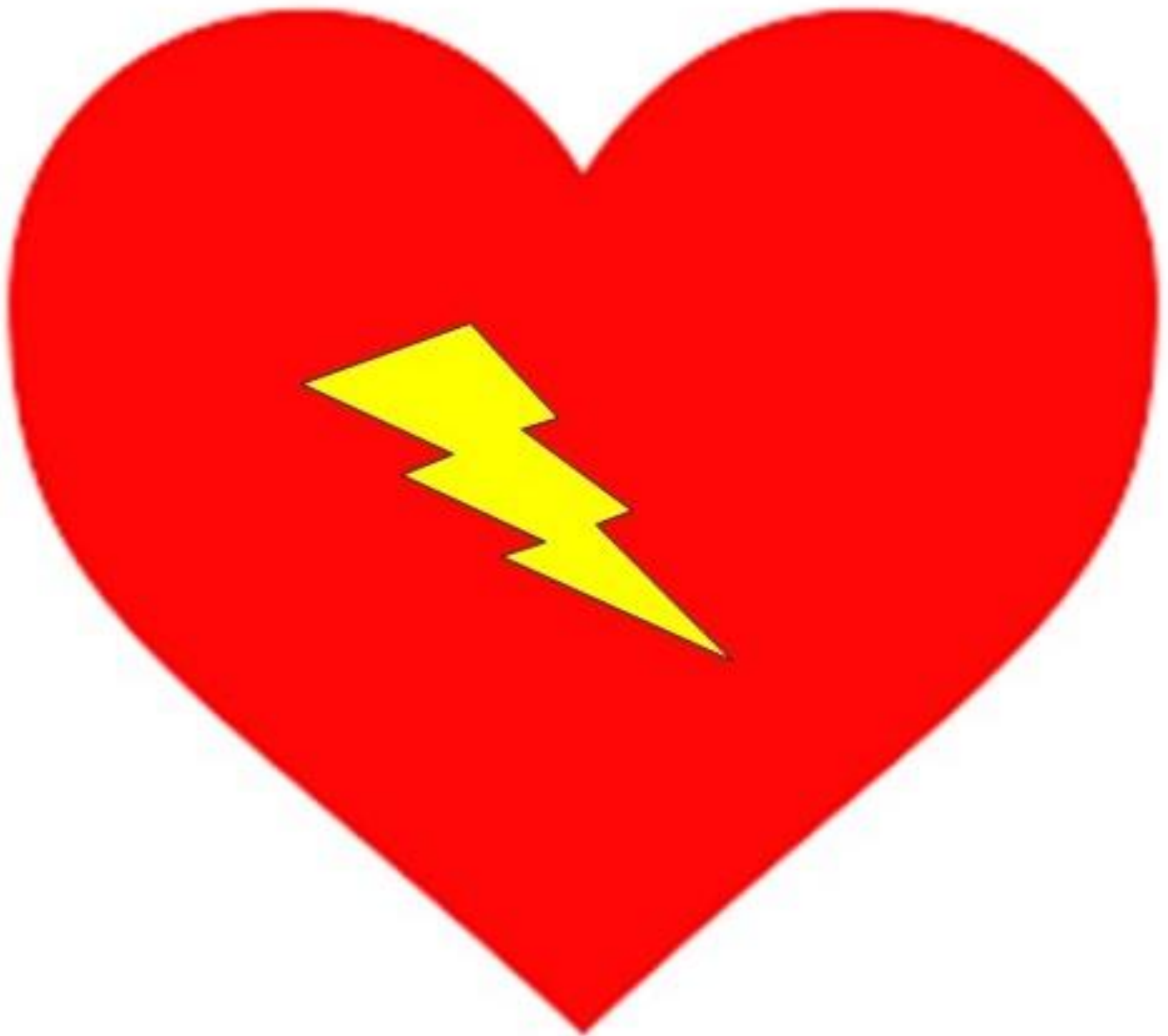


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Hello Rolleston residents

Welcome to the last edition of our village magazine for 2023.

It seems strange to be writing a forward for a Winter publication with the sun out in mid-October and with temperatures more suited to Summer rather than Winter. If we needed proof that climate change is a real thing, then maybe this is it. However, we can be sure that the cold weather will hit us at some point in the next few weeks and our village preparations for the festive period will have a lot more relevance.

Christmas is a busy time for all of us. It is a time for families and for bringing people together but it is also a time for thinking about people less fortunate than ourselves. We are all guilty of being selfish in our everyday lives, but there are lots of ways we can help others. This doesn't just mean giving money to charity. It also means care and consideration, taking time out to ask people if they are alright, or offering to help someone who is struggling in any aspect of their lives.

Your Civic Trust will certainly be busy between now and the start of 2024. We have our annual Wine Tasting Evening on 16th November in the Rolleston Club. Tickets for this are selling fast. Hot on the heels of that we have two Christmas trees being delivered. One to go on display in St Mary's church and one that will be put up and decorated on the Almshouses lawn in early December. We aren't the only organisation that has events planned. The Scouts have their fireworks and the W.I. their Christmas Fair.

**Community Coffee morning every Thursday
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The Advent Festival in St. Mary's is always a great event as it is supported by all our village organisations who each provide a small decorated tree. The theme for this year is 'Christmas Carols' so we look forward to seeing what exciting designs everyone comes up with. I hope many of you will support this event when it opens to the public in early December.

RoDSEC will be putting on another 'Carols Around the Xmas Tree' event on Friday 8th December. Hopefully, the weather will behave itself this year and the event can be held outdoors as planned by the village Christmas tree.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy festive season, and I look forward to chatting to you all again early in 2024.

Kind Regards

Tim Salmon, Chairman, Rolleston Civic Trust.

