner up**

# Competition 20



Joseph (age 5) & James Sole (age 3). Both Runners up.



Jessie Dickinson (age 7)



Amy Dickinson (age 9)



Sammi Chaaban (age 9)



# Looking Dapper

**What's it like living in a pub during lockdown? Not as exciting as you'd think.**

There's the obvious bonus of having access to A LOT of alcohol, (and needing to drink stock before it expires), and it is very spacious, which comes in handy anytime we want to jog around inside (never). There's a giant, fully equipped kitchen... that we never really use; despite what you may think, Karl has not been preparing gourmet meals every night for just the two of us (sorry to disappoint). On the downside, the pub is cold, dark and spooky at night, especially when the building makes weird old building noises, and I am convinced we have a ghost. I think it's safe to say we are sick of being stuck inside.

Like many people during the first and second lockdown, we did a spot of refurbishing. For us, this meant we repainted the pub, redid the interior, installed a new bar, updated the bathroom and even spruced up our flat with a fresh coat of paint. We also started upgrading our outside area: we've had an outdoor fireplace built, installed decking, an extended seating area and an outdoor bar.



Our outside area is still a work in progress, but we're really excited to show it off when it's finished. We originally planned to utilize the fireplace and heaters to host a re-opening event in January, but Covid had other plans, so we are now hoping to re-open in May (fingers crossed).

To be honest, this most recent lockdown has been really difficult for us. We were offering takeaway every weekend in January, but despite our best efforts, not enough people were ordering, and we sadly couldn't afford to continue. We will still be doing special takeaway menus once or twice a month, but wish we were in a position to do more.

We are keeping busy planning those upcoming menus and events, getting paperwork done, promoting the business, and spending a lot of time with the dogs (they are loving lockdown).

We are offering special takeaway options for Valentine's Day, and Karl's working on an exciting menu for the weekend of February 20th. Follow us on Facebook for updates and we look forward to welcoming you back to the new and improved Dapper.



**Kat & Karl**

**[kat@thedapperspaniel.co.uk](mailto:kat@thedapperspaniel.co.uk)  
01636 918380**

# Wombles Wanted...

**Since the start of the pandemic, Arne and I have developed what some might call an obsession with litter in the village. The Parish Council has supplied the village with two litter-grabbers, one is in the former telephone box, along with disinfectant wipes, and one is with us, at Rolleston Villa.**

The litter in the actual village, where there are houses, is generally not a major problem however the stretches in and out of the village; Fiskerton Road, Station Road and Staythorpe Road, can only be described as disgusting. We can only assume that people drive in and out of the village gaily chucking rubbish out of their car windows as they go, although I have to admit that I've never seen this actually happening.

As anyone who has picked up litter will know, the most frustrating thing is when people throw litter into the hedges so that you cannot reach it. On occasions we have had to take a long-handled hoe out to retrieve such items and have even risked life and limb climbing down into the ditches underneath the hedges to fish out offending articles.

For the most part, the litter we collect is comprised of take-away food and drink packaging and sweet packets, for example:

**An empty bottle of organic fair trade wine.**

Why buy organic and then throw your litter in the hedgerow?

**Plastic drinks bottles.**

**An inordinate number of beer cans,** usually Stella Artois for some reason. Are there people constantly drinking alcohol as they drive along our roads?

Arne and I are still waiting to find the spare cash that we are sure is lurking under a hedge somewhere!

Depending on Covid restrictions at the time, one of our Parish Councillors, Richard Thackeray, is hoping to set up a village working party in the Spring. He will invite everyone to join in to give the village a good spring clean. Richard is particularly keen to involve the children and young people. It is hoped that we will be able to make this into a regular social event by all meeting up for tea and cake when our work is done. Even if you are not able to pick up litter, you might be able to make a cake or serve cups of tea to the workers!

As I said, we have become somewhat obsessed with litter picking but we would be more than happy if you were able to help out in whatever way you can.

Ways that you might help are:

Check the road immediately outside your property and remove any litter you find.

When on a local walk, pick up just one piece of litter and take it home with you to put in your bin.

Look out for future notifications of the litter picking working party and join the gang.

**Pati Colman**



Editor's note: Do you remember the Wombles?

