

TOCKUS 'TALK'

JANUARY 2023



Tockholes Village Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS

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 will take place on Monday 16th January 2023

Village Group Report

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.

The Christmas events were very popular.

The Village Hall was full for the Christmas Lights Switch On which was funded by the Parish Council and run by the Village group. It was a calm clear night. The carols were led by Father Nicholas and Santa called in to see the children.

60 took part in a lively Senior Christmas meal run by the Village Group. Thanks to the Royal for their contribution to the cooking and Sue Brodie for making and donating trifles. The raffle and donations raised over £300.

Lancashire Sings Christmas was hosted by the Royal and well attended with potato pie jointly funded by The Chapel and the Village Group

15 children aged from 2-11 came along to the Junior Party played games and met Santa.

A big thank you to Chris Tobin who co-ordinated the events and all the helpers who made these events possible.

Thanks for letting us know your ideas for future social events. We are exploring using the ideas in 2023 at the next Village Group meeting 6pm 16th Jan 2023 at Tockholes village Hall

Please contact tockustalk@outlook.com with any ideas or offers of help

Regular Bookings

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm

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

Tockholes Village Hall Diary

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

Tuesday 3rd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

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

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

Thursday 12th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 12th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 17th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Tuesday 17th - W.I. - 7:15pm

Thursday 19th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 24th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

Thursday 26th - Craft Club - 10am - 12

Thursday 26th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 31st - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

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

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TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

On behalf of the Garden Club members, we'd like to thank Joan and all her helpers for the excellent meetings throughout last year and for the enjoyable Christmas Party with homemade Potato Pie, games, raffle and secret Santa which were all much appreciated. - Pat & Linda



Hello dear friends.

The next Garden Club will be in February, details to follow.

Thank you.

Joan Chadwick.

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Tockholes WI have embraced the festive seasons to the full. Twelve members enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at Astley Bank Hotel on a very frosty and cold day. A first class event. Two members attended Belmont WI Christmas party on an even colder evening, thank goodness for the heated seats in Jean's car on the way home. Other members went to Heath Charnock WI to join them in their seasonal celebrations. Our own party went with a swing as we were entertained by a two piece brass ensemble and a delicious super washed down with mulled wine and procecco. As usual members donated toiletries and underware etc for The Women's Refuge. We have done this for a number of years and they are grateful for our continued support.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



BOOK CLUB....

This month's Book Club choice was a Truman Capote short story entitled 'A Christmas Memory'. At only 25 pages it's a short and simple story about the Christmas preparations of a 7 year old boy and his elderly second cousin who he lives with, along with an extended family who play only a peripheral role. The elderly relative is a gentle and childlike lady who the boy refers to throughout only as his 'friend'. The story describes their poverty and the hardship that they endure, but despite this the happiness of the pair is very clear.

The story was generally very well received, with most people describing it as charming, delightful and poignant. Only one person actively disliked the story, finding it too simple and too lightweight.

The scores for the story ranged from 3 to 10, and for the first time ever we had 3 maximum scores! The average came out at 9.

In addition to this month's short story, we were also very happy to welcome Mahmood Ahmed to the Book Club. An ex-colleague and old friend of Judith's, he came along to talk to us about his autobiography 'PC Mebs - Finding Myself'. His book tells the story of his early life in Pakistan, his move to England at the age of 9, and the challenges faced by him and his family. After an initial few years in Oxford and Bradford, Mebs found himself in Blackburn where he worked on the buses, and as a traffic warden, before joining Lancashire Constabulary as a Police Officer. The second part of the book focuses on his work within the Police Force - both in his role as a local Police Constable and his work on recognising and improving diversity and representation.

His talk was fascinating, and led to a long and lively discussion - covering everything from romance, office politics, bus routes and racism! A really interesting evening all round, helped along by mulled wine and seasonal snacks.

Next month's book is 'Snap' by Belinda Bauer, and the next meeting is Tuesday 10th January.

Judith



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL
OPEN FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY
2PM

OUR SERVICES IN JANUARY 2023

Jan 8th Children's Service
Led by Mr Danny Wilson

Followed by Tea/Coffee/juice and biscuits

Jan 15th WORSHIP
Led by Rev Adam Woodhouse

Jan 22nd WORSHIP Service to include Holy Communion
and will be led by Mrs Doreen Goodship

Jan 29th WORSHIP
Led by Mr George Grime

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.

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



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

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If you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem, the councillors can be contacted directly:

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stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk Tel: 07795 087 577

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