

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the April edition of the Tockus Talk. We hope you have been enjoying the early spell of warm weather.

Please send us any photographs you take of the local area for the next edition.

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.....

The Highways team completed the carriage way repairs earlier this month on both Long Lane and Chapels Lane.

The daffodils on the long verge opposite the VH are now starting to flourish, please keep dogs off this area so we can enjoy the signs of spring.

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
Alan Robins
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam



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The annual meeting will be held on Monday 13th May commencing at 6.45 pm followed by the usual meeting commencing at 7 pm in the village hall.

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VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

The next meeting of the Village Hall group will take place on Mon 20th May at 7pm. All welcome.

The performance by Sonya Moorhead and the Greyhounds was a great success. A packed audience gave excellent reviews for the atmospheric storytelling, music and song. We are hoping to host another performance provided through the Spot On organisation this year. Look out for an advert on the Tockholes Facebook page and in Tockus Talk to book your tickets.

The front entrance doors damaged by the wind have been replaced with extra measures put in place to prevent future wind damage. The next meeting is on Monday 20th May. Please come along.

If you would like to book the village hall for your group, celebration or event please contact the booking secretary, Chris Tobin on the number below to discuss facilities and availability.

For Village Hall events or bookings, please ring 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

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....



HELLO everyone.

Today is the first day of spring and everything in the garden is exploding into life. It is so nice to wake up to birdsong and to fling open the windows and let the light and warmth in. No matter how many times I have seen spring arrive, every year feels new and wonderful.

To help us get a great start and get the "bones" of our gardens into shape we are delighted to welcome back Magarite Hughes, lecturer, garden designer and inspirational speaker. The talk is entitled "Taking the fear out of pruning". She will be with friend and plantswoman Sue Gillon who will be bringing a vast variety of plants and with her knowledge she will help us to buy the right plants for the right places. Guess who will be at the front of the queue? What a great way to start the gardening year and of course meet up with our friends and neighbours for a brew and natter.

We meet at the village hall on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30.

We will be having a very brief AGM during the evening otherwise just come along and enjoy yourselves. £3 members £4 non members and you can join for £5 a year. Entrance includes refreshments, we also hold a great raffle, (thanks Carole)

Any queries please call or email me. joan.foxx@btinternet.com 01254771756 or 07926078769 Joan Chadwick



BOOK CLUB....

Last months read was The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson. The novel was written in 1959 and is described as a gothic horror novel. The story has four main characters one being Dr John Montague who is an investigator of the supernatural and invites guests to Hill House. The book goes on to describe the experiences that follow.

The book barely scored a 5 with most people not finding it particular frightening. There is a film about the book and also new series on Netflix .

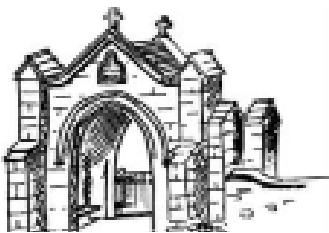
This months book is The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin.

Next bookclub meeting is on Tuesday 9th April.

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

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?

Easter Day Service at 9:15am

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



Sunday Services at 2.00 pm. Every Week

1st Sunday in the Month:
Family Friendly Service

3rd Sunday in the Month:
Communion Service

Everybody welcome. Play area available.

Available for weddings & baptisms

Easter Services

Good Friday, Chapel will be opening the Village Hall 1pm - 4-30pm for refreshments both hot & cold, cups of tea etc. At the same time the Chapel will be open 2 - 4 pm for anyone wishing to go & have a few quiet moments.

Easter Sunday to be announced later



Contact Revd. on 01254 952558



VILLAGE HALL NEWS....



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

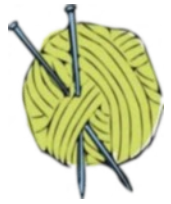
Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367



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 Mojo 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.

POP-UP CAFE DATES FOR 2019....



Pop-up Cafe - St Stephen's

It's nearly that time of year again and our volunteers are busy searching their recipe books for more delightful varieties of cakes to delight our customers in 2019

Our opening dates for 2019 are:

- Saturday 6th April
- Saturday 11th May *
- Saturday 1st June
- Saturday 6th July
- Saturday 3rd August
- Saturday 7th September
- Saturday 5th October

We are open from 11am to 3pm

*Please note that May's Pop-up cafe will be on the second Saturday of the month instead of the usual 1st Saturday.

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new in 2019.

FUN COOKING CLASSES ...

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn @carrianncookstars

FREE
first class for all children!
(booking essential!)

Fun cooking classes at:
**Tockholes Village Hall,
Tockholes Road,
Tockholes**

All ingredients included!
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

Friday's
9.30-10.45 am
Ages 2-5
(Term time only)
Booking essential

Great for Kids Parties too!

Call Carrie Ann: 07765 235 497
Email: carriann@cookstars.co.uk
Book: <https://cook-stars-rossendale-and-blackburn.class4kids.co.uk>

WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...

A convivial evening was spent by members at our meeting on the 19th March. Kathy Waite presented to us the work of the Cinnamon Trust. The trust is a charitable organization run by volunteers that offers help and support to the elderly and terminally ill people in order that they can continue to have the companionship and love that they share with their pets even during trying and difficult circumstances. For the elderly and house bound it is a comfort to them to know that someone is on hand to help with dog walking, visits to the vets and grooming services etc. It must be heart breaking to think that you may have to give up your much loved pet when your circumstances change or you have the added worry as to what may happen to them when you pass away. The trust with its 16,000 volunteers nationwide take care of these problems which of course impacts not only on the pet in question but on the wellbeing of their owners knowing that their pet is getting the care and attention that it needs. It covers all sorts of pets from Great Danes to budgerigars, Persian cats to iguanas and ponies to goats, no pet is too large or too small.

Six members attended the annual council meeting at Southport where two speakers were Edwina Currie (lively and entertaining) and Ranulph Fiennes a most extraordinary man. Good day was had by all.

The next meeting on Tuesday 16th April 7.15pm in the Village Hall, all welcome.



FEATURED GROUPS....

Every month we will be featuring information on village groups to give a little insight into what they are about. You are welcome to call in to a meeting to see if you'd like to join.

A Friendly Welcome at Tockholes WI group



The lovely ladies of the Tockholes WI committee (from back left) Jean Hart, Joan Parkhouse, Diane Lennon, Anne Smith, Catherine Sykes and Glynis Hargreaves are waiting to welcome you to meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. No need to join immediately, you can go along to try the interesting talks and activities followed by chat and cake for £1.50.

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.

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.

COUNCILLOR ADVICE....

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday April 20th (2019) 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*