"Wombles are organised, work as a team,  
Wombles are tidy and Wombles are clean  
Underground, over ground, Wombling free.  
The Wombles of Rolleston village are we."  
(With apologies to Mike Batt)





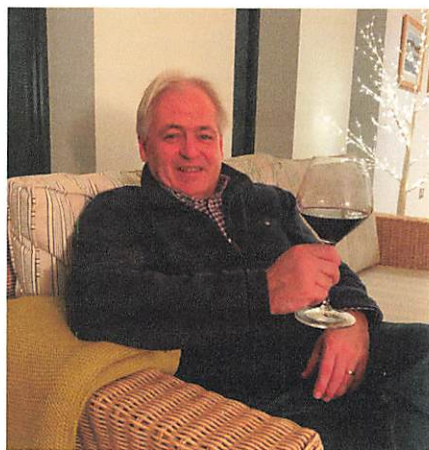
## **Congratulations**

We send our congratulations and best wishes to two residents of Rolleston who have recently retired:

**Dave Chandler**, of Holly Court, celebrated his retirement after 35 years in the Television industry. Starting out at Central Television, Lenton Lane, in 1985, Dave spent the last 16 years working for 'the other side', at BBC East Midlands studios in Nottingham. There were no leaving parties allowed at work due to the Covid restrictions. However, Carole said, "We managed to throw a surprise party, in our own 'social bubble' when he came home from his last shift 23rd December. Our grown-up kids made homemade pizzas on an outdoor oven, and with all the fairy lights and decorations - it made it super special."



**Andy Haynes** is retiring in March after working for the NHS for over 37 years. Andy was a haematology consultant for many years in Nottingham before moving to Kings Mill Hospital to work as the Medical Director. More recently he has been the lead for the Integrated Care services, making regular appearances on local TV and radio. We wish him and his wife, Fiona, good days ahead. Cheers Andy ... wishing you a very happy retirement.



## **Messages of Thanks**

"To all the Producers of The Rolleston Junction, Rolleston Village Support Team and all Residents of Rolleston who have made the Beadles family grateful to be living in such a caring, kind-hearted community. The visit from the Malteser fairy was particularly appreciated during the lockdown periods, as was the very welcome gift of biscuits in lieu of the Seniors' Christmas lunch, which has always been a highly enjoyable event at this time of year. We now all look forward to a time when everyone has received their Covid vaccinations, allowing

us to look forward to seeing friends again at Village Coffee Mornings etc. Many Thanks & Best Wishes."

### **The Beadles Family**

**"Thanks for the chocolate!"** This delightful photo shows 1-year old twins, Elsie Mae and Lily Bardill, enjoying their gift of an advent calendar. The chocolate gifts were given to all children in the village at Christmas and funded by the Parish Council and the Village Hall.



## **Easter Eggs for Children**

"We want all the children of school age and under in the village to know how much we appreciate all the hard work they have put into getting through this difficult time in their lives, so at Easter this year we would like to give each of them a chocolate egg as a 'thank you'.

To all parents of children who responded, the eggs will be delivered at the end of March."

**Your Village Covid Support Co-ordinators**  
(Pati, Thea & Amanda)

## **Plant Stall for Charity**

"Please can you let people know that I will be doing another plant stall outside my home on The Greenaway, in April or May time. I will be raising money for Friends of Newark Hospital." **Laura Bosworth**

## **Newark Food Bank**

Instead of the usual village Christmas card to sign in the pub, with donations being collected for charity, we had to get inventive because of the Tier 4 restrictions. Villagers were invited to add their names and messages of goodwill to the "digital Christmas Card" and make an on-line donation to Newark Food Bank. The card was circulated via village email. As a result, Newark Food Bank received more than £350 in donations. Sincere thanks to Pati Colman and Gill Rowles for coming up with the creative solution.

The Newark Food Bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust with the aim of providing 3 days emergency food supply to stop anyone from going hungry. If you missed the opportunity to donate, please use this Just Giving link, as the food bank is very grateful for Rolleston's help, no matter what time of year:

[www.justgiving.com/newark-foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/newark-foodbank)







- if you have new neighbours, please let us know so we can extend a welcome. Thank you to: Jane Geraghty, Christine Salter and Pati Colman for becoming part of the Welcoming Team.

