**Rolleston Club**

**At the Heart of the Village**

The warm weather, the World Cup and Club activities are making it a very busy time for Staff and all concerned. The Club has a new projector and improved sound system in the Main Room which has made the latter rounds of the World Cup compulsive viewing.

At present the Club is being completely re-wired which is causing some disruption to our members and visitors. This work is essential to bring the building up to electrical standards and safeguard the Club’s future. Parkers of Burton are undertaking the work and, hopefully, it should be completed by the time this article is read. When this project has been completed Parkers will move on to replace the floodlights on the Bowling Green with a new up-dated system with LED lights. The finance for these two projects has been made available following several years of careful budgeting and the Club policy of re-investing its surpluses back into its infrastructure. The Committee’s intention is to improve the facilities each year which should benefit the members for years to come.

The Gala Day is scheduled for **Monday 27th August** and again the Club is promoting the event with the assistance of its keen volunteers to make it a day to be enjoyed by many. We are always looking for new helpers on the day to assist with selling of raffle tickets, serving refreshments and with the administration. So if you have an hour or two to spare please contact Barbara Roe, Roy Martin, Chris Brandon or the Club Secretary. On the Bank Holiday Monday there will be a horticultural show, craft exhibitors, stalls, children’s activities, refreshments and, of course, the ice-cream man. Gala Day can only be a success with the support of volunteers and people visiting the various exhibits on the day so come along, enter one of the 105 classes if you can and have a good day out to support the village.

Bowls are in full swing at this time with Rolleston featuring well in many competitions. A special bowls event will be held on **Sunday 19th August** in memory of the late Barry Hyde. Barry was the Club’s Bowls Secretary for many years and carried out a great deal of work to improve the Bowling Green and its facilities. This competition is a ‘mixed pairs’ event with the special Trophy being purchased by the Members together with a donation from the Club. There will be keen competition to be the first winners of this prestigious Cup in Barry’s memory.

I trust you have noticed the flowers and hanging baskets outside the Club. These are carefully watered and maintained by Maureen and Fred Dean who live in the Club’s flat. The flowers, together with new bench seating and umbrellas make the outside of the Club an inviting place to sit and have a snack, a pint or just enjoy the surrounds.

The Café has introduced new additions to its menu featuring various salad options. These have proved very welcoming in the warm weather coupled with the majority of items on the snack listing still available. You are always welcome to come along and try the menu when the café is open on Tuesday – Saturday 9 am – 4 pm (2.30pm Sat).

Once again the Club will be hosting the Annual ‘Macmillan Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning’ on **Friday 28th September** 10am to 1pm in the Main Hall. There will be the usual raffle, tombola, various stalls, homemade cakes and preserves. Any items you could donate towards this major fund raising exercise can be handed into the Club who will pass it on to the organisers. At the time of writing (early July) we have already raised £200 towards the charity from the sale of books in the Club Lounge.

We have recently featured a Tribute Band – ‘Born Again Beatles’ which was a sell out and from the feedback from those attending proved to be very popular. The Club is featuring another tribute evening to Gary Barlow and Frankie Valli on Saturday September 8th by Lee Brady. Tickets are on sale at £5 members and £8 guests so if you are interested get in early as another full house is expected. (Just as an aside – the tribute to Whitney Houston and Tina Turner returns next January following popular demand so watch this space about ticket availability).

**FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT**

**ROLLESTON CLUB**

 **12th May UTOPIA** – Three piece band with powerful and energetic female

. vocalist.

 **26th May ATTILA KISS** – Four piece band playing music from 60’s to

 the present day

 **9th June BORN AGAIN BEATLES** – Tribute band playing music from the Fab Four.

 **16th June NORTHERN SOUL/MOTOWN** – £5 pay at the door

 **30th June SILICONE TAXIS** – Four piece Soul, Funk and Rock and Roll

Band.

 **21st July ALL OR NOTHING** – Versatile covers band with strong harmonies.

 **28th July WHO’S THAT GIRL** – Four piece band featuring vocalist

Rebecca Daniels

 **25th Aug. THREES COMPANY** – Three piece local band with music from

60’s to present day.

 **8th Sep. TRUBUTE EVENING – LEE BRADY**

 **Doors open for entertainment at 7.30pm with groups scheduled to be on stage at 9.00pm. A small charge is made for members and their guests for non-ticketed events**