

the Rolleston Junction

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3rd July	7.45pm	First meeting of the newly formed Parish Council. All villagers welcome.	Village Hall
13th - 15th July	Refer to website for times	Patchings Art Festival. For tickets: www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk/ patchings-festival	Calverton, NG14 6NU
July 18th	7.30pm	Rolleston Book Club Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro	For venue contact Pati Colman*
25th - 28th August	Refer to website for times	Southwell Music Festival. For tickets: www.southwellmusicfestival.com Booking opens 19th June or join the Festival Friends to access Priority Booking	Southwell Minster
15th - 17th September	TBC	Local History Weekend. More details to be announced. Contact: julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk	Rolleston Church
21st September	7.30pm	Rolleston Book Club This Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara	For venue contact Pati Colman*
26th - 30th September	7.30pm	Greta Garbo came to Donegal by Frank McGuiness Tickets: 07733 179986 or www.rhtc.co.uk	Robin Hood Theatre, Averham
30th September	Refer to website for times	Southwell Ploughing Match and Show Tickets: www.southwellploughing match.co.uk/tickets	South Muskham

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A complete list of future PC meetings will be announced by email by the new Parish Council.



Hello again

from the Junction Team!

As I write this, summer is approaching and there's lots of things happening in the wider locality to enjoy, including a number of art and music festivals.

Earlier in March, we did a brief write up in the Spring issue of the Kate Greenaway Birthday tea party. At that time there was no space left; so, we are delighted to publish the photos of the amazing artwork on display in the church as part of the Art of the Village exhibition.

The Coronation Celebrations May 7th, were a tremendous success according to the wonderful comments we've received. We have already sent a detailed note of thanks through the Junction email; it really was a sterling effort by all the volunteers. Judging by the photos published in this issue, and all the smiling faces, there was a great sense of community spirit.

Speaking of community, the BIG HELP OUT volunteering project was part of the initiative associated with the Coronation. Rolleston's volunteering project took place during the month of April. You can read about the positive experiences of the volunteers and recipients. Thanks to all who volunteered to be on the list. We expect that many friendships will ensue, and we would like to continue the spirit of goodwill for occasional volunteering and support within our community. Many hands make light work.

We are delighted to have coaxed Chris Stanley into telling us about how she discovered a hidden talent for painting during lockdown and how that led to her work being displayed in the Oxo Tower in London last year. Her recent exhibition at Southwell library during the whole month of May was very positively received.

If you go down to the woods today, you'll find 500 saplings! Read all about how Fiona and Andy Haynes decided to plant a new woodland in their garden for future generations to enjoy with the help of some funding from the Woodland Trust.

On the same green theme, Graham Osborn has also written a thought provoking article with suggestions on how we can take small actions in our own gardens and our community to support pollinating insects and other local wildlife.

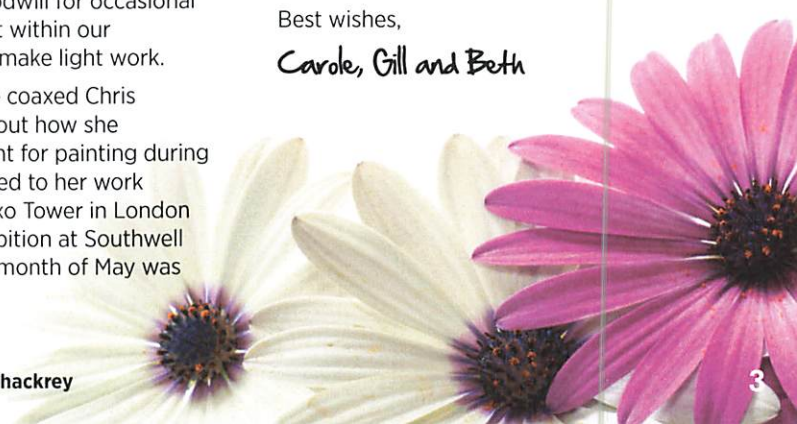
Thanks to our new sponsors for supporting the Junction: Alex Openshaw (carpentry and building projects) and Nikky Green (Remedial and Sports Massage practitioner). Both sponsors live in our village and it's handy to have such skills on our doorstep.

Please support our sponsors; we are a community magazine ran as a 'not-for-profit' organisation, ran entirely by a volunteer editorial team. Sponsorship is what keeps the Junction going as a printed magazine, (not a digital publication), making it available to all residents. We hope you do enjoy reading local news about people, events and generally what's happening in Rolleston and surrounding areas.

Have a great summer!

Best wishes,

Carole, Gill and Beth



New Woodland for Future Generations



When Andy and I moved to Rolleston in 1995, the 2-acre field that came with the house was our 'set aside'; a project for the future when we retired.

Fast forward 28 years and it was time to consider what we were going to do with it. Various ideas were considered; keeping donkeys, alpacas or goats on the field were all suggested as was making a natural swimming pond to accommodate my hobby of open water swimming.

However, we kept coming back to the idea of planting a wood, something that we had often talked about in the past. We wanted to help create a green space for people and wildlife, now and for the future.

