

# the Rolleston Junction

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# Dates for your Diary

4 July	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
8-10 July		East Midlands Chilli Fest 2022 Tickets: <a href="http://www.em-chillifest.com">www.em-chillifest.com</a>	Racecourse
12 July	7.30pm	Book Club – Mrs England by Stacey Halls For details: 07786 937266	Laburnam Cottage
14-17 July	See Website	Patchings Art Festival For tickets contact: 0115 9653479 <a href="http://www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk">www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk</a>	Patchings Farm NG14 6NU
14-17 July	See Website	Gates to Southwell (Folk Festival) For tickets visit: <a href="http://www.gtsf.uk">www.gtsf.uk</a>	Kirklington Parkland
10 August	7.30pm	Book Club: Clothes, Clothes, Clothes, Music, Music, Music, Boys, Boys, Boys by Viv Albertine	Holly Farm
24-29 August		Southwell Music Festival <a href="http://www.southwellmusicfestival.com">www.southwellmusicfestival.com</a>	Southwell Minster
5 September	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
15 September	7.30pm	Book Club: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennet	Orchard House

# Hello again

## from the Junction Team!

Rolleston's always been known as a caring community, but over the last few months we've really pulled it out the bag.

Rather than lead with a local focus, let's look at the other end of the telescope about what's been happening in the wider world. In the safety of our living rooms we have all seen the distressing images and TV reports on the war in Ukraine and the consequences on its people. There have been a number of local charity events related to raising funds for the people of Ukraine.

Pati and Arne Colman and their young grandchildren took the initiative to raise funds for UNICEF for the children of the Ukraine. The girls certainly enjoyed being in charge of their morning 'pop-up' shop selling homemade cakes. We've also had another successful coffee and cake morning at the village hall organised by the Kate Greenaway Action Group for another Ukrainian charity. Both events raised an amazing amount and you can read all about it in this issue.

It is wonderful to be reporting on social gatherings again in the village. In March we had the Victorian Tea Party at the church in celebration of Kate Greenaway's birthday. It was so well supported and very enjoyable. There wasn't much elbow room at the table and trade was 'brisk' and well choreographed by the organisers! Then over the May Bank Holiday weekend, we had the fantastic Flower Festival in the church. The floral exhibits were extremely creative.

There is no doubt about it - we have talented folk in the village. On that note, take a look for some creative inspiration from some 'crafty' Rollestonians who have engaged in arts and crafts you may not have encountered before who provide the low-down on their established hobbies or simply like to try new things.

We are also delighted to hear from Katie Taylor, who tells us about her studies and her recent achievements at Brackenhurst College. Keep your articles coming we love to hear from you.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with a picnic on the 2-acre field. But we have more events to look forward to this Summer, including the East Midlands Chilli Fest at the racecourse, the Gate to Southwell Folk Festival, Patchings Art Festival and the Southwell Music Festival. Check out 'Dates for your Diary' and look out for the Junction emails keeping you updated about what's on in our local area.

Have a great Summer!

Best wishes,

*Carole, Gill, Beth and Tony*

On behalf of others on the Junction team, we say farewell to Tony & Michelle Hillary, who are moving on to pastures new. Read about their fond recollection of their time in Rolleston on page 24. They are still committed to the success and continuity of our community magazine and no doubt will still be regular visitors. With sincere thanks to their many contributions to village life over the years.



Front cover picture: 'Tin-tin' at the Flower Festival created by Gill Thackrey



# Village Hall Lotto

Here are the Village Lottery Winners since the last edition of the Junction:

**Simon Haydock, Steve Rowles, Mick and Jo Killingworth (twice), Pat Sawyer, Tony Hillary, Di Overton, Sarah Thackery, Beth Dowson, Glenice Walton, Peter Salter, Sandie Pearson.**

Don't miss out there are five vacant numbers - could one of them be lucky for you?

Thank you to all who continue to support the village hall. If you would like to choose a number for your weekly entry to the village lottery, contact me.

A £50 cash prize is awarded every week.

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## My Hobby: Journals & Scrapbooks

As long as I can remember I have enjoyed working with paper, card and textiles. My overriding passion is books, in whatever form they take. From an early age I used books to record diary entries, make scrapbooks, penning stories and poetry, collecting ideas, and as a way of accumulating things of interest.

A traditional journal would probably be thought of as a way to write about events and I have created numerous travel journals. Eventually, as well as the written word, I started to stick in a variety of ephemera.

The advent of beautiful crafting materials being available from a variety of sources, (e.g. Crafters Companion), has led me to experiment with journal pages. These are a way of displaying beautiful papers for backgrounds or using those created with paint or pen. They can be accompanied with stamps or die cut material, photos and handwritten notes and you can showcase new products. There are no rules except that it should not be a chore; something to enjoy which results in pleasing pages.

It's useful to 'squirrel' things away, from ribbons, bits of lace, tickets, cuttings and the use of inks to distress or add colour. If you enjoy sewing, textiles can be used along with beads and buttons. The use of mixed media and different textures all add to the finished result.

“I'm in the middle of sticking something...”

Regarding the photo below, I came across some treasures when sorting out my family home some years ago. I found an envelope containing a week's worth of letters written by my grandfather. (I lived with my grandfather and grandma who had gone away for a week in Wales before my mother, her sister and I joined them). It was Coronation year and I was five years old. They seemed topical to me because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. So, in the journal are copies of one of the letters and some photos of when I visited them. The stamps on the envelope are George VI stamps.

An extension to this is experimenting with making your own books. You could make them from paper and card or from textiles, with the addition of sewn illustrations. You can explore further ideas by entering 'journal pages' into your Google search engine. Then have a go.

For me, this has been an absorbing and rewarding hobby. Steve, my husband, is well used to hearing from my craft room, "I'm in the middle of sticking something ...", especially if I can't give him my immediate attention!

**Hazel Short**





# Skating Sisters achieve International Success



Mark Robinson & eldest daughter Alex, supporting the team.

Our family have been hooked on ice skating for 18 years. When Alexandra, our eldest, was five years old, she was talent spotted for the National Ice Skating Figure Academy (NISFA). Later, she was put in the Juvenile team and within a few months that team became British Champions and she won a Gold at a tournament in Holland.

Alex's sisters, Aimee and Amber, also learned the basics from a young age and trained with NISFA, before joining the Nottingham Synchronised Skating Academy at the age of six. They have been British champions at all the levels through to Junior over the last few years.

Synchronised Ice Skating is team figure skating: 16 skaters do routines to music in unison performing manoeuvres, such as circles, wheels, intersections and blocks. There are creative elements involving spins, jumps and other individual and pairs tricks.

You have to develop your skating to a high level, and your strength and flexibility as well as teamwork and leadership skills. It's a really exciting sport - we see the best teams in the world compete - including USA, Canada, Russia and Scandinavia, who do really spectacular and beautiful routines.

Aimee (aged 17) and Amber (aged 15) are in the 'Icicles Junior' team. After a tough period after lockdown, they were selected to represent Great Britain at Junior Worlds in Innsbruck, Austria in March 2022. It was the first time the girls had skated together in this particular event. In Innsbruck, most teams were able to compete with the exception of Japan (due to Covid) and Russia (due to being banned after their invasion of the Ukraine). Twenty five teams competed in total.

My wife Jean, our daughter Alex and I, flew to Austria to support the tournament with a number of other parents and families. I was given the 'Club Union Jack Suit' to wear at the competition. I became a bit of a minor celebrity, with many skaters asking for their photos with me!

Aimee and Amber went out a few days earlier and the team got time to tour the town of Innsbruck with its spectacular

backdrop of snow-capped Alps. They finished their final preparations and then the evening before the competition the team had their usual fun talent competition to relax themselves before the main event.

In the short program Team GB did well, skating to an upbeat jungle theme with no falls or deductions achieving 16th place just ahead of the Netherlands. The following day, they skated their free program to a Moulin Rouge medley. They performed well again maintaining their 16th place overall with 108.69 points - their highest score yet at a Junior World Championships. Overall the competition was won by 'Fintastic Junior' of Finland, with teams from the USA finishing 2nd and 3rd.

In recognition, their team was awarded Performance Squad status by British Ice Skating, which means they will get some support from British Ice Skating next season in the form of training camps with top figure skaters and coaches. Aimee and Amber will continue skating and they aim to get to the Junior Worlds in Lyon, France, in March 2023.

**Mark Robinson**

**Editor's Note:** Well done to Aimee and Amber; you're putting Rolleston on the world stage!

Below: Team GB (Icicles Junior) 2022.

Aimee: 2nd row, 2nd right and  
Amber: 3rd row, 2nd right.





## Claire's Recipe

# Heritage Beetroot, Heirloom Tomatoes and Burrata salad with Pesto dressing

This recipe is more of a 'put together' than a cooking project. it is best made when the tomatoes and beetroot are full of flavour in the summer. The coloured beets and tomatoes look wonderful but if you only have the red varieties that's fine too - it's the taste that counts.

