

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the November edition of the Tockus Talk.

Please remember to book places at the Christmas parties, details are on page 4.

The Christmas season will be signalled by the arrival of the Christmas tree on 7th November and the lights switch on will be on 6th December with everyone welcome.

CPR training for the [defibrillator](#) organised by the Royal Arms has been arranged on a range of dates. Please see the link in the Village Hall Group section below and the poster on page 3 if you would like to book.

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 Parish Councillor.

Glynn Woon (Chair)
Alan Robins (Vice Chair)
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam
Geraldine Walmsley, Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on:

Monday 18th November

The meeting will be held in the village hall commencing at 6.30 pm.

Clerk: Geraldine Walmsley 01254 701441 / 07518122144 email geraldine.walmsley@outlook.com

I have been advised that the Christmas Tree will be arriving on the village hall car park on the morning of Thursday the 7th November, please could residents refrain from parking vehicles on the car park from the evening of Wednesday the 6th November to allow access for the large delivery vehicle.



The 2019 official Christmas Trees lights switch on will be held on Friday 6th December in the village hall commencing at 6.30pm.



Everyone is welcome to join us at this popular event:

Two school children will officially switch on the lights

Carols
Mulled wine
Mince pies
A special visitor

Further information from:
Geraldine Walmsley
Clerk to Tockholes Parish Council
Telephone: 701441
Mobile number: 07518122144

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 5th - Pilates am
Tuesday 5th - Garden Club 7:30pm
Wednesday 6th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am
Thursday 7th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 12th - Pilates am
Wednesday 13th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 14th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 14th - Pilates pm
Saturday 16th - The Scrooge Diaries 7pm

Tuesday 19th - Pilates am
Tuesday 19th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Wednesday 20th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 21st - Pilates pm
Friday 22nd - Body Shop Party 7:15pm

Tuesday 26th - Pilates am
Wednesday 27th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am
Thursday 28th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 28th - Pilates pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on
07889 105969



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TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

Welcome to the November newsletter.

Last meeting was particularly interesting and I plan to have Ian Kelvin return to entertain teach and conserve. Ian came up with some unusual and fun ideas. Some are as follows:-

- Use nappy liners to line hanging baskets (unused)
- Washing up liquid and water to spray on plants to kill off aphids.
- 2 to 1 water to vinegar and spray on weeds
- 2 to 1 mouthwash kills aphids spray every 14 days for up to 6 times to ensure eradication.
- Sprinkle soda crystals on moss to kill it. (keep all 4 and 2 legged creatures off for 24hrs)



Next meeting:-

Remember Remember the 5th of November

Our very own members Catherine and Peter Sykes are giving a pictorial talk entitled "Gardening with Weeds, (creating and maintaining a wild garden)" .

Their large garden has some wonderful areas of natural grasses historic trees and lush watery dells which attract all manner of wildlife, it will be a joy to see their pictures of the garden over the seasons.

Everyone is welcome and we start at 7.30 on Tuesday 5th November. £4 non members £3 members which includes refreshments.

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

Hope to see you there. Joan.

BOOK CLUB....

September's Book - 'Milkman' by Anna Burns

This month we read the Booker Prize winning novel Milkman by Anna Burns. It was agreed that this was a challenging read for a number of reasons. Set in Northern Ireland during the 1970s it portrayed the life of a young woman trying to live her life constrained by cultural and political forces around her. A very distinct voice is created through which the central character tells her convoluted tale. Lives are consumed by suspicion and rumour and harsh realities are dealt with in this story which even so has moments of humour. After a lively discussion the book was rated positively or negatively with no middle ground, giving an average score of six.

A big thanks to Bill Allman for baking a delicious Jaffa cake for our meeting, Bill everyone loved it.

The book for this month had been recommended by Terry - Someone at a Distance by Dorothy Whipple. She is a Blackburn author and it has excellent reviews.

Next months meeting is 12th November 2019

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

Remembrance Day Service

There will be a short service on Monday 11th November at 10.45 am in St Stephen's Church, when we will remember the nations fallen, and in particular those who had a connection to Tockholes.

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....



On Sunday November 3rd @ 2pm we will be celebrating ALL SAINTS DAY (November 1st), if you wish to remember a loved one you are invited to come along & light a candle in memory.

Sunday November 10th is REMEMBRANCE
We invite everyone who wishes to remember loved ones lost in Battle to pay respects to their memory on this occasion. Following this service prayers will be said as Wreaths are laid at the Lych Gate.

Preliminary Notice for December Services, 1st will be the annual Toy Service, with all toys going to the Salvation Army who will be coming along to collect them.

15th will be Communion.

22nd is our Christingle Service.

25th Christmas Day Service 9-30 - 10am.

29th Closed.

On Thursday December 19th in the Rock Inn @ 7pm will be the Village sings Carols with Radio Lancashire. Followed by supper. This years collection will be for Cancer Research.

Hope you can come & join in some of these services as you will be made very welcome.



WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



Our Annual Meeting was held on 15th October and was attended by 24 members which was wonderful. Diane Lennon was elected President for a second year and is supported by the seven members of the committee. An evening of table top games followed the Annual Meeting with delicious cakes and a chat to finish off the night.

Over the past year we have enjoyed a varied and interesting programme we learnt about where chocolate comes from, how to work with it as well as sampling the end results. Ladies from neighbouring WIs joined us for our Christmas Party. Balderstone & District joined us for a Treasure Hunt and BBQ on a lovely summers evening. The help given to the housebound in caring for their pets by The Cinnamon Trust was inspiring. We learnt about the life enhancing work carried out in India by Northern Cleft, a talk about Life on the Inside made us grateful that we are law abiding! Betsy the Scullery Maid, Curiosity Corner and Pimping our Bouquet all proved to be very popular with members as it gave us a hands on evening. We also had a Big Conversation that was great fun.

The next meeting is on 19th November. The speaker is Kelly Riding and her talk is entitled HAIR to MAKE YOU BEAUTIFUL Meeting starts at 7.15 and visitors are very welcome.

Thank you for coming along and supporting us at the Incredible Pop up Bistro and the Annual Quiz we are always happy to see new faces at such events and value your support.

The next event open to everyone is a Bodyshop Party. Entry is free, just bring along your own drinks and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to purchase some gifts just in time for Christmas.

BODYSHOP PARTY
VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 7.15 FOR 7.30 START
BRING OWN DRINK AND NIBBLES



VILLAGE HALL NEWS....



Tockholes Village Hall
Heartstart First Aid Training



In co-operation with the Royal Arms, Tockholes Village Hall are looking to run several training courses in October and November, this is open to anyone who wishes to attend and from ages 14 and up.

If you wish to attend one of these free training courses please register your details on the following link/form below by clicking the link or by scanning the QR code, please select ALL the dates you are available to attend and then we can arrange dates dependant on the number wishing to attend.

Dates available are:

- Monday 21st October - 6:30 pm
- Tuesday 9th October - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 30th October - 6:30 pm
- Monday 25th November - 6:30 pm
- Tuesday 26th November - 6:30 pm



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4OkUN-CcM0CmS5Bwc6kezcFbbWUVT6pl.rQhqhwShTLRUODZNS5o2NFM4U1oxSTVXT05HT1A3OUtWR54u>

Heartstart - CPR training courses Heartstart is an initiative to teach emergency life saving skills to the British public. By attending the course, you're helping create a nation of life savers - where everyone knows how to save a life. Heartstart is a free, two-hour course that teaches CPR and other emergency life saving skills, including what to do if someone has chest pain, is choking, or is bleeding seriously. The British Heart Foundation have over 1500 Heartstart schemes across the UK, all run by volunteers. Find the one nearest you.

- Help an unconscious person
- Perform CPR
- Help someone choking
- Respond to serious bleeding.

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



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.



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



St Stephen's Pop-up Cafe 2019

The 5th October 2019 saw the last of our seven Pop-up Cafes for 2019. Despite the inclement weather of the summer of 2019, we were blessed with mainly dry, although occasionally windy days. Despite the weather, a warm welcome was always offered when crossing the threshold of the Old School.

Our volunteers excelled themselves once again by producing a delightful variety of cakes, sandwiches, soups and specials, and the PCC and Church Wardens offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation for all their hard work.

At the last cafe on the 5th October the winners of the Christmas Raffle prize came for their afternoon tea and our volunteers surpassed themselves by producing another excellent feast. I think a good time was had by all!

Once again, on behalf of the PCC and the Church Wardens, we extend our most grateful thanks to our loyal volunteers, who help out in many ways, either on the day or by producing the delightful selection of refreshments. We also thank our loyal customers, who support the cafe whatever the weather throws at us.

Thank you all, and we look forward to seeing everyone again for our 2020 opening on Saturday 4th April.

Bright Bottles and Jazzy Jars

Jane McDonough, 1, West View Terrace, Tockholes

Hi my name, for those who don't know me is Jane. I decoupage bottles and jars, add LED lights and make them into beautiful objects. They are perfect gifts or a treat for yourself. I have lots in stock which can be viewed on my Facebook page or you can call at my house to look, just e-mail me, text or what's-app, no obligation to buy. I am taking orders now for Xmas too.



Decoupage by Jane McDonough

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VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report TT November 2019

Iron Bells performance at the Village Hall on 26th October was a great success. It was a brilliant performance much appreciated by an audience of 60. Many thanks to Iron Bell for donating their time and raising over £600 for the village funds.

Sat 16th November is the next date for your diaries . Book your tickets for the performance of The Scrooge Diaries on <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-mayxgg>. This is the latest of the performances run in conjunction with the Spot On Lancashire organisation which have proved very popular in the past.

Upcoming Events at the Village Hall

- Sat 16th Nov The Scrooge Diaries
- Fri 6th Dec Xmas lights Switch On
- Sat 14th Dec 3pm Childrens' Xmas Party please contact Linda Kennish on 0747393 or kennishallman@btinternet.com if you would like your child to come along.
- Sun 15th Dec Seniors' Xmas Party if you would like to attend or help please contact Cee Unsworth on 07583361554 or ceeunsworth@googlemail.com

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.

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....

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.