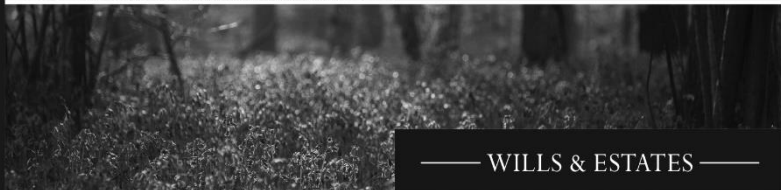


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December 2019

On Christmas Reconciliation December 2019

At this season we remember a family who had to travel to their home town, in order to be counted by the government of the day. Thinking of Joseph, travelling with a heavily pregnant Mary I become aware of part of the Christmas story that I don't often focus on.

Joseph wouldn't be the first man to discover that his partner is pregnant and to know or think that it can't be his child she's carrying. I wonder whether his first feeling was hurt or humiliation, betrayal or anger. In a nativity story jam-packed full of angels and dreams, miracle babes, pilgrim kings I don't always notice the miracle in Joseph's relationship with Mary. He doesn't leave her, he doesn't throw her out, he takes on both Mary and her child and I'm sure in the raising of that little boy, Jesus became his child as well as God's.

Men and women who are able to see through hurt and betrayal to repair and rebuild relationships; men and women who are able to love and raise children that are not in biological terms 'theirs' are very wonderful.

In the context of first century Palestine where society would have stoned Mary for adultery if Joseph had sought that this miracle of reconciliation between Mary and Joseph is perhaps even more amazing.

Reconciliation after hurt and disagreement whether between couples or friends; in families and communities is not often easy.

I wonder what kind of conversations Mary and Joseph had about all that had happened to them on the journey to Bethlehem. Even if I had an angel explain it all to me in a dream I know it would still have taken time and work to renew the relationship if I had been Joseph.

In a Christmas season when differences within the nation will have been discussed and pondered and voted on – I'm glad to be reminded by Joseph's part in the Christmas story that reconciliation across hurt and disagreement is not only possible, but often brings great joy.

May this Christmas season, and the new year that follows it, bring healing of hurts and the renewal of working well together for the benefit of all.

Church contact details:
The Vicar is Revd Rachma Abbott,
Priest in Charge Lyneham with
Bradenstoke and Priest in Charge
Woodhill Benefice: (Broad Town,
Clyffe Pypard, Hilmarton, Tockenham)
Vicarage, Wood Street, Clyffe Pypard.
Her phone number is 01793 731134,
and her email address is
reverendrachma@gmail.com .



Tockenham Village Hall Coffee Morning

Just to say that it is delightful that so many people support the monthly village coffee mornings – thank you all for your continued support. If you are free do please come and join us, we meet on the first Tuesday of each month between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday, 3rd December and this will include our 'Christmas Raffle' (unlike our usual bi-monthly raffle it will not be necessary for anyone to bring a raffle prize as all prizes will be provided).

Everyone is most welcome – we look forward to seeing you.

Future diary date – Our first Village Coffee Morning of 2020 will be held on Tuesday, 7th January.

WELCOME to Richard and Jo Walker at Greenway Farm,
also John and Lucy Carey and their children, Johnny-Cruise, Angel, and Halo at Padmead.

We hope you will be very happy in Tockenham.

John and Lucy's business is Christmas Trees, they will be happy to deliver to anyone needing one.

Mobile library

The mobile library will be visiting
St Giles Church 9.45-10.15 on the following dates.
Tuesday 10th December , 2019

Forward your Parish Magazine entries

by the 13th of each month to:

Email: dpsstill@aol.com

Church key holder: Ken Arnold

Merry Christmas everyone from the Tockenham Village Fair committee.

As we brave the cold, wet weather in Tockenham, it is good to celebrate how well our 81st Tockenham Village Fair went this year. We had great weather, record attendance from 600 visitors, fabulous stalls, activities and entertainment and we donated an impressive £3,000 each to the Village Hall and our St Giles Church. Our nominated charity- Brighter Futures' - received £600 from the fair, £776 from the very successful Sponsored Walk organised by Bill Moore and £1,643 from the impressive Land's End to John O'Groats cycle ride by our own Tom Gillingham and his friend Robert Miles.

The fair was full of traditional stalls and games, homemade refreshments, our dog show, Children's Fancy Dress and tallest sunflower competitions, another great attendance from the classic car owners and music from the Royal Wootton Bassett Brass Band. A new layout in 2019 worked especially well creating a nice atmosphere for people to enjoy and relax on the day.

Please mark the date in your diaries - 20th June 2020. The first committee meeting is scheduled for 7.30pm Thursday 16th January 2020 in the village hall and everyone who would like to help the fair preparation are very welcome. Just let Amanda Gillingham know you plan to attend on email: amanda@gillingham.me and landline [01793 852061](tel:01793852061).

