

TOCKUS 'TALK'

DECEMBER 2021

Tockholes Village Newsletter



WELCOME....

Welcome to the December edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope to see you all at the various functions over the festive season beginning with the Christmas lights switch on Friday 3rd.

Details of childrens and seniors parties are below, please book places as soon as possible.

Christmas church services are detailed on page 4.

Please send any updates or advertisements of events by the 20th of the month if possible so we can definitely include them in next month's edition. Thanks, - Pat & Linda

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Thursday 2nd - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm
Friday 3rd - Christmas lights switch on

Monday 6th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 7th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 7th - Garden Club 7:30pm
Thursday 7th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 9th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm
Saturday 11th - Children's Xmas Party 3-5pm

Sunday 12th - Seniors Xmas Party 4:45pm
Monday 13th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 14th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 16th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 20th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 21st - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 21st - W.I. - 7:15pm
Thursday 23rd - Craft Club -10am - 12
Thursday 23rd - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 27th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 28th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Wednesday 29th - Cookstars 3-4:30pm
Thursday 30th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105969

VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report

An audience of more than 50 people enjoyed the spectacular performance of Love and Spice by the Balbir Singh Dance Company at the village hall on Fri.26th Nov. Many thanks to the Spot On organisation for finding and facilitating yet another exciting experience . We plan to source more performances through Spot On in 2022.

We have a busy calendar of events in December with something for all ages.

Dates for Christmas Celebrations for 2021

Fri 3rd Dec.6.30 pm Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights Switch On with refreshments. Organised by the Village Group and funded by the Parish Council. All welcome.

Sat 11th Dec,3-5pm Village Hall Junior Christmas party for under 12s to include children and grandchildren of villagers and pupils of St Stephen's school. Please contact Linda Kennish on 07473930725 or email kennishallman@btinternet.com to book places.

Sun 12th Dec 4:45pm Village Hall Seniors' Christmas Party contact Cee Unsworth for a place. Donations of raffle prizes welcome.

Thursday 16th December 7pm at the Rock Inn Lancashire Sings Christmas with pie supper funded by the Village Group.

If you are coming along to any of the Christmas events we would like to request that you show your consideration of others by carrying out a COVID lateral flow test prior to attending and not attending if you feel unwell or have any symptoms.

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm

Gardening Club is 7.30pm on the 1st Tues of each month

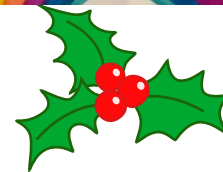
WI meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tues of each month.

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

Future Events being planned for 2022 are - further Spot On performances and a St Patrick's night themed social evening

If you would like to make suggestions, discuss or offer to help with any of the village events come along to the Next Meeting - 6pm - Mon 17th Jan 2022 at the Village Hall



*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 dear garden club members.

You are all cordially invited to our Christmas Party on Tuesday 7th December starting at 7.30. All members and a guest are invited to our annual knees up with games, quizzes, potato/cheese pie and all the trimmings including mulled wine mince pies and spot prizes. Please let me know if you would like to come and if you have any particular dietary requirements by Friday 3rd December.



I will need the following information:-

Names, how many guests, contact details, and choice of meat or cheese pie. Please state if you have any particular dietary needs.

Everyone who comes should bring a "secret Santa" gift suitable for male and female. The gift should cost under £5 and be seasonably wrapped and ready for Santa's little helpers to give to "good/ish" girls and boys! I am looking forward to seeing you all and getting the Christmas season off to a great start.



With Fondest wishes,

Joan.

01254 771756 / 07926078769 <joan.foxx@btinternet.com>

BOOK CLUB....

Last month's book was 'The Burning Girls' by C J Tudor. First published in January 2021 the book is a psychological thriller with supernatural/occult elements.

The main character is an unconventional Vicar who, with her daughter, finds herself moved to a small village in Sussex following a scandal in her previous city centre parish. The village of Chapel Croft has a religious history, being the site of the death of 6 Protestant martyrs at the time of the reign of Mary Tudor - all 6 were burnt at the stake, including two young girls who are 'The Burning Girls' of the title.

For a small village they have a high level of crime - with numerous disappearances, murders and assaults. Added to this are apparitions and hauntings which led to the book having a baffling number of concurrent stories. There is also a twist which is kept well hidden until very close to the end.

The general consensus was that the book is an easy, and fairly enjoyable read - albeit quite silly, with some large plot holes and familiar tropes.

Most people did finish the book and scores ranged from 4 to 8, with the average coming out at 6.5.

Next month's book is 'American Dirt' by Jeanine Cummins. It tells the story of a Mexican woman's desperate escape from Acapulco with her young son, following horrific violence from the local drug cartel.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 14th December at 7pm - Judith
New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997
The next meeting is Tuesday 14th December.

W.I.....



At our November meeting we enjoyed a fascinating and informative talk on gin, followed by a Gin quiz and Gin Bingo presented by our very own talented member Lynett Dean. Another of our talented members (we have so many!) Joan Parkhouse who leads our monthly singing of the anthem Jerusalem has been invited to lead the singing of Jerusalem at the Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes' Annual Council Meeting at Whites Hotel, Bolton in March 2022 and many of us will be there to support her.

Next month our members and invited guests from other WIs will gather together in the hall for our Christmas Party. Our entertainment for the evening will be Mellor Brook Ukelele Band.

The future is certainly bright at Tockholes WI and we have a varied and interesting programme planned for January 2022-March 2023.

We even have a TV personality coming to speak at our January 2022 meeting!

Take care,
Diane

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MESSAGES....



Tockholes Junior Xmas Party (under 12s)



Sat 11th Dec 3pm-5pm Tockholes Village Hall

Contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or kennishallman@btinternet.com for a place

BRIGHT BOTTLES & JAZZY JARS Decoupage by Jane McDonough

<https://www.facebook.com/brightbottlesandjazzyjars/> Mob: 07745 984794



VILLAGE HALL EVENTS....

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.



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

Zest Pilates is safe & suitable for all ages and experience levels

Pilates

Request More Information 07798 182 913 Email Us

Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday January 15th 12 - 1pm (2022)

Saturday April 16th 12 - 1pm (2022)

Please do not hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem. Alternatively 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 brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk 01254 702204

Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

COOKSTARS...

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn @carrianncookstars

Christmas Cooking Workshop

WEDNESDAY 29TH DECEMBER
Tockholes Village Hall
3-4.30pm

Make tasty Christmas treats:
Amazing snowman biscuits & Delicious Snowballs truffles
Plus enjoy a fun snowman craft activity!
Free refreshments included!

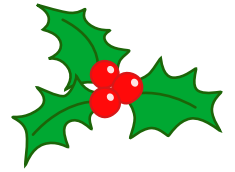
All ingredients included!

Call Carrie Ann: 07765 235 497
Email: carriann@cookstars.co.uk
<https://cook-stars-rossendale-and-blackburn.class4kids.co.uk>



Please send in any messages regarding new groups 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.



FEATURES....

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



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY 2PM



OUR CHRISTMAS BEGINS

ALL SERVICES AT 2 PM
APART FROM CHRISTMAS DAY

NOVEMBER 28TH **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
SERVICE LED BY BARBARA DUXBURY

DECEMBER 5TH **SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
TOY SERVICE LED BY GEORGE GRIME

Please bring along all used toys in good condition to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to the Children in need in our area.

DECEMBER 12TH **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
SERVICE LED BY DOREEN GOODSHIP
TO INCLUDE HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 19TH **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE LED BY REV. T. YOUNG

DECEMBER 25TH **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9.30AM**

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

Our services at St. Stephen's for Christmas are as follows, all being well and restrictions permitting.

Christmas Eve 4.30pm, Christingle Service.
Christmas Day 9.15am, Christmas morning celebration.
Boxing Day, the Feast Day of St. Stephen, 10.00am, Parish Eucharist.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate Christmas with us, though we respectfully ask that people wear masks and use hand gel when in church, in order to protect each other. Please see the parish website and Facebook page for any updates.

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