

# TOCKUS 'TALK' NOVEMBER 2021

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the November edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

As Christmas approaches we look forward to the annual light switch on and parties, please contact Linda for further details and book early,

Balbir Singh Dance Company are presenting 'Love & Spice' on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> in the hall and local photographer Matt Donnelly has a new limited edition illustrated book release on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at Darwen Heritage Centre.

Please send any updates or advertisements of events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month if possible so we can definitely include them in next month's edition. Thanks, - Pat & Linda

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Monday 1st - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 2nd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Tuesday 2nd - Garden Club 7:30pm  
Thursday 4th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 8th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 9th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Thursday 11th - Craft Club - 10am - 12  
Thursday 11th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Body Shop Party 7:40pm

Monday 15th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 16th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Tuesday 16th - W.I. - 7:15pm  
Thursday 18th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 22nd - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 23rd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - Craft Club - 10am - 12  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - Love & Spice - 7pm

Monday 29th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 30th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

**To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969**

### VILLAGE HALL....

#### Village Group Report October 2021

We are pleased to have a busy calendar of groups and events.

**Don't forget to book tickets for the Spot On performance on the 26th November LOVE AND SPICE promises to be an entertaining and tasty experience.**

#### Dates for Christmas celebrations for 2021

Fri 3rd Dec. Christmas lights switch on  
Sat 11th Dec, Children's Christmas party to include village children, St Stephen's school children and grandchildren of residents. Please contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or email kennishallman@btinternet.com to book places.  
Sun 12th Dec Seniors Xmas Party

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm  
Gardening Club is 7.30pm on the 1st Tues of each month  
WI meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tues of each month.  
Craft Club 10-12 on 2nd and 4th Thurs of each month.

Public Hire available book via Chris Tobin £30 for 2 hours then £10 per hour up to £50 for 4 hours

If you would like to offer to help with any of the events come along to the Next Meeting - 6pm - Mon 22nd Nov 2021 at the Village Hall

### 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

Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07969 633997 - [buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk)



[www.facebook.com/tockholes](https://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](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com)

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### TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

HELLO EVERYONE.

We had an enjoyable interesting and sometime controversial talk last meeting which left some of us questioning our gardening practices. A great night with a large selection of plants looking for and finding new homes.



Next meeting on 2nd November is our "hands on" with Debbie from Ewood Flowers. Please bring scissors and secateurs as we will be having a creative evening with as always a huge amount of fun.

Date for your diary --- Christmas party 7th December.

I am working to find new speakers for next year and would be grateful for any suggestions or contacts. See you next Tuesday.  
Fondest wishes, Joan.

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I hope that everyone is well, please stay safe until we meet again.  
Joan Chadwick. 01254 771756, 07926078769, [joan.foxx@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.foxx@btinternet.com)

### BOOK CLUB....

Bookclub Tuesday 12 October - Review of Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

It is 1596 and Hamnet, the son of William Shakespeare dies of 'pestilence' (possibly the plague). His twin sister survives after first contacting the disease, leaving Agnes the mother in a dark well of grief.

The author vividly captures the mother's agonies with such power, we can't help but share the life changing intensity of her loss. O'Farrell's writing brings to life the harsh realities of the time. The stark living conditions in cramped quarters. The workshop where the poet's father treated hides and pelts to make into gloves, we can almost smell the new leathers such is the author's skill in depiction.

We are drawn to London to the scene of the finale of the novel - magnificently detailed to take us across the capital of crowded streets, hawkers and deprivation.

Then into the playhouse for the conclusion, again masterly written to depict the wild scenes of the audience, the noise, the smells, the crush - we are in the throng to witness the final scene.

Here is a novel that transports you through a family's pain and hopefully to redemption. A lush and magnificent novel from a truly extraordinary author. Warmly and sometimes emotionally received by Bookclub - Hamnet was awarded an average score of 9/10.

A wonderful book to warm the winter nights ..... next month's offering is *The Burning Girls* by C J Tudor  
Next Bookclub is Tuesday 9th November.

### W.I.....



At our WI October AGM Meeting long standing members of the Committee stepped down and those present were given small tokens of our appreciation. Two members of the WI stepped up to join the Committee (the team that gets the job done)!

After our official business was completed members were introduced to 'The World of Scentsy' by Kate Brown who gets two ticks in the Tockholes WI box, firstly for being a resident of Tockholes and secondly for being the daughter of our Treasurer Sue T.

Kate treated us to a 'sensory stimulating aromatic and visual experience' accompanied by an interesting talk and was kind enough to offer a free prize draw won by Joan.

We have a Body Shop Party in the Hall at 7.30pm on November 12th - Bring your own drinks & nibbles - ALL WELCOME.

Our November meeting on the 16th at 7.30pm in the Hall will feature a talk on Gin (what's not to like?) including Gin Bingo and a Fun Quiz followed by a Raffle and Refreshments so ladies DO come along as a visitor with absolutely no obligation to join the WI.

On the 18th we have a trip to Great Harwood Library to see 'Miss Nobodies' about the Mill workers in Great Harwood following on from a speaker we had in September.

