

## Tockholes Village Newsletter

### WELCOME....

Welcome to the first issue of the all new Tockus Talk 2017, the format has changed as well as the content and new things added that might be of interest and your comments are welcome, it may change again over the next few months until everyone is happy with the new format and content.

We are looking to reduce the number of printed copies we produce and deliver each month, if you currently still get a printed copy of Tockus Talk and have email facilities, please can you email to [tockustalk@tockholes.org.uk](mailto:tockustalk@tockholes.org.uk) to receive an emailed copy instead of printed, please also include your postal address.

Previously people have sponsored the printing of Tockus Talk, and have been very grateful, we are looking to get sponsoring for this year, if you would like to sponsor a copy of Tockus Talk then please contact Chris on the email below.

### MESSAGE OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Howard Ritherdon for his dedicated effort every month producing Tockus Talk newsletter for over 16 years as well as printing and organising the distribution to the villagers, not only that Howard also looked after the bookings of the village hall, taking bookings, letting them in, locking up, collecting payment and much, much more, and the Village Hall Committee and all the villagers of Tockholes would like to thank him for his years of help, support and commitment to Tockholes. Thanks Howard

### PARISH COUNCIL....

#### Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th February** commencing at 6.30 pm in the village hall.

Geraldine Walmsley (Parish Clerk)  
Tel: 01254 701441 Mobile 07518 122144  
E-mail: [geraldine.walmsley@outlook.com](mailto:geraldine.walmsley@outlook.com)

### TOCKHOLES AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB...

Hello and welcome to the new year of Garden Club meetings and activities.

Our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb sees the welcome return of TIM SMITH from Lytham St Annes. Tim will be giving a talk entitled "Colourful pots for spring".

Tim has many years experience in all things "garden" having created not only his own wild life garden but given advice and guidance to many others. He also writes articles and poetry having had several books published.

If you want to get off on the right foot this gardening year then I highly recommend Tim who I guarantee will bring a smile to your face.

Entrance is £3 non members £2 members and includes refreshments and starts at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you want to then please contact me on 01254 771756 or email me on [joan.foxx@btinternet.com](mailto:joan.foxx@btinternet.com)

**Joan Chadwick**

### WI - WOMEN'S INSTITUTE...

The first meeting of the New Year was a very convivial one with a number of new ladies came along to join us and a couple of ladies spent the evening with us as welcome visitors. January is when we pay for our membership for the year and we are delighted to say that we now have twenty seven members on role two of whom are also members of other local WI's. After the business side of the evening was swiftly dealt with everyone spent a pleasant hour doing craft activities led by our treasurer Jean Hart, there are some talented women out there and some of us who muddle through but that did not matter. There was plenty of chatting and laughter as the tasks were undertaken and this was only enhanced by a good cup of tea and fresh lemon curd cake.

Our next meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> February and is a talk by Judith Finney entitled 'Building My Own House' Judith lives in Tockholes on Weasel Lane, so if any of you ladies out there are interested to know how to go about project managing the building of your own home then please feel free to come along to the Village Hall at 7.15, where you will receive a warm welcome.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

### Coming up in Tockholes in February Diary - February 2017

#### Tockholes Village Hall

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fitness Classes - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Dance Class - 7-8pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Gardening Club - 7-9pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Fitness Classes - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

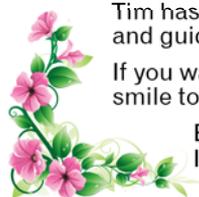
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Fitness Classes - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - WI - 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Tai Chi - 10am - 11am  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fitness Classes - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

To book the Village Hall contact Chris on 07889 105 696 or email to [bookings@tockholes.org.uk](mailto:bookings@tockholes.org.uk)



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



For Village Hall events or bookings, please see the website calendar at  
[www.tockholes.org.uk](http://www.tockholes.org.uk)

If you have any item of news, comments or advertising you would like to appear in the next issue, please contact Chris Tobin - email:  
[tockustalk@tockholes.org.uk](mailto:tockustalk@tockholes.org.uk)

Please can all material for the next issue of Tockus Talk be sent on or by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017



**BOOK CLUB...**

This months book was The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. It is quite a lengthy novel and starts with a terrorist bombing in a museum in New York. Thirteen year old Theo is present with his mother and they were admiring a painting, The Goldfinch just before the bombing. Theo survives the attack but his mother is killed. An elderly man encourages Theo to steal the painting. The story then goes on to describe Theo's remarkable life and the whereabouts of the painting. Donna Tartt is an excellent writer and the book is an interesting read.

Next months book is more lighthearted - The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion.

Next meeting 7pm on Tuesday 14th February at Fairview, Weasel Lane, new members welcome please contact Judith Finney on 07969633997.

**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH....**

Services are on the first, third & fifth Sundays of the month at 9.15am unless otherwise announced. Coffee and juice are available after the service so why not stay and have a chat? At each service Sunday School is held. All children are welcome to attend.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Children's Society at our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. The total raised was a fantastic £260.

St Stephens Church, Rock Lane, Tockholes  
[www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org](http://www.stcuthbertwithststephen.org)

**Did you know  
 the average human brain contains  
 around 78% water**

**VAUGHNS COUNTRY CAFE...**

We currently have a vacancy for a kitchen assistant to work on a rota system on a part time basis, experience is not necessary but would be helpful although full training will be given. Please call Vaughn 07968 364963 email [vaughnscountrycafe@yahoo.com](mailto:vaughnscountrycafe@yahoo.com) or just call in. Open from 10.30 daily.

### Tai Chi

Tai Chi classes  
 Tockholes Village Hall  
 Wednesday Mornings 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
 £3.00  
 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  
 £1.50  
 Contact: Lyn 704424 or Judith 771367

**LAMBING SEASON....**

Its that time of year again and our local fields will be filling up with spring lambs. Please take extra care to keep your dog on a lead in open areas.

Before you enter a field just have a look and check:

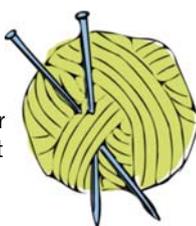
- Just because a field was empty last week, does not mean it will be now
- Pregnant ewes and young lambs are EXTREMELY VULNERABLE
- Being attacked is not the only risk, noise from barking or being chased can lead to exhaustion and can be FATAL

**CRAFT & CHAT...**

(Formally Daft about Crafts)

The group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday each month, from 7.00pm till 9.30pm.

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 THE VICTORIA HOTEL, TOCKHOLES



United Reformed Church  
 Sunday Services at 2.00 pm. Every Week

1st Sunday in the Month:  
**Special Children's Service**

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

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

Dear Tockus Talk,

This is a request that people drive more slowly on Weasel Lane, especially when turning into it. Children, animals and other walkers use this lane, which certain drivers appear to think is a racetrack. As well as this, certain people seem unaware that it is single track and there is no pavement.

Weasel Lane should be a pleasant place for people who live here and those who enjoy walking in the countryside. Let's keep it safe!

Yours, Ann Treadwell.

## The Rock Inn

### Valentines Night

**Full A La Carte Menu & Specials Board**  
**Free Prosecco Cocktail on Arrival**  
**Dine By Candle Light in our Fabulous Restaurant**  
**Book early to avoid Disappointment**  
 Any other offers not available

**Midweek Special**  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday Evenings - 2 Meals for £12  
 From - The "Recession Buster" Menu

**Friday Night Special**  
 Beat The Clock - 17:30 - 19:30  
 3 Courses - £11.95

Open Times	Lunch	Evening
Monday	Closed All Day	
Tuesday	Closed	17:30 - 20:15
Wednesday	12:00 - 14:15	17:30 - 20:15
Thursday	12:00 - 14:15	17:30 - 20:15
Friday	12:00 - 14:15	17:30 - 20:45
Saturday	12:00	20:45
Sunday	12:00	18:45

Times above are for food orders

**The Rock Inn - Tockholes Road - Tockholes - BB3 0LU**  
 01254 702733

**Did you know  
 that you burn more calories eating  
 celery than it contains (the more  
 you eat the thinner you become)**

VILLAGE HALL NEWS....

Coming to Tockholes Village Hall

Saturday 29th April 2017

Chip Shop Chips - Theatre Production

Box of Tricks

*"She's not going anywhere yet. Even if it's just for tonight - he won't wish it. They can have now. And then years after, they'll still get a shiver from the memories."*

It's the grand reopening of Booth and Son's Fish & Chip Shop. Eric has returned home, over forty years after he left, and it's time for a fresh start. But old flame Christine has other ideas. Transported back to a time of chippy teas and Northern Soul, there's unfinished business for these old lovers. Watching teenage love stumble as hapless Lee makes a pass at the beautiful Jasmine, is it all just history repeating?

Focusing on love at different ages and celebrating the nation's favourite food, Chip Shop Chips heads nationwide following a completely sold-out Northern tour in Spring 2016. Performing in unusual spaces across the country, brace yourself for an impressive love story set to a soundtrack of Northern Soul and served with a fish and chip supper. This is theatre, but not as you know it: dinner and a show all rolled into one!

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON - Limited to 50, Chip Shop Supper Included in Ticket Price

**Fitness Classes**

The ladies' fitness classes have started again after the Christmas break, there are still places available if you want to join. The evening is broken up into 2 sessions of 30 minutes – Sessions have an aspect of cardio, body weighted exercises such as squats, press ups, burpees and abdominal exercises.

The cost for the sessions are as follows - £3 for 30 min or £5 for 1hr

For more information, join the Facebook Group – "Tockholes Fit-ness Classes" Or Contact Kim on 07718 594 629 or email [kim-mi.09@hotmail.com](mailto:kim-mi.09@hotmail.com)

**Village Hall New Fridge**

The Village Hall committee would like to say a big thank you to the Gardening Club for their kind gesture in buying a fridge for the Village Hall, this will now be used to for events to put on Bar and also be used in general and will save us the cost of hiring one in the future.

**W.I Donation**

The Village Hall committee would also like to say a big thank you to the Women's Institute for their kind donations throughout the year of £110, Thanks Ladies.

DON'T MISS OUT!



**The Victoria Hotel**  
Golden Soney  
Tockholes  
BB3 0NL  
01254 701622  
<http://www.tockholes.org.uk/vic.html>

**Coming Soon!**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb - "Nick at The Vic"**  
Enjoy a meal entertained by Nick Cornall and his keyboard.  
Nick will play a wide range of music and once food is finished he will speed it up for dancing

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - "Benidorm Night"**  
The latest in our ever popular theme nights  
The Vic becomes the "Solana Hotel" fancy dress is optional, play a member of the TV shows cast or just come in your holiday clothes, sun glasses's etc  
The night will feature Karaoke, dancing, music & a selection of Tapas, served throughout the evening

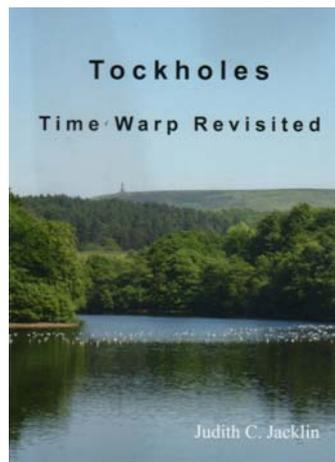
£20 Per Head

<b>Tea Rooms Opening Times For Food</b>	<b>Pub Opening Times For Food</b>
Monday 11-3pm	Monday & Tuesday CLOSED
Tuesday 11-3pm	Wednesday 6:30pm - 8:45pm
Wednesday 11-3pm	Thursday 6:30pm - 8:45pm
Thursday 11-3pm	Friday 6:30pm - 8:45pm
Friday 11-3pm	Saturday 12pm-3pm/6:30pm-8:45pm
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED	Sunday 12pm - 5:45pm

TOCKHOLES - TIME WARP REVISITED....

As a result of the publication of the book "Tockholes - A Time Warp" in 2003 many more photographs have come to light and several family histories have been passed on for inclusion in the Tockholes Archives, and so, as a way of preserving some of this new material and making it readily accessible, this further work is produced as a supplement to "Time Warp".

COPIES STILL AVAILABLE



Following the publication of "Tockholes, A Time Warp" in 2003 many more photographs came to light and this book is a collection of both old and new images. It contains 74 A4 pages and costs £9.50

Gorse Barn and Gorse Farm, Rock Lane, Tockholes  
Or telephone 01254 771367/704424  
To order by post cheque's should be made payable to 'J. Jacklin' and sent to  
Gorse Barn, Rock Lane, Tockholes, Darwen BB3 0LX  
(Plus £3.50 UK postage & package)  
(Proceeds for Village charities)

**IN THE KNOW....**

Get to know exactly what's happening in our area with this free service setup by 'In The Know', it gives you useful information and making it a two way process you can be active participants in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour and also knowing how to keep yourself safe in an emergency.



Stay In The Know gives you the chance to get information from Lancashire Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch and our other partners. You do not need to join a specific Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but you may find that there are other people or businesses in our area who would really welcome your help and support.

If you sign up to Stay In The Know, you are in control and you decide who you want to hear from and the type of alerts you want to receive. You'll be getting information on exactly what's happening in your area and what is being done about it. You'll also hear about positive police action, good news stories and be able to play an active part in helping us to find missing people and trace crime suspects.

To sign up simply go to <http://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/#signup-section>

Scan Me to go to sign in page



**What Info Can You Get**

Crime alerts from police in your area - Information about fires and emergencies  
Neighbourhood Watch updates - Warnings about scams and fraud

**INTERESTING FACT ABOUT TOCKHOLES - THE VILLAGE INSTITUTE....**

The old Village Institute stood on the site of the present children's playground, near The Rock Inn. The first building, erected in 1935, was the gift of Mr. J. Woods, of Bog Height Road and had previously been a Methodist Chapel at Dolphinholme. This building was burnt to the ground in December 1937 and was subsequently replaced by a corrugated iron structure with an asbestos roof. The building served as a Village Hall until 1975 when, because of its dilapidated condition, it was pulled down. It was also considered by many to be too small for use as a hall as the billiard table took up most of the room.

Prior to the demolition of the second Institute building, negotiations took place between the Parish Council and the local Borough Council in an attempt to obtain funding for the erection of a new, purpose built village hall, but this was considered too expensive an undertaking and a compromise was eventually reached whereby the Borough Council would rent the old Sunday School on the top road from the United Reformed Church authorities and be responsible for its refurbishment and subsequent upkeep. This worked well for about 30 years, but about two years ago a 15 year contract was signed between the Parish Council and the U.R.C. Authorities and an extensive make-over has been achieved as a result of the acquisition of grants and fund raising by the Village Hall Committee.

The Borough Council took over the site of the old Institute and now provides and maintains a Children's Playground. © Judith Jacklin



1977. Clr. Harry Whittle outside the Old Village Institute just prior to its demolition

**Did you know**  
an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain

**Do you know**  
putting sugar on a cut or wound reduces pain and speed up the healing process

**SODUKU...**  
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Open daily from 10.30 serving teas, coffees and home cooked food

A selection of home made cakes are available

The cafe hosts a unique bird viewing area through one way glass



Wheelchair access  
Local information available  
Plenty of indoor and outdoor seating  
Well behaved dogs welcome