



# Tockus *talk*

Tockholes Village Newsletter

May  
2010

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### AGM

The Parish Council AGM was held on Monday the 17th May. The following Parish Councillors/Clerk agreed to continue.

Glynn Woon (Chairman)

Adrian Rigby (Vice Chairman)

Barbara Willis

Ricky Ritherdon

Colin Bury

Geraldine Foster (Clerk)

## Annual Report 2009/10

**Planning** Due to changes within the planning regulations, smaller building projects do not now require full planning permission. This has considerably reduced the number of planning applications that the Parish Council has received for consideration. Those that still require formal approval are reviewed by the Parish Council who return comments as necessary to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council. In addition to this we do keep a close eye on all other building works in and around the Parish which may affect Parishioners.

**Lengthsman** We continue to employ our Lengthsman who carries out all those unseen jobs within the Parish such as clearing blocked surface water drains, hedge trimming, verge strimming etc. He also collects litter, an incredible ten bags on average on his weekly visits. He still reports large quantities of Carling Black Label cans strewn at the side of the road.

**Highways** Certain works have been undertaken on Long Lane; potholes are still an issue. We did get a quick response from the Highways Dept repairing potholes immediately after the freezing weather at the start of the year.

**Play area** The new Hill View Play area was completed and officially opened in October 2009; since then we have replaced the see-saw with a new toddler-friendly version.

**Community Hall** The Parish Council, with the invaluable help of Alan Robbins, have negotiated a new ten year lease. We continue to fund the annual rent from the monies provided by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

**New Bench** The Parish Council and The Tockholes Village Committee recently purchased a new bench which has been installed at the bus turning circle to replace the one stolen last year.

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It has been dedicated to Nell Davies in recognition of her services to the community of Tockholes, in many guises, over many years.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday the 5th July** commencing at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall.

**Geraldine Foster (Parish Clerk)**

Tel: 01204 301209

Mobile 07518122144

E-mail:

[geraldine.foster@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geraldine.foster@hotmail.co.uk)

## **SENIOR CITIZENS BLACKPOOL TRIP**

The re-run of the trip to the Tower will take place

on

☺☺ **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010** ☺☺

*Pick up at the usual places starting at Whalley Terrace at 10.00am*

If you have already told me you would like to go on the trip in May I will be contacting you.

If you haven't been in touch with me and would like to go to Blackpool please give me a ring

Lyn Robinson ☎ 704424

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The coming month's library dates:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June**



## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**Sunday services at 2.00pm.**

1st Sunday in the month: **CHILDREN'S SERVICE.**

3rd Sunday in the month: **COMMUNION SERVICE.**

All other Sundays, general service.

Everybody Welcome

**348th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** on Sunday June 27th at 2.00pm. Service conducted by Rev. Keith Richardson. This will be followed by afternoon tea in the Village Hall. Special music by the Darwen Churches Partnership Choir. Once again a warm welcome is extended to all.

## Jack Smith Morris

Jack Morris, who was a much respected headmaster of Tockholes School from 1964 to 1982, died on 14<sup>th</sup> May aged 87.

A keen footballer and cricketer in his youth, he was a member of East Lancs. Cricket Club and a lifelong Rovers fan.

A loyal churchgoer, he lived with his family in the School House on Rock Lane, but later moved to a house in Bog Height Road.

His dedication to the school and its pupils was well known and he never seemed to have a cross word for anyone.

Jack leaves his wife Doris and their family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom we extend our thoughts and sympathy.

## OUR WEATHER IN APRIL

Readings taken at New Barn, 310 metres above sea level, 9.00am GMT



Monthly max. air temperature 17.1°C, 25-4-10  
Monthly min. air temperature -2.3°C, 13-4-10  
Monthly min. grass temperature -5.6°C, 21-4-10  
Highest daily rainfall 6.6mm, 30-4-10  
Total monthly rainfall 32.9mm  
Visibility moderate to good  
Wind speed mainly a moderate breeze  
Wind direction mainly south to easterly

Anne Smith

## 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.

## SCOFs

Computer classes began again in April and are held fortnightly on Thursday mornings at 9.30 – noon. The next sessions are on the 3rd and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010. We are covering a number of programmes including Word, Excel, Internet and Email. Anyone is welcome to call in for more information or telephone Judith on 01254 771367.



