

TOCKUS 'TALK' NOVEMBER 2022

Tockholes Village Newsletter

WELCOME....

WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF TOCKUS TALK

Please be mindful of pets and livestock if you're letting off fireworks on bonfire night as many animals are extremely stressed by the noise. And can become injured whilst trying to escape

Your ideas and offers of help for future events will be very welcome as will articles or suggestions you wish to share with readers. Many thanks,

- Pat & Linda



Tockholes Village Hall Diary

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

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

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

Tuesday 22nd - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am
Thursday 24th - Craft Club - 10am - 12
Thursday 24th - Pilates 5:30-6:30 & 6:45-7:45pm

Tuesday 29th - Pilates 9:30-10:30 & 10:45-11:45am

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

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

Judith Finney - Parish Clerk - 07969 633997 - buttermerebuttermerehills@hotmail.co.uk

"ACTIONS BY THE PARISH COUNCIL"

The Parish Council has been liaising with Highways England and have managed to confirm that the top land by the motorway bridge is in fact the responsibility of Blackburn with Darwen and has now been cut back.

Zig zag lines are now in place outside St Stephens School.

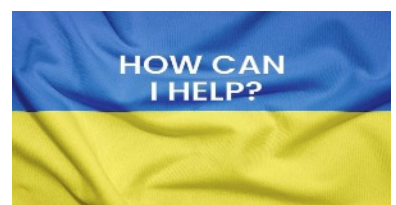
The goalposts have been taken down on the land owned by Thwaites next to The Rock due to Thwaites ending the lease of the land.

Speeding initiatives will be taking place in Tockholes conducted by PCSO Guy

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 16th January 2023



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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

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TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB....

HELLO Friends and welcome to the Autumn meetings.

Our meeting on 1st November is a stylish wreath making session by Sheila and Eian Lowe from Southport.

I apologise for the delay in sending details of the meeting but I had been let down and been trying to get a replacement speaker for us.

I am very pleased to say that Sheila and Eian have agreed to come along at the last minute and I am looking forward to meeting up with them again after 2 years.

They will also be bringing the equipment needed if you want to make your own stylish wreath which can be autumnal or early Christmas decorated.

I am looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow starting at 7.30 in the village hall. Everyone is welcome to join us and have a natter and a brew after the demonstration.

Presentation of "long service award to Cicely and Harry Whittle" especially commissioned by potter Clair Watson-Outram was made at our last meeting



See you there!
Fondest wishes.
Joan.

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BOOK CLUB....

This month's book was 'Codename Helene' by Ariel Lawhon.

First published in February 2021 it tells the true story of Nancy Wake. Brought up in Australia, she worked as a freelance journalist in Europe during the 30's, where she started to witness the rise and reach of the Nazi Party. Whilst living in France she met and married wealthy industrialist Henri Fiocca. Although wealthy enough to cocoon herself from the hardships of war, she chose to become a courier for the resistance. One day, warned that the Gestapo was on its way to arrest her, she kissed her husband for the last time and fled.

Wake made her way across the Pyrenees into Spain and returned to Britain where she joined the Special Operations Executive, a clandestine body formed by Churchill to train agents in guerrilla warfare against the Nazis and to bolster local resistance groups in occupied France.

On the night of 29 April 1944, Wake was parachuted into the Auvergne region where she co-ordinated a 7,000-strong resistance group and headed successful attacks on German forces in the area. Her remarkable achievements led to her receiving multiple honours, including the George Medal from the UK; the Medal of Freedom from the US; the Legion d'Honneur from France, a Companion of the Order of Australia and the Badge in Gold from New Zealand.

The discussion of the book was very interesting. The overriding feeling was that the author really had not done justice to a remarkable woman and an incredible story. With the emphasis on the romance between Nancy and her husband, it was felt that it really detracted from (what should have been) the main theme of the book. In addition, the most annoying character was one invented by the author! Some bookclub members found the writing so intensely irritating that they couldn't bear to finish it. Other people felt that the strength of the story was enough to make them finish, and some people did enjoy the book despite the irritation. All agreed that there were elements of the book that were extremely annoying - including the use of language that wasn't of the time; the lack of attention to important details and the focus on unimportant ones, and the use of Americanisms by English characters which jarred in a historical story.

The general feeling was that people would rather have read Nancy's own autobiography, or one of the official biographies of her. And some people now plan to read more about her.

I think this was the widest range of scores that we've had for a book, ranging from 0 to 9! The people who disliked it really disliked it. The average came out at 5 and a half.

Next month's book is 'Beyond Black' by Hilary Mantel, and the next meeting is Tuesday 8th November

Scores for the book ranged from 5 to 8, with the average coming out at 7.

Judith

New members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969 633997



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH....



TOCKHOLES CHAPEL
OPEN FOR WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY
2PM

OUR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Nov 6th Children's Service
Led by Rev Daleen ten Cate
Followed by Tea/Coffee/juice and biscuits

Nov 13th Worship
Led by Mr John East

Nov 20th Service to include Holy Communion and will be led by Doreen Goodship

Nov 27th Worship 1st Sunday in Advent
Led by Mrs Doreen Goodship



ST. STEPHEN'S....



St Stephen's Church

Parish Priest
The Reverend Nicholas Davis

01254 701360
Parish website
www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org

Remembrance Sunday, the parish service is at St. Cuthbert's at 10.30am

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.

Along with the school, we are collecting dry and tinned goods for Darwen Food Larder.

MESSAGES....

Village Group Report

Thanks for letting us know your ideas for future social events. We are exploring using the ideas in 2023.

Fri 2nd Dec 6.30 Christmas Tree Lights Switch on. Drinks cakes and mince pies provided by the Parish Council. All welcome.

Sat 10th Dec Senior's Celebration 4-9pm Christmas Meal with 2 drinks provided. You are welcome to bring your own additional drinks. If you are 60 or older please contact Cee 07583361554 for a place.

Sun 11th Dec Junior Christmas Party (12 and under) 3-5pm for children and grandchildren of village residents and those who attend the village school.

Please contact Linda Kennish 07473930725 or lindakennish@gmail.com with child name and age for a place.

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.



PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS AND SEND IN PHOTOS FOR THE NEXT EDITION

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



If you wish to see the councillors about any Council related issue, policy or problem, the councillors can be contacted directly:

Cllr Stephanie Brookfield, 3 Haldane Road, Darwen
stephanie.brookfield@blackburn.gov.uk Tel: 07795 087 577

Cllr Dave Smith, 18b Woodbank Avenue, Darwen
david.smith@blackburn.gov.uk Tel: 07812 070 109

Cllr Brian Taylor, 22 Sunnyside Lane, Darwen
brian.taylor@blackburn.gov.uk 01254 702204

W.I....



Our AGM was held at our October meeting. The officers and committee members were duly voted in. This was followed by a light supper of cheese and biscuits and the usual cup of tea. During this time as part of Black History Week ladies were given a chance to discuss ladies of colour that have influenced and inspired us, it was a lively discussion resulting in a long list of names of extraordinary women who have changed women and young girls lives for the better. Members were able to have a good chat with each other, we are a very friendly group and are always happy to welcome new members.

We were touched to receive a card from the women of Sandringham WI thanking us for the the condolences that we sent to them when their President, The Queen sadly passed away.

Next meeting is to feature the art of felting, all ladies are welcome.

TOCKHOLES CRAFT GROUP....

REMEMBRANCE DAY DISPLAY

For the past few months the ladies of the Tockholes Craft Group have knitted, sewn and crochet dozens of poppies for a commemorative day display.



The poppies were then attached to an ivy mesh frame ready to be taken to the Chapel on Long Lane. On Thursday 27 October it was installed on the balcony of the chapel.

The Tockholes Craft Group meets in the village hall every second and fourth Thursday each month. All are welcome.