

The **Rolleston** Junction

Edition 11 - Summer 2017



inside ... local talent... poems ... ice skating achievements ... and
find out the creator of this beautiful picture....

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ROLLESTON'S REGULAR EVENTS

Pilates

Cheryl Sheard
07949 260032
every Wednesday
7.15 - 8.15pm
and Fri 10-11am
at the Village Hall
£6 per class

Darts

Jayne Carby (ladies)
07843 602458
Nigel Carby (gents)
07843 602376
Ladies Tuesday 8pm
(not during summer)
Gents Wednesday 8.30pm
(not during summer)
at the Crown

Seated Exercise

Cheryl Sheard
07949 260032
every Wednesday
10-10.30am
at the Village Hall

Skittles

Pat Sawyer
813771
(not during winter)
at the Village Hall

Total Fitness

Jeni Overton
816800
Monday and Wednesday
6-7pm, Sat. 10-11am
Village Hall

Share Club

Ross Thackrey
816133
once a month on Sundays
7pm at the Crown

GORGS

Nick Pearson
816382
Gentleman of Rolleston
Golfing Society
Regular outings

Bell Ringers

Bryan Northcote
812579
every Wednesday 7.30pm
alternating between
Rolleston and Upton
churches

Dominoes

Peter Salter (Capt.)
819197
Julian Ellis (Vice Capt.)
every Thursday evening
except summer) at the
Crown

Indoor Bowls

Peter Salter
819197
every Tuesday evening
at the Village Hall

Zumba

Paula Drakefield
07583579017
Rolleston Village Hall
Thursdays 7-8pm

Rolleston Weekly Coffee Morning and Lunch Club



.....every Wednesday in The Greenaway.

1st Wednesday in the month : Noon. A two course lunch is available at a cost of £2.50, plus £1 to include a raffle ticket if desired. (small prize donations welcome)

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

3rd Wednesday: 10.30am Coffee/ Tea and cake etc (Free) Bacon cobs (£1)

4th and 5th Wednesdays: 10.30am. Coffee/Tea/ Cakes (Free)

Gluten and caffeine free available. All welcome.

Contact: Amanda on 07779 561934

Once again welcome to the Junction

It's a very full issue as there is so much happening in our village.

The amazing Chilifest is happening at Orchard Farm 7th to 9th July. It is a great family event with lots of stalls selling everything from chillies to street food, craft stalls, kids activities and competitions. There's live music as well.

How do you feel about a Village Christmas Lunch in early December? A relaxed friendly get together for the grown ups and maybe a childrens' entertainer to keep the young ones occupied? If we do it we must do it well.....and would you be interested in helping? Tony and Michelle are up for it - but we would need some Santa's helpers to lend a hand! Contact michelle.hillary@hotmail.com or phone Tony on 07775510000.

Lastly, a big 'thank you' to everybody who responded to our request for help for the four Syrian families who have settled in Newark, having spent five years (yes, five!) in a refugee camp in Lebanon, escaping the war, the killings and the gas.

The good people of Rolleston donated clothes for the kids, toys, bedding, cutlery, crockery, televisions, and cash totaling over £1200. The families asked us to thank everybody so much. We have such a good community in Rolleston.

Enjoy the Junction!

Lotto News Could your lucky number be one of these ... 40, 41, 52, 54?

These numbers are available to "own" as your entry to the Village Lotto. Every week a lucky winner receives a £50 cash prize!

Your only outlay is £2 per week (which is collected as £20 every 10 weeks) or you can pay by direct debit.

Checking the result is easy - the winning number is always the bonus ball number of that week's National Lottery.

Thanks to everyone who supports our community Lotto; it raises more than £3000 each year towards the cost of running the Village Hall.

We hope that our new residents to the village would be interested in joining to help contribute to a worthy cause.

Select your number by contacting Sandie Pearson on 01636 816382 or email sandie297@gmail.com

Congratulations to recent winners: Keith Gale, Amanda Hobbs, Andrew Pearson, Mark Sanders, Pat Sawyer, Christine Salter, Di Overton, Alistair Adan, V H, Tony Hillary, Rob Hibbert



FORTHCOMING EVENTS !!

JULY

3rd	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm
7th - 9th	Chillifest - Orchard Farm
13th - 16th	Patchings Art Festival
16th	Southwell Racecourse Family Day
24th	'A Royal Tea Party' 2pm for 2.30pm start - Robin Hood Theatre

AUGUST

7th	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm
20th	Ladies Day - Racecourse
28th	Ladies Evening - Racecourse

SEPTEMBER

4th	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm
26th - 30th	'Accidental Death of an Anarchist' - Robin Hood Theatre



THE GUV'NOR VISITS ROLLESTON

Ashley Hutchings MBE, known as The Guv'nor, delighted the audience at Rolleston Village Hall on 27th April.

A founding member of Fairport Convention and Steeleye Span, Hutchings follows in the footsteps of his son, Blair Dunlop, who appeared in Rolleston a few months previously.

New productions will be coming along in the autumn...!



Many thanks to all the people who helped make our Village Hall playground area a better place.

VILLAGERS LEND A HAND



PATCHINGS ART FESTIVAL

This will be taking place on Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th July.

Tickets are available to purchase on their website; one day ticket £9, (concessions £8) and advance sales of weekend tickets (Saturday and Sunday) for the special price of £10. Children under 16 years are admitted free - provided they are part of a family group.

