

TOCKUS 'TALK'

DECEMBER 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the December edition of the Tockus Talk.

Please see the information from the churches on Christmas services during the Christmas period. Sadly due to COVID-19 we will be unable to meet and greet each other as normal over the Christmas period but it's reassuring that online resources will be available and contact details are listed should you require support.

Please send in any updates you may wish to share, as a business or personally, with the local community and we'll circulate as soon as we can.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and will see you in the New Year.

Please stay in touch with friends and neighbours at this special time of year and make use of contact details listed in the newsletter should you need to.

- Pat & Linda



Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Village Hall closed until further notice



Village Group Report Dec 2020

It's good to see the Xmas Tree once again outside the Village Hall. The lights will be on as usual during December and the festive season. Unfortunately due to the COVID tier 3 restrictions the Village Group will not be able to organise or host any of the usual celebrations at the Village Hall. We had hoped to organise a virtual light switch on Zoom but have now been advised against doing this.

We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year



FEATURES...

VIRTUAL LOCKDOWN CHRISTMAS MARKET 2020



With Lockdown stopping us all doing our Christmas shopping at fairs and non essential shops Amy Gibbings has created a group to share handmade crafts and art etc locally. There are no fees to list your products on this group. All that is asked is that you be respectful, kind and courteous. Share what you have and hopefully you will get some sales and have some fun as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/692401811700115/?ref=share>

BRIGHT BOTTLES AND JAZZY JARS



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https://www.facebook.com/pg/brightbottlesandjazzyjars/about/?ref=page_internal



Hi, for those who don't know me my name is Jane. I decoupage bottles and jars, add LED lights and make them into beautiful objects. They are perfect gift or a treat for yourself, I have lots in stock which can be viewed on my Facebook page or you can text, email or What'sApp me for more information with no obligation to buy. I am currently taking orders for Christmas.

*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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WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



Nine WI members zoomed into our November meeting and some wore party make-up, Christmas sweaters & headgear and fairy lights in lieu of our planned make-up demonstration.

Members commented that they were pleased to see that the Christmas tree was in situ at the Community Hall.

There was much talk about plans and hopes for Christmas. This was all before the announcements about vaccines and 'Christmas bubbles' so hopefully some of those plans and hopes will come to fruition.

We are collecting gifts of toys, craft activities, underwear and toiletries for Blackburn Women's Refuge until the 9th December. Please email me at lennon_d@sky.com to arrange collection.

Our Christmas meeting will feature a zoom demonstration of a Festive table decoration with the option of participating so watch this space.

Take care & stay safe, Diane x

VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

The October book, which we reviewed at our November meeting, was Agatha Christie's first novel 'The Mysterious Affair at Styles' set in 1916. Although a couple of members enjoyed the twists and turns of the whodunit plot of Hercule Poirot's case as narrated by his friend Captain Hastings, the majority of members found the novel outdated in style and content. The scores reflected this and ranged from 4 to 8 with an average of 5

Next month's book will be 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.

Looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at the pre-Christmas meeting on Tuesday 8th December.

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

With regret, we have decided that our Christingle service on Christmas Eve will not take place because of the difficulties of social distancing a large number of people in church, the restrictions on the types of worship we can undertake and the fact that different households cannot socialise before and after church services. We intend to hold a special service for the Children's Society, for whom we raise a substantial amount at the Christingle Service, later next year. It will not be possible for the school to hold their Nativity play or Christmas service in church either. They have made their own arrangements for these.

I can confirm the following services for December:-
December 6th 9.15am Eucharist
December 20th 9.15am Eucharist
Christmas Day 9.15 am Christmas Eucharist

We are fully compliant with Covid safety measures at church

<https://www.facebook.com/stcuthbertwithststephen/videos/637569143471312/>

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

Tockholes United Reformed Church



We are sorry that our building is closed. As soon as we are given the go ahead to open we can assure you that all rules and regulations have been carried out to make it Covid secure.

In the meantime there is a Service sent out from the URC Church at 9.45 a.m. every Sunday devotions.urc.org.uk

Our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE this year will take place on ZOOM on the 20TH DECEMBER @ 2pm

Further details will be sent out with our Chapel Weekly News nearer the time.

An invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to take part in other events taking place on ZOOM during December which may be of interest

Tuesday 1st December - Morning Prayers at 9.30am

Tuesday 8th December - Morning Prayers at 9.30am

Friday 11th December - Quiz night at 7.30pm

Sunday 13th December - Christingle Service at 4.00pm

Tuesday 15th December - Morning Prayers at 9.30am

Wednesday 16th December - LEMP Coffee Morning 10am

Saturday 19th December - Prayer Breakfast at 10.30am

Sunday 20th December - Revidge Folds' Carol Service at 10.30am

Tuesday 22nd December - Morning Prayers at 9.30am

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day Service 10.30am

For full details and information about any of the above events please contact Mal Breeze on Tel: 01254 674862 Mobile: 07825662203 email malbreeze@me.com

- Contact Marion 01254 772773 for further details.

Hello, My name is Laura Rigby. I was born in the village and have lived here in Tockholes all my life.



Laura's Little Luxuries (on Facebook Groups)
by @Laura Elizabeth

Laura Elizabeth
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Buy from The Body Shop At Home catalogue from the comfort of your own home or view products online at thebodyshop.com and message me if you would like to place an order.

Member Ethical Trading Initiative
Respect for workers worldwide

Cruelty Free INTERNATIONAL

Laura's Little Luxuries
BATH-BOOY BEAUTY

I set up my The Body Shop at Home business over the summer selling Body Shop products. I have a Facebook group (Laura's Little Luxuries) where you can interact on my posts, play games, win products and catch up on some of the offers I can give. I can also drop off a catalogue if you want to see what's available or you can go on the online catalogue for The Body Shop.

I wanted to promote the Body Shop as they are an ethical company that are 'Forever against animal testing' and they source their ingredients through Community Fair Trade providing jobs for many people who live in rural areas around the world.

With all Body Shop orders through me, I can give a 10% discount on products over £5 and sometimes more if there are deals from the company. Delivery in the local area is free and direct shipping from anywhere in the UK is only £3.

MESSAGES....

To contact the Council 'Help Hub' for help with:

* food and essential supplies. Medicines, friendly phone calls, advice on fuel bills, and community support
Please fill in the online form at www.blackburn.gov.uk or call 01254 588111 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm Sat & Sun)

Councillors Dave Smith (tel:773470), Brian Taylor (tel:702204)
& Stephanie Brookfield (tel: 07795 087 577)
(Darwen West Ward)

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 (new member)
Lee Yarnold (new member)



www.facebook.com/tockholes



Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07904261769 - buttermerebuttermererhills@hotmail.co.uk

Since none of the usual pre-Christmas events have been possible this year, we thought a few ideas of things to do may help get us into the Christmas spirit as we go into Tier 3.

Wreath making 
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AnxNV-PNK4> From Scratch
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmhKk8jmb24> Premade hoop
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1kUKXIEouE>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfHEa_6p2oM
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WCUO2R8G_4 Modern
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oiizshda8wa> Door swag
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV5F-Neyi28> Decorations 

Merry Christmas to all our readers

Cocktails 
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfOLxpQ2YmM>
Hot drinks
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyuv4PwfSGQ>
Christmas Zoom games
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBfFrg-kuHE>
Christmas recipes
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NolwXeGiMVw> Nigella
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3j6eJqAwM> Mary Berry
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYZCu-wM5SQ&t=721s> Delia 