

TOCKENHAM

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From the editor.

At last !!!! We're seeing a bit of brightness and feeling that lovely warmth again. Tractors are back in the fields and crops are being tended. On the domestic front those who enjoy gardening will be equally busy doing things on a smaller scale. Don't forget that if you can donate some cuttings / seedlings / plants to the village fair you will be doing your bit to help the much needed finances coming in.

You may have noticed some new signs at the "Passing Places" in and out of the village. Although these are directed mainly at people from outside Tockenham, perhaps we could all observe these because when they're being used for parking their purpose of allowing wide vehicles to pass each other is lost and the poor verges take the brunt of this misuse.

Welcome Aboard

A very warm Tockenham welcome to Catherine and Evelyn who have moved into 23 West Tockenham with their little Yorkie dog Louis.

We hope that you will be very happy in our little village.

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday, 4th June, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall, to which everyone is invited. As this will be raffle month, it would be much appreciated if you could donate a small prize – thank you.

Thank you everyone for your support – and do come along and join us for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat – we look forward to welcoming everyone.

If you are unable to join us in June, please add 2nd July to your diaries for the following coffee morning.

(for those of you who may have reservations about coming to these coffee mornings, you should give it a go. They're usually a laugh and you might even pick up some juicy gossip ! Ed.)

aware. Our annual Village Fair is in June, a huge celebration of community spirit, shared with close neighbours as well as visitors to our village. The ethos of the Fair: to provide entertainment and enjoyment as well as to raise money to support the community organisations and an outside charity, is firmly rooted in Christian values. Love for neighbour, respect, hope and peace. Finally, as our village takes on the mantle of summer, the following quote by Richard Rhor, Franciscan priest and writer on spirituality, seems particularly apt:

'Creation is our first and final cathedral. Nature is the one song of praise that never stops singing.'

Poets Corner

Tockenham Village Fair

Around four in the morning the dawn chorus starts,
With the crows causing a stir right from the bottom of their hearts!

And then the more delicate birds calling fills the air,
Heralding the time to get up and prepare for our Fair.

The playground is bare and the road will be closed to keep things clear,

Quietness abounds as its too early to start; but the time is near.
Suddenly a group of helpers appear and unlock the store.
Out come gazebos, chairs, tables and lots lots more.

Gradually it comes to life with everything allocated to an area already planned out, Places for all sorts of games, for eating and one for drinking without a doubt!

Not forgetting the Silent Auction, raffle and Bandstand sites to do,
As well as setting up parking systems and entrance points too.

After hours of work the scene is set with coloured bunting and interesting stalls, With plants for sale, tombola, bric-a-brac and a loudspeaker to give out the calls.

A BBQ, ice creams and hot drinks to enjoy with a piece of cake,
So lets hope its a sunny day as its Tockenhams extra special date.

Benefice Services June 2024

Sunday 2nd June,

Communion, **Broad Town**, 10.30am
All-Age Service, **Lyneham**, 10.30am
Evening Service, **Hilmarton**, 6.00pm

Wednesday 5th June

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 2.00pm

Sunday 9th June

Communion, **Bradenstoke**, 9.00am
Communion, **Tockenham**, 10.30am
Communion, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am
Evening Service, **Broad Town**, 6.00pm

Wednesday 12th June

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.00am

Sunday 16th June

Communion, **Clyffe Pypard**, 8.00am
Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am
Morning Prayer, **Tockenham**, 10.30am

Sunday 23rd June

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am
All-Age Service, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am
Evening Service, **Broad Town**, 6.00pm
Evening Service, **Clyffe Pypard**, 6.00pm

Sunday 30th June

Communion & Patronal Festival, **Clyffe Pypard**, 10.30am

June Reflection

Flaming June is never guaranteed but it is common to have hot days in June. Nature seems at it's most abundant and ripe and many plants and flowers are at their peak. It is the month with the longest amount of daylight, as the Summer Solstice falls around 21st June. Midsummer is often regarded as a 'thin' time; a moment when the veil between the spiritual realm and the worldly realm is thin and people can feel close to God or more spiritually

Tockenham Fair

Saturday 22nd June 2-5pm

Almost there! Last call for help please.

We are still in need of volunteers to run stalls and games so please if you can help contact Ali Bennett (07932732861) or Diana Kirby (07765644704).

We also need donations for the following stalls:

Flowers

perennial or annual, vegetable and herb plants for the Plant Stall. Unusual pots would also be appreciated.

Books.

Bottles.

All sorts of bottles (full of liquid) for the bottle Stall.

Tombola prizes.

Cakes.

You will also have received Gloria and Ernestine's flyers requesting homemade cakes for the cake stall and tea tent.

Hamper raffle.

More donations would be very welcome for our fabulous raffle hampers. Luxury Spa items/Food and drink/Gardening goods/Toys please.

What to do with your raffle tickets.

The ticket stubbs and money can be dropped off at Meadowcourt (Tamsin Rowe) or 7 West Tockenham (Mandy Cook).

Where to take donations.

All donations can be dropped off at the Village Hall between 2pm and 6pm on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June. Please can any cakes be dropped off before 11am on Fair Day.

Lastly setting up and clearing up on the day is a mammoth task. It is made massively easier if we have lots of pairs of hands. If you can help with either that would be very much appreciated. We aim to start the setting up at 9am on Fair day. Clearing up is straight after the Fair ends. Here's hoping for a good day!!

Kevin Woolnough. Fair Committee Chair

Allotment News

This year on our allotment has begun almost a month late because of the long and damp winter. We have expanded our allotment by one plot with the intention of having a dedicated fruit area of gooseberry, red currant, and black currant bushes, an apple tree, and a plum tree. The fruit bushes will, hopefully, bear first fruit next year for jams and puddings, and the trees in 2026.

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Our grandchildren planted clumps of various colour tulip bulbs last Autumn, and potted on over 70 strawberry runners. The tulips have been amazing, adding much need colour.

On to planting peas and beans, salad leaf, and beetroot now. Still loads to do.

Kris.

