

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the July edition of the Tockus Talk.

This month's edition has a slightly different format in that we've removed the sections for which we have not received an update. If there are any businesses or individuals who would like us to share revised openings, COVID-19 information or general items please email us. If you've any messages you'd like to share please get them to us by the fifteenth of the month to ensure we include them next time.

Please keep in touch by joining the Facebook group, Tockholes COVID-19 - Coronavirus Self Isolate Group and the WhatsApp groups, if you would like to join either of the WhatsApp groups, Tockholes Covid- 19 Help and Tock Talk, please message Kate Brown on 07572 602975, or Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 and they will add you to one or both of them.

Please stay safe and keep in touch with friends and neighbours during the difficult times ahead but above all, please stay safe xx - Pat & Linda

Tockholes Village Hall Diary
Village Hall closed until further notice



MESSAGES...



I would like to thank the following for the part they played in the restoration of Steve Fosters bench :

Bill & Mark Navesey

Tony & Tom Malpas

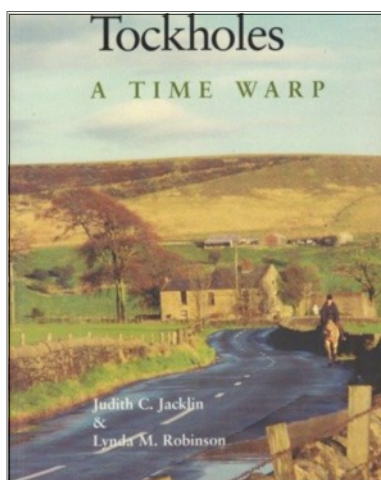
Mick Riding

Adam, Robin & Ruth Tilbrook.

It just shows what a great community spirit we have in this village.

*Thank you,
Barry*

For anyone interested in owning a copy of Tockholes Time Warp, please see on Amazon



"Our Dietitians at Royal Blackburn Hospital would like to thank those who took the time and trouble to make wash bags, they are very much appreciated"



*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*



Once again Diane Lennon hosted a Zoom meeting for our June meeting with a number of members taking part. Some are unable to join in due to internet connection problems but those who did take part could not believe how quickly the forty minutes passed by.

A fifty and sixties quiz was the entertainment for the evening which was won by Catherine Sykes, the questions have been thrown open for the other members to take part via email. The winner will be announced in September when it is hoped that we will be able to meet up once again, this is looking more promising with the easing up of lockdown restrictions.

We are hoping for some fine weather in July which will enable us to hold an outside meeting that will give us a chance to connect with one another once again and share our 'lockdown' stories.

Wishing you all well as we creep forward into some sort of normality during the coming months, we know that for some it will be an anxious time as staying at home has become the norm and venturing out once again into society may be viewed with some trepidation. We may emerge as sleek beautiful butterflies but with no visit to the hairdressers for months and lots of home baking and Netflix it is more likely that we shall emerge as plump woolly moths! As we do come out of lockdown there will be many memories of the small acts of kindness shared during what has been a difficult time. These have warmed the heart and led to a strong feeling of community spirit

Take care and best wishes to all Tockus Talk readers.

BOOK CLUB....

This month's book was *Educated* which is a memoir by Tara Westover who lived in Idaho in America. She was brought up by parents who were Mormon fundamentalists. She was the youngest of seven children. Her father believed the world was going to end and her mother worked as a midwife in the community and practiced healing with a variety of herbs. Tara did not get a school education but worked in the family run scrap metal business which was extremely dangerous. She was also abused by her older brother. The book is disturbing in parts but describes how Tara managed to leave the family and go on to university where she was extremely successful.

The book was a popular choice and we scored it an 8 overall. Most people found it difficult to believe that the violent and abusive lifestyle she described still goes on. A number of the group felt there were certain inconsistencies in the novel with some of the facts not explained thoroughly.

Next month's book is chosen by Terry and is *Something Fresh* - first of the Blandings Castle series by PG Woodhouse. A much lighter read than the last few books we have chosen.

Next meeting 7pm Tuesday 14th July 2020

Keep safe everyone - Judith

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

We are open for public worship from Sunday 5th July, beginning with our scheduled service at 9.15am. Everyone welcome. We will be open for private prayer on Tues 30th June 10am to 12pm and Thurs 2nd July 5pm to 7pm. The latter will be the end of private prayer openings. There will be someone in church to supervise during these times so that nobody will be left alone. We invite anyone in the village, and beyond, to use this facility if they wish to do so.

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

While the St. Stephen's Church will be closed the graveyard can remain open.

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



United Reformed Church



All services are currently cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Don't forget you can find TOCKHOLES UNITED REFORMED CHURCH on FACE BOOK for further info & pictures <https://en-gb.facebook.com/tockholeschapel/>

Please find worship materials available from the United Reformed Church at <https://urc.org.uk/worship-and-spirituality.html>

STAY SAFE EVERYBODY

For further information re Chapel please contact the Secretary Mrs Kathleen Knowles on 01254 706489.



MESSAGE FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS....

Dear Friends and Residents,

As you have contacted either myself or my colleagues in the past we, as your Local Councillors, just wanted to send you important information regarding the continuing Coronavirus outbreak. Please find attached the latest 'Healthy Darwen' newsletter produced by the Darwen Primary Care Neighbourhood Group, - this newsletter contains lots of vital information to help keep you and your family safe in these difficult times.

The Council has set up a 'Help Hub' which can help with:

- * food and essential supplies
- * medicines
- * friendly phone calls
- * advice on fuel bills
- * community support

If you or anyone you know are in need of help please fill in the online form at www.blackburn.gov.uk or call 01254 588111 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm Sat & Sun)

If you have any queries regarding this or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact us. Keep safe and keep well.

With all best wishes.

Dave, Brian & Stephanie.

Councillors Dave Smith (tel:773470), Brian Taylor (tel: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

Glynn Woon (Chair)
Alan Robins (Vice Chair)
George Swanton
Chris Tobin
Jane Whittam



www.facebook.com/tockholes



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

Cleaner required for the Village Hall

To work between 2-4 hours a month on a weekly or fortnightly basis

Please call Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 to discuss details and apply

Are there any Handymen or ladies out there?

The Village Hall Group would like to ask for your help to create new notice boards with glass doors for the village.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 or Linda Kennish for details.

AND FINALLY....

We would like to remind everyone of the help that's available and encourage you not to hesitate in asking and for everyone to do all we can to support each other now and in the future.

In addition to the contacts listed in this newsletter you can also email us at tockustalk@outlook.com and we will pass requests on appropriately. Thank you to all our readers for your continued support. We look forward to increasing our membership and encouraging contributions from wider groups to benefit our readers.

Please feedback to tockustalk@outlook.com with comments on the newsletter and send us any articles or items for inclusion in next month's issue by the 15th of the month so that we can provide timely information in the next edition.

And don't forget all we need is an email to tockustalk@outlook.com which states that you give consent for use of your email address for receipt of Tockus Talk and other relevant information if you wish to receive your electronic copy. Many thanks from Pat Willis and Linda Kennish.