

TOCKUS 'TALK' JANUARY 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of the Tockus Talk.

It's been lovely to see the variety of events in the village during Christmas, from the arrival of the tree to the church services and carol service which reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

There were parties organised by the various clubs and the childrens and senior citizens parties were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Photographs of the seniors party are 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 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.....

Parish Council Members:

Glynn Woon (Chairman)

Alan Robins

George Swanton

Chris Tobin

Jane Whittam

Thank you to everyone who braved the miserable weather to attend the annual Christmas tree lights switch on.

Special thanks to:

Lacey

Trent

Fr Nick

Father Christmas

Children, parents and staff of St Stephen's School

Danny and the team from Blackburn BC

A huge thank you to Tockholes Parish Council and Alex for my lovely surprise retirement gift and flowers, still don't know how you carried it out without me knowing!!



The new clerk is:

Judith Finney

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Mobile number 07969633997

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020

Geraldine Walmsley



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VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

The village Christmas events were well attended and a great chance for villagers to meet and get together in the festive season. Lots of fun was had by all who attended. The Village Hall is a great asset to the community and an ideal place for social activities and celebrations. Come along to the next meeting to tell us what social events you would like to happen in 2020.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

Next meeting Mon 13th Jan 7pm at the Village Hall to discuss events planned for 2020.

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Thursday 2nd - Pilates - pm

Tuesday 7th - Pilates am

Tuesday 7th - Garden Club 7:30pm

Wednesday 8th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am

Thursday 9th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 14th - Pilates am

Wednesday 15th - Tai Chi -10 - 11am

Thursday 16th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12

Thursday 16th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 21st - Pilates am

Tuesday 21st - W.I. - 7:15pm

Wednesday 22nd - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am

Thursday 23rd - Pilates pm

Tuesday 28th - Pilates am

Thursday 30th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12

Thursday 30th - Pilates pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

*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....



There is no Garden Club report this month due to Joan being unavailable during her convalescence.

On behalf of the members we would like to thank Joan and her helpers for the care and effort they have put into organising and making meetings enjoyable throughout 2019.

Despite Joan being unable to attend we were well cared for by Rita and Cicely and others who helped organise the entertainment, food and raffle.

The evening was festive and fun with quizzes, sit down bingo, poetry reading and a brilliant raffle. The supper was excellent and secret Santa presents rounded the night off and got us all into the Christmas mood!

So thanks again to all those who helped in December and throughout the year and Happy New Year to everyone.

Linda & Pat

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please call in to our next meeting or contact Joan as below.

Joan Chadwick.

01254 771756, 07926078769 joan.foxx@btinternet.com



BOOK CLUB....

This month we read *The Familiars* by Stacey Halls. This is Stacey's first novel and has also been chosen by Richard and Judy's bookclub.

The novel is set in the 17th century in Gawthorpe Burnley. One of the main characters, Alice, develops a friendship with another character Fleetwood who is 17 years of age and the mistress of Gawthorpe Hall. Alice is accused of witchcraft and Fleetwood is drawn into the trial for a number of women including Alice at Lancaster. Anyone interested in witchcraft and the local Pendle area would probably find the book an interesting read.

Overall we scored the book six and a half.

Next months book is *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn and is a true account of her experiences.

We will meet on January 14th 2020.

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?

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the collections for the Children's Society at the Christingle Service; an excellent total of £291.60 was raised.

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



January Services



On December 6th we held our annual TOY SERVICE, when the SALVATION ARMY came to collect, they were amazed at how much we had collected & asked us to express their thanks to every body who had contributed. These toys will make many children very happy on Christmas Day, so a big thank you to all who contributed.

On Thursday December 19th in the Rock, a collection was made during the "Sing Carols with Radio Lancashire" raised £200. for Cancer Research. Thanks to all who contributed

Chapel will be closed Sunday December 29th & reopening January 6th for Family Service @ 2 pm.

We wish everybody a HAPPY NEW YEAR



WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



What a splendid evening we had as celebrated with our Christmas Party. We had a full house with all of our members in attendance, we also shared the festivities with visiting members from other local WIs. The entertainment provided by our Vice Chairman was exceptional, far superior to much that passes for entertainment on television these days. A delicious buffet followed, our visitors were very impressed with the culinary skills of our members and everyone went home in good spirits.

We would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2020. Please do come along and join us in the New Year when we have another varied and interesting programme on offer.

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.

A good time was had by all at the Seniors Christmas Party at the Village Hall (more photos on page 4)



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

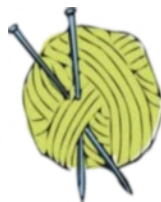
Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367



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



VILLAGE MESSAGES



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 January 18th (2020) 12 - 1pm

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 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

AND FINALLY....

Happy New Year!

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.

Thanks to the organisers and all those who participated in making the Christmas village events so special.

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.

All the best for the New Year from Pat & Linda

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.