

# TOCKENHAM

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## **From the editor.**

Wasn't June a cold month ? We were in North Devon and it felt like April temperatures. Still, hopefully by the time you read this things will have improved somewhat. Our Parish Councillor Kevin Woolnough has been working hard on our behalf. There is a piece further on in the magazine from him about the bus parking at the top of the lane. He has also been working closely with the Wiltshire Councils Operational Flood Working Group (OPFWG) in bringing our own particular needs to their attention and safeguard against further incidents where possible. Oh, and he steered the village fair in his spare time !!

## **Allotment News**

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Flaming June – Not whilst I write this, but a cold North wind! However, the allotments appear to be flourishing – especially the slugs and snails. The birds seem to be having a field day – are the woes of the farmers having an effect in that there is not so much corn in the fields for the birds to share so they take their angst out on the allotmenters?

As many of you know we follow the 'no dig' principle on our allotment and this year we are also trying to incorporate companion planting. Instead of planting all one crop in one bed we have mixed cabbages with our onions, sweetcorn with our leeks, carrots amongst turnips and lettuce, and so on. You may say 'why?', we are hoping to confuse the pests – we wait to see!

Trusting the weather soon warms up and our plants soon produce and there will be plenty to share on the 'free table' (watch out for an abundance of courgettes!).

Jean and Edd

## **Poets Corner**

Summer Oh, what a joy to see,  
Everyone is busy as a bee.  
As they tend their garden plot so well,  
By clearing weeds, planting seeds and lots to tell.

The play ground has come to life once more.  
With childrens happy laughter to the fore.  
Suddenly we see more people around,  
Villagers are taking walk's I'll be bound!!

It's great to enjoy our village scene each day  
And hear the clip clop of horses hooves on their way.  
Tractors and trailers, cars and bikes travel through.  
Whilst those on foot enjoy the view.

One big happy family is our special way.  
With everyone ready to help each other every day.  
It's so very heart warming to us all,  
Knowing kind gestures are there at a call.

Ernestine

## **. Village Hall Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, from 10.30 a.m. until 12 noon in the village hall, to which everyone is invited. We will be picking a charity to send our six monthly donation to, so come along with details of your favourite charity – it may be the lucky recipient picked from the hat.

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 July, please add 6<sup>th</sup> August to your diaries for the following coffee morning, which will be raffle morning.)

## **BUSES STOPPING AT TOCKENHAM CROSSROADS BUS CLEARWAY.**

Reports have been made of buses stopping in the Bus Clearway at Tockenham Crossroads. Thanks to Cllr Kevin Woolnough for bringing this to my attention and for all the work he has put in to resolve the issue on your behalf.

The buses should not be doing this.

For information, the legislation covering the bus clearway is contained in [The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 No. 3113 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#).

Buses are permitted to stop to pick up or let off passengers and they are also allowed to remain for up to 2 minutes in order to get back to timetable.

Enforcement sits with Wiltshire Council rather than the Police.

The issue has been raised with the School Transport Team as the buses concerned were contracted to Wiltshire Council. The relevant officer has spoken to Stagecoach, and also to the new company who are taking over the contract from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hopefully the problem is now resolved, however should there be a future occurrence please contact me and I will follow this up for you.

Wiltshire Councillor Allison

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## **Table Tennis**

Just a reminder that there is a table tennis club in the village hall which meets on Tuesday 14.00 to 15.00 and Wednesday evenings from 18.00 to 19.00. You don't need any kit as everything is there for you. If you're interested please contact the editor at [Martin@Marmoy.com](mailto:Martin@Marmoy.com) 07471890312

## **Village Walk June 2nd**

The village walk on the 2nd June was a great success with thankfully a lot of sunshine and a huge turnout of all ages. The village Rights Of Way (RoW) are a real asset and we will look to hold another walk in the late summer.

Much recognition and thanks to Julie who organised the Ploughmans lunch and catered for 64 people(!) out of the village hall: it was also an inspired idea to pop some tables and chairs outside to enjoy the sun. Thanks also to Kris for opening and manning the bar. This was a very jolly end to the event and there were definitely some thirsts to be quenched.

If you have any feedback around the conditions of any of the RoW, or would like to discuss any ideas, please do get in touch me via [npolkinghorne@tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:npolkinghorne@tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Nick Polkinghorne

## **Events coming up**

- August 24<sup>th</sup> is the Beer and Cider afternoon and evening, held in the Gaisfords barn. This was so successful last year its back by popular demand. An event for all the family young and old. Put the date in your diary and be sure to have some fun. More info to follow nearer the time.
- The annual Rounders event held in the Cliffords field at the back of the village on Bank Holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August. Tip – Off is 2pm so bring your picnics and blankets for a vocal and entertaining afternoon.

## **Benefice Services July 2024**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 200pm

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

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

Communion, **Broad Town**, 10.30am

Evening Service, **Bradenstoke**, 6.00pm

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Communion, **Clyffe Pypard**, 8.00am

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

All-Age Service, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am

Evening Service, **Tockenham**, 6.00pm

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Communion, **Clyffe Pypard**, 10.30am

Communion, **Bradenstoke**, 10.30am

Morning Prayer, **Tockenham**, 10.30am

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

Communion, **Lyneham**, 10.30am

Communion, **Hilmarton**, 10.30am

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

### **News from St Giles**

#### **Ordination**

By the time of publication, Richard Holness, who has been continuing his training with Rachma as a Curate in the Benefice of Woodhill, will have been ordained in Salisbury Cathedral on

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This will be the culmination of many years study and practical ministry and always an extremely poignant We look forward to him continuing to work amongst us as an ordained minister.

#### **Churchyard**

After some initial problems compounded by the wet spring weather, the contractors who keep the churchyard mown and neat are now back every other week throughout the summer so the area should remain tidy. They have also recently cut the hedges in anticipation of the village fete while additional work has been carried out on the two ancient yew trees to maintain their safety and health."

#### **July Reflection**

At the time of writing, we have been we have all been disappointed with the, seemingly, unseasonably cold, windy and unsettled weather throughout the weeks of June. But apparently, Lord Byron once said of July that it was the month when English winter ends, only to recommence in August! Demonstrating the weather in England has been historically unreliable. This brings to mind something that both well being experts and faith communities feel are very important: gratitude. Finding small things in our everyday lives for which we are thankful and which we enjoy. When things around us are challenging in any way, be it adverse weather or something more significant in our lives, noticing comforting, charming, pleasing details goes a long way to realigning our perspectives, helping us to see things in different ways. Those of us in faith communities give thanks to God as we see that these things are God given gifts, others are just grateful for good fortune. So whatever the weather in July and whatever the month brings for you, savour the things that bring you peace and pleasure, be it the first cup of tea in the morning to raindrops sparking on the leaves.