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- Produce the Rollestonian.
- Contribute to decisions on village planning issues.
- Hold occasional talks at Rolleston Cricket Club.
- Deliver 'Welcome Packs' for new residents.
- Run the 'Friends of Brook Hollows' conservation group.
- Give out Civic Trust Awards annually.
- Organize a Plant Sale to raise funds for St. Mary's.
- Maintain Wild Flower Garden on Knowles Hill.
- Organize an Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt for children.
- Run an annual Car Boot Sale.
- Erect and maintain the village Christmas Tree.
- Provide a Christmas Tree to be placed in the church.
- Help maintain of St Mary's floodlights.
- Run a monthly Litter Picking Group.
- Provide duck food for sale at Starbucks.
- Contribute towards the planters on Burnside.
- Produced a village Treasure Hunt for visitors.
- Organize annual Quiz and Wine Tasting Evenings in the Club.
- Promote local businesses through social media.
- Maintain a website with up to date information.
- Support other village organization/events.
- Encourage a sense of community within the village.



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Rolleston Village Fayre

Rolleston on Dove enjoyed a sunny late summer Bank Holiday to stage the Village Fayre and Duck Race.

The previously popular Gala always took place on this date until the 2020 pandemic occurred, so after a long gap it was good to see local families out enjoying a traditional event.

With a community-wide effort, support of many local businesses, private sponsors and an energetic crowd of volunteers, the day ran really smoothly and was a welcome return to the village calendar.



This time, the venues were Rolleston Club and the historic 17th century Old Grammar School in the grounds of St Mary's church which saw almost 400 entries in a variety of classes, from fruit & vegetables to flowers, from cakes to preserves, and art to photography.

We also had a huge number of entries in the children's classes, so well done to everyone who entered and to everyone who came along on the day to support the event. It was great to see so many happy faces enjoying this fantastic community event.



In the afternoon, the pretty Alder brook which runs through the centre of the village saw the planned duck race become three duck races due to high demand.

Beneath the willows, its grassy bank soon filled with excited spectators as the real ducks gave way to an invasion of bright yellow toy ones.



A big thankyou to Rolleston Club and the Old Grammar School for hosting the exhibits and supporting the event.



As a result of the fantastic response we had, we are already planning for 2024. Because some exhibits take a lot of work, here are the proposed adult craft classes for next year:

- A model (not from a kit)
- A Lego model*
- A stitched item
- An item of jewellery / beadwork *
- An item of knitting / crochet
- A greetings card *
- A 3D item in any material
- A felted item (wet felting or needle felting)

** These classes are also open to secondary school age youngsters*

The Rolleston Engineering and Transport Society (TREATS)

TREATS has had 2 talks since the last issue of the Rollestonian.

In July 2023 Tim Coltman gave a very interesting talk on his great grandfather William Harold Coltman born in Rangemore and the most decorated NCO in WW1. For September, Richard Ward gave an informative and interesting talk on advanced driving relating to motorbikes which was well received. Future meetings at Rolleston Club (8pm):

21st Nov – Paul Richardson: “WW1 Battleships”

12th Dec – Mildred Freeman: “Mother’s ruin – the story of gin”

20th Feb – Stephen Flinders: “Ilkeston tramways”

Anyone can attend a TREATS meeting as a visitor and you will be more than welcome. If you wish to find out about membership and any other details of TREATS as well as future talks, please contact the secretary Alister Watt 07802 917900.

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2nd Chapter Book Club

This quarter there were plenty of novels published in the 1980s & 90s for us to choose.

The first was 'Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café' (yes, really) by Fanny Flagg. Set in Alabama in the 1980s, it weaves together the past and present through the blossoming friendship between Evelyn Couch, a middle-aged housewife and an elderly Ninny Threadgood who lives in a nursing home, which Evelyn visits every week. An excellent raconteur, Ninny tells Evelyn stories of the people of Whistle Stop where her sister-in-law Iddie and her friend Ruth ran a café. These stories, which cover life in Alabama from the 1920s to the 1980s, along with Ninny's friendship, enable Evelyn to begin a new and satisfying life while allowing the people and stories of Ninny's youth to live on. The writer explores themes of family, aging, lesbianism, and the dehumanising effects of racism on both black and white people. The novel is engaging; the narrative explores the issues through the differing characters and events often humorously yet poignantly never belittling the difficulties the characters face in their lives. This is a heartwarming book which provided a deep sense of enjoyment.



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Moving on to the 1990s, we read 'About A Boy' by Nick Hornby which examines growing up (or failure to do so), keeping life at bay (even when it rings the doorbell for the whole length of tv show Countdown) and the friendship of two adolescents.

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insular as he is drawn to support Marcus and Fiona. The characters all have traits we could relate to and Hornby's narrative, his elegant prose, completely captured our attention.

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Rolleston Almshouse Charity

This is my first contribution as chairman and I offer Simon Richardson many thanks for his leadership as our previous Chairman and all good wishes for his retirement.

As I write this article, we are nearing the end of our second Almshouse renovation, (No.10) and we are very appreciative of the hard work undertaken by Jason Lindsay and his team from Gabriel Maintenance Solutions Ltd.

In recent times the Trustees have undertaken improvements which include providing gas heating in all of the Almshouses to replace the coal fires. We are also currently replacing all rear doors on the properties. Tree works are also planned both later this year and also next year to improve the local environment for our residents whilst maintaining the picturesque

and historic site at the centre of our lovely village.

We appreciate all the contributions we have been given over the years, and our aim now is to try to bring the four remaining properties up to the same standard of the two we have already renovated.

Sadly, we are not in a position financially to do this. We will need significant contributions to realise our aspirations. If you or anyone you know are in a position to help us with fund raising, we would love to hear from you!

I thank all of my fellow Trustees and volunteers who, amongst other things, decorated the Almshouses and grounds with bunting for the Coronation of King Charles III and provided a Coronation Tea for our residents, also for their support and help in ensuring we continue to offer these wonderful properties to residents for many more years to come!

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Our monthly working parties continue on the first Sunday of every month from 10 until noon. We have lost a few volunteers over the last year, but gained many more and we have a healthy number turning up each month to help.

Our latest work has seen us plant 500 daffodil bulbs in the ground by the sides of the waterfall and this will be followed by the planting of 1500 bluebells early in 2024. We were also delighted that money was found to fund the installation of a reed bed at the top end of

Brook Hollowes which will provide a new environment for wildlife and will hopefully help catch silt as it moves downstream.

We are always looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to join us you would be very welcome. You don't need experience, just some brief training before you begin work.

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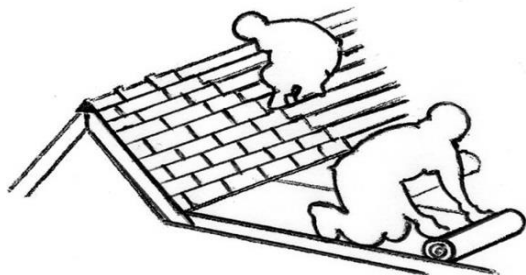
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Also new for this term, we are taking 2.5 years olds for morning (9am-12pm) or afternoon (12.30-3.30pm) sessions. Pre-school children (3 or 4 year olds) can do half or full days (9 - 3.30).

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As we are a charity, we are always looking for new ways to raise money. We have recently launched our lottery page on the East Staffordshire Community Lottery. Each ticket

you purchase makes a huge impact. Join today to have a chance of winning a share of great prizes whilst supporting our Pre-School and other Charities in East Staffordshire. To purchase a ticket, follow the link on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Events:

Our hugely popular Halloween Disco will be on **31st October 2023** 1pm – 3pm at Scout HQ. There will be games, prizes, best fancy dress and refreshments. Children (age 1+) £5, Under 1s free, Adults £2

To book follow the link on our Facebook page.

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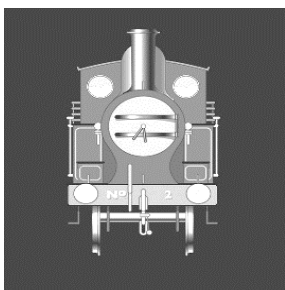
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Rolleston Station Heritage Group



As many of our followers know, the project to restore the remains of the village railway station began with a working model which first went public at a Community

Day at John of Rolleston Primary School in 2007. The school loaned us a classroom complete with projector, enabling the idea to be explained fully to visitors in both model and digital formats.

We were very keen to record the experiences of people who had travelled on trains such as the Tutbury Jinny, as well as the excursion trains that conveyed villagers to seaside destinations and more local places such as Alton Towers and Trentham Gardens.

The railway line passing through Rolleston became very busy during the later WW2 years by trains carrying munitions from the depot at Fauld to the seaports. On Community Day in 2007 a lady took great interest in the model, relating that her late husband had been a fireman working the trains conveying a highly explosive cargo. Great care was required when braking as one spark from a brake shoe applied to the wheels could cause a devastating explosion.

Throughout the ensuing years of exhibiting the model at various shows to promote the heritage station and Jinny Nature Trail, we have listened to many experiences of the station and its trains:

The lady who received a proposal of marriage whilst standing on the footbridge, unable to answer due to being engulfed in smoke from the Tutbury Jinny passing underneath. *(She did say 'yes' eventually).*

The goings-on aboard the Saturday only, late night Jinny, during WW2, conveying GI's back to Tutbury following a night on the town in Burton.

The gentleman passenger on a Great Northern Railway train who accepted a mint humbug from a fellow passenger, fell asleep, and woke-up miles past his intended destination, minus his wallet.

The other weekend we hit the road with our car loaded almost to the roof with the working model bound for an exhibition at Stafford. This was to be the final outing for the model; having been on the exhibition circuit for 16 years, we felt that there couldn't be any people remaining who would be able to share their railway experiences. How wrong could we have been!

Probably the layout achieved the largest number of onlookers to date at the Stafford

exhibition, but during the Sunday afternoon with the show in full swing, a lady beckoned me to talk to her father who was observing my version of the Tutbury Jinny passing through Rolleston-on-Dove station with great delight. Listening carefully to the gentleman's recollections proved to be a most fascinating experience; having arrived at Rolleston-on-Dove station at the age of two, at some date in the 1930's, he and his family spent their first night in the village at the Spread Eagle, before moving into a house known then as 'Burnside', opposite the brook on Burnside. He related to a number of families that I can recall residing in that area.

His greatest thrill during the WW2 years would be to observe the American locomotives hauling trains of US style 'boxcars' loaded with explosives, through the village station.

It is likely that these American locomotives would have been of the S160 class, a USA standard war department locomotive, designed to haul military traffic across Europe in the days following the D-Day landings. A number came to Britain first from 1943 onwards, to assist with the overworked fleet already in service, but these examples soon moved abroad to help transport goods around the claimed territory.

Two examples of this class remain in service in Staffordshire on the Churnet Valley heritage railway, but until meeting the gentleman I was not aware that examples had worked through Rolleston or that US style boxcars had crossed the Atlantic.

We continue to present our display at village events, Transport Festival, the Village Fayre and Burton Railway Society's model railway exhibition, staged this year at the magnificent Rolleston Scout Headquarters.

Talks to various societies and local schools continue to be requested. To add interest to

these occasions, the model railway has been broken down into separate sections to create dioramas giving the viewers a real 3-dimensional visual of the booking hall, signal box and bridge.

2023 marks the 10th anniversary of the commencement of the project, when about thirty volunteers, not all from the village, attended the first working party. We continue to convene working parties where a smaller, but highly dedicated team carry out tasks vital to the maintenance of this village amenity. In October, daffodil bulbs kindly donated by a member of the community, were planted.

Recently, members of Doveside Women's Institute made a very generous donation.

The Rolleston project is not unique as I am aware of similar station projects throughout the country, but I would like to think that we may have inspired others by our example.

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The opening night concert on Friday, December 1st at 7.30pm in the Church, will be by the Mellstock Band, a firm favourite of Tom Martin. They will be on their Christmas rounds in deepest Wessex encountering strange visitors, pious beasts, wrathful squires & sweaty dancers. There are supernatural visions, harmonious songs & curious musical instruments, all depicted in the words of Thomas Hardy & William Barnes. Wine & mince pies will be served in the interval. Tickets £10 are now on sale from Sylvia Martin (01283 813320). The church fundraisers are so grateful for the wonderful support received from the community

St Mary's Church Fundraising

After a successful Garden Sunday which raised £1475, our Coffee Morning, brought people together after the summer. On Thursday September 28th the OGSR was buzzing as villagers were made very welcome. They tucked in to coffee, biscuits & cake and shopped at Kate's card stall and a delightful craft stall. It was a successful event with £274 being made.

Our popular 'Weekly Community Coffee Morning' takes place each Thursday from 10 to 11.30 in the OGSR. Please come along and join us.

In October, 'Harvest' was celebrated at two services in a beautifully decorated church. A large collection of tins, packets & dried goods were donated to the YMCA Food Bank. For the first time at Harvest, we held a '*Bring & Share Lunch*' similar to our Coronation celebration. By the time everyone was seated, the food table was groaning with an amazing array of savoury items. There were delicious desserts to follow and a fun quiz.

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As usual it has been a busy few months, with some interesting speakers.

We were delighted when Cathy MacAteer visited us again and appropriately spoke about "Inspiring Slavic Women" Always a fascinating morning with Cathy.. A complete change of topic when Paul Newsham explained the science of Finger Prints. As the retired Head of Forensics for Derbyshire and Staffordshire Police, he truly was an expert and entertaining speaker.

We invited Hannah Justice to join us to speak about The Air Ambulance - such a wonderful life saving service, solely funded by charitable donations and we were delighted to be able to

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Another donation of £200 from our coffee monies went to Rolleston Station Heritage Group.

Our outings / events have included a picnic on The Croft with delicious sandwiches, cakes and drinks, enjoyed in the sunshine.

Many of our members were involved in various ways with the Rolleston Fayre. What a great way to spend August Bank Holiday Monday.



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There has also been a return visit to The Secret Diner at Sudbury and also a trip to The Museum of Making in Derby - another fascinating place - followed by lunch in the city.

Our usual monthly craft and social afternoon has produced some attractive work and shortly it will be concentrating on items for the Advent Festival. The Book Group continues to thrive with interesting discussions on the selected books. It's an opportunity to look at novels we may not have thought of reading, like "Cuckoo in the Nest" by Fran Hill and "How (not) to Have an Arranged Marriage" by Amir Khan, suggested by group members.

If you are interested in joining us, we would love to welcome you on the 3rd Friday of the month, 9.45 am at Rolleston Club.

Valerie Burns (Dovesidewi@gmail.com)



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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023

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RoDSEC

(Rolleston on Dove Special Events Committee)

Did you manage to get one of the sort-after tickets for "The Origins of Jazz" with the Bill Bailey Band on Sunday 1st October? If so, you will know what a fantastic evening of entertainment it was, even for people in the audience who were not particularly jazz fans - they were tapping their feet and enjoying the experience.



In the first half 'Bill' took us through how jazz originated and developed. This was mainly in New Orleans in the USA and was a product of the slave trade, where people were shipped in from across the world to work in the cotton fields. Such a diverse culture produced 'working' songs, like sea shanties, and songs to reflect their hard existence. Instruments were obtained from disbanded military bands from the Civil War and used in funeral processions at which sombre music was played before the service and then raucous and loud afterwards. All these types of music were demonstrated by the band and clearly showed how the music developed.

In the second half the four-piece band performed well known traditional jazz.



On 2nd December we are again taking a coach to Derby Cathedral to hear the Derby Concert Orchestra's Christmas Concert. For those of you who have been for the last few years you know what a wonderful event it is. This year they are performing Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, then popular music from stage and screen. Concert tickets are £13.00 for concessions, otherwise £15.00, so a real bargain. The coach will be about £12.00. Tickets from Phil Irwin.

On 8th December we will be putting on another 'Carols Round the Christmas Tree' on the Almshouses lawn, starting at 6.30pm.

On Sunday 28th January 2024, we are pleased to announce that the Phoenix Players will perform another Murder Mystery for us at Rolleston Club - so one to put in your diary!

We have also been able to secure another Live & Local act on **10th March next year**, so watch the notice boards.

Tickets for our events are generally available from the Newsagent, Rolleston Club, John Phillips (johnernest@johnphillips.plus.com) & Phil Irwin. You can always register your interest for any of our events at: pjirwin781@btinternet.com . Put these dates in your diary so that you don't miss out and let us know what you would like to see and we may be able to sort it. Keep a look out for events on the notice boards and ask your organisations what is being planned.

Phil Irwin - Chairman RoDSEC.

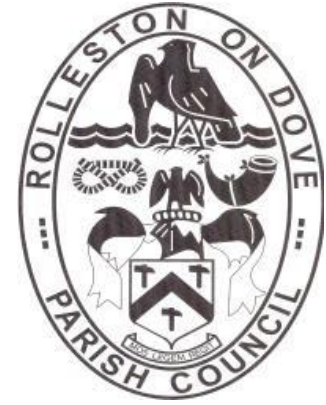
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Winter 2023

Rollestonian of the Year Award 2022

At the July Parish Council meeting, Graham Jacks was voted the 2022 Rollestonian of the Year and this award was presented at the September Parish Council meeting. Graham was joined by several Scout Group leaders and helpers to receive this much deserved award.

S106 Play area completion

The Parish Council is awaiting release of the final monies from the S106 funds, to complete the next set of planned works on the Meadow View play area. These are to clean and paint the existing equipment and railings to smarten these up, to install a drain through the very muddy entrance from Forest School Street and to install an additional bench.

Craythorne Road playing field and car park further improvements

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the further improvements to make this area more accessible have been completed. These include replacing the existing stile with a kissing gate, replacing the old bridge leading from the children's play area onto the top corner of the field with a new stronger bridge, and the creation of a stoned path leading around into Tafflands. Drainage works in the top corner near that bridge to ease the very muddy and often flooded area in the winter, have been installed, along with new fencing and posts alongside the ditch.

Projects update

The “High Hut” at Tafflands play area, which was sadly destroyed by an arson attack earlier this year, has been fully repaired and is proving a real favourite with our play park users.

A morning clean-up session was held in September on Meadow View and Tafflands. The work carried out included the removal of low hanging, dead or dying tree branches around the play equipment in Tafflands play area, as well as the cutting back of large patches of overgrown nettles. The opening into Tafflands from Meadow View also had a large area of nettles and saplings flailed back and cleared. This will shortly be raked over to remove the sapling roots and then levelled so grass seed can be sown. The entrance path is now much wider and you can now see more clearly into Tafflands. Thanks to the contractors, residents and councillors who worked hard on this to improve the area.

The Parish Council and Rolleston Station Heritage Group are completing a grant application, hoping to be successful to secure much needed funds for the renovation of the old cattle dock wall on the Station. This is in a rather sorry state now, requiring rebuilding and repairs to prevent further decay. This is the final area of the Station that is planned to be restored.

You may have noticed the addition of 4 new troughs planted with colourful Autumnal bedding along the railings on Burnside. The Parish Council would like to thank the donor for purchasing these for the village, as well as the Civic Trust who continue to fund 50% of the planting and compost for all the troughs. These are always much admired by both residents and visitors!

Public footpaths and stiles

Maintenance of the stiles and steps on a number of our well used footpaths will be starting shortly to repair some “wobbly” treads and posts, and to install a numbering system, to help reporting of any future issues.

Footpath walks leaflets are available from the Clerk and may also be found at

<https://rollestonondovepc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Village-walks.pdf>

Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The Jubilee Orchard was established for the village over 10 years ago and is owned and managed by our Parish Council and a group of volunteers.

At the October Parish Council meeting we reviewed how the Orchard has evolved over the last ten years and considered what needed doing to maintain and improve this great village asset, which provides residents with a variety of fruit and herbs free of charge.

It was also suggested we could create a 'sharing shelf' on the gate. Produce from the Orchard, and any excess produce from gardeners and allotment holders, could be placed here as a gift to anyone who could use them.

If you could spare some time and would be willing to help, please consider joining any of the planned working party days that will be taking place. The first of these is planned for **Saturday 18th November – 10am start for a couple of hours. All are welcome.**

For further information please contact Mike Robson (01283 480599) or any other Parish Councillor.

The newer fruit trees at the Platinum Orchard, located on Meadow View, are starting to establish themselves and should hopefully be producing fruit in the next couple of years.

Brook Hollows

The Transforming The Trent Valley (TTTV) project in Brook Hollows is now concluded. The silt which was removed from the lake has been spread on the adjacent landowner's field. The Parish Council thank Louise Morris, Nicola Lynes and all the TTTV team for their work. In addition, our thanks go to the adjacent landowner for his support and David Hughes from the Environmental Agency for his advice.

The "Friends" continue to meet monthly to maintain and improve the site. The Parish Council thanks them for all their work.

Parish Councillor Vacancies filled

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that 2 new councillors were co-opted at the September meeting, so we now have a full council of 11 members. Rolleston is very fortunate to be in this position, as many Parish Councils are struggling to fill their vacancies.

We are also delighted to have had 2 youth representatives from the de Ferrers Academy (years 12 and 13), Evie and Emily, who attended the Parish Council for the last year. Between them they helped Rolleston Kindergarten to set up the community library, which is proving a valuable village resource. Evie has now moved on to go to university and we wish her all the best in her new challenges. Emily will be joined shortly by a new youth representative from year 12 in November and is planning their next project.

Parish Council meetings

Meetings start at the **new time of 7.00pm from September 2023** and are held at Old Grammar School Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the Parish Council's website, Facebook page and on noticeboards the week before the meeting is held.

Should you wish to ask the Parish Council any questions or raise any points with us, 15 minutes at the beginning of each meeting are set aside for you to do so. The full list of councillors and contact details can be found on the Parish Council's website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th November – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 11th December – Parish Council Meeting

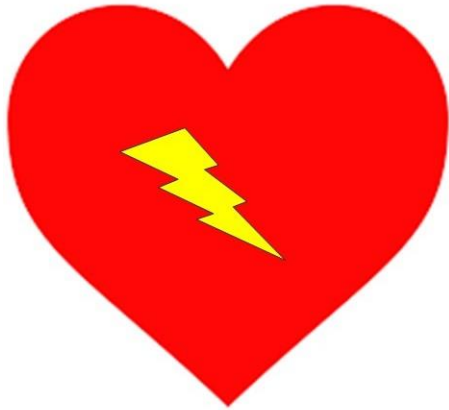
Monday 8th January 2024 – Parish Council Meeting

Monday 13th February 2024 – Parish Council Meeting



Search 'Rolleston on Dove Parish Council'

Heart Start Rolleston – a community initiative.



It's a sad fact that around 1,750 people die of sudden cardiac arrest each week in the UK and it can occur at any time, in any age group.

Prompt resuscitation can prevent some of these deaths and using a defibrillator can shock the heart back to a normal rhythm.

However, here's an even sadder fact.....

We wanted to train as many residents as possible in resuscitation (commonly known as CPR) & the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Indeed, our target was to train 10% of residents.

To date we have had **less than 62 Rollestonians** come forward.... To say that's disappointing would be an understatement....

Happily, our sponsor has very generously agreed to fund training for citizens outside the village....and so far, we have had applications from 39 residents in Tutbury, Anslow & Burton.

Funding for places is still available, but the scheme will be brought to an end if we cannot encourage residents to get trained.

Don't let apathy kill your loved ones...invest 2 hours of your time.

We have AEDs at the Cricket Club, the Co-op, Rolleston Club and at the OGS, but they are useless without citizens who can use them.

The course is free!

It's just a 2-hour training session at Scout HQ. There's free parking at a comfortable venue... and all in the village.

Training will be provided to **Resuscitation Council UK** standards by a professional local company who will run the sessions at a relaxed pace with small groups, to give everyone time to train and learn to use the equipment.

Please don't miss this opportunity to save a life.

Doing the training is not compulsory.

But nor is standing with your hands in your pockets, watching someone die because you don't know what to do.

So come on Rollestonians.... Support your community...

If one of my loved ones suffered a cardiac arrest, I'd hope there was a CPR / AED first aider on hand. I'm sure you'd want the same.

Who can be trained?

Anyone from age 14 can be trained to do CPR & use an AED. The devices are simple to use and largely fool-proof. Interestingly, many secondary school pupils are already AED trained!

