

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the August edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

It's great to see the village hall opening and events resuming again, it's been lovely to see many people out and about in the recent hot spell of weather.

This month we have an interesting article on a local survey of woodcock by Bill Tomlinson (see page 3) and notification of a coffee morning in September in aid of Rheumatoid Arthritis at the village hall.

Please send any updates or advertisements of events in as soon as possible so we can let everyone know well in advance.

Thanks, - Pat & Linda

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Pilates

Tues - 9:30 - 10:30, 10:45 - 11:45am

Thu - 5:30 - 6:30, 3:45 - 7:45pm



BOOK CLUB....

Last month's book was 'Sweet Sweet Revenge Ltd' by Jonas Jonasson. Translated from Swedish and published in the UK in 2021, this is a black comedy set partly in Stockholm and partly in Kenya.

The main character is Victor, an ambitious and ruthless man, who first tricks his young wife Jenny out of her inheritance; and then abandons his son Kevin to his fate in the middle of the Kenyan savannah.

When Kevin is subsequently rescued and adopted by a Maasai medicine man, he finds himself on the receiving end of some (painful!) traditional rituals, and quickly decides to return to Stockholm.

Once back in Stockholm, his path crosses the young cheated wife, and between them they hatch a plan to get even with Victor, and exact the 'Sweet, Sweet Revenge' of the title.

The style of the book is very unusual, with sentence structure and writing style being enjoyed by some people, who found it refreshingly different; but actively disliked by other people. The plot line was generally thought to be pretty far fetched, with lots of coincidences and crazy plot lines contributing to a lively discussion. Even the people who enjoyed it said they were glad to finish it!

The black comedy aspect of the novel also caused some differences of opinion, with some people finding it very funny; whilst others felt the humour missed the mark, and not everyone persevered to the end.

The scores for the book ranged from 4 to 7 - with the average coming out at 6.

Next month's book is 'The Neon Rain' by James Lee Burke. The first book in a highly acclaimed series introducing Dave Robicheaux, a New Orleans detective. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 10th August at 7pm - Judith
New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report August 2021

It's great to be able to open the Village Hall for groups and private bookings again. A special vote of thanks goes to Chris Tobin who has looked after the hall, navigated the COVID restrictions and organised the sanitisation requirements to maintain the hall and open when possible. Now that we can meet in person again there will be a meeting of the Village Group on

Monday 23rd August 6.30 pm at the Village Hall

All welcome

We will be discussing and planning for events during the Autumn and Winter so please come along with your ideas.

*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*

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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

W.I....



Tockholes WI resumed meetings in the village hall after sixteen long months of meeting via Zoom. We celebrated in style with a glass of fizz, a gift bag of savoury snacks, a fun quiz about Lancashire place names and a good old natter.



Lynett is shown presenting a donation to our treasurer Sue after winning first prize in the Lancashire WI annual raffle.

Next month we will welcome a speaker on the subject of Monet's gardens and his work followed by refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome with no pressure to become a member.

Take care

Diane

MESSAGES...

You are invited to

Coffee Morning in aid of
Rheumatoid Arthritis

On

Saturday 18th September – 10am – 2pm

At

Tockholes Village Hall



Tea, Coffee,
homemade cakes
provided by the
ladies of Tockholes
WI



Homemade jams
preserves and
chutneys for sale

Raffle prizes to be
won on the day!



£5.00 on the door – unlimited tea/coffee and cake of choice

Let's get together and raise some
money for a great cause!

PILATES...

Message from Jackie Garner: Places still available Tuesday at 10:45am. (see page 1 TVH diary for dates/times) in line with COVID restrictions and guidelines.



PLEASE CONTACT Jackie Garner for details
on 07966 675518 www.mojopilates.co.uk

Please send in any messages regarding new groups or events which are resuming.

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.

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MESSAGES...

WOODCOCK SURVEY, TOCKHOLES





As a member of the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), I volunteered to take part in a survey of the UK native woodcock population, which has been in serious decline to the point where it is estimated that only around 55,000 breeding pairs survive. Woodcock are on the red endangered list of UK birds, yet it is still legal to shoot woodcock for the table. Some birds from N. Europe arrive to feed over winter, but these depart by the end of March, meaning that any breeding birds here are native to the UK. The last BTO survey was done in 2013, in 955 1-km squares across the whole of the UK, selected to pinpoint woodland blocks where woodcock might breed. One of those blocks is in Tockholes, which is why I wanted to do the survey. My survey was completed on three separate occasions, beginning at 15 minutes before sunset and lasting 75 minutes, during late spring/early summer this year. You are very unlikely to see the ground nesting woodcock during the day because they are brilliantly camouflaged. However, just after dusk and dawn at this time of year the males begin to fly above the tree canopy calling to attract females, a performance known as "roding" which goes on for around 45 minutes. The survey entails counting the number of sightings and sounds of woodcock over the 75 minute period. They have a distinct call and fly fast and low over the tree canopy.

On my first session, I was giving up hope after half an hour that I would see any birds, fearing that the large number of visitors and free running dogs over the past year may be causing too much of a disturbance for breeding woodcock. However, I can reveal that a special part of Tockholes is a hotbed of woodcock roding, and thus a breeding ground for this reclusive bird. On the first visit to my count point, I saw 8 birds in flight and heard 3 others, the second visit 12 seen and 4 heard, but on my final visit I was rewarded with the astonishing sight of 24 birds in flight and heard 8 more. Silhouetted against the darkening sky, a woodcock in flight is a wonderful sight, and I am delighted that we have breeding birds here in Tockholes. I will let you know what the full UK survey reveals in due course, but in the meantime please be considerate if you choose to wander off the woodland paths and disturb our woodcock.

Bill Tomlinson

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

 **TOCKHOLES UNITED REFORMED CHURCH** 

Our building unfortunately is still closed due to the Covid Pandemic but Chapel is very active and busy . Central URC is now open for Worship , Sunday 10.30 am but you do need to 'book in'

Should you wish to attend please contact Barbara Duxbury on 01254 701899

There is also a service on the internet from the URC Church -- www.devotions.unc.org.uk – every Sunday morning at 9.45 for a 10am start.

There are also local Zoom Services. If you would like to know about these and don't get our Weekly Newsletter please contact Kathleen or Marion.

We hope many of you will come along and enjoy worshipping with us and actually meeting up with friends once again

Any enquiries - please contact our Secretary Kathleen 01254 706489

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360
Parish website
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.