

the Rolleston Junction

Edition 38 - Autumn 2024

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9th-27th September		The Longest Yam: Exhibition of Wool Art depicting D-Day 1944	Southwell Minster
24th September	7.30pm	'Shaken not Stirred' by the Parky Players For ticket enquiries email: Parkyplayers@gmail.com	Victoria Hotel, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1JP
24th-28th September	7.30pm Matinee 2.30pm on final day	Present Laughter by Noel Coward For tickets visit www.rhtc.co.uk or call 07733 179986	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham
27th September	2.15pm-2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
1st October	7pm	First Aid Training Course Places must be booked in advance pati.colman@icloud.com /07786937266	Village Hall
7th October	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
9th October	7.30pm	Book Club	For book and venue please contact Pati Colman
12th-24th October		Museum of the Moon	Southwell Minster
13th October	TBC	Harvest Festival	Holy Trinity Church
25th October	2.15pm-2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
31st October	1.30pm-3.30pm	Children's Halloween Party Tickets £6: Text 07821 900838 email laurabosworth22@hotmail.com	Village Hall
4th November	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
13th November	7.30pm	Book Club	For book and venue please contact Pati Colman
19th November	7pm	Festive Food and Fizz Tickets £10: Call 01636 819197 email chrissalter2000@yahoo.com	Village Hall
22nd November	2.15pm-2.30pm	Mobile Library	Outside Willwys, Station Road
22nd-24th November	10am-4pm	Christmas Market	Patchings Farm, NG14 6NU

* Check latest times and venues on the Book Club meetings:
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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', was how John Keats described autumn in his famous 'Ode to Autumn' poem.

There have been spiders in our midst in September, with misty starts to the mornings revealing their sneaky blankets of webs, all glistening with droplets, strung across the heathers in my garden. So, it was a nice surprise, and an appropriate one, to receive Elizabeth Blakey's beautifully written poem, 'Arachnophobia' (See page 19).

In fact, we have a lot of enviable talent in this village! On pages 6 and 7, we are pleased to feature the impressive artwork on display at the Tea & Art event at the church on the 20th June by local artists of all ages.

Speaking of artists, Elena Openshaw, (known as 'Els'), had her artwork featured in Vogue magazine a few months ago. Els is naturally modest, and it took some persuasion to tell us about it. What a tremendous achievement. We wish her continued success as her creative career takes off. (See page 15).

Switching to the dramatic arts, we are also proud to mention one of our 'thespians', Chris Stanley. Chris appeared in the cast of Parky Players in six performances of their play, 'Shaken not Stirred' at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August. The play received rave reviews, with the group picking up a coveted award. (Read all about it on page 25).

In warmer times over summer, you'll remember the Village Fete Day at the village hall and the 2-acre field. It was very enjoyable which the photos clearly show. Thank you to the organisers and all the volunteers. (See pages 16 and 17).

September seems to be a hive of activity. By the time you read this, the Bee Keeping Talk (and practical demonstration) by local beekeeper, Michael Combes, will have taken

place at the village hall. It's a topic I am very interested in as I have noticed distinctly fewer bees over the summer, despite my efforts to attract pollinators with my extensive lavender hedge and 'wildings' of garden areas. We will cover Michael's talk next issue.

It's good to know that our village hall is being so well used as the 'hub' (or should I say, 'hive') of our community. There are so many activities happening there, including all the weekly regular events. It's important for us to support it, (and protect it), in any way we can, by attending events, subscribing to the village lottery, and by expressing our concerns on the proposed housing development by NSDC. This would reduce the carparking facilities significantly, and be detrimental to bookings, such as the hire of the hall for weddings and other large events which bring in valuable income. Without that income, the viability of the hall is under threat.

Another hive of activity is of course The Crown, which continues to garner excellent reviews for its food and drink offerings. See page 29 for the highly enjoyable Wine Tasting evening held in June. As well as their regular menu, Fine Dining events with wine pairings are also featuring on the horizon, with the first one happening 19th September.

Back to cobwebs and spiders and all things spooky. The village hall will no doubt undergo a makeover for the 'Spooktacular' Halloween Party for children on 31st October at the village hall. To book for this and all local happenings see Dates for your Diary on page 2.

Whatever you are planning this Autumn, may it be fruitful and enjoyable.

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill and Beth



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Church News

Thank you for all the compliments received on how good the churchyard is looking.

