

TOCKUS 'TALK' APRIL 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the April edition of the Tockus Talk.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all events are cancelled for the foreseeable future so we'd like this edition to be informative regarding the help that's available to villagers and friends and provide links to available resources that may make staying at home a little easier to cope with.

Please see the message below from Kate and Chris regarding help and staying in touch.

Each of the usual sections of the newsletter contain relevant links to available information. If you aren't already on Facebook it may be a good time to join so that you can join groups such as Cookstars to access their free activities, also You Tube is a great source of tutorials on everything from Art to Zumba!

Please stay safe and keep in touch with friends and neighbours during the difficult times ahead but above all, please stay safe xx - Pat & Linda

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Village Hall closed until further notice



Tockholes Covid-19 Support Group

As we face this challenging time, we are well aware that there are a number of people within our community who may be amongst those identified by the government as being extremely high risk and who may have been asked to self isolate for the next 12 weeks. We are also conscious that we may have households within the village who have to self isolate for a period of time due to a member of the family displaying symptoms of Coronavirus.

As many of you are already aware, we have set up a Facebook group, [Tockholes COVID-19 - Coronavirus Self Isolate Group](#) and we also have two WhatsApp groups, one for offers of, or requests for, physical help so things like picking up shopping, collecting prescriptions or medicines, walking the dog or anything else that we can physically help with. The other one is more of a Virtual Village Hall, or pub if you like, where people can pass the time of day, catch up with friends and neighbours, talk about things that are concerning them - whatever you need it for really. If you would like to join either of the WhatsApp groups, Tockholes Covid- 19 Help and Tockholes Covid- 19 Chat, please message Kate Brown on 07572 602975, or Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 and we will add you to one or both of them.

We are conscious that there are a number of people within Tockholes who won't be using Facebook or WhatsApp and so this is why we have also put this in Tockus Talk. We want to offer support to everyone who may need it and so if you do need anything but are not using social media, please just ring or text one of us on the numbers above and let us know what help you need, and we can then post the request in the groups and between us we can ensure that everyone is covered.

We are all facing new challenges every day and we are all having to adapt - for some that is much easier than it is for others. Now more than ever we need to pull together as a community - we're all in this together so let's help each other through it. There have already been some fantastic displays of community spirit, cheering our NHS and other key workers on Thursday evenings and many of us putting teddy bears in our windows for local children to find on their daily walks. Let's keep it going for however long it takes.

Take care of yourselves, each other, and stay safe.

Kate Brown and Chris Tobin.

PARISH COUNCIL.....

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the PC, please contact myself or any of the Parish Council

Glynn Woon (Chair)
Alan Robins (Vice Chair)
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam



www.facebook.com/tockholes



Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07904261769 - buttermerbuttermerhills@hotmail.co.uk

For Village Hall events or bookings, please contact the booking secretary Chris Tobin on 07889 105969
If you have any item of news, comments or advertising you would like to appear in the next issue, please contact Linda Kennish and Pat Willis - email: tockustalk@outlook.com

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....



Hello everyone,

Thanks to everyone who attended the March meeting when Kelvin Pye from Southport gave a talk on Fruit trees, Standards, Exotics and Palms. There will be no meetings until further notice due to the Coronavirus restrictions but the following links may be of interest whilst we are in isolation and for those who can venture into the garden.

Amazing gardening hacks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD8n2CKEWtA> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4CmouIVwg8>

Charles Dowding - No dig gardening - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HATC3rG6NbQ>
Garden design - <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/design>

I hope that everyone is well, please stay safe until we meet again.
Joan Chadwick. 01254 771756, 07926078769, joan.foxx@btinternet.com



BOOK CLUB....

The March Bookclub choice was 'The Silent Patient' by Alex Michaelides; a psychological thriller published in 2019.

The story centres around Alicia Berenson, a successful artist married to a fashion photographer. One evening Alicia shoots her husband dead, but then refuses to utter one word of explanation or mitigation. Her silence leads to a level of notoriety, and public interest in her and her art.

Whilst she is held in a secure psychiatric unit, she is treated by a psychotherapist who is obsessed with her story and her silence. As the story unfolds through a series of flashbacks and details, the reader is lead to a startling twist.

This month's get together saw another great turnout, and a lively discussion. Despite some implausible elements, the book was enjoyed by everyone, and was considered an easy and gripping read. The scores ranged from 6.5 to 9; the average coming out at 8.

Thankyou so much Kathy for hosting the bookclub this month, the cake was delicious. Thank you also for doing the write up I feel as though I have been properly spoilt!

Next month's book is 'Once Upon A River' by Diane Setterfield.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 10th March, hopefully via the Houseparty app, please check your email for details.

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360
Parish website
www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

Services are cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic
Fr. Nick will be streaming services live on the parish FaceBook page; priests have been instructed to do this on their own by the church authorities. Details on the website,
<https://www.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/videos/637569143471312/>
While the St. Stephen's Church will be closed the graveyard can remain open.
Please contact Father Nick to arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals and other occasional services.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

United Reformed Church 

All services including the Good Friday refreshments are currently cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please find worship materials available from the United Reformed Church at <https://urc.org.uk/worship-and-spirituality.html>

For further information re Chapel please contact the Secretary Mrs Kathleen Knowles on 01254 706489.

WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



Unfortunately there is no report from the March meeting which was cancelled inline with current Covid-19 advice.

Please see the links below for information and ideas for activities:

- Women's Institute https://www.thewi.org.uk/
Cooking and creative ideas - https://www.thewi.org.uk/life-at-the-wi
Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes https://lancashirewi.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/Lancashire-Federation-WI-156477698033178/

VILLAGE HALL NEWS....

PILATES...

Message from Jackie Garner: I hope everyone keeps safe and to watch out for some videos and some online classes due to be starting. Details will be posted on the Zest Pilates Facebook page. I look forward to seeing everyone again at class as soon as this is over. Love Jackie Zest Pilates - keep moving, stay positive, stay safe Jackie - 07756 032913



COOKSTARS...

Cookstars events are currently cancelled but there are online resources and activity details at:

https://www.facebook.com/cookstars/

Cook Stars Rossendale and Blackburn
Tel: 07765 235497
carriann@cookstars.co.uk



TOCKHOLES CHATTY CRAFT GROUP...

Currently cancelled

If you enjoy a natter, a brew and want to share your interests of knitting, jewellery, cross stitch, crochet or whatever, you are very welcome to join us at TOCKHOLES VILLAGE HALL when restrictions end.



Tai Chi
Tai Chi classes
Tockholes Village Hall



Currently cancelled
Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367

JOB ADVERT....

Cleaner required for the Village Hall
To work between 2-4 hours a month on a weekly or fortnightly basis
Please call Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 to discuss details and apply

VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report April 2020

In line with current Covid-19 guidelines the decision has been made to close the village hall. This decision will be reviewed following any changes in the Government guidelines. The Village Hall Group will continue to liaise with regard to the maintenance and reopening of the hall. We will keep you updated via Tockus Talk

The performance by the Washboard Resonators scheduled for 18th April 7.30pm at the Village Hall will hopefully take place later in the year.

Looking Forward

The St Patrick themed social evening with fun quiz was a success. It required little advance planning as it was a free non-ticketed event and people brought their own food and drink. Funds were raised via a raffle. A similar social evening might be a good celebration once restrictions are lifted. Please let us know your suggestions and preferences for themes for future social evenings e.g. Carribean,,60s,70s,80s nights via the Tockus Talk email address.



ONLINE ACTIVITIES...

If you have time on your hands or would like to try out something new while you're housebound please click any of the following links:

<https://houseparty.com/> - Video app for up to 8 people for meeting up virtually - have fun trying this out for meeting up face to face via video. Just lock your party to stop gatecrashers!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/things-to-do-indoors-with-your-children> - Cbeebies activities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y905DedECbw> - Over 70's keep fit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4PG1fEeb1k> - Davina - Aerobic Fit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rz0go1pTda8> - P.E. With Joe Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flmxry2zsfu> - Zumba

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDQmnzuE2q4> - Pilates

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIOHGrYCEJ4> - Tai Chi

<https://www.facebook.com/165358584095773/posts/546700572628237/> - Dog training videos

Please also check out the links in the club section and the St Stephen's section.

If you enjoy watching music videos, please search for your favourite performers on You Tube



St Stephen's Pop-Up Cafe will be back when restrictions allow

COUNCILLOR ADVICE SURGERIES....

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

Surgeries are being held at the Rock Inn, Tockholes Road on the following dates and times:

Saturday April 18th (2020)

CANCELLED - Please contact councillors directly:

*Cllr Stephanie Brookfield, 3 Haldane Road, Darwen
stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk Tel: 07795 087 577*

*Cllr Dave Smith, 18b Woodbank Avenue, Darwen
david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk Tel: 01254 773470*

*Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen
brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk 01254 702204*

Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

A TOPICAL POEM

In a time of distance by Alexander McCall Smith

The unexpected always happens in the way
The unexpected has always occurred:
While we are doing something else,
While we are thinking of altogether
Different things - matters that events
Then show to be every bit as unimportant
As our human concerns so often are;
And then, with the unexpected upon us,
We look at one another with a sort of surprise;
How could things possibly turn out this way
When we are so competent, so pleased
With the elaborate systems we've created -
Networks and satellites, intelligent machines,
Pills for every eventuality - except this one?

And so we turn again to face one another
And discover those things
We had almost forgotten,
But that, mercifully, are still there:
Love and friendship, not just for those
To whom we are closest, but also for those
Whom we do not know and of whom
Perhaps we have in the past been frightened;
The words brother and sister, powerful still,
Are brought out, dusted down,
Found to be still capable of expressing
What we feel for others, that precise concern;
Joined together in adversity
We discover things we had put aside:
Old board games with obscure rules,
Books we had been meaning to read,
Letters we had intended to write,
Things we had thought we might say
But for which we never found the time;
And from these discoveries of self, of time,
There comes a new realisation
That we have been in too much of hurry,
That we have misused our fragile world,
That we have forgotten the claims of others
Who have been left behind;
We find that out in our seclusion,
In our silence; we commit ourselves afresh,
We look for a few bars of song
That we used to sing together,
A long time ago; we give what we can,
We wait, knowing that when this is over
A lot of us - not all perhaps - but most,
Will be slightly different people,
And our world, though diminished,
Will be much bigger, its beauty revealed afresh.

AND FINALLY....

We would like to remind everyone of the help that's available and encourage you not to hesitate in asking and for everyone to do all we can to support each other now and in the future.

In addition to the contacts listed in this newsletter you can also email us at tockustalk@outlook.com and we will pass requests on appropriately. Thank you to all our readers for your continued support. We look forward to increasing our membership and encouraging contributions from wider groups to benefit our readers.

Please feedback to tockustalk@outlook.com with comments on the newsletter and send us any articles or items for inclusion in next month's issue by the 15th of the month so that we can provide timely information in the next edition.

And don't forget all we need is an email to tockustalk@outlook.com which states that you give consent for use of your email address for receipt of Tockus Talk and other relevant information if you wish to receive your electronic copy. Many thanks from Pat Willis and Linda Kennish.