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12th September

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Hello again

from the Junction Team!

As I write this, we are in the middle of a heatwave and red warnings have been issued for the East Midlands. Hard to think that only two weeks ago the grass had shot up dramatically and rainy days prevented us from mowing it!

Summer is associated with the various festivals which feature in our locality and there are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy this year.

We publish the amazing photos of the Rolleston Flower Festival which took place in early May; it really was a triumph. (See page 18).

The Gate to Southwell Festival will have taken place by the time you read this - and of course we have the Southwell Music Festival to look forward to over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Tickets are now available and of course there are plenty of Fringe Festival events to attend with free admission. Visit the Southwell Music festival website for details and see page 28 for a summary of festival highlights.

We were hoping to have our usual Village Day in Rolleston in July, but everything that happens in our community relies on the goodwill and support of volunteers to lend a hand, and this year it was felt a few more folk were needed to run a successful event.

So, with a revised date of Saturday, September 12th, we are asking for more people to do 'a bit', nothing too demanding, and volunteers can email Mark Sanders to add their support. See page 25 for more details.

Regarding higher temperatures, at the moment, World Cup 'fever' is running high, and you will have received an email publicising The Crown's special offerings for food and drink on their terrace to watch the big games, featuring England of course, as the competition heats up.

If you fancy a cooling dip after all that excitement, the big pool at Southwell Leisure Centre is now open - well done to those local heroes who worked tenaciously to make that happen for the good of our community. They were lots of twists and turns in the story and they really do need our applause.

Speaking of congratulations, we wish our younger residents every success as they continue with their studies or venture into the world of work. We are justifiably proud of their achievements and we're happy to share their good news (see page 26).

A shout out to our local advertisers and sponsors for making this magazine possible; please support them by giving them an opportunity to quote if you have need of their services.

Whatever your plans over the next few months, wishing you, your friends and family a very pleasant summer.

Best wishes.

Carole, Gill and Beth

Revd. James Moring



We're very grateful to be heading into warmer months - aren't we all, I'm sure - and with that we continue to look for opportunities to offer a welcome into the life of the church. Over the Easter weekend we saw over 150 people come through the doors, with an Easter Egg Hunt around the churchyard and crafts and cakes served in the building, followed by an amazing celebration of the risen Jesus on Easter Sunday morning.

Over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, it was wonderful to host the bi-annual Flower Festival, which I'm sure many of you will have visited. With an Agatha Christie theme there

was much mystery and cloak and dagger as well as great creativity on display and we were really grateful to raise a healthy amount towards the ongoing costs of maintaining the church.

The 9.30 Service continues to run each Sunday - there are plans to make some of those during August a little more adventurous! You'd always be really welcome.

Revd. James Moring

Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of West Trent Churches



News from

Cllr Keith Melton

Annual Rolleston Parish Meeting 2026

Unusually, the turnout for the Annual Parish Meeting this year was a bit sparse, so I thought it would be useful to highlight a couple of issues upon which I reported as District Councillor.

There were a few issues during the year where I needed to communicate with District Council Officers on behalf of the village and local residents, perhaps the most notable of which related to irritations concerned with 'non-racing events' held at the racecourse. Traffic management and some, shall we say rather unruly, behaviour by some visitors caused some nuisance to at least some residents in the village. As a result, we are arranging discussion with the Racecourse management to talk through how the situation can be improved in the future.

Another set of discussions relates to the future position of what I have come to think of as the 'Village Green' - the area of grass in front of the Village Hall. I have asked if that land which, effectively, now has virtually no value to the District Council (but a lot of Community value to the Village Hall and Rolleston residents) can be transferred to the ownership of either the Village Hall or to the Parish Council for the price of a peppercorn. This would prevent the land becoming the centre of another dispute between the Village and the new Unitary Authority, which would otherwise take over responsibility for it.

Trees

The final things that I mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting, was the fact that some new trees have been planted in Rolleston. It was one of the first things I spoke about after becoming the local District Councillor - the idea that we could

find some room in the village for some trees to be planted, which could be provided by the District Council. Unfortunately, I was on holiday abroad when the trees arrived, so I was not able to help plant them, but they are now bedding themselves in the 2-acre field behind the Village Hall and in the area of Corner Farm.