Grass cutting takes time, particularly around the grave headstones. With the present warm and wet weather, the cuts have been every two weeks. Three years ago, you may recall a long dry spell when the grass stopped growing and took on a straw colour, which meant no cuts were needed for several weeks. As I am Treasurer as well as Churchwarden I long for another dry spell to reduce the number of cuts and save £280.80 on each!

At present we have a fine crop of molehills on display which are well worth a visit.

The church has shown how versatile it can be in hosting The Kate Greenaway Action Group Afternoon Tea, Flower Festival and a Songs of Praise for the village as well as the regular 10.30am monthly services. The Harvest Service will be on October 13th.

If you are new to the village, please take the opportunity to visit the church which is open every day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself **Peter Salter (01636 819197)** or **Julian Ellis (01636 831165)**

Peter Salter



Tea and Art Day

A successful event was held at the church by the Kate Greenaway Action group on the 22nd June. It was an opportunity to celebrate the work of previous winners of the Kate Greenaway medal, (now the 'Yoto Carnegie Medal') awarded for an outstanding book in terms of illustration for children. Previous winners include, Levi Pinfold, Raymond Briggs, Shirley Hughes, Quentin Blake, Anthony Brown, Chris Riddell and Lauren Child.

Local children and adults were invited to submit their own artwork in the medium of their choice, based on their favourite book.

At the time, the summer edition of the Junction had gone to print, so we are delighted to showcase the photos of the artwork of the many contributors who submitted their creations. Thanks again to the organisers for a superb afternoon tea which included delicious homemade cakes.



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Claire's Recipe

Chiara's Puttanesca

We are featuring a guest recipe this issue on Claire's page. It's a firm family favourite from the Chandler household on Holly Court.

Says Carole, "Whenever my son Jack, and our daughter-in-law, Chiara, visit us from London, Chiara loves to cook - and we love to eat! Chiara has Italian heritage, and this is her authentic and perfected recipe for Puttanesca which is very easy to rustle up. 'Some like it hot' as the saying goes. You can choose your fresh chilli variety to suit. Whatever your taste, it's the perfect dish as the colder nights draw in during the Autumn."

Ingredients: (for 2 hungry people or 4 smaller meals)

300g Linguine (or preferred dried pasta)
500g fresh tomatoes
Fresh chillis - to taste
Half a bulb of garlic
Tablespoon of capers
50g tin of anchovies in oil
160g tin of tuna - optional (go for a high quality brand like Rio Mare)
Tablespoon of black olives - optional
Parmesan to sprinkle over the top

Top Tip:

Cook the pasta 'al dente'. Make sure it's still got a bit of a bite to it by taking it out of the boiling water a few minutes earlier than it says on the packet. At that point you can test it. (Note: some brands say when to take it out for 'al dente').

Method:

Cut the garlic into small chunks and fry with the oil from the tin of anchovies in a large frying pan.

While this is happening, grate parmesan into a small bowl.

Once the garlic is slightly browned, add the anchovies. Chop the chillis and add these too.

Add the pasta to boiling water and boil on the hob. (See tip below).

Meanwhile, pour the tomatoes into the pan with the garlic, anchovies and chilli.

Smash the tomatoes as they cook - keep doing this until they've completely gone to a pulp.

Once the pasta is cooked al dente (or to preference) drain it in a colander and set to one side over a pan. Turn off the heat for the sauce.

While the pasta is still draining in the colander, add the tuna, olives and capers to the sauce. Mix in fully. Check for seasoning. Caution - if using anchovies, these can be salty.

Once mixed, add the sauce to the pasta. Sprinkle with parmesan and enjoy!

This recipe is very flexible - once you've made it a few times, you can adjust the quantity of ingredients according to personal preferences.

With thanks to Chiara Martinelli. Have you got a family favourite recipe? Why not share it with us by emailing: rollestonjunction@gmail.com



Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

Autumn is coming...

As I write this I'm thinking, summer? What summer? It's 14 degrees centigrade and still raining and windy. What did happen to summer?

Well it's now a day later - gorgeous - hot and sunny. The grass is being mown on the 2-acre field ready for the village fete on the 20th July. I hope the good weather held and that the day was a great success.

August is a bit of a break for the Parish Council, but that doesn't stop business continuing. The continuing challenge of the moment is opposing the Newark and Sherwood District Council

(NSDC) development plans for the land next to the village hall.

Chris Baillon-Saunders has submitted a very thorough and excellent case to the NSDC planning committee for a 'Certificate of Lawfulness' claim. This is to get the land re-designated as being utilised for community use as part of the village hall. It has been used in this way for a significant number of years and the claim is valid in the Parish Council's opinion. At the time of writing, NSDC have accepted the case as being submitted correctly, but may reject the claim. Their decision will be reached and publicised by the 12th September.



