

# TOCKUS 'TALK'

APRIL 2023

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

WELCOME TO THE APRIL EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK

### 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



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

The next meeting is 7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

There is work ongoing on Tockholes Rd outside Garstang Terrace by United Utilities. The road is being strengthened and pipes are being replaced, the work will take 2-3 months. United Utilities have avoided closing the road so please be patient.

**UPDATE - THE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON 6TH APRIL ONLY**

Next Parish Council meeting - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Saturday 1st - Beneath the Banner - 7:30pm

Tuesday 4th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Tuesday 4th - Garden Club 7:30pm

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

Tuesday 11th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Thursday 13th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Thursday 13th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 18th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Tuesday 18th - W.I. - 7:15pm

Thursday 20th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Friday 21st - W.I. Quiz Night 7:30pm

Tuesday 25th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Thursday 27th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Thursday 27th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

### Village Group Report

The Tockholes Village website is now up to date with all forthcoming events.  
[www.tockholesvillage.co.uk](http://www.tockholesvillage.co.uk)

Fri 10th March Quiz organised by the WI was postponed due to snow on the day New date Fri 21st April don't forget to book in your teams.

Fri 17th March Arthur Writeus and the Hip Joints were a resounding success. More than 60 attended and £335 was raised for Village Hall funds.

We have had many requests for them to return to the Village Hall.

Saturday 1st April 7.30pm Beneath the Banner.

An always popular Spot On sourced performance

Tickets available on Ticket source and pay on the door. See separate advert

Sunday 7th May The Big Coronation Lunch Get Together from 5pm followed by televised concert. Free entry. Bring own food and drink

Coronation Cake baking competition. Guess the weight of the giant Pork Pie.

Sat 9th Sept televised Last Night of the Proms Bring own food and drink.

Next Village Group meeting 6pm 15th May 2023 at Tockholes village Hall.

Come along and bring your ideas and offers of help. "The more the merrier."

Please contact [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) with any ideas or offers of help

Public Hire available book via Chris Tobin £35 for first 2 hours then £12.50 per hour up to £60 for 4 hours.

HOW CAN I HELP?



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)

## TOCKUS 'TALK' - APRIL 2023

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

Hello and welcome to our garden club report for April.

On Tuesday 4th April I am delighted to welcome back a couple of real characters from Southport's Highpark Nursery, Ian and Sheila Lowe.

We had a great time last year when they gave a talk and demonstration.

This time Ian (with Sheila giving directions) will be showing some potting methods using some of the vast choice of plants and gardenalia that they will be bringing for us to purchase. Sheila told me Ian will be giving a talk on extending the growing seasons and using containers. Not just flowering plants and bushes, but also veg.

Please come along to the village hall at 7.30pm I can assure you of a very entertaining evening.

I am looking forward very much to seeing you there.

Fondest wishes and thank you.

Joan.

01254 771756 / 07926078769 / [joan.foxx@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.foxx@btinternet.com)



### W.I....



At our March meeting we were entertained by Heather Wilson speaking about her experiences in India.

Heather is an artist and creator of bespoke, unusual hats and art commissions. Her studio in Hebden Bridge is well worth a visit.



At the start of each WI meeting nationwide we sing the anthem Jerusalem. At Tockholes we have a fabric banner depicting the words that is in a bad state of repair. In an effort to spruce it up we have applied to the tv show 'The Repair Shop' so fingers crossed ?? that we are successful.



Visitors are always welcome with no obligation to join. Next month we will publish our new programme of events for the coming year.

Our quiz that was cancelled due to the snow will be on April 21st.

Take care, Diane

[tockholes-thewi.org.uk](http://tockholes-thewi.org.uk)

### BOOK CLUB....

Thank you to Catherine and Peter who hosted this months bookclub -

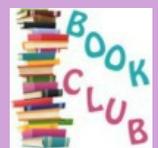
This month's book was 'A Spy Among Friends' by Ben Macintyre. Published in 2015, it tells the story of Kim Philby, the famous 'Third Man' in the Cambridge spy ring.

Philby is portrayed as a charismatic, engaging bon viveur. A complicated private life, an eccentric family background and a love of parties and drinking are all described in a way that gives a clear impression of a certain strata of British society in a certain time in its history.

But beneath the charming persona was a man who was leading an increasingly dangerous double life. As a long established Soviet agent, having been recruited as a young man at Cambridge, he ruthlessly betrayed secrets ranging from anti-communist activity during the Spanish Civil War to details of Allied Operations during WW2; and continued to act as a Soviet agent throughout the early stages of the Cold War. The book covers the whole period of his activity - from his recruitment to his eventual unmasking and defection to Moscow.

The book prompted a really interesting discussion. Some book club members were enraged by the world portrayed and the casual cruelty of the 'old boys network'. Everyone was horrified by the sheer incompetence of 1940's and 50's secret intelligence services and the way in which the whole area of espionage was treated as a game - despite tragic consequences for so many.

The scores for the book reflected the really different views - ranging from 4 to 10! The average came out at 8.



Next month's book is 'The Beekeeper's Apprentice' by Laurie R King, and the next meeting is on Tuesday 11th April.  
Judith

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL  
OPEN FOR WORSHIP  
EVERY SUNDAY  
2PM

OUR SERVICES IN APRIL 2023

- April 2nd Children's Service  
Led by Mr George Grime  
Followed by Tea/Coffee/juice and biscuits
- April 9th EASTER SUNDAY  
Worship led by Simon Baker
- April 16th Worship led by Mr George Grime  
and will include Holy Communion
- April 23rd Worship led by Mr D Foster
- April 30th Worship led by Mr D. Wilson

GOOD FRIDAY 7th APRIL  
The Village Hall will be open for refreshments  
1 pm to 4 pm

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS....

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)



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.



Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

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

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest  
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

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

Holy Week Services:-

Sunday 2nd April Palm Sunday service, 9.15 am.  
Wednesday 5th April Stations of the Cross, 7.00 pm.  
Sunday 8th April Easter Sunday service, 9.15 am.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/>

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

First Pop Up Cafe 1st April

If anyone has any unwanted small teapots and jugs that they no longer need, please could we have them to use in the Pop-up-Café. Many thanks

The cafe will be open on the first Saturday of the Month, from April to October 11am to 3pm. (except for May to avoid clashing with the King's Coronation)

Dates are April 1st, May 13th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd and October 7th.

DARWEN FOODBANK....

Darwen Rotary supports the local foodbanks and has been selected by the Coop to be a beneficiary of their charity scheme

When you shop in their establishment you can elect to benefit the foodbanks by selecting Darwen Rotary as your preferred beneficiary for supporting the scheme.

All Coop establishments in Blackburn with Darwen are part of the scheme and I write to ask if you would kindly support the Darwen foodbanks if and when you shop at a Coop establishment.

It costs you nothing but will help support some needy persons.

Thank you  
John Jacklin

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS AND SEND IN PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT EDITION

FORTHCOMING EVENTS....

Up The Road Theatre in association with the National Coal Mining Museum present

# BENEATH THE BANNER

INSPIRED BY REAL STORIES FROM OUR COALFIELD COMMUNITIES

**Tockholes Village Hall**  
Saturday 1st April 2023 @ 7:30pm  
£10 per Ticket  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tockholesvillagehall/t-kryoeopq>  
Contact Chris Tobin on 07889 105 969  
Bring your own Refreshments

QR Code

NATIONAL COAL MINING MUSEUM | highlights | SPOT ON | wOrCler | applause | Arts Council ENGLAND

Click Here For Tickets or Scan the QR Code here

# TOCKHOLES WI FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April 7:30pm

**Tockholes Village Hall**  
Tockholes Road  
BB3 0NQ

Teams of 4  
**£12**

Bring your own drink and nibbles  
Friends, neighbours & Families welcome

Please contact Diane on 079 17 767980  
Email to: [lennon\\_d@sky.com](mailto:lennon_d@sky.com)

[Click here to book tickets](#)

[www.tockholesvillage.co.uk](http://www.tockholesvillage.co.uk)

# Tockholes

JOIN US FOR

## CORONATION big lunch & concert

A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES UP!

Bring your own picnic and join in with the Coronation big lunch.  
Followed by the Coronation Concert live on the big screen

**Tockholes Village Hall**  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 5pm

For more details and to reserve your ticket  
Please call Chris Tobin on 07889 105 969

**Tockholes Village Hall**  
Presents

# Last Night of The Proms

**BBC Proms**

ENJOY THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS 2023 SEASON LIVE ON THE BIG SCREEN

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 @ 7:00PM**  
TICKETS £5  
PLEASE CALL CHRIS ON 07889 105 969 TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS  
BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK