

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the March Edition of the Tockus Talk. We hope you have been enjoying the early spell of warm weather.

Please send us any photographs you take of the arrival of Spring for the April edition.

Please continue to encourage people to sign up by reminding them to email [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) to receive a copy. If you know anyone unable to access a copy, please let us know or print a copy for them.

### PARISH COUNCIL.....

At the last Parish Council meeting we decided to donate funds for the maintenance of the community defibrillator which is based at the school. Certain parts of this vital piece of equipment require replacing occasionally. The funding will enable school to purchase the necessary items.

The Highways team have planned to resurface Chapels Lane early in March, this is weather dependent. The date and traffic arrangements will be announced soon, residents will be informed via a leaflet.

If you have any issues that you would like to bring to the attention of the PC, please contact myself or any Parish Councillor.

Glynn Woon  
Alan Robins  
George Swanton  
Chris Tobin  
Jane Whittam

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday the 18th March 2019, in the village hall, commencing at 6.30 pm.

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### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 5th - Gardening Club  
Wednesday 6th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 7th - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12  
Friday 8th - Fun Cooking - 9:30 - 10:45am

Wednesday 13th - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Friday 15th - Fun Cooking - 9:30 - 10:45am

Monday 18th - Parish Council - 6:30pm  
Tuesday 19th - W.I. 7:15pm  
Wednesday 20th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am  
Thursday 21st - Craft & Chat - 10:30am - 12  
Friday 22nd - Fun Cooking - 9:30 - 10:45am

Wednesday 27th - Tai Chi - 10 - 11am  
Friday 28th - Fun Cooking - 9:30 - 10:45am  
Saturday 30th - Feral - 7pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on  
**07889 105969**

### VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

The next meeting of the Village Hall group will take place on Mon 25th March at 7pm. All welcome.

*Don't forget to check upcoming events such as Spot On touring "Feral" performance by Sonya Moorhead & The Greyhounds Tickets £10.00 on 30th March on the Tockholes Village facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2197572707147651/?ti=icl> or book direct - ring Chris Tobin on 07889 105969 Over 14s only*

*This is storytelling with a live folk music soundtrack played by The Greyhounds. It's an intimate story with universal appeal. Directed by Debs Newbold. Suitability: Suitable for ages 14+*

Website: <http://www.sonyamoorhead.com>

If you would like to book the village hall for your group, celebration or event please contact the booking secretary, Chris Tobin on the number below to discuss facilities and availability.

For Village Hall events or bookings, please ring 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....

Our next meeting on Tuesday March 5th will be most helpful to us all.

Following frightening reports of the imminent loss of thousands of species of insects within the next decade we must all try to encourage and be pro-active in helping with their survival.

To this effect Pat Smith and Suzanne who are involved with "Off Shoots" in Burnley Towneley Park (check out their web site) are going to be giving us an interactive talk and Quiz encouraging everyone to be aware of their garden environment. The presentation is entitled "All about the Bees".

We are promised a light-hearted and fun evening with a serious message promoting Bee friendly planting. I am looking forward to this very much as at this time of year like most gardeners I am planning my planting strategy for the rest of the year and I want to be as eco friendly as possible.

We start at 7.30 and the entrance fee includes refreshments. Come and enjoy a great evenings entertainment. See you all on 5th at the Village Hall.

Best wishes,  
Joan Chadwick 01254 771756 joan.foxx@btinternet.com 07926 078769



BOOK CLUB....

Another great discussion last Tuesday about last months book " Leading From The Front". It was a very long book and quite detailed. The groups opinion of the book varied a great deal with some scoring it very low and others quite high. The overall score was 6.

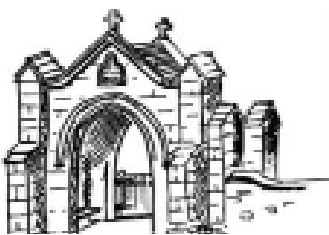
One of the book club members very kindly wrote a poem to sum up what she thought of the book and this is featured on page 4.

Next month's book is a horror story - The Haunting Of Hill House by Shirley Jackson. Next meeting is 12th March at Judith's house.

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

Services are held on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at 9.15am, unless otherwise announced. Every-one is welcome, with coffee and juice served after the service, so why not stay and have a chat?

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

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



Sunday Services at 2.00 pm. Every Week

1st Sunday in the Month:  
**Family Friendly Service**

3rd Sunday in the Month:  
**Communion Service**

Everybody welcome. Play area available.  
Available for weddings & baptisms

It is with regret we have to report that our Minister Rev Catherine-Lewis Smith is to leave the ministry in Darwen at the end of March. This has been a difficult time for her & her husband,we wish them both well in their new location & in their lives.

Contact Revd. Catherine on 01254 952558



VILLAGE HALL NEWS....



Tai Chi



Tai Chi classes  
Tockholes Village Hall  
Wednesday Mornings 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
£4.00

Beginners Welcome  
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If you are interested in 30 minutes of gentle exercise to help with joint flexibility and balance our warm-up is ideal  
£2.00

Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367



TOCKHOLES CHATTY CRAFT GROUP....

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, from 9:30am till 12 noon.

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



PILATES...

Jackie Garner from Mojo Pilates currently holds classes on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. These are currently fully booked but if anyone is interested on classes on other days, please contact her on 07756 032913 to discuss.

POP-UP CAFE DATES FOR 2019....



Pop-up Cafe - St Stephen's

It's nearly that time of year again and our volunteers are busy searching their recipe books for more delightful varieties of cakes to delight our customers in 2019

Our opening dates for 2019 are:

- Saturday 6th April
- Saturday 11th May \*
- Saturday 1st June
- Saturday 6th July
- Saturday 3rd August
- Saturday 7th September
- Saturday 5th October

We are open from 11am to 3pm

\*Please note that May's Pop-up cafe will be on the second Saturday of the month instead of the usual 1st Saturday.

We look forward to welcoming friends old and new in 2019.

FUN COOKING CLASSES ...

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsrossendaleandblackburn @carrianncookstars

**FREE**  
first class for all children!  
(booking essential!)

Fun cooking classes at:  
**Tockholes Village Hall,  
Tockholes Road,  
Tockholes**

All ingredients included!  
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

**Friday's**  
**9.30-10.45 am**  
**Ages 2-5**  
**(Term time only)**  
**Booking essential**

Great for Kids Parties too!

Call Carrie Ann: 07765 235 497  
Email: [carriann@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:carriann@cookstars.co.uk)  
Book: <https://cook-stars-rossendale-and-blackburn.class4kids.co.uk>

## WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...

A fascinating, intriguing and brain teasing evening was enjoyed by us all when Fiona Smithson paid us a visit with her Curiosity Corner. Fiona brought along fifty artefacts from a by-gone age and we had to offer our best guess as to what each item was used for, the items were far ranging and diverse. A tool for putting rings in the noses of pigs, bone baby soothers, a tooth rasp for filing horses teeth, a tool used for cutting sugar and one for tidying a moustache to name just a few. The winning team guessed thirty items correctly with the rest of us not far behind. This as usual was followed by a chat with friends, a nice cup of tea and a slice of cake. Our next meeting on Tuesday 19th March may be of interest to those of you with a love of animals and an understanding of the valuable role that they play within our society today. Kathy Waite will speak to us on the work carried out by The Cinnamon Trust. This organization trains pets to become carers within the home, as a direct result of the support from these amazing animals the most vulnerable in society can enjoy fuller and more independent lives. If this is of interest to you please come along to our meeting to learn more, it will only cost you £1.50, give you food for thought and an opportunity to see what we have to offer.

Look out for further details of each month's meeting in the Tockus Talk. Our meetings are on third Tuesday of each month at 7.15 in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome



## AND FINALLY....

We would like to feature one village group each month so if you would like to be the first group, please contact us.

Please feedback to [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) with comments on the newsletter and send us any articles or items for inclusion in next month's issue by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## COUNCILLOR ADVICE....

### Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

Surgeries are being held at the Rock Inn, Tockholes Road at the following dates and times:

**Saturday April 20th (2019) 12 - 1pm**

Please don't hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or if you have any queries or problems.

All welcome - no appointment necessary.

Alternatively, please contact the councillors 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: 01254 773470

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

## Major General

He is the very model of a modern Major General  
A Christian who believes his decisions are all ethical  
He doesn't like a muddle. His plans are all strategical  
Prepared to be outspoken and of politicians critical

He's taken part in action from Belfast to Hetzegovinia  
His only disappointment was missing out Goose Greenier  
He won medals for brave conduct. He really is quite senior  
Since advising in Whitehall the armed forces are now leanier  
Prepared for action on the ground but not necessarily nuclear  
Helicopters are the thing, destroyers are just too dear

He has lived in many places from Catterick to Osnabruck  
Sometimes worried his family suffered for the route he took  
Given a farm in Norfolk by in-laws was a piece of luck  
His wife now counsels couples whose marriages have come unstuck  
He comes across as someone both sexist and colonial  
Not surprised his missus advises on matters matrimonial

He knows about the sacrifices made in actions operational  
And expects the general public to create a ceremonial  
To honour all the men, Oh and women too  
A wave in Wooton Bassett and a few parades will do

He is the very Model of a Modern Major General  
Demanding proper funding for the covenant militarial  
and glossing over some issues as only abberational  
His legacy beyond Afghanistan is purely aspirational  
He is the very model of a modern Major General

Reproduced courtesy of a Book Club member