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We sincerely hope that they will agree with our claim and withdraw their plans to build on the land. Please look out for more information on this topic on the village e-mail and the new village website.

On less a contentious topic... tree planting in the village. The Parish Council (PC) organised a meeting which took place 11th July at the village hall. The meeting was well attended by villagers and our council representative at NSDC, Keith Melton, was in attendance.

We all looked at maps of the village on which Pati Colman, Bob Steele and Keith Melton had marked possible planting locations for tree saplings and whips to be provided free of charge by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC).

Things to note are that if a tree is to be planted on a verge at the side of the road, it must be planted by NCC at a cost to our PC of £250. Those trees would be maintained by NCC for three years and then their maintenance would become the responsibility of the PC. Trees and whips planted on private land, such as farmland or private gardens, would become the responsibility of the landowner from the moment they are planted.

Keith Melton has taken details of the locations and supporting notes to discuss with officers at NSDC. He also agreed to contact owners of private land to get their views on possibly having trees planted on their land. The PC is considering the option of planting trees in the hedges of the 2-acre field. The objective is for the planting plan to be agreed and to bid for the trees and whips to be delivered and planted from November 2024 to March 2025.

If you missed the meeting but would like to be involved in the project, please contact Bob Steele on bob.steele@rolleston-pc.gov.uk

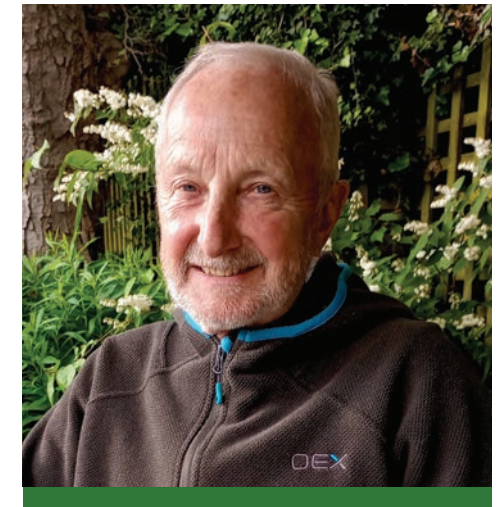
We would be looking for volunteers to help with planting trees this winter.

There will be a presentation by Michael Coombes on Bees organised through the PC. At the time of writing, the date is 7.30pm on Tuesday, 10th September, in the village hall and we are all looking forward to it. Admission is free and tea/coffee and biscuits will be available. Donations welcome towards the care of bees in the neighbourhood.

Another date for your diary is the First Aid Training course by the charity, Newark Community First Aid, on Tuesday 1st October at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The course is free to attend, but places are limited so need to be booked in advance by contacting Cllr Pati Colman pati.colman@icloud.com or **07786 937266**.

Have a lovely Fall!

Cllr. Bob Steele



Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

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Editor's note:

In late news, we hear that Chris Baillon-Sanders was successful with regard to the 'Certificate of Lawfulness'. Well done to Chris and a huge thank you for his efforts.

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Village Hall Lotto

Here are the winners since the last edition of the Junction.

Village Hall, Amanda Hillary, Abs Chaaban, Tim Harries, Richard Thackeray, Ross Thackrey, Nick Pearson, Mark Pearce, Mary Walsh and Sandra Sawyer

There are two vacant numbers, 14 and 50 if anyone would like to contact me.

Thank you for your kind support which we do need.

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

We had a very successful village fete day, Saturday 20th July, which the photos clearly show on pages 16 and 17.

Angela Sanders

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News from County Councillor for Farndon and Trent Division, NCC Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

Well! It has been a busy couple of months, including a few concerns in Rolleston.

As County Councillor I am not involved with Planning applications, apart from sitting on the Planning Committee at NSDC, or dealing with Highway concerns within a Planning application.

The Greenaway application has created problems. I asked Highways to come out and look properly at the application, which has rumbled along for years. I remember the opening of the village hall, I find it difficult to believe that parking, other than that outside the door are the only car parking spaces allocated. Since the opening of the village hall, visitors have parked on the grass. I have consulted Highways because it has been suggested extra cars can use the playground, what a ridiculous idea! When an event is taking place, I asked where do the children go if they want to play? If the cars are parking on the playground it presents a dangerous situation, cars and pedestrians do not mix. Where is the basic common sense I ask these days?