We also have a block booking for 'Love & Spice' at the Village Hall on the 26th.

Wishing you a pleasant Autumn before the Christmas Frenzy kicks in,

Diane

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## MESSAGES....



Tockholes Junior Xmas Party (under 12s)



Sat 11th Dec 3pm-5pm Tockholes Village Hall

Contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or [kennishallman@btinternet.com](mailto:kennishallman@btinternet.com) for a place

### BRIGHT BOTTLES & JAZZY JARS Decoupage by Jane McDonough

<https://www.facebook.com/brightbottlesandjazzyjars/> / Mob: 07745 984794



## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS....

### TOCKHOLES CRAFT GROUP....

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 between 10 - 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



## PILATES...

Message from Jackie Garner: Sessions start at 9:30am & 10:45am. Tuesdays and at 5:30pm & 6:45pm on Thursdays at Tockholes Village Hall (see page 1 TVH diary) in line with COVID restrictions and guidelines.

PLEASE CONTACT Jackie Garner for details on 07966 675518 [www.mojopilates.co.uk](http://www.mojopilates.co.uk)



### Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> 12 - 1pm (2022)

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 12 - 1pm (2022)

Please do not hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem. Alternatively the councillors can be contacted directly:

Cllr Stephanie Brookfield, 3 Haldane Road, Darwen  
[stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07795 087 577

Cllr Dave Smith, 18b Woodbank Avenue, Darwen  
[david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07812 070 109

Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen  
[brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk) 01254 702204

*Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round*

## COOKSTARS...

It is so good to be back teaching our children's cooking classes again at Tockholes Village Hall!

At the moment we have 2 classes running; a Monday Mini's for 2-5 year olds from 10.30-11.45 and a Homeschooling group for 5-11 year olds from 12.30-1.45.

Spaces are still available at both classes and we welcome Grandparents, Mums and Dads, childminders, aunts and uncles!

During the sessions so far the children have made Corned beef pasties, Easy Peasy Cheesy bake and Rhubarb and custard cake! We also have a drink and snack and a craft whilst the food is in the oven.

Sessions are £9 per week, payable by half term (and your second class is FREE!).

Please get in touch if you would like more information, or have a look at our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn>

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*Please send in any messages regarding new groups or events as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in next month's edition.*

*If you have any articles for sale or to swap or advertisements for local businesses please let us know so that we can spread the word.*

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS....

# Love & Spice

An elderly couple, still very much in love, look back on their lives together, reliving key moments through memories of the meals they shared.

With the couple's advancing age, each has lost one of their senses: he the sense of smell; she the sense of taste. Can spices – in particular Black Pepper and Cardamom, the king and queen of spices – help them recapture what has been lost?

Love and Spice combines different art forms and cultural traditions in surprisingly delicious ways. Blending Kathak dance and live music this is truly a multicultural feast for all the senses.

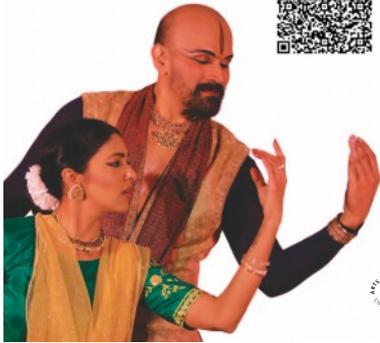
Friday 26 November 2021, 7pm  
Tockholes Village Hall, Darwen BB3 0NQ

Tickets: £8 each

Box Office: 07889 105969

Online booking: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/tockholesvillagehall/t-oooyzq](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tockholesvillagehall/t-oooyzq)

Bring your own drinks and snacks



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FEATURES....

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# Surviving Lockdown



My photo journey through the pandemic  
by Matt Donnelly

**Darwen Heritage Centre**  
Sat. Nov. 27 (12 noon - 2.30)

**£15 per book: Every Penny to East Lancs Hospice**  
Cash or cheque (East Lancs Hospice)

[mattdonnelly64@gmail.com](mailto:mattdonnelly64@gmail.com)

Local photographer Matt Donnelly's photo journey of *Surviving Lockdown* is being released this month and would make an ideal Christmas present for family and friends so please order early as there will be only 200 copies available.

Matt, whose grandparents, aunt and cousins lived in the village, is known to many villagers and often stops for a chat whilst on walks over the moors and woodland with his camera. His evocative photographs have been exhibited and sold over a number of years.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



**TOCKHOLES CHAPEL**  
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY 2PM



**ALL SERVICES AT 2PM**

NOVEMBER 7 <sup>TH</sup>	CHILDREN'S SERVICE	Led by Mr. John East
NOVEMBER 14 <sup>TH</sup>	WORSHIP	Led by Rev Lena Talbot
NOVEMBER 21 <sup>ST</sup>	WORSHIP TO INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION	Led by: Rev Adam Woodhouse
NOVEMBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	WORSHIP	Led by: Mrs Barbara Duxbury

All enquiries to our Church Secretary, Mrs Kathleen Knowles 01254 706489

ST. STEPHEN'S....

St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest  
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360  
Parish website  
[www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org](http://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.