

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....



#### WELCOME TO THE MARCH EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK

Over the coming days there will probably be more local collection points and volunteering opportunities for aid for Ukraine but for now there are some helpful links on page 4 for those wishing to donate or assist. Pat & Linda

### VILLAGE HALL....

#### Village Group Report

Following the removal of COVID restrictions the Village Hall is now able to host gatherings of up to 80 people again. We hope to see you all at the events we have planned for 2022

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 St Patrick Themed Social** All welcome , Free entry, Bring your own food and drink and join in with the activities. Dress in green optional. A great chance for villagers to get together, chat, drink, eat, dance and have some fun so come along with family, friends and neighbours.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May Route to the Classics by guitarist Gus Glynn** a Spot On sourced performance.

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June The Big Jubilee Lunch at the Village Hall**

Bring a picnic or food and drink for the Jacobs Join. Bake a cake for the Platinum Jubilee Cake competition. Prize for the best crown. Bring photos of previous jubilee celebrations in the village and join in with the games and activities.

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September Last Night of the Proms Social Evening** The Proms will be screened live at the village hall. **Bring** own food and drink.

Please contact [tockustalk@outlook.com](mailto:tockustalk@outlook.com) with any ideas or offers of help for any of these events or come along to the next meeting.

**Village Hall Group meeting 6pm Mon 4<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall.**

#### Regular Bookings

Pilates Tues am and Thurs pm

Gardening Club is 7.30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month

WI meets at 7.30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month.

Craft Club 10-12 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Please send in any messages regarding new groups, adverts or events as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in next month's edition.*

*If you have any articles for sale or to swap or advertisements for local businesses please let us know so that we can spread the word.*

#### Tockholes Village Hall Diary

Tuesday 1st - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Tuesday 1st - Garden Club 7:30pm  
Thursday 3rd - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 7th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 8th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Thursday 10th - Craft Club -10am - 12  
Thursday 10th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 14th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 15th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Tuesday 15th - W.I. - 7:15pm  
Thursday 17th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - St Patrick's Social - 7:30pm

Monday 21st - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 22nd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Wednesday 23rd - Cookstars 3-4:30pm  
Thursday 24th - Craft Club - 10am - 12  
Thursday 24th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Monday 28th - Cookstars - 10:30-11:45am & 12:30-1:45pm  
Tuesday 29th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

**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**



TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

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Hello dear friends.

Following a brilliant meeting in Feb I know it is going to be a hard act to follow! However, I hope you will be delighted with our next speaker and artistic guest Angela Swallow. (Yes I know, quite a coincidence with her name after our last talk about swifts and swallows.)

Angela belongs to Edgworth and District Horticultural Society. She is a very talented floral designer and will be creating and advising us on flower designing using plants from our gardens, then donating them for our raffle.

Having seen a few pictures of her work I will be first in line for raffle tickets.! Angela will also give guidance on growing the best plants for wildlife and for cutting.

We will be meeting on Tuesday 1st March at 7:30. Please remember it is garden club renewal time so if you want to become a new member or you want to renew your membership it is £5.00 a year and £3 per session which includes refreshments and access to all our outdoor activities including annual BBQ , members open gardens and afternoon teas and Christmas party.

Please come along and support your garden club.



Thank you in advance and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Joan.

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BOOK CLUB....

Review by Terry - this months selection was a book by Canadian novelist Mary Lawson entitled The Other Side of the Bridge.

Arthur and Jake are brothers, yet worlds apart emotionally. Jake is younger and feckless as opposed to Arthur's dependability. The sons of a Canadian farmer in the mid 1930s where life is hard and the threat of another world war is looming.

Enter Laura, the young daughter of the incoming Reverend March into the community. Arthur, solid and dependable, the mainstay on the farm and Jake, handsome, unreliable and a troublemaker, sibling rivalry that underpins the story with a secret between the brothers that happened in early life.

The novel splits between 1930 through to 1960, expertly handling the tragedies and the difficult times of post war Canada.

The most common criticism from some members of book club was that the pace of the novel could have been driven more with pace and that the plot was somewhat without energy.

This is undoubtedly true, however at a mere 250 pages this novel was never going to have the complexities and twists found in a Dickens or a Trollope.

But without doubt this book is a enthralling and very easy read. The author explores the depth of human feelings, strengths and weaknesses, guilt and hope of the characters with great ease and authority.

Despite certain reservations within book club, the novel was very well received with a very respectable score of 8 attained.

Finally, dear reader if you are looking for a good read this book will not disappoint and fit easily into your holiday luggage, or even the pocket of a summer jacket. Sit back, relax and read on.

Next months book choice Slow Horses by Michael Herron and the bookclub meeting is on Tuesday 8th March



New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997

W.I.....



The meeting this month was was led by our very talented member Catherine Sykes who modelled how to create three different arrangements of flowers in large paper cups using daffodils and tulips. These were enhanced by adding smaller spring flowers and also foliage and twigs to add texture and variety. After Catherine's demonstration members enjoyed making their own flower arrangements.

What a talented bunch of ladies we have!

There is a programme of Tockholes WI Monthly Meetings in the entrance way at the Village Hall. Please feel free to visit us with no obligation to join.