Some of the trees were quite mature when they arrived, so I think it will not be long before they will change the aspect of that field and provide some shade for the hotter summers that are likely to be coming our way due to climate change.

Southwell Swimming Pool to reopen.

Just to keep everyone up to date, we are now expecting the Southwell Leisure Centre Swimming Pool to reopen for use, probably in mid-June.

A number of years ago, the running of the Leisure Centre was handed over to the District Council by the then Trustees. It was known, at the time, that the water loss seemed higher than average for similar pools, but the District Council agreed to operate the Centre. Two years ago, the Council decided that the water loss was too great. They closed the full size pool.

After campaigning and much local pressure, the District Council decided to pass the Centre back to local Trustees and did so, with a sum of money to allow repairs to be undertaken. Now, just a few months after the handover at the start of last month, the Trustees and their new operators are repairing the pool. Pipe work is completed already, and the finishing work is being done now. The Leisure Centre remains open and the pool is expected to be reopened at some point in June.

Newark Castle Progress

I am sure you will have seen the scaffolding and cranes based at Newark Castle and wondered when it was going to be possible to visit part of our Local Heritage again. Recently I was with a party of Newark and Sherwood Councillors that were being shown around the site recently and it is not going to be all that long before the new 'Main Entrance' - the Castle Gatehouse - will be opened to visitors.

A very large proportion of the work has been paid for by external grants; the end result should be a real enhancement of how we will all experience one of our most iconic local buildings. There will be new displays showing the 900 year history of the building as well as a welcoming visitor centre, to bring out the historic value of the site including new rooms displaying a range of local artifacts.

At least one of the new spaces will be available for hire for weddings and other events and there will be new gardens between the Gatehouse and the River Trent. All being well Newark Castle will open to visitors in early 2027 - and I understand there is already a wedding booked for August of next year!

Cllr. Keith Melton



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Village Hall Lotto

Here are the lucky winners of the £50 cash prize from 7th March through to 9th May 2026.

Richard Thackeray (twice), Sandra Sawyer, Trish Steele, Michelle Hillary, Sandie Pearson, Carole Chandler, Pat Sawyer, Peter Garrood and Malcolm Mason.

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions in keeping the Village Hall running and for supporting the fundraising events that have featured throughout 2025.

We have more planned for 2026 in order to cover the upkeep of our village hall. The Village Lottery raised £3679 last year; a fantastic help towards our costs!

For those who may not be familiar with the village lotto, particularly if you are new to the village, a £50 cash prize is awarded every week and to enter it is only £2 a week collected usually by standing order every 10 weeks.

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News from

Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

Here comes summer...

Summer is here at last – sunny, but cool in mid-May. Let's hope for a good one.

We need some rain to help the new trees take root properly in the 2-acre field and the Corner Farm field. Not too much rain required though; we now have the means to irrigate them properly, thanks to Steve Bosworth and Michael Gemson organising an IBC (Intermediate Bulk Container), pump, hoses and water carriers using the money from the government grant we used for the initial planting.

At the time of writing, we are planning the improvement of the grass in the 2-acre field with the valuable help of Kirsty Edwards at the racecourse along with her grounds manager and a group of volunteer students from Portland College in Mansfield. We would like to turn the field into a pleasant mini-park area with trees, wildflowers and pleasant grassland which will be great for kids to play on, have picnics and so on. As they say, 'watch this space'.

Adjacent to the 2-acre field and the village hall is the village play park – an excellent space for kids of all ages to enjoy. However, as previously mentioned, this space is potentially expensive to maintain, and it is important to keep it in good condition.

Recently, I looked at replacing the loose-fill timber safety material we spread on the ground surface, known as Cushionfall, with the more durable rubber 'mulch' made from recycled motor car tyres. The total cost quoted was over £70,000! Eek... I did expect it to be pricey, but ... wow.

We seriously need to look at obtaining grants from funding agencies to help finance maintenance of the space and the Council will commence with researching sources and bidding processes. For the time being, we will continue to renew the Cushionfall covering every couple of years with help from volunteers to help with the spreading.

