

the Rolleston Junction

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19th June	7.30pm	Book Club • For book and venue please contact Pati Colman	

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

from the Junction Team!

It doesn't seem five minutes since we were welcoming Santas on motorcycles, Young Farmers on tractors, and singing round the Christmas Tree in the Kate Greenaway Garden. Although in reality this year's rainy weather meant we mainly sang our carols under the gazebo drinking mulled wine! But now spring is in the air and as the nights pull out there is lots going on.

One of the joys of living in Rolleston is the chance to be part of a friendly and supportive community. There are events happening at the church, the village hall and the pub, which provide great opportunities for meeting up with friends old and new.

Both the ABBA night and the Fashion Show and Sale are coming up soon at the Village Hall – look out for the adverts on page 4 and 26. We also have a new regular activity well worth trying out – Washindo. Have a look at the article on page 16 to find out more.

The pub also continues to offer some great events. Hopefully many of you got chance to enjoy some Burns night fayre earlier in the year and made the most of Valentine's Day by popping in for a romantic meal. Then there was the very successful quiz night (look out for the next one) and, coming up soon, the Beer Festival.

We really are lucky to still have a pub in the village so if you haven't visited the Crown yet, do call in. You will be guaranteed a warm welcome and if you are new to the village, just make yourself known and the friendly team will soon help you feel at home.

And don't forget, the church is open daily and if you are looking for a moment of quiet relaxation why not call in? It is also a fabulous historical building and well worth popping in for a look around.

The PC news is particularly important this month. As you will see it refers to the village plan which is going to be a vitally important document on completion. It will inform the local council how we want the village to develop in the future and the more we can all contribute the more we can ensure that Rolleston develops in the style character and manner we would like.

So, as warmer days approach and we are all out and about more, we look forward to bumping into you and catching up with all your news. But don't forget, if you have anything you would like to share with us, just drop us a line – we'd love to hear from you.

Carol, Gill and Beth



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Church News

Rain, floods, snow, wind and power cuts. Sunshine?

We have experienced all these since the last edition of the Junction. Fortunately, our old church building has survived for which we are truly thankful, although we still have moles and rabbits in the church yard!

Inside the church we enjoyed celebrating with the Christmas Eve Carol Service and a Christmas Day service led by David Hanson.

This year the Benefice Easter Communion service will be at Rolleston church at 10.30 am on Easter Sunday the 20th of April.

Please take advantage of the church being open every day from 9.00 to 5.00 to call in and enjoy the peace.

Finally, progress is being made in finding a new incumbent and interviews are expected soon. In the meantime, if anyone wishes to have a home communion, please contact either of us so we can arrange it.

Peter Salter **(01636 819197)** or Julian Ellis **(01636 831165)** – Churchwardens

Peter Salter

Cllr Keith Melton

By the time you read this spring will be around the corner, but we've had a cold, wet and stormy winter season so far in 2025, with another set of floods to see the New Year in.

On the topic of flooding, there was a meeting at the end of January of the East Midlands Councils (EMC), held in Castle House, NSDC offices. EMC is a cross-party gathering of Councillors from across the East Midlands.

Flooding is one of the issues that is common across many of the EM Councils, so it was a good place to push for more 'joined-up-thinking-&-action'. I raised the need for

setting up a River Trent Catchment group involving all councils which share links with the Trent and its tributaries.

There was a lot of common ground but also concern that the reorganisation of Local Government may be a distraction for Council Officers who will have to spend time on reorganisation rather than their 'day-jobs'.

But some GOOD news... with climate and nature being under pressure, it was good to see our MPs taking a cross-party approach to tackling these issues following a recent debate in the House of Commons.

Village Hall Lotto

Here are the latest Lottery winners.

Frank Mitchell, Michelle Hillary (twice), Sally John, Lisa Osborn, Beth Dawson, Thea Chaaban, Ian Whitehead, Andrew Stafford, Amanda Hobbs

The Village Lottery raises funds towards the running and upkeep of the Village Hall.

Last year it raised £3681. This is a substantial sum and a very significant contribution to the Village Hall funds.

Thank you to everyone who participates

We currently have one vacant number, number 4. If you would like to join the Lotto please get in touch. A £50 cash prize is awarded every week

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Ice remaining stuck to the tree shows the height of local flooding this January. Photo KMM

It is also encouraging to see that the Government has now banned the use of neonicotinoids which have been threatening our bees and pollinating insects for years.

More locally Newark and Sherwood planning committee has listened to local opinion and has refused permission for a large solar farm and battery array in Kelham. There were three key 'material planning issues' that brought about this refusal:

1. The most significant was the effect of the encroaching 'industrialisation' of what has been primarily rural Parish Council area. We have always had the presence of Staythorpe Power Station and the linked National Grid but with the BESS planned for Staythorpe and another in Averham already agreed, a 49.9MW solar farm with its attached Battery Energy storage was considered a step too far.
2. Also of significance was the fact that the solar farm would take up 'best and most versatile' (BMV) land that could be used for food production. 55% is grade 2 land and another 37% is graded 3a – so, altogether, 92% of the site is classed as BMV land.

3. Finally regard was given to the surrounding 'Built Heritage' of Kelham Hall and Kelham House which would have been negatively impacted by the scheme.

I have put all this in the GOOD news category, but it is likely that the committee's ruling may be challenged by an appeal, so things may change.

Finally, the project to get some trees planted in and around the village has made some progress and NSDC Officers will meet with myself and some Parish Councillors to finalise locations with a view to getting the project ready for planting in Autumn.

This means there is still time for some tree planting along local hedgerows on private land if landowners are prepared to help look after the trees while they are still young. Get in touch with me if this idea might be of interest to you.

Chlr. Keith Melton



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• Trent Ward - NSDC

Cllr Bob Steele

Rolleston Parish Council News

Well, it feels like Spring at last!! – outside it's a lovely sunny day and it's the time to write the parish council update for the Spring edition of the Rolleston Junction.

In early February we submitted our yearly request for the precept for 2025/26, based on our budget for the year. We must thank Cllr. Michael Gemson, and Denise Bryant our clerk for the work that they have put into the budget for this year. Balancing the books is important and we have included provision for building up a fund to pay for expected future work that will have to be

done on the village's playpark. Many thanks also to those who volunteer their time to monitor and report on the play equipment and grounds in the playpark and the 2-acre field. The volunteer inspections are carried out twice a month and we pay for required annual inspections and reports by an expert from NSDC. At the moment, everything is ok, but we will need to have the money available for the day we are told that a piece of equipment needs replacement. Some of you may have noticed the new safety sign at the park entrance. Thanks to Sue and Rob Reedman for ordering and installing this.



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This winter we have been lucky enough to identify and purchase a large pump and ancillary equipment to deal with the dreaded floods. NCC have a financial fund available for parishes to bid for to purchase equipment to update the flood resilience provision and we have spent over £1500 from the fund on new equipment. Our thanks to Steve Bosworth and the flood action group for the excellent work they do when floods occur.

I have mentioned several times the idea of a neighbourhood plan for Rolleston. We have now made our first move to get this organised. A small group, which included members of the parish council, Chris Baillon-Saunders and Gill Rowles met in early February to get the ball rolling. Chris Baillon-Saunders has very kindly offered to provide his professional expertise for free to help this happen. He is submitting the initial document stating our intention to proceed to NSDC. The plan needs everyone in the village to be aware of what is being planned and some villagers to hopefully provide help in the development process. An open meeting is planned for 4pm on Saturday the 15th March at the Crown Inn in Rolleston. Everyone is welcome to attend and have their say. Watch out for the invite soon! It is important that everyone is at least aware of the proposed plan and your input will be very welcome.

Sadly, the village tree planting scheme has been delayed until next winter due to miscommunication between the parish council and NSDC. We will be meeting with Lynne Preece from NSDC in April to get the plan properly in place for the winter of 2025/26. We plan to plant the first batch of trees on land owned by the parish council but, if you own land in

the village which looks good for tree planting, you will be approached by people asking your views and perhaps seeking your permission to plant trees on that land.

Springtime is also the time for the annual parish meeting. The date this year is Thursday evening 24th April at The Crown in Rolleston. You will be invited to the meeting by email nearer the date. We hope that you will make it!! Last year's meeting was a great success, and we hope for a repeat of the success this year.

Wishing you all a lovely Spring season this year.

Chlr. Bob Steele



Chair, Rolleston Parish Council

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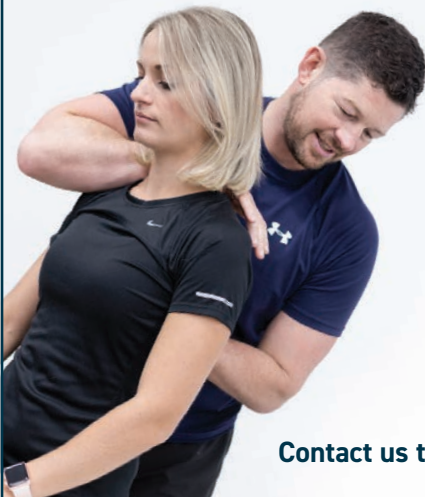


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Cllr Sue Saddington

In touch with Council news

As I write this report, we have been told the weather is possibly getting colder. Roll on to Spring with lighter nights and warmer weather!

Residents I represent in the Farndon and Trent Division have unfortunately suffered some flooding again in the last couple of months, hopefully little or no damage into residents' homes in Rolleston.

Unfortunately, when our village flood warden puts out road closure signs, some drivers travelling through the village remove them and as a result, cars travelling through flood water often produce a wave which rushes into people's gardens.

The drains throughout Rolleston I am informed, have been flushed.

Also there are to be some hot box repairs to the roads with large sections of road being cut out and new tarmac being laid in its place.

I came to the Seniors Christmas lunch before Christmas. It is always a joy to see people I have known for many years, and it is to me, the start of Christmas, particularly with a glass of red wine! The meal looked lovely, prepared and cooked by volunteers, thank you to all of them.

I noticed whilst there that you do not have a clock in the village hall.

I realise many use the time on their mobile phones, but I think it is handy to have a clock. I have some funding left from my Divisional account, so I am requesting funding to buy a clock for the village hall.

I believe you require some funding for the play equipment also.

In closing, I wish you all a pleasant Spring.

Kind regards,

Cllr. Sue Saddington

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Simnel Cake

My family like marzipan so I always make a Simnel cake for Easter. I have tried using my Christmas cake recipe which is fine but unnecessarily rich. So now I either make an everyday fruitcake or Mary Berry's light Christmas cake, with the marzipan layer in the middle they both work fine.

So here are the recipes for both

Everyday Fruit Cake:

175g stork or butter

175g soft brown sugar or golden caster sugar

3 large eggs

250g self-raising flour

175g sultanas

175g currants

50g glacé cherries, cut up

1 tablespoon marmalade

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and beat well until thoroughly blended.

OR:

Light Fruit Cake:

250g butter

250g caster sugar

300g self-raising flour

100g ground almonds

5 eggs

mix these thoroughly then stir in:

250g sultanas

250g dried apricots chopped

250g glacé cherries cut up

200g tinned pineapple drained and chopped (or use the lovely dried pineapple)

grated rind of a lemon

For both recipes you will also need

500g marzipan

Apricot jam.

Prepare a 20-25cm deep round cake tin by greasing and lining with baking paper.

Spoon in half the cake mixture and smooth the top. Take a little less than half the marzipan and roll out into a circle measuring just less than the tin, place it on top of the cake mixture and press down gently to remove any air bubbles, spoon over the rest of the cake mixture, smooth and bake for about 1hr 30mins in a moderate oven. 170°C approx.

The light fruit cake may need a little longer as it is a wetter mixture. Cover with a piece of baking paper if it is getting too brown on top.

Cool the cake in the tin for 10 minutes or so then turn out onto a cooling rack and peel off the paper.

When cold you can finish off the Simnel cake by dividing the rest of the marzipan in half. Roll out one piece to fit the top of your cake, brush the top of the cake with a little melted jam so that the marzipan sticks to the cake when placed on top. I like to pinch or fork around the edge to finish it off.

Take the remainder of the marzipan and roll into 11 equal balls, to represent Jesus' disciples (minus Judas!) and stick to the cake with a little jam around the edge, like a clockface.

To finish pop under a grill or use a blowtorch to give a nice golden finish to the marzipan.

I usually make a little glacé icing and stick small chocolate eggs and chicks on the cake to finish.

Enjoy, whichever cake you decide to try. Or just make your own favourite fruit cake and pop in the marzipan to turn it into your very own Simnel cake.

Happy Easter

Claire Foster





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WI News

Morton, Fiskerton and Rolleston WI ended 2024 with a meeting of Bingo, Mince Pies and Mulled wine. This social event was accompanied by much chatting and laughter. A good end to the year.

Our usual meeting place, The Arthur Radford Hall in Morton, is undergoing some internal works so the January and February meetings are taking place at Rolleston Village Hall. Hopefully we will be back at the Arthur Radford Hall in March. Please check before visiting the WI.

The January meeting was a talk from retired Policeman Eamonn Larkin about Home Security. Eamonn was very informative and gave us many practical ideas about keeping our homes safe.

In January a group from our WI attended a taster session in Southwell of 'Nordic Walking' with Chris Stanley. Members who attended reported that it was "not as easy as expected, but enjoyable". Chris runs sessions on Tuesday afternoons. The information for these is on our website **www.mfrwi.co.uk**

The February WI meeting is a talk entitled 'Life Under the Hammer', by Trevor Vennett-Smith.

The March WI meeting is a session of Easter Crafts organised by the committee.

April is our AM (Annual Meeting), and May is a talk by Ella Tonge, from The Dog's Trust.

Other events include a coffee morning at Reg Taylors (monthly), Book Club at The Full moon, (2nd Friday of the month), Craft and Chat in an evening at a members' house (venue changes each month). A new event is 'Pub Club' starting on Tuesday 21st January at 7pm. This is a social get together at The Bromley in Fiskerton.

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

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm, at The Arthur Radford Sports Hall, Cooks Lane, Fiskerton NG25 OUT.

Pilates Classes, with Cat Bagley (a qualified fitness instructor), are organised by WI, but are open to everyone, male and female. They take place at The Arthur Radford Hall on Thursday mornings, 10am to 11am. The cost is £6 cash payable as you attend. For further information contact Susan Bosworth on 07733135175. (Please note: During the Arthur Radford closure we are holding our Pilates classes at the Revival Schoolroom at the Fiskerton end of Gravelly Lane.)

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

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Morton, Fiskerton & Rolleston WI



Washindo in the Village Hall

Most people have probably never heard of Washindo which is a contemporary martial art and means the way of the peaceful heart.

The practice of Washindo integrates elements of Yoga/Pilates, meditation, and martial arts. But rather than promoting a competitive 'sports mentality,' it centres on cultivating inner strength, peace and clarity of mind to help deal with the stresses of daily life. It is based on karate techniques but redefined as non-combative flow, more like tai chi.

Tim, who lives with his wife Anne in Averham, is the Lead Instructor in Rolleston. He began practicing Shotokai karate in 1989. Became a 5th dan black belt with Shotokai Karate in 2009 and became a Washindo Master in 2017.

"My practice and teaching flows from a love of practice, a passion for excellence and a desire to help people grow".

Tim's ethos is to run his group on a 'not for commercial profit' basis so that the learning is not hindered with commercial conflicts of interest.

A couple of us have now attended several of the Wednesday evening beginners practice sessions. As absolute beginners we were not sure what to expect but the experienced practitioners were there to guide and support us. Their kindness and patience soon helped us settle into what was a very enjoyable practice.

As Tim says, "With guidance from experienced practitioners, you'll learn techniques to calm the restless mind and heighten your consciousness. As mental stillness takes root, it will provide you with a balanced path towards improved wellbeing."

No matter your level of physical fitness, the class can be enjoyed by everyone and adapted to suit. For anyone who is interested in improving their physical and mental wellbeing in a supportive environment, it's well worth a try. Just go along, we can highly recommend it.

Gill Rowles



Discover the enriching way of Washindo on Wednesdays 7-8pm, Fridays 7-9pm and Sundays 5-7pm.

The first evening practice is for free. Our fee is otherwise £3.00 per hour per person to cover the costs of hall fees, insurance, and advertising.

Practitioners are asked to wear flexible clothing and bring along a yoga mat – one can be provided if you don't own one.

For more information about Washindo check out our website www.washindo-kai.co.uk or call Tim on 07711 597636.

Strive Movement



Meet our new sponsor, James Crossley, who is a registered and highly experienced osteopath. We were delighted to interview James about his clinical practice, Strive Movement, based in Southwell.

As James explained, an osteopath treats the whole body, working on musculoskeletal disorders and improving movement and mobility through the manipulation of bones and joints and through the remedial massage of muscles.

James has had an interesting background that led him to becoming an osteopath with a busy clinic, and uniquely, one with a specialist gym outside the treatment room.

Originally from the Northeast, James was very active in sport at school and became interested in movement based training to improve his performance in football, cricket and rugby. After leaving school he became a personal trainer and studied Sports Science at Birmingham.

In 2001 he moved to Nottingham to take up the role of personal trainer at the newly opened David Lloyd Health Club in Aspley. During this time, he also gained a Masters in Sports Science at Loughborough University.

Around eight years later, James took the opportunity to work abroad in New Zealand and studied for a Masters degree in Osteopathy. He moved back to the UK 2014; his qualification and experience allowed him to integrate his expertise as a physical trainer with an osteopath's holistic approach to improve the movement of the body.

His clinic is called Strive Fitness and is conveniently located on St Michael's Court, (off the Ropewalk, directly opposite the Co-op). Today, he has a broad spectrum of clients ranging across all ages with different conditions, challenges and levels of fitness. He specialises in making his clients fitter and stronger including those who have experienced injury, such as back injuries, spinal fractures etc, or weaknesses in the body after operations, accidents or neurological conditions.

His professional services can benefit patients who may require more specialist guidance, especially during rehabilitation and their personal road to recovery. Clients benefit from the hands-on treatment along with the tailored physical training sessions in the gym to regain their fitness, mobility and balance. It is this combination - supported by strength training and on-going advice, which has such a positive effect on his clients.

James loves living in the Nottinghamshire area, especially enjoying the cultural balance between residing in a rural environment, but not too far away from the city and good links to the rest of the country. He lives in Hockerton with his wife and two young children.

Says James, "The most rewarding part of my job is treating someone who has come to me in discomfort or pain and for them to feel much better after treatment."

To contact James for an initial discussion or an appointment at his Southwell clinic, call **07778 726092** or email **james@strivemovement.com**

Carole Chandler

Embracing Peat-Free Compost:

A Sustainable Gardening Choice

The days are getting longer, and the weather is turning for the better. Those green fingers are itching to get out there and move onto the next phase of gardening – Spring revival!

However, whilst a lot of gardening is good for the environment, there are some factors to consider to make it even greener. Enter peat-free compost and its band of merry alternatives.



As gardeners become more environmentally conscious, the shift towards peat-free compost is gaining momentum. Peat-free compost offers a sustainable alternative to traditional peat-based products, which are linked to the destruction of valuable peat bogs. Peat bogs are unique ecosystems that form at a rate of 1mm per year. This means it takes 1000 years to get 1 metre deep peat! In the UK at least 80% of our peatland habitats have been lost or damaged, and at this rate of recovery, we've got to start doing our bit now.

Clearly, the rate at which peat is currently being harvested far exceeds the rate at which it can regenerate, making it an unsustainable resource, and continued use of peat compost depletes this resource, leaving future generations without the benefits that intact peatlands provide.

There are several significant negative impacts of using peat-based products, and here are the top 3:

1. Carbon Emissions

Peatlands are one of the most effective carbon sinks on the planet. Covering only 3% of the world's surface, peatlands store more than twice the carbon stored in all the world's forests! When peat is harvested for compost, this stored carbon is released into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide (CO₂), a major greenhouse gas, contributing significantly to climate change.

2. Habitat Destruction

Peat bogs are unique ecosystems that support a variety of plant and animal species, some of which are rare and endangered. Harvesting peat disrupts these habitats, leading to a loss of biodiversity. The destruction of these ecosystems can have cascading effects on the wildlife that depends on them.

3. Flood Risk

Peatlands play a crucial role in water management. They act like sponges, absorbing and slowly releasing water, which helps to mitigate flooding. When peatlands are drained and harvested, their ability to manage water is compromised, increasing the risk of floods in surrounding areas and affecting water quality as the water that drains carries away the soil and peat.

All is not lost though, and there are peatland restoration projects going on all over the world to try and reverse the loss of this vital planetary resource.

Here in Rolleston, we can also play our part by looking for peat-free alternatives to supplement our garden antics.

Peat-free composts are typically made from a blend of materials such as composted bark, coir (coconut fibre), green waste, sheep wool, bracken, and wood fibre. These ingredients provide a rich, organic medium that supports healthy plant growth. You can also get some peat-free composts that are tailored for specific uses, such as seed sowing, container growing, or for particular plants like ericaceous species.

Unfortunately, packaging can sometimes be misleading, or the important information is hidden in the small print (see image). In short, if it doesn't say peat-free, then it ain't!

You can also make your own compost:

1. Add 50/50 Green Material and Brown Material.
2. Add Water - too dry, it won't break down at all. Too wet, it will become slimy.

For more information on peat-free compost use, the RHS has some useful information on their website - [Peat-free compost choices / RHS Gardening](#)

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We are lucky to live in some of the finest towns and villages in the country, surrounded by beautiful countryside and a farming community that has sustained our way of life for generations. But that way of life is under threat.

The proposed 'death tax' on family farms risks tearing apart the backbone of rural Britain. Generational farms, often asset-rich but cash-poor, may be forced to sell land just to meet tax obligations. This is not just an unfair burden - it threatens our nation's food security and centuries-old farming traditions.

At the same time, our rural communities here in Newark and across Nottinghamshire are under siege from large-scale solar farms and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). These projects devour productive farmland, undermine food security, and scar the countryside - all while offering little benefit to local people. While renewable energy has its place, it cannot come at the cost of our agricultural heritage and natural landscapes.

The Midlands and our area must not become a dumping ground for bad policy. We need decision-makers who put food production first, support family farms, and defend the rural way of life. I will continue to stand against policies that threaten our farmers and countryside, ensuring that Newark's voice is heard.

If you are affected by these issues - whether as a farmer, landowner, or resident - please get in touch at:

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As your MP, I am here to support you.

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Swimming Success

It has been a successful start to 2025 for the Baillon-Saunders household with two of their three children competing at the Swimming County Championships at Harvey Hadden across January and February.

Jessica (11) and Alexander (10) are regularly selected to compete for their club, CABSC, and both achieved several event qualifying times to allow them to compete across multiple events at the Counties.

Jessica achieved qualifying times in Breaststroke and Fly, competing at 50m and 100m sprint events in both, achieving personal best times in three of those events and is now ranked 17th in the entire County for Breaststroke and 12th for Fly.

Alexander achieved qualifying times in Breaststroke, Backstroke, Fly and Freestyle, competing in a total of 11 events at 50m, 100m and 200m distances. He achieved personal best times at the Counties in five events and now ranks 14th in the County for Breaststroke, 13th for Freestyle, 12th for Backstroke, and 5th for Fly having narrowly missed out on a medal in a tight final.

At the time of writing, Alexander has one freestyle event left to compete in and both Alexander and Jessica have strong medal hopes in the relay events which conclude the championships on the 23rd February.

Alexander has recently scouted by an elite performance club (Nova) and has recently started training with them alongside his club with Jessica having been asked to trial with them and hopes to join Alexander at Nova shortly.

Alexander was also in receipt of an award on 15th February at his annual club presentation with Jessica being commended for her own achievements.

Both have now set their sights on returning to the Counties next year and getting into the medal places and are training harder than ever in their pursuit of further achievements in the sport.

Chris Baillon - Saunders

Congratulations to Alexander and Jessicaa, we look forwards to hearing more about your achievements in future editions.



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Rolleston Stewards

Sally Johns and I recently joined Emma Burnett as members of the Guild of Stewards at Southwell Minster. Emma has been stewarding for some time now, but Sally and I have just finished our training and as we write, we are signing up for our first shifts.

The Stewards are all volunteers, and when the Guild of Stewards was established in 1983, they were mainly amateur or professional historians, exchanging knowledge and research. By 2004, an eight-week Stewards' training programme was introduced but over the years it was recognised that it was more appropriate to focus on the 'Ministry of Welcome', providing enough training so that new Stewards felt confident when answering common questions asked by visitors, but without overloading with them with too many facts and dates.

So, for us, our training consisted of four training sessions, and three shadowing duties with our mentors after which we were issued with our very nice badges and were good to go.

The Minster provides a lot of support for the Stewards, via newsletters and coffee mornings and the annual AGM, and, with two or three Stewards on every shift, there is plenty of opportunity to learn from each other. There is also a Learning More Programme, which draws on the expertise of Stewards with specialist knowledge and aims to provide a deeper understanding of the Cathedral and Archbishop's Palace for all Stewards who are interested in knowing more.

So, for anyone interested in history and in meeting people and who can manage three 2 hour shifts a month, it's a really enjoyable role.

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Gill Rowles





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Congratulations

to Shirley Burnett of Holly Court on her recent big birthday celebrations – a fun time was had by all.

Welcome

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our newcomers at Bramley Cottage, Donna Jordan, Wayne Orridge and Albert, Dad David, and their Doberman Obi.

and the new residents of Southview, Debbie and Steve Stone.

our latest arrivals, Kerry and Gavin Hardy-Boag, George, William, Harriet, Stanley, Holly-Rose and Lucy Lu the dog, at 13 the Greenaway.

Best Wishes

Sending our very best wishes to Carole and Dave Chandler and family, and wishing Dave a speedy recovery.

Carole said, "Dave is recovering well. He has a long road ahead, but we would like to thank everyone for supportive messages, cards, flowers, baked goods, dog walking, and so many other kindnesses and offers of help. We are so lucky to live in a community like Rolleston."

Visit to Kate Greenaway Country

Buxton Crescent* will be celebrating the work of Kate Greenaway this Spring with a range of family friendly activities. In preparation were delighted to welcome a visit from the Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust to offer them first hand inspiration direct from 'Kate Greenaway Country'. How amazing to live where it all began.

The Kate Greenaway Group

* The Buxton Crescent Heritage trust promotes the cultural heritage of their beautiful Crescent in Buxton Derbyshire, through education, events and visitor information.



Village Plan

You will have seen mention of the village plan in the article from Bob Steele, please do keep your eyes open for more updates and contribute if you can. It is going to be an important document for our village.



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

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