

TOCKUS 'TALK' JUNE 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the June edition of the Tockus Talk.

It's good to see some of the village groups getting together via social networking technology. The Facebook group, Tockholes COVID-19 - Coronavirus Self Isolate Group and the WhatsApp groups are also good ways of staying in touch, 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.

The VE Day celebrations went really well with the whole village getting into the spirit by decorating and partying whilst observing lockdown guidelines. It was a great morale booster.

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



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) & Stephanie Brookfield (tel: 07795 087 577) (Darwen West Ward)

PARISH COUNCIL.....

The next Parish Council meeting should have been in May. This meeting is now cancelled and will be rearranged when its possible to hold a meeting. The date of the meeting will be advertised in the usual way.

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 - 07969 633997 - buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk

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....



Since we can't visit each others gardens at the moment, how about sharing photos? *Just a suggestion from Pat*

https://www.houzz.co.uk/magazine/what-the-rhs-chelsea-flower-show-told-us-about-our-gardens-stsetivw-vs~136294167?utm_source=Houzz&utm_campaign=u13884&utm_medium=email&utm_content=gallery0_0&newsletterId=13884

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

I hope that everyone is well, please stay safe until we meet again.
Joan Chadwick. 01254 771756, 07926078769, joan.foxx@btinternet.com



BOOK CLUB....

This months book was *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. The book is about a Vietnamese POW Ernst who returns a changed person. He is abusive and violent towards his wife Cora. The couple have a 13 year old daughter Leni and after Ernst loses his job yet again they move to Alaska. The descriptions of Alaska were excellent but life there was difficult especially in the Winter. The story goes on to describe the violence of Ernst and the romantic friendship Leni finds there. Cora and Leni end up leaving and finding a new life back in Seattle.

There were mixed views about the book and scores ranged from 9 down to 5. There were quite a few who loved the storyline with a few of us enjoying the first half of the book a lot more than the second half. A few really did not like the book at all.

Elaine has shared with us the Canadian bookclub's review who also read it at the same time.

Next months book is *Educated* by Tara Westover.

We will have a Houseparty on Tuesday 9th June to discuss the book.

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

Services are cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic
Fr. Nick will be streaming services live on the parish FaceBook page; priests have been instructed to do this on their own by the church authorities. Details on the website,
<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.





What strange and unprecedented times we are living in, who would have thought twelve months ago that On Tuesday 19h May Tockholes WI embraced technology and held their monthly meeting on Zoom, they nearly had to wear a carnation to recognize each other as there have been no visits to beauty parlours or hairdressers for quite some time! When the Lancashire Federation of the Womens Institute was formed in 1920 they never in their wildest dreams would have thought that such a thing as Zoom could be possible let alone probable. The world has changed beyond recognition in that time, yet we are now living through similar circumstances as we try to deal with a global pandemic. For them it lasted from 1918 through to 1920, let us hope that with modern science that our lives can get back to some sort of normality in a shorter period of time. For the moment we just have to get on with it and make the best of things. Many events planned to celebrate the 100 years have of course been cancelled.

Our members have been very busy, some working harder than ever as they work from home, others have been left with extra pets to look after for family and neighbours unable to venture out. Many have had a good de-cluttering, no doubt this time next year they will be saying 'I should never have thrown such and such a thing away!' There has been lots of baking, walking and gardening undertaken. As like many of you, members have undergone disappointment as weddings and special holidays have been cancelled or postponed, they will be even more special when they finally arrive. The very real downside for our members as with everyone else has been the loss of physical contact with our family and friends most especially not being able to hug the grandchildren.

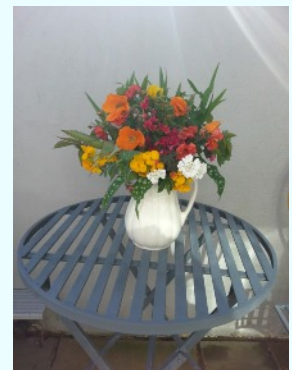
Last month Judith Finney took a large selection of donated games books and craft items to the Women's Refuge. They were absolutely delighted and said they would be put to good and immediate use. Members have also been making draw string bags for nurses to take their uniforms home in after going off shift, others have been telephone buddies to people in isolation on their own so the spirit of The WI lives on in these troubled times.

A number of our members took part in a WI challenge for National Flower Arranging Day. The challenge being to create an arrangement using thirty stems, gardens were raided and here are some of the results. It was great fun.



With Best Wishes to the readers of Tockus Talk and hope that you all keep well as we venture all be it slowly out of Lockdown.

God Bless.



VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report May 2020

We'd like to say a big thank you to Paul Pelham from Lower Hill, who has kindly offered to could kit the village hall out with dispensers and sanitizer, and has given the hall a complete sensitised spray to kill anything, which sprays a mist fog which then sticks to everything creating a protective barrier and killing bacteria and viruses. Paul is kindly providing the dispensers etc free of charge for the village hall, from his company, [Viroklenz](#).

The Village Hall needs a new notice board with a glass opening door if anyone would like to make one as a lockdown/furlough project cost of materials would be covered.

Let us know your ideas and suggestions for a theme for a reopening celebration social evening.

MESSAGES...

Lancashire Libraries and Spot On Lancashire have been working together to continue to bring great art and stories to you.



Spot On Stories are ten-minute micro shows filmed just for you by some of the fantastic artists that have, or should have, toured with Spot On.

These are bite-sized video moments, made for the people of Lancashire, so that for 10 minutes, wherever you are, you can lose yourself in a really good story. We're working in partnership with Lancashire Library Service to deliver this project. ??

The shows are exclusive to Spot On for 30 days so make sure you catch them all!

<http://spotonlancashire.co.uk/spot-on-stories/>

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

'Rob's Rib-tickers' ...

On my education.....

All the other kids called me lazy at school and pushed me around.....oh how I miss that old wheelchair.

One teacher said to me, "Campbell, you're a plagiarist".....her words not mine.

I can't count the number of times I failed my maths exam.

Cheers, Rob

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.



WASHBAGS FOR THE NHS ...

A great big thank you from Denise Gee who manages ELHT&Me to Catherine at the W.I., Harriet Hanson and Linda Walkden for making washbags for the NHS staff at Royal Blackburn Hospital. They were very much appreciated.



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



One of the good things that we saw in May for those who may not have been able to see the bluebells

AND FINALLY....

PLEASE SEND US ANY PHOTOS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR LOCKDOWN PROJECTS, WE'D LOVE TO SEE SOME OF THE RECYCLING AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT!

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.