Elsewhere, the neighbourhood planning group continues with its work on the plan for the village. Thanks to all who submitted a completed questionnaire; we were very impressed with overall return number, and we are now analysing the responses. There's a lot more work to be done on the plan and you will no doubt be invited to comment on the developing plan either by email or meeting events over the coming months.

Back to current events. The defibrillator facility has been upgraded with a 'Stop the Bleed' kit provided free by the East Midlands Ambulance Service. This is now installed in the telephone box along with the defibrillator. The kit provides sterile first aid equipment to be used in an emergency involving serious wounds. Hopefully it will never be needed, but if you are involved as a witness to an event which results in a serious wound, the kit is there for you to use to provide immediate first aid treatment. You should also call 999 at the same time as attending to the wound. And don't forget, the defibrillator is there for use in an emergency. Don't forget the Stop the Bleed kit and the Defibrillator - you could save a life!

Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

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Well, I think that's it for now. I wish you all a very pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Chr. Bob Steele



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Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with County Council news

At time of writing, the weather is not like Spring at all. Although, I hear the warmer weather may be on its way.

The Southern Relief road is now open. I did ask at the regular meetings we had during the construction of the road, that we have a follow up meeting a couple of months following the opening to report any issues residents have brought to our attention.

I already have a few; namely about signing and the lining of the roads around the Southern Relief Road island on the A46.

The A46 belongs to National Highways so NCC will have to report these concerns back to them.

I was honoured recently to be invited to the Dedication Ceremony of the Lancaster Bomber Sculpture “ON FREEDOM’S WINGS” adjacent to the A46. It was an extremely moving ceremony.

There was a Parade of 1237 (North Hykeham) Squadron RAF Air Cadets, the salute was received by Flight Engineer Retired, Harry Parkins, followed by “The history behind building the bomber”, given by Charlie White who owns the land where the Lancaster stands.

It weighs more than 100 Tons. We were given a summary of how the actual building of the statue progressed and how many volunteers gave their time to achieve this wonderful memorial. Harry Parkins unveiled the Dedication Plaque.

After lovely music, prayers and singing Jerusalem, the final music played by the band was the Dam Busters, and the Lancaster was truly dedicated.

Laurence Goff, former Newark Town Mayor, was mentioned and many of us will know how much fund raising he did. His collection box went with him wherever he went. Mrs Jean Goff and I sat together. How sad that he was not able to attend the opening event.

For me, the event went full circle, as when I was Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council, I attended the breaking ground ceremony and sat next to Jonny Johnson, a retired Veteran who has sadly passed away since that event.

May these brave men be in our hearts and thoughts forever.

Our County Council Annual meeting was held in May.

Reform have rewritten our Constitution in so much as we have a section during the meeting to ask questions of Cabinet Members.

The Cabinet Member knows the question in advance and has a pre-prepared answer from the Officer to read out.

However, we previously have been able to ask a supplementary question arising from the answer we were given.

Unfortunately this has now stopped; we can write a supplementary question, but we have to wait two weeks for a written response!

We feel this decision has taken away our democratic representation of our residents.

Despite the support of other parties, the numbers were not large enough to overturn this decision.

We are still waiting to hear the decision from the Government regarding the Local Government Reorganisation as to how Nottinghamshire will be divided. By this I mean, North/South: East/West or whether Nottingham will be separate from the rest of Nottinghamshire. We expect a decision from Government in the summer, hopefully I will have details to write in the next Rolleston Junction and the Farndon Focus.

Many of our roads are still in a terrible state following the winter, however, Reform tells us that they are repairing them.

Had they taken out a winter package, as previous administrations did, the roads would have been more protected against the winter weather.

I have a meeting with the District Manager shortly and will report again those roads I travel on throughout my Division to meetings, which are in need of repair.

Hopefully it will soon be time to take out your garden chairs and enjoy all that summer has to offer.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington



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News from

Robert Jenrick

MP for Newark

A lot has happened in the country since I last wrote in this magazine, and I have been busy in Newark working on numerous issues that residents have raised with me.

Firstly, as summer approaches, we are finally seeing progress being made on our local roads. The arrival of two new JCB Pothole-Pro machines, and a record amount of cash from the County Council, has meant that there is finally a light at the end of the tunnel.

In May, I visited the first of these machines in Newark, and the team manning it told me they expect the machines to fix our roads maybe ten times quicker.

Newark's roads are bad - in fact, they are terrible - but with these machines and a council with fresh agency, we will start to see a big difference.

I've also been working closely with farmers who have been telling me about some of the problems they have had with rural crime. This has led me to work closely with the NFU, who have been quite critical of our Police and Crime Commissioner, Gary Godden.

What the NFU have uncovered is a real lack of a dedicated rural crime unit within the Nottinghamshire Police Force. Commissioner Godden claims he has dozens of dedicated rural crime officers, but in fact he just has one. I don't think this is right or fair and is frankly putting rural communities at risk.

In one village, with only a few hundred residents, several cars were nicked by masked thugs wearing balaclavas. The victims of this crime were left terrified about what had happened to them, considering it is typically quite a pleasant and sleepy village.

I have visited farms which resemble Fort Knox more than the tranquil farm we would expect. One Nottinghamshire farmer I spoke to told me he had three burglaries in just one month.

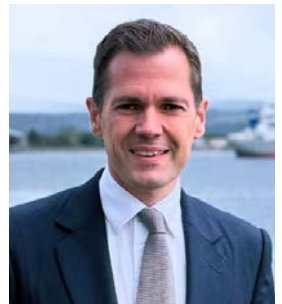
The detailed problem is that whilst Commissioner Godden has lots of officers trained to deal with rural crime, it's not their dedicated brief, meaning they are much more likely to deal with crime in our major urban conurbations than rural communities. It's an organisational failure by the Police and Crime Commissioner, and I'd like to see it fixed. Comparable forces in Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, and Derbyshire do have dedicated rural crime units four or five times bigger than ours, so I think this may be part of the answer.

I don't know what the summer months will bring for farmers; they are already struggling with a lack of rain. And whilst farmers are known to complain about the weather quite a bit, and rightly so, they shouldn't need to be complaining about their property being vandalised like this too.

I guess today's piece is of two halves. But the acquisition of the Pothole Pro machines show that we can make progress and can make our community a better place to live if we can find the right solutions.

Wishing you all the best

Robert Jenrick



WI News

Our February 2026 meeting was an interesting talk by Philip Braund about Princess Margaret. Philip kindly stepped in at the last minute when our original speaker, Bridget Albano (Dress to Impress) was ill.

March brought Magic in the form of Paul Vickers, a working magician. Paul's skills were many and he included some of our members to demonstrate these skills with much wonder and hilarity.

The Annual Meeting of Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI in April was an opportunity to vote on the re-election of Elaine Lewis-Evans as our President, keep the present committee members and welcome 3 more new committee members. It is the committee who plan the timetable for the meetings and come up with ideas for other WI activities throughout the year. WI members who attended the Annual Meeting also enjoyed a fish and chip supper.

In May, Stephen Brown, a driving instructor for 40 years, presented 'Hell on Wheels'. He entertained and informed us with stories and insights from his long career, including the challenges of teaching people to drive in the much busier traffic we have today. He also pointed out that the Highway Code is updated regularly and urged us all to read a recent copy.

WI meetings are held at The Arthur Radford Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Visitors are welcome at our meetings with a £5 charge for refreshments.

Other WI events: a coffee morning at The Captain's Room, The Bromley, Fiskerton, (1st Friday of each month) – please note the venue is subject to change as new places in the area become available). Also we have: Book Club at The Full Moon, Morton, (2nd Friday of the month), 'Pub Club' at 7pm, The Bromley, Fiskerton, (3rd Tuesday of the month), Whist (afternoons: 3rd Friday of the month), Craft and Chat, (evenings: 4th Tuesday of the month) and Rummikub (afternoons: 1st and 3rd Monday of the month).

Visit **www.mfrwi.co.uk** for further information.

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Rolleston's Sounds of Summer

Many people will know 'Sounds of Summer' as a Beach Boys album - all sunshine, harmonies, and that instantly recognisable summer feeling. But Rolleston has its own Sounds of Summer too, and you don't need a speaker for it.

The best version is the one you get when you're out on the village paths, near the river, through the churchyard, or along the edges of the fields - and you give the place a chance to do what it does best: quietly, brilliantly, come alive.

A lot of Rolleston's wildlife is easier to hear than it is to see. Nature is running a radio station all summer long, but it doesn't advertise the frequency. You have to tune in.

Morning tracks: footpaths, hedges and gardens

If you're out early - even just early-ish - the village has a different tone. Blackbirds and song thrushes provide the richer notes, while robins, chaffinches and wrens fill in the gaps from hedges and garden boundaries.

Late June is still a busy time. Some birds are feeding late broods; others are keeping track of freshly fledged youngsters that have only just left the nest. The soundtrack shifts from bold spring singing to short calls, warning notes and general 'family logistics' - if you hear a sudden burst of sharp alarm calls, that's often the countryside politely informing you that a cat has entered the scene.

The River: a slower rhythm

Down by the river, the soundscape changes again. Moving water becomes the background track - steady, calming, and oddly grounding - while everything else comes and goes: swallows calling as they skim the surface, insects fizzing above longer grass, the occasional splash or rush from the bank.



Stop for half a minute and the place quickly resets around you. Rivers and ditches act as wildlife corridors through the parish, linking gardens, farmland and hedgerows, and summer is the perfect time to pause and listen rather than simply pass through.

The Churchyard: where 'quiet' isn't actually quiet

Churchyards often look still, but in summer they're rarely silent. Warm days bring the low, steady hum of bumblebees on clover and flowers. Longer grass adds clicks and chirps from grasshoppers. Wrens scold from shrubs and low cover.

Where parts are allowed to grow a little wilder, the difference is often audible as well as visible. If you've ever wondered where a surprising amount of village biodiversity hides, the answer is often "the bits we don't mow every week".

Field edges & dusk: the evening shift

One of the best times to listen is at dusk, when the daytime soundtrack fades and the fields feel suddenly larger.

This is when you might be lucky enough to see barn owls quartering over rough grass and margins. They're often noticed first as a pale shape floating low over the field, and part of their magic is that they don't arrive with much noise. They don't need to. It's less Sounds of Summer and more Sounds of Silence - Simon & Garfunkel would be proud.

Calm evenings are best. Slow down, lower voices, and let the countryside do the rest.

Brief appearances: cuckoos and grasshopper warblers

Some sounds are seasonal in a way that feels almost unfair.

I heard a cuckoo in May - that unmistakable call across the fields that still feels like the official announcement that early summer has arrived. The fact that cuckoos can then fall quiet so quickly is part of why the sound stays with you.

Then there's the grasshopper warbler, which produces a continuous 'reeling' trill, more mechanical than bird-like. It's often heard without ever being seen, and famously hard to locate even when it sounds close by. Nature's idea of hide and seek.

A small experiment: walking without headphones

Here's something I'd genuinely encourage people to try this summer.

On your next walk, leave the headphones, podcasts and phone behind for ten minutes. Just ten.

It's surprising how quickly nature makes itself heard when we stop filling the space with noise: footsteps on gravel become a rhythm; wind in hedges takes on texture; distant birds and insects sharpen into focus; the river becomes a presence rather than just 'water nearby'.

Editor's note: Peter Garrood was lucky enough to see the cuckoo with a bit of careful listening. He carefully approached a tree where Holly Court meets the main road. He got there just in time to see it take off and says it was his first sighting of a cuckoo. It was unmistakable with its long tail and patterned plumage.

Many people find this kind of listening has a calming, almost meditative quality - a gentle reset that doesn't require any special technique. You don't have to achieve anything. You just listen.

Helping Rolleston keep its soundtrack

Much of this summer soundscape depends on insects - and insects depend on flowers, water and places not being obsessively tidied.

A few small things help:

- Put out a shallow dish of water with pebbles so insects can drink safely
- Let a patch of grass or verge flower naturally
- Keep some rough edges or cover - longer grass, a log pile, an untidy corner
- Ease off the mower where you can during June and July

Small actions, repeated across the village, quickly add up.

Final track

The Beach Boys may have their Sounds of Summer, but Rolleston has its own version - written in birdsong, river water, owl wings at dusk and the hidden reel of a grasshopper warbler.

