

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the second edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

It's good to see that the Book Club and W.I. are still going strong via social media. Let's hope that with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme the other groups will soon return to normality later in the year.

If you have any updates you may wish to share, as a business or personally, please send them in, and we'll circulate as soon as we can.

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Village Hall closed until further notice



BOOK CLUB....

The December book was 'A Wizard of Earthsea' by Ursula K Le Guin. First published in 1968, it's the first in a 6 book series.

This first book is a coming of age story of a young man known as Sparrowhawk. As a young sorcerer he makes the journey to a distant island where he commences the training to become a wizard. Once there, his skills and power become apparent; but during his time there he unwittingly unleashes dark powers. The book explores his quest to defeat the elements he has released.

Some elements of the book were positively received - the descriptions of a new world, and the exploration of regional characteristics in this unfamiliar environment. Several people commented on the similarities to Harry Potter, and online many reviewers comment on the elements that could have inspired J K Rowling.

The sheer volume of names in the book caused some issues, and the role of women in this imagined world led to some discussion. The feeling that this first novel in the series sets the scene for subsequent stories was confirmed by people who have read further books in the series.

Scores for the book were very varied. Some people loved it, and some hated it! Scores ranged from 4 to 9 - with the average coming out at 7.

Next month's choice is 'Only Time Will Tell' by Jeffrey Archer, and the next meeting is on Tuesday 9th February.

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



W.I.....



Happy New Year The vice-president Joan welcomed 11 members to the delayed 2020 AGM. It was agreed by the committee that officers should remain the same due to current circumstances until the 2021 AGM in October.

The programme for the year looks promising for when we are all able to meet again in person and the committee also hopes the proposed programme of short local walks will be revived as soon as we are able to meet together again in small groups.

Until such time monthly meetings will take place via Zoom with speakers on the current WI programme where possible.

Stay safe, Diane

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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
Alan Robins (Chair)
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam
Graham Waite
Lee Yarnold



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Thanks to Graham Waite for the photos of local fungi below



VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report Feb 2021

We continue to monitor the current COVID restrictions to identify when we can open the Village Hall again. In the meantime have a look at the activities on offer at the Virtual Village Hall provided by the Royal Voluntary Service by following the link below

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/virtual-village-hall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VirtualVillageHall/>

Some of their activities are also available on youtube. All activities are free but they welcome donations.

If you enjoy any of the activities please let us know via the Tockus Talk email address and we can share this with others in the Tockus Talk Newsletter.

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

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Parish website
www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

We have made the decision to close the church for Sunday collective worship while the current lockdown is on.

Fr. Nick broadcasts some services live on Facebook, and these can also be accessed later. Details on the parish website.

<https://www.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/videos/637569143471312/>

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

Tockholes United Reformed Church



We are sorry that our building is closed. As soon as we are given the go ahead to open we can assure you that all rules and regulations have been carried out to make it Covid secure.

In the meantime there is a Service sent out from the URC Church at 9.45 a.m. every Sunday devotions.urc.org.uk

For full details and information about any of the above events please contact Mal Breeze on Tel: 01254 674862 Mobile: 07825662203 email malbreeze@me.com

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