Then, during our visit to Harrogate Flower show last summer, we noticed the Woodland Trust stand.

We found out about the MORE woods scheme which allocates grants of 75% of the cost of saplings, tree guards and stakes for sites of half a hectare or more. It would involve a site visit to check the suitability of our field and to advise on design and species to be planted.

In July 2022, we decided to go ahead and following a site visit, we were advised to plant a mix of 500 native trees and shrubs including oak, rowan, field maple, birch, wild cherry, hornbeam and goat willow.

The process could not have been easier as the Woodland Trust processed the order and arranged for the trees to be delivered at the end of November, so all we had to do was clear the field in preparation for planting.

We decided to plant all the saplings ourselves as it was a project so close to our hearts and were fortunate that there had been a lot of rain the previous week, so the ground wasn't too hard! It took us 5 days to plant all the trees.

Since the planting, we have put 500 mulch mats around each sapling to help suppress the weeds.

We have placed a bench in the middle so, all that is left to do now is to watch and wait for our wood to grow!

Fiona Haynes



Reverend Phil

'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens'
Ecclesiastes 3.1

Dear Junction Readers

Have you ever felt like 'quitting'? We don't like the word 'quit'; it feels like a failure to stop and end something. Like smoking or an addiction, it sometimes feels impossible to embrace. Do we lack the vocabulary for 'ending well'? Could it be right, good and productive?

Those wanting to follow in the footsteps of Sir Edmund Hillary don't easily accept the idea of 'quitting'. It's so important to carry on, persevere against all odds, battle through, reach the summit. On Everest now there is a 'quitting point'. If a climber reaches this point after a particular time, then they should quit, turn back. To continue past the 'quitting point' there is a high probability that even if the summit is reached, they will not return alive. Many fall in the dark and are never seen again. Surely the achievement is in getting that far, (to the 'quitting point' on a mountain) and being able to live another day?

Is there a quitting point for all of us? Not a failure or a let down, but a moment to be thankful, appreciate the distance travelled, then reset our purpose and goals?

Is there a word or phrase for this? Is it possible to 'die well' and have a new beginning? What might this have to do with the message of Easter? Surely there is a productive 'quitting point'... have we found it? Could it actually be a great success?

This may be my last newsletter; I've come to a 'quitting point'; it's called retirement. Or is it a 're-tyre-ment'... just a pit stop? It's been a blessing for me to be here, thank you.

Best wishes,

The Revd Phil

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'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.'

St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4.7-8)



Note from Julian Ellis:

My parents always said you should never congratulate a clergyman on his sermon because it only encourages them. I have said this many times to Phil, and have never actually congratulated him on a good sermon directly, although I have frequently let him know by other means when I thought it was a good one. We will miss Phil not just because of the quality of his sermons, but because he's such a nice chap and made a first class vicar. He had a difficult task in getting a group of seven churches running well, but had great success in bringing the churches together in a combined benefice. He also worked hard at Bleasby school, where he was chairman of governors for several years and gave it great commitment. His development of virtual church services for lockdown have continued with great success, ideal for the housebound. His idea for a short on-line Wednesday evening prayer service of Compline worked well. It was recognised that it wasn't worth going out to the church for a 15-minute service.

We wish him great success and happiness in his retirement: he will be going to live in Leicestershire with his wife, Veronica, and of course Leonard, the dog.

The church has now been fitted with an electronic lock so that access will be available from 9am to 5pm every day. You never need to worry about being locked inside as there is a release mechanism. Please use your church: that is what it is there for. You are always welcome to come to services, call in at any time for private prayer, or sit in the church simply for peace and quiet in lovely surroundings.

Worship

- Online worship every Sunday at 9am by email invitation. Following Phil's retirement, for information please contact: julian.ellis@ellisdev.co.uk
- Worship at Holy Trinity Rolleston has now changed to every 2nd Sunday from June onwards.

Village Hall Lotto

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

Simon Haydock (twice), Stuart and Claire Burbidge, Amanda Hobbs, Beth Dowson, Nick Pearson, Trish Steele, Sandra Sawyer and Di Overton.

There are no vacant numbers for now, but I know that a few people are moving out of the village, so anticipate some numbers becoming available soon.

Thank you for your kind support which we do need. A £50 cash prize will continue to be awarded each week.

The lotto is a major source of funding as well as running a few community events each year. This keeps the village hall a facility for all to enjoy. For example, the £700 we raised during the Coronation Celebrations went towards replacing some kitchen appliances. Thank you for your generosity.

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Picnic in a Jar

Hopefully it's picnic weather! This will be perfect for transporting and can be adjusted to suit everyone.

This is more of an assembly job than a recipe, use it as a guideline only.

First select your jar - Mason jars are trendy but any wide topped jar with a screw lid will be fine. You will need a good size though.

