

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the March edition of Tockus Talk for 2021.

The recent sunny and warmer weather is having a positive impact on wildlife and our gardens are starting to bloom. The return to normality will soon begin and the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme will help us all feel that there's light at the end of the tunnel. It will be great to see the village hall open and classes and groups restart in the near future.

If you have any updates you may wish to share, as a business or personally, please send them in, and we'll circulate as soon as we can. - Pat & Linda

### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Village Hall closed until further notice



### BOOK CLUB....

January's book was 'Only Time Will Tell' by Jeffrey Archer. The first book in a seven book series that make up the Clifton Chronicles; this novel tells the story of the son of a dockworker and his mother, and how their lives intersect with the lives of the Barrington family who own the dockyard.

The book was generally enjoyed by most members. The positive points made were that it's a good story, very easy to read and the quick moving plot meant that everyone wanted to keep on reading to find out what happened. The negative feedback was around the one-dimensional nature of some of the characterisation, and some aspects of the plot that didn't seem feasible. Some members of the group enjoyed the book so much that they've already read further books in the series!

The scores ranged between 6 and 8.5, with the average coming out at 7.

Next month's book is 'This Thing of Darkness' by Harry Thompson. It's the fictionalised biography of Robert FitzRoy, who was given command of HMS Beagle halfway through her first voyage, and also her second voyage with Charles Darwin as their famous passenger. It has excellent reviews, but worth starting early as it's 700 pages plus!

The next Book Club meeting is Tuesday 9th March at 7pm  
New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997.



### W.I.....



At our February meeting we welcomed local Solicitor Rhona Royle who spoke about her work for the British High Commission in India as Head of Consular Operations; North East India. Her working title is 'The best job I've ever had'.

Rhona spoke about how she ended up in India and getting her job, she went on to educate as to what us as to what Consular Assistance is and what they can and can't help with.

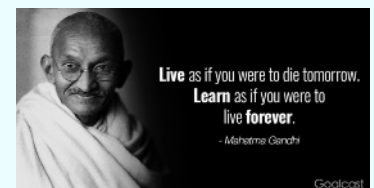
Part of Rhona's role was to make outreach visits to recruit a network of wardens and volunteers in preparation for any crisis that may occur such as the recent floods in the area.

Rhona detailed some of her more memorable cases such as rescuing a 17 year old British citizen from a forced marriage in Punjab (marriage is illegal under 18 in India), a murder case on a houseboat in Srinagar which is still ongoing several years later and dealing with the Indian military to airlift a motorcyclist with a broken leg from Leh high up in Jammu Kashmir which took four days to negotiate.

Rhona shared some photographs with us on her slide show which ended with the words of Mahatma Gandhi.

If anyone would like a copy of the presentation please email me lennon\_d@sky.com

Best wishes, Diane



# TOCKUS 'TALK' - MARCH 2021

## 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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## *Plant a tree for the environment*

Dear Readers of Tockus Talk ,

I am sure that as Residents of such a lovely village as ours, situated in the beautiful West Pennine Moors, we are all aware of the benefits of nature, wildlife and its beauty.

I am wondering if, in this year of 'Plant a tree for the environment', anyone who had the space, or small amount of spare land, could indeed do just that?!

I know that we are all Blessed with living in such a beautiful place (... realised especially in this last year) and wonder if people are prepared to make our wonderful village even more beautiful.

The Woodland Trust suggest the ideal time to plant a tree is November until the end of March (whilst the trees are still semi-dormant) so now is the perfect time!

Let us all try and re-wild what we can and 'do our bit' for our amazing planet.

Best Wishes to everyone, Susan Robins .



## VILLAGE HALL.....

Village Group Report March 2021

Following the government roadmap for the removal of restriction the Village Hall Group are delighted to be planning for the reopening of the Village Hall. Cleaning and sanitizing social distancing measures are being discussed. The first use is likely to be as a polling station for the local elections on 6th May. It's hoped that Pilates will be able to resume with reduced numbers and any social distancing and sanitisation requirements in place from 17th May. Let's hope all goes according to plan and the Village Hall will be open to other groups by July. We look forward to holding social events again in 2021.

In the meantime have a look at the activities on offer at the Virtual Village Hall provided by the Royal Voluntary Service by following the links below:

<https://www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/virtual-village-hall/> and <https://www.facebook.com/VirtualVillageHall/>

Some of their activities are also available on youtube. All activities are free but they welcome donations.

If you enjoy any of the activities please let us know via the Tockus Talk email address and we can share this with others in the Tockus Talk Newsletter.

## ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest  
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360  
Parish website  
[www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org](http://www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org)

We have made the decision to close the church for Sunday collective worship while the current lockdown is on.

Fr. Nick broadcasts some services live on Facebook, and these can also be accessed later. Details on the parish website.

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

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

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....

Tockholes United Reformed Church



Zoom Service on Mothers Day by Terry Young at 2 pm.

Anyone who likes quizzes might like to join Mal Breeze's quiz nights on Zoom. These take place every fortnight on Friday nights 7.30pm - 9pm.

If you are interested to contact Mal for further details ([malbreeze@me.com](mailto:malbreeze@me.com))

In the meantime there is a Service sent out from the URC Church at 9.45 a.m. every Sunday [devotions.urb.org.uk](http://devotions.urb.org.uk)

For full details and information about any of the above events please contact Mal Breeze on Tel: 01254 674862 Mobile: 07825662203 email [malbreeze@me.com](mailto:malbreeze@me.com)

- Contact Marion 01254 772773 for further details.