

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....



Welcome to the May edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

We are looking forward to meeting up again now the Village Hall is re-opening with safety measures in place and the pubs and cafes have already started to re-open.

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. - *Pat & Linda*

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Thursday 6th - Polling 7am - 10pm

Pilates starting Tues 18th
Tues - 9:30 - 10:30, 10:45 - 11:45am
Thu - 5:30 - 6:30, 3:45 - 7:45pm



BOOK CLUB....

The April book was 'Why I'm No Longer Talking To White People About Race' by Reni Eddo Lodge. Written in 2017, the book looks at the far reaching impact of racism in this country. Unlike many discussions of racism Reni Eddo Lodge doesn't focus on the extreme, and more obvious expressions of racism - instead she looks at the more pervasive and less visible aspects of institutionalised and normalised prejudice and discrimination.

Unusually, our discussions this month started with the title of the book itself; and whether this title would make people more or less likely to engage with the subject. In the main the book was well received. Everyone who had read it thought that it was very thought provoking, and we all felt that it made us examine our own attitudes in many areas. Members of the group who have seen the impact of casual or systemic racism at first hand found some elements of the subject very difficult. The facts within the historical section of the book, looking at colonial and more recent history made very shocking reading and were new to many of the group.

There were some areas of the book that some people had trouble with. The author talks about 'intersectionality' where multiple prejudices meet. A couple of people had difficulty understanding the author's position, particularly in relation to feminism.

We decided not to score the book this month - we felt that, unlike most months, this book choice was not so much about entertainment. We were all glad that we had read it though and felt that it had added a lot to our understanding of a difficult subject.

As this month's meeting was a week later than normal, we've gone for a short book for our next choice so that we can get finished in 3 weeks! The book we have chosen is 'Mrs Dalloway' by Virginia Woolf. Coming in at 220(ish) pages, hopefully we will have time to finish before our next meeting.

If anyone gets finished early, it might be worth getting started on the book for our June meeting which is another 700+ page read. We have gone for '11-22-63' by Stephen King, a novel about a time traveller who attempts to prevent the assassination of John F Kennedy.

The next meeting of the book club is Monday 10th May. NB - a day earlier than usual.
New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report May 2021

It's great news that the government road map for the removal of restrictions is going ahead as planned and we can go ahead with the plans to re-open the Village Hall. Cleaning the Village Hall begins this weekend and sanitising and social distancing measures will be in place for use as a Polling Station on 6th May. Pilates will be able to start again from 17th May (dates/times to be confirmed). Organisations such as WI will be following advice from their national organisation with regard to resuming indoor meetings. We are looking forward to the Village Hall being the venue for social events again.

We will keep you updated via Tockus Talk .

*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*

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

PILATES...

Pilates will be recommencing from 18th May (see page 1 TVH diary for dates/times) in line with COVID restrictions and guidelines. PLEASE CONTACT Jackie Garner for details on 07966 675518 www.mojopilates.co.uk



At our April meeting we enjoyed an interesting talk by Sue Stanton about her experiences of walking the Hebridean Way on May 2019. She and a friend walked over 150 miles, starting on Vatersay, the most southerly island and ending 10 days later at the Butt of Lewis, the most northerly point of the Isle of Lewis. The Outer Hebrides are a chain of 10 islands, (although the isles of Lewis and Harris are actually the same land mass now and are linked by 6 causeways and 2 ferries. As a long distance walk it wasn't the best as there was a lot of road walking, some very difficult terrain, poor signage in remote places and the guidebook wasn't always accurate but they had a fabulous time and saw stunning scenery and great wildlife. Although the islands usually experience a southerly wind, which is very helpful when you are walking south to north, for the first week of walking they experienced a northerly wind so were walking into quite a strong headwind. However in 10 days walking they only experienced 10 minutes of rain so on balance felt that the weather had been very kind to them and by the end were able to walk in shorts. Accommodation was a mix everything from a 16 bed basic hostel to a luxury hotel. They booked whatever was available and close to the path as accommodation on the islands is very abundant in places.



At times they were reminded of home, firstly when in the tiny hostel they shared a room with a couple from Darwen and again when they docked at Leverburgh which owes its name to having been developed by Lord Leverhulme of Rivington Pike fame. Despite the quality of the walk they both had a fabulous time, largely due to the spectacular scenery and the hospitality of the islanders. Best wishes, Diane

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



Tockholes United Reformed Church



GOOD NEWS

We are re-opening our building for Worship on our 361st Anniversary Service Sunday the 27th June.

During May there are local services available for you to join. For further information on these please contact Marion on 01254772773 or Kathleen 01254 706489.

Tockholes will be holding a Zoom Service on the 16th May at 2 pm - full details of this and the others will be in our Weekly Newsletter.

In the meantime there is a Service sent out from the URC Church every Sunday morning at 9.45 - to join www.devotions.urb.org.uk

Christian Aid Week

We are aware that a number of the churches will be back in their church buildings, but if not, or you are unable to attend the service at your church. please join me on the 16th May 2021 @ 10:30 for a Lancashire East Missional Partnership Service on Zoom. For full joining details please contact--

Daleen.TenCate@nwsynod.org.uk or Telephone 07934 854 241

Any enquiries - please contact our Secretary Kathleen 01254 706489

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360

Parish website

www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

We are open again for the usual public worship on Sundays, with current regulations in place.

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.