Take care,  
Diane



# TOCKUS 'TALK' - MARCH 2022

## 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



[www.facebook.com/tockholes](https://www.facebook.com/tockholes)



Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07969 633997 - [buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk)

**The next Parish Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 14th March 2022 in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.**

### Councillor Advice Surgeries in Tockholes

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

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 12 - 1pm (2022)

Please do not hesitate to go along if you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem. Alternatively the councillors can be contacted directly:

ClIrr Stephanie Brookfield, 3 Haldane Road, Darwen  
[stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07795 087 577

ClIrr Dave Smith, 18b Woodbank Avenue, Darwen  
[david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk) Tel: 07812 070 109

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

*Darwen West Ward Councillors - working for you all tear round*

## VILLAGE HALL EVENTS.... TOCKHOLES CRAFT GROUP....

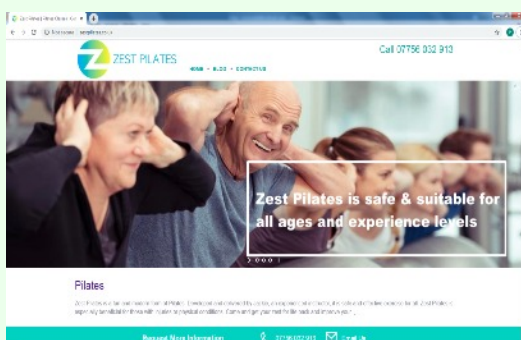
If you enjoy a natter, a brew and want to share your interests of knitting, jewellery, cross stitch, crochet or whatever, you are very welcome to join us at TOCKHOLES VILLAGE HALL between 10 - 12 noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.



## 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](http://www.mojopilates.co.uk)**



## COOKSTARS...

It is so good to be back teaching our children's cooking classes again at Tockholes Village Hall!

At the moment we have 2 classes running; a Monday Mini's for 2-5 year olds from 10.30-11.45 and a Homeschooling group for 5-11 year olds from 12.30-1.45.

Spaces are still available at both classes and we welcome Grandparents, Mums and Dads, childminders, aunties and uncles!

During the sessions so far the children have made Corned beef pasties, Easy Peasy Cheesy bake and Rhubarb and custard cake! We also have a drink and snack and a craft whilst the food is in the oven.

Sessions are £9 per week, payable by half term (and your second class is FREE!).

Please get in touch if you would like more information, or have a look at our Facebook page:

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

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## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



**TOCKHOLES CHAPEL**

**OPEN FOR WORSHIP  
EVERY SUNDAY 2PM**



All Services at 2pm

We would be delighted to see more people from the village, old and new. Why not come along and enjoy the warmth of love and friendship over a cuppa on a cold winter's afternoon. A warm welcome awaits.

All enquiries to our Church Secretary, Mrs Kathleen Knowles 01254 706489

## ST. STEPHEN'S....



### St Stephen's Church

**Parish Priest**  
**The Reverend Nicholas Davis**

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

## UKRAINE APPEAL....

The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine has developed so rapidly following the Russian invasion. Our thoughts are with those caught up in the conflict. Local collection points are available if you have any items to donate and the Red Cross is appealing for donations. The links below may be helpful:

### Darwen Community Helpers -

[https://m.facebook.com/darwencommunityhelpers/photos/a.119436457196333/150418064098172/?type=3&source=48&\\_\\_tn\\_\\_=EH-R](https://m.facebook.com/darwencommunityhelpers/photos/a.119436457196333/150418064098172/?type=3&source=48&__tn__=EH-R)

Darwen Community Helpers have now got drop off points for anyone who would like to donate any of the below items to the people of Ukraine ????. Could you help? We are at Darwen Valley Community Centre, 59-61 Sudellside Street, BB3 3DL. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/406642564249556/?ref=share>

We need:

- Hats and gloves
- Warm blankets
- Thermals
- Hot water bottles
- Flasks/ travel mugs
- Baby milk/ food
- Nappies (all sizes)
- Sanitary products
- Personal care products

First aid kits (Please be aware of use by dates).

Please help us help them. Together we can all do our bit.

If you can't drop off then we can collect at a specified time and date.

Please contact the page if you can help, thank you so much.



**Central Recruitment Blackburn** - If you can help in anyway, please drop off at our Blackburn office on Unit 1, Cathedral View, 30 Darwen Street, BB2 2BY. We are open between 9-5pm Monday – Friday and will be sending all items on Saturday the 5th March.

**Ukrainian Institute London** - <https://ukrainianinstitute.org.uk/russias-war-against-ukraine-what-can-you-do-to-support-ukraine-ukrainians/>

**Red Cross** - [https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal?c\\_code=175151&c\\_source=google&c\\_name=Ukraine%20Crisis%20Appeal&adg=&c\\_creative=generic&c\\_medium=cpc&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlj7m\\_vtSk9gIVmt\\_tCh288A3ZEAAAYASAAEgLNg\\_D\\_BwE](https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal?c_code=175151&c_source=google&c_name=Ukraine%20Crisis%20Appeal&adg=&c_creative=generic&c_medium=cpc&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlj7m_vtSk9gIVmt_tCh288A3ZEAAAYASAAEgLNg_D_BwE)

**BBC Live News** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/world-europe-60542877>