



Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the January edition of Tockus Talk for 2022.

Happy New Year

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

VILLAGE HALL....

Village Group Report

If you are coming along to any of the 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

MESSAGE FROM THE RHODES FAMILY

As a family, we can't thank you all enough for the support we have had from the people of Tockholes during Bill's illness.

With special thanks to Elaine and Stephen, Christine, Lyn, Judith and John, Catherine and Terry and the Navesey family, Julie, Mark, Bill and also to Father Nicolas for his wonderful service at the crematorium.

God Bless from the Rhodes family.

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Monday 3rd - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 4th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 4th - Garden Club 7:30pm
Thursday 6th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 10th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 11th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 13th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 13th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 17th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Monday 17th - Parish Council Meeting - 7pm
Tuesday 18th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Tuesday 20th - W.I. - 7:15pm
Thursday 20th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 24th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm
Tuesday 24th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Wednesday 25th - Cookstars 3-4:30pm
Thursday 26th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 26th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

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



TOCKUS 'TALK' - JANUARY 2022

TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....



HELLO dear friends. I hope you have been able to have a wonderful Christmas . I have the greatest pleasure in announcing our next meeting on 4th January at 7.30, our very own Judith Finney together with her friend Linda will be giving a pictorial talk on the amazing:

"The Poison Garden at Alnwick".

The garden is a multi award winning visitor attraction based in Alnwick, Northumberland.

I can fully endorse this as one of the best gardens in England.

At the moment meetings are allowed to take place, but this may change!!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We had a great Christmas party and would like to thank everyone concerned who helped it go with a swing. Here are a few pictures taken by John Cookson of our gang, full of festive spirit. I would like to wish you all a very Happy and healthy 2022.



Fondest wishes.

Joan and your all committee

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BOOK CLUB....

This month's book was 'American Dirt' by Jeanine Cummins. First published in 2020, it tells the story of a Mexican woman living happily with her family in Acapulco. But following a shockingly violent event which opens the book, she finds herself on the run through Mexico with her young son. In a desperate bid to reach safety, she plans to enter the United States as an undocumented immigrant and secure a safer future for herself and her son.

The book was generally well received, with most people finding it a very thought provoking story. The kindness of the local population as they pass through towns on their way to 'El Norte' was striking, and was a real contrast to the undercurrent of violence from drug gangs and criminals that pervades the whole book.

The group felt that the female characters were better drawn than the male characters, who were sketched in less detail. Some of the group also felt that the author hadn't captured the voices of some of the younger people in the story, and felt that their voices sometimes lacked authenticity.

Everyone was glad that, despite the underlying extreme violence of the story, the representation of it wasn't explicit or gratuitous. This left the reader to interpret what had happened, and draw their own conclusions.

The discussion about the book was really interesting and engaging (helped along by mulled wine and food!). The scores ranged between 4 and 9 - with the average coming out at 8.

Next month's meeting is Tuesday the 11th of January, and we will be joined by local photographer and author Matt Donnelly, who will be talking about his recent book 'Surviving Lockdown'. Our book for review at January's meeting is also one of Matt's recommendations. 'Between Stone and Sky - Memoirs of a Waller' by Whitney Brown tells the story of a young woman leaving her old life behind to embrace the life of a dry stone waller.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 11th January at 7pm - Judith
New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997

W.I.....



Our Christmas Party was so much more than alright on the night after the Mellor Brook Ukelele Band cancelled their booking.

Our wonderful committee and members in attendance rose to the challenge and served a fabulous buffet, sherry, mulled wine and tea & coffee in a covid-safe way.

The response to our collection for The Wish Centre (Blackburn Womens' Refuge) was overwhelming and Joan and I had cars packed to the rafters to drop off the day after.

We enjoyed playing table games and members, visitors & guests left with a Secret Santa gift.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated on the night.

Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous New Year,

I hope to see our members and any visitors at our January meeting when we have a TV Celebrity lined up to entertain you!

Diane

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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

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 17th January 2022 at 7pm. All welcome.

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
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Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS.... TOCKHOLES CRAFT GROUP....

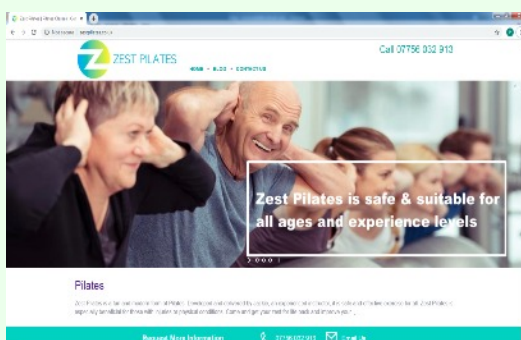
If you enjoy a natter, a brew and want to share your interests of knitting, jewellery, cross stitch, crochet or whatever, you are very welcome to join us at TOCKHOLES VILLAGE HALL between 10 - 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



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**



COOKSTARS...

It is so good to be back teaching our children's cooking classes again at Tockholes Village Hall!

At the moment we have 2 classes running; a Monday Mini's for 2-5 year olds from 10.30-11.45 and a Homeschooling group for 5-11 year olds from 12.30-1.45.

Spaces are still available at both classes and we welcome Grandparents, Mums and Dads, childminders, aunties and uncles!

During the sessions so far the children have made Corned beef pasties, Easy Peasy Cheesy bake and Rhubarb and custard cake! We also have a drink and snack and a craft whilst the food is in the oven.

Sessions are £9 per week, payable by half term (and your second class is FREE!).

Please get in touch if you would like more information, or have a look at our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn>

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and Blackburn

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UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL
OPEN EVERY SUNDAY 2PM



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR

THE NEXT SERVICE IS ON 9TH JANUARY

PLEASE CHECK ONLINE FOR UPDATES TO SERVICES

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

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.

FEATURES....

A reader's response to our suggestion for an advertisement section

I think the idea for an exchange section is brilliant;



- We could expand it to an exchange of ideas or even recipes to further push carbon neutrality.
- We're consciously reducing our meat consumption and have come across some really good veggie recipes that we could share.
- We're trying to buy with less packaging. Cakes and biscuits are proving a nightmare so could we get people sharing recipes for homemade treats as well ?
- Who else buys wood in the village and where is it sourced from ?.
- A load of us are still, unfortunately, on oil. Could we get our buying coordinated to reduce the carbon footprint on deliveries and maybe even flex a bit of buying power ?.

I know it all sounds a bit hippie but it's massively important. Thanks for continuing to produce the newsletter.

Please send in your responses, ideas and adverts so we can do our bit to reduce waste in the village

PRIVATE ADVERTS....

Tropical fish tank with lights, heaters, filters and storage stand



Please ring 07900 683985 For further details

Charitable donation accepted in exchange

Please send in any messages regarding new groups, adverts or events as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in next month's edition.