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# Tockenham *parish magazine*



*July 2017*

## **On pigs and pearls.**

I don't have pearls in any great quantity, nor, come to that do I keep pigs, although I have taken much pleasure recently in watching some young piglets wallowing in mud in the sunshine. It has made me ponder the expression about 'casting your pearls before swine'.

Although I'm aware of the biblical background to this proverbial idiom\*, my gut response is still to wonder why would anyone consider doing this?

Is this a sign of over-valuing the pigs or of under-valuing the pearls? Is it fear of the pigs or the possession of an abundant quantity of pearls that makes someone throw these jewels into the mud, where the action of casting them might seem reminiscent to the pigs of the way a farmer throws the pignuts?

And before leaping too easily to a reading of pigs and pearls as stand-in signs for something or someone else I find myself wondering am I holding the pearls or wallowing with the pigs?

Maybe the key to behaving so that we neither waste pearls nor behave swinishly is to remember that when we value ourselves we care for others better too.

\*Matthew 7:6 'Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

**The Reverend Rachma Abbott  
Priest in Charge Woodhill Benefice**

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## **VILLAGE FOOTPATHS**

**There are several wonderful footpaths running through Tockenham.**

**Some years ago, Michael Knight produced a very good leaflet detailing them all.**

**If you would like a copy, please contact Michael on 852513 or email : 35knights@talktalk.net**

### **Plants**

**I have planted the flower tubs in the village. Please feel free to give them some water.**

**There is a watering can by the church door.**

**Thanks**

**Julie**

**Mobile library  
Thursday once a month ,  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
1145 to 1220 outside the church**

**forward your Parish Magazine entries**

**by the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month to:**

**Email: [dpsstill@aol.com](mailto:dpsstill@aol.com)**

**Church key holder:**

**,Ken Arnold**

## Hilmarton films

About once a month Wiltshire Moviola brings a film to the church hall in Hilmarton (on the main A3102 road, close to the church). The next screening is on Saturday 15 July at 7.30pm and the film is *Jackie*. Tickets are £6 and available from Mark Rickaby on 01249 760215, email MarkRickaby2@gmail.com All welcome; doors open at 7pm.

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This year's WI craft and produce show will be held on Saturday 9 September rather than the first Saturday in September. The schedules of the different classes are available now, so you can start planning what you'd like to prepare.

We hope that you will find lots to interest you in the 2017 schedule. Previous exhibitors should all receive one. If yours doesn't arrive or if you haven't entered the Show before and are interested in looking at the different classes, please contact Jan (01249 890726 / jan\_hargrave@yahoo.co.uk ) or Pauline (01793 854157). New entrants are always very welcome. So that you can get started, the photography subjects are: • Happiness • Stormy weather • Pattern in nature • Through the window • A bird or birds .

## Benefice of Woodhill Worship for July 2017 Tockenham in Bold



Sunday 2 July

10am Clyffe Pypard Benefice Communion 1 day

Sunday 9 July

**10am Tockenham Communion**

11am Hilmarton Word and Worship

6pm Broad Town Evening Worship

*Sunday 16 July*

10am Hilmarton Communion

11am Broad Town Communion

6pm Clyffe Pypard Evensong

*Sunday 23 July*

8am Clyffe Pypard Communion

10am Broad Town Word and Worship

11am Hilmarton Communion

**6pm Tockenham Evensong**

*Sunday 30 July*

10am Broad Town Benefice Communion

## ***News from St Giles' Church***

You may have spotted in the list of services that on two Sundays in July we are having something called a Benefice Communion. Our group of churches (Tockenham, Clyffe Pypard, Hilmarton and Broad Town) is called a benefice and sometimes we meet all together to share in one service. When it is one of the church's festival for their patron saint we meet there – hence 2 July in Clyffe Pypard – and on the 5th Sundays, when there is one, we go to any of the churches in turn.

The newly-elected church council is getting to grips with some of the maintenance issues around the church and churchyard – there is always plenty to do! Also this month we are all very involved with the Tockenham Village Fair; the church will be open for the fair and will be decorated with flowers so do come in and have a look round.

The church is open during daytimes for the summer – thank you very much to the volunteers who open and close it daily. This means that you can access the Food Bank box, so please place your gifts in it for the Swindon Food Bank. Any non-perishable items are welcome but please make sure there is still quite a way to go on the 'use-by' date.

The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 4 July 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 10am to 12 noon. For details of both Busy Bees and coffee mornings please contact Kim Gough on 07850 933344. .

The Vicar is in our church most Mondays at 6.30 pm to say Evening Prayer. If you would like to join her please feel welcome. Occasionally this may not happen if unexpected events have to take her away from this routine.

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.

**Hi All**

**Just to advise that there will again be a village competition this year for various categories linked to flowers/gardening.**

**Categories will be:**

**Best Hanging Basket**

**Best Container**

**Best Frontage**

**And this year there will be a "Special Prize" - to be awarded at the judge's discretion.**

**There is no need to enter. The judging will be done during the week before the Fair and winners will be announced at the Fair. This completion is sponsored by Tockenham Parish Council.**

**Good luck!**

**Kind regards**

**Diana Kirby**

**For Tockenham Parish Council**

## Provisional Dates of Parish Council Meetings

All Meetings will be held in the Village Hall, Tockenham at 7.30pm unless otherwise notified.

4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Full Council Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Full Council Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Full Council Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Full Council Meeting
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Full Council Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2018	Full Council Meeting + AGM
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	PARISH COUNCIL AGM, Annual Parish Meeting Followed by Full council Meeting Commencing at 7.30PM

Official confirmation of meetings will be posted on the Parish Notice Boards and website at least three clear days before the meeting. [WWW.TOCKENHAM.ORG.UK](http://WWW.TOCKENHAM.ORG.UK)

## VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Well, the elections are all over - at parish, county and national levels, but Tockenham is still short of a parish councillor. We have only 4 of the requisite 5 councillors for the parish.

We do have a quorum, so continue to be fully operational, however, it would be really beneficial to have a full quota.

So, if you are a community-minded individual who wants the best for your parish, if this is a position that would be of interest to you, then please contact me, Diana Kirby, in the first instance. The council will be delighted to hear from you.

Diana Kirby

Chair of Tockenham Parish Council

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## **VILLAGE FAIR - SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2pm**

**Its nearly that time of year again! Your Fair Committee are busy planning and organising this years event and we look forward to seeing you all there.**

**Thank you to Roland Wallace and Martin Jeeps for refurbishing our very ancient trestles and table tops, they have been given new life and will be fit for years to come.**

**We have also been granted monies from the Area Board to buy modern trestle tables which we will have for this years Fair.**

**Thank you to the Tockenham Quilters ( Michele Burke, Kim Gough, Jean Edgel, Karen Tinsen, Wenke Marmoy,) who set up a ‘sweat shop’ in the Village Hall ably assisted by Sara Cutler and Anne O’Neill and hemmed an enormous amount of material to produce new table cloths for the Fair, they will look very pretty on the day.**

**As ever, are looking for your support again this year. The Village Hall will be open the week before the Fair as a ‘drop in’ for any items you would like to donate to the Fair.**

**Opening times will be :                    Tuesday – Thursday 3pm – 7pm  
   Friday 11am – 7pm**

**Items we are looking for:**

**Bottles for the ‘Bottle Stall’**

**Cakes, Preserves, Plants, Paperback books including children’s books and DVD’s**

**Good quality items for the Bric a Brac stall.**

**‘Rex Factor’**

**We will be running the Dog Show at the Fair again this year, classes will be**

**Loveliest Lady**

**Most Fabulous Fella**

**Gorgeous Golden Oldie**

**Best Six Legs**

**Best Junior Handler**

**Best Paw Shaker**

**Judges Own Favourite**

**Fancy Dress**

**Entry is £1 per class with rosettes for the winners and treats for the dogs.**

**We will have all our usual attractions, the Silent Auction, Raffle, Pimms & Beer Tent, BBQ, Teas and lots of games and stalls.**

**The Fair is such a fantastic opportunity for the village to get together with friends and family and we look forward to seeing you there again this year.**