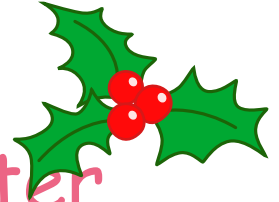


# TOCKUS 'TALK'

DECEMBER 2022



## Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK



### Village Group Report

Thanks for letting us know your ideas for future social events. We are exploring using the ideas in 2023.

Please contact [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) with any ideas or offers of help or come along to the next Village Group meeting 6pm 16th Jan 2023

### Looking Forward to Christmas

#### **Fri 2nd Dec 6.30 Christmas Tree Lights Switch on.**

Mulled wine, fruit juice, cakes and mince pies provided by the Parish Council and organised by the Village Group. All welcome.



**Sat 10th Dec Senior's Celebration 4:30 - 9pm Christmas Meal with entertainment and drinks provided.** You are welcome to bring your own additional drinks. If you are 60 or older and would like to come along but haven't booked a place please contact Cee 07583361554 .

**Sun 11th Dec Junior Christmas Party (12 and under) 3-5pm** for children and grandchildren of local residents and those who attend the village school.

Please contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or [lindakennish@gmail.com](mailto:lindakennish@gmail.com) with child name and age for a place.

### **New Years Eve Celebration**

*Open house at the Village Hall. All welcome. Bring your own food and drink.*

*Join us anytime from 7.30pm. to eat, drink, chat, sing, dance in the New Year with neighbours and friends.*

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Thursday 1st - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Friday 2nd - Christmas Light Switch On 6:30pm

Tuesday 6th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Tuesday 6th- Garden Club - 7:30pm

Thursday 8th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Thursday 8th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Saturday 10th - Seniors Xmas Party - 4:30 - 9pm

Sunday 11th - Junior Xmas Party - 3-5pm

Tuesday 13th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Tuesday 13th - W.I. - 7:15pm

Thursday 15th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 20th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Thursday 22nd - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Thursday 22nd - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 27th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Thursday 29th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Saturday 31st - New Year's Eve open house - 7:30pm onwards

**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**

HOW CAN I HELP?



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](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com)

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

*Hello dear friends.*

*It is with the deepest sadness that I have to tell you that our dear friend and member Peter Lowndes died last week. Peter and Anne have been members for many years and he will be very sadly missed. His funeral will be held on Friday 2 December at 10am at the Crematorium. The family ask for no flowers but for donations care of Edwin Ainsworth Ltd Darwen.*

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Our Christmas party will go ahead as planned on Tuesday 6th December in the village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Please let me know if you are coming and how many guests by next Thursday 1st December and if you have special dietary needs. It will be a potato pie supper with the trimmings plus sweets, desert and mulled wine. As usual there will be quizzes and table games . If you wish to bring your own drinks please do so.

Everyone attending should bring a "secret Santa " suitably christmas wrapped to the value of £5.00 please.

I will do my very best to make the party as festive as possible despite the sad news.

I will need a few "fairy helpers" on the day and will be grateful for volunteers so let me know if you can help out. Thank you.

Joan Chadwick.

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

BOOK CLUB....

This month's book was 'Beyond Black' by Hilary Mantel.

Published in 2005, and shortlisted for the Orange Prize for fiction, it tells the story of Alison Hart, a medium by trade, who tours the towns of South East England with her partner/manager, Colette. Her performances in village halls, theatres and pubs involve her passing on messages from beloved dead relatives. But behind her plump, cheerful persona hides a desperate woman - she knows the terrors the next life holds but must conceal them from her wide-eyed clients. At the same time she is plagued by spirits from her own past, who represent her abusive and miserable childhood and become increasingly cruel as Alison tries to revisit her memories.

The book got mixed reviews - described by some as very funny, others thought some of the elements distasteful and cruel. The descriptive style was appreciated, as was the quality of the writing itself. The interplay between the surreal and mundane was enjoyed, as were the observations on middle class life. The character of Alison was generally liked, although the character of Colette was very hard to warm to and her motivation not always clear. The descriptions of the abuses in Alison's childhood were difficult to read, and some people definitely found the violence too graphic.

Several people felt that the book lost momentum in the middle, and would have been better and sharper at about 100 pages shorter.

