

the Rolleston Junction

Edition 43 - Winter 2025

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Dates for your Diary

30 November 11.35am approx at Rolleston	Salvation Army Santa Toy Run (Festive Motorcycle Parade) Don't miss it! Donations of toys very welcome. (Must be new please)	Fiskerton Road & Staythorpe Road
1 December 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rolleston Village Hall
3 December 12 noon	Seniors' Christmas Lunch	The Crown, Rolleston
4 December 7pm	Light up a Life Service (for Beaumont House)	Southwell Minster
6 December 10am	Rolleston Tree Planting Event Children welcome, tea, coffee & biscuits for all helpers	Rolleston Village Hall
6 December 5pm approx	Young Farmers Tractor Run	Fiskerton Road & Staythorpe Road
6 December 7.30pm	Carols for Everyone (A Lions Charity Event) Tickets: Cathedral Shop or call 01636 812933	Southwell Minster
8 December 7.30pm - 9pm	A Christmas Celebration with the Festival Voices for tickets www.southwellmusicfestival.com	Southwell Minster
9 - 13 December 7.30pm matinee 2.30pm final day	It's a Wonderful Life by Mary Elliot Nelson For tickets visit www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733 1799 86	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham
16 December 6.30pm	Carols Round the Tree, Mince pies & mulled wine supplied by KGAG Collection for our charity, cash donations welcome	The Crown, Rolleston
19 December 2.15pm - 2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwyns, Station Road
Christmas Eve 6pm	Christmas Eve Carol Service	Holy Trinity Church, Rolleston
5 January 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rolleston Village Hall
2 February 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Rolleston Village Hall

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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

This year seems to have flashed past. As I write this, I can't believe we are putting together the Winter edition which covers most of the events for the 2025 festive season. We'll keep you updated by village email if we hear of more.

As well as the Dates for your Diary on Page 2, please check out the Countdown to Christmas events listed on page 4.

Don't miss a very special community event: the planting of the new trees in our village which takes place, Saturday, 6th December, 10am.

Something to get the children involved with, especially when there's welcome refreshments on offer at the village hall. Blessed are the tree planters. See details page 14.

In this issue, Graham Osborn gives hints and tips on how we can help our local wildlife survive the colder months on page 21.

In other news, The Colmans, (Pati and Arne) left the village in early October, after 48 years. They have moved to Surrey to be closer to their family, including their grandchildren. We wish them well and you can read all about the fond farewells on page 15.

And on the subject of moving, you will notice that in News in Brief (page 24) that we have welcomed a number of new neighbours who have moved into the village.

It seems rather apt for this time of year to welcome two new babies, both born shortly after their parents arrived here (no donkeys or wise men spotted). In early October our youngest villagers both arrived safely; welcome to Baby Gigi and Baby Nora.

It is traditional for this time of year to be thankful; we thank everyone for contributing to our community in so many different ways which makes Rolleston such a special place to live.

We heard the sad news that 3 villagers have passed away recently who will be well known to many. Our sincere condolences to families and friends. Please see page 25.

Wherever you are spending Christmas this year, wishing you and your families and friends a good festive break and a happy and healthy new year.

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Best wishes.

Carole, Gill and Beth



Countdown to Christmas



30 November	Salvation Army Santa Toy Run arriving at 11.35 approx. Stopping for 5 minutes outside the pub for anyone with a toy gift donation - (unwrapped please)
3 December	Seniors Christmas Lunch: 12 noon for 12.30, The Crown at Rolleston
4 December	Christmas Quiz Night: The Crown at Rolleston
6 December	Community Tree Planting: Meet 10am, Village Hall. Bring children! Refreshments on offer. Come and join us for this community event.
6 December	Young Tractor Run approx. 5pm through Rolleston. Pub open so ideal viewing point
16 December	Carols round the Tree, 6.30pm. On the terrace at the Crown at Rolleston, in conjunction with the Kate Greenaway Group. There will be mince pies and mulled wine available (there will be a collection for a nominated charity, so please bring a little spare cash). Bar open from 6pm - 9pm.
17 December	Southwell Lions Santa Sleigh. Arriving 7.30pm approx and visiting Fiskerton Road, Staythorpe Road, Holly Court, Corner Farm Close, Manor Farm Close and Croft Farm Close.
24 December	Christmas Eve Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church: 6pm. A lovely service for the whole family.