For more information visit

www.patchingsartcentre.co.uk



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 8 May, heard contributions from our County and District Councillors and from representatives of the Church and Village Hall Committee.

The Meeting was also the opportunity for the Parish Council to review what had proved to be an exceedingly busy year, and the following are just a few of the highlights:

- From an administrative viewpoint the Parish Council welcomed three new Councillors, Barbara Sale, Ian Beadles and Lucy Sole – all welcome –and outsourced some of the clerking functions to drive down costs.

- The services contracted to be provided by the Parish were delivered within budget with the result that the Parish Council had been able to maintain the annual parish precept at its previous level (£6,250) and carry forward a respectable surplus

- The Parish had been consulted on and made representations in respect of 8 planning applications involving 6 properties in the village

- Acquired ownership of the Corner Farm land on behalf of the Parish together with a substantial sum for ongoing maintenance

- Applied for and won a £2,000 grant from the Supporting Local Communities Fund towards the cost of essential improvements to the village play park – thank you Christine for all your hard work with what was a complex application. Thank you also to all the many volunteers who gave up their time two Saturdays ago to help weed and tidy up the play area.

- Tendered and negotiated a new contract for the maintenance of all the Parish land and buildings assets – thank you to Tony for overseeing this and also for leading the Parish Council's initiative to support improvements in the appearance of the

village which are already starting to make a positive impact.

- The Parish Council has also been an effective voice in liaising with, and, where appropriate, lobbying, external agencies responsible for delivery of services to the village, and on focussing the attention of our important and valued neighbours on their duties of care to the village. These include:

- o Highways Agency/(now Via) on essential repairs to the village's roads. Works planned to go ahead this Summer

- o Improvements to road signage to deter unsuitable traffic from damaging our roads

- o Network Rail on their seemingly ongoing programme of automation and investment in the rail crossings around the village

- o Nottingham Police safety neighbourhood group co-ordinating actions throughout the Trent Valley villages minimising crime;

- o Nottinghamshire County Council on potential impact of quarry and landfill sites being designated in neighbouring areas; and finally

- o The impact of Southwell Racecourse's flood alleviation plans and the duty of care owed by the various agencies tasked with managing any impact – Nottinghamshire County Council, Environmental Agency and Internal Drainage Board.

The Parish Council is grateful to all those members of the village who take the time to come along to the monthly meetings and make their voices heard. You are all an integral part of the operation of the Parish Council and your contributions are important to us. I would hope to extend a welcome to more member of the village attending in the future.

Tim Harries

Wildlife in Rolleston

An earlier than expected arrival of Spring has brought a few surprises, including a Comma butterfly in flight late March. Possibly one of last year's adults survived the mild Winter and took advantage of a sunny morning.



Commas usually put in an appearance rather later and can be recognized by:

- 1) Their 'tatty' wings as if grabbed in flight by a bird
- 2) A white C on the underside of the hindwing

Others seen include the Brimstone (pale yellow), Peacock, Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell and Cabbage White (hopefully not as many of these as last year!).

No sighting in the village to date of a Red-tailed Kite, though there are reports of one or more at the Ice Cream Parlour, Caunton.

Closer to home, our Kingfisher can be seen (if you're lucky) near the Mill, so too can two or three Grey Wagtails showing off their acrobatic skills catching flies on the wing.

A little further up the Greet, looking across the field towards the racecourse, a pair of mating Oystercatchers will hopefully raise young before returning to coastal waters in Autumn.

So ... keep looking and listening... there are surprises awaiting the observant!

Margaret Hodgett

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Furthermore, Zumba is an excellent way of releasing stress, improving confidence, increasing your social circle, lowering inhibitions, and encouraging better posture.

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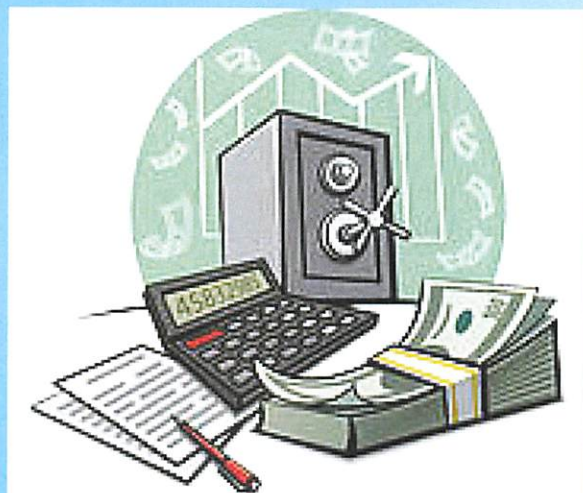
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LIVING IN A FREE SOCIETY



ROBERT JENRICK
our local MP

Writing this at the end of May, whether I remain your Member of Parliament by the next edition of Rolleston Junction is in your hands, dear voters! It goes without saying that it's a huge privilege to represent our area and to help it realise its ambitions.

The week of writing has not been dominated by the General Election, but by the very tragic events in Manchester and their ongoing aftermath. The deliberate loss of any human life deserves our attention, but as a father of three young girls there was something

particularly personal about this attack: like many others, I could easily imagine myself stood in that foyer, waiting for my daughters to come out and into my arms.

I've organised a moment of reflection for our community to come together and send our thoughts and prayers to the people of the great city of Manchester which I'm holding in Newark Market Square - it will have been held by the time you read this. It will be led by the vicar of the Parish Church of Newark, the Catholic priest of Holy Trinity and I've asked an Imam I know, Mr Pirzada from Eaton in the north of my constituency to join us. Islamic terrorism must force all of us to confront radicalisation in our society, those who do not share our values and those that turn a blind eye to it, but it should not make us less tolerant of fellow law abiding citizens and their religious choices.