Follow the steps below to make your picnic in a jar:

1. Choose your dressing - vinaigrette, flavoured yoghurt, hummus, whatever you fancy and pour a portion into your jar.
2. Add crisp chopped vegetables - tomatoes, cucumber, radish, red onion, carrots.
3. Add cooked vegetables - peas, beetroot, sweetcorn, chickpeas.
4. Add cheese; feta or mozzarella work well.
5. Now add your grains - cooked rice, bulgar wheat, quinoa or pasta.
6. Top off with some leafy salad, chopped lettuce, pea shoots or spinach - maybe some nuts or seeds.

Screw on the lid and keep in the fridge until wanted. (3-5 days).

Remember to pack a dish and a fork then empty out your ready dressed salad and enjoy. These are great for packed lunches too!

Claire Foster



In memory of Brian Walton

We were very sad to hear that Brian passed away in April, after a long illness and on behalf of the whole village we send our sincere condolences to his wife Glenice, his family and friends. We wrote about Brian and his guide dog, Kado, in Spring 2016, for a special article in the Rolleston Junction called, 'One Man and his Dog'. We reproduce below an extract of the article:

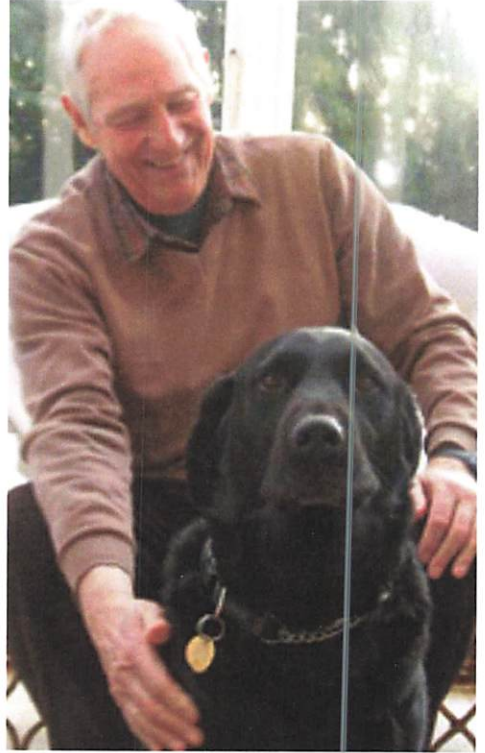
Brian was born in 1939 in Burton Joyce, before moving to Morton in 1944. After leaving school at 15, he went into agricultural work before taking a job at Staythorpe Power Station in 1961.

In 1968, Brian applied to the local council for a house in Rolleston, and was offered one on condition he was married. He was by now courting Glenice; they had a holiday planned in Scotland and he suggested that she might like to make it a honeymoon instead. So, with a special licence, they were married in Southwell 4 days later, before setting off to Glen Coe as newlyweds!

Brian first developed problems with his vision in 1954, finally losing his sight completely in 1978.

He continued to work at Staythorpe until 1990, and four years later, in 1994, he got his first guide dog - Chips. His next dog was called Scamp, and then, when we interviewed Brian (in Spring 2016), his guide dog at that time was Kado.

Acquiring a guide dog allowed Brian and Glenice to get involved with the Guide Dog Action Group, with whom they travelled to many places: cruising the Nile and the Baltic and rafting up the Yellow River, walking in New Zealand and Borneo and along the Great Wall of China, travelling round Cambodia, including a visit to Angkor Wat. They also visited The Valley of the Kings in Egypt, went



camel riding in Mongolia and hiked in the Pyrenees and the foothills of the Himalayas.

Brian's heightened sense of touch, pressure and smell meant that these places were really able to 'talk' to him in a way many of us just cannot appreciate. He was also much more attuned to sound too, so he could listen to several conversations at once - something to bear in mind when you were within his earshot in the Crown!

As Brian told us during his interview, with his sight, life may have been different. But would it have been any better? Either way, it certainly didn't stop him enjoying a full and active life. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

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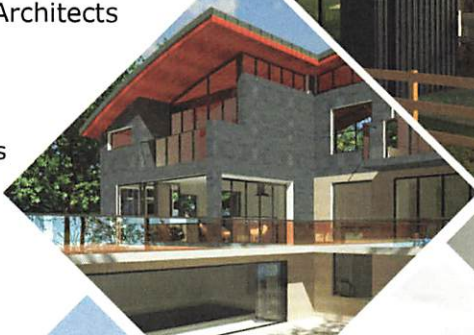
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My Journey by Chris Stanley



Over the last few years, my life has been enriched by the people I have met through the Parkinson's community. For me the biggest achievement is finding that I had a hidden talent for painting. They often say that after diagnoses many people find their artistic qualities.

I realised I had some ability to paint after I was invited to a friend's house (a fellow Parkinson's Disease sufferer), to paint in her garden during lockdown. I was given a square canvas, acrylic paints and a vase of flowers to paint. I was shocked at what I produced as was my husband. Since then, I have sold over 40 paintings with some of the proceeds donated to Parkinson's UK.

Last April I was encouraged to enter an art competition open to people with Parkinson's and their carers at the Oxo Tower Gallery in London. My painting was displayed and sold for £200 of which two thirds went to Parkinson's UK.