Pub opening times over the Festive Period:

22, 23 and 24 December: Open all day 12 noon - 11pm

Christmas Day: Open for drinks and complimentary nibbles 12 noon - 2pm
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Boxing Day: Open 12 noon - 6pm. Special Boxing Day menu available

27 & 28 December: Open as usual

29 & 30 December: CLOSED

New Year's Eve: Open to all, 12 noon - 1am.

Also hosting Special New Year's Eve dinner - reservations only

New Year's Day: Open 12 noon - 6pm. Special New Year's Day menu available

January: Open throughout the month with a reduced food service 2 - 18 January

A message from our new Vicar

Hello! I'm James Moring, the still-quite-new-vicar in Rolleston, as well as the other churches in the West Trent Churches. My family and I are really delighted to be living in this amazing part of the world and are getting settled in and gradually getting rid of all the boxes! It's such a privilege to be leading the churches in this new season as we seek to be a hope-filled presence in the community. Coming into Holy Trinity at Rolleston, and seeing such a range of ages has been really encouraging - we're looking to increase our provision for children and young people, as well as continuing to make spaces for people to gather to pray and worship in our villages. As we head towards a very busy time of year for all of us we've got services across the villages to celebrate the birth of Jesus and all that that means - you'd be really welcome to come along, do keep an eye out for the details as they are publicised.



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News from

Cllr Keith Melton

It has been two years since Storm Babet brought us the first of two supposedly “one in one hundred year” floods and we hope the dry period earlier in the year will have lowered the water table far enough to have given us some leeway in avoiding floods for the time being at least.

However, the underlying conditions leading to global overheating continue unabated as we approach the COP30 Climate Change global conference taking place in Brazil in mid-November. Research has shown that there has been more carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere in 2024 than in any years since those records began.

When I was born in 1947 there were 310 parts per million (ppm) of CO2 in the atmosphere and now that figure is 424 ppm which is the highest it has been for between three to five million years. As I am sure you know by now this means we are facing more extremes of temperature, more extremes of weather systems and so on, leading to the floods we saw with storms Babet and Henk so recently.

We can only hope that the global COP conference in Brazil will really begin to bring the political will needed to make urgent changes and move away from using fossil fuels, which is simply super-charging global over-heating.

Optimism rules

Being optimistic, however, there is some evidence that businesses are beginning to overtake politicians in realising that change is necessary, but that evidence is very fragile and the current administration in the USA is definitely not helping the situation.

On a different note it looks as though we may be having a very colourful Autumn this year with our trees – but this may be a result of the leaves accumulating more sugars than usual due to a hotter, drier summer, which causes a greater variety of coloration.

One of my biggest heroes, Jane Goodall, sadly died just recently, at the grand old age of 91, and although she was concerned over our future, she always retained an optimistic view of the world – provided we made sure we recognised that everything we do has an impact on the world, and choose to have the most beneficial, and least harmful, impact we possibly can as individuals.

For an appreciation of Jane Goodall's impact on our world, and on us all, have a look here: <https://janegoodall.org/>

Cllr. Keith Melton



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Village Hall Lotto

Here are the winners from 5th July through to 11th October:

Peter Salter, Michelle Hillary, Liza Osborn, Peter Garrood, Malcolm Mason, Tony Hillary, Christine Salter, Richard Thackeray, Ross Thackrey, Sandra Sawyer, Shirley Burnett and Tim Harries.

We have no vacant numbers at the moment, which is fantastic. Thank you for your kind support which we do need.

A £50 cash prize will continue to be awarded each week and the lotto keeps the village hall running as a facility for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all our lotto supporters over 2025 and see you over the festive season.

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News from

Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

Trees and The Plan are coming

Well, the long dry summer is now a distant memory and here we are again with the winter looming ahead. Let's hope that this year is flood free, but if it isn't at least we have equipment and flood wardens to help deal with it. Fingers crossed.

A date for your diary is Saturday, 6th December, when we plan to plant the trees provided by funds from the 'Trees for Climate Small Grant Scheme' run by Nottingham County Council. Time: 10am - 2pm (meet at Village Hall). Bring along your favourite spade and trowel, some shared tools will also be available.

The 21 trees will be in the form of 'feathers', about 1.5 metres high and will require planting on the day. We are looking for volunteers to come along and help with the planting. We hope to also have a variety of spring bulbs to plant around the trees, which should make the village look a lot more attractive place.

