**ROLLESTON REMEMBERS**

**Turning the Village Red**

Thanks to all who have planted and nurtured, in drying times, the magnificent displays of red that flower and flourish in profusion throughout the village. Clearly, a great deal of thought, careful planning and hard work has been put into creating so many moving and personal statements. Walking in any direction along local lanes one soon comes across many wonderful brilliant bursts of red flowers blooming bright in gardens and borders, standing proud in pots and planters, bowing beautifully from baskets and being cheerful in assorted containers. From the welcoming raised brick beds at the village edge to the exotically planted rail-top boxes and the brimming Burnside borders at the centre, the planting theme flourishes in pockets right across the village. If you have not yet seen this blessing of red, now is the time to enjoy these remarkable displays. Plants will be at their blooming best as high summer approaches – don’t forget to take your camera.

So many people and community groups have invested heavily in this project; together they have nurtured a fitting tribute as the centenary of Armistice Day approaches. Thank you.

**Remembrance Poppy Cascade**

Impressive Lift-off

On Tuesday 3rd July a team of engineers and rude mechanicals gathered in St Mary’s churchyard to devise a cunning plan for the installation of the Cascade. High winds resulted in us making a slight modification to the original idea and it was decided to locate the cascade on the west wall of the church tower. This was tried out and a number of the actual poppies were attached to the netting, which was then hauled high up the tower. The effect was very impressive indeed, with the red poppies glowing as they caught the bright sunshine. This impressive lift-off bodes well for the installation of the complete works, which starts on Monday 5th November. Weather permitting, the cascade will be in place for twelve days. It is due to be taken down on Friday 16th November.

**Poppy Trees**

 As flowers fade with the approach of autumn, we aim to continue the red theme by wrapping tree trunks and branches with knitted and crocheted poppies attached to strips of garden netting. We have only a limited supply of poppies and would appreciate extra help with the making of many more. It would be great if we could poppy-wrap a number of trees down Brookside, on the Croft and along Burnside.

To get you started, Angie Gillespie has kindly provided this poppy knitting pattern:

**POPPY – ROTATE PIN**

Use 5mm needle (old No. 6)

Cast on 36 stitches.

Knit 4 rows

Row 5 Knit 3 then rotate needle 360°,

 Knit 6 then rotate

 Repeat to last 3 stitches Knit 3

Row 6 Knit 2 together to end of row

Row 7 Knit 2 together to end of row

Row 8 Knit 2 together to end of row

Break wool & thread through

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 Black wool for centre.

Use 4mm needle (old No. 8)

 Cast on 12 stitches

 Knit 1 row

 Knit 2 together to end of row

 Break wool & thread through & gather up.

 Alternatively use a black button.

 (4.00mm = No. 8) (5.00mm = No.6)