The Holly Court application was considered and was refused in December 2023. This site was a Nottinghamshire County Council site, I had extensive conversations with NCC. The application was refused at NSDC Planning, this, I understand, has now gone to appeal.

I was informed by NCC on May 30th that approval of the demolition of the 2 bay open timber stable type structure at Ulyats Cottage had been granted by NCC on May 30th 2024. The Planning department have now decided not to defend the appeal, something I believe sets a precedent for other applications, along with not defending the Averham Bess Energy

Storage facility and 2 Solar farms at Muskham Woodhouse and Knapthorpe. I intend to look into this further and will report back at your next meeting in September.

Well, we have a couple of days of promised sun, quite unusual. Enjoy your gardens, your flowers and your holidays. I look forward to seeing you in the Autumn.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington

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



WI News

In June, the Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI welcomed a speaker from the Grantham Canal Society. This included a slide show demonstrating all the hard work the Society has done over the years to improve the Grantham Canal for use by walkers, cyclists and boat owners. There may be a WI trip in the future.

The July meeting was organised by the committee - 'Whose the Baby' - photographs past and present of WI members to see who can match them. Out of 28 photos of 'then and now' the highest number guessed correctly was 11 - with a prize won by Sue Stowe.

Blind food tasting. We had to guess types of cheese and types of crisps. Not as easy as you might think! Jane Norris won the prize with 4 out of 6 guessed correctly. We also had to judge chocolate and chocolate digestive biscuits giving our opinion of 'basic', 'better' or 'best'. It is surprising which well-known supermarket brands were considered 'best'. No prizes here - just a bit of fun! There was a lot of chatting and laughing. Well done to the committee.

No meeting in August.

The September meeting was 'The demise of R.T. Parker' - a talk by Catharine Pincott-Allen. A story of a jewel robbery that took place in Fiskerton back in history.

October will be a demonstration by Nigel Britton from Southwell Garden Centre.



The November meeting is entitled 'Pyrography', a demonstration by Laura Douglass.

Other events include a coffee morning at Reg Taylors (monthly), Book Club at The Full moon, (approximately every 6 weeks), Craft and Chat in an evening at a members' house (venue changes each month), and a bi-monthly lunch club (different venues in the area).

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

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

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

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

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Local Artist in Vogue

We are delighted that one of our Rollestonians, Elena Openshaw, (known as 'Els'), had her artwork featured in both the June and July issue of the iconic fashion magazine Vogue! This is certainly a huge landmark in her career as an artist. Els lives on The Greenaway with husband Alex (our local carpenter and builder) and their three children.

On the Vogue page which showcases work from her Ocean Waves collection, the article says:

"Raised in picturesque Cornwall, UK, ELENA OPENSHAW is known for her calming colour pallet. Using a diverse range of materials including sand, cement, stones and fabric, Elena brings unique depth and illusion to her paintings. Internationally collected and author of three digital tutorials, Elena inspires others to explore and create their very own textured art. Follow on Instagram @3d.textured.wall.art and visit her website for commissions and tutorial enquiries www.enadesignuk.com"

We would like to say well done Els for such an amazing achievement. We remember how wowed villagers were when your art was exhibited at a village event at Rolleston church a few years ago. People remarked then that it wouldn't have looked out of place in a London Gallery!

We wish Els continuing success and recognition.

Carole Chandler



Village Fete Day

Rolleston Village Fete Day took place on Saturday 20th July at the village hall and outdoors on the 2-acre field. The sun shone, (well, mostly), it was well supported - over 200 people attended - more than half the population of the village! It really was a tremendous success.

The Bar and Food was supplied by Tom and Gail and the team from the Crown at Rolleston. There was a giant inflatable slide for all ages to enjoy, live music by the band Off Licence, featuring our very own Dan Sanders as the lead singer. Keen junior and senior bakers enjoyed entering the Cake Competition; prizes were kindly donated by M&S, Asda, Morrisons and Waitrose. There was also Children's Storytelling, and Face Painting to entertain the young folks. The Dog Show was very popular this year and ably judged by local resident and dog groomer, Louise Salerno assisted by Grace Gemson. Prizes were kindly donated by Millside Country Store and The Vet Physio.

We are grateful of course to the organisers and to all volunteers, without whom this kind of event couldn't happen. Sometimes it was just manning a stall for an hour or selling a few raffle tickets, or helping to publicise the event before the big day. However you pitched in - your support was vital to make the day most enjoyable and we continue to look for helpers who will do their bit for future events.

