

# TOCKUS 'TALK'

FEBRUARY 2020

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the February edition of the Tockus Talk.

We would also like to welcome Judith Finney our new Parish Clerk.

There are new events being planned this year for the village hall so please let the group know how much you enjoy them or your suggestions for improvements.

Details of this months events and some of those in the forthcoming months appear on pages 3 and 4.

Please continue to support the village events for 2020 and forward suggestions to any of the village hall group or pop in to the next meeting to discuss them.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year - Pat & Linda

Please continue to encourage people to sign up by reminding them to email [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) to receive a copy. If you know anyone unable to access a copy, please let us know or print a copy for them.

### 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

There have been a number of complaints regarding dog fouling and owners not cleaning up after their dog, particularly on Weasel Lane. Can we remind all dog owners to act responsibly. District Councillor Dave Smith is arranging for provision of signs which will be put up in various places in the village.

Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm in the Village Hall

Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07904261769 - [buttermerebuttermererhills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buttermerebuttermererhills@hotmail.co.uk)

### VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report Feb 2020

It was great to have new people at the January Village Group meeting. The more people to help with village events and the upkeep of the Village Hall the better. Fundraising and donations at Xmas events raised £372 and a £200 donation was received from the company who filmed an episode of Coronation Street at Ryal Fold.

Bring your own food and drink events have been popular so we are holding a

**Free Entry St Patricks Day themed Social Evening on 7.30pm 14th March Tockholes Village Hall** with quiz, music and maybe some local entertainment. A great chance for villagers to get together chat and have some fun so come along with family friends and neighbours .

Book now to avoid disappointment. The Washboard Resonators 18th April 7.30pm Tockholes Village Hall. Tickets £11 available on Eventbrite .

Next meeting Mon 24th Jan 7pm at the Village Hall All welcome

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 4th - Pilates am  
Tuesday 4th - Garden Club 7:30pm  
Wednesday 5th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 6th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 11th - Pilates am  
Wednesday 12th - Tai Chi -10 - 11am  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Pilates pm

Tuesday 18th - Pilates am  
Tuesday 18th - W.I. - 7:15pm  
Wednesday 19th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am  
Thursday 20th - Pilates pm

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Village Hall Group - 7pm  
Tuesday 25th - Pilates am  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Pilates pm

**To book the Village Hall contact Chris on  
07889 105969**

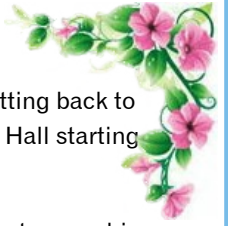


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*For Village Hall events or bookings, please contact the booking secretary Chris Tobin on 07889 105969  
If you have any item of news, comments or advertising you would like to appear in the next issue, please contact Linda Kennish and Pat Willis -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

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....



Hello everyone and a very big THANK YOU for your good wishes for my recovery. I am well on the way to getting back to "normal" and am looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th Feb at the first 2020 meeting in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Our speaker will be David Metcalf who is a grower and shower of organic veg and plants. He uses containers to grow his veg organically and will pass on his vast knowledge as well as having seedlings and plants for sale.

It is the perfect time of year to start growing your own so let's start the growing year with a bang using David's expert knowledge and guidance. Bring some "spends" and get some great seedlings.

Best wishes to you all.

Joan Chadwick. 01254 771756, 07926078769, [joan.foxx@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.foxx@btinternet.com)



BOOK CLUB....

This month we read *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. This is a book about a couple Raynor and Moth who lose their home and are in the depths of despair. Moth is terminally ill and they decide to walk the 630 mile South West Coast Path camping along the way. It is interesting to read how they coped with the walk and their adventures along the way. The book also highlights the problem of homelessness.

Overall we scored the book 6.

Next month's book is *The Hopkins Manuscript* by RC Sheriff.

Next meeting is on 11th February.

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](http://www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org)

Services are held on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at 9.15am, unless otherwise announced. Every-one is welcome, with coffee and juice served after the service, so why not stay and have a chat?

Please contact Father Nick to arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals and other occasional services.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

February Services



Sunday Services at 2.00 pm. Every Week

1st Sunday in the Month:  
**Family Friendly Service**

3rd Sunday in the Month:  
**Communion Service**

Everybody welcome. Play area available.  
Available for weddings & baptisms

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

WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



In spite of the nasty foggy weather 16 of our members attended the meeting on 21st January. Our speaker Rev Fleur Green entertained us with her very well informed presentation on the jewellery of The Duchess of Windsor and Elizabeth Taylor. To have the wealth to purchase such magnificent and stunning jewels was beyond our comprehension. Fleur gave background information on each piece which brought them to life. The pieces were very much in keeping with the wearer. Both women insisted that their collections be sold on their death and the money given to charity and most pieces were purchased anonymously so there is little information as to where they are now. Such beautiful jewels to belong to a world and an era that has now passed.

The meeting ended with the usual cake and a chat and a catch up after the Christmas break.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February and we shall be having a talk from a non-religious celebrant.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS....

PILATES...

Jackie Garner from Zest Pilates currently holds classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. These are currently fully booked but if anyone is interested on classes on other days, please contact her on 07756 032913 to discuss.



Tai Chi



Tai Chi classes  
Tockholes Village Hall  
Wednesday Mornings 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
£4.00  
Beginners Welcome  
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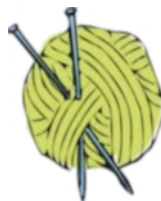
If you are interested in 30 minutes of gentle exercise to help with joint flexibility and balance our warm-up is ideal  
£2.00

Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367

TOCKHOLES CHATTY CRAFT GROUP....

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, from 9:30am till 12 noon.

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





## St Patrick's Social Evening

At Tockholes Village Hall  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

FREE ENTRY! 7:30pm FREE ENTRY!

with quiz, music and some local entertainment

Bring your own food and drinks

A great chance for villagers to get together chat and have some fun so come along with family friends and neighbours



COOKSTARS....



The Christmas workshop was a great success. Children made 4 reindeer cupcakes from scratch, decorated a festive cup and made a reindeer hot chocolate kit. We all enjoyed some festive drinks and snacks as well!

Our next session will be a February half term class for all ages and then a Mothers day workshop (Dates to follow).





FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

The Washboard Resonators at Tockholes Village Hall - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - [book early](#) to avoid disappointment



A full 1920s and 30s music hall show with blues, swing, ragtime and comedy.

About this Event

Described as 'The sound of a street blues band that walked onto the stage of a Hollywood musical in 1933' The Washboard Resonators make old sounds in a new way.

The band have played all over the UK and beyond selling out venues and playing the top blues and jazz festivals including; The Great British Rhythm and Blues Festival, Pershore Jazz Festival and Upton Jazz Festival.

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 ) 12 - 1pm

Please don't hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or if you have any queries or problems.

All welcome - no appointment necessary.

Alternatively, please contact the councillors directly:  
*Cllr Stephanie Brookfield, 3 Haldane Road, Darwen*  
[stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07795 087 577

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

*Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen*  
[brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk) 01254 702204

*Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round*

SPECIAL PLEA FOR INFORMATION...

Does anyone have a photo of the information board at Hollinshead Hall as United Utilities may consider restoring it but what was on it is no longer visible. If you took a photo of the board when the details were clear could you please forward it to [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) or contact George Swanton.

AND FINALLY....

We would like to thank all the groups who send in their information each month so that we can keep you up to date on events.

Thank you to all our readers for your continued support through 2019. We look forward to increasing our membership and encouraging contributions from wider groups to benefit our readers. Please contact us if you have any ideas for improving our newsletter.

Please feedback to [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) with comments on the newsletter and send us any articles or items for inclusion in next month's issue by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.