

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK

This month we have an end of year report from St Stephen's School on page 5.

Please call in to the St Stephens's Pop-Up Cafe again this month to enjoy the freshly prepared sandwiches and home made cakes.

Everyone is welcome to attend the village hall meeting on the 15th, your ideas and offers of help for future events will be very welcome. Thanks for your support of recent events.
- Pat & Linda

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 2nd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 4th - Craft Club -10am - 12
Thursday 4th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 9th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 11th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 15th - Village Hall Group - 6pm
Tuesday 16th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 16th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Thursday 18th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm
Thursday 18th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Tuesday 23rd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 25th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

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

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

Please take a lateral flow test before attending Village Hall events and observe current COVID guidelines

VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report

Come and enjoy our next event

Sat 10th September Last Night of the Proms Social Evening

The Proms will be screened live at the village hall. Bring your own food and drink and dress for the occasion.

We are also considering a Halloween themed social in October. Let us know your ideas for this and possible themes for other social evenings.

Please contact tockustalk@outlook.com with any ideas or offers of help for any of these events and come along to the next meeting.

Village Group meeting 6pm Mon 15th August at the Village Hall.

Regular Bookings

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm

WI meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tues of each month.

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

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

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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Next Parish Council Meeting - 7pm on 22nd August 2022

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



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

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

On behalf of the Garden Club members, we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who opened their garden for the annual garden party, to Alan and Sue for hosting afternoon tea and to Joan for organising the event. - Pat & Linda

The photos below are just a small selection of the delights on show.



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BOOK CLUB....

Unusually, in July, the book club met to discuss two books.

In May we read 'Stanley' by Tim Jeal. This tome of academic historical writing aims to re-examine the life and work of the famous explorer. Using access to letters and diaries unavailable to previous historians and biographers, Jeal challenges commonly held assumptions about Stanley's life, motives and legacy. He reveals truths about his miserable early life, his drive and ambition which underpinned all his exploits including his remarkable journeys in Africa, as well as his seriousness as a scientist. It explains how, in the shadow of Dr. Livingstone, Stanley accrued negative impressions and judgements in his lifetime which have been amplified subsequently. Claiming to be American he was a victim of anti-American feeling in British society. We learned he had in fact been born in Wales. As a habitual liar to promote himself, and on account of his exaggerations for journalistic effect, along with his tendency to pick fights with authority figures, Stanley had no trouble attracting unfavourable opinion. As book club readers we felt we had learned a lot about the history of the exploration of the African continent by outsiders, its horrors and the political context. Rewarding, but not a light read, it sometimes felt we had homework to finish. We scored it just over 7

In June we turned to the work of a local author, Christina Middleton. 'The witch and her soul', is a historical novel rooted in the familiar tale of the Lancashire Witch trials. Using the device of the imagined memoirs of Jane Southworth nee Shireburn, the novel traces the undercurrents of the time, religious and political, and the impacts on the lives of the high and low born. It particularly concerns the lives of women and the difficulties they had when any self-expression or behaviour could attract dangerous interpretations and accusations and society's judgement had powerful consequences. We enjoyed the links to the local great houses and locations of the Lancashire Witches story as the novel interweaves the historical inhabitants with each other and uses these encounters to explore what it must have felt like to negotiate daily life, required public worship and personal religious feeling and belief. We felt the memoir device mostly worked well though seemed strained towards the end. The use of archaic language was appropriate but seemed inconsistently used to some. Would we have enjoyed the book as much without some knowledge of the locations and story we could not say? We scored it 8

Next months book is The Rose and the Yew Tree by Mary Westmacott (Agatha Christie)

We next meet on Tuesday August 9th at Kathys house- 3 Garstang Terrace, Tockholes.

Judith

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL

**OPEN FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY 2PM**



Our Services for August

**We will next be open on Sunday 7th
August for our family service.**

Please check updates <https://en-gb.facebook.com/tockholeschapel/>

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

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360

Parish website

www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

Fr. Nick broadcasts some services live on Facebook, and these can also be accessed later. Details on the parish website.

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

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

St. Stephen's Pop-Up-Café will be open on Saturday, August 13th from 11.00am to 2.00pm

W.I....