Julian Ellis, Chairman of the village hall committee, said, "The village hall is a charitable organisation and community events like this are not only enjoyable, but help us cover the running costs of the hall. The committee welcomes any ideas for events, volunteers to set them up and help run them on the day. We would love to have people join the committee to help set the direction for the hall and keep it relevant to our village. If you'd like to help, please contact me. I really do thank you for your support."

Contact Julian Ellis: **01636 831165**

Enjoy the photos!





Arachnophobia

(or entertaining angels unaware...)

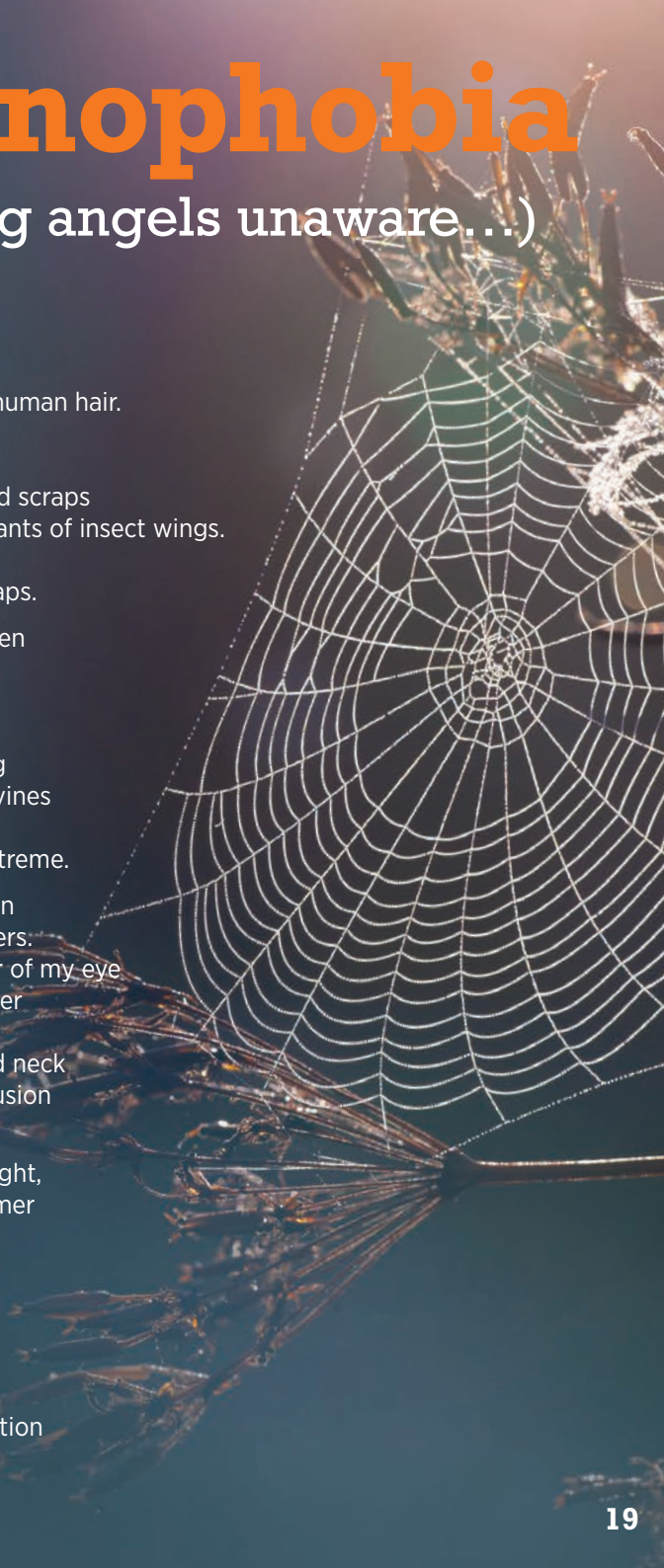
by E L Blakey

My garden looks macabre,
Miserable, neglected,
Smothered in threads, finer than human hair.
The perpetrators remain invisible,
But the evidence is everywhere.
Fence posts smeared with tattered scraps
Of flimsy webs, snagged by remnants of insect wings.
Grey veils filled with dusty debris
Wind drifted into these crafted traps.

Overnight silent invaders, all unseen
Wove cat's cradles round the tap,
Spun sticky fibres fixed between
Water butt and tumbled pots.
An eight legged Blondin has slung
Tight-ropes across challenging ravines
To venture over each abyss
No height or depth proved too extreme.

Disgusted I continue my inspection
Resenting the persistent trespassers.
I spot with horror, from the corner of my eye
A spider abseiling past my shoulder
As though dropping from the sky.
Invisible silk strokes my cheek and neck
Repulsed by the too intimate intrusion
I cringe and shudder.