You are invited to come along to the village hall where we will be based for the day. Toilets and tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Children welcome.

The planting will take place in the 2-acre field adjacent to the village hall and the Kate Greenaway field at Corner Farm. We will be accompanied by Lynn Preece from NSDC, so we will have professional support on the day.

By the way, 'feathers' are the recommended size for planting new trees because there is less leaf and trunk for the plant to maintain in the early stages of growth. A more substantial rooting system will grow, which means there is a greater chance of plants growing successfully if we have a hot summer next year. (This tip from our excellent advisor and supporter at NSDC Lynn Preece).

We also plan to include an option for village members to dedicate a tree to someone or a special event in their lives. If you dedicate a tree, you may be more inclined to look after 'your' tree during its early life. If you wish to dedicate one of the trees, please email Steve Bailey: bramleybaily@outlook.com

Thanks to Michael Gemson, Steve Bailey, Sally John and Lynn Preece for their efforts in getting this project underway.



Look out for a village email with full details of the day.

The other main activity of the recent period is the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. Gill Rowles, Peter Garrood, Michael Gemson, David Chandler and myself have been busy with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

We have established the geographical area of interest to the plan and will be notifying NSDC after the coming PC meeting on the 3rd November. The next stage will be to include the history of Rolleston and to distribute questionnaires to residents in the village asking for your views on aspects of the plan as it is developed. We are also planning a village get together to discuss the plan and get the views of villagers. Watch out for emails and the questionnaire in the near future. It is important that we get your views as the plan will be taken into account in future decisions made by the Planning Committee ay NSDC. Completing the questionnaires and attending public meetings will make a significant contribution to getting your important feedback, so we sincerely hope that you will engage in this activity.

Another point of interest is traffic management and the racecourse. I recently looked at what directions are given to drivers wanting to get to the racecourse. It turns out Google Maps, which I think is used by a significant number of drivers gives a route which, you've guessed it, comes through Rolleston. This seems to be true when starting from cities such as Nottingham, Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, London etc. I have told the management at the racecourse about this, with no real response.

A bit of a surprise, especially when in conversation with Alec Jesowski I discovered that he had told them about the same problem back in 2015! I will keep going with this and let you know what happens next. Changing the given directions in Google maps should reduce the amount of racecourse traffic through the village.

Finally, as many will know, Pati Colman left the village in early October and is a big loss to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council meeting on the 6th October was cancelled because we weren't quorate. Please consider joining; it is interesting and can be quite fun.

One meeting a month is not too much to ask is it? If you want to know more, please contact me or one one of your Parish Councillors.

Have a wonderful festive season.

Chlr. Bob Steele



Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

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Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

As I write this report, the leaves are turning, the days are cooler, and the nights appear to be getting darker earlier and certainly will do once we change the clocks.

Well! We have the Christmas events to look forward to and will endeavour to keep ourselves healthy and cosy throughout the winter months.

I had a meeting with the Highways District Manager recently, I have requested that the Rolleston to Fiskerton road is improved in the next financial year, I doubt it will be completely resurfaced due to cost, but it will be most likely be hot boxed in the bad parts.

Occupation Lane. I have received several reports regarding the condition of this road.

It appears that the road is rising in the centre and starting to crack. The Preventative Maintenance Manager has said he will see if the Mastic treatment is suitable, in the meantime, NCC will keep it under inspection.

Staythorpe Road apparently has a trench at the side of the road, I have asked for this to be inspected and repaired.

Staythorpe Power Station. I recently had a meeting with the Managers and raised the safety of the BESS site.

I asked if they had plans should there be a fire in the future. Clearly this was not on their radar, so I have asked them to set up a meeting with myself and those who would need to be involved and prepare a safe plan.

The reorganisation of Local Government is still under review. Recently the Reform Administration asked us to meet with them to make decisions.

They have already made their decision. The Conservatives maintain that any discussions about the biggest shake-up within Nottinghamshire's boundaries for 50 years should be made in public. We will engage fully in the democratic transparent process, debate

in the open and not try to fix the outcome in private.

The problem is, if we lose Districts with large properties to Nottingham City, for example Broxtowe and Gedling, they currently bring in high Council tax, so we could all be asked to pay more to keep the services which we currently enjoy. For example, Nottinghamshire's Highways, Schools, Social Services, Libraries etc.

We will continue to make our point.

If there is a Christmas lunch this year cooked and served by our wonderful volunteers, I will be happy to contribute some of my Divisional funding as usual. Also, always happy to pop in and see everyone. Any other event I would be happy to contribute towards.

In the meantime, I hope you do not catch the flu or the two Covid Viruses which appear to be affecting many. Keep warm and safe.

I wish you all a pleasant Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



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Claire's Recipe

One Ingredient Banana Ice Cream

We are on a bit of a healthier eating kick at Field Farm. Dinners are no problem, but we do love a pudding!

I couldn't quite believe that this recipe would work, but it does, so add it to your repertoire.

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas (the fruit needs to be ripe for this recipe)

Method:

Peel bananas, cut into chunks, pop in a bag or lidded container and freeze for at least 2 hours or overnight.

Tip the frozen banana pieces into your

food processor and pulse until the mixture becomes first lumpy then crumbly then smooth, pulse for a few seconds more to aerate a little.

Add any flavours now if you like: choc chips, a drizzle of honey, peanut butter or half a teaspoon of cinnamon or leave as it is.

Scrape out the 'ice cream' and eat straight away, (note: it will be quite soft), or put into an airtight container and freeze until needed.

Use an ice cream scoop to serve portions as you want them.

Perfect.

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Claire



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The Tree Huggers of Rolleston

Bob Steele, Steve Bailey and Michael Gemson are part of the team who have dubbed themselves jokingly, 'The Tree Huggers of Rolleston'. They are taking the lead for arranging the Tree Planting Day on Saturday, 6th December, 10am. All members of our community welcome, especially children, to help make this an enjoyable event. You are invited to come along and meet at the village hall. Toilets and tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Our tree fellas (or tree planters) visited Branch Nurseries in Normanton recently to seek advice and get a feel for the sort of trees that are being considered for the planting.

Michael said, "It was all very informative and I am sending a photograph of the three of us at the nursery. We are looking forward to the community tree planting event, Saturday 6th December, with help from fellow villagers. It will be a really enjoyable and we look forward to seeing everyone there."

Editor's note: At a time of year when trees are generally being chopped down for the festive season, it's good to know we'll be planting some native species to enhance the beauty of our village for future generations to enjoy. Please come along to make this event a success and let's make it a festive start to the season. Mince pie donations welcome and put it in your diary!



The Colmans

Editor's note: I hope many villagers got to say farewell to Pati and Arne Colman, long standing residents of Rolleston Villa, Staythorpe Road. They had several leaving "dos"; there were a lot of folks to say goodbye to after 48 years! They left the village on the 6th October and will be greatly missed. We wish them every happiness in their new home nearer to their children and grandchildren in Surrey.

As active members of our community and regular contributors to The Rolleston Junction, we decided to honour them with a poem at one of the leaving parties. The Colmans requested for it to be published in this edition of the magazine and we are delighted to comply.

The Colmans

"Underground, overground, Wombling free,
The Colmans of Rolleston Villa are we."

Like a good Heineken beer, the Colmans with
their litter picking sticks, refreshing parts of
Rolleston that others might have missed.

But we're here to say farewell, as they
navigate the memories and contemplate the
miles, there's been 48 years of stuff to sort ...

Yes, they've lived here for quite a while!

And as friends we don't want a rushed
goodbye, or be in too much of a hurry, as
you depart for new adventures down in leafy
Surrey.

For Pati's come full circle:

A Southerner, who bravely left for Northern
climes, first Liverpool, and urban life

And then East Midlands times, amongst
countryside and farmers and family life with
Arne.

But like a native fresh salmon, (not a tin of
John West)

She's swimming back to familiar waters, the
ones she knows the best.

Life's been a bit of whirl, but as the saying
goes - you can't take the County out of the
girl.

Of course, Litter-picking is not the Colman's
only skill,

Pati and Arne have many virtues and much
goodwill,

Volunteering and joining in - is their thing:
there's no debate -

And aren't we grateful for this trait?

And we're thankful for Arne; who swapped
his dentist skills for friendlier drills and pliers,

And became our local handyman and
carpenter for hire.

There's nothing sinister in his woodshed; he
was saving trees whenever he could,

And now sadly cleared out for good, are
hoards of tools and recycled, treasured wood.

But a different kind of wood awaits you, and
possibly a driver,

Don't worry, we've made some calls,

Apparently, Surrey is full of holes where you
can putt a ball.

So Pati and Arne - thank you for your many
kindnesses and deeds - and activities ...

From KG, to the PC, and charity committee,

Let's not forget the book club, or the meals
we've shared,

Your gifts of homemade cakes and scones -

And, isn't it a mystery where all the time has gone?

But most of all, we thank you for your friendship and the laughter and your care,

The good times, even tough times, (like Covid times),

You both were always there.

There's faded letters on the brickwork as you pass by Staythorpe Road,

But the name is clear and trusted,

And we'll remember –
as friends ...

The Colmans were the mustard.

Pati and Arne,

Underground and overground, and wandering free,

We wish you all the very best in leafy Surrey.

Carole Chandler

Below: The Colmans in their new abode in Surrey





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WI News

The Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI (MFRWI), did not have a meeting in August, but a group of WI ladies enjoyed afternoon tea, a good natter and some retail therapy at the Welbeck Estate.

The September WI meeting was entitled 'Passions, Potions and Poisons'. This was a very interesting talk by Tracy Akehurst. Together with a slide show Tracy explained about how the plants in our gardens were used in the past for medicines, love tokens and to harm to people. Some of their uses were hard to believe but the information Tracy had was tremendous.

Our meeting in October welcomed Philip Braund with a talk entitled 'A Slight Misunderstanding'. This was a humorous look at Philip's 50 years in journalism, from collecting WI reports for the local paper, to his time at the Daily Mirror in Fleet Street. He had many stories involving rich and famous.

Future meetings include Songs and Stories from the 50s and 60s in November, our Christmas meal at The Full Moon in December and a talk about The National Garden Scheme in January 2026.

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

Other events include a coffee morning at Reg Taylors Garden Centre (monthly), Book Club at The Full moon, (2nd Friday of the month), Craft and Chat in an evening at a members' house (venue changes each month). There is also the 'Pub Club' at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. This is a social get together at The Bromley in Fiskerton.

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

Visit the MFR WI website: **www.mfrwi.co.uk**

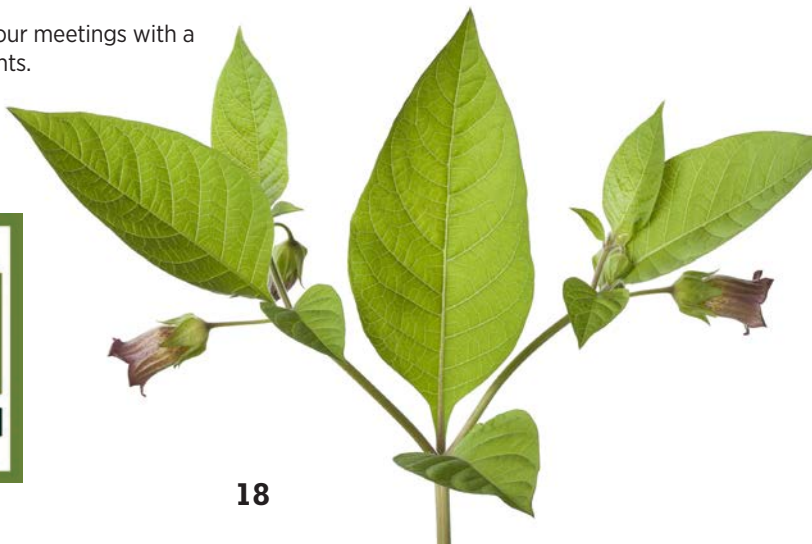
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This project will mean shorter journey times, smoother access to Newark and the A1, and greater reliability for businesses that depend on the route. It will also help attract new investment and jobs, supporting our local economy for decades to come. Whether it's getting to work, taking the kids to school, or visiting family and friends, life will simply become easier and safer for everyone who uses the road.

I want to thank the many local residents, parish councils, councillors, campaigners, and business groups who have worked with me over the years to make this happen. Your support, persistence, and belief in the case for Newark have been vital in securing this outcome.

Of course, I also recognise that this is a major infrastructure project and that it will affect some neighbourhoods directly. I appreciate the concerns raised by those living closest to the route, and I'm very grateful for their constructive engagement. It's essential that National Highways continues to listen carefully, mitigates disruption wherever possible, and ensures that affected residents receive the support and compensation they deserve.

This decision marks a real turning point. After years of talking, we can finally look forward to action - and to the benefits that this investment will bring for our community.

As your local MP, I'll keep working hard to make sure the scheme is delivered responsibly, efficiently, and in a way that truly enhances life for people across Newark and the wider area.

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Nurturing Nature in Our Village

Winter: A Season of Challenge and Care for Local Wildlife

As the village landscape transforms under a veil of frost and the days grow shorter, winter becomes a time of survival for our local wildlife. While we may take shelter indoors, the birds, mammals and insects of our region rely on us more than ever for support.

This season let's focus our efforts on making our village a safe haven for all creatures, great and small.

Supporting Birds and Small Mammals

Winter is a harsh time for birds and small mammals. Natural food sources dwindle, water freezes, and shelter can be scarce. You can help in simple but meaningful ways:

- Put out feeders stocked with seeds, nuts, and fat balls to provide high-energy food.
- Offer fresh, unfrozen water in shallow dishes or bird baths.

- Leave out fruit for thrushes, blackbirds, and other fruit-loving species.
- Place nesting boxes for birds and small mammals, or leave an undisturbed pile of logs or leaves in a quiet part of your garden to serve as a refuge.

Creating Garden Havens

Your garden, no matter its size, can be a critical sanctuary for local wildlife. Resist the urge to tidy every corner - piles of leaves, dead wood, and tall grasses offer warmth and shelter for hedgehogs, frogs, insects, and even overwintering butterflies. Native plants with berries provide much-needed nutrition, while dense shrubbery shields small creatures from the cold and predators.

Reducing Harmful Impacts

Seasonal festivities can sometimes inadvertently harm wildlife. Avoid tinsel and plastic decorations outdoors, as these can be hazardous to birds and mammals. Instead, opt for natural ornaments - pinecones, holly, and dried fruit are beautiful and safe. Be mindful with garden bonfires and compost heaps; always check for hibernating hedgehogs or frogs before lighting or turning piles.



Community Efforts for Wildlife Protection

Our village thrives when we work together, and wildlife protection is no exception. If anyone has some useful skills and knowledge, then reach out and we can look to organise community conservation events such as winter wildlife walks, or hedgehog house workshops. And wouldn't it be great if we could create connectivity between our gardens for the wildlife to wander – like hedgehog holes in fence. Can we outdo the success of a street in Keyworth village?

In 2022, Dale Road in Keyworth, Nottinghamshire, was named as Britain's Biggest Hedgehog Street by two wildlife charities: www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-63096303

Planning Ahead for Spring

Winter is also a time to prepare for the coming year. Order native plants and seeds, plan wildlife-friendly gardens, or even start crafting insect hotels and birdhouses for spring installation. The care we show now will ensure our local wildlife emerges strong and resilient when the weather warms.

This winter let's champion the wellbeing of our wild neighbours. By making small changes at home and coming together as a community, we can create a landscape that allows wildlife to thrive all year round.

Graham Osborn





Thank you

Thank you to Richard Thackeray for once again putting up the poppies for Remembrance Day in November.

To Isaac Thackeray and Jess Green who are going to be attempting to complete their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award; for their voluntary section they will be litter picking in the village. If you see them out and about do give them a wave and some friendly encouragement.

Congratulations

To Chris Stanley who won the Creating Change for Sport and Physical Activity award at the recent Newark and Sherwood Sports Awards 2025 held at Kelham Hall.

Rolleston Tree Planting Event

Don't forget to put Saturday 6th December in your diary for the community tree planting event. Meet at the village hall 10am. For full details see page 8.

More Washindo Success

Well done to the Taylor family! To Katie Taylor for her orange belt success, Fiona Taylor on achieving her yellow belt and to Mike Taylor on achieving his red belt. See advert on page 26 for details about this regular event running at our village hall.

Welcome

Welcome to Matt Wood and Sarah Hopkinson (and their two dogs) who have moved into Rolleston Villa. We are also delighted to send our congratulations to the family as we have just heard the good news that they now have a new arrival, (and currently our youngest resident), Baby Nora who was born October 6th.

Welcome also to the folk next door to Rolleston Villa; Becky, Josh, Amelia and Milo who live at Pippins. We hope you will all enjoy living in Rolleston.

A warm welcome also to Lydia and Robbie Joiner and their two children at Manor Farm Close. The family and their dog have moved from Essex and are looking forward to embracing village life.

Welcome also to Robbie Tuffly and Anna Keighley and their dog, Bonnie, who have moved into the White House on Fiskerton Road. Anna is originally from Farnsfield and Robbie is from Sussex. Congratulations on the birth of Baby Gigi, born in early October!

We wish all our new residents happy times in Rolleston and look forward to meeting you.

As always, if you have new neighbours please let the Junction know, email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com so we can make sure they receive village communications and are offered assistance and information should they need it.

Changes to Pilates with Cheryl

Cheryl Roebuck is no longer leading the regular weekly Pilates classes on Wednesdays (2-3pm) at Rolleston Village Hall. Her last class was Wednesday 17 September, although she is intending to arrange pop-up classes at the village hall every few weeks and is also still continuing with her online Zoom classes.

For details contact Cheryl on **07949 260032**.

Wedding Congratulations

The Beadles family had plenty to celebrate last month on the 4th October. Proud parents, Ian and Sarah and family, attended the wedding of their daughter, Evie Rose, to Joseph Bryant. Proud grandparents, Ken and Eileen, were also in attendance of course. The photo shows the happy couple celebrating the day alongside their family at St John the Evangelist Church, Oxted. This was followed by a honeymoon in Italy touring the Amalfi coast, Rome and Venice.

The couple have settled in East Grinstead, where Evie now works as a Pharmacist at the Queen Victoria Hospital. Joseph works as a Financial Analyst for a bank in London.

Mum and Dad are looking forward to many caravan trips down south to visit them in the future! We wish the happy couple many congratulations and best wishes for the future.



Carols for Everyone

Carols for Everyone is taking place on 6th December, 7.30pm at Southwell Minster. Tickets from the Minster shop: Adults £8, Children £5. It's organised by Southwell Lions Club.

Gift of Time

Many of you may have spotted the new clock in the Village Hall.

Thank you to Sue Saddington for this thoughtful gift and arranging the funding for this useful addition to our village hall.

Dog Poo

We continue to have an ever-increasing problem with dog poo in the village. (Let's call it what it is; it does need talking about unfortunately).

We know that our Rolleston residents are responsible and considerate dog walkers and clear up after their dogs, but there are folk who walk through our village who are not always so careful.

In particular there have been repeated issues along Staythorpe Road which has been very unpleasant for those residents living nearby.

So, if you do see anyone who is not picking up after their dog, and you feel comfortable to do so, please could you draw their attention to it and let them know that there are dog poo bins by the Village Hall, the Jubilee Garden (near the phone box) and opposite the Church gates on Station Road.

You can report any dog fouling to NSDC if it is in a public area either by phone or via their web site. For any dog related issues you can also contact the local dog warden on **01636 650000**.

Carols Round the Tree

Rolleston Carols round the Tree, 16th December, 6.30pm. For full details, see Countdown to Christmas on page 4.

Sincere Condolences

We were sorry to hear of the death of Derek Favel. Our thoughts are with his friends and family. We also heard about the sad passing of Brian Smith. Many villagers knew Brian and his wife, Kay, who were longstanding residents of Rolleston before leaving the village a few years ago. Our sincere condolences to Kay and family and all who knew Brian.

We also send our thoughts to the family and friends of Malcolm Leary.

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Ron Burnett • 07843 774528
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Contact for times and venues

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Mandy • 07773 551916

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Parish Council - Bob Steele

01636 812463 / 07971 028801

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Village Hall Bookings - Lucy Kyte

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Church Warden - Peter Salter

01636 819197

Church Treasurer - Peter Salter

01636 819197

District Councillor - Keith Melton

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01636 704550

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01636 703269

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Minster Vets

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Southwell Racecourse

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Community Car Scheme

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Police

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Newark & Sherwood District Council

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It's good to keep in touch

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

This is how we do it...

- If your email is registered with The Rolleston Junction, you are also added to the village Parish Council email list. This means you don't miss out on any important news. Your information is not shared with other third parties.
- Rolleston Village Facebook page - for instant updates.
- Rolleston Village web site - **rollestonvillage.uk**
- The notice board on Corner Farm.
- The Rolleston Junction - **rollestonjunction@gmail.com**
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