### Ingredients:

For 2 people you will need:

- 2 large tomatoes and 6 cherry tomatoes
- 3 beetroot or 6 if small
- 1 burrata cheese (or a good mozzarella will do)
- pesto and good olive oil and balsamic vinegar
- black pepper, sea salt and basil and/or cress for garnishing



### Method:

1. First cook the beetroot, either roast or boil, then skin them and cut into wedges, sprinkle with a little balsamic vinegar if liked.
2. Cut the tomatoes into halves, quarters or sixths depending on size, season with salt and pepper.
3. Arrange the beets and tomatoes on the plate. I like to use a rectangular one, but round is fine too.
4. Tear the burrata into about 10 pieces and pop on top. It is virtually impossible to slice burrata, but if you are using mozzarella you should be able to cut it up, but we're going for rustic, not neat here!
5. Then mix some pesto with a spoon or so of olive oil and drizzle over the lot to your taste.
6. Finish with some torn-up basil leaves and/or some cress.
7. Serve with some good bread for mopping up the juices.

I hope you enjoy this, it's one of my favourite summer dishes.

*Claire Foster*



## Reverend Phil

Congratulations to Boris Johnson and Priti Patel. They have managed to get most people to side with the Archbishop of Canterbury (ABC) and the CoFE (no easy feat), by opposing their outspoken opposition to the exporting of 'illegal asylum seekers' to Rwanda. ABC's theological language may not be vernacular, but he has every right to express his views based on his Christian values. As anyone of us does, whatever value system we may have.

So, where do our values come from? Are they inherited, from our life experience, consciously adopted from an external belief system or rubbed off from our neighbours?

Statistically, which group of people are generally happier, healthier and live longer? Have easier deaths when the time comes, and are more likely to feel that they belong to a community? In a survey, these people were depressed less frequently; felt their lives were more worthwhile; were more engaged with their local community; and felt greater trust towards others. They have a set of meaningful rituals that engage the brain's endorphin system. Endorphins also underpin the bonding of friendships, allowing us to create supportive groups sharing common values, which arguably results in human wellbeing and survival. Perhaps this can be detected in the Ukrainian people's morale facing overwhelming odds so resiliently. It doesn't come from nowhere.

Ok you've got it! This group of people are those engaging in corporate religion! 'Religious' is not a word I, (it may surprise you to know?) - or many of us relate to well, but there it is. Whether you are ABC, CoFE or just yourself, you have every right to have values and express them, especially if you are supporting the deep value and worth of humanity. How could you not?

By the way, the use of the word 'religion', is very rare in the New Testament. James the Apostle in his letter memorably notes ... 'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress ...' (1:27)

Best wishes,

*The Revd Phil*

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and at Holy Trinity see Church News  
article by Julian Ellis, Church Warden.

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at 9am, please ask for an invite.



# Rolleston Parish Council

## Protect our play park!

Earlier this year, the Parish Council, conducted a survey amongst residents in the village on a number of aspects relating to the village's play park, located to the rear of the Kate Greenaway village hall.

The purpose of the survey was to obtain a better understanding of the underlying levels of demand for the play park, including which elements were most used and which least used, and how regularly.

As with all surveys, those who take the time to respond tend to be those who feel most strongly about the particular topic in question, but it was nevertheless evident from the results received that the play park is seen to be an important amenity to the village, enjoyed by a wide range of the younger residents of Rolleston. Indeed, one respondent replied that the play park was the main reason they moved to the village.

Several respondents also noted that the appeal of the play park extends far beyond village residents, and is regularly used by many visitors from outside the village.

The history of the play park is that the play equipment was designed, and originally destined for, a much larger community in Newark, but due to concerns apparently expressed over the costs of maintenance, the equipment was instead offered to the village, with the purchase supported by grant funding.

The play park thus came into the ownership of the Parish Council, who have assumed the responsibility for maintenance and repair ever since. The scale of the play park, arranged into three distinct areas designed for different age groups, is therefore much larger than would ordinarily be available to a small village such as Rolleston, and as the equipment has aged over time, and health and safety requirements

have become ever more stringent, the cost to the village via the Parish precept in each householder's Council Tax, has increased, and now represents the highest proportion of all Parish Council annual expenditure.

The most recent inspection of the play equipment indicated that major capital works of repair and maintenance will be required over the next few years, at a total cost which would require the Parish precept to increase by over 500%. With local government guidance on the level of annual increases in the precept being no higher than 3-4%, the cost clearly cannot be met from Parish funds. Over a number of years, the Parish has managed to build up some modest reserves for purposes such as this, but these will only make a small contribution to the overall costs.

Currently the play park is only able to remain open thanks to the voluntary support of two Parish Councillors in particular who devote considerable time and effort overseeing and maintaining the park. Without their continued support, the play park would quickly become unviable, and some, or all, of it would have to close, as we have sadly seen in many villages and towns over the years.

Closure of the play park would be a huge loss to the village, evidenced by the feedback from the survey conducted, and in order to do all we can to avoid this potential outcome the Parish Council is now asking village residents to volunteer to come together to establish an informal community group to support the longer term maintenance of the play park, either by fund raising, forming a working party to carry out regular tidying and weeding, and some maintenance repairs, on what is a well-loved and highly-valued village amenity.