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Why not train all the family? (Minimum age 14)

We all want to live in a safer community and this short course could save the life of a relative, a child, a work colleague or a complete stranger.

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For more information, please email:

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Carols Around the Christmas Tree
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Friday 8th December 6:30 ~ 7:30pm

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Community Almshouses
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Singing Lawn



Come & Sing



An Invitation from RoDSEC

Collection in support of St Mary's Church and Almshouses Trust



A message from Reverend Phyllis Bainbridge

How did we get to the last edition of the year so quickly? I wonder what kind of year it has been for you?

For many, 2023 has not been easy; worries over our finances - will we be able to pay our bills? Concerns about climate change - what environmental conditions are we leaving for our grandchildren? Many local people have concerns over health and NHS waiting lists. Which political leaders can we trust?

It is said that singing brings a sense of community and personal joy, a change of emphasis in troubling times? Maybe this explains the popularity of local choirs.

The Church of England theme for Christmas 2023 is "Follow the star - join the Song". After meeting the baby Jesus, "the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen". Luke 2:20.

The title of the St Mary's Advent Tree festival is "Christmas Carols", in church over the 4 days of Advent weekend - **Friday 1st to Monday 4th Dec.**

There are many opportunities to sing Advent and Christmas carols in our village this year, including at "Carols around the Tree".

You are invited to our many (8) special church services this December. **Beginning on Sunday 3rd Dec**, we sing Advent Carols in a communion service at 9.15am and Evensong at 6.30pm.

Sunday 10th December at 9.15am, is the Christingle service - the one with the oranges!
17 December at 6.30pm, is the Candlelight service of Lessons and Carols.

For those who feel sad, or are bereaved or prefer a quieter festive season, we host "a Blue Christmas" on **Tuesday 19th Dec** at 7pm, when we will sing the quieter carols, hearing again the nativity story with prayers and lighting candles in memory of loved ones, lost but not forgotten.

Sunday 24th Dec at 3pm, is our Crib service when children and adults dress as characters or animals from the Christmas story. At 11pm we have Midnight Mass, and as the clock strikes 12, we sing, "yea, Lord, we greet you born this happy morning". On Christmas Day, 10am, we sing again in a short, child-friendly service of Morning Prayer.

In a context of stress, natural disasters and international conflicts, for many people of all faiths and none, living in harmony with our neighbours and the physical world is a goal worth pursuing. We are invited to play our part, to join this Song, bringing peace into the lives of our families and friends, our community, nation and world this Christmas and into 2024.

I wish you an enjoyable Advent and Christmas and a happy New Year when it comes.

Yours, in my prayers,
Phyllis Bainbridge (Revd)
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Jubilee Orchard

The Diamond Jubilee Orchard - created in 2012 at the junction of Knowles Hill and Beacon Road. The land is owned and managed by our Parish Council.

At the October Parish Council meeting we reviewed how the Orchard had evolved over the last 10 years and made some plans for the future. The Orchard has become a much-loved village asset used by many to enjoy some of the produce or as a quiet place to simply enjoy the natural environment.

However, the success of the orchard has also brought the challenge of maintaining it, which has fallen to a small group of volunteers. In order to maintain current developments, and initiate new ones, we are going to organise three or four work parties each year. The first is **SATURDAY 18th NOV** from 10am for a couple of hours.

We are planning some hedge and tree maintenance along the east boundary with the farmer's field.

We may also remove some of the fruit bushes and add more herbs and flowers.

One further suggestion is to purchase some robust printed labels to help visitors identify the plants.

It was also suggested we could create a 'sharing shelf' on the gate. Produce from the Orchard, and any excess produce from gardeners and allotment holders, could be placed here as a gift to anyone who could use them. Perhaps we could also arrange orchard tours for those new to the village and learn ways to dry the excess herbs that are growing.

If you have any thoughts or can offer time or financial support, please let me know.

Orchard maps, species lists, quizzes and plant factsheets: <https://rollestonondovepc.co.uk>

For further information please contact Mike Robson (01283 480599) (45 The Lawns) or any other member of the Parish Council.

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Dates for your diary:

31st Oct – Halloween Disco @ Scout HQ 1pm – 3pm
16th Nov – Wine Tasting – Rolleston Club 7.30pm
18th Nov – Jubilee Orchard Work Party 10am.
21st Nov – TREATS talk @ Rolleston Club 8pm -
WW1 British battleships by Paul Richardson
25th Nov – Rolleston WI Christmas Fayre, Scout HQ –
2pm.
1st Dec – JORPS Christmas Fayre
1st Dec – Burton Flower Club open talk – Priory Centre,
Church Rd, Stretton – 7.30pm
1st to 4th Dec – Advent celebrations @ St Mary's
1st Dec – Mellstock Band @ St Mary's Church – 7.30pm
2nd Dec – RoDSEC trip to Derby Cathedral concert.
3rd Dec – Santa's Grotto – Rolleston Pre-school.
8th Dec – Carols around the Christmas Tree –
Almshouses Lawn - 6.30pm
9th Dec – Rolleston Choral Society Christmas concert –
St Mary's Church 7.30pm
12th Dec – TREATS talk @ Rolleston Club 8pm –
Mother's Ruin, the story of gin by Mildred Freeman
15th Dec – JORPS Christmas Carols
28th Jan 2024 – RoDSEC Murder Mystery evening –
Rolleston Club.

Rolleston Cricket Club

“As cricket seasons go 2022 must rate as one of the Club’s best. After just missing out on promotion last year, our 1st team finished top of Division 1, losing only 4 games out of 22”.

That was the opening sentence from the Cricket Club winter report for the Rollestonian last year. What a difference this year. The promotion to the Premier Division proved really challenging. The 1st team won 8 and lost 14 of their 22 matches and narrowly avoided relegation back to Division 1, finishing 10th of the 12 teams. Player availability was a particular problem this year and affected all four senior teams throughout the season. After a reasonable start our 2nd team struggled towards the end of the season, finishing mid-table in Division 3S. The 3rd team struggled throughout the season and were unfortunately relegated from Division 5S.

Our 4th team regularly consisted of more junior players than seniors but did very well, finishing a very creditable 4th in Division 8S.

Not all doom and gloom though, because our junior teams really excelled themselves winning several trophies and competitions ...

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Under 11s Burton and District League Div 1 North Champions and Burton and District League Cup Winners.

Under 11s Girls Staffordshire Festival County Cup (Softball) Winners.

The ground staff are now carrying out the necessary post-season work on the two squares and a third outdoor net is now in place, thanks in no small measure to Scott Cobley for his amazing fund-raising efforts. A new carpet has also been fitted in the bar area and the Archer Room.

If you would like more information about the Cricket Club, including social events, please call Club Secretary Steve Cooper (07739 760786), Michael Acton at the Club (01283 813449 - evenings), or me, Trevor Foster (07508 378710). For more information re Junior Cricket contact Matthew Parker on 07766 058088. For All Stars contact John Travers on 07495 591525.

We now also have a Facebook page with the latest photos and information



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Chapter & Verse

'Lessons in Chemistry' is the debut novel by Bonnie Garmus. It is about the life of a young woman, Elizabeth Zott, who is an aspiring scientist in early 1960's America. Elizabeth works as a chemist in a research institute, where she falls in love with fellow chemist Calvin Evans who is really the only person to treat her as an equal professionally, and values her expertise. She chooses not to marry and once Madeline, their daughter is born, Elizabeth, who is by then a single parent suffers all the stigma and warped attitudes of the time, eventually losing her job. Madeline, who is very advanced for her age, seeing how her mother suffers from not fitting in, puts on a pretence so she can be accepted. Her healthy lunches that she takes to school are actually devoured by another child whose father works for a TV company and through this unlikely introduction, Elizabeth, desperate for a job, hosts a TV cookery show. She goes totally off script, explaining everything from a Chemistry perspective, and the show is a great success.

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This is a fun, easy to read book, taking liberties with almost unbelievable situations. However, the author conveys the attitudes of the time and the barriers to women succeeding in a man's world.

Arnold Bennett managed to be both successful novelist - the bestselling in his era, along with H.G.Wells and John Galsworthy - and also much reviled by influential writers of the day, notably Virginia Wolf. This may have been because Bennett came from what was a deeply unfashionable part of the country: North Staffordshire's Potteries or Stoke on Trent – the Five Towns of Bennett's works, though there are actually six. 'The Old Wives Tale' is the story of a pair of sisters from Bursley (Bennett's thinly disguised name for Burslem) who are young girls as the novel begins, and whose maturation and adult lives, wildly different in some respects but fundamentally both consisting of hard work and disappointment, form the narrative. Although these are very ordinary people, nonetheless the novel deals with murder, capital punishment, alcoholism, infidelity, desertion, mental illness and the siege of Paris in 1870, as well as the minutiae of everyday life. Bennett was criticised for including detail upon detail, and it is fair to say that this book is a slow burn making it a challenge to finish. However, it is well worth it, with the extraordinarily vivid characterisation, evocation of a lost era, and the dry humour which lightens the most sombre passage. Worth seeking out an edition with reasonable size print.

Our next books: 'Charlotte' by Helen Moffatt and 'The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks' by Rebecca Skloot. For more information about this book club please contact Maggie 812621

The two Rolleston Book groups had a very successful sale of secondhand books at the Rolleston Fayre. The weather was good and we had a constant stream of browsers. We'd like to say thank you for your support both donating and buying books. All proceeds went to a local charity.

Rolleston W.I.

It was with great excitement that the ladies of Rolleston W.I. spilled into our meeting room at the Scouts HQ on Monday evening, 4th September. It felt like the first day back at school after the summer break. The atmosphere was very welcoming and the room was alive with chatter. We are lucky to meet in such a lovely room with a beautiful view. Our speakers, Colin and Rob, spoke to us about the charity Aquabox, which raises money to buy water filters, pack them and send these life -saving boxes anywhere in the world. Colin demonstrated how they worked and even drank the filtered water. We were unaware the charity is based in Wirksworth. In October we welcomed members of Rolleston Scouts to our meeting. They had been on an international camp to Kanderstag, where they had walked on glaciers, swum in lakes and mixed with young people from many nations. The pictures were great and the speakers were confident and enthusiastic. Next month Paul Taylor will speak on "Rolleston Remembers", about our local war heroes. Helen Barnett has arranged a great programme of speakers, many of them local. So much is happening in Rolleston. Members have been meeting socially throughout the summer for crafting and chatting. One wet day we travelled by coach to Leeds. The day began with coffee, a wander round the shops, taking in Marks and Spencers, lunch, then on to the University. Eventually we got to the Marks and Spencer Archive which is a hidden treasure. We were welcomed with coffee, then sat down to watch an entertaining short history of the iconic shop. Afterwards we had chance to look at the displays. It certainly took us back in time and we recognised things on display which we are still using!



Since then, we have enjoyed a Skittles Afternoon with our WI Group, a village walk and our Art Group has been revived. We are really looking forward to the Group meeting, the Christmas Lunch at the Boars Head and the Christmas Party, as well as County events and a visit to Birmingham to see The Nutcracker.

Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 25th November, 2pm at the Rolleston Scouts HQ.

We will be working hard to

make it a success. There will be lots of stalls, games, tea and cake and a great Christmas atmosphere.

Please come along and support us.

If you are looking for something to do on a winter evening, why not come along to a WI meeting.

We meet at 7pm upstairs at Rolleston Scouts HQ on the first Monday of the month. We also meet on two Friday afternoons if that suits you better.

You will be very welcome and Jilly and Lorna have an amazing new-look raffle. Please ring Liz on 530105 or Jenny on 813833 for details



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Come to our Christmas Concert and support the village choir and our new Musical

Director, Sophie Hawthorn! It is on Saturday 9th December at St Mary's Church, Rolleston starting at 7.30pm.

You will be able to sing some Christmas carols with us and listen to some lovely pieces including John Rutter's "Gloria", "The Snow" by Elgar sung by the ladies and John Taverner's "The Lamb" amongst others. It would be lovely to have a full church to start the festive season.