**Carole Chandler**

## Belated Welcomes

We have sent welcome cards or greetings to all new (or relatively new) residents in Rolleston. Unfortunately, the prolonged Covid restrictions prevented us from visiting in person which would be our normal way to extend a welcome. Delivering a card to your door was the next best thing. So, a warm welcome to you and your families:

**Sam & Dean Bardill, Rebecca Nichols and family, Martine & James Stark, Elena Openshaw and family, Trish & Bob Steele, Steve & Emily Lambert and family, Sue & Robert (at Charlotte Cottage, surname unknown at time of writing - please email us), Greg & Beth Dowson, Katy Saunders & Chris Baillon and family, Kelly Parker & Joe Harper and family, Sue Newbold & John Martin and Stuart & Claire Burbidge and family.**

If you would like to be included on the village email list to be updated with important announcements -please do send your email address to:

**[rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonjunction@gmail.com).**

(All contact data is confidential and is not passed to third parties). We are reliant on folks to keep our information up to date

## Adopt a Station Scheme

East Midlands Trains (EMR) has approached the Parish Council about involving our community in improving and promoting Rolleston station. At least 1,000 station adoption 'friends' groups have been set up in the UK. The idea is for communities to make the most of their station by working with train operators to create welcoming gateways and encourage station use.

Funds can be available for projects. For a village of its size, Rolleston is unusual in having a railway station at all. Indeed, the Nottingham-Lincoln line was recommended for closure in the 1963 "Reshaping of British Railways" report. In 2019 there was an average of 15 entries and exits per day, (just 7-8 people). The train service reflects this with large gaps at off-peak times during the day. The service is a useful alternative to driving to Nottingham or Newark, as well as offering journeys further afield. On moving to Rolleston, we found the station an unexpected bonus and until Covid, used it for many local journeys. Use or lose it!

**Peter Garrood**

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Online Zoom classes available weekdays

## **Darts**

Barry Thomas - 01636 830064  
The Dapper Spaniel - contact Barry (above)

## **Book Club**

Patti Colman - 01636 813260  
Meets monthly in the Village Hall or by Zoom

## **Skittles**

Pat Sawyer - 01636 813771  
The Dapper Spaniel, not during the winter

## **Total Fitness**

Jennie Overton - 01636 816800  
Village Hall, contact Jennie (above)

## **GORGES**

Bram Towse - 01636 813901  
Gentlemen of Rolleston Golfing Society

## **Bell Ringers**

Bryan Northcote - 01636 812579  
Wednesdays 7.30pm, alternating between Rolleston and Upton churches (may be suspended due to covid, please contact Bryan for updates)

## **Dominoes**

Peter Salter (Capt.) - 01636 819197  
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)  
Thursday evenings (except summer) at The Dapper Spaniel (may be suspended due to covid, please contact Peter for updates)

## **Indoor Bowls**

Peter Salter - 01636 819197  
Tuesday evenings, Village Hall (may be suspended due to covid, please contact Peter for updates)

## **Yoga**

Mandy - 07773 551916  
3 classes running at different levels.  
Imperative to book in advance.



Coffee Morning and Lunch Club  
Wednesdays in the Village Hall

**1st Wednesday** in the month - Noon  
Two course lunch (£2.50), plus £1 to include a raffle ticket if desired.  
(small prize donations welcome)

**2nd Wednesday** - 10.30am Coffee/Tea served with cakes or biccies. (Free)

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

**4th and 5th Wednesdays** - 10.30am Coffee/Tea/Cakes (Free)

**Note:** All regular events suspended due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions.

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Brambles - Stabling, grazing, schooling	01636 816800

## Rolleston Community Support Team for Covid

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Pati Colman  
07786 937266

Amanda Beswick  
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## Useful Contacts

### Flood Warden - Steve Bosworth

07976 894449 / 01636 815542

### Parish Council - Tim Harries

01636 815838

### Village Hall Chair - Julian Ellis

01636 831165

### Village Hall Bookings - Lucy Kyte

07398 670139

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**Police** Emergency 999 Non Emergency 101

### Church Wardens - Julian Ellis, Peter Salter

01636 831165/01636 819197

### District Councilor - Roger Blaney

01636 830743

### County Councilor - Sue Saddington

01636 704550

### Member of Parliament - MP Robert Jenrick

01636 703269

### Southwell Doctors

01636 813561

### Minster Vets

01636 812133

### Southwell Racecourse

01636 814481

### Community Car Scheme

01636 611220



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- Rolleston Village Facebook page - for instant updates
- Rolleston Village web site – [rollestonvillage.co.uk](http://rollestonvillage.co.uk)
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