*Tim Harries*

# Church News

At the time of writing, our vicar, Rev Phil White, is completing his sabbatical. Phil is conducting a study of rural churches in Leicestershire. He will be returning to the vicarage in Thurgarton around 24th May. Enquiries can be dealt with by me as Churchwarden, or through the Benefice Office.

We warmly welcome David Hanson, who has recently moved to Rolleston from South London. He is a Reader, meaning he can take services and preach in the benefice.

The extension to the graveyard was consecrated by the Bishop of Southwell on 13th June. This was a public event, as it was providing a facility for all those resident in the parish, who have the right to be buried in the churchyard. At the moment every individual plot has to be blessed before a burial. The new area should provide spaces for at least 200 years. The church believes in long term thinking!



David Hanson, Reader

Graveyard consecration is an unusual event, as few parishes buy the land to provide extra burial space when their original graveyard is full. Although burials can be assumed to have taken place on the old space for over 1000 years, the oldest markers only go back to the last quarter of the 17th Century, when they became fashionable. Of course, there are many unmarked spaces too. There is already an area set aside for the cremated remains of parishioners too.

On a different topic, the Flower Festival at the beginning of May was a great success.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April re-elected me as churchwarden, a role I have served in for 16 of the last 20 years. Peter Salter retired as my fellow churchwarden after nine years, but remains as church treasurer. Other members of the parochial church council are Elizabeth Blakey and David Hanson, (both of whom are Readers), Chris Salter and Michael Taylor, in addition to the vicar.

*Julian Ellis*

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# Country Girl Katie

Katie Taylor is a true Rollestonian having been born here 28 years ago and now studying, down the road, at Brackenhurst College Southwell, part of Nottingham Trent University.

It was whilst volunteering as a Ranger's assistant at the Millennium Green project in Lincoln that Katie really fell in love with the outdoors and decided to study for a career in countryside management. So, in 2020 she started a 2-year BTEC course in Countryside Management and Wildlife Conservation, at Brackenhurst, and it has been everything she'd hoped. I for one was amazed, (and a little envious), to hear what she has been up to and the interesting hands-on challenges of the course.

Katie has had to knuckle down to studies in the lecture hall, the library and the laboratory, but was keen to tell me about the loads of interesting projects outdoors. She has been dressed up in waders for her pond management work (very important around Brackenhurst which is a significant centre for the Great Crested Newt), she has also driven (and reversed!) tractors and trailers, set up camera traps for wildlife surveys, made bat boxes and bird feeders, done hedge layering, coppicing and been taught dry stone walling.

This spring Katie was given the opportunity to help with the lambing on the Brackenhurst Estate. Working alongside other students, she saw ewes giving birth to not only single lambs but also 2, 3 and even 4 lambs! Katie was able to be completely hands on in helping to deliver lambs when any ewe was in difficulty, and for any lambs born breach, she was clearing their airways and stimulating them to breathe, as well as administering calcium injections to any ewes in distress. Although this isn't a normal curriculum activity, it was a great experience for the students and one which Katie loved.

Having also herded cows and a bull, Katie, who admits to having been nervous around large animals (understandable she says for a small person), has been pleasantly surprised at how much confidence the course has given her.

Katie's enthusiasm for her course and the college made her an ideal person to be a student ambassador recently, showing round new prospective students, and Katie is now thinking of staying on next year to do a Foundation Degree in Wildlife and Conservation.

With many students often choosing to study far from home, we may not always realise what we have on our doorstep, but with courses at Brackenhurst available at all levels, and in a wide range of topics, there is lots more on offer than I ever thought.

We would like to thank Katie for sharing her college experiences with us and wish her all the best with her ongoing studies.

**Gill Rowles**

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Robert  
**JENRICK**

MP FOR NEWARK

Just this week as the British embassy reopens in Kyiv, the Prime Minister addressed the Ukrainian Parliament, pledging our full support in their ongoing fight for self-determination against the barbaric Putin regime.

Since the start of the conflict a little over 70 days ago over 80,000 visas have now been granted for Ukrainians to come to the UK and seek refuge. I would like to thank all of those who have opened their homes to help others at this time in need. I have said frankly that the scheme has been slow, and issues have occurred, but I am glad to see that most of the dozens of constituents who have contacted me in and around the local area about visa problems have had them resolved. Newark & Sherwood Council are doing a good job at helping sponsors and families alike and many local schools to Rolleston, such as Southwell Minster, have been most accommodating.

