

TOCKENHAM PARISH  
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## Editors Piece

Wencke and I were walking Bess round the village a few weeks ago and came across Kris and Kevin resetting the Time Team mosaic after it had been renovated. How nice it looks again just on the verge by the allotments. For those who didn't know, Time Team came to Tockenham in 1995 mainly because Carezza Lewis lived here at the time and because of the very unusual figure to the west of the church porch, embedded in the wall, of Aesculapius. He is a Roman God, and this may be the oldest possession that any church in ancient Wiltshire has. You can watch the original program on Youtube and see some very young looking Tockenemites from yesteryear (me included!) More on this later in the mag from Diana.

We went to the Cocktail evening organised by John B and Kris D. the weekend before last and what a good time we had. Although it wasn't compulsory, virtually everyone had dressed up in their Glad Rags and looked suitably ridiculous. We got talking to loads of people we only knew by sight which allowed us and them to get better acquainted and bring good old Tockenham even closer as a community.

## Parish Allotment News

May / June is a busy time on the allotment, weeding, digging, and preparing the beds for this year's harvest. Our apple tree is full of blossom, and I remain ever hopeful for a good first crop. So far, we have planted out peas and a variety of beans, lettuce, beetroot, and colourful Swiss Chard. This year I am pleased to see a range of wildflowers growing on the plot after sowing seeds during last season. Recently a swarm of bees arrived on our allotment causing some excitement. Gloria kindly recovered them back to their hive. Jane and I enjoy spending time in the allotment, it is quite therapeutic and rewarding at the same time, except for the weeding of course!

Kris Dickens

So, please put the date in your diary, see if you have anything you could donate, come and help, have fun on the day!  
The Village Hall will be open during the week running up to the Fair for the dropping off of donations (and any spare carrier bags you have) on 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 2pm to 6pm.

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## **Bassett Stationary Store**

Tockenham Parish is very grateful to Lloyd at **Bassett Stationary Store**, 129 High Street, [bassettstationary@mail.com](mailto:bassettstationary@mail.com) for helping us print this magazine. We would ask that you in turn support them with any stationary requirements you may have. Their phone number is not working at the moment.

## **For Sale / Free / Wanted**

### **Its that time again.**

#### **Village Hall Coffee Morning**

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall and then again on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July.  
Do come along and join us for coffee/tea, biscuits and a chat – we look forward to welcoming everyone

**Deadline for the next addition is 7 working days before the end of the month. Please send all correspondence in Word format to the editor, [Martin@marmoy.com](mailto:Martin@marmoy.com)**

## **Tockenham Village Fair**

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 5pm**

As Andrew, our chairman, highlighted in the May Parish Magazine, our Tockenham Village Fair is back! After a couple of years where we have been unable to hold our legendary fair, we are planning our return. For anyone who hasn't been to a fair, we thought it would be great to give you a flavour of what goes on.

The 'Fete' as it was known when it first started was held in the garden of the Rectory (when it was still a Rectory) in aid of the Red Cross, after the Second World War. It was such a successful village event that it evolved in to a Church Fete with proceeds going to the running of our church, St Giles, and the Village Hall. It has moved around the village and has been held in the gardens of Meadow Court, Shaw Farm and Greenway Farm. It is now held in the centre of the village, in and around the Playground, and has become known as the Tockenham Village Fair with visitors coming from far and wide to our very traditional afternoon out.

Stalls include Bowling for a Ham, Tombola, Produce Stall, Vintage Treasures, Children's Corner, Plant Stall, Coconut Shy, Silent Auction, Raffle to name but a few and we also have Music, Tea Tent, a Bar and BBQ!

To make the day a success, we need many volunteers. Ali Bennet, Di Kirby and myself are looking for help on the day so please volunteer if you can – it would be much appreciated. It really is a fun day, the more help the better and it makes for a brilliant community get together.

We also need donations for some of the Stalls:

- books for the Book Stall (ideally paperbacks, children's books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles)
- Bottles, all sorts of bottles (full of liquid) gratefully received for the Bottle Stall.
- Vintage Treasures, if you have any good quality items that you no longer need (no electricals please)
- Home made cakes, jams and chutneys for the Produce Stall
- Prizes suitable for the Tombola Stall.
- Flower or Vegetable plants for the Plant Stall and garden related items (e.g. interesting pots)

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## **Laughter – The Best Medicine**

- What should you do if you're attacked by a group of clowns?  
Go straight for the juggler.
  - A cement mixer and a prison bus collided. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.
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## **Poets Corner**

### **Insects that sting**

Busy bees leave their stings behind  
And can be a killer for the human kind..  
Wasps are great little stingers for us all  
So sometimes the doctor has a call.

Little gnats can hardly be seen  
A spot is the only sign he's been  
Mosquitos have a more dangerous attack,  
The itches keep coming back and back.

Now to the horse fly who lands so light,  
You don't feel he has landed right.  
Until you feel a sudden pain,  
That tells you you've been caught again.



