

TOCKUS 'TALK'

MAY 2020

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

Welcome to the May edition of the Tockus Talk.

Thanks to those who have sent in interesting contributions this month (see pages 3 & 4) which replace the village hall events. 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



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

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....



Some garden design ideas for inspiration during lockdown:

- https://www.houzz.co.uk/photos/small-garden-ideas-and-designs-phbr1-bp~t_10323~a_30-231
- <https://www.idealhome.co.uk/garden/garden-ideas/small-garden-ideas-2-174377>
- <https://www.houseandgarden.co.uk/gallery/small-garden-ideas-design>
- <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/gardening/advice/g495/small-garden-ideas/?>

Courses: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ezeabiljow>
Making compost: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kf6CGj7xpFE>

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 Once Upon A River by Diane Setterfield.

The story starts in the Swan Inn by the river, when a stranger brings in a lifeless body of a small child who later returns to life. Three families are keen to claim her and mysteries about each family are revealed before the true identity of the girl is known.

Once Upon A River is book which combines folklore and science and magic and myth. It is extremely well written and was described by one member of the group as an adult fairy tale.

As we could not meet together we had to either send our reviews in by e-mail or meet by Houseparty, which six of us managed. This did cause some hilarity but we were able to discuss the book.

We scored the book eight and a half.

Next month we have chosen The Great Alone by Kristen Hannah. One of our members is in a Canadian bookclub and they are also reading the book at the same time. It will be good to find out their views

I am not sure when our next meeting will be but we will probably choose another novel on the 12th May.

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/](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](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.



WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...



What strange and unprecedented times we are living in, who would have thought twelve months ago that the country would be virtually shut down with a large number of people confined to their homes and others fighting to save people's lives. Well however unbelievable that may seem it has happened worldwide to us all, but we are a resilient and resourceful lot, we have found many inventive and amusing ways in which to deal with the situation in which we find ourselves. Modern technology means that we are able to keep in contact with our friends and loved ones in ways that would have seemed far-fetched not so very long ago.

Many people, especially the elderly have embraced all that is open to us in order to maintain contact with loved ones. Who would have even thought that you could talk to a screen and see four members of your family at the same time?

As a WI we have a group chat and have supported each other when the reality of it all began to kick in and have shared interesting and amusing videos to keep us all entertained as the days have gone on. We are our own little family and have missed the company we share with each other at our meetings.

The WI as an organization has always offered support to their communities in times of conflict and strife and today is no exception. Each Christmas we send donations to the Women's Refuge in Blackburn, these include toiletries, underwear and Christmas gifts for the children. With the rise in domestic violence during this crisis the refuge has found themselves having to provide care for many more families. To keep a larger number of children and teenagers occupied and entertained at this time is no easy task. We have risen to the challenge and have donated board games, puzzle and colouring books, jigsaws, books and craft items confident that they will be put to good use.

It is a basic human need that we are able to interact with others, we need to socialise with other people, living in isolation is a difficult thing to do but for those members fortunate enough to live in this beautiful village it has been heart-warming to see everyone pulling together with offers of help and acts of kindness. We can certainly count ourselves lucky to be able to live in such a community with its helpful friendly people. The magnificent countryside on our doorstep with all it has to offer is so good for our wellbeing and the stunning views and abundant wild life can only enhance our everyday lives especially when we are confined to home. Let us all keep positive, safe and well and we shall look forward to the time when we can all get back together again as a village and as our WI. God Bless Stay Home Support the NHS and Save Lives

St. Stephen's Churchyard



Many villagers will know and visit the churchyard, and recognise the amount of time it takes to look after the huge area that it covers.

During the lockdown, one of our churchyard neighbours, Isa Lennox-Moore, has devoted hours of her time to tidying up graves and bringing them back to such a condition that they can be seen properly, and their inscriptions read.

Isa is doing a brilliant job and, having completed the tidying of a whole section of the churchyard by Chapels Lane, she has now moved onto the next one. Some of her work can be seen in the photograph, which gives a small snapshot of the number of graves she has worked on.

A true labour of love from Isa, for which the we are truly grateful.

Bill Tomlinson & Diane Buckley, Churchwardens at St. Stephen's

VILLAGE HALL GROUP....

Village Group Report May 2020

Hope you are all keeping well and busy at home. The village hall remains closed pending further guidance. Before reopening we are planning a spring clean. Let us know if you would like to help with this. 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...

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



Proposed re-opening of The Arches Café, Kentmere Drive, Feniscowles

<https://www.facebook.com/TheArches581/>

The Take-away will open again on Wednesday the 6th of May and social distancing will be in place

'Rob's Rib-ticklers' ...

On a nautical theme....

".....I bought a yacht but found that it only sailed in circles...I repaired the rudder.....sailing was quite straight forward after that"

....."Another boat I owned had tartan sails...I couldn't do anything with it.....I replaced them with white ones.....it was plain sailing from then on."

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.

Tockholes Ladies Group - the Tower Walk - circa 1997



ROB'S HOGS ...

"So, this is 'Spiny Norman'. [He's the small prickly one in the 'Hog House'.....I'm the taller less prickly one, often located in the 'Dog House!']. Spiny Norman is the second hog that I've housed with the intention of re-introducing him to the wild.



My first hog was 'Harold', he stayed with us for around a week then made his own way off into the Tockholes countryside.

It was having seen a programme on TV last year that gave me the idea of becoming involved in the rehabilitation of hedgehogs.

I researched 'Hog House' designs on the internet and constructed one from timber. All I needed then was hay to provide bedding and the correct location in which to site the house.

Further online research revealed Woodlands Animal Sanctuary at Holmeswood near Southport. Louise, the 'Hog Lady', had a look at photos of my garden and the hog accommodation that I'd built and as a result Harold came to stay.

I bought a big tub of hog food from Woodlands, a mix of dog food [dried] and meal worms [also dried!]. I place tubs of food and water in the house which are topped up daily.

Acclimatisation differs dependent upon the time of year, to take into account hibernation etc. The hogs are effectively kept in the house until they become used to their surroundings then after a few days the door is removed and they are free to roam.

By all means drop me a line if you would like more information about our spikey friends although I am by no means an expert!!

Further, if anyone has resident hogs in their garden or spots them [dead or alive] whilst they're out and about, please also contact me as I'd like to plot their locations on a village map. My email is robcampbell9761@gmail.com.

Take care, and please look out for our hogs whilst driving around the village!!

All the best,

Rob Campbell
Fairview
Weasel Lane



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.