Although the Ukrainian conflict might seem to be at a distance, some of the consequences are clear for us all to see. Coupled with continued, chaotic international supply chains and pent up demand from the pandemic, we have witnessed the cost of living rise very sharply, with increasing food prices and energy bills. I never believed high inflation would be transitory when we were told it would be by the Bank of England and now, I suspect it will be with us for at least a year, possibly a couple of years. This is and will be a hard period for many, especially those on low incomes.

I know this squeeze is a serious concern and that is why I have been at the forefront of lobbying the Government to support those who need it most. I welcomed the increase of the National Insurance threshold, leaving those earning under £35,000 a year paying less tax as well as everyone living in properties in council tax band D and below receiving £150 towards their energy bills. I would like to see taxes going down more broadly, together with a real effort to control wasteful public spending to enable it. I will continue to lobby ministers for help for constituents who are struggling. If you are in difficulties, one route is the Household Support Fund, a £1bn discretionary fund created by the Government and managed by local councils. Please contact Newark & Sherwood Council and ask to speak about the funds they are administering on a case-by-case basis. I appreciate this is not what most people would wish to do, but it is there as a last resort if you need it and using councils to make decisions is the most targeted way to spend public money.

On a more positive note, as summer approaches I hope that we can all come together to celebrate Her Majesties 70th Jubilee. Her commitment to our nation is exemplary, and long may she continue to reign.

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# Cake Sale for the Ukraine

In April, Pati and Arne Colman's granddaughters, Lara (7 years) and Livia (5 years) ran a homemade cake stall to raise money to support children in Ukraine. All proceeds went to UNICEF to support their work in Ukraine which ranges from providing clean water to protecting children from abuse.

Thanks to everyone who contributed cakes and to all who came to enjoy them! With all donations made so far, the grand total is £453.81

**Editor's note:** Well done to Lara and Livia for raising such a fantastic amount!



## Knitting Snippet

I must say that using your arms as knitting needles is a very odd experience but on a trip to Elsham Hall in North Lincolnshire, that's what we did.

We were there on a 'girls' day out' to try our hand (or our arms) and 'arm-knit' a blanket and we were not really sure what to expect. But, having taken care to visit the ladies before casting on, as there is no way to untangle yourselves once you get started... we then spent the next couple of hours dropping stitches, chatting, and laughing as we watched our blankets grow. Just two hours later and we were at the end of our ball of wool, so it was time to cast off and then tuck into afternoon tea. A really lovely day out and a blanket to bring home with you at the end!

*Gill Rowles*

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# Flower Festival 2022

China (detail)

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Flower Festival whether by attending, making cakes or crowns or creating the fabulous flower displays. The grand sum of £1725 was raised and has been added to the masonry repair fund. A wonderful success both financially but also socially, a chance for catching up with old friends and meeting new residents to the village.

Chris Salter



Gold



Crystal

Wool



**Jubilee Crowns** (made by children):  
Finn Stark, Elizabeth Grange & Rupert Moore

**Floral Displays for Queen's Anniversaries:**

**Platinum:** Emma & Tim Harries

**Diamond:** Ron & Shirley Burnett

**Emerald:** Damian Rex & Elizabeth Grange

**Gold:** Sally John • **Sapphire:** Beryl Northcote

**Ruby:** Debbie Baldock • **Coral:** Jo Kirk

**Pearl:** Sarah Beadles • **Silver** (in memory of  
Janice Collinson): Beryl Northcote

**China:** Claire Foster & Gill Slater

**Crystal:** Chris Salter • **Tin:** Gill Thackrey

**Wool:** Kathy Jezewski & Angela Moore

**Wood:** Angela Green & Elizabeth Blakey



Platinum



China



Sapphire



Crowns (made by children)



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Tin-tin, Tina & their  
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# WI News

The WI meeting in January was supposed to have a speaker, John Whitfield, to talk about 'The Kennedys'. However, John informed us that he had tested positive for Covid. This meant we had to turn to plan 'B'! We organised a game of 'Beetle' which went down well and meant lots of laughs and conversations with new people. The usual refreshments were served by two WI volunteers and a good evening was had by all. John will return in September 2022.

Our Pilates class, with a qualified fitness instructor, has re-opened on Thursdays, 10-11am, at The Arthur Radford Hall. Admission is £5 on the door and open to all.

The February WI meeting was entitled, 'What could possibly go wrong?' by speaker Nikki Spencer LLB. The talk was about the legal arrangements that everyone should know about in case something does go wrong. Nikki was extremely knowledgeable, and our ladies asked many questions.

In the last week of February, seven members attended an interesting evening at Oxtou - 'The Forensic Experience'. This was an event organised by the County WI and was oversubscribed, so we were lucky that some of our group could attend.

In March, a walk was organised by Bleasby WI and was enjoyed by a group from MFR WI. The large group of walkers were undeterred by the shocking weather and a hot lunch was welcome afterwards. In mid March we organised a circular walk from Rolleston to Upton with a refreshment stop at The Clock Café. We had a sunny day and eleven members enjoyed the walk.

Some members entered a Whist competition held in Rolleston Village Hall in March. They enjoyed the experience. If anyone is interested, we can teach any new members Whist and Rummikub, as well as more active pursuits such as kurling and croquet.

Our Annual Meeting on 12th April started with a fish and chip supper from 'The Full Moon' in Morton. The President was voted in for another year. The committee was voted in en bloc with 2 new members.

Our WI meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Arthur Radford Hall, Fiskerton, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome. If you are interested, please contact:

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**Beryl Northcote: 01636 812579**

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

At County hall, we are moving towards the new Governance Decision making process which will be implemented at the Annual Council meeting in May 2022.

As I explained in my last report, decisions will be made by the Leader and Cabinet rather than taken through multiple Committees, this enables decisions to be made more quickly.

To ensure transparency, cross party Scrutiny/Select Committees will meet and hold the Cabinet members to account.

There will be no change to Health Scrutiny, the committee which I chair.

### **Covid 19 booster**

If you are aged 75 and over and it has been six months since your last booster vaccine, boost your protection against serious illness from Covid-19 by getting your spring booster. You can book an appointment at a local pharmacy or GP surgery if they participate in the programme or at a local clinic.

### **The Tour of Britain**

The Tour of Britain will be in Nottinghamshire on September 8th and the yellow cycles will be passing through Sherwood Forest, Clumber Park and Southwell.

The eagerly anticipated cycle race will once again start on Central Avenue in West Bridgford and finish on Chesterfield Road South in Mansfield. on September 8th.

It is the third time the showpiece event will take place in the county and follows the hugely successful staging of the race in 2017 and 2018. This year's race will see the fifth stage begin on Central Avenue in West Bridgford and end on Chesterfield Road South, in Mansfield.

### **The Platinum Jubilee**

As I have visited Parish Council meetings recently, I sense the excitement of your Jubilee plans. I am sure those involved in the planning, sense a realisation of the date drawing nearer, but as they say, I am sure everything will be right on the night!

I wish you all good luck with the final month of preparations and plan to visit your events. I wish you all in advance a Happy Jubilee weekend.

*Cllr. Sue Saddington*

**Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, NCC**  
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# Cllr Roger Blaney

## Barrier Failures - Light at the end of the tunnel?

The 2,000+ residents of Rolleston, Fiskerton-cum-Morton and Bleasby are unusual if not unique. Unless we swim or paddle across the River Trent, we can only reach the rest of the world via a level crossing. That means we are dependent on the reliability of Network Rail's technology to go about our daily lives. When we had manned signal boxes and crossings there were rarely, if ever, problems. But, since the crossings were 'modernised' in 2016, periodic barrier failures have occurred.

Sue Saddington and I have raised this with Network Rail on a number of occasions, pointing out that during a barrier failure the emergency services cannot reach us if needed and that we are trapped, unable to get to urgent appointments or to and from work or school. We are told that, statistically, the barrier failure rate is low - but would you stay on an aircraft, say, if the captain announced prior to take-off that 'statistically, our failure rate is low'?

This Spring, there have been two failures affecting all the barriers between Lowdham and Newark Castle: shortly after 8.30am on Monday, 14th February and just before 3.00pm on Wednesday, 2nd March. On each occasion, it took up to two hours before all the barriers were operating normally. Then, there was another failure around 7.55am on Saturday, 19th March that just affected the

Rolleston, Fiskerton and Morton crossings. Whilst the problem at Rolleston rectified itself quickly, it took eight hours - until 4.00pm - before the problem at the other two crossings was finally resolved.

These three failures prompted me to write to Network Rail. Within twelve hours, I had a personal reply from Rob McIntosh, Managing Director for NR Eastern Region, apologising and promising action. I have heard it before but, this time, I do believe there is a recognition and determination that the matter needs to be addressed. At the end of April, I had a 'virtual' meeting with Gary Walsh, NR Route Director East Midlands, and five of his colleagues. They outlined a programme of seven actions - a mixture of immediate, medium and longer-term steps - that they believe will significantly reduce future barrier failures. Network Rail will expand on these measures during a further meeting in mid-May that Sue and I have organised for Parish Councillors and that Robert Jenrick MP hopes to attend as well.



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For those of us affected by these incidents, one of the biggest frustrations is knowing whether it is one, some or all of the level crossings that have failed: can we get across by going round to, say, Bleasby or Staythorpe? Is the problem likely to take minutes or hours to fix? Sue and I have argued for digital signs at the crossings to provide this information. Network Rail are investigating this but, in the interim, they have already installed additional signage at each level crossing, in direct line of sight of vehicle drivers, highlighting the telephone number to call for information if the barriers stay down for longer than normal.