The next SCOFs luncheon club meeting will be on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 12.00 for 12.15pm. **Please** telephone Lyn (01254 704424) or Judith (01254 771367) to book your place.

## TAI CHI

In the  
Community Hall  
Tockholes

Wednesday afternoons, 1.45pm to 2.45 pm

Tea and coffee afterwards  
Beginners Welcome

Contacts: Lyn 704424 Judith 771367

## DAFT ABOUT CRAFTS

(Formally Tockholes Crafters)

Do you like knitting, sewing, cross stitch?

Or any other textile activity?

Share your interest. Have a natter!

And of course a 'brew' !!!!!

We meet on Thursdays in the second and fourth weeks of each month, 7.00 - 9.30pm in the Community Hall

**NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME**

## Youth Club Dates

**7.00-9.00 pm Village Hall**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – GALA YOUTH DISCO 7.00-8.00



### Tockholes Playgroup

10.00 a.m. until 11.30 a.m. £1.50 per family, refreshments provided.

Next: **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Pre-school playgroup at the Village Hall.  
Please come along.



For further information please contact Clare 772697



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## Millie Haworth

Many villagers from the 1980s will remember Millie, who recently died in her 90<sup>th</sup> year.

Millie lived in the village for about seven years with her daughter Sonia Woolford and Harry when they lived on Hollinshead Terrace. She became a popular figure with walkers as well as locals when she started to provide drinks and scones for passers-by. Latterly she had lived in sheltered accommodation, but she will be missed by all those who remember her time in the village.



## FOR SALE HORSE BLANKETS

**2 AS NEW LIGHTWEIGHT BLANKETS - SIZE  
6' 9"**  
£30 each or near offer

**1 STABLE blanket SIZE 6' 9"**  
£25 or near offer

**1 COOLING OFF blanket SIZE 6' 9" - £10**

**Contact Dan on 07720 033320 or Sue on  
07742 612201**

**M**ary Prince, a truly dedicated resident of her beloved Tockholes, is 90 on June 30th. Along with her late husband George and their lovely collie dog, she came to live at Fairfield, Golden Soney. They both ran a newsagent's shop in Manchester until George passed away; Mary then worked at the Victoria Hotel helping Joyce Threllfall, and other residences in the village. She decided to retire when she was 79! Since then she has been a most active member of the village, a truly patriotic lady who loves to be with her friends at Derwent Hall for lunch, and of course SCOFs! Mary left the village for a while in 2009, however she was homesick for her home and Tockholes and returned. We wish her a very happy day - what an inspiration she is to us all, God bless her!

**Janice Crewdson, Ravenscroft, Weasel Lane**

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## Handmade cards made to order

For Weddings, Birthdays,  
Anniversaries, Sympathy, Get well  
soon, Thank you, or any other  
occasion

Prices range from £1.50 - £2.00

Please contact me on either of these;  
Email;

[bethangouldthorpe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bethangouldthorpe@hotmail.co.uk)

LandLine; 01254 777634

Mobile; 07506700310

Please ring when I'm home from  
school

## THWAITES EMPIRE THEATRE

### Forthcoming events

**Thurs-Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June – “A KICK IN  
THE BAUBLES”**  
Bolton by Bowland Drama Group

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June – CENTENARY WALK**  
“People & Picture Houses”

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June – THE MAGIC OF  
JUDY GARLAND**

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> June – MONDAY CLUB**  
Sarah Dennis & Sharp Experience

**Fri.-Fri. 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June – “IF THESE  
BRICKS COULD TALK”**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – MONDAY CLUB**  
Topaz, Tom Fox, Hither to Zither

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> July – CENTENARY WALK**  
“People & Picture Houses”

**Thwaites Empire Theatre**  
☎ 01254 685500

[www.thwaitesempiretheatre.co.uk](http://www.thwaitesempiretheatre.co.uk)

# Tockholes Village [www.tockholesgala.co.uk](http://www.tockholesgala.co.uk)

## Gala 2010

Saturday 3rd July 2010

## Gala Newsletter



Latest News - May 2010

Welcome to the first full issue of the Gala Newsletter 2010.

We have decided to do a newsletter separate to Tockus Talk again just dedicated to the Gala.

It's ironic that originally the Tockus Talk was created to update the village about the Tockholes Gala and because of it's big success Tockus Talk has carried on to be a big success....

### Gala Day

The Gala preparations are coming along nicely and we would like to thank the new faces at the Gala meetings as everybody's opinion is worth while...

The chosen charity for this year is the North West Air Ambulance which is a very worthwhile cause - Flying seven days a week, 365 days a year covering 5,500 square miles and a residential population of seven million people yet they receive no central government or lottery funding. It costs £3.5 million per year to maintain both aircraft, all of which is donated by members of the public. And the excess money raised from the Gala will be shared between the Village & the charity.

Many of the usual stalls, attractions & activities will be at the gala, plus a few different this year, including Fainground rides - Tockholes Fell Race - Birds of Prey Flying Show - Bolton Mountain Rescue and many, many more.... Please see the Tockholes Gala Website for a full listing.

There are a number of raffles taking place at the Rock Inn to raise funds - there are some fantastic prizes and the tickets are well worth spending a £1 or two on with all the proceeds going directly to Village Gala Funds - See Jimmy or Norma for tickets.



### Competitions

During the day we have several competitions planned, we have the traditional welly throwing & Tug of war, as well as a few more new ones:

#### Photo Competition

- Category 1 - Outside - Wildlife - Animals - The Environment
- Category 2 - Black & White Photo's - Any Theme

All ages can enter both categories, to register your interest please send an e-mail to [competition@tockholesgala.co.uk](mailto:competition@tockholesgala.co.uk) (do not send photo's to this e-mail address), then put your names and addresses on the back of your photo, post to Chris Tobin, Hildane, Old School Lane, Tockholes or simply bring your picture along before 12pm on the gala day. These should be printed on either 4x6 or 5x7 size photo paper. Please note if you wish your photo to be returned please enclose a stamped address envelope.

### Evening Entertainment

The Saturday Entertainment this year will consist of a showcase of various artists, performing a varied selection of music to hopefully cater for everybody's music taste. The Saturday Evening will be ticket only these are priced at:

Tickets £5

(Supper is available at an extra cost on the evening)

Tickets for Saturday night will be available from The Rock Inn or by e-mailing to [bookings@tockholesgala.co.uk](mailto:bookings@tockholesgala.co.uk) or call 07967 870 841 and we will arrange delivery of your tickets to you.

### Gala Meeting Dates

In The Village Hall @ 7.30pm

Wed 26th May - Wed 9th June - Wed 23rd June - Wed 29th June



### Contact us

For more information visit the Tockholes Gala Web site:-

[www.tockholesgala.co.uk](http://www.tockholesgala.co.uk)

If you can offer any of the items below please either e-mail: [secretary@tockholesgala.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tockholesgala.co.uk) or call on 07967 870 841



WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BELOW FOR THE GALA

**WANTED**

#### Bottles

Bottles of any description - Preferably Full, for use on the Bottle Stall

#### Cakes

For those who are good at baking, would you be able to bake a cakes, scones or anything we can sell on our Cake Stall - Please contact Lynn Robinson

#### Books

Any old books no longer required, in reasonable condition for re-sale

#### Tombola

Prizes suitable for the Tombola Stall, including unwanted gifts etc

#### Gala Day Marshalling

If you are not currently involved in running a stall on the gala, we were wondering whether you could please lend us your time for an hour or two to help with marshalling the gala or assisting on any stall to give people a break

#### Competitions

Tug of War  
Teams Under 12's Football Teams  
Welly Throwing  
Photography

**WANTED**

WE WILL ARRANGE A COLLECTION DATE NEARER TO THE GALA WHEN WE WILL BE COLLECTING AND WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN AND WHERE WE WILL BE COMING. OR IF YOU WANT PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT THE ROCK INN

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