

TOCKUS 'TALK'

DECEMBER 2019



Tockholes Village

WELCOME....

Welcome to the December edition of the Tockus Talk.

At this time of year it's lovely to see the community coming together to organise events for all ages to participate in.

Please remember to book places at the Christmas parties as soon as possible, details are on page 4.

The Christmas lights switch on will be on 6th December with everyone welcome at the Village Hall for refreshments.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to your support in the New Year - Pat & Linda

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.....

Parish Council Members:

Glynn Woon (Chairman)
Alan Robins
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam
Geraldine Walmsley (Clerk)

The annual Christmas tree lights 'switch on' will be held on Friday 6th December 6.30 pm at the village hall.

Mince pies
Mulled Wine
Christmas Carols
A special visitor
Many thanks for your understanding.



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Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 3rd - Pilates am
Tuesday 3rd - Garden Club 7:30pm
Wednesday 4th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am
Thursday 5th - Pilates pm
Friday 6th - 6:30pm Xmas Tree Lights Switch On

Tuesday 10th - Pilates am
Wednesday 11th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 12th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 12th - Pilates pm
Saturday 14th - Children's Xmas Party - 3 - 5pm
Sunday 15th - Seniors Xmas Party

Tuesday 17th - Pilates am
Tuesday 17th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Wednesday 18th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am
Thursday 20th - Pilates pm

Tuesday 24th - Pilates am
Thursday 26th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12
Thursday 26th - Pilates pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on
07889 105969

Parish Clerk

I have been the clerk to Tockholes Parish Council since 2003 and have now decided to retire from this post. The role has been interesting and varied dealing with a huge number of planning applications, highway issues, organising the annual Christmas tree lights switch on, obtaining grants for play ground equipment, refurbishment and many other issues within Tockholes.

Judith Finney will be taking on this role from the 1st January 2020, her contact details etc will be available in the January edition of Tockus Talk. In the meantime please continue to contact me if you have any issues.

Information regarding the Parish Council, minutes, agendas and financial matters can be found on the BwD BC website.

Clerk:

Geraldine Walmsley
01254 701441 /07518122144
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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....

Hello everyone, yes its that time again! Our 2019 Christmas party is to be held on Tuesday 3rd December starting at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Unfortunately I will not be able to be there this year but you will still be in excellent hands as the mantle has been picked up by Rita and Cicely who will take care of you.

We will be having potato/cheese pie peas and all the trimmings followed by desert cheese and biscuits all swilled down with mulled wine.

If you wish to, bring your own drinks as well. We will be very grateful if you could let us know by Saturday 30th November who wishes to come and your choice of pie. You can bring a friend or partner and enjoy festive quizzes and games and a brilliant raffle. Santa also wants you to bring a "Secret Santa" suitably gift wrapped and ready for male or female so everyone has a gift to take home.

Please contact Cicely harry.whittle@virginmedia.com providing the numbers of attendees and choice of pie to ensure sufficient are ordered.

You can always speak to any of the committee if you want to clarify anything.

Alan and Sue, 07787560564, Rita, 01254 706283, Cicely, 01254 694025.

I would also like to thank Catherine and Peter Sykes for an amazing talk and picture display last meeting. I was not aware that we have an expert in our club on wild flowers , now I know who to go to for advice!

Thank you very much, Joan Chadwick.

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BOOK CLUB....

This months book was Dorothy Whipple's late novel 'Someone at a distance'. Many thanks to Catherine for hosting the meeting.

The discussion was full of our different reactions to the plot, characters and prose style. The novel is a timeless story focusing on the systematic destruction of a loving marriage. It describes the fragile nature of love and the lives we build for ourselves. The book was very well received, scoring an 8 overall with only one of us not really enjoying it.

Next months book is 'The Familiars' by Stacey Halls.

Our pre Christmas meeting is on Tuesday 10th December 2019.

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

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Crib and Christingle Service, 4.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.

Christmas Day Eucharist, 9.15am

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?

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



December Services



1st will be the annual Toy Service, with all toys going to the Salvation Army who will be coming along to collect them.

15th will be Communion.

22nd is our Christingle Service.

25th Christmas Day Service 9-30 - 10am.

29th Closed.

Chapel will reopen after Christmas festivities on January 5th @ 2pm with Family Service.

On Thursday Carols with Radio Lancashire in the Rock December 19th @7 pm. Supper included, Donations for Cancer Research.

Hope you can come & join in some of these services as you will be made very welcome.



WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



Kelly Riding was our speaker at the November meeting and what an inspiration she was. Kelly creates hair pieces for ladies suffering from various forms of alopecia. As we know a woman's hair is known as her crowning glory so when she undergoes hair loss due to illness or a medical condition it can be devastating. Kelly crafts hair pieces tailored to each individual client in a very sympathetic manner. It was clear from Kelly's presentation that she cares passionately about the work that she does and has great empathy for the ladies that she works with. There followed a lively question and answer session in which Kelly answered our queries in her amusing and down to earth way. A truly fascinating evening enjoyed by one and all.

We would like to thank those who attended our Bodyshop evening in the village hall. The event was well attended and a pleasant time was had by all.

Sixteen of our members went to Dolly's Tea Room for afternoon Tea and had a really lovely time eating delicious food in the company of friends.



We would like to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year

DARWEN JUBILEE TOWER...

Darwen in Lancashire is one of the places in England that fought for the right to roam on the moors and undertook to take the landowners to task for the restrictions some 30 years before the great Kinder Scout trespass. Whilst the Darwen trespass was not as spectacular it was no less effective as you will learn from the film and podcast attached below. The town also possesses a unique Jubilee Tower built to celebrate both the freeing of the moors and Queen Victoria's Jubilee. It is a famous landmark both locally and nationally recently featuring in both the Times and the Daily Telegraph and the winter walk to the Tower was voted one of the ten best in the country.

The Tower having suffered the exposure to the elements for over 120 years is now showing wear and tear and is in need of some extensive care and attention. Darwen Rotary has undertaken to try and raise £100,000 towards the costs which are likely to exceed one quarter of a million pounds. We have reached £65,800. We are also working with the Blackburn with Darwen authority to try and persuade the National Lottery Heritage Fund to help as it is a Grade II listed monument.

<https://vimeo.com/366221016>

<https://soundcloud.com/user-261876947/the-history-of-darwen-tower-podcast>

<https://vimeo.com/370088141/4ecec3ebee> Sub-titled

We hope you enjoy the film, which is aimed at the younger generation, and podcast and learn a little history of a small northern industrial town.


Please share this with all your friends.

Donations can be made to Rotary Club of Darwen C/O Gore barn, Rock Lane, Darwen, Lancashire, BB3 0LX or

Bacs to Rotary club of Darwen, HSBC, Sort Code 40-19-06 Account 23027589

VILLAGE HALL NEWS....

Tockholes Junior Xmas Party (under 12s)
 Sat 14th Dec 3pm-5pm Tockholes Village Hall
 Contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or kennishallman@btinternet.com for a place



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 Zest 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.



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





COUNCILLOR ADVICE SURGERIES....

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday January 18th (2020) 12 - 1pm
 Saturday April 18th (2020) 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

Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report TT December 2019

The festive season approaches and there's something for everyone.

Fri Dec 6th Christmas Lights Switch on hosted by the Parish Council at the Village Hall .All welcome.

The money raised at the Iron Bell concert has helped the Village Group to fund.

Sat 14th Dec 3-5pm Junior Christmas Party 0-12yrs at the Village Hall .Please contact Linda Kennish on 07473930725 or kennishallman@btinternet.com if you would like your child to come along.

Sun 15th Dec Seniors' Xmas Party 60+ at the Village Hall. If you would like to attend or help please contact Cee Unsworth on 07583361554 or ceeunsworth@googlemail.com

Thurs 19th Dec 7pm Lancashire Sings Christmas at the Rock Inn organised by the Chapel with Hot Pot supper funded by Village Group . All welcome.

VILLAGE MESSAGES

Bright Bottles and Jazzy Jars
 Jane McDonough, 1, West View Terrace, Tockholes

Hi my name, for those who don't know me is Jane, I decoupage bottles and jars, add LED lights and make them into beautiful objects .They are perfect gifts or a treat for yourself. I have lots in stock which can be viewed on my Facebook page or you can call at my house to look, just e-mail me, text or what's-app, no obligation to buy. I am taking orders now for Xmas too .

Decoupage by Jane McDonough

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Thursday 19th December 2019
 7-8pm
Churches Together in Lancashire
 and
BBC Radio Lancashire
 Once again team up for a live carol concert across Lancashire
 Bringing local communities together
 Use the tab above to register your venue and get involved

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Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year

Next meeting Mon 13th Jan 7pm at the Village Hall. To discuss events planned for 2020.

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.

Thank you to all our readers for your continued support through 2019.

We wish you all a Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year



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. Many thanks from Pat Willis and Linda Kennish.