Still, all of this will be a thing of the past when a parallel new High Speed line from Nottingham to the East Coast Mainline is built, when each of the current level crossings is replaced with a road overbridge, when Fiskerton station is closed and when Rolleston is developed as an interchange station. An April Fool's joke? Not if you read the document catchily-named, 'Strategic Alternatives to the Eastern Arm of HS2' and published in January on the government website. Just so long as my slumber is not disturbed in whichever churchyard I am in when -if- it comes to pass!

*Cllr. Roger Blaney*

Trent Ward, NSDC

## In memory of Frank



Many of us were sad to hear of the passing of much loved Frank Blacklock, who lived in the village for 30 years.

Frank moved to the East Midlands from his native Scotland in his late teens to look for work, meeting his wife Margaret when they

worked together at Saxonwell hospital where Frank was a nurse.

Nursing was the ideal occupation for Frank who was a gentle, caring man but who was also pragmatic, stoic and had a wonderful sense of humour.

Frank and Margaret epitomised the community spirit of Rolleston, always prepared to help out and do their bit for the village. Frank was a long serving member of

the Parish Council, one of the first footpath wardens, and a member of the dominoes team to name just a few of the activities and organisations he supported.

But Frank also threw himself just as enthusiastically into the village social life with a particular penchant for any events being held at the pub, especially if fancy dress was involved! He also loved hosting Burns nights for his neighbours and friends when he would appear in his kilt and read Robbie Burns poems, with his wonderful Scottish lilt becoming ever stronger as the evening wore on.

We will remember Frank with fondness and gratitude for having shared with us his love of the outdoors, his love of life, and for his generosity and kindness to all who crossed his path.

He will be sadly missed.

*Ross Thackrey*



# Twenty eight years in Rolleston

The big question was, "Will the heating work?"

We moved in the week before Christmas 1993. Rolleston Manor was in a state of neglect. Our three children under eleven were looking forward to a cosy family Christmas. Yes, the boiler worked, but finally died three weeks later!

Rolleston was a small agricultural village. Imagine Rolleston without the Corner Farm development, no Goodwins Court, no houses behind The Crown. Holly Court had only just been built. The growth of the village brought its benefits; the village was transformed as new people, often young families with children, moved in.

A successful fundraising effort spearheaded by Nick Pearson resulted in the replacement of the old wooden village hall with the superb building we have today. After more fundraising, after years of silence, the Holy Trinity church bells were repaired and returned to their original glory.

The Crown Inn was a traditional and thriving pub, well supported by the village. The food was simple - just good ingredients cooked well. The pub had its own darts, dominoes, skittle and cribbage teams, often competing with other local pubs. There were quiz nights and some really good themed evenings.

Since then, there have been several attempts to turn our local into a gastro pub and before that an Indian restaurant. Perhaps the time has come to return to basics – a well-managed, community focussed, unpretentious village pub, fronted by the owners, offering simple and sensibly priced good food.

In recent years the population of the village has grown again. New people have brought a freshness to the village and strengthened the community.

Communication is really important. Events can be publicised, and information given through the Rolleston Junction, the village Facebook page, the website, notice board, leaflet distribution through the magazine, and the regular Rolleston Junction village email. The Parish Council also regularly communicates to the village via email.

Rolleston has a great future, but it needs people to get involved and make it happen. When the pub re-opens it will need

supporting, otherwise it could end up as housing.

The Village Hall has a lot of lettings, many from outside the village, but does the village really use this facility enough? It needs people to organise events and get things going.

Look at the success of the Flower Festival and the Kate Greenaway Victorian Tea Party. Both events show just what can be done. Village events bind the village together. They are so important to the way a community works, its culture ... but it's only people that can make them happen.

In late summer, after twenty eight years, we'll be moving on. Rolleston Manor is too big for just two people. It's been a great family home and we've loved our time in Rolleston and we're sorry to leave.

It's been a great place to bring up our family!

Best wishes

*Tony and Michelle Hillary*



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# Victorian Tea Party

In March, a Victorian Tea Party was held in Rolleston Church to celebrate the birthday of Kate Greenaway (17th March 1846 - 6th November 1901).

The Kate Greenaway Action Group organised the event to enable people to discover more about Kate Greenaway and her early life and times in Rolleston.

Around 120 villagers and visitors came to the event; they not only enjoyed the afternoon tea but were fascinated by the gallery of Kate Greenaway prints and artefacts and the display boards charting her life - including the times she spent in Rolleston.

The newly formed Kate Greenaway Singers sang Victorian songs, from song books illustrated by Kate, and penned by writers such as Charles Kingsley, author of 'The Water Babies', and the Victorian poet, Robert Herrick. A number of children were able to enjoy the outdoor games set up for them.

We raised £850.60 thanks to everyone who came; a tremendous result. Thanks are due to Rev Phil White for allowing us to use the church and to all those who so generously gave their time to make the Tea Party such a success.



The funds will be spent on continuing to promote Kate Greenaway's connection with our village by:

- Commissioning more KG figures to put at the ends of the village.
- Invest in a watering system and more plants and bulbs for the KG Garden.
- Buying a screen for the presentations we are booked to give to interested groups.
- Commissioning a re-print of the Kate Greenaway Trail leaflets.

We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did and that you will be able to attend the next event to mark Kate Greenaway's birthday in 2023.

**Pati Colman**

Chair of the KGAG

For more info, contact

**kategreenawayinrolleston@gmail.com**

or **01636 813260.**







## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday was a beautiful sunny morning for the annual village Easter Egg Hunt. A big thank you to Morrisons for donating this year's eggs. We had about 25 children attend, with parents and grandparents. It was lovely to see so many enjoying themselves. Thank you to all who came.

*Laura Bosworth*



James, Martine, Finn & Grace Stark

## Platinum Jubilee Picnic - 4th June

Did you take some good photos? At time of writing we will have celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the picnic on the 2-acre field. Please send in your photos to [rollestonjunction@gmail.com](mailto:rollestonjunction@gmail.com)

We'll be publishing them and also pictures of the official planting of a tree ((Maple Leaf Crab Apple), 5th June, by our local dignitaries, in the next issue of the Junction.



Sophie – Tom & Jane Geraghty's granddaughter



Dean, Jacob, Esme, Lily & Elsie Bardill



## Ukrainian Coffee & Cake Morning

On the 7th May, a fund raiser for the Ukraine was held at the village hall, organised by the Kate Greenaway Action Group. Many thanks to everyone that came along and to the cake bakers. The funds were donated to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) for the Ukraine. With everyone's help we managed to raise £238.10.

*Pati Colman*



## East Midlands Chilli Fest 8th - 10th July

Its back! It's not held in the well-loved venue it used to be ... but pretty close by! This year Rollestonians have a short walk to Southwell Racecourse for a fun-filled weekend for family and friends. It's also dog friendly. For those new to Rolleston, we used to describe it as a play on words to Glastonbury... it was our very own 'Rollestonbury', with live music, artisan stalls, street food, craft ales, wines and fairground attractions, aerobic displays, archery and axe throwing, and the infamous chilli eating competition! You can pay for day tickets on the door, or book whole weekend tickets. Camping and caravan pitches are available to reserve for those travelling from further afield.

Visit [www.em-chillifest.com](http://www.em-chillifest.com) for more information. Top tip: bring picnic blankets and fold-up chairs and prepare to be entertained.



## In Memory of Janice

**Janice Edith Collinson**  
(14th September 1948 – 9th April 2022)

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Janice Collinson. Before moving to Bleasby, Janice used to live with her husband, Geoffrey, at The Station House, Rolleston. She remained an active member of Rolleston Book Group.

Janice was a warm and caring person with a wry sense of humour. She loved nature and her garden at Bleasby was just beginning to blossom in the way she planned. She also had an amazing ability to relate to animals and had the best-behaved dogs in the area! We offer our condolences to all Janice's friends and family; she will be missed by all who knew her.

*Elizabeth Blakey & Pati Colman*



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# Rolleston Regular Events

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weekdays, contact Cheryl for  
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## Dominoes

**Peter Salter (Capt.) • 01636 819197**  
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)  
Thursday evenings (except summer)  
**Currently suspended**

## Darts

**Barry Thomas**  
**01636 830064**

## GORGs

**Bram Towse • 01636 813901**  
Gentlemen of Rolleston  
Golfing Society

## Book Club

**Patti Colman • 01636 813260**  
Meets monthly (various  
venues), call for details

## Indoor Bowls

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

## 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

## Total Fitness

**Jennie Overton • 01636 816800**  
Village Hall

## Bell Ringers

**Bryan Northcote • 01636 812579**  
Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating  
between Rolleston and Upton Church

## Note:

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

## Wednesday Coffee and Lunch Club, Village Hall

**1st Wednesday** in the month at 12pm  
2-course lunch: £2.50 plus £1 for raffle  
ticket (optional).

Small prize donations welcome.

**2nd Wednesday** - 10.30am Coffee/Tea  
served with Cakes or Biccies (free).

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

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

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## Useful contacts

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**County Councillor - Sue Saddington**  
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**Member of Parliament -  
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**Southwell Racecourse**  
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