Tockholes WI hosted a 'Glitz & Glamour' evening in the village hall on the hottest evening of the year! We enjoyed live entertainment from 'The Duchy's' featuring a set of musical

theatre numbers before a buffet supper and afterwards a set of classics by modern day icons which we boogied to.

Members of Belmont, White Coppice & Heath Charnock WIs joined us and it was an excuse to glam up. Diamanté necklaces and tiaras

sparkled & the floral arrangements produced by Catherine were breathtakingly beautiful.

A huge thank you to our members who helped on the afternoon before and the morning after the event and in particular to our wonderful committee for all the planning and preparation work.

We're enjoying a well earned break in August.
See you in September,
Diane



ST. STEPHEN'S POP-UP- CAFÉ 2022 DATES

The café will be open on the second Saturday of each month from 11am to 2pm, as indicated below.

August 13th
September 10th
October 8th

EVERYONE WELCOME TO OUR BEAUTIFUL SETTING

Please join us for homemade cakes, sandwiches, tea and coffee. Other tasty titbits might be available to tempt the tastebuds.

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



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.



FOR SALE / WANTED....

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

Books needed at the Ramblers Cafe, Ryal Fold as stocks are running low.

If you have any books in good condition that you no longer need, please bring them up to the cafe so they can be sold to support Bolton Mountain Rescue Team whose volunteers provide their time free of charge for attending incidents, training, fundraising, maintenance, and a host of other activities. The annual running costs of the service are approximately £40,000 so all donations are welcome.

Darwen Rotary has been selected to take part in the TESCO counter game where when you shop at their stores you collect counters from the till and place them in one of three containers as you leave. The ultimate winner receives a financial reward towards their project.

This has now started and will run until September the 30th.

If you shop at the following three stores please collect the blue counters and use them to vote for us.

TESCO SUPERSTORE HILL STREET BLACKBURN.

TESCO EXPRESS BANK TOP BLACKBURN.

TESCO EXPRESS LIVESEY BRANCH ROAD FENISCOWLES.

You can of course collect the counters at other stores but they have to be used in the three stores above.

The funds if we are successful will all be used to provide food through the Darwen Food Larders for those currently suffering financial hardship.

Please circulate to all your friends and family.

Please send in any messages regarding new groups, adverts 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.

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

If you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem, 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
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Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

St Stephen's Primary School, Tockholes



As we come to the end of another academic year we reflect on our achievements during 2021/22 Ofsted arrived in October 2021, we are pleased to say our inspection was rated 'Good'.

Our year 6 SATS results were amazing, the children and staff worked hard to achieve these results, despite the children working from home during the Covid Pandemic, we are very proud of them all.

We have enjoyed visits from two mayors of Blackburn with Darwen BC. First, Cllr Derek Hardman came to our breakfast morning in May, with members of the Bolton Mountain Rescue team.

In June on a very hot day the junior children went on a sponsored Geography Field walk to Darwen Tower, our parent's carers and friends donated a huge £1188 for Bolton Mountain Rescue. The infant children also helped to raise this wonderful amount by walking around the field.



Then in June we welcomed the new mayor of Blackburn with Darwen BC Cllr Suleman Khonat, he attended our Platinum Jubilee celebration on the field, where we served sandwiches, cakes and fruit punch.

The Mayor, head boy, head girl and the school council



In July some of our year 5 and 6 children performed on stage at the Empire Theatre in the production The Greatest Show, produced by Mrs Barnes (our Deputy Head Teacher) and the staff at The Redeemer (our sister school). What an amazing opportunity for our children to have experienced. They were brilliant true professionals; we may see one of them in a West End show in the future.



Sports day was a huge success the first one for two years, what great sports personalities we have at St Stephen's



Some of our school council on Rock Lane litter picking, helping to keep their environment tidy.



Ready for action Litter pickers at work

As we say goodbye and enormous luck to our year 6 leavers to start their next exciting education journey, we know they will shine brightly whatever they choose to do in the future.

We look forward to welcoming our new reception children in September for the start of their education journey. They have enjoyed two afternoons with us getting to know their new surroundings.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer.