

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the October edition of the Tockus Talk.

*Apologies for the brevity of the newsletter this month as we have received few contributions. A big thanks to Bill and Marlene for church updates, Judith and Diane for your reports and to Rob for keeping us entertained with his comedic contribution!*

*Please see the last page for contact details if you need help or advice from councillors. - Pat & Linda*

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

*Village Hall closed until further notice*



### FEATURES...



One of many spectacular sunsets as the days get shorter and the air is crisper

### BOOK CLUB....

This month's book was *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson everybody loved the book with two people scoring it a 9, it was a very popular choice. There were only 4 of us on Houseparty and we could not really decide on a book that others had not read, although others had forwarded their reviews to contribute to the discussion

I've decided to go for something a bit different and have chosen *Restless* by William Boyd for September's book Apologies if anyone has read it but just trying to get away from some of our usual themes.

It does not look like we are going to be meeting up anytime soon, but at least we are still reading books.

Next Houseparty will be on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7pm

Take care and keep safe.

Judith

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



### ROB'S RIBTICKLERS...

#### Employment

I said that when I left school, I wanted to be a plastic surgeon....that certainly raised a few eyebrows!

I went working in a factory where they made clown shoes.....no small feat!

I tried as an apprentice joiner but accidentally sat on a lathe....I certainly gave myself a nasty turn!

Check out this genuine pic below, no photo trickery or other skulduggery!!!

Once I put my glasses on and knelt down to have a closer look I saw the answer. If you zoom in and look across from its neck to the centre you'll see that some how a hair had stuck to both the head end of the slug and the crushed snail in the middle.....like a tethered donkey!! Bizarre??



Thanks Rob

## TOCKUS 'TALK' - OCTOBER 2020

### WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



At September's WI zoom meeting members were disappointed not to be returning to the hall in October but remain hopeful of a return to the hall in December for a Christmas party. The usual party format is for entertainment, a Jacob's Join supper and a Secret Santa. Members also donate gifts to the Women's Refuge. Members chatted about what they had been up to in the past month. The committee met and are finalising the 2021 programme.

Take care  
Diane x

### MESSAGES....

To contact the Council 'Help Hub' for help with:

\* food and essential supplies. Medicines, friendly phone calls, advice on fuel bills, and community support  
Please fill in the online form at [www.blackburn.gov.uk](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk) or call 01254 588111 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm Sat & Sun)

Councillors Dave Smith (tel:773470), Brian Taylor (tel:702204)  
& Stephanie Brookfield (tel: 07795 087 577)  
(Darwen West Ward)

### 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



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Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07904261769 - [buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk)

### 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 at St. Stephen's, 9.15 am as usual on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. Also, every Friday for Eucharist at 12pm.  
All welcome.

We are also having our usual Harvest Service at the 9.15 service on October 4th, with a collection of dry goods for Darwen Food Larder.

*We are fully compliant with Covid safety measures at church*

<https://www.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/videos/637569143471312/>

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

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



#### United Reformed Church



Chapel Building closed due to the Coronavirus  
CENTRAL URC

Is now open for a 10.30 am Sunday Service.  
Due to Covid there is a limit on the number they are able to admit. Should you wish to attend please contact Barbara Duxbury ([hduxbury@aol.com](mailto:hduxbury@aol.com)) to book a seat

or

You can hear a service from the URC Church  
The service will be sent out, as normal, at 9.45 on Sunday morning for a 10am start.

[www.devotions@urc.org.uk](http://www.devotions@urc.org.uk)

Hopefully once the number of cases start to fall in our area we will be able to put the necessary restrictions in place and open for a limited service.

**In the meantime should you be interested in joining any of our Zoom events taking place i.e. Worship, Morning prayer meetings, Mal Breeze's Thought for the Week, Quiz nights and Songs of Praise and Daleen's coffee mornings**

- Contact Marion 01254 772773 for further details.