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Dear Rolleston residents

Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly community magazine, *The Rollestonian*.

I was talking recently to some lovely people who had just moved into the village. They said that they visited our village several months ago and fell in love with the look and feel of Rolleston. Since moving, they have been delighted with their decision to relocate because of the strong sense of community that our village has. They were, like me and numerous other people, helping clean up the mess that the travellers who stayed on Craythorne Road Playing Fields had left behind. The fact that so many volunteers turned up to help with the clean up speaks volume about the pride we all have in our village.

We can also be proud of the effort everyone made for the Plant Sale in aid of St Mary's Church. Your Civic Trust has run this event for many years but recently our wonderful volunteers have helped take this event to a different level. In 2022 we raised £680. In 2023 we broke this record with £768. This year we excelled for the 3rd year in a row by raising £1,068! Adding in the money raised by the church volunteers selling refreshments brought the overall total to £1414. This unbelievable amount was down to the hard work of a lot of people and the incredible generosity of villagers for both donating and then coming to buy plants. We have certainly set a high bar for 2025!

I would also like to mention our Village 'History Walk' which the Civic Trust has revived with the help of historian Arnold Burston and others. As I write this, we have already taken over 50 people on this interesting tour and we have a similar number coming on the next one in August. There is obviously a real interest in our shared village history, the historical buildings and the interesting people that used to live in them and we will definitely be repeating this free activity as long as the demand is there from you.

Follow us on Facebook (@RollestonCivicTrust). We now have around 900 followers and it is the quickest way to get news regarding the village, our activities as well as news from other village organisations. Kind Regards

Tim Salmon, Rolleston Civic Trust

2nd Chapter

In this quarter we have only managed to get together to talk about one book. But what a book! Joseph O'Connor's *My Father's House*.

Based on a true story and several real characters, *My Father's House* opens in September 1943 with wartime Rome as its backdrop.

The city is occupied by German forces and the Gestapo commander, Paul Hauptmann, rules with an iron fist. "His favoured interrogation tool is the blowtorch". The one place he can't control is the Vatican City, deemed a neutral, independent country. It harbours diplomats, as well as priests, several of whom dedicate themselves to helping Jews and escaped allied prisoners get out of Rome. Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty is the leader of one such escape line. Its agents call themselves the Choir and meet in a former hospice for fever victims in the right arm of St Peter's Basilica. Under cover of music, they explore plans and escape routes, false names and addresses as they prepare for a major mission, codenamed the Rendimento, even as Hauptmann and his Nazi thugs are closing in.

The story is told in separate chapters by each member of the Choir. Each of them is so well drawn, voices so distinct, we were immediately engaged with them and held our breath for their safety. As Hugh O'Flaherty crosses Rome undercover to complete the mission the rhythm of the prose kept us spell-bound; the jeopardy held us tight.

This is a literary thriller of the highest order. The incarnation of O'Flaherty, the Irish Oskar Schindler, is sublime. What often elevates a writer is compassion, and O'Connor has it in spades – paying tribute to the courage of those who resist tyranny. Beautifully crafted, his razor-sharp dialogue is to be savoured, and he employs dark humour to great effect. The plot twists keep on coming until the novel's coda, where a final joyful conceit is revealed.

This relatively short book offers a vivid inspiring story which left us to reflect on the courage necessary to resist inhumane cruelty.

If you would like to know more about this Book Club contact: Margaret Clarke on 01283 752314



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13th September: Flower arrangement Workshop

11th October: Demonstration: “To inspire” by Jane
Walden

8th November: Demonstration: “It’s all about
Christmas” by Sue Hodgson

13th December: Christmas Party

For more information contact Glen (01283 815082)

The Rolleston Engineering and Transport Society (TREATS)

TREATS has had 3 talks since the last issue of the
Rollestonian.

In April, Mike Ogden gave an interesting talk on
Skyscrapers and how they originated. In May,
Shaun Farelly educated us on the history of the
telephone exchange, it’s rise and ultimately it’s fall
given the evolution of technology. In June, our talk
was given by Robert Mee a Derbyshire railway
outing using Bradshaw’s guide where you travel to
virtually every railway station in Derbyshire in the
1920s over two long days - sadly no longer possi-
ble.

Upcoming events , all to be held at Rolleston Club:

17th Sept: “The Goodwood Revival”

15th October: “Pilots ‘n Petticoats— Women Mas-
ters of the Sky”

Anyone can attend a TREATS meeting as a visitor -
you will be more than welcome. If you wish to find
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A message from the Revd Phyllis Bainbridge:

Firstly I want to thank everyone – residents and visitors - who have supported the many church fundraising events over this spring and summer. All have been well attended with amazing amounts of money raised to support the church. Thank you, everyone.

As we come to the end of summer in a rural community, the first of our special church festivals is **Harvest Thanksgiving**. Our “Harvest Week” begins on Sunday 22 Sept with an informal child-friendly service (Worship for All) at 9.15am. The main Harvest services are on Sunday 29 Sept, a communion service at 9.15am and Evensong at 6.30pm. At those services, we will sing traditional harvest hymns like “We plough the field and scatter”, “Let us with a glad some mind” and “Now thank we all our God”. We also bring gifts of dried and tinned foods as symbols of our thankfulness, which are then given to the YMCA in Burton. All are welcome to these services in St Mary’s Church, in the centre of our village.

Thinking of even just 3 simple things a day for which to be thankful is said to benefit our mental health. Sometimes when life is tough and stressful, we might only be able to think “this cup of tea is good” or “that leaf turning yellow-green then gold then brown is pretty” or “aren’t the geraniums lasting well?”!

Being thankful is a positive and Christian value. St Paul suggests, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

It is my prayer, as your Parish Priest, that we will be known as a village which is positive and thankful as we continue to serve and care for those who live, work and visit here. Happy Autumn.



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Rolleston Allotments Society

What a nightmare start to the new season. So much rain I think that rice would have been a more appropriate crop to sow. Next came 'Gastropoda Gate' - an influx of slugs and snails, both at home and on the allotment – why don't they eat weeds I wonder? Many members also suffered from poor quality seeds and poor germination; having to re-sow a second time. Spring has not been generous, either with heat or sunshine.

On June 13th I sat in my greenhouse at 5am watching the sunrise. The thermometer recorded an overnight 6.5^o minimum which had been common earlier in the year but this is Summer!!!

Moan over, let me tell you - nature always catches up (fingers crossed) and by the look of the plots, perseverance is paying off. We had a stall at the Scouts Carnival on 18th May where Pauline Pidsley and Mike Robson managed to raise £80 from donations for plants, so thank you to everyone who kindly donated plants, seedlings, seeds and miscellaneous items.

Our Spring competition and in-situ social evening was a great success.

Spring competition—the 1st of two for the season:

Congratulations for Half Plots goes to:

- 1st Plot 2B Louise Salt 95 points
- 2nd Plot 3B Paul Russell 78 points
- 3rd All scored 75 points: Plots 3A-Bob Houston, Plot 15A-Sam Jeffries and 19B-Ryan Atkinson

And for Full Plots:

- 1st Plot 5 Steve and Ellen McManus - 95 points
- 2nd Plot 13 Pauline Pidsley - 94 points
- 3rd Plot 25 Mike and Marj Robson - 93 Points

The Social Evening was held on the same sunny evening. Members very generously donated homemade cakes & savouries, all complimented by a hotdog BBQ by Louise and John and washed down with 'bring a bottle' drinks.

Our social evening also allowed us to donate £80 to Fiona and Deborah who represented Rolleston Scouts as a thank you for allowing us to join them at their Carnival.

Finally, bees have been re-introduced to our site with the obvious benefits of pollinating our crops and producing honey for our apiarist David Lee.

We are always looking for new members to join and application forms can be obtained by contacting me or any committee member.

Alan Milward: milwardwithonel@hotmail.co.uk

Hot off the Press: At last, Phoebe is out and there is enough blue sky to make a pair of sailor's trousers. – I'll let you guess what that means but it was one of my Grandmother's sayings



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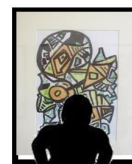
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Doveside WI

Our speakers in the last few months have been many and varied.

David Skillen told us of "The many behind the Few", an insightful look at those who supported the men who flew in the Battle of Britain. So much was covered, the personalities, the machinery and a background to the period which provided a turning point in WW2. The following month Alan Smith returned to continue the history of the Minack Theatre in Cornwall. As an amateur actor he had frequently appeared there with Derby Shakespeare Society. That cliff edge position, vertiginous and beautiful must be a unique setting for any theatrical performance. It was carved into the cliff by Rowena Cade and her gardener in the early 1930's and expanded and improved over the years. A visit there would make a wonderful experience when on a Cornish holiday.

In June we looked much closer to home when Rosemary and Clive Baker told us the history of the Jinny Trail with a wonderfully illustrated talk which included moving representations of the trains enroute to Burton on Trent or Derby. Together with a group of enthusiasts they have transformed the area for the benefit of all. It's good to know that our coffee money goes to such a good endeavour.

There was also a visit from John Staley who gave us an insight into the importance of PSA testing as a means to discover the likelihood of one of our nearest and dearest developing Prostate Cancer as early diagnosis can be lifesaving. A request for Prostate testing should always be taken seriously by the surgery.



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An enjoyable visit to Derby Cathedral led by Dave Parry a registered Blue Badge Guide, was interesting and educational. An afternoon at the O.G.S. when Jane Birkin shared her knowledge of crystals, their origins and properties was enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable.

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The Craft Group and Social Afternoon have seen some great work made by members: Paper-craft and an interesting selection of cards amongst them and pleasingly often led by Doveside members themselves. The Book Group is always a lively meeting and this month's choice for discussion was "Then She was Gone" by Lisa Jewell. It really provoked a very lively exchange of views.

Our Annual Rose Bowl Competition, won by Kath Pickering for her cross-stitched flower, had an enjoyable evening with Forest and Vale at the Group meeting when Sue Cornes won First prize for her photo of a robin. We made cakes for the Scouts Carnival and Garden Sunday and donated food to Burton Hope.

A group of us visited Grafton Cottage Gardens at Barton under Needwood and admired the setting and the beautiful garden on one of the sunniest days we have had for weeks.

A visit to the Garrick Theatre, Lichfield saw us enjoying a production of "Calendar Girls", an entertaining and uplifting afternoon which rejoiced in the power of the women of the W.I.

We also heard from Elspeth Dickinson our representative at the W.I. Annual Conference.

Coming up we have our Summer Tea Party on the Croft. There's rarely a dull week at Doveside W.I.!! If you'd like to visit us on the third Friday of the month, at Rolleston Club, we'd love to welcome you. Valerie Burns dovesidewi@gmail.com

Burton Flower Club

The year is zipping by and members and visitors have enjoyed an eclectic mix of demonstrations: "Tricks of the Trade, Inspired by Music and Woodstock" (No, not the festival but containers and accessories made from wood) as well as two well attended workshops.

With no meeting in August, Friday Sept 6th sees Marilyn Ottewell and Judi Cripps as our Demonstrators with "A Moment in Time"

On Monday 26th Aug, we will be the Rolleston Fayre making posies with visitors. It's a free event for all ages, so come along and visit us.

Meetings are held at The Priory Centre on the 1st Friday of each month with the exception of January (AGM) and August (Summer Break) 6.45 for 7pm. For more information: facebook Burton Flower Club or call Barbara Buxton on 07778 804038.

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St Mary's Church Fundraising

As we moved into spring, St Mary's Church fundraising began in earnest. In May, Alex Hunt from the Cheese Locker at Abbots Bromley brought a delicious selection of cheeses to our 'Say Cheese' evening. He talked about the cheeses and we all enjoyed tasting. Everyone brought their favourite tittle and a fun evening made over £470.

Transport Day found the village buzzing with crowds looking at the classic cars as well as enjoying tea and cakes in the OGS. The team were kept so busy from opening the doors to running out of cakes by the late afternoon. The OGS was full of people and chatter, so there was a delightful atmosphere with over £950 raised for church funds. The following Sunday, June 2nd was sunny and warm. Many villagers arrived with their plants to donate to the Civic Trust plant sale and then bought more to take home! There was a steady trade in refreshments in the OGS, with a grand total of £1414 being raised. This was a real community event and we are grateful for the very active support of the Civic Trust.

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On Garden Sunday, the sun shone most of the time and visitors flocked to visit all 17 gardens throughout the village. Local Vocals sang this year inside the church. Many of the garden owners had created calm spaces within their beautiful borders and included soothing water features. There has been a lot of thought given to the colour palettes and plants chosen. Some even had wild gardens to encourage bees. Look out too for the 'living wall' as you walk up Church Road.

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We really appreciated all the very different gardens being opened and there was a lovely community feel to the afternoon as groups mingled in the various gardens, taking away ideas for eye catching designs. The refreshments were popular and thanks to everyone throughout the village who baked delicious cakes and helped to raise an amazing £1548 to boost church funds.

Our Harvest lunch on Sept 29th is a Bring and Share event. We will be pleased to see anyone who would like to take part.

St Mary's will be hosting another Art Exhibition in the OGS after the very popular event in 2022. From 10.00am to 5.00pm on October 12th & 13th, local artists are being invited to display their works and sell them if they wish. Visitors will be charged £2 to view the work of these talented exhibitors. Hopefully there will be additional displays of art in the Church as well.

A brand-new fundraiser ~ **Quiz 500** ~ will take place in the OGS on Nov 16th. Quizmaster David Wynne promises an interesting and stimulating quiz, which will above all be **FUN!** It's £5 per person, open to all & you can make teams of 4. There will be light refreshments provided, but bring your own drink & glass. Book early (01283 813414)

'Joy to the World' is the theme for our Advent Festival in 2024 from Nov 29th to Dec 2nd. We will have a Christmas 2024 quiz on sale by Advent, so please look out for it in Church.

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Jubilee Orchard. Autumn 2024

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

The working parties in May and June were well attended and we achieved most of our objectives. It was good to see the fruit bushes that we moved to the banks have become well established and the gooseberries have lots of fruit.

The newly planted herbs are slow to develop, but some Thyme and a Rue appear to be established. The WI bed has some new herbs including a Bay.

The van crashing through the hedge on the 15 May was an unwelcome surprise. As well as two metres of hedge needing replacement, it also destroyed the water tank, rhubarb bed and fences bordering the allotments. Thank you to John Deacon for his prompt and high quality repairs.

This year we have seen a good crop of cherries although many were high up in the trees and the birds got to them before we did. The plums are poor, the pears average, but the apples are one of the best crops so far.

The next working party is planned for:

SATURDAY 31st August

10.00-12.00.

The 'sharing shelf' on the gate has got off to a good start, with gifts of young plants in pots, such as red currant, raspberries and even two fig trees. This is now the time of year when gardeners may have excess crops, so please share what you have - even the courgettes!



Orchard maps, species lists, quizzes and plant factsheets can be downloaded from the PC website

<https://rollestondovepc.co.uk>

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

FRIENDS OF BROOK HOLLOW

As most of you will know, Brook Hollows (or Brook Holloway as it is listed in the Mosley Sale catalogues), is an area that prior to our involvement in 2021, was largely neglected and generally uncared for by its owners.

Three years after the Friends group started, Brook Hollows now looks very different. The paths are better cared for, some have had drains put in, most of the invasive snowberry and Himalayan Balsam has been removed and over 3000 snowdrops, bluebells and daffodils have been planted. We now have two information boards, two beautiful wooden sculptures and an 'Eagle Trail' and the whole area is more welcoming for visitors. This year alone, I am proud to be able to tell you that we have planted 14 new trees and over 15 bird, bat or owl boxes have been put up in the woodland.

I would like to share with you, one lovely story.....

We were approached by a local resident whose mother had died recently in Swadlincote. This lady was in her 90s but used to live in the village. She had been growing two oak trees in pots for several years and we were asked to plant them in Brook Hollows in her memory. Of course, we were happy to do this (see photo below) and now John and his family can visit the trees at anytime to remind them of their lost loved one.



As ever, we are always looking for new volunteers. There is still much to do in the woodland and our work on the island has only just begun. If you would like to get involved, we meet (usually) on the first Sunday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

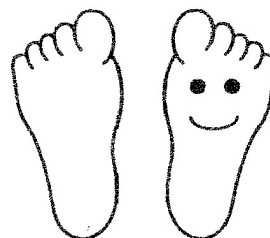
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RoDSEC (Rolleston on Dove Special Events Committee)

We have been asked by a number of people who went to Bill Bailey's Jazz evening last year if we could put on another one. So, by popular request, we are putting on another Jazz night on **Sunday 13th October in Rolleston Club**, starting at 7.30pm with doors opening at 6.45. Tickets will be available from 1st August, so get the date in your diary.!

We hope to put on another 'Carols Round the Christmas Tree' on **Friday 6th December**.

In addition, we will be organising a coach from Rolleston to go and hear Derby Concert Orchestra's Christmas Concert on Saturday **7th December**.

On **26th January 2025**, The Phoenix Players are booked to give us another thrilling Murder Mystery Play at Rolleston Club.

We were very pleased to be able to secure another Live and Local Group, Terence Blacker 'Old enough to know better' to perform for us on **Sunday 9th March 2025** in Rolleston Club.

Tickets for our events are generally available from the Newsagent; Rolleston Club, RoDSEC committee members and me. You can always register your interest for any of our events by e-mailing me: pjirwin781@btinternet.com. Let RoDSEC 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. If you would like to help out with the events, please contact me. You will be more than welcome.

Phil Irwin, Chairman RoDSEC.



Brookside from a bygone era. Date unknown, but Tim Salmon was just a boy, so probably mid 1800s....

Rolleston Scout Group

ROLLESTONBURY 2024. Thank you to all that attended the concert and to the village for letting us run the event. It is appreciated that we make a noise, but I hope you can appreciate we do need to raise money to ensure the HQ is kept in top condition. The profit made from the concert is to be split three ways. Firstly to overpay the loan that we have in relation to the HQ extension, secondly for installation of acoustic panels in the main hall to improve the sound quality in the building and thirdly for a well overdue kitchen refit. Once again thank you and whether you watched the concerts or were listening to it, we do appreciate your support.



This report sees a focus on our 2 Scout Troops which now consist of over 70 young people from 10.5 to 14 years of age. Friday Scouts have tried to spend as much time as possible outside this term! Even with the weather being against us a little, we have been able to cook some expedition meals on our camp stoves, brush up on our archery skills, and play some games on the field.

Luckily, we also had a (mostly!) dry night to practice putting up tents ahead of our District Camp! We joined Scouts from across Burton District for a weekend of fun activities like crate stacking, tomahawk throwing and fencing. We also got stuck in with a camp wide game of capture the flag. It was great to mingle with different groups and make some new friends. All of our Scouts had such a great time, and we're so grateful to the Leaders from our group and across the district for making this event happen.



Some of our Scouts have worked toward their World Challenge badge this term by volunteering in the community. We were proud to support Sarcoma UK at their annual Garden Party. Scouts ran the 'hook a duck' stall, delivered refreshments for the other volunteers, and generally shared their positive energy and enthusiasm with everyone at the event. We love being engaged with our local community like this and can't wait to do it again! Wednesday Scout Troop have also spent the term mainly outdoors and have taken part in many activities ranging from orienteering at Markeaton Park in Derby to launching water bombs on the field at the back of HQ from full size catapults made and operated by the Scouts. Our main theme this term was the Expedition Challenge Badge, one of the Challenge Badges required to achieve their Chief Scouts Gold Award – the highest award available to the Scout Sections. As the name implies, the Challenge badges are designed to take the scouts out of their comfort zones and the Expedition Challenge certainly does that, which is why we generally reserve attendance to our Scouts in Year 8 and above.



In the weeks preceding the Challenge, the Scouts developed their groups for the expedition, researched and planned their route, organised their menus (within the budget allowed) and learnt about expedition first aid (just in case!!). The Expedition comprised a number of bus journeys, a trip round Aldi to buy the ingredients for their meals, arrival at Drum Hill Campsite, setting up camp (in the rain), cooking their own meals, having a campfire (in the rain), taking camp down and then hiking back to Markeaton park all without close adult supervision (don't panic – we were monitoring progress). It was a great introduction to expeditions and fantastic to see displayed, the independence and self-reliance our scouts have developed in their time with us.



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Travellers incident at Craythorne Playing Field

A number of Travellers' caravans and associated vehicles made an incursion onto the playing field for 5 days, at which point they moved on. Significant damage to the entrance gate was caused, which has been repaired and reinstated. A clean-up session was held to remove the rubbish and tree branches/cuttings left behind and the Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped. ESBC cleared the area behind the shipping containers. The worst ruts in the field were repaired and the field rolled, then mowed to be back in use. The Parish Council would like to thank the authorities and our council contractor who helped us to deal with this, as well as residents for their support and patience during this challenging time. Security of the field and entrance is under review to assess whether there are additional measures that it may be possible to implement to try to prevent a re-occurrence.

Update following the village flood meeting chaired by Kate Kniveton

Just before the election was called, our MP at the time arranged a meeting for residents with relevant government bodies. This was well attended. The Parish Council has contacted our new MP and a meeting has been arranged to review the agreed actions and progress made so far on delivery of these.

Please see further details of these actions in the separate article in this edition of the Rollestonian which may also be found on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

Flooding is an agenda item at every Parish Council meeting and Councillors welcome comments, ideas and thoughts from all residents on this matter.

Project Updates

Elizabeth Avenue Play area improvements and play equipment review

Sadly, the weather and the Travellers' incursion have delayed planned repairs to various items of the play area equipment, the re-levelling and adding of new paving slabs and removal of the overgrown grass along the edges of the path leading to the school entrance. A working party has started the play equipment review, considering what might be replaced or updated and are consulting with the schools and sourcing possible costings for consideration. Residents' ideas and views on this are most welcome.

Rolleston Station Cattle Dock renovation project

Funded by a full grant from East Staffordshire's Ward Enhancement Programme, together with a donation from a local resident, the renovation of this historic and unique old cattle dock wall on the station is well underway and by the time of reading this will have been completed. Wooden sleepers will form the edging of the wall rather than the concrete topping as it would have been, to protect the cows' hooves as they were moved on and off the trucks. Tree maintenance works, coppicing of Hazels and Elders together with additional planting of native species such as Hawthorn and Gorse and wildflowers will then be done as part of the reinstatement.

S106 Meadow View Play area completion

Now the weather is more favourable, the contractor will be installing 2 drains to ease the currently very muddy entrance from Forest School Street and through from Meadow View play area into Tafflands. In addition, the rotting wooden posts along the border of the open space with the road will be replaced. Next potential projects on the list for this area include installing 2 further benches inside the play area near the toddler equipment and extending the stoned path from Forest School Street for ease of access.

Tafflands Woods and Play Area improvements

The Parish Council is pleased to confirm that the popular slide mound will have its new surfacing installed at the top and along the path up the mound to the slide, replacing the existing play bark in the autumn. Given the age of the existing zipwire, quotations were sourced for a replacement, but due to the cost, this project is on hold, to be reconsidered next financial year. Further tree and path maintenance in Tafflands is planned in the Autumn to remove Sycamore seedlings and improve the surfaces of paths.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard

The Jubilee Orchard, (owned by the Parish Council and managed by the Parish Council and a group of volunteers), suffered a recent setback when a van crashed through the hedge removing some hedging, damaging various beds and the water bowser. Repairs have taken place and working parties are being held to keep it all in good condition - a big thank you to all the volunteers! If you could spare some time and would be willing to help, on a Saturday morning for a couple of hours, please contact Mike Robson (01283 480599) or any Parish Councillor. Why not pay a visit to see what produce is available, or just to rest there for a while?

Sport England funding (compensation for loss of Forest of Needwood Playing Fields)

The Parish Council has been working with the consultants on this application to place a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on Craythorne field. This hardcore, soft tarmac area would allow tennis, netball, basketball, cricket and football to be played as well as providing a surface for yoga, tai chi and other gentle exercises. Consultation with Rolleston Football Club on pitch layouts and MUGA location and with Rolleston on Dove Primary School and students at De Ferrers Sixth Form has taken place. As required by new legislation, the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment report has been undertaken. This will advise on appropriate mitigation measures such as additional tree and hedge planting, leaving wild areas of grass and bird/bat boxes that would need to be implemented if the application is successful. It is anticipated that the initial application will be submitted by September.

Proposal for a new Bus Shelter and hardstanding to be located on Station Road (opposite Needwood Avenue)

In the previous edition of the Rollestonian, the PC requested opinions on whether the old dilapidated shelter at the top of Knowles Hill should be replaced. The PC received several requests for a new shelter and an increased area of hardstanding at this location. This stop is well used by students going to Burton and it simply isn't adequate, meaning that users are standing on muddy grass in all weathers! After consultation, SCC have agreed it may be done, the funding for which they may be able to assist with. There are 3 options: increase the area of hardstanding, increase it and add a polycarbonate shelter, or increase it and build a new brick shelter to match the others in the village (cost circa £20K). A donation of £1000 has been provided by Bellway and the PC is wondering if donations of funding or crowd funding to secure the brick-built option might be possible?

Public footpaths and stiles

Rolleston has a number of popular and well used footpaths. If you notice any areas, including stiles, on public footpaths that require maintenance, please report these to the Parish Council Clerk. The steps on the Jinny Nature Trail (located part way along on both sides) are in great need of replacement, as it is many years since these were installed. The Parish Council is aiming to undertake that project later this year. 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>

Parish Council meetings

Meetings start at **7.00pm** 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 9th Sept 7.00pm – Parish Council Meeting

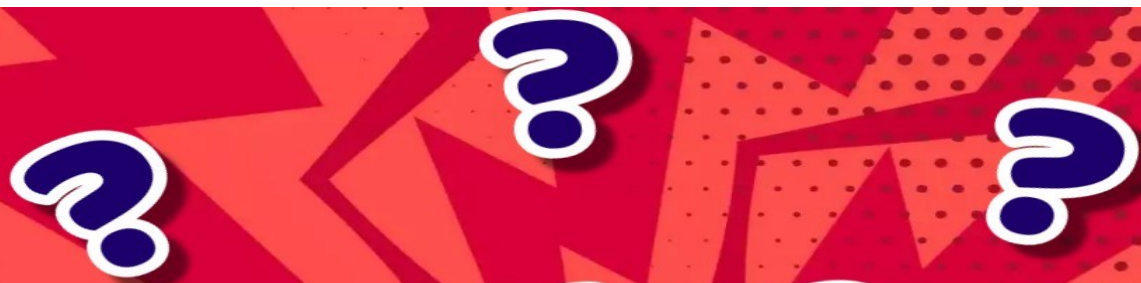
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It doesn't seem like a year ago, that we appointed Sophie Hawthorn as our new Musical

Director but she has now conducted us in 3 concerts. The most recent was on 20th July in St Mary's Church, when we sung Songs from the Shows. The concert included several medleys from well known shows such as a Rodgers and Hammerstein medley, Les Misérables, The Greatest Showman and many more. We had several of our own choir members singing solos accompanied as always by our wonderful pianist, Richard Syner. It was so lovely to see a full church enjoying our music and we look forward to entertaining you all again at on 14th Dec.

As to be expected, when there is a change of Musical Director and particularly after Simon Lesley's many years with the baton, we did lose a few members but we have also gained some, and it is particularly nice to welcome younger members.

Before we started rehearsing at the Church, rehearsals were held at the Methodist Church in Chapel Lane (now a residential property).

Rolleston Methodist Church has a history dating back to the closing decades of the 18th Century. In 1798 those early Methodists built a small chapel near the Alderbrook and then in 1893 they moved to the present building, a much larger chapel with a schoolroom, built on land kindly donated by Sir Oswald Mosley. With congregations regularly reaching seventy + and a Sunday School that at one point had over a hundred children, the church thrived and was for many years one of the hubs of village life. Unfortunately, the church closed in 2013 and we started to use St Mary's Church.

We do however still have the lectern that was used in the Methodist Church as we felt that it should be kept for the future.

The time has come now though to decide what to do with it as we no longer have the space for store it. It does have an inscription on it dedicated to Dorothy A Truth.



We wonder if there is anyone in the village who has any links to the person on the inscription and would be interested in the lectern. If so, please contact the choir either via Facebook or our website as we would love it to go to a new home.

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I start with a sad note – in April we sadly lost one of our longstanding residents who some of you will know well.

Joy Roberts who was a well-known villager sadly passed away. Her funeral was well attended and a good celebration of her life.

We are pleased to have been in receipt of a significant donation of £2000 from the members of the Rolleston Transport Festival Committee following their very successful 2024 Mayday event. The Trustees and our residents are

pleased to be associated with and to support this annual Festival and congratulate them on their success in smashing through the £100,000 mark of charitable donations in this, their 14th year of running this fantastic village event. We hope to use this money as part of our upgrading of our fourth property. As I have mentioned in my previous articles, without donations such as this we would be unable to continue with our refurbishment program and the upkeep of the buildings going forward would be a major concern. If you feel you could help us financially or by doing minor improvements for all residents to improve their living standards, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me!

The tree works planned for the rear garden and Croft boundary has been successfully completed. We thank the Parish Council who owns the Croft for sharing the costs of this work which improves light into the rear gardens and removes the risk to our Grade II listed buildings.

Work on the stream boundary garden undertaken by volunteers under the tutelage of Mike Robson has established perennial plants along the bed which I'm sure you will agree is now looking a lot better.

In my archive of material from Tom and Sylvia Martin I would like to reproduce extracts from an article contributed to The Almshouse Gazette No 60 in March 1967 by Mrs Jacqueline Goodacre. At that time there apparently were 8 Almshouses "in a plain terrace row of...one-up-and-one-down brick cottages facing on to the main street of our Midland village." You could go through a door "into a back garden – a quarter acre of grass with washlines – bordered by a hedge with green fields beyond." Originally built in 1712 but founded in 1832 as Almshouses "for poor ladies of good character," the properties had recently been brought up to date by means of a Ministry of Housing grant and a loan from the local Tutbury and Rural District Council. The original charity bequest of £100 per annum from Wm Rolleston esq. and 6d (sixpence or 2¹/₂p) a year for residents was not enough at that time "even to keep them in repair. The pensioner widows were charged 10 shillings per week (50p) to help maintain the property and repay the council loan" These "widowed Almswomen are ordinary members of the village population which only numbers a hundred and thirty," if these figures were correct it shows how much our village has changed over the last 60 years

I give my thanks to the lady who originally wrote the article. She moved to the village on her marriage at 19 years of age. Her father-in-law was the Secretary to the Almshouse Trustees at that time and she regularly visited the residents. In later life she also became a Trustee.

Again I thank all of my fellow Trustees and our Clerk Tim Aston of Talbot Solicitors for their continued support and help as well as our general handyman John Deacon who willingly helps out with minor maintenance emergencies.

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Rolleston Cricket Club

The 2024 cricket season is now over half-way through and despite the wet weather our ground staff have done a wonderful job in getting both pitches playable most weeks.

Player availability and the loss of last season's overseas player Daryn Smit have been significant factors in results this year. A new overseas player did not live up to expectations and has left the club by mutual consent.

The 1st XI are not doing particularly well to date and currently are near the bottom of the Premier Division. It's all very tight down there with seven teams in the frame for the two relegation spots. A couple of wins could make all the difference. We are also still in the Brewery Cup with a quarter final match against Ticknall - the semi-finals and finals of this competition will be at Alrewas CC on Sunday 18th August.

Our 2nd XI on the other hand is doing really well and not too far behind the leaders in Division 3S, so promotion is a possibility.

Our 3rds went through a bad run but have since won 3 games in a row and lie in mid-table in Division 6S.

The 4th team continues to give younger players the chance to compete against more senior opponents. After a good start they have slipped down several places in Division 8S and are currently just below mid-table. Availability throughout all teams has been a key issue here.

Our junior section continues to expand and is going well at all levels with nine Junior teams in U-11, U-13, U-15 & U17, as well as Kwiks & All Stars. We also have new girls-only teams playing regularly on Wednesdays and Sundays at U-11 and U-13. We've also fielded teams in Division 1 and the Development League at U-11, 13 and 15 this season - another first for the club. Our U-15s have reached the final of the Division One League Cup. As this junior season draws to a close our minds turn to 2025. We are always looking for more new youngsters to join and learn to love cricket in a safe and friendly environment. Please contact John Travers on 07495 591525 to find out which group suits your child aged from 6-16, or if you are interested in coaching or helping out in some way.

Another first is the club this year has been the formation of a Ladies soft-ball squad which is really well supported by around 24 regulars.

Rolleston Civic Trust will again be meeting at the Cricket Club in 2024. Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of most months starting at 7.30 pm.

Visitors are always welcome on match days. Weather permitting there is plenty of open space for picnics, and the bar is open from 12 noon at weekends during the cricket season.

If you are interested in becoming a member whether as a player (senior or junior) or a social member, or if you would like more information about the Club, fixtures, social events etc. please contact the Club Secretary, Steve Cooper (07739 760786), Michael Acton at the Club (01283 813449 - evenings only), or myself Trevor Foster (07508 378710). For more information re Junior Cricket you can also contact Matthew Parker on 07766 058088.

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We've enjoyed a fun packed term at preschool, learning through play with car washing and construction using loose parts to create structures and add elements to our trim trail for some risky play! We have enjoyed a Mini Olympics with parents and grandparents joining in the fun. We were overwhelmed by the support we received from families raising over £1000 in sponsorship money for preschool. The children have continued to practise skills learnt at our Olympics with balls, bats and hoops. We had a week of hot dinners in preparation for school leavers, with children getting involved in preparation of their own food making fruit salad, cornflake cakes and pizza. We also visited our forest school area every morning for a week, where children enjoyed bug hunting, making fairy houses, collecting materials to make patterns and a woodland snack. To end the year in style, our school leavers spent the day at the National Forest Adventure Farm meeting and feeding animals, enjoying the soft play area and exploring the musical maze. Children and staff alike had a wonderful day!

Treasurer Required

After many years of service, our committee treasurer is moving on, so we are looking for someone to take her place. If you have relevant experience and would like to volunteer your time for a local charity, please contact us for more information.

Playgroup Volunteers Required

We are looking for more volunteers to help out from September. Sessions run on Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am at Rolleston Club.

If you would like to help out, please contact us.

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Rolleston Transport Festival 2024

It was a fantastic day; the weather was mainly dry with sunny spells and we had over **3,000** visitors & **300** exhibitors.

We are pleased to announce that thanks to your generosity we are able to donate **£14,000** to charities & good causes.

This is more than our previous best of £12,000 in 2023!

This takes the total we have raised since the event started to over **£106,000!**

Thanks to your generosity it has enabled us to donate to this year's chosen charities and good causes.



In the village, these were:

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Rolleston Parish Council

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St John Ambulance

Midland Air Ambulance

Burton & Rugeley Air Cadet

Derbyshire Blood Bikes

RAF Benevolent Fund



We have had lovely feedback from the day via email, social media and verbally. We were featured on Radio Derby, and the new MP Jacob Collier came along!



There was a massive turn out of vehicles, filling The Croft, Burnside, Rolleston Club car park and we even had a good selection of vehicles at Scout HQ.

The inside of Rolleston Club looked & sounded fantastic with all of the exhibitors and the live music.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day, we really couldn't do it without you and I hope you enjoyed your day with whatever task you carried out for us, from bus conducting to welcoming people to the event and all of the numerous tasks in between - Thank You!



And finally, thanks to the Committee who have been planning the event since last November! They were there on the Sunday before the event, setting up. There for over 12 hours on Monday, and back on the Tuesday packing everything away. The work has already started for next year!

As ever, if you would like to get involved, please feel free to contact me – it really is a special event to be part of.

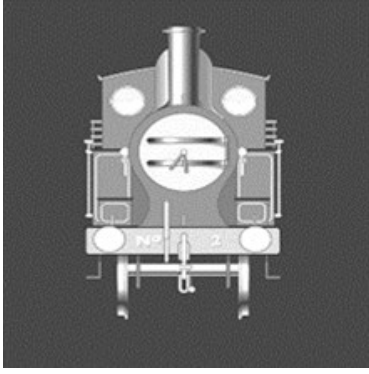
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Rolleston Station Heritage Group



Having just returned home from the station site following another successful work party, I have a feeling of satisfaction in that what was once a pipe dream has almost become reality. I recall Boxing Day 1999;

when engaged in producing a model of Rolleston railway station for display at the Millennium exhibition, I visited the site to glean some reference. On the pavement by the entrance a young person with a brand new bike, sat drinking from an equally new drinks container. I thought wouldn't it be pleasant if they could sit on a platform bench and enjoy a heritage site.

I continued up the driveway, known in the days of the railway as 'Station Hill', and endeavoured to locate various railway features hidden by years of overgrowth, that would enable me to create an accurate model. Some daydreaming followed as I imagined restored platforms, a station name board and some graphics. I imagined myself as a tour guide conducting a school or history group, pointing out the important surviving features.

Nothing more than a pipe dream – come-on, face-up to reality.

At the time of writing this article, the contractors have almost completed the wall that faced the carriage/cattle dock. Once finished, our site will demonstrate how a rural station with a complete range of facilities – passengers, parcels, coal, fertilizer, livestock and ice cream would appear.

Under the umbrella of TREATS, the Station Heritage Group has received generous and vital funding from many sources. Also, in recent years our volunteers has been recognised throughout the nation, particularly following their role at the 2012 London Olympics. Our heritage railway station prospers thanks to those who give their time to keep it in good order and by sharing their invaluable skills and time.

We recently gave an illustrated talk to members of Doveside WI and we thank them for their generous donations.

Our display material has been shown at Rolleston Scouts Carnival and at the Transport Festival, where members of the public have expressed interest.

Recently we welcomed 14 Rolleston Brownies who, with their leaders and family members helped plant muscari bulbs along the edges of the wildflower meadow with great enthusiasm. Then out with the scissors, coloured card and glue sticks as each Brownie selected various leaves and flower heads to produce some beautiful collages.

Typical to many rural railway stations, our site is a short distance from the village centre, but whatever the season, it's always worth a visit. To promote this amenity, we offer illustrated talks and guided tours and also set up our display at local events. The next such event will be the Village Fayre on August Bank Holiday Monday when our display will be pitched on the Rolleston Club carpark.

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Dates for your diary:

- 9th Aug—Tutbury Flower Club Demo: “New lease of Life” - Tutbury Village Hall 7.30pm
- 22nd August—Civic Trust—History Walk
- 26th Aug—Rolleston Fayre—Rolleston Club, OGS & St Mary’s Church 1.30pm to 4.30pm
- 26th Aug— Fayre Prizegiving, raffle & music—Rolleston Club 6pm
- 31st August- Jubilee Orchard Working Party 10am to Noon.
- 13th Sep—Tutbury Flower Club Workshop - Tutbury Village Hall 7.30pm
- 14th Sep—Car Boot Sale—Elizabeth Avenue Playing Fields 9am—Noon
- 17th Sep—TREATS “The Goodwood Revival” Martin Rowley - Rolleston Club 7.30pm
- 29th Sep—Harvest Lunch—St Mary’s Church
- 11th Oct—Tutbury Flower Club Demo: “To inspire” Tutbury Village Hall 7.30pm
- 12th & 13th October—Art exhibition & sale—OGS 10am—5pm
- 13th Oct—RoDSEC event: Bill Bailey’s Jazz evening—Rolleston Club 7.30pm
- 15th Oct—TREATS “Pilots ‘n Petticoats” David Skillen - Rolleston Club 7.30pm
- 17th Oct—Civic Trust 60s & 70s Quiz Night—Rolleston Club 7.30pm
- 8th Nov—Tutbury Flower Club Demo: “It’s all about Christmas” - Tutbury Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th November St. Mary’s church Quiz—OGS

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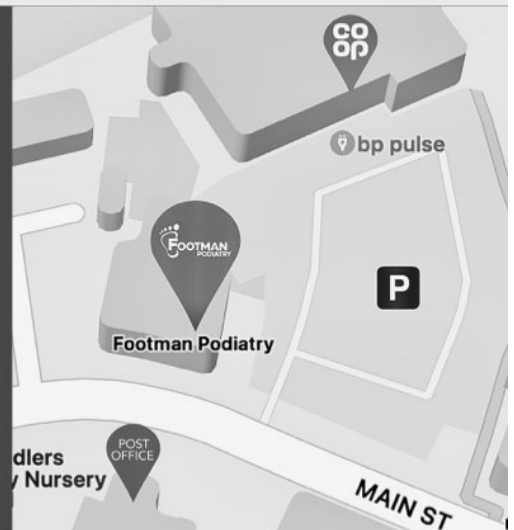


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Rolleston W.I.

We have had a brilliant year so far and we don't want it to end. Our meetings have been interesting with good speakers. Lola Lamour and husband Kevin gave us a virtual tour of her 1950s Staffordshire home. Tammi Bird demonstrated how to make nylon and discussed the dangers of plastic soup. Analiza Jones showed us how the resourceful people of the Philippines process natural fibres to make beautiful woven bags. Following our talk by Colin and Rob of the Aquabox charity, we visited their Depot at Wirksworth and saw for ourselves the wonderful work done by volunteers to assemble water filters and pack emergency boxes to go to disasters anywhere in the world. Our Friday social afternoons are popular. There is time to try new crafts like marbling or bag making or just sit and chat. Our art group still meets on Thursday afternoons. Both of these will be taking a break in August.

It seems to be competition time again. Carol Swift won the Burston Bowl Competition for baking with her delicious butterfly cakes. Congratulations go to our Quiz team who travelled to the Staffordshire showground for the County Quiz and came back victorious (again). See photo



Some of our talented ladies made articles to enter at the County Show.

This year the theme was Alice in Wonderland. They all received good comments and Annette Styne got a 3rd place. The late Michael Mosley was full of good advice about living a healthier life and one of his recommendations was to volunteer. Well, we have been doing it for years. Cakes have been baked for all the great events that take place in our village and we volunteer to be stewards, serve teas, sell raffle tickets or wash up. Last meeting we brought donations for Burton Hope to help families over the summer. The school holidays can seem a long time as many of our activities take a break. This year our ladies can visit an NGS garden, go to our summer party or meet up for a meal with other WI members. **Rolleston WI meets again on 2nd Sept and the speaker will be Kath Reynolds on Sweet Memories.** Please ring 813833 or 530107 if you would like details or just come along as a visitor. You will be very welcome. We meet on the first Monday at 7pm, upstairs in the Rolleston Scout HQ.



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Chapter & Verse

The last evening of April saw us discussing 'Cloud Cuckoo Land' written by Pulitzer Prize author Anthony Doerr. His prize winning novel, 'All the Light We Cannot See' is set during WW2. However 'Cloud Cuckoo Land' published in 2021 takes us on a journey – from distant past into a dystopian future where times and characters are linked by a fictional text written in Ancient Greek and attributed to Antonius Diogenes who lived around the 1st century CE. It tells the story of Aethon who longs to be turned into a bird so he can fly to a utopian paradise in the sky. But the story is revealed in sections featuring the central characters, beginning with Konstance, aboard a space ship in the future, seeking life on a distant planet away from an Earth destroyed by its human population. Konstance has access to a wonderful Library which gives her fragments of the story. Anna and Omeir, two young people brought together during the graphically described siege of Constantinople (1453) salvage a copy of the original text and preserve it for the future. Through time the text affects Zeno, a veteran of the Korean war and Seymour, an autistic teenage idealist – the two being brought together in an attack on a public library in present day Idaho. The story weaves in and out of the different time zones, always providing inspiration and comfort through time to the various protagonists. The novel took 7 years to write and Doerr dedicated it to 'the librarians then, now and in the years to come'. It is a huge undertaking but a tribute to the extraordinary human capacity to transmit stories from generation to generation, demonstrating our interconnectedness and the importance of stewardship of stories in books.

'The Places in Between' by Rory Stewart is an account of his travels in Afghanistan in January 2022, beginning in Herat and proceeding on foot to Kabul. Stewart's travels roughly mirror those of Babur, the first Emperor of Mughal India and quotes from that diary occur throughout. Initially accompanied by two armed guards at the insistence of the Governor of the province, he soon travels without human company, only his dog Babur beside him. On his journey Stewart encounters many of Afghanistan's most notable historic sites but the weather conditions and gun happy locals make it extremely hazardous.

He is warned by a Secret Service man before he begins. 'You are a tourist in Afghanistan, it is mid-winter. There are three metres of snow on the high passes, there are wolves, and this is a war. You will die I can guarantee'. His account of seeing the Minaret of Jam was of significant importance as before his visit it was unknown whether the tower was still standing and fears that the Taliban may have blown it up, as they did with the Bamiyan Buddhas. Stewart found the minaret still standing but was worried that the unauthorised excavations by the locals may destroy the site. Upon his return he contacted UNESCO but it was another year before they officially took control. Speaking Persian, Stewart dressed and travelled like an Afghan and relied on the tradition of offering food and lodging to a traveller. This provoked a group discussion as to whether the author expected too much asking for hospitality in such a poor war torn country, with little food available. However it was also felt that his descriptions of meetings with all kinds of people – rural warlords, drug dealers, farmers, ordinary villagers, local mullahs and children enabled a touching, funny and insightful view of a complicated and fascinating country that most of us will probably never have a chance to visit.

Our next books :- 'Melted into Air' by Sandy Toksvig and 'Once upon a River' by Diane Setterfield. For more info: Maggie Gawthorpe 812621

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This year's Transport Festival proved yet again to be a huge success, raising £14,000 for local charities. This brings the total raised by the festival since 2009 to over £104,000!



Like so many of Rolleston's community groups, organisations and charities, the driving force behind the Transport Festival is a mere handful of people who put more hours into organising these events than they will admit to! In fact, it's often the same people volunteering on multiple charity and fundraising groups. But the effort they put in, makes our community such a fantastic place to live. I've only been here a mere 10 years, but I can't imagine a nicer, more friendly place to reside.

As you walk through the village, take time to look around you. See how much pride people take in their gardens.



Enjoy the tranquillity of Brook Hollows, The Jinnie Trail, Old Rolleston Station & the Jubilee Orchard.

From the picture postcard Almshouses to our newer residential areas, it's obvious that Rollestonians care about where they live.

We have shops, a post office, 2 fantastic pubs, Rolleston Club & one of the finest butchers in the area. St. Mary's Church and the Old Grammar School are at the centre of village life and our school & preschool are in great demand.

Rolleston Scout Group are phenomenally successful in supporting our youngsters in developing new skills and expanding their experiences in preparation for life.... And take a look at the Cricket Club to see just how many young people are involved!

There are a myriad of local businesses from plumbers to gardeners, hairdressers to vets, builders to electricians, bakers to computer wizards.

Our community is thriving with regular events and talks. You can have an allotment, join a book club, learn bellringing, flower arranging, sing with the choral society, enrol at 2 WI groups, or help to maintain our village heritage & ecosystems.

And isn't it great when everyone says 'hello'?

You don't get that in the city....!

So whether you've lived here for decades, or you're a relative newcomer, spare a thought for that enthusiastic and overworked band of folks who turn out in all weathers, month after month and give up their free time to make our village the wonderful place it is... and maybe consider joining them.

Ed.

Update from Rolleston Parish Council following the village flood meeting chaired by Kate Kniveton

Just before the election was called, our MP at the time arranged a meeting for residents with relevant government bodies which was well attended. The Parish Council has contacted our new MP arranging a meeting to review the agreed actions. Mark Swain, PSO Team Leader, Flood Risk Management, Environment Agency West has provided a brief update on activities they have been involved in over the past month:

- 1) The Environment Agency position statement which I shared with the public at the meeting on 23 May was requested by and supplied to Kate Kniveton's office on 13 June. I am assuming the pre-election period has prevented the action points being shared until after 04 July.
- 2) A project team is set up to discuss the options for Flood Risk Management in Rolleston. Our consultants (Arup) are leading this and as requested at the public meeting, we have identified dredging and increased maintenance in a list of options for consideration.
- 3) Dave Hughes has had meetings with landowners to discuss removal of debris and watercourse obstructions in the Rolleston Brook and plans to arrange for removal/cutting back are progressing.
- 4) There has been a meeting between Arup, our EA Flood Risk Team and our Natural Flood Management leads to discuss the opportunities for flood risk management upstream of Rolleston.
- 5) Dave Hughes has met with a resident to discuss their proposal to install fishing platforms in the Brook Hollows area.

Dave Hughes has also advised that Assets are able to help with some of the works on the Rolleston Brook channel downstream of the village. In particular, they will:

1. Remove all the existing cattle barriers and dispose of them.
2. Remove the debris that has built up in front of the non-return valve at the end of the ditch, across the field behind the Scout Hut
3. They are proposing a one-off maintenance of the channel from Brookside to where the Tutbury Mill Fleam joins it. This will consist of removing all debris that gets caught up in that stretch and also cutting back vegetation to keep the channel clear.
4. They are going to investigate whether the latter can become an annual occurrence.

In addition, Staffordshire County Council has been asked to clear blocked drains reported to them. This is in progress at various locations around the village such as Church Road, Station Road, Chapel Lane, etc.

Flooding is an agenda item at every Parish Council meeting and Councillors welcome comments, ideas and thoughts from all residents on this matter.



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