We are so thankful for the dedication and commitment of our village community in making the fair such an enjoyable day for everyone. All your help has earned a well-earned reputation for maintaining the traditional village fair format whilst successfully generating funds for our church, community and supported charities. The key to our success is your help so if you can pledge your support with any of the following then 2020 will be off to a great start:

- 1) The Fair Programme is an important part of the event as it allows local businesses to support us and for us to support them. Our community is as much about our local businesses as it about the families who live within it. If you would like to advertise in the programme, could persuade a local tradesman or know someone else who might want to, please contact Bill Moore.
- 2) The Raffle is a great part of the fair tradition and Janet Nicholls will be working hard to deliver some great prizes again next year. This is an important part of event marketing and thanks to you all for selling so many tickets to friends and family.
- 3) Donations for the Raffle, Silent Auction and Vintage Treasures stall are so important to the success of the fair. If you have items you believe would make a good donation then please put them to one side ready for a call to arms early next year. Similarly, if you have access to an activity which we can auction off then we would be delighted to include it.
- 4) Lastly, we have the roles of manning the stalls, setting up and tearing down and generally sorting the logistics on the day. If you are available that day and happy to help then please text Ali Bennet: [07932 732861](tel:07932732861) for stall manning and for help with logistics please contact Rosie Carpenter on: [07880 700248](tel:07880700248) and we will be delighted to add you to the team.

I know it is hard to think about an event planned for mid-2020 during these cold, dark winters nights but if you can register your interest to help us next year it would be very much appreciated. Please save the date and here's to another great fair in 2020!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Andrew Burke
Chairman
Tockenham Village Fair

Benefice of Woodhill Worship for December 2019 Tockenham in Bold



1 st Dec	Yr A (Epistle) Advent 1	Clyffe Pypard - 10.30am Benefice Communion <i>Carol Peters-King</i>			Bradenstoke Advent: Songs of praise 6pm <i>ERA</i>
		Lyneham - 10.30am All-Age Service for Advent <i>EL</i>			
4 th Dec	Wednesday	Hilmarton at 2pm - Said Communion in The Chapel			
8 th Dec	Advent 2	Bradenstoke Communion 9am <i>ERA</i>	Hilmarton - 10.30am Benefice Communion <i>Rhona Floate</i>		Tockenham Christingle 5pm <i>ERA</i>
			Lyneham - 10.30am Sung Eucharist <i>ERA</i>		
15 th Dec	Advent 3	Bradenstoke Communion 9am <i>ERA</i>	Tockenham - 10.30am Benefice Communion <i>Preacher - Debbie Orriss</i>		Clyffe Pypard Carol Service 4pm <i>ERA</i>
					Lyneham Carol Service 6pm <i>KB</i>
19 th Dec	Thursday			Broad Town Carol Service 6.30pm	
22 nd Dec	Advent 4		Broad Town - 10.30am Benefice Communion <i>ERA</i>		Bradenstoke Ecumenical Carol Service Baptist Chapel 3pm
			Lyneham - 10.30am Sung Eucharist <i>OB</i>		Hilmarton 5pm Carol Service <i>ERA</i>

News from St Giles' Church

24 th Dec	Chris tmas Eve	Lyne ham Crib Servi ce 4pm <i>EL</i>	Tockenham Carol Service 6pm <i>ERA</i>	Lyneham Midnight Mass 11.30pm <i>AT</i>	Brad ensto ke Midn ight Mass 11.30 pm <i>JB</i>	Hilmarton Midnight Mass 11.00pm <i>ERA</i>
25 th Dec	Chris tmas Day		Clyffe Pypard Communion 9am <i>ERA</i>	Broad Town Communion 10.30am <i>ERA</i>		
29 th Dec	1st Sund ay of Chris tmas	Tockenham - Benefice Communion 10.30am <i>ERA</i>				

Christmas is coming!!

Christmas Tree Festival 7 and 8 December.

You've had lots of notice about this but it isn't too late to enter a Christmas Tree so please do so – the more the merrier. We hope you have had your leaflet with full details, or read them in the November magazine. Church open 10am to 5pm both days.

Christingle – 5pm on Sunday 8th. This is a simple service lasting about 45 minutes designed with everyone in mind from the smallest children upwards. We have oranges and candles to remind us of the Christmas story, and sing a few Christmas carols. Enclosed with this magazine is an envelope for donations to the Children's Society, the charity we support at this service. Please bring it with you to the Christingle, or bring your gift to the Christmas Tree festival, or put it though the door at 15 Tockenham Corner. You know your donation will be so much appreciated.

Any questions about the Christmas Tree festival or Christingle please contact Ken and Pauline Arnold on 01793 854157.

Defibrillator awareness course 14th November 2019 –

many thanks to everyone who attended the training course and also to the Tockenham Village Fair Committee for supporting the event from the funds raised at our 2019 Village Fair.

Please remember should you need to use the Village defibrillator our defibrillator box is locked- this is the code that unlocks the box C2589X If you make a mistake inputting the code just start again with C, pressing C resets the locking mechanism. You then need to turn the black button on the front of the box anti-clockwise. (We would be grateful if you could keep the code safely as we need to ensure the defibrillator is not at risk from vandalism or theft.)

In any medical emergency always call 999 first. The defibrillator is registered with the South Western Ambulance Service, however they will only advise you to go to the one at the Village Hall and give you the code if you are within a certain distance of it. If you have forgotten the code someone would have to go to the Hall dial 999 again for them to tell you the code to unlock the box.

If you are able to administer CPR you should do so, and it is advisable to call someone else to go and fetch the defibrillator.

Inside the cabinet the defibrillator is hanging on a hook. A pack behind the defibrillator containing mouth guard, scissors, razor (to shave hairy chests) disposable gloves, is also available for use.

The defibrillator is very simple to operate, just open it and follow the voice instructions.

Every time the defibrillator is opened it is a drain on the battery, so PLEASE only open in an emergency.

If you have reason to use it, it is essential you let us know so the pads can be replaced

With best wishes from the defibrillator guardians - Amanda Gillingham, Diana Kirby

TOCKENHAM PARISH COMMUNITY LOTTERY NEWS

Rosie, Ali and I want to share with you all how successful the Tockenham parish lottery has been since its conception in 2017. The primary aim of the lottery is to raise funds for use within the parish for the benefit of us all, and to those visiting the area. Anyone who has an invested interest in Tockenham parish can enter the parish lottery. Two cash draws are made each month at the village hall, culminating with the December grand cash prize draw.

Over the past three years the parish lottery has raised an amazing £4,020 in total, generating approximately £2100 for use within Tockenham parish. To date the money raised has gone towards the following:

Replacement of the existing flower tubs (and increasing their number), new soil and plants for summer and winter displays.

Defibrillator training for parishioners.

£750.00 towards the cost of a new storage facility for the summer fayre and parish park equipment.

Funds have been allocated to provide paint materials and equipment for the refurbishment of the parish park children's play apparatus in the Spring of 2020) and to replace one wooden picnic bench there.

ALL OF YOU has made this possible!!

At present the parish lottery fund has £300.00 available for use. We would like to hear your ideas for how it can be best used. Maybe those of you who reside in Tockenham Wick or at Tockenham Corner have the answer?

Lottery 2020

Rosie, Ali and I are now selling lottery tickets for 2020 and we will be knocking on your door very soon! A lottery ticket can make a good present to send as a Christmas present through the post, or as a stocking filler! We look forward to your continued support in this fund raising venture.

With kind regards

Kris Dickens

Friends of Tockenham Parish Community Lottery

60/19 Website

Need General Info Folder

Spam messages - DZ advised these have been deleted to date

Change of photos – SS proposed photos should be changed with the season. AC

Seconded this. Resolved unanimously. Training on management of the website will be arranged for the clerk in January. The website will be discussed again at the next meeting.

61/19 Neighbourhood Area Plan / Parish Plan – Formal Regulation 16 Consultation now complete.

External Examiner Deborah McCann appointed for next stage

62/19 Play Area –

Preservative due to be added to all wood in September. To be carried out in spring

Goal Posts need painting – Cllr D Kirby to request Village Hall Committee to add to work. To be carried out in spring by Volunteers

Future of Flag post – scheduled to get down and examine. Then decide on requirements. Currently serviceable, dates and occasions of use required.

Storage Unit – fee to cover landowner's legal expenses now provided

63/19 Area Board – Update from meeting on 25th September – Discussion on "The role of Parish Councils in Planning Process" GC and AC attended and said it was an interesting meeting giving a local perspective of planning.

Next meeting 27th November in conjunction with RWB Environment Group AC and DK will attend.

64/19 Councillors Reports and Items for Next Meeting, which cannot be dealt with by the Clerk and which do not require a policy decision other than referral to the next meeting. None

65/19 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30 pm

Discuss change of date for Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting 2020 – To be discussed at the next meeting

Meeting closed at 9.15pm, DK left 8.45pm

TOCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL-

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Ghost and Ghoulies Quiz Night - this turned out to be a fun event. Only four teams unfortunately, but thanks to Kris and Jane for decorating the Hall so scarily - and for providing a great quiz (as well as nibbles!)

Grand Christmas Draw -To be held on Friday 13th December. (Please note change of date)Bar open at 8 pm, draw to take place at 8.30-ish.

Raffle tickets are just 50p and can be purchased on the night or in the Hall on Friday or Saturday evenings or from members of the Village Hall Committee.

This is always a great opportunity to have a Christmas drink with neighbours and friends - as well as a chance to win a prize or two! Do come along!

New Year's Eve - We would like to hold the usual "Bring and Share" event in the Hall for those villagers who prefer to stay in Tockenham for the New Year. However, we would just like to be sure that numbers will be worthwhile. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know by mid December. (01793 853861 or kirbydrew@yahoo.co.uk)

Burns Night - Saturday 25th January. Come along and enjoy a traditional celebration with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties - together with a wee dram! Some tartan dress essential.This will be a ticket only event, price to be confirmed.If you would like to attend, please contact me in first instance.

VILLAGE LOTTERY -

November winners-

First prize - £20 - Anne O'Neