

TOCKUS 'TALK'

MARCH 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the March edition of the Tockus Talk.

If you're looking for a new interest or would like to meet friends old or new please feel free to pop in to any of the group meetings or contact the organisers for further information.

This month's Garden Club may be of interest to anyone who likes the more exotic plants, everyone can be assured of a warm welcome so please call in.

We're looking forward to the free quiz and entertainment at the St Patrick's evening on the 14th March. Don't forget to bring your own refreshments.

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.
- 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.....

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

Next meeting 16th March at 6:30pm in the Village Hall

Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07904261769 - buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report March 2020

Bring your own food and drink events have been popular so we are holding a **Free Entry St Patrick's Day themed Social Evening on 7.30pm 14th March Tockholes Village Hall** with quiz, music and maybe some local entertainment. A prize for the best joke. 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.

April event The Washboard Resonators 18th April 7:30 pm Tockholes Village Hall. Tickets £11 available on Eventbrite. [Book now](#) to avoid disappointment.

Next meeting Mon 6th April 7 pm at the Village Hall - All welcome

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 3rd - Pilates am
Tuesday 3rd - Garden Club 7:30pm
Wednesday 4th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am
Thursday 5th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 10th - Pilates am
Wednesday 11th - Tai Chi -10 - 11am
Thursday 12th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 12th - Pilates pm
Saturday 14th - St Patrick's Evening - 7:30pm

Monday 16th - Parish Council - 6:45pm
Tuesday 17th - Pilates am
Tuesday 17th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Wednesday 18th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 19th - Pilates pm

Monday 23rd - Village Hall Group - 7pm
Tuesday 24th - Pilates am
Thursday 26th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 26th - Pilates pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969



www.facebook.com/tockholes



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....

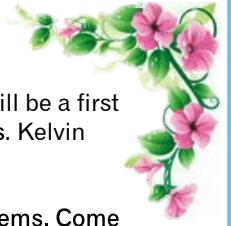
Hello everyone,

Our next meeting is one where you may be spending on your plastic. From Southport we have exotics that will be a first to our club. Kelvin Pye is our speaker and will be giving a talk on Fruit trees, Standards, Exotics and Palms. Kelvin assures me that all the plants he will be bringing will survive both indoor and outdoors in Tockholes.

Due to the special nature of the plants you may wish to bring your plastic to purchase some of his special items. Come early as you will be able to peruse the plants before he gives his talk Doors open 7.00 and talk starts at 7.30.

Entrance is £3 members, £4 non members. This includes refreshments and we also hold a great raffle. Tell your friends and neighbours to come along and enjoy a pleasant evening with lovely people, very professional gardeners and entertaining speakers. See you there. Joan

Joan Chadwick. 01254 771756, 07926078769, joan.foxx@btinternet.com



BOOK CLUB....

This months book was The Hopkins Manuscript by R. C. Sherriff.

The book was quite unusual, a mixture of science fiction, political analysis and a vicious social criticism of England before World War 2. The story was about the moon leaving its orbit and hurtling towards earth. We discussed the inaccurate science facts about the moon and also the relationships of the characters coping with the disaster. The book also had parallels to what is happening around the world currently.

We scored the book eight and a half.

Next months book is The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides.

Next meeting is on Tuesday 10th March.

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.

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...



Would you know what an Independent Life Cycle Celebrant was if asked, well we certainly found out at our meeting on Tuesday 18th February. Our speaker Claire Sunderland gave us all some food for thought when she told us of her work. Claire is there in a non-religious capacity at key moments in people's lives when they need help and support. Occasions such as the naming of a child, the making of wedding vows and the renewal of wedding vows but the main focus of her work comes at the end of life when she is there to comfort and support families as they say good-bye to loved ones. Claire also conducts the funeral, tailor made to the deceased and the family's requirements. We had a very interesting discussion about death and dying and the many different way the remains of the deceased can be laid to rest. Some were very surprising and a complete revelation to many of us, the main one being Water Cremation which is apparently the thing of the not too distant future. This is supposed to be the most eco-friendly method of disposal. Rather disturbingly once the process has reached completion the water is treated and returned into the water system for general use and the fact that pacemakers and replacement joints are not destroyed in the process means that these can then be up-cycled for further use came as rather a surprise. It certainly led to a lot of discussion and gave us something to think about on our way home.

Following talk of death we were all very much alive as we tucked into delicious cake and a jolly good chat with friends. Thanks to Chris Tobin we had a cosy warm meeting on what was a miserable cold wet night. Thank you Chris much appreciated. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th March which being St Patricks Day shall have an Irish flavour to it.

If you wish to give a try you may come along to a total of three meetings at the cost of £1.50 per meeting. You may wish then to become a member in which case the cost of membership this year is £43. If you decide it is not for you then that is also fine we can guarantee a warm welcome whatever the outcome.

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.

COOKSTARS...

Carrie Ann Elmer is organising a Mother's Day Workshop event. Please contact her to book:



Cook Stars Rossendale and Blackburn
Tel: 07765 235497
carrieann@cookstars.co.uk



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



St Patrick's Social Evening

At Tockholes Village Hall
Saturday 14th 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



FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

The Washboard Resonators at Tockholes Village Hall - Saturday 18th 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.



St Stephen's Pop-Up Cafe is back next month on Saturday 4th April and the first Saturday of each month until further notice

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 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

SPECIAL PLEA FOR INFORMATION....

Following an appeal last month for a photo of the Hollinshead information board in it's original state the following was found on the internet:



Credit:<https://jakeofwinterhill.files.wordpress.com/2011/02/img034031.jpg> Many thanks Jake

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. 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 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.