This year in May, I have had the opportunity to exhibit my paintings at Southwell Library in my first art exhibition. I had a private viewing where I sold 12 paintings and received 2 commissions. All proceeds will be put forward towards my trip to 'The World Parkinson's Congress' in Barcelona. This trip has come about after one of our composed songs from our drama group, 'Parky Players', was chosen from 39 entries from all over the world for the choir to open the whole congress in Barcelona in July this year.

Parkinson's does not define me, but I am determined to live well with the condition and be a positive advocate for other sufferers to accept, adapt and be ambitious and remain as positive as you can.

Chris Stanley

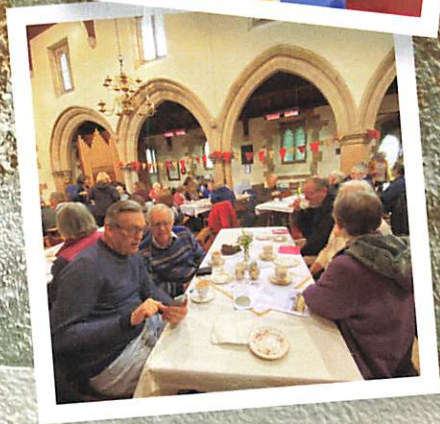
Editor's note: Congratulations to Chris for her amazing achievements after discovering a hidden talent! If you have a hidden talent, do drop a line to the Junction. We'd love to hear your story.

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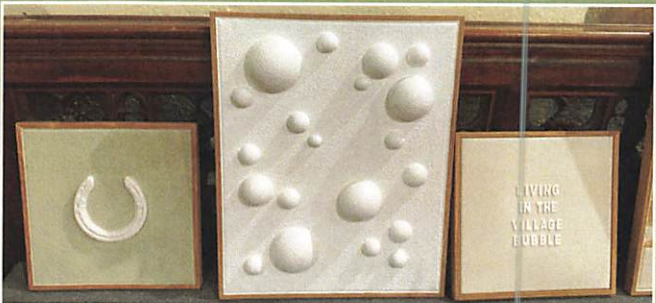
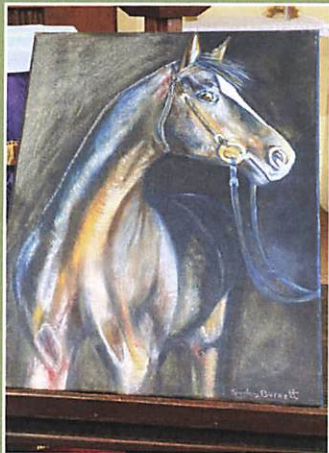
The Art of the Village

On Saturday, 18th March 2023, during the Kate Greenaway Tea Party, (which we reported on last issue) the creative talents of villagers, their family and friends were on display in the church.

The theme for exhibits this year was Kate Greenaway's love of nature. Thank you to everyone who contributed artwork or sculptures. So, pictured below are some of the folks who supported the event and the amazing exhibits on display:



ROLLESTON



Cllr Roger Blaney

Thank you and Goodbye

On 4th May, I stood down as the District Councillor for Trent Ward after 34 years, having decided last year to retire and not seek re-election. It has been a huge privilege and honour to have represented Rolleston and the other communities within the ward at Newark and Sherwood DC and I have enjoyed (almost!) every minute of it. Trent Ward has a new District Councillor and I congratulate my successor on his election and wish him every success over the next four years.

Reflecting back over those 34 years – a third of a century! – Rolleston has certainly changed. Then it had a small shop, run by John Canner, and a wooden village hall. Canon Norman Todd had recently moved out of The Vicarage (not then 'The Old Vicarage'). Developments such as Holly Court and Corner Farm Close were yet to materialise. Southwell Racecourse was a National Hunt course, soon to be bought by Ron Muddle, who was also to buy 'The Crown'. The village had a definite agricultural feel and, everywhere, there was still evidence of the Ministry of Agriculture scheme to provide smallholdings for returning servicemen after the Great War.

Today, Rolleston feels a more confident, more active, more vibrant community with lots going on, as a glance through the pages of the Rolleston Junction shows. No community can stand still; it is inevitable that Rolleston will continue to develop and, I am sure, thrive in the years to come.

Over my years as District Councillor, I must have attended over three hundred Rolleston Parish Council meetings, probably more than anyone except Frank Mitchell who, if I remember correctly, was Chairman when I was first elected in 1989. Going forward, I will now have to find something else to do on the evening of the first Monday in each month!

Of course, a District Councillor is not only a representative of the Ward that he or she represents but also has a wider role across the whole council. In my case, my colleagues elected me Deputy Leader and subsequently Leader of the Council for some fifteen years and I look back with satisfaction and pride at some of our key achievements during that time: construction of the new more accessible, more cost efficient council offices at Castle House and the sale of the high maintenance Kelham Hall; provision of a new Sports and Fitness Centre in Newark; new assisted living complexes in Newark and Boughton; securing the exciting YMCA Community and Activity Village – the first of its kind in the country – with its Olympic standard climbing wall and extensive indoor and outdoor facilities; and the most ambitious programme of new council house building of any district authority in the East Midlands, including in due course on the HRA land off Greenaway.