Whatever your political persuasion, I hope you used your vote in the General Election. Exercising our democratic rights, enjoying free speech and our hard won liberties is after all, the best rebuke to the terrorists. Keep safe, be vigilant, but don't let them win - Life goes on uncowed, that's the beauty of living in a free society.

ANTIQUES AND VINTAGE FAIR A GREAT SUCCESS!

An Antiques and Vintage Fair at Southwell Racecourse was a very good and well supported event, with over 100 exhibitors.



REACH Off - Road Cycle Race 2017

On Sunday 10 May my husband David and I were marshalls for an annual cycle event in aid of the charity REACH



Disability Living. REACH is a very important resource for people in this area who have some kind of disability, including our daughter Laura Jane.

This was a new position for us as we are usually on catering duty up at their sister company Flower Pod in Southwell, from where the riders depart and return for their well-earned tea and cakes.

The weather was beautiful and there was a wonderful buzz of excitement. We were based near Ferry Farm Park at Hoveringham along the longest route which was 37.2 miles.

We set up camp at 9.30 am in our high viz jackets armed with binoculars, camping chairs and a flask of coffee. When we pulled into the allotted hard-standing we were parked behind a couple of ladies who apparently go down every day to feed the birds (and also the resident rat who crept tentatively out of the hedgerow to Hoover up any bits!). They told us that they never tire of the view of the river and fields, and apparently it is wonderful there in autumn when the trees change colour.

We didn't have to wait long for the first eager and very fast riders, and then realised it was a full-time job for two as one of us had to hold open the field gate as there was a herd of cows and calves in there, whilst the other kept an eye on the approach road to the bend in order to slow or stop any oncoming traffic.

Needless to say we struggled to get that coffee and the 'Tail Rider' finally went through at 11.45 am!

Despite the hard work, we thoroughly enjoyed our morning as this beautiful stretch of the river is very popular with walkers, birdwatchers and dog



owners who all stopped for a chat, and one very kind gent even offered us a comfort break at his home in the village. Unfortunately there was no time for that

In all 428 riders of all abilities took part over 4 different routes. The event has so far raised around £6,500 for REACH who hope this figure will rise further as sponsorship money comes in.

Dust off that bike – it could be YOU next year!

Debbie Baldock

NEWS FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR



**SUE
SADDINGTON**

It has been a privilege to represent the Farndon and Muskham Division for 12 years. Now, following the Election on Thursday May 4th, I shall continue to represent you in the Farndon and Trent Division.

Thank you to all those residents who supported me, which gave me a very pleasing majority of 1568. To those who felt they couldn't support me, I will still represent your views and concerns at County Hall.

Just to be absolutely clear, the Farndon and Trent Division does now include a part of Newark.

For an easy explanation - if we imagine from the corner of Morrison's on Northgate, the Division extends across to Appleton Gate, Carter Gate, Albert Street, Victoria Street and along Farndon Road into Farndon, extending as far South as Syerston.

All the area within Appleton Gate, Cartergate and Northgate, including the Newark Market Place, is within the Division.

Kelham Road, Kelham Lane, Tolney Lane and Mill Gate are also within the Division.

Across the River Trent, the Division takes in Averham, Kelham and Staythorpe, Rolleston, Fiskerton, Morton and Bleasby.

Clearly the Division stretches across many miles and several Parish Council meetings are held on the same night.

I will do my utmost to attend Parish Council meetings, but it is inevitable I will only be able to stay for a short time at each meeting.

My thanks to all Parish Councillors and volunteers who give their time to run the Parish for the benefit of all residents, organising events and undertaking projects within the village, without which the village would be much the poorer.

Thank you also to Christine who is acting as our Clerk, not always easy, but well done to you all.

I should have my County Council Divisional budget, although small these days, and although I am happy to assist with projects within the village, the amount I am able to contribute usually equates to one coffee morning.

I am also happy to attend and support village events, but if not invited, I do not know they are taking place. I have a young grandson, William, who is always happy to accompany me and take part in the various games on offer.

Sue Saddington
District Councillor for Muskham
County Councillor for Farndon & Trent

MORE FUN AT SOUTHWELL RACECOURSE !

As the temperatures start to rise and the days get longer, some of Southwell's big race meetings of the year appear, with **Family Fun Day** in **July** and **Ladies Day** in **August** right at the top of the tree.



Katie Gale

Family Fun Day, which this year takes place on **Sunday 16th July**, is the ideal day for all the family with children under the age of 18 admitted free (as they are to all our meetings) with an accompanied adult. There is plenty for the kids to enjoy, with the Championsheep making regular appearances throughout the day, plus there is lots of other children's entertainment on offer including pony rides.

As for **Ladies Day**, the biggest day in the racecourse calendar, which in 2016 attracted a racecourse record attendance of 8816 people, and this year should reach a similar level on **Sunday 20th August**. There will be a fashion show taking place before a great afternoon of jumps racing, concluding

with music from a **Take That** tribute act after racing.



It once again promises to take centre stage not just here at the racecourse, but wider out across the local community socially and beyond.

There are also some new themed racedays such as **Ladies Evening** on **13th June** and **Nottingham Post Sports Day** on **August 28th**



For more information on all of the upcoming fixtures at Southwell, please visit www.southwell-racecourse.co.uk or contact Will Bowler – Marketing Assistant at Southwell Racecourse. Office number 01636 814481, email: wbowler@southwell-racecourse.co.uk

ROBIN HOOD THEATRE - AVERHAM



by Dario Fo

A sharp and hilarious satire on political corruption, it concerns the case of an anarchist railway worker who 'fell' to his death from a police headquarters window.

Newark Local Committee
Cancer Research UK



A Royal Tea Party

Monday 24 July 2017
2pm for 2:30pm start

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Newark Amateur Operatic Society



Production · Avenue Q by Robert Lopez & Jeff Marx

Date · 17th to 21st October 2017

A puppet-filled comedy follows a group of twenty-somethings seeking their purpose in big-city life.

Winner of the Tony "Triple Crown" for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, Avenue Q is part flesh, part felt and packed with heart.

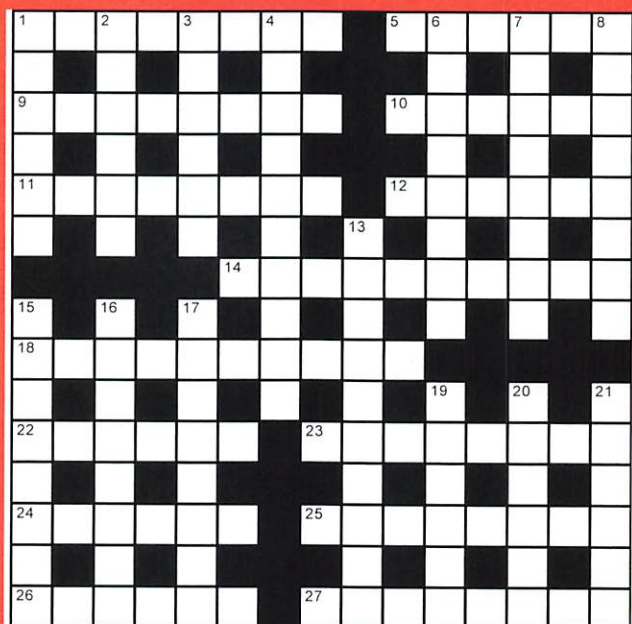
The laugh-out-loud musical tells the timeless story of a recent college grad named Princeton, who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. He soon discovers that, although the residents seem nice, it's clear that this is not your ordinary neighborhood. Together, Princeton and his new-found friends struggle to find jobs, dates and their ever-elusive purpose in life.

Filled with gut-busting humor and a delightfully catchy score, not to mention puppets, Avenue Q is a truly unique show that has quickly become a favorite for audiences everywhere. Although the show addresses humorous adult issues, it is similar to a beloved children's show; a place where puppets are friends, Monsters are good and life lessons are learned.

Tickets from £8 Box Office 07733 179986



For this edition, I've prepared a crossword to tease your grey cells – this puzzle has something of a gardening theme. Enjoy. Penny



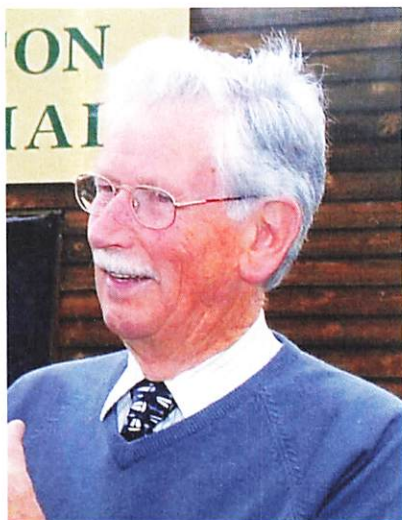
Across

- 1 Traditional cottage climber (8)
- 5 Some poisonous plants are this (6)
- 9 Frog-seats (8)
- 10 Poetically shiny (6)
- 11 Plants don't grow well if this (8)
- 12 This might scorch tender plants (3,3)
- 14 Test soil for this (10)
- 18 Lupinus (10)
- 22 What to say if the quote is too high (2,4)
- 23 Butterflies (8)
- 24 Exotic plant (6)
- 25 Secret places in a wild garden (8)
- 26 Organisation (6)

Down

- 1 Nut and tree (6)
- 2 These grow quickly for the table (6)
- 3 Sometimes we have to consult one (6)
- 4 Living inside (10)
- 6 Spring flowering shrub and tree (8)
- 7 An organised garden might be this (8)
- 8 Herbs for use as healing ointments (8)
- 13 Cleared DNA (Anag) (10)
- 15 Hethe harder areas of the garden (8)
- 6 Traditional drink made with these and dandelion (8)
- 17 Rev is a BA (Anag) (8)
- 19 Latin name for Rock Rose (6)

JOHN CANNER



John Canner, a stalwart of Rolleston life for some 27 years (1975 to 2002) died on 20th March at 97 years old.

Those who knew him remember a considerate and charitable man always willing to help in any way, and a true gentleman. He was active in village life as a Churchwarden and Parish Councillor, and was always involved in Rolleston activities. He was also involved in other volunteering work such as Toc H* in Ypres, and scouting.

John had a very varied life. Born in Lincoln, he spent until age 18 in China where his parents were missionaries. This explains the name of his bungalow in Rolleston – Pa Li Chuang (5 mile village), now the site of Mulberry House.

John was in the Royal Artillery in France in WW2 as a dispatch rider and was one of those evacuated from Dunkirk.

Although John was at one time involved in farming in Cambridgeshire, his main interest was in all things mechanical and he worked at Ransome and Marles, at Hoveringham Gravels as a service engineer, at RMC, Ruston and Hornsby and elsewhere as well as 2 years in the merchant navy.

John married Winifred, a nurse in 1943; a really nice quiet lady, always willing to 'do good' in a non-showy way. She kept Rolleston Post Office for many years.

John and Winifred had 2 children (Jane and John), 4 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Leaving Rolleston in 2002, they moved to Barton on Humber living in bungalow almost up until John's death, Winifred having predeceased him.

Amongst the many happy memories I have of John are our trips to the National Mining Museum, the Cutty Sark, Jodrell Bank, and Chatham Dockyard. In retirement John's hobbies were woodcarving and wood turning and several superb examples of this work survive him.

Frank Mitchell

**for more info on Toc H go to <http://www.toch-uk.org.uk/History.html>*

SKATING SUCCESS !!!

Rollestonian Alex Robinson has had an amazing final season ice skating as she now retires from competitive sport and hopefully heads off to university in the Autumn.

Her team **NSSA Icicles** were crowned **NISA British Champions** for the fifth year running in January and this meant they qualified once again for the **ISU Junior World Synchronised Skating Championships 2017**, which were held in Toronto, Canada in March. They finished a creditable 18th in the world.

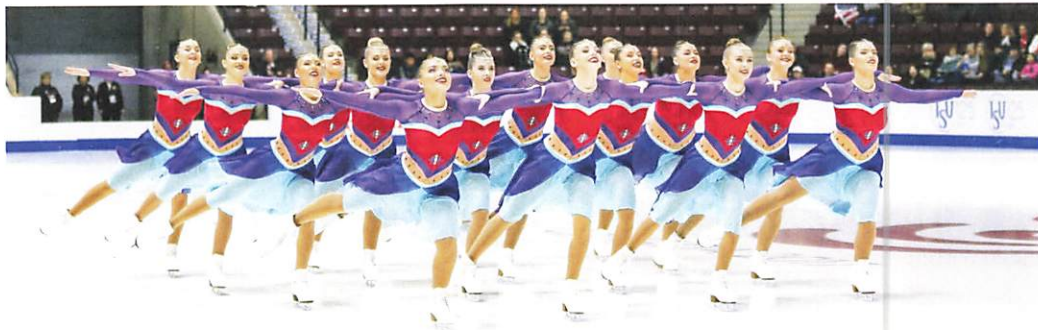
'SKATER OF THE YEAR' ON CBBC

It was Alex's fifth Junior World Championships and it was a great and high profile final competition in a great location.



This season the **BBC** also filmed their third series of **"Ice Stars"** and Alex is one of the main Ice Stars, so she will feature when the program airs this Summer on **CBBC**.

Finally, she got a surprise by being voted "Skater of the Year" by her club from over 80 skaters, a great send off at the end of her Synchronised Skating career.



OUR ROLLESTONIANS

BRIAN SMITH

Nestling beside the Church, Racecourse Farm provides bed and breakfast hospitality to a loyal following of regulars from both the UK and abroad.



Brian is second from the left

On Duty In Malaysia

Who are the people who have created this little gem?

Brian had been working at Rolls Royce producing aero engines, but was called up in 1959, allocated to the army and was posted to Malaya to join the Gurkhas.

Shortly after he arrived, Kay, who had been fashion modelling in London, flew out to Malaya to join her family. They met....and the rest is history!

After Malaya, Brian was posted to Yemen to join a gunner regiment, and a year later he left the army with the rank of Captain.

Forever travellers, Brian and Kay moved to India where Brian worked as a project

manager for the Commonwealth Development Finance Corporation. Two of their four daughters were born there.

The time came to put down roots and return to the UK. Brian started a very successful specialist engineering company in Nottingham which he ran until his retirement. Kay had a busy and demanding job as PA to the Mayor of Nottingham.

So why Rolleston?

Brian explains "We were looking for a property and we just fell in love with Racecourse Farm".

After they had done the deal, Annie Lee, who was selling it, said that she did bed and breakfast and would Brian and Kay like to take over the bookings that she had? They rose to the challenge!

Brian explains, " We decided that we would treat visitors as we would our

family or friends... and from me came the Basil Fawlty style of management!" Brian doesn't do himself justice; the business has a huge following of regulars, and an amazing 60% of visitors come from overseas.

Why is it so successful?

It's a lovely cottage in a beautiful location next to the church... and, of course, people travel across continents for Brian and Kay's hospitality and Brian's legendary breakfasts!

Was the move to Rolleston successful?

Brian sums it up, "We have lived in Rolleston for fifteen years and have made lots of friends in the village and the area. With all the activities we are involved in and nice people, our move here has been a great success".

CONGRATULATIONS!

.... to **MILES HILLARY** who won the secondary age group (11-16 years) for his creative writing in our Village Competition. The Rolleston Junction team would like to send their congratulations!

Here are Miles' comments and his poem in our Family Life section:

"I have written a Haiku for the Village Competition, and it is about the family holidays that we go on."

**each summer we leave
and have family adventures
we remember them**

Editor's note: a Haiku is a very short form of poetry. In Japanese, Haiku are traditionally printed in a single vertical line, while Haiku in English often appear in three lines.

Unfortunately, there were no entrants for the other two age groups for the creative competition.

However, if young residents of Rolleston would like to contribute articles or creative work on any subject, then submissions would be welcomed and considered for future publication in the Rolleston Junction.

Thank you to our sponsors, Patching's Farm and National Geographic for Kids.



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ALLOTMENT NEWS !

You can always tell when spring has arrived on the allotment.

One weekend is spent digging in beautiful sunshine and you only notice the bright red sunburn when you get home. The following weekend's dig is experienced through three layers of clothing with you going home when you have run out of hot coffee or soup! The true meaning of spring!



The recent AGM was well supported, held as usual at the Moon in Morton, with new members being welcomed. The usual topics of conversation are Brian's Bridge, water supply with pump, Bob's Bees, banks, safe storage and the car park. These are just a few of our projects to be carried out this year.

Now that nearly all the plots have been taken, we are reconsidering the organization of the carpark. The plots have now taken on very different identities. One has a beautiful crop of rather unusual taraxacum. They have a stunningly deep yellow flower - you might know them by their common name of dandelions.

At the other end of the allotment we have such organization that local market gardeners would be impressed by - poly tunnel, proper raised beds and a

structure for beans to grow, that is not made out of canes!

In the middle we have a newly erected fence made totally out of recycled pallets. It is lovely to see the different plots coming to life.

Most of us have sown a few seeds already.

Within the next few weeks, we will be planting onions, potatoes, beetroot, carrot, and a variety of salad leaves.

As the soil warms up, the season gets busier and most of us will be down there most evenings, hoeing and watering.



If you are interested in a plot (we only have half a plot left) then please contact Bob Marshall on 07702 616664.



CLAIRE'S COURGETTES

Courgettes are my theme for this edition as it is one of the vegetables that people have a lot of success with in their gardens and allotments - in fact, usually so much so that they don't know what to do with them all!

First tip is - pick them whilst small. This will encourage more to grow and they are delicious when little and tender.

To cook small ones: Just steam whole or halved lengthwise, or saute quickly in oil or butter, or as a special treat perhaps pick the flowers and stuff them.

Stuffing for 8-12 heads: 100g ricotta mixed with a good tablespoon of grated parmesan, a handful of chopped fresh herbs (such as parsley, chives and fennel), salt and pepper to taste.

Gently spoon the filling into the flowers and twist the tops to keep it in. Heat up a pan of rapeseed or corn oil, to deep fry them, whilst making the batter.

Batter - 100g plain flour, 40g cornflour, 1/2 tsp salt 1/2 tsp baking powder and 200-250 mls cold sparkling water. Mix to a thin cream consistency. Dip the heads in the batter one at a time. Try a flower in the oil. If it sizzles, immediately pop in 2 or 3 more and fry for 2 minutes until pale gold and crisp. Repeat with the other heads and serve straight away with a sprinkling of coarse sea salt. Delicious!

For bigger courgettes: Try them grated in salads with carrots, nuts, seeds and a dressing, or cut them into ribbons or spirals (if you got one of those spiralizers for Christmas!) and steam or stir fry and eat with your favourite pasta sauce.



If you have been away and come back to large, bulbous courgettes with tougher skin, then pick them and peel if necessary and roast with tomatoes, peppers, garlic and onions. This freezes well and makes a good accompaniment to grilled meats and fish. If you can't face this then still pick them and put them on the compost heap (they will at least be returning goodness to the soil for next year) and hopefully your plants will recover and produce more baby ones until the first frosts.

CREATIVE CORNER... !!!

'APPS' FOR ARTISTS

Our guest contributor this issue is

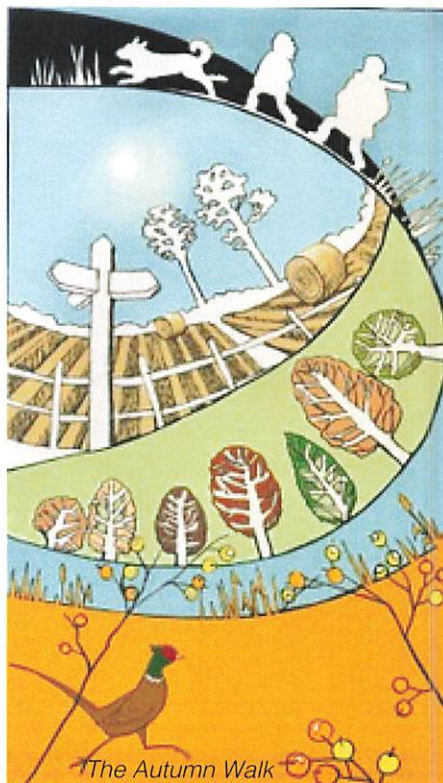
★ Gill Thackrey ★

I've always enjoyed drawing and photography. Recently, I've begun to dabble with some of the great 'apps' available for tablets/ laptops.

Worth a try are "Sketches", "Procreate" and "Paper 53", which simulate a huge range of different media. "Prisma" transforms your digital photos, allowing you to select from over 40 painting styles.

Apps such as 'Paper 53', 'Sketches Pro' & 'Procreate' are largely designed to enable the creation and transmission of images from scratch, providing a range of tools, colour palettes, backgrounds etc. Some lend themselves to illustration, diagrams, graphs and text.

'Procreate' is the most sophisticated art programme I've come across for developing original work. I've barely begun to learn the basics. The 'Autumn Walk' illustration is drawn and coloured freehand using 'Procreate'. It's one of four drawings depicting the seasons - if you look closely - you might spot Ross, me and the dog!



'Prisma' on the other hand, translates a digital image / photo, using a style selected from a specified menu. 'Slab Square' is a photo taken using a mobile phone, which I then cropped & resized, before letting 'Prisma' to do the rest. All the images were made using an Apple iPad Pro ... (other makes of tablet are available)!

Some programmes are free to download and user friendly. It's easy to get started, but beware, it can be addictive!

If you want to know more about Gill's art work, or have questions on this article, please email rollestonjunction@gmail.com

Thanks to Gill for our super cover picture!

CHURCH NEWS

At the Annual meeting for Holy Trinity Church this year, Bryan and Beryl Northcote decided to stand down from their responsibilities.

Beryl has been PCC Secretary for over 25 years, I'm not sure of the exact length but it's a long time!

Bryan has been churchwarden for seven years.

Both have given a great deal of time and energy in lots of ways to the Church, for which the PCC and others are grateful. We were pleased to give them a small gift of appreciation of a painting of Holy Trinity Church.

Being part of the Church community goes beyond PCC duties of course but we hope this change is a good one for them.

On June 1st Holy Trinity Rolleston became a legal partner, with six other parishes as The Benefice of West Trent.



Since 1968, Rolleston has been part of a Benefice with Morton and Upton. This group joins now with Thurgarton with Hoveringham, and Bleasby with Halloughton.

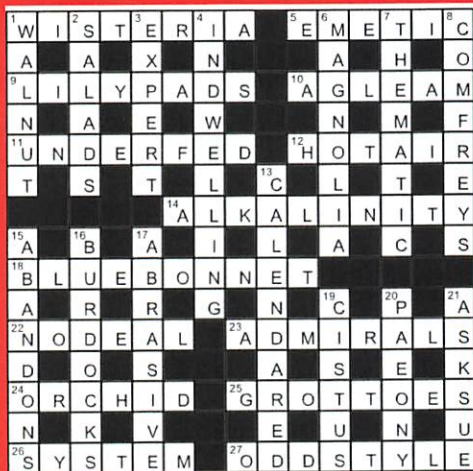
Each of the 7 Parishes remain distinct and govern their own affairs, but will continue to work together for mutual benefit and encouragement.

Stronger together?!

Phil

Spoiler Alert !!

Answer to Penny's Puzzle



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THE HOME OF HOME GROWN

Love them or hate them, Chillies have become a major ingredient in UK cooking!!

When we started our humble chilli farm five years ago, we would have never believed that so many people would travel so far to buy our plants and pods and attend the annual Chilli Festival here at the farm.

With over 40 varieties - from the very mild Mexican Poblano or Spanish Padron (the roulette chilli) to the contender for the 'World's hottest chilli' - Dragon's

breath (grown and developed in **Rolleston!**) – chillies are all about flavour.

You cannot beat the sweetness of a fresh, mild, oven cooked stuffed Poblano or the fruitiness

of a Habanero when using in your favourite spicy dish.

We love harvest time when people come to us for 'Pick Your Own' chillies, as there are always people that say 'No, I would never eat a raw chilli', that end up buying these great fruits.



Borne of an idea after numerous trips to India, enjoying the full flavour of North and South Indian dishes, I realised that chillies were not about heat, and decided to grow some of my own.



Some of our first harvest

Imagine the surprise of tasting our first grown chillies and finding such depth of flavours with lemon, pineapple, sweet fruit and other flavours in the fresh pods to enhance any meal.



The Beautiful Pink Tiger

Not only that, but the range of colours and plant forms are also wonderful.

Yes, of course there are very hot ones but with careful cooking, and understanding of the varieties, you can enhance any meal and not make it inedible with heat.

At the end of 2016, we embarked upon our own range of Posh Pickles and Preserves.



Currently, ten great products – three non-chilli, and seven from mild to hot – even children enjoy the fresh taste of this exciting range of chutneys and relishes.



Now stocked in our newly opened shop and local delis, the range from Tangy Braeburn to Cheeky Chilli, tickle most taste buds.

In 2013 we held our first Chilli Festival and in 2017 this is proving to be even more popular bringing campers and caravaners from as far afield as Falkirk to Falmouth.



Supporting local businesses like The Sauce Shop, Maxey Farm Shop, Dotty Birds and more, this event has chilli stalls, non – chilli stalls, food drink, free children's entertainment and of course some fantastic East Midlands bands all enjoyed by local day visitors and travellers from afar.

As growers using Hydroponic and aquaponic methods, we also have an Innovation Area at the festival.

Companies show, display and discuss Hydroponic, Aeroponic and automatic watering systems for any gardener – indoors and outside to grow your own fresh herbs and vegetables.



This year we are expecting the National Vegetable Society to also have a stand at the festival.

The festival is from July 7th (6pm) until July 9th (5pm) with day, weekend & camp/caravan tickets.

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See the advert for details, call into the farm Thursday to Sunday any week 10am – 4pm or follow / message ChilliBobs on Facebook / Twitter

"This is the happiest day of my life!"

He spoke quietly, with emotion. He was with his family and friends on the top of a London tour bus.



Five years earlier, four Syrian families had to make a decision. Their villages were under attack. All they wanted was to live normal family lives, just as we do. There was no place in their lives for bombs, bullets and the threat of gas.

The government forces, ISIS, the rebels, everybody was fighting everybody; just what could they do except leave? Certainly this was no place for families with young kids.

Houses, cars, possessions left behind, they escaped to the safety of a refugee camp in Lebanon. This is where they lived for nearly five years until their turn came to be granted asylum in the UK.

These families were settled in Newark – eight parents, eleven children. NSDC found private rented housing for them and provided the bare essentials of furniture. A group of us in Rolleston set up the "Support For Syrian Refugees" charity. We work with NSDC and the Refugee Forum to help them settle in.

The men are desperate to work to support their families. They want to contribute, not take.

The families have to learn the language. To be "work ready" usually takes a minimum of a year, but even now the men are doing some unpaid voluntary work in Newark.

The adults attend English conversation classes. Their conversation skills are developing really well. The kids are amazing. One of the five year old girls can count up to

a hundred and proudly recites the days of the week!

What does "Support For Syrian Refugees" do?

Firstly, we help the families settle in by providing the basics that are not provided when they arrive.



Secondly, help them understand and enjoy the UK.

In May, The Refugee Forum and ourselves took the families on a day coach trip to London. We went on an open top London tourist bus, did a trip down the Thames from Tower Bridge to Westminster, then on the London Eye, finishing with a Syrian take - away feast on the coach back!



After five desperate years in a camp perhaps we can understand why this felt like the happiest day of his life.

Tony, Michelle and Jenny

SHOWER DELIGHT

As usual I turn the controls
'Till the water runs just right.
Spread some scented gel
Onto the crumpled ball of net
and step under the warming flow
Of the gushing jet.
Gently I scrub the bubbling foam
Over limbs and torso,
Until i am coated in soft froth
Like an uncooked meringue,
(or perhaps an Eton Mess!)
The suds are rinsed away
By a gentle clean caress.
A lingering perfume remains.
My normal way to start the day.

In another land
Cold mountain winds
Tug at rows of canvass tents,
Whip up the sand
In stinging gusts.
She struggles out
Against the buffeted flaps
Clutches her clothing to her
With roughened hand.
Grasping a battered can
She trudges to a communal pipe
Fetching cold but vital water.
Careworn beyond her years
Her shower consists of stifled tears.

Elizabeth Blakey

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jack Chandler for completing the Vitality London 10K, 29th May, with a finishing time of 56.04 minutes.

Jack was raising money for UK Youth, a national charity with major sponsors like Microsoft and Virgin, dedicated to teaching valuable skills to kids in areas of high deprivation to improve job opportunities.

Jack has spent recent months as a volunteer for the charity in his spare time, teaching computer programming skills to children in London communities.

Jack would like to thank supporters, many in **Rolleston**, who helped him raise over £400 for UK Youth.



NEWS IN BRIEF.....

GORGS NEWS ...Regrettably, I report a severe defeat at the hands of Orston on Friday 12th May.



For the first time in ten years, we have been beaten - not just beaten, but by 5 matches - with only one win and one half.

Our team of fourteen, comprising: Rob Hibbert, Sandie Pearson, Malcolm Mason, Linda Mason, David, Christopher, Chris Birch, Tony Bryant, Chris Fletcher, Nigel Carby, Chris Birch, Barry and Mark Musgrave and Martin Knight were well and truly beaten!

Never mind, we are now in training for next year and aspiring to victory!

Nick Pearson

ROLLESTON'S SNAKE CHARMER

Louise Whitehead holds Sophie, the very friendly American Corn Snake. When visitors came to Southwell 'Live at Home' coffee morning, it was Louise's chance to hold her first ever snake!



CONGRATULATIONS...!!



... to **Nick and Sandie Pearson** on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



GET WELL WISHES...

... to **Frank Blacklock** and **Sheila Taylor** who have been unwell recently. Here's wishing them a speedy recovery.

BABYSITTER WANTED in Rolleston for my 11-year-old daughter - preferably someone who can drive ... usually a couple of times a month.

Please call or text with details to: Emma Burnett on 07967 743124

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KEEP IN TOUCH

There are 3 holders of the village email list - the Rolleston Junction editing team, Julian Richardson for the Village Hall and Christine Salter for the Parish Council. Between us we have a pretty comprehensive email list for the village. We work together to make sure we keep as many of you updated with news as possible and over time this has proved to be really useful:

- ☐ we have reunited owners with cats, dogs and even model airplanes
- ☐ we have been able to inform you of events and activities – not to be missed!
- ☐ we have circulated requests for help
- ☐ we have been able to update you of important issues that impact on our community such as crime or flooding

It's well worth being on the list and if you are not, and would like to be so, just drop a line to rollestonjunction@gmail.com. Even if someone in your house is on the list we are very happy to add on anyone else who lives there too.

If you think you are on the list but haven't been receiving anything from us, or have changed your email address recently, again just drop us a line so we can check your details

Please be assured that we do not share your email address and we promise not to bombard you with messages. Do let us know if you have any new neighbours so we can make contact with them.

To continue to be able to produce the magazine, we will continue to need funds, and if anyone feels that they would like to support us financially, please do get in touch with Nick Pearson who will be happy to chat to you. There are options for small adverts or advertorials, small donations or larger sponsorships. You can contact Nick on **01653 816382** or at pearson.nick9@gmail.com

Please email us at rollestonjunction@gmail.com if you have an article you would like us to include by **24th August 2017** for inclusion in the Autumn publication.

If you prefer to put pen to paper, please drop it through the door of either The Mill House, or Cray Croft in Holly Court, or call Gill Rowles on 01636 812936 or Marg Finch on 01636 816279 and we can collect it.

For advertising and sponsorship, contact Nick Pearson on 01636 816382.

If there are any errors or omissions, please let us know.

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