

TOCKENHAM

"Wiltshire's best kept small village"

Winner 2023

Bevirs template here.



PARISH MAGAZINE

August 2024

From the editor.

Well, the Village Fair went rather well didn't it ? The whole village excelled itself under the guidance of a few stalwarts who worked their socks off to make it happen yet again.

Now the sun is well and truly shining don't forget your sun screen lotion if you're going out. These over-sights only catch up with us many years later so let's give our skin a chance and top it off with a hat.

Finally, for those who hadn't noticed, we have a new government in power which will please some and concern others. We'll wait and see if it makes a huge difference but lets not be too cynical, we perhaps take our free and fair elections for granted where as many around the world envy us this privilege.

Allotment News

This year I have relinquished one of my allotment plots and probably should have done it earlier. One that I have left I had to completely empty of strawberry plants as they had become exhausted and consequently only produced small fruit and the same with my raspberry plants. My replacement strawberries have done well but only half the raspberry plants have taken and even they have hardly grown so fingers crossed for next year.

It has been such a cold year vegetables on my patch have also struggled to grow. Some of the seeds I sowed in March have only just matured enough to transplant; whether they will grow enough to eat before the frosts return remains to be seen!

(However I have noticed other plots have been more successful so I can't totally blame the weather!) The bonus for me has been the kindness of other allotmentiers who have shared plants and encouragement and also watered my plot when I have been away. Living behind a high hedge on the edge of the village, this connection with other villagers is important to me.

I think it should also be acknowledged that there are many people in the village who grow fabulous vegetables in their gardens too.

Helen

Poets Corner

Kindness

Have you thought in your mind
Just how many ways you can be kind.
One must act in a thoughtful way
To make someone feel special every day.

Greet friends and strangers with a happy smile,
And stop and have a chat for a little while
Show interest and listen to what they have to say
And adding humour will make them happy by the way.

To invite them into ones home brings comfort to the mind
And sitting in a cosy seat sipping tea is oh so kind.
On departure there is many thanks to be given out.
A gentle cuddle is worth a million pounds without a doubt.

Kindness is always remembered as something very special in our life,

It's always around to help you through trouble and in strife.
A helping hand when its difficult to walk and a thank you wave
from a car,
Costing nothing its the best for us all by far.

. Village Hall Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday, 6th August, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall, to which everyone is invited. As August is Raffle Month it would be much appreciated if you could donate a small raffle prize from home. 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 August, please add 3rd September to your diaries for the following coffee morning.)

Parish Council - Highways news.

Tockenham Parish Council have been successful with its application to Wiltshire Council's Local Highways and Footways improvement Group to part fund and install a new passing place on the bend opposite Rowley Copse on the C120. This has been approved by the Area Board and installation is expected to take place over the coming months.

The bend at the Copse has long been considered by Tockenham residents to be a potential accident risk area and we hope that motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and horses riders will as a result all feel safer. As is normal the Parish Council are expected to contribute £3000 which is 25% of the total cost. The road is expected to be closed for a period during installation. Kevin Woolnough – Tockenham Parish Council.

Village Fair Results

Our Fair Treasurer, Peter Ayling, has concluded the 2024 Fair accounts. Thanks to Peter.

Fair income was £10,653.10

After expenses the profit available to distribute is £9,227.97.

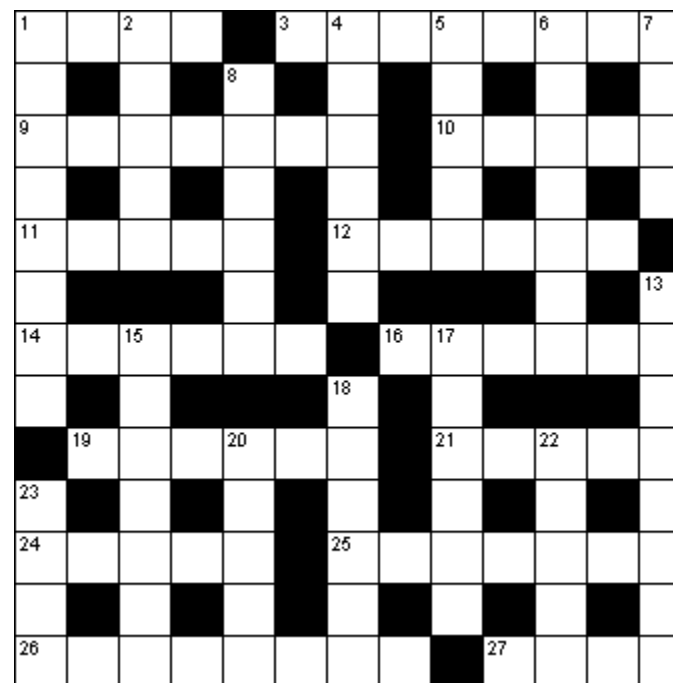
This is being paid as follows:

Parish Council DEFIB expenses	£300
Wiltshire Search and Rescue	£500
Retained for 2025 pre-Fair expenses	£600
Church 50% of balance	£3,913.99
Village hall 50% of balance	£3,913.98

Again, a huge thank you to everyone involved in making the Fair such a success.

Save the date for 2025 Fair - Saturday 21st June.
Kevin Woolnough

Augusts Crossword



Across

- 1 Audio equipment (2-2)
- 3 Immaculate (8)
- 9 Curling lock of hair (7)
- 10 Regretting (5)
- 11 Aviator (5)
- 12 Herald's tunic (6)
- 14 Twelfth sign of the zodiac (6)
- 16 Shrewdness (6)
- 19 Upper part of the windpipe (6)
- 21 Drainage channel (5)
- 24 Express in speech (5)
- 25 Taking everything into account (3,4)
- 26 Completed (8)
- 27 Period before Easter (4)

Down

- 1 Sailors' dance (8)
- 2 Ultimate (5)
- 4 Small and dainty (6)
- 5 Pulsate (5)
- 6 Witty saying (7)
- 7 Savant (4)
- 8 Provide with garments (6)
- 13 Prompt (2,3,3)
- 15 Bleak, rigorous, austere (7)
- 17 Cosset (6)
- 18 Breathe out (6)
- 20 Tales (5)
- 22 Type of steak (1-4)
- 23 Covering for the wrist (4)

Benefice Services August 2024

Sunday 4th August

Communion, **Tockenham**, 10,30am

Communion, **Broad Town**, 10.30am

Evening Service, **Bradenstoke**, 6.00pm

Wednesday 7th August

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 2.00pm

Sunday 11th August

Patronal Festival & Communion, **Hilmarton**, 11.00am

(followed by bring & share lunch)

Sunday 18th August

Patronal Festival & Communion, Bradenstoke, 10.30

(time and location tbc)

Sunday 25th August

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am

Evening Service, **Broad Town**, 6.00pm

August Reflection

Driving or walking down the lanes around Tockenham we are met by an absolute abundance of nature. Statuesque grasses and wild plants alongside flourishing hedges makes you feel that you are almost entering a tunnel in places. The glimpse of the church bell cote with its shining newly restored weathervane, is almost eliminated hiding behind the prolific herbage. It brings to mind projects of rewilding, where nature is allowed to take over and conserve abundant environments for plants and animals.

Whatever our view of rewilding it is a change and change is often contentious. It can be perceived initially as loss as we process a change. However, as we enjoy the bounty of August and perhaps spend more leisure time in different places reflecting on our experiences, thoughts and emotions perhaps give a thought to rewilding ourselves. To follow our hearts, work out what really matters to us and allow seeds of adventure, contentment, curiosity, whatever you desire, to sprout and grow.

Tockenham's
Beer & Cider
Fest

**LOCAL BEER AND CIDER
WINE AND SOFT DRINKS**

**HOG ROAST
VEGAN OPTION AVAILABLE**

LIVE CEILIDH BAND

24th August Starts 4pm
Join us for a Fun Family Event
at the Gaisfords barn
advanced tickets cost £15 pp or £18 on the gate
(includes one free drink)
Contact Jon Battista 07928807112

