### **OCTOBER 2021**

# TOCKUS 'TALK'

### Tockholes Village Newsletter

#### WELCOME....

Welcome to the October edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

It's fantastic to see a full village hall diary at last with welcome returns of the regulars - Garden Club, W.I., Pilates, Cookstars and special events provided by Iron Bell and The W.I. Quiz which we hope will be well supported.

Please see the thank you message we've been asked to publish in aid of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Please send any updates or advertisements of events by the 20th of the month if possible so we can definitely include them in next month's edition.

Thanks, - Pat & Linda

#### VILLAGE HALL....

#### Village Group Report October 2021

The Village Hall is now up and running again with an ever growing calendar of groups and events.

The Coffee morning in aid of The National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society was a great success with lots of villagers attending. It was a great social event as well as successful fundraiser. Thanks to Iron Bell for donating the proceeds from their performance on Sat 2nd Oct to village funds.

W.I. are holding a Quiz evening on Fri 8th October There will be a Spot On performance on the 26th November

Pilates continues Tues am and Thurs pm

Gardening Club is on again 7.30pm on the 1st Tues of each month

WI has restarted 7.15pm on the 3rd Tues of each month.

Craft Club 10-12 on 2nd and 4th Thurs of each month.

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

Dates for Christmas celebrations for 2021

Fri 3rd Dec. Christmas lights switch on

Sat 11th Dec, Childrens' Christmas party to include village children, St Stephen's school children and grandchildren of residents.

Sun 12th Dec seniors Xmas Party

It was good to see new faces at the last Village Group meeting. All Welcome Next Meeting - 6pm - 4th Oct 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



#### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Saturday 2nd - Iron Bell - 7pm

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

6:45-7:45pm Friday 8th - W.I. Quiz - 7:30pm

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

Thursday 14th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Thursday 14th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 18th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm Tuesday 19th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am Tuesday 19th - W.I. - 7:15pm Thursday 21st - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 25th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm Tuesday 26th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am Tuesday 26th - Cookstars Halloween Workshop - 2-4pm Thursday 28th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm Thursday 28th - Craft Club -10am -

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969





Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07969 633997 - buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk

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

I am pleased to announce that on 5 October we have really interesting and amusing speakers and nursery owners Susan and Ian of High Park Nursery, Southport giving a talk entitled POT!

No doubt a few of you will be thinking of a very different type of pot but I am assured it is quite legal.

Just as 2 years ago when they last came they will be bringing a large selection of items for us to buy suitable for this time of year and for our particular area and growing requirements.

We start as usual at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall everyone will be welcome to join in the fun. I look forward to greeting you all again and caching up with your news.



Best wishes, Joan. 07976078769/01254771756 < joan.foxx@btinternet.com>

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

#### **BOOK CLUB....**

The content of last month's book, The Citadel', a novel by A.J. Cronin, published in 1937, is regarded as a spur to the creation of our NHS.

Set when medical science was advancing rapidly and the profession slow to respond, it charts the career of Dr. Andrew Manson. From his idealistic commitment to improving health in the Welsh valleys, focusing on the diseases of industry and poverty, he then succumbs to the lure of making easy money by pandering to wealthy patients, eventually gaining redemption by setting up a group practice aiming to make modern medicine more accessible to all.

The restricted lives of women of the time are exposed, most starkly through the character of Christine his wife.

The book was popular with all Book Club members. The first part of the book was felt by some to be the most engaging. It scored an average of 8 out of 10.

Next month's book is 'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell. It is a fictional account of Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, who died at age 11 in 1596.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 12th October at 7pm - Judith New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



#### W.I....



We're getting back into the swing of meeting each month and to my delight there were twenty members and seven visitors in attendance at our September meeting.

Julie Kent gave a very interesting and enjoyable presentation about Ethel Carnie Holdsworth, whom she discovered when working on a needlework project and became fascinated by.

Ethel was born in Oswaldtwistle in 1886, moved to Great Harwood when 6 and started work in a mill aged 11. But she also wrote poetry and eventually was taken under the wing of Robert Blatchford. Under

his patronage she moved to London to become a full time writer and editor.

She is recognised as the first working class woman to be published. In total she published 3 volumes of poetry, 10 novels and many short stories, one of which was turned into a silent film. Her writings reflect her views as a feminist and a pacifist.

There are currently moves afoot by 'Pendle Radicals' to get her the recognition she deserves including a statue in Accrington and a Blue Plaque.

Following Julie's talk a number of members shared their families experiences of hardship during the early 20th century.

Next month it's our AGM (which will be brief as it's only nine months since our last AGM due to the COVID-19 pandemic) After the official business we will have refreshments and "The Wonderful World of Scentsy" presented by Kate.

Visitors are always welcome at meetings with no obligation to join.

A future date for your diary is our Annual Fun Quiz on Friday 8th October 7.30pm- teams of 4 cost  $\pm 10$  (pay on the door).

Bring your own drinks and nibbles, all welcome. To book a table please email lennon d@sky.com or text 07917767980.



Diane



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#### MESSAGES....

#### NATIONAL RHEMATOID ARTHRITIS SOCIETY

Thank you for your most generous donation of £1083.45 in memory of the late John Smith of Tockholes. Thank you to John's friends and family at Coffee Morning in the village of Tockholes that have helped raise the funds for NRAS and from all of us here, please accept our deepest condolences at this difficult time. We are so grateful for you all for choosing to support us in this way.

As a small charity, these donations will make a significant impact on NRAS's work to help support the 400,000 people living with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) and 12,000 children with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) in the UK.

With your support we will continue to provide truly expert and wide-ranging services to support, educate and campaign for people living with these complex autoimmune conditions, their families and the health professionals who treat them.

#### Raman Bhamra

**Individual Giving Fundraiser** 

**National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS)** 

General: 01628 823 524 | Helpline: 0800 298 7650

All raffle prizes from the coffee morning in aid of NRAS have now been claimed. Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets in aid of NRAS - Judith Finney

#### Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday October 16th 12 - 1pm

Saturday January 15th 12 - 1pm (2022)

Saturday April 16th 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 Tel: 07795 087 577

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

Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyhurst Lane, Darwen brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk 01254 702204

Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

#### 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



#### 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, aunties 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!).

We will also be having a Halloween workshop, suitable for 3-11 yr olds on the 26th October from 2.00. The children will be making a Halloween picnic with Mummy Hot dogs, Pumpkin shaped pies, spider cupcakes and ghostly pizzas!

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

https://www.facebook.com/cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn

Carrie Ann

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



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....



## Tockholes WI Quiz Night

Tockholes Village Hall

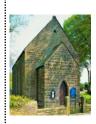
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

£10 per team of 4

To book a table please email <u>lennon\_d@sky.com</u> or ring/text/WhatsApp 07917767980.



#### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL

**OPEN EVERY SUNDAY 2PM** 



#### **ALL SERVICES AT 2PM**

OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FAMILY WORSHIP led by Rev. Michele Jarmany

OCTOBER 10TH WORSHIP Led by MRS BARBARA DUXBURY

OCTOBER 17 WORSHIP TO INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

Led by MR. GEORGE GRIME

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP Led by MR DANNY WILSON

OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> WORSHIP Led by MR GEORGE GRIME/ C YOUNG

This will be a service in remembrance of our loved ones whom we have lost and we will be lighting candles in their names.

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

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#### ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360 Parish website www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October there will be a Harvest Service at our usual 9.15am, when we will be gathering items for Darwen Food Larder.

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.