The book did prompt a really interesting discussion, around the subject matter and about Hilary Mantel herself. Some people will be looking to read some of her other books, whilst some said they were glad when the book had finished!

The range of adjectives used to describe the book were interesting in themselves and reflected the range of opinions - they included 'weird'; 'bitchy'; 'hilarious'; 'fascinating'; 'boring' and 'surreal'

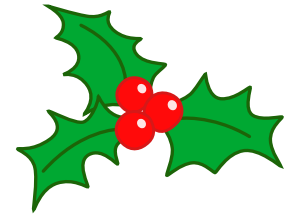
Scores for the book ranged from 4 to 8, with the average coming out at 7.

Next month's book is Christmas themed to fit our December meeting. It's 'A Christmas Memory' by Truman Capote, originally published as a short story, it should be a quick read at what is a busy time of year for many!

The next meeting is Tuesday 13th December.

Judith





UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL  
OPEN FOR WORSHIP  
EVERY SUNDAY  
2PM

OUR SERVICES IN DECEMBER

**Dec. 4th** OUR TOY SERVICE  
Led by Mr George Grime.

The Chaplain from the Salvation Army will be coming along to collect the toys to give to the children in our area who are in need.

If you have any used toys, books, jigsaws etc in good condition please bring them along. They will be very much appreciated.

Following the service we will be serving coffee, juice and Mince Pies and we hope you will stay and enjoy the chance to meet with friends old and new.

**Dec 11th** Worship including Holy Communion  
Led by Mr John East

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>** Christingle Service  
Led by Mr John East



**Dec 25<sup>th</sup>** Chapel will be closed.

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** Chapel will be closed

ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest  
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360

Parish website

[www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org](http://www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org)

DECEMBER SERVICES

- . School Nativity Play, December 8th at 2pm and 6pm.
- . School Christmas Service, December 16th at 2pm.
- . Christingle Service Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4.30pm; mince pies, coffee and mulled wine served after the service.
- . Christmas Day Eucharist, December 25th at 9.15am.

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.

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](http://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.



PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS AND SEND IN PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT EDITION

W.I.....



Tockholes WI had a change to their programme this month as our intended speaker was unable to attend at very short notice due to illness. We were incredibly lucky that Dr Graham Kemp was able to step in at a very short notice. Dr Kemp is an author, historian and guide at Lancaster Castle, he delighted us with a talk about the Lancashire Witches. This could have been a very dry subject but not so as Dr Kemp was lively, funny, a fountain of knowledge and very entertaining. A good time was had by all.

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](mailto:stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07795 087 577

Cllr Dave Smith, 18b Woodbank Avenue, Darwen  
[david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07812 070 109

Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyside Lane, Darwen  
[brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk) 01254 702204



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](mailto:buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk)

**The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th January 2023**

CHRISTMAS EVENTS....



MEET SANTA IN DARWEN MARKET HALL



EVERY SATURDAY FROM NOVEMBER 26TH  
UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE

VISITING TIMES ARE 10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM  
EXCEPT CHRISTMAS EVE WHICH WILL BE  
10.00AM UNTIL 1.00PM

PHOTO AND GIFT PLUS A TALK TO SANTA  
ADMISSION £5.00

Tockholes Christmas Party 2022



It's that time of year again to get into the festive spirit so you are invited to the Tockholes Christmas over 60's Party on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 4.45 pm at Tockholes Village Hall.

It's an ideal opportunity for you to meet with old friends and make new ones.

There is no charge but there will be a box available to make a donation of your choice.

Please let Celia know either by text or call 07583361554 or email [ceeunsworth@googlemail.com](mailto:ceeunsworth@googlemail.com) if you can make it so we can arrange the catering by 2nd December.

Hope you can make it.  
Tockholes Village Hall Group



Join us for a New Year's Eve Celebration

Open house at the Village Hall. All welcome. Bring your own food and drink.

Join us anytime from 7.30pm. to eat, drink, chat, sing, dance in the New Year with neighbours and friends.



Tockholes Junior Xmas Party (under 12s)



Sun 11th Dec 2022 3pm-5pm Tockholes Village Hall

Contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or [kennishallman@btinternet.com](mailto:kennishallman@btinternet.com) for a place

Open to villagers' children and grandchildren and pupils of St Stephens Tockholes.