All we have to do, sometimes, is leave the headphones behind, slow our pace, and listen.



Flower Festival 2026

The Flower Festival was a triumph. It is a regular event in the Rolleston calendar and takes place every two years. Quite understandable, with the amount of work, planning and creativity that is involved behind the scenes to make each festival a celebration of colourful flora befitting the chosen theme.

This year's theme was the novels of Agatha Christie and the 'exhibits' (if you pardon the pun) were on glorious display May 2nd – 4th in our church for all to enjoy.

The Flower Festival attracts visitors from wider afield than our own village. Visitors enjoyed a cuppa and some delicious homemade cakes, and were invited to use their powers of deduction, (and perhaps

channel their inner Miss Marple or Hercules Poirot skills), to guess which display depicted which novel.

This proved trickier than it sounded; some titles were better known and others less familiar. Either way, it was a pleasure to explore the displays and discover more about the enigmatic author whose work is still appreciated across the globe.

So, many thanks indeed to all the organizers of the Flower Festival 2026, for all your hard work and your imaginative creations. The photos don't do justice to how beautiful the church looked bedecked with flowers. But we publish them here for all to see...









Memories of Rolleston

Editor's note: In the Spring issue, we serialised the Reverend's Bryan childhood memories of Pear Tree Farm. Here is his second instalment which talks about the move to 'The Gables' in Rolleston towards the end of the war. Even when Bryan moved much further afield, he still considers that Rolleston feels like 'home'.

Part 2: Memories of 'The Gables'

When I was about three years old, Grandfather Herbert aged 66 at the time, decided the time had come for him to give up the farm and retire to some less demanding work. So, during Easter 1944, we packed our belongings and moved just a few hundred yards down the main street in Rolleston.



The Gables, Rolleston

Grandfather had been granted the lease of "The Gables" which stood on the bend in the road near Lewis Savage's farm and Mrs Brittain's little shop.

I insisted on taking my few toys myself and trundled them down the street to our new home in my little wheelbarrow which had been made for me by Bob Lee senior, our local carpenter and joiner. Bob's son (known as 'Bob Lee junior') later followed him in that trade.

The Gables came with an extensive plot of land, some of which would be built on in later years. In Grandfather's time he ran it as a smallholding producing apples, pears, all manner of vegetables and potatoes. There was a chicken run and a pig sty. Uncle Horace kept us supplied with rabbits for the pot.

In 1945, when I was four years old, I was gazing out of the window of The Gables towards Pear Tree Farm when I saw a tall soldier in uniform walking up our garden path. I shouted "Mummy, Mummy - there's a soldier coming!" Mother ran to the window and called out "It's your Daddy!" I did not know him. He had been away for 3 years.

When father was released from the army, he joined the Nottinghamshire Constabulary. We all went to live in a Police Station House in Bramcote - a suburb of the Nottingham city. Paradise lost!

Strangely, most of my happy memories of life in Rolleston were built during the years after moving to Bramcote. Although I was only four years old when we moved, I returned to Rolleston every year while I was growing up. Nearly all of my school holidays - especially the summer holidays - were spent at The Gables.

This continued until I left school. Then I followed my father into the Police Force. In those days my friends included Gerald Savage of Corner Farm with his sisters Marion and Maureen, Bob Lee (junior), and my cousin Michael Moulds.

We had the freedom of the farms and the fields to explore all day long. Fishing for sticklebacks, making bows and arrows, jumping ditches, climbing trees.

I had two heroes in those days - my cousin, 'young Horace' who served an apprenticeship as a carpenter with Bob Lee, but then joined the RAF. He impressed us by arriving on a home visit on a very powerful motor bike. The other was Frank Mitchell, about 7 or 8 years older than me, who seemed to know everything and lent me his .177 Diana air rifle.

In 1953, when I was 12 years old and on holiday at The Gables, my Grandmother said to me, "Your grandad is in bed upstairs and wants to talk to you. Go up and see him." He was very ill with cancer though I did not know it.

Grandad was lying in bed. He pointed to two framed prints on the wall. Each showed an anchor wreathed in flowers. One said, "Have faith in God" and the other said, "He careth for you." Grandad read them out loud and said - "Always remember that Bryan."

After spending 8 years in the Police Service I left the force and trained as a priest in the Church of England. I served 32 years as an Anglican clergyman and then transferred to the Orthodox Church in which I served 20 years before retiring to live in Lincoln. I cherish my memories of Rolleston which has always felt like my home.

Rev Bryan

(aka 'Father George' in his community).

Striving Forward

We caught up with a local osteopath, James Crossley, who supports our magazine and is based in Southwell.

James's clinic is called Strive Movement, and is situated on the Ropewalk opposite the Co-op. His practice combines osteopathic care with functional training to help people recover from injury, manage pain and improve everyday movement.

James is able to help people improve their strength, mobility and wellbeing through a tailored rehabilitation and exercise programme.

One client, a resident from Rolleston, attended rehabilitation sessions with James after suffering a serious neurological event last year which involved many weeks in hospital. He said:

"James has helped me to regain my confidence and independence after suffering a devastating stroke. Over the weeks and months I began to see notable improvements in my strength, muscle tone, mobility and my sense of balance. Getting back to normal life was challenging; at first I was unsteady and weak on one side.

After 6 months of rehabilitation work with James and his encouragement I was able to



resume things I enjoyed before - like long walks and cycling. This has meant a lot to me. I am in my mid-sixties and continue to have weekly exercise sessions with James to maintain the good work for my future well-being. I would not hesitate to recommend him for anyone facing similar challenges to their health."

As well as specialising in exercise designed to improve everyday function, Strive Movement also has the added benefit of in-house osteopathic support for ongoing aches, pains and injuries.

To book a consultation with James, or have an initial discussion about your situation, call **07778 726092**.





Save the Date: Village Day

12th September

We know that the opportunity for the village to come together, listen to music, eat and drink and enjoy events like the dog show is something that lots of people enjoy.

So, we are provisionally planning to hold Rolleston Village Day 2026 on Saturday, 12th September, but it will need your help! If you are willing to help with the organisation of the event, please let Mark Sanders know and send me an email. (mdsanders@mac.com).

We promise it will not take a lot of your time - it may be as little as one meeting and then helping on the day to put up tables, or bunting, or helping to source raffle prizes, or watching over a bouncy castle for an hour.

These village events can only happen with the support of the village, so please do come forward if you are willing to help in any way.

Many thanks

Mark Sanders

Rolleston Village Hall

Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to everyone who returned their copy of the Neighbourhood plan questionnaire, either on paper or online. We received 56 responses and some very useful feedback.

The steering group will now begin the work of writing the plan which will include some details of the village and its history, maps showing important green spaces, amenities and village assets, the vision for the village, and the policies that should govern any future development.

We will be sharing this with you as it develops and, in the meantime, if anyone is interested in knowing more, or helping out, or has any further feedback for us, please email at neighbourhoodplan@rolleston-pc.gov.uk

Equally if you would rather not receive any further communication about the Neighbourhood Plan, please let us know by sending an email to the above address.

Bob Steele

Degree Success

Congratulations to Katie Taylor on her degree success. Katie achieved a BSc (Hons) degree in Wildlife Conservation, awarded by the University of Nottingham. Katie studied at the Brackenhurst site and we wish her every success in the future.

Congratulations also to Grace Gemson, who achieved degree success in her studies at Anglia Ruskin University. Grace achieved a BSc (Hons) in Canine Therapy, which included, among many other things, massage and hydrotherapy for dogs. Michael Gemson said, "Grace was based at the university's Whittle campus, near Chelmsford, Essex, which is the biggest agricultural university in the UK. Grace worked very hard for her degree, and I am very proud of her, as would her mum have been".

Editor's note: We are immensely proud of the achievements of our young people in our village. I am sure that we all wish them well as they move on to apprenticeships, further studies, internships or career opportunities. Well done!

Exam Success

Well done and good luck to Amber Robinson, who got A**s in Chemistry and Biology and A in Maths. Amber will be going to the University of Manchester in September to study Chemical Engineering. We are all proud of her tremendous achievement and are sure she will do great in Manchester.

Mark Robinson



Sincere Condolences

We are sad to pass on the news that May Fearn recently passed away at the age of 99. Doug and May moved into the village in 1982, living in Redroofs on Staythorpe Road. They were great supporters of the village. Many will remember that Doug and May played a big part in our community, for example, helping with the efforts alongside other villagers at that time to plan and construct the original village hall in Rolleston.

In more recent years, May was a regular at the coffee mornings and always loved the Seniors' Christmas Lunch. She was a big personality and we are going to miss her.

May's funeral took place at Gedling Crematorium on Wednesday, 17th June, and afterwards a wake was held at Mapperley Golf Club.

We send sincere condolences to all her family and friends.



Walking 100km during March

Congratulations to Gill Rowles on completing her challenge to walk 100km during the month of March.

Gill said, "I'd like to thank everyone who sponsored me, supported me, encouraged me, and walked with me on my recent fundraising activity for ovarian cancer research. With your help, I raised £520 and got a bit fitter in the process!"

Congratulations also to Heather Brogan who did a similar walking challenge in March, accompanied by her cocker spaniel, Leo. We can envisage that Leo enjoyed his extra "walkies" - all for a good cause.

Walking Hadrian's Wall

Angela Sanders and Emma Burnett are walking Hadrian's Wall to raise money for the Brain Tumour Charity.

Angela says, "Emma and I have been regularly walking together, a few times a week, but when she said we needed a challenge, I was worried. Emma has previously done the Three Peaks, and even Everest Base Camp. We agreed on something that I felt we could achieve - walking the length of Hadrian's Wall by the end of 2026.

Starting in early May, we will be tackling the "middle bit", and then we will do the Carlisle and Newcastle ends in separate sessions.

I decided to raise funds for the Brain Tumour Charity. I lost my Dad, Jim, to an aggressive and untreatable tumour ten years ago, so if I can help improve how we can treat this terrible illness, then that will be a fitting legacy for Dad, who I still miss terribly. We know times are hard, but any donation will be welcome, or even words of support! Everything is much appreciated."

Visit their fundraising page by [clicking here](#).



Southwell Music Festival

28 - 31 August

Southwell Music Festival is an annual music festival taking place across the August Bank Holiday to celebrate live music, to raise the profile of the town and its magnificent medieval Minster, and to inspire local musicians - especially young people.

The Festival is led by former Southwell Minster Head Chorister, now award-winning international baritone, Marcus Farnsworth. As well as leading the Festival, Marcus is Head of Vocal and Choral Studies at Chetham's School of Music and Music Director of Southwell Choral Society.

This year's festival takes place 28th - 31st August, and the programme includes

performances from internationally acclaimed pianist Isata Kanneh-Mason. The Festival Voices and Festival Sinfonia join forces for a performance of Brahms' Requiem, and there's an evening of classic opera and musical theatre repertoire with A Night at the Opera. Come to Southwell for a jam-packed bank holiday weekend of classical, folk, and jazz music at venues across the historic town. Tickets are now on sale. Visit southwellmusicfestival.com

Don't forget to look at the website for the Festival Fringe events, they are very much part of the festival 'vibe' and are performed by talented musicians and are free to attend. They provide an excellent 'taster' to what's on offer if you haven't been before.



Photos credit: Tom Platinum Morely

Editor's note: We'd like to thank local resident, Peter Garrood, for his organisational role on the festival committee. The extensive planning, thought and hard work of the committee members and the efforts of all the volunteers ensure the festival continues to grow and thrive each year. The music festival's excellent reputation really does put Southwell on the map. Give Peter a thumbs up if you see him!

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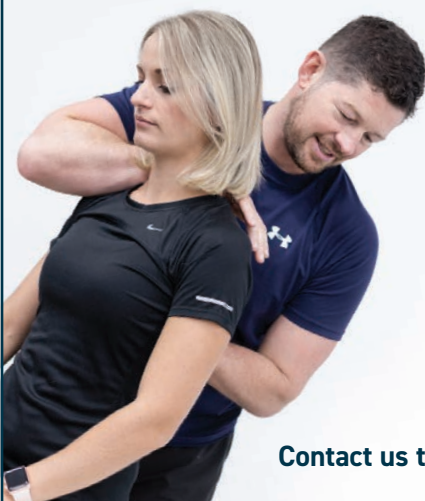


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