Like most choirs, we are always looking for new people to join us. Why don't you come and give us a try? Feeling nervous – drop us a message and we can have a chat with you before you come.

You don't need to be able to read music – although it does help – but we do have members who don't read music. Don't know your voice part – don't worry – we'll help you find a part that suits you. We rehearse during term times in St Mary's Church, Rolleston from 7.30pm until 9pm. Concerts coming up in 2024 to tempt you are 'Classical Pieces from around the World' and 'Songs from the Shows'.

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What: Together with our new Musical Director, Sophie Hawthorn, we will be singing a wide variety of music, ranging from Christmas carols to classical pieces from around the world to choral arrangements of musical theatre favourites.

When: Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm, St Mary's Church Rolleston.

Full details on our Facebook page and our website.



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Rolleston Scouts

2023 saw Rolleston Scout Group celebrate their 90th Anniversary in style with a pirate-themed Group camp. With over 200 children and adults



on site for the entire weekend, the children participated in cannon firing, sword fighting, throwing grappling hooks, making ship biscuits, rope making, creating treasure maps, singing, and dancing to a sea shanty as well as enjoying real life pirate battles and tales of Stinky Feet Pete



and more from the fantastic team at Black Knight Historical. We enjoyed our traditional campfire, with smores, hot chocolate and songs, and finished the weekend on a high with a few rounds of tug-of-war.



We also welcomed some invited guests on Saturday from local organisations to have a look at what we actually do. We had representatives from the Parish Council, Rolleston Club, The WI, The Transport Festival and the Jinnie Project. They were given the whole pirate experience, saw the entire group in action and enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Wednesday Scouts are a very active section of the group and have been doing some outside pioneering; they made a giant 10ft catapult firing projectiles at least 25m. No scouts were catapulted (or harmed) during this activity! They also participated in a classic bridge-building activity, buying the materials and building the bridge to withstand the heaviest weight.

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We are looking forward to our chippy trekking night, where scouts will plan their night hike, starting at a Burton fish and chip shop and finishing back at HQ. As an annual activity, scouts are organising their own talent show (Rolleston's Got Talent!); if anyone has any golden buzzers we can borrow, please get in touch.

Scouting isn't all about the young people, though; our volunteer leaders are looking forward to some upcoming free training in the arts of archery, shooting and climbing. We get to have fun too! (Don't panic; we're also first aid trained – which is perfect if Swan does night archery with glow sticks and fairy lights (like she wants to!).



HQ News

We have now also finished the building development that we started at the start of 2020, with the final floor being laid under the new canopy. Thank you to Chris, Andy, Michael and all the team from Trent Construction for completing the job. This has now created an area of over 300 square metres of all-weather activity space for anything and everything. Our aim moving forward is to repay the loans that we took out during the build next and to complete various other HQ projects, including a kitchen refit, sound insulation in the main hall, a new abseil tower and the continued plan to update the electrics in the building.

To finish, thank the village sincerely for all the support and understanding you have shown regarding the build and our events. We now provide a venue with well over 200 young people attending weekly for scouting activities alone, plus over 20 external groups that use the headquarters, too.

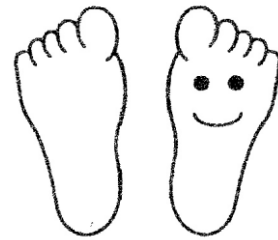
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Burton Flower Club

It was a typical summers' day (it rained!) on our August Fund Raiser for the charity BURTON MIND. Members and visitors enjoyed the morning and raised a pleasing £618.

At ROLLESTON VILLAGE FAYRE, several club members were successful in the Floral Art section, gaining prizes including three Firsts.



They were Enid Wilcox, Bal Purewal & Sue Sunderland. We made mini arrangements with children and even some adults. Our youngest participant was two years old - it was lovely to see her enjoying making her masterpiece.

Join us for our Christmas Open Meeting

on Friday December 1st at 7.30pm. We will have National Demonstrator LEE BERRILL with "WELCOME TO CHRISTMAS" Tickets are £10 including seasonal refreshments. To purchase contact 07778804038.

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FOJORPS

After the Summer break, Friends of John of Rolleston Primary School (FOJORPS) are busy organising a packed agenda of much needed fund raising for the school. Last school year we were able to raise funds towards some much-needed items for the school, such as Chromebooks and HOPE training, to support the mental health of children impacted by life events such as bereavement, as well as the fun 'extras' that otherwise the children would miss out on, such as coaches to the Christmas Panto. A big thank you to everyone who made this possible; to the teachers, parents and children who turn up, donate and support all the events.

So far this term, we've had a coffee morning to meet new parents and just hosted our first school disco of the year for both the infants and Juniors. It was a great sight to see so many of the children in their neon outfits dancing away with their friends.

Events being held in the Christmas term are:

Friday 1st December - The School Christmas Fayre to be held at the Juniors site

Friday 15th December - Christmas carols @Sherbourne site

A little further ahead, we are holding our 2024 Community Day on Saturday the 8th June. Please put this date in the diary! Thanks to everyone who attended our 2023 community day back in June. It was great to be able to hold this key village event again after a 3-year hiatus and we are looking forward to making it even bigger and better. More details will follow in the next issue.



Kindergarten is back following the summer break.

We are delighted that our Ofsted inspection in July rated us as 'Good, noting the commitment and

hard work of staff and that children are at the heart of all we do.

Well done to Miss Pool who has successfully completed her Level 3 apprenticeship and

welcome to Miss Dolman who has joined us to begin her apprenticeship journey.

Our first half term topic has been focusing on a different book each and welcoming in Autumn by observing the changes taking place in Brook Hollows. The children were very excited and proud to pick the pumpkin we have grown and add this to our Autumn display. Our green beans have been a huge success; we had so many we have been able to share them with the wider community.

Next half term we will be thinking about festivals of light and of course Christmas, planning our tree for the Christmas Tree festival is already under way!

K:Hub is open again during the half term holiday. On the Tuesday, we are planning all things Halloween. Hopefully the weather will let us get out and about on the other days.

For more information regarding Nursery places or K:Hub holiday & before & after school club please contact Rebecca.

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