

TOCKUS 'TALK'

FEBRUARY 2022

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK

We're looking forward to easing of COVID restrictions to allow us to get together and return to a more normal lifestyle. Please send any interesting items in that we can share.

Already the bulbs are shooting up with the lighter days and spring is just around the corner encouraging us to get out and about. Pat & Linda

VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report

We are looking forward to being able to use the village hall for community events and celebrations in 2022 and started planning these at the meeting on 17th January.

Future Events

Saturday 19th March 7.30 St Patrick Themed Social All welcome, Free entry, Bring your own food and drink and join in with the activities. Dress in green optional. A great chance for villagers to get together, chat, drink, eat, dance and have some fun so come along with family, friends and neighbours.

Saturday 7th May Route to the Classics by guitarist Gus Glynn a Spot On sourced performance.

Sunday 5th June The Big Jubilee Lunch at the Village Hall All welcome. Bring own food and drink. Join in with the activities. A Celebration Cake will be provided by the Village Group.

Sat 10th September Last Night of the Proms Social Evening The Proms will be screened live at the village hall. Bring own food and drink.

Please contact tockustalk@outlook.com with any ideas or offers of help for any of these events or come along to the next meeting.

Village Hall Group meeting 6pm Mon 21st Feb at the Village Hall.

Regular Bookings

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm

Gardening Club is 7.30pm on the 1st Tues of each month

WI meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tues of each month.

Craft Club 10-12 on 2nd and 4th Thurs of each month.

Public Hire available book via Chris Tobin £30 for 2 hours then £10 per hour up to £50 for 4 hours

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Monday 3rd - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 1st - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 1st - Garden Club 7:30pm
Thursday 3rd - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 7th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 8th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 10th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 10th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 14th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 15th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 15th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Thursday 17th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 21st - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Monday 21st - Parish Council Meeting - 6pm
Tuesday 22nd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Wednesday 23rd - Cookstars 3-4:30pm
Thursday 24th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 24th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 28th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

Please take a lateral flow test before attending Village Hall events and observe current COVID guidelines

Please send in any messages regarding new groups, adverts or events as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in next month's edition.

If you have any articles for sale or to swap or advertisements for local businesses please let us know so that we can spread the word.



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....

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Hello dear friends.

We have a very special guest speaker on Tuesday 1st February starting at 7:30. Louise Bentley of Lancashire

Wildlife Trust will be giving a pictorial talk entitled "A Swift Recovery".

As you will tell by the title it is about Swifts, Swallows and House Martins and how we can help their species recover from much depleted numbers. To me they are the most iconic of our summer visitors.

I must thank Linda Chatburn for contacting L.W.T. and arranging a speaker for this month's meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Fondest wishes, Joan.

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BOOK CLUB....

This month we read, 'Between stone and sky - memoirs of a waller' by Whitney Brown.

Written from her journal notes, the unusual story unfolds of a young American woman leaving behind a budding career in academia to embrace life as novice dry stone waller in Mid-Wales and subsequently employing her talents on both sides of the Atlantic. We learn of the friendships she made and her personal development. At the heart of the book is a love story between Whitney and her waller mentor, many years her senior.

Most of us enjoyed the book. Some thought the first part was more engaging. As always with memoirs, there were questions over the selectivity and presentation of truths within the narrative. Some felt it was self-indulgent in places. Overall, it portrayed, with affection, a way of life in rural Wales that is under threat in the modern world.

The average score for the book was 7 out of 10.

Next month's meeting is Tuesday the 8th of February, the Mary Lawson book for this month is 'The Other Side of the Bridge' recommended by Kathy

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997

W.I.....



Happy New Year everyone, Damien Wilton our speaker this month was a contestant on the seventh series of The Great British Sewing Bee and reached the quarter final. When Googled he is described as 'TV Gold', 'Inspirational' and an 'Absolute Legend'.

Damien started his sewing journey in 2017. After taking lessons he altered some of his clothes and made himself some items of clothing.

After watching Series 5 of the Great British Sewing Bee he spent lockdown altering his entire wardrobe to fit and then during series 6 applied for series 7.

He was successful in the first stage interview, pulled out due to nervousness and then after a re-think decided to proceed. Damien spoke about his experience of 'living in a bubble' with his fellow contestants to avoid contracting COVID. They have remained firm friends and keep in touch regularly.

Damien invited us to handle & indeed try on garments that he made on the show. A man of many talents and an accomplished guitarist who plays in a swing band. He makes his own guitar coconut shells and drilled holes in them to use as buttons for one of the dresses he made for the show!

Damien also volunteers one day each week for the Emmaus charity in Bolton.

<https://emmaus.org.uk/bolton/>

We are proud to have been his first WI talk.

Take care,
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



www.facebook.com/tockholes



Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07969 633997 - buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm. All welcome.

Can we ask that salt from the salt bins situated around Tockholes is not used for personal use. The salt is provided by Blackburn with Darwen Council for when it is needed on the roads.

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday April 16th 12 - 1pm (2022)

Please do not hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem. Alternatively the councillors can be contacted 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: 07812 070 109

Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen
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Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS.... TOCKHOLES CRAFT GROUP....

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 between 10 - 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



PILATES...

Message from Jackie Garner: Sessions start at 9:30am & 10:45am. Tuesdays and at 5:30pm & 6:45pm on Thursdays at Tockholes Village Hall (see page 1 TVH diary) in line with COVID restrictions and guidelines.

**PLEASE CONTACT Jackie Garner for details
on 07966 675518 www.mojopilates.co.uk**



COOKSTARS...

It is so good to be back teaching our children's cooking classes again at Tockholes Village Hall!

At the moment we have 2 classes running; a Monday Mini's for 2-5 year olds from 10.30-11.45 and a Homeschooling group for 5-11 year olds from 12.30-1.45.

Spaces are still available at both classes and we welcome Grandparents, Mums and Dads, childminders, aunties and uncles!

During the sessions so far the children have made Corned beef pasties, Easy Peasy Cheesy bake and Rhubarb and custard cake! We also have a drink and snack and a craft whilst the food is in the oven.

Sessions are £9 per week, payable by half term (and your second class is FREE!).

Please get in touch if you would like more information, or have a look at our Facebook page:

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

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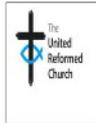
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ST. STEPHEN'S....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL

OPEN FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY 2PM



All Services at 2pm

February 6th This is Specially for Children (of all ages) and will be conducted by the Rev Lena Talbot. After the service everyone is invited to stay and have tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and a chat.

February 13th Our New Minister Rev Adam Woodhouse, from the Missional Partnership will be taking this service. Some of you who couldn't get along to his first time with us may like to take the opportunity to meet him.

February 20th Mrs Barbary Duxbury will be leading our service which will include Holy Communion.

February 27th Our Service will be taken by Mrs Doreen Goodship We would be delighted to see more people from the village, old and new. Why not come along and enjoy the warmth of love and friendship over a cuppa on a cold winter's afternoon.

A warm welcome awaits. All enquiries to our Church Secretary, Mrs Kathleen Knowles 01254 706489



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360
Parish website
www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

Fr. Nick broadcasts some services live on Facebook, and these can also be accessed later. Details on the parish website.
<https://en-gb.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/>
Please contact Father Nick to arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals and other occasional services.

ST STEPHEN'S....

Evening view of the Tower



St Stephen's School news, January 2022

As we welcomed back our children for the spring term they were keen to tell us that they enjoyed a fun filled and happy Christmas and New Year break.

School Council

Here is a little bit of information about the work that our School Council carry out each year. You may have seen us on Rock Lane litter picking and taking pride in our surroundings. We give up our play time for a weekly meeting. We represent our peers and take any ideas to the leadership team for agreement and implementation. One idea last year was to purchase two picnic benches for the field to enable all of us to enjoy our lunch outside during the summer terms.

Our School Council is democratically elected in September by the children throughout school. We organise various charity events throughout the year. We are proud to have supported Macmillan Cancer Charity, The Poppy Appeal, BBC Children in Need, Red Rose Day/Comic Relief, Blackburn Foodbank, St Stephen's Church Harvest appeal and The North West Air Ambulance Charity just to name a few. Photographs of our charity days can be found on our school website.

Our chosen charity during the past year has been Bolton Mountain Rescue, we organised a non-uniform and whacky hair day last year. Our families generously donated £1 per child for this very important charity. This charity was chosen because it covers moorland surrounding our school. We are continuing to support this charity so we can organise another day of fundraising perhaps outdoors in spring.

We have been collecting used postage stamps which will be sent to The North West Air Ambulance, a charity close to our heart.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our role within school.

Sebastian, Willow, Joshua, Maya, Winnie, Sadie, Lieghland



Please send in any photos or articles you;d like to share.