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On fireworks and friendliness November 2017

Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot.... I remember when I was living in London in the 1980s you would still find, before the end of October a few children with an old pushchair and some stuffed clothes going: 'Penny for the guy'. During my own son's childhood changes in the neighbourhood meant that while there were still lovely fireworks in the local parks the connection was more with Diwali, than with Guy Fawkes. I liked fireworks, as long as they weren't too close and preferred the friendlier connection with Hindu neighbours to the 'celebration' of division between Christians that the Gunpowder Plot fireworks had seemed to provide. Recently I attended a lovely assembly at Broad Town School where the youngest children told us all the story of the Good Samaritan with a mixture of video and storytelling. In this story Jesus told the priests are the bad guys, who claim to love God and their neighbour, but won't cross the road to help an injured stranger. The lesson Class 1 drew from the story was 'be kind to people, even if you don't like them'. Fireworks as a celebration of friendliness, even to those you don't like – that's why I'll be remembering the 5th of November from now on.

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Defibrillator awareness training – Thursday 9th November 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The course details are as follows:-

[Understanding Your Community Defibrillator run by South Western Ambulance Service](#)

This is a really basic course which lasts 1.5 hours. The trainer will talk you through CPR and the defibrillator. This is not a hands-on training course; it is an awareness lecture and is aimed at communities (villages etc) who have purchased their own defibrillator and are looking for an overview on their AED.

This is also a reminder to everyone who has confirmed their place on the course please be at the Village Hall by 7.25pm for the 7.30pm start time. The course will finish by 9pm.

There are a few places still available so please contact me if you would like to join the course:-

email: amanda@gillingham.me

tel:01793 852061

mob:07505004794

This course is sponsored by our Village Lottery Fund, and I would like to thank the organisers of the fund for their support.

Best wishes, Amanda Gillingham

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, 11th November, 2017 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. In Tockenham Village Hall

Lovely handmade gifts and cards for sale.

Everyone welcome - please bring your friends and family to say 'Hello' - we look forward to seeing you.

Mobile library

Thursday once a month ,
Thursday 23rd November
1145 to 1220 outside the church

forward your Parish Magazine entries

by the 13th of each month to:

Email: dpsstill@aol.com

Church key holder: Ken Arnold

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Forthcoming events -

Irish Night - Saturday 18th November - 7.30 pm for 8 pm meal.

Unfortunately this event is now sold out.

Grand Christmas Draw - Saturday 16th December at 8 pm. Great prizes to be won and an ideal opportunity to have a Christmas drink with friends and neighbours.

New Years Eve - the bar will be open, there will be music and "Bring and Share Nibbles" on the night - (good way to get rid of those naughty treats before the diets start!)

And a wonderful way to see in the New Year without worrying about the taxi home!

Exciting ideas being considered for 2018 -

Chinese New Year Night

Quiz with Fish and Chips

Spring Ball

More details to follow.

And remember, the bar is open every Friday and Saturday from 8 pm. Pop along one night. we'd love to see you. The bar is run by volunteers - and we are always looking for new people to get involved. If you might be interested, please contact Brenda on 852383 in the first instance.

For information, the winners of the Quarterly September Village Lotto were: Anne O'Neill - £30,

Martin Jeapes - £20. Watch this space for details of the next winners!

TOCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE



Benefice of Woodhill Worship for November 2017 Tockenham in Bold

Thursday 2 November

7pm Hilmarton Commemoration of the Departed

Sunday 5 November

8am Broad Town Communion

9am Tockenham Family Communion

10am Clyffe Pypard Communion

5pm Hilmarton Evening Worship

Sunday 12 November: Remembrance Sunday

9am Clyffe Pypard Communion

10.55 Tockenham Remembrance Service at the war memorial

10.50 Hilmarton, Broad Town and Clyffe Pypard Remembrance Services in each church

Sunday 19 November

10am Hilmarton Communion

11am Broad Town Communion

5pm Clyffe Pypard Evensong

Sunday 26 November

10am Broad Town Benefice Communion for Christ the King

Sunday 3 December

10am Clyffe Pypard Benefice Communion

5pm Hilmarton Songs for Advent

If you'd like to know more about what any of these services involve, please ask Rachma the Vicar, or Kim the churchwarden – contact details on a following page.

News from St Giles' Church

Harvest Thanksgiving at the beginning of October went with a swing – the service was very well attended, and the supper as usual was a sell-out. A huge thank you to Sara Cutler and her team for all the organisation, to Peter Bennett the auctioneer, and to everyone who provided food for the meal and produce for the food bank or the auction, helped behind the bar, did washing up, or contributed in any way. A magnificent £654 was raised for charity.

Church heating Earlier this year our old church heater was ‘condemned’ and we need to replace it. There are various difficulties associated with this and despite the best efforts of the PCC we are without heating for a few weeks. Please accept our apologies for this. Meanwhile come to church dressed warmly! We may relocate some of the services so watch out for notices and emails which will keep you informed.

On Thursday 2 November there will be a service to commemorate those who have died. If you would like a name to be read out in the service, please email the vicar (contact details below). All are welcome at this service.

On 12 November we will be holding the annual Remembrance Service at the war memorial at Tockenham Corner on Sunday starting at 10.55am, shortly before the 11am silence. Geoff and Bridget Cowling have once again offered to open their home afterwards for much-appreciated hot refreshments. They live at *Trelawney*, the bungalow next to the war memorial. If you wish to go to a communion service that day, we are holding one at Clyffe Pypard at 9am so please join us there.

On 26 November we have the fourth Patronal festival of the year for our benefice – this will be at Broad Town and is the Feast of Christ the King. This is the last Sunday in what we think of as the church year – the new year for the church begins with Advent Sunday which is 1 December. There will be a benefice communion at 10.30am in Clyffe Pypard, and a ‘Songs for Advent’ service celebrating the coming from darkness to light at 5pm in Hilmarton. Everyone of course is welcome at all the services.

RIGHTS OF WAY see map in the centre of the magazine

I am sure that the walkers and dog owners among you are already aware of the wonderful footpaths in our parish.

It is lovely that we have this facility to enjoy the countryside around us.

We appreciate that the majority of walkers are very responsible about where they walk, but, after a recent incident of trespass, we would politely request that respect be given to the landowners' property and

that walkers keep to the given paths. On the other side, we will seek to ensure that, working with the landowners, the given paths do remain clear.

All of our footpaths are detailed in a leaflet produced by Michael Knight. Please contact him if you would like a copy -

Tel [852513](tel:852513), Email - 35knights@talktalk.net

You can also now find a map of the parish, detailing the footpaths, on the main village noticeboard. Please feel free

to contact me if you need any further information.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

AUTUMN LITTER PICK

After a very successful Spring Litter Pick, we are going to repeat the exercise for Autumn. Hi-viz vests, gloves, bags and "grabbers" will be supplied.

Please join your neighbours and come along to the Village Hall at 10 am on Saturday 18th November.

Remember - many hands make light work - so, let's get together and make Tockenham tidy for Winter. Then enjoy a well-deserved hot drink and piece of cake afterwards! Look forward to seeing you there.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Tockenham Parish Council is still short of a councillor - at the moment, we are operating with only 4 of the 5 positions filled. It would help the process greatly to have a full quota of personnel.

It is not a particularly onerous job, so, if you feel that you could offer your services to your community,

please contact me in the first instance. I will be happy to give you more details about what the position entails.

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As we move towards Christmas, we are planning two special services. On Sunday 17 December at 3pm there is a Christingle/Nativity service, and on 24 December (Christmas Eve) at 6pm our traditional candlelit service of lessons and carols with refreshments afterwards.

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 7 November at 10.30am in the village hall. Hope to see you there!

Busy Bees for pre-schoolers and their carers will have their fortnightly meetings in Tockenham village hall on Wednesdays from 10.30 am to 12 noon. For details of both Busy Bees and coffee mornings please contact Kim Gough on 07850 933344. .

Church contact details: The Vicar is Revd Rachma Abbott, and she lives at the Vicarage, Wood Lane, Clyffe Pypard. Her phone number is 01793 731134, and her email address is reverendrachma@gmail.com . Our churchwarden is Kim Gough, 07850 933344.

To keep in touch with the times and dates of services, Busy Bees, coffee mornings and other activities, please look at the google calendar on the Tockenham village website: <http://www.tockenham.org.uk/> An electronic version of this magazine also appears on the village website.

If you aren't sure what the services are going to be like and are interested in coming to any of them, please do ask; phone numbers for Rachma and Kim are above. Normally in Tockenham we have a communion service on the first 2 Sundays of the month where we remember the Last Supper and share the bread (usually a thin wafer) and wine. The last Sunday of the month is an evening service where we use the traditional book of common prayer language. At all the services we sing a few hymns, pray together and listen to a talk.

Date of Next Meeting – The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council is scheduled for 7th November 2017, 7.00 p.m.

Tockenham