The recent elections have resulted in a very different council for the next four years. No one party or group has an overall majority.

However, for most of this century, Newark and Sherwood has had a consensual, collaborative culture. I have always believed that what unites those who are elected as councillors is greater than what divides them. If the newly-elected councillors share that view, I am confident that, by working in partnership with the council's fantastic team of officers, they can build on past successes to the benefit of all the residents of Newark and Sherwood. I, though, will be watching with interest and with gratitude for having been able to play a part for so long.

Chlr. Roger Blaney

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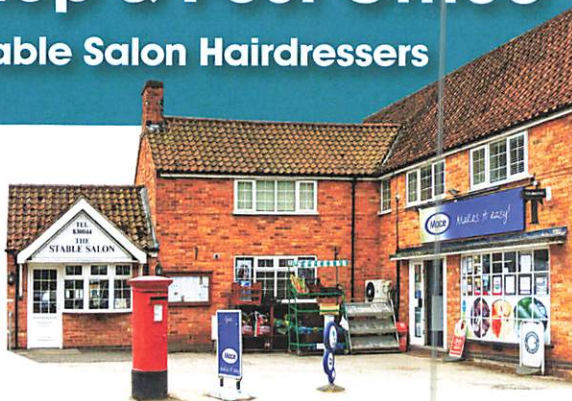


We wish Roger a very happy retirement. For future issues, newly elected Councillor, Keith Melton, will be keeping us up to date with news in the Newark and Sherwood district.

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Coronation Celebrations

Didn't we have a marvellous time at the Coronation Celebrations on Sunday, 7th May! Weren't we lucky with the weather?

Thanks to everyone who came along. We estimate that over 100 people attended. Special thanks are due to the whole team of organisers and to all those people who gave generous donations of homemade cakes and raffle prizes.

Thanks also to parents who helped decorate the hall and put up the bunting and small tents outside to create an inviting outdoor space for safe play. The children really enjoyed the colourful play equipment made specially for the event.

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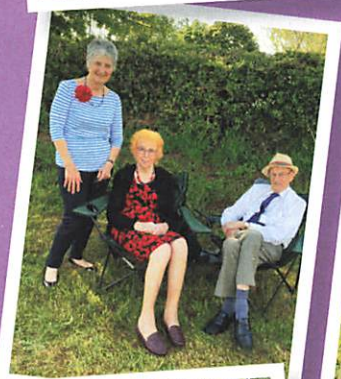
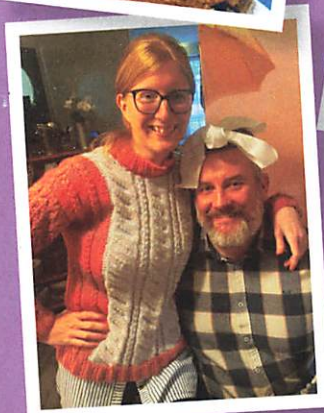
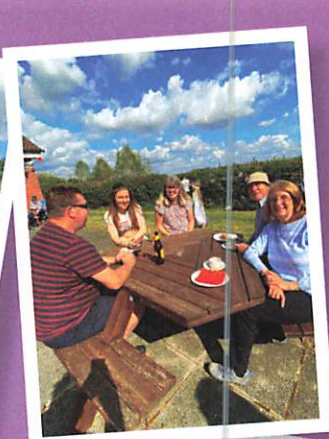
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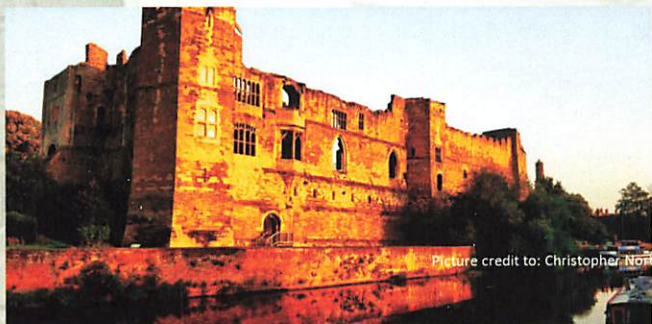
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Do you suffer from ETD?

There are some things that the British are known for: conversations about the weather, fish and chips, our expertise in queuing etiquette. But one thing that we are also prone to is ETD.

Ecological Tidiness Disorder (ETD) sweeps the nation with lawnmowers often heard whirring away all-year round, and lawns ripped up for plastic alternatives. We need to 'cure' this disorder if wildlife has a chance of surviving.

Our alarming obsession with order and sterilisation is mind-boggling. Time and money are being spent on strimming roadside grass verges and spraying chemicals to 'protect' us from a messy view. But what we're also doing is removing food sources for pollinators and species such as insectivorous birds.

One of the biggest 'losers' to our need to tidy everything outside is the humble hedgehog. In the 1950s there were around 30 million hedgehogs. By 2018 this was down to around 879,000! Through ETD we have removed their hibernating habitats and their food sources, forced them onto our roads by installing impenetrable fences between us, and poisoned them using pesticides such as glyphosate.

If we learned to accept a little more 'mess' in our lives, we would reap the rewards through the wildlife that would return. Owls, Kestrels and reptiles would control the larger pests, whilst birds, hedgehogs and amphibians could take care of the rest.

So why not take 5 minutes to think about what we could do in our homes, but also as a community. I'll leave you with a few ideas to get you started:

1. Install some hedgehog highways with your neighbours
2. Leave some grassy areas to grow long, and perhaps even throw in some wildflowers?
3. Ask the council to mow our verges less - it costs nothing to leave a verge for wildlife?

Graham Osborn

Editor's note: I totally agree with Graham's viewpoint. Here are some useful website links:

British Hedgehog Preservation Society

(www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk). You can obtain hedgehog highway signs to attach above your hedgehog hole in the fence to encourage your neighbours to get involved. Download their app, 'Hedgehog Street' which is a mine of information and ideas. You can also log sightings of hedgehogs in Rolleston and help their research.

The Wildlife Trusts

(www.wildlifefetrusts.org) Check out their page on saving bees and other important pollinators and what action you can take to help. Discover how to make your own mini meadow.

The Woodland Trust

(www.woodlandtrust.org.uk) Protecting Trees and woodland for future generations. Explore their useful A-Z guide of British Trees. Free trees for schools and community groups. (See Fiona and Andy Haynes inspiring story on page 4 about the new woodland they have recently planted).



Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

As I write this, I wonder when we can look forward to warmer weather for more than one day!

The flowers, trees and hedges are springing into life, the lambs are born, all we need is warmer weather without that unpleasant wind.

On May 23rd, I will hand over the Chairmanship of Newark and Sherwood District Council. It has been a busy year and a very special one. Events have occurred which I never could have imagined 12 months ago.

In early Summer 2022, we enjoyed the Celebration of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Residents held parties, happy to celebrate both the Jubilee and freedom

following a 2-year lockdown.

Then, on September 8th, 2022, we received the sad news that HM the Queen had passed away, at the time I was watching the Tour of Britain Cycle race. The following morning, I laid flowers at Newark Cemetery and in the Parish Church on behalf of Newark and Sherwood District Council and opened and signed the Book of Condolence.

I am sure this date will forever be in our minds, as we will recall where we were on that sad day.

A few days later, I had the honour of reading the Proclamation at Castle House proclaiming our new King, Charles III. A service followed at Southwell Minster.



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As my Civic year draws to an end, I will be attending a Service of Celebration at Southwell Minster on May 7th, following the Coronation of King Charles III. I can only say it has been an absolute honour and privilege to take part in these important events: A Royal Platinum Jubilee, a Royal Death, Proclamation of the new King Charles III and the Coronation Service.

I also attended the service in Newark Parish Church prior to the return of the remains of three Polish President to their homeland in Poland for burial, following their safe keeping for many years in Newark Cemetery.

To sum up - A very special Civic year.

In other local matters, I am aware of the complaints from residents regarding potholes, NCC are trying to fill holes in as quickly as possible. We have had a lot of rain, this in conjunction with the amount of salt which has to be put down, cuts through small cracks and lifts the tarmac.

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- Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Chairman of Newark and Sherwood District Council
- District Councillor for Muskham, Newark and Sherwood District Council

The quickest way to report potholes is to call 0300 3008080 and give an exact location. You will then be given a HAMS number, which you are able to track.

I understand the crossing barriers have failed again. I will continue to press Network Rail to produce a solution; something they find difficult to do!

Finally, I am sorry that Cllr. Blaney has decided to retire from the District Council, but I respect his decision. I have enjoyed working with him over the past 24 years and wish him all the very best.

In the meantime, I hope that you enjoyed the Coronation events over the bank holiday weekend in early May.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



Tidying up the Triangle

Have you noticed the improvements near the phone box? The 'triangle' of land on the corner was becoming more of a scrubland and climbing up the signpost; the area behind the phone box was vastly overgrown. The wooden bench was rotting away. Thanks to a bunch of volunteers working hard on 1st April - it's looking much tidier.

We would like to thank Christine Salter, Peter Salter and their granddaughter, Issy Howard, John Martin and Sue Newbold, Pati and Arne Colman, Steve Rowles, Sue and Rob Reedman, Tim Harries, Steve Bosworth, and Tim Jennings. The triangle has now been sown with grass and wildflower seeds.





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WI News



The speaker at the March meeting of the Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI gave a demonstration of 'British Sign Language.' By the end of the evening all the members could 'sign' their name.

In April we had the Annual Meeting, which was well attended with a fish and chip supper from The Moon at Morton. This is the time of year where the committee may change as well as the President, Secretary and Treasurer. This is all a democratic process and committee members need to volunteer. By the end of the meeting, we had a new President, Jeanette Brownson. The secretary remained the same, Beryl Northcote, and the Treasurer is now Helen Boffy. There are a further 4 members of the committee, making a total of 7 committee members. The committee are essential to organise the speakers and run the WI.

Future meetings include - 'Spring & Summer Flowers' a practical demonstration, 'Summer Salads and Mocktails', 'Optimum Health' and 'Workhouse Storytellers'.

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 0UT. Visit our website: www.mfrwi.co.uk

Susan Bosworth

Contacts:

Jeanette Brownson: 07816 609913

Beryl Northcote: 01636 812579

Helen Boffy: 07515 280707

Easter Egg Hunt

Over the Easter holidays Laura Bosworth ran a traditional Easter Egg Hunt. The children had the opportunity to take a treasure hunt map and find the coloured 'eggs' using the clues.

Every child in the village who registered, received a prize of an easter egg.

The eggs were kindly funded by Chris Baillon-Saunders, of Indigo Architecture Ltd.

See more photos on page 29.



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The Big Help Out

We've had a tremendous response to the Big Help Out, the volunteering project that took place in the lead up to the Coronation during the whole month of April.

A number of our residents benefitted, and volunteers enjoyed the help they were able to give. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make it such a success. Below are just a few examples of feedback received from the volunteering in our community.

Julian Ellis said, "Five local friends turned up on a pleasant Sunday morning, and forked over my vegetable patch, which I was unable to do because of a painful back condition. They just got on with the job, said that they had had a good chat as they carried out the work. They enjoyed bacon sandwiches and coffees and left me with a good sized patch ready to plant. Truly wonderful! I will always be thankful for living in such a great community."

Steve and Jo Bailey volunteered to visit one of our senior residents to have a good chat over a cuppa. Steve said, "All went well after a delayed start as unfortunately I had

Covid. We've been for a chat on a couple of occasions. During our visits, we've both learned so much about Rolleston's history. We've now got an invitation to introduce Alfie, our labrador, on our next visit - I'm sure he will get a treat!"

Andy Poxon of The Vinery said, "True village community spirit came in the form of Linda and Malcolm Mason, Angela and Mark Sanders and Bob Steele. Malcolm and Bob sanded and oiled the outside tables, Linda and Angela helped Maria tidy the garden including training the Vine that gives us our name. Mark assisted me with installing lighting and putting up mirrors. Maria thanked our helpers with a homemade curry which ended the day in a convivial manner."

Editor's note: We would like to keep people on the volunteering list to support others in our community who may need help from time to time. If you would like to be added to the list as a volunteer or need the occasional help with tasks, do get in touch by emailing rollestonjunction@gmail.com





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Sarah, 49

Meet Nikky Green

Remedial & Sports Massage Practitioner

We interviewed Nikky at her home-based clinic, at Twin Pines, Fiskerton Road in May. Nikki and her husband Matt moved to Rolleston from Mapperley about 10 years ago.

Nikky has had an interesting career path: after qualifying in Biochemistry at University in Leeds, (where she met Matt), she spent two years in academic research studying beta blockers and heart disease.

From a sporting aspect, even from a young age, Nikky was a keen participant which included cycling and swimming at county level. Later, she represented her University and Nottingham clubs at rugby. In her mid-twenties she was selected for an elite sports initiative, 'World Class Start', led by world champion rower, Sir Steve Redgrave. Based at Holme Pierrepont, this high performance programme had the aim of developing potential rowers for the 2012 Olympics. It proved to be an amazing experience. As an athlete, she was able to achieve outstanding levels of fitness as well as national success.

Three years later, the sheer level of personal sacrifices required to achieve such an Olympic challenge were fully apparent. Nikky decided that at this point in her life she wanted to attain other things, like qualifying as a science teacher and also starting a family.

After achieving her teaching degree, Nikky became a mum to new baby Amelia (now aged 13) and worked as a supply teacher and also as a freelance consultant in medical publishing. A few years later, two more daughters, were born. Jess and Ellie are now aged 11 and 9 respectively. (Ellie's claim to fame is that, rather unexpectedly, she was born at home!)

In 2020, Nikky commenced a 5-year degree course to become a McTimoney chiropractor



and is currently in her 4th year of her studies. During her chiropractic course (which she will complete next year), she decided to gain a qualification in Remedial and Sports Massage. This means she is qualified to practice massage to help others.

Says Nikky, "What I find the most rewarding is making a difference to people's lives. My approach to remedial and sports massage is not just to treat symptoms, but to investigate the underlying cause - just like solving a puzzle. I treat the whole person, rather than looking at individual muscles and joints."

Her remedial and sports massage expertise includes pain management, treatment of sports injuries, musculoskeletal disorders, event preparation, stress relief and relaxation.

Her interest in sport has been passed on to their girls who are all keen footballers. Nikky loves the space and the lifestyle of living here, "It's an environment which supports an active outdoor life. Our children enjoy long walks, spotting the local wildlife. I also like the friendly community with a desire to help each other."

We are fortunate to have someone with Nikky's skills in our village.

