

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the first of the 2019 editions of Tockus Talk. Thanks again to everyone who helped with the re-launch in October.

We aim to enable everyone to be aware of village events and local news so please keep us informed.

Please continue to encourage people to sign up by reminding them to email 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.....

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Christmas tree lights switch on. Special thanks to: Reverend Catherine Lewis Smith, Father Nic, Sam, Alec, Blackburn with Darwen BC electricians (Danny), and children and staff from St Stephen's School, Tockholes.
Hope to see you next year.

We are pleased to announce we have a new Parish Councillor, Jane Whittam. Welcome Jane.

As you are no doubt aware there have been repairs to potholes with the village. The standard of some of the repairs is very poor, further complaints have been made to the Highways Department.



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If you have any issue that you would like to bring to the attention of the PC, please contact myself or any Parish Councillor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday the 11th February 2019, commencing at 6.30 pm in the village hall.

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VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

The next meeting of **The Tockholes Village Hall Group** is Monday 14th January 2019 at 7pm in the Village Hall, all are welcome. Please come along and bring your ideas and offers of support. Thanks to Suzanne Lang for volunteering in the treasurer role.

Children's Christmas Party good fun was had by 20 children and 6 volunteers who all enjoyed the party games and visit from Santa.

Over 60's Christmas Party was another great success with a record number of 54 attending and showing their appreciation by making very generous donations. A young singer Jack Alistair provided the entertainment which had the crowd on their feet.

Many thanks to the Rock and the Royal for cooking the food and the band of volunteers who organised the invitations, served and waited on.

The volunteers at these events had as much fun as the participants, you can be sure you will have fun too if you volunteer to help at future events.

Coming up in Tockholes Diary - January 2019

Tockholes Village Hall

Tuesday 8th - Gardening Club
Wednesday 9th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am
Thursday 10th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12

Monday 14th - Village Hall Group - 7pm
Tuesday 15th - W.I. 7:15pm
Wednesday 16th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am

Wednesday 23rd - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 24th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12

Wednesday 30th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

For Village Hall events or bookings, please ring 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....

On behalf of the Garden Club members and guests, Linda and Pat would like to thank Joan and her helpers for the excellent Christmas party and for the memorable meetings throughout 2018.

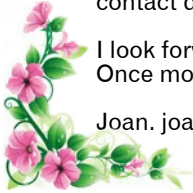
A very happy New Year to everyone from Joan and the team.

As January is notoriously tricky to find speakers I have decided to put on a film show and swap shop this month. A full evenings entertainment including refreshments with slide show of famous and local gardens. It will be a first for me so I really need your support and good will. Also if you wish to show your favourite photos to us all bring them on a memory stick and I will put them on show.

If you have any books, pots, presents in fact anything you would love to swap please bring them along and if you have anyone in mind as a speaker who you think would be of interest to us in the club please let me know giving their contact details and I will follow it up.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday Jan 8th starting at 7.30. Everyone welcome. Once more I wish you all a healthy wealthy and very happy new year.

Joan. joan.foxx@btinternet.com 07926078769, or 771756



BOOK CLUB....

Thank you all for coming tonight and for supplying the mulled wine, mince pies and chocolates. Its was all delicious and we had to hold off discussing the book till the mince pies were eaten!

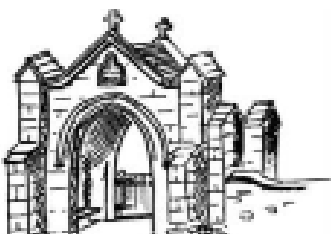
This months book was This House Of Grief by Helen Garner. This is a true story set in Australia about a man who splits from his wife, sees her in a new relationship and ends up driving his three young sons into a dam.. He escapes but the boys all drown. A court case takes place to decide whether he is guilty of murder and the book describes in detail the case and again the retrial. Its a very sad story and received mixed reviews from the bookclub. There was also a difference of opinion as to whether he was actually guilty of this crime.

The group gave the book a score of 6.

Next months book is The Colour Of Magic by Terry Pratchett. We are meeting on Thursday 10th January due to Gardening Club rearranging their meeting. 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 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.

A very happy and healthy new year to everyone from all at St. Stephen's

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



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

December 30th Chapel will be closed.

January 6th Chapel will reopen @ 2 pm for All Family Service.

Contact Revd. Catherine on 01254 952558



VILLAGE HALL NEWS....



Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes
Tockholes Village Hall
Wednesday Mornings 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
£4.00

Beginners Welcome

If you are interested in 30 minutes of gentle exercise to help with joint flexibility and balance our warm-up is ideal
£2.00

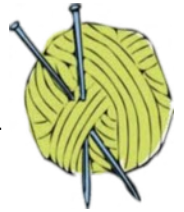
Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367



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



OVER 60s PARTY...

PILATES...

Jackie Garner from Mojo Pilates currently holds classes on Tuesday mornings 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.



WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...

We celebrated the coming of Christmas in our usual way with entertainment, delicious food and good company. Our Jacobs Join is becoming legendary amongst other WI,s within our group. Our members provided an excellent buffet that was very well received by all ladies in attendance. The entertainment was presented by our very own member Joan Parkhouse. Joan delighted us with her 'One Woman Show` . She sang O Holy Night so beautifully that we were moved to tears. Poems about political correctness and husbands 'little ways` together with a good old sing along put us all in the Christmas mood. Once again we collected donations of toiletries, underwear, and toys for the Woman's Refuge in Blackburn. This is always gratefully received as many of the women arrive at the refuge with just the clothes on their backs. A dreadful situation to be in but even worse at Christmas Time for both them and their children.

We have had plenty variation in our programme this year from talks on mental health, blood bikes, the fascinating world of bees, present wrapping and the creation of Mad and Beautiful things.

Look out for our programme of events for the coming year and please come along on the third Tuesday of each month 7.15 in the Village Hall to see what we are all about.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019



COUNCILLOR ADVICE....

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday February 15th (2019) 12 - 1pm

Saturday April 20th (2019) 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 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*

AND FINALLY....

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and to thank you for your support. Please send us any articles or old photos of the village or villagers that you wish to share in the New Year.

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 January 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.



Sunrise over Tockholes