**News from St Giles' Church: June**

	<b>Church Service</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> June Pentecost	<b>Bradenstoke</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Broad Town</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham</b> All-Age Service - 10.30am	
12 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday	<b>Tockenham</b> Communion - 9am <b>Lyneham</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> Communion - 10.30am	<b>Broad Town</b> Evening Worship - 6pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity 1	<b>Hilmarton</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham</b> Communion - 10.30am	
26 <sup>th</sup> June St Peter	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> Communion - 10.30am Patronal Festival	

Here is the schedule for all the services planned for June: we are all welcome at any of them. This month there is just one service planned for Tockenham –

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – our monthly communion is once again at 9am

We are *still* waiting for official approval to start the urgent repairs to the bellcote (the little turret on top of the roof). We will keep you posted!

This is going to be a busy month for the church members working as part of the whole village community – the Jubilee celebrations on 5<sup>th</sup> June, which is why we won't hold the scheduled evensong service, and then the Summer Fair on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks to the Fair Committee and all who work so hard for this event, and thank you for the financial support which we really value.

*Busy Bees* for babies, toddlers and their carers – two Tuesdays a month in Lyneham Church Hall – ring Mandy Cook on 01793 853504 for details, or email [mandy.cook@talktalk.net](mailto:mandy.cook@talktalk.net)  
 Our Rector is Revd Rachma Abbott; she can be contacted on 01793 731114 or email [reverendrachma@gmail.com](mailto:reverendrachma@gmail.com)

**Time Team Plinth**

Dear All

Some of you may have already noticed that the memorial plaque from Time Team's visit to Tockenham has now been fully restored and reset on a prominent plinth on the verge in front of the allotments. It really is an important part of our village history - so it is great to have it back.

Many grateful thanks go to Kevin Woolnough for organising the whole thing (particularly finding an artist capable of the restoration), to David Barnes and John Gough for sponsoring the restoration and to Kris Dickens for his help in resetting the plaque on the plinth.

And for interest, John contacted the Time Team group on Facebook - and received the response below from Carena (who used to live here!) and is one of their archaeologists -

"Carena Lewis

*Thanks, Tockenham parish council, Fans of Time Team Archaeology will appreciate this! The Tockenham mosaic was the first of the permanent physical commemorations to #TimeTeam. Touring them all would be fun!"*

Well done all!

Diana Kirby

**Prospect Hospice**

A Big "Thank You" to the box holders who gave so generously to the Prospect Hospice and Prospect at Home Nursing Service.

**£135.65 was raised.**

They are really grateful at these difficult times. If anyone would like to give to this charity, please contact me.

Rosemary 01793852513

*Thank You*

## **Tockenham Fair Vintage Treasures Stall**

It's that time of year again and isn't it great that our Village Fair is returning again.

Donations of the following to our Vintage Treasures Stall would be extremely welcome.

Such as -

- Costume jewellery including functioning watches. Precious gems will be considered.
- Pretty china plates, serving dishes and jugs: clean and without cracks and chips
- Linen tableware: clean and unstained
- Photo frames: small and complete
- Mirrors: small and uncracked!
- Swatches of useful material: clean
- Hats: clean and of the jaunty, stylish kind
- Handbags and purses: clean, undamaged, vintage, modern, large or small
- DIY Hand tools: in serviceable order and clean
- Garden tools: in serviceable order and clean
- Garden pots and stoneware; portable sizes. No plastic items please.

### **Please be aware:**

- Unfortunately we are unable to include electrical goods of any kind.
- May we ask that all donations are in good, saleable order please.

Collection will at Tockenham Village Hall on 22, 23 and 24 June from 2-6pm.

Thank you very much in advance.

Jane Moore  
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## Table Tennis

You may not be aware but Tockenham has a burgeoning Table Tennis group who play every Tuesday at 2.pm in the village hall for an hour or when we collapse whichever comes first.

Currently we have a mixed squad of 7 ladies and gents who come along when they can and our abilities range from not bad to appalling. So don't feel you'd make a fool of yourself, think of how much good it will do you. There is no cost involved and we have plenty of spare bats for you to borrow.

See? No excuses not to come.

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## New Storage Facility

Thank you to everyone who helped relocate the Tockenham Village Fair equipment to our new storage shed next to the village playground. Ali Bennett has kindly allowed us to store the equipment in her barn but today we retrieved, cleaned, sorted and stored everything safely in its new home. We can now easily and quickly put up and tear down village community events which is great for the village. Next we have the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations to look forward to followed by the Tockenham Village Fair itself. Please do all you can to support these events - they are what makes our village a real community. Thanks again everyone.

Kind regards,

Andrew Burke  
Chairman - Tockenham Village Fair.



## The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations In Tockenham



**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**  
**Yard behind Manor House Farm**  
9.38pm Proclamation  
9.40pm "Majesty" Trumpet solo  
9.45pm Lighting of the bonfire beacon



**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> June**  
**Memorial Trees in Orchard Lane**  
3pm Platinum Jubilee Tree planting



**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**between the Church and the Park**

12.30 pm for 1 pm Street Party