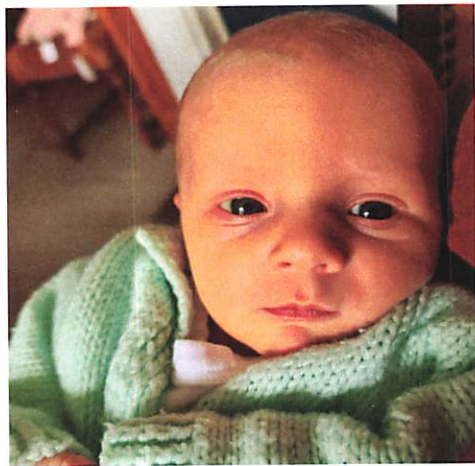
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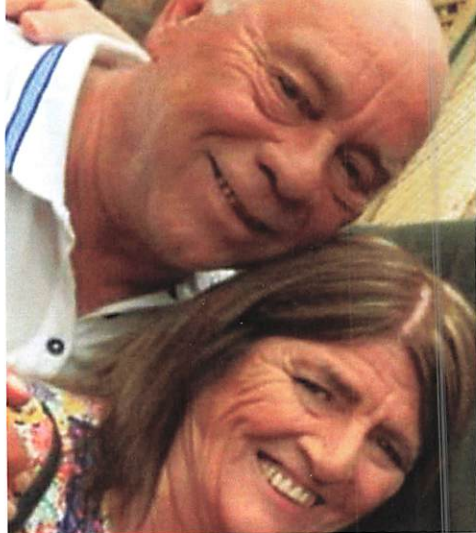
Violet-Elizabeth Lucy Moore was born to Angela Moore on 6th March, weighing 7lb 6oz. Angela said, "I'd like to thank the village for their kind wishes and lovely gifts. I'm so lucky to have a beautiful little girl to spoil."



Welcome to new residents

A warm welcome to new residents, Nathan Desmond and Victoria Allwood-Spencer who moved to the Greenaway about 5 months ago. We also welcome Laura Deane and partner and family, who have recently moved into 'Elmcroft' on Staythorpe Road.

Please email: rollestonjunction@gmail.com for your names to be added to the village email list.



Sincere Condolences

Nigel Hallam:

"On 3rd May 2023, we sadly said goodbye to a great friend and neighbour in Staythorpe, Nigel Hallam. Nigel was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour on the 13th March and passed away a short time later on the 15th April. To us, he was a calm, kind and empathetic type of guy. He always asked how you were and had time to listen to what you had to say, no matter how boring it might have been! He had time for everyone.

He loved his football and his outdoor bowls, he loved his beer and he loved his soulmate Pam, who he met pre-covid whilst on holiday in his most favourite of places, Lanzarote.

Nigel was so very happy with life; he will be sadly missed by us all."

Debs Storey and Carla Bradbury

Editor's note: Nigel was also known to many in Rolleston. On behalf of the whole village, we send our sincere condolences to his partner Pam, his family and friends.

Brian Walton:

Sadly, after a long illness, Brian died in April. Brian lived at 12 Greenaway with his wife, Glenice. We send sincere condolences to Glenice, his family and friends. See a detailed tribute to Brian on page 9.

Change of email for The Vinery

The Vinery have changed their email address to: hello@thevineryrolleston.co.uk

History Weekend

15th - 17th Sept

"We will be running our History weekend 15th to 17th September, during National Heritage Week. The church will be open Friday afternoon to late Sunday afternoon with probably a talk on the Saturday evening. There will be an exhibition with photos of the village in the past and other information in church over the weekend. The Rolleston Pewter and other treasures will be on display too. More details nearer the event."

Julian Ellis

Congratulations to Dr Alex

We would like to congratulate Alex Robinson who has just qualified as a Doctor, finishing her 6 year medical degree at UCL in London, she will start her 2-year training in the Liverpool area in the Summer and is currently doing her Elective at Ho Chi Minh City Hospital in Vietnam. We also send congratulations to her parents, Mark and Jean Robinson, who are very proud of their daughter's achievements.

Marathon Man - Steve Lambert

Congratulations to Steve Lambert of Fiskerton Road, who completed the London Marathon, 23rd April. Steve is raising funds for a worthy cause, a children's hospice called the Jessie May Foundation. The charity provides free nursing care to families with children with a life limiting condition. Their specialist care, where possible, is provided in the comfort of their family home to support families during challenging and emotional times.

Will you help Steve to reach his target, especially after completing his marathon challenge? He is 90% there and every penny counts.

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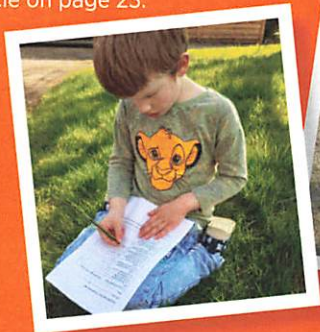
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Easter Egg Hunt

See article on page 23.



Rolleston Regular Events

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Wednesday 2.30pm
Contact Cheryl for details

Dominoes

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Tuesday evenings, Village
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3rd Wednesday - 10.30am Coffee/Tea
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