Then I'm halted by a vision of delight,
An intricate web of filigree gossamer
Embellished with dew drops
Mirroring sunlight,
A wonder of skill and design.
Ashamed of my childish revulsion
My arrogance,
I am incapable of such perfection
I contemplate the mystery of creation
Sense the presence of the divine.



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I would like to thank the thousands of people who voted to re-elect me for the fifth time at the General Election and gave me the incredible honour of being able to continue to represent and serve the people of the Newark constituency. I am grateful and humbled by the trust and support you have placed in me.

Due to the snap call of the election, there wasn't as much time as I would have liked to get around all of the 140 villages across the constituency, but I was pleased to spend time in Rolleston and the surrounding villages, meeting and chatting with many local residents.

I have three immediate priorities which have arisen from my conversations on doorsteps over the last few months. These are:

1. Reinstating the 24/7 care provision at the Urgent Treatment Centre at Newark Hospital. A 24/7 UTC is essential to a rapidly expanding area like Newark, and I will be actively campaigning to see this service returned to our town.
2. Fighting the giant solar farm and BESS applications. The proposals in our area simply are not reasonable, and I will continue to oppose them unless they are significantly changed.

3. Urging the county council and the new Labour East Midlands Mayor to invest the £1.5 billion fund into fixing our roads. Locally, and across the county, roads are in terrible condition, and they must be addressed without further delay.

You have spoken, and I have listened. This is what people want to see. I'm looking forward to working tirelessly and fighting for you and our area, as I have done consistently for the past decade.

As we approach the end of the year, I will be organising and hosting many community events across the constituency. I pride myself on being an active and visible representative and hope to see as many of you as possible at these events. I would encourage you to follow my Facebook page and stay up to date with event information and my other constituency activities.

Regardless of how you voted at the General Election, I am here for you - to represent you, and to help you. Please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me and my office with any issues or inquiries that you may have.

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The Power of Green Prescribing



In our fast-paced, technology-driven world, it's easy to forget the healing power of nature. Enter 'green prescribing', a holistic approach that encourages people to connect with nature to enhance their physical health and mental well-being. Benefits not only include stress reduction and social connection, but also enhance our creativity and improve our immunity. For instance, the phytoncides released by trees boost our immune response. Nature isn't just a backdrop; it's a powerful ally.

Natural settings allow your mind to unwind and recharge. Incorporating activities into a busy schedule can be challenging, but here are some practical tips to help you benefit from nature:

Morning Coffee/Tea Break: Instead of sipping your coffee/tea indoors, take it outside. A few minutes on your doorstep can provide a refreshing start to your day.

Lunchtime Stroll: Use part of your lunch break to walk around a nearby park or green area. It's a great way to recharge and clear your mind.

Walking Meetings: If you have work-related discussions, suggest walking meetings. Walking and talking can be productive while allowing you to enjoy the outdoors.

Family Time: Combine family time with nature. Take your kids to the park, play Frisbee, or have a picnic together.

Nature Day Trips: Plan day trips to nearby nature spots. Spend a day at the beach, or the Peak District.

Camping Weekends: Camping allows you to immerse yourself in nature, disconnecting from stressors.

Tech-free Zones: Designate certain areas in your home as tech-free zones. Create a cosy reading nook near a window or balcony. Use this space to unwind with a book or simply gaze outside.

Gardening in Small Spaces: If you lack a garden, consider container gardening. Grow herbs, flowers, or even small vegetables on your windowsill.

Indoor Plants: Bring nature indoors by placing potted plants around your workspace or living area.

Mindful Commuting: If you commute, make it mindful. Listen to nature sounds or podcasts about wildlife during your journey. Even if you're on public transport, close your eyes and visualise a serene landscape.

Nature Apps and Podcasts: Use apps that guide you through nature-based meditation or provide information about local trails. Podcasts on nature, wildlife, and environmental topics can be both educational and relaxing. Some of my favourites are 'Merlin' - helping you to identify birds through sound - and 'Seek' - using artificial intelligence (AI) to identify species by pointing your camera phone at them.

Social Accountability: Involve friends or family. Arrange weekend hikes, birdwatching outings, or picnics together. Socialising in nature enhances the experience.

Prioritise Self-Care: Recognize that spending time in nature is essential for your well-being and make it a priority as you would any other self-care activity.

Being outdoors isn't just about physical health; it's about overall well-being. So, the next time you feel stressed or disconnected, step outside. Let the leaves whisper their secrets, the flowers share their colours, and the earth ground you. Nature is ready to prescribe its healing magic. Whether it's a few minutes or a whole day, find what works for you and weave green into your daily routine.

Remember, the best medicine often grows right under our feet.

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Parky Players - Shaken not Stirred

Fresh from their award-winning performances of their new play, Shaken not Stirred, at the Edinburgh Fringe festival this year, The Parky Players have a homecoming performance at The Victoria Hotel, Beeston Rylands, NG9 1JG at 7.30pm to celebrate their success. For ticket enquiries, email: Parkyplayers@gmail.com

The theatre group are made up of people who have Parkinson's Disease, along with family and friends of people living with the condition. The play delighted festival goers with its clever scripting as well as the comedic timing and sheer acting talent of the cast. The show, brimming with comedy, also had some moments of pathos too, which both moved and resonated with their audiences.

The six performances of their show and the demanding schedule were well worth their efforts. The group came away with the inaugural Garry Robson Memorial Award, at the Neurodiverse Review Awards, which aim to recognise disabled and neurodiverse acts at the Fringe.

One of the Parky Players is Chris Stanley, our very own Rollestonian, and she has been recently interviewed along with one of the original co-founder members, Janet Shipton, for Notts TV. The two women were able to describe their experience at Edinburgh and to talk about the award the group received.

Chris was asked about how winning the award would move the group forward, and said, "It's opened people's eyes to what people are coping with having Parkinson's. It's not just an old person's disease, we are very young to have it - and I think educating through fun, drama, a bit of seriousness too - was very moving for the people who were there."

The play has been described on their posters and their publicity material as, 'a fiercely funny comedy and music show about the challenges of living with Parkinson's, with a sprinkling of Bond', and also, 'jolly joke-packed fun, not a whiff of preachy or self-pity.'

To view the Notts TV video interview online, visit the Parky Players Facebook page.



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Beekkeeping Talk

10th September

At time of writing, a talk on bees will be taking place at the Village Hall, September 10th at 7.30 pm. The guest speaker will be Michael Coombs, a local beekeeper from Bleasby.

Titled, 'An introduction to Bees and Bee Keeping', this is a more detailed look at the world of bees as Michael did a short presentation at the Rolleston PC AGM a few months ago and it created a lot of interest. Admission free, but donations welcome.

Editor's note: It was very enjoyable and a great turn out! An article about the evening will be published in the next issue of the Junction.

First Aid Training

1st October

Another date for your diary is the First Aid Training course by the charity, Newark Community First Aid, on Tuesday, 1st October at 7.00pm in the village hall.

The course is free to attend, but places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting **Pati Colman**
pati.colman@icloud.com / 07786 937266.

Save the Date: Festive Food & Fizz

19th November

Apologies for mentioning the Christmas word early, but here's an event that will prove very popular - so remember to save the date.

Festive Food & Fizz is taking place at the village hall, Tuesday, 19th November at 7pm. Organised by the hardworking team that organise the Rolleston Flower Festival each year, this event plans to raise money towards the church notice board.

Join us for a Christmas Cocktail and a short cookery demonstration to inspire us in the run-up to Christmas.

Tickets are £10 which includes a first drink and nibbles. To book, contact: **chrissalter2000@yahoo.com / 01636 819197**

Christine Salter

Children's Halloween Party

31st October

This is an event not to be missed, 'Trick or Treat - a Spooktacular Halloween Party'.

Kids, get ready for some fun! There are Halloween happenings at the village hall, 1.30 pm - 3.30pm on the 31st October. The entertainment includes, a disco, fancy dress, games and party food. Tickets cost £6 and are available from **Laura Bosworth**, please text **07821 900838** or email laurabosworth22@hotmail.co.uk

See spooky poster on page 18 for full details.

Exam Success

Many congratulations to our young folks in the village. Well done to:

Ethan Thackeray for doing really well in his GCSEs and we wish him all at the best at the Minster Sixth Form where he is studying Physics, Chemistry, Maths and Further Maths.

Dan Sanders for gaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music and Sound. Dan studied at York University. Many will remember him and his band, Off Licence entertaining us at the Village Fete Day in July. We wish him every success for the future.

Evie Beadles gained a 1st Class MPharm Honours degree this year. Evie studied at Bath University and was elected as Women's Team Captain for Karate. Evie is a Black Belt and successfully competed in competitions with other Universities. This summer, Evie also completed her Duke of Edinburgh award.

To cap an amazing year, she recently got engaged! The happy couple are planning their wedding for 2025. So it's congratulations on many fronts!

Evie's currently working as a trainee Pharmacist at QMC Nottingham and will be heading south next August for a new life in Surrey.

If we have missed anybody out, please contact the Junction; we are always happy to celebrate the success of our young people.



Drone To Home For Dog Owners

One member of our community was grateful to use the services of a locally based East Midlands charity a few months ago, when a dog he was looking after for a relative ran away and went a bit 'feral' in their behaviour, avoiding capture.

Have you heard of Drone to Home? Started in 2020, the charity helps you locate your dog by flying drones overhead near where it was last sighted and provides excellent advice as well as much reassurance.

Although the dog, (let's call it 'Rover'), was enjoying its freedom for a while and was resistant to being approached, (it kept on running away), the charity was able to keep a careful watch on its varying locations for a number of hours through their 'eye in the sky'.

We are happy to report that the dog in question returned exactly as the Drone to Home people predicted it would the next morning (finding its own way to its 'holiday home' in Rolleston) at first light. The charity does not make a charge, but donations are welcome no matter how big or small to keep this valuable service on the road, attract more volunteers and help it expand its area of operation. So far, they have reunited more than 2,000 dogs with their owners.

Visit www.dronetohome.org.uk for contact details and advice or call **0330 124 2004** in an emergency if your dog goes missing. They also have a Facebook page for latest updates.



Fine Dining at The Crown

Our pub goes from strength to strength. Feedback reveals that people are loving the food and drink offerings. Following the success of the wine tasting and nibbles night at the Crown in early June, with a talk and quiz by wine expert, Raj, more gourmet style events have been added.

At time of writing, a fine dining event is planned for Thursday, 19th September. Canapes on arrival, a 5-course meal with the option to add wine pairing with each course. The evening is proving to be popular and Tom is very excited to showcase his food.

Knowing their excellent reputation, the team at the Crown will excel and we look forward to publishing photos of the event in the next issue.

Unidentified Loose Dogs

Please note if you encounter a loose dog wandering about and do not know who the owner is - your best strategy is to contact the local PSO in Southwell, (phone 101), but also notify the dog warden for NSDC (**01636 650000**), refer to the NSDC website for what to do outside normal working hours. There have been repeat incidences over the months of people encountering a few large dogs on the loose (and without ID) in Rolleston, Staythorpe and Averham villages. This can be a bit intimidating!

The Junction email is manned by volunteers, so we are not really set up to react quickly enough, especially if it's holiday times etc. and people often don't read their email straightaway.

Congratulations

Sincere congratulations to Eileen and Ken Beadles who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 15th August.

Their son, Ian, took this lovely photo to celebrate the day and to recreate a memory. Eileen and Ken got married 60 years ago at Holy Trinity Church in Rolleston 1964.

Rather appropriately, as Eileen and Ken were having their photo taken, the church bells suddenly started to ring out.

Apparently, completely unrelated to their special day, a group of bell ringers from Bristol had turned up!



Thank you

Thanks to all the volunteers who turned up to help spread the 'Softfall' chippings over the playpark, on Saturday, 29th June. The job was done in just over an hour proving the old adage, 'Many hands make light work.' The playpark is an important asset to our village and attracts visitors to Rolleston.

Bob Steele

Rolleston Regular Events

Pilates

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

Total Fitness

Jennie Overton • 01636 816800
Village Hall

Darts

Graham Osborn
07977 172707

GORGS

Bram Towse • 01636 813901
Gentlemen of Rolleston
Golfing Society

Book Club

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

Indoor Bowls

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

Dominoes at The Crown

Peter Salter • 01636 819197

Yoga

Mandy • 07773 551916
Pre-booking is essential for all classes
Monday: 10-11:30am Gentle Stretching & relax
Tuesday: 10-11:30am General Hatha Yoga

Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

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

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

3rd Wednesday 10.30am
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Bacon Cobs (£1)

4th & 5th Wednesday 10.30am
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Note:

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Useful contacts

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01636 815542 • 07976 894449

Parish Council - Bob Steele
01636 812463 / 07971 028801

Village Hall Chair - Julian Ellis
01636 831165

Village Hall Bookings - Lucy Kyte
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Church Warden - Julian Ellis
01636 831165

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District Councillor - Keith Melton
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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...

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- 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**
- We are a quarterly magazine dependent on our advertisers and sponsorship.
- We do need more donations and advertising income - if you have a business your advertising support would be appreciated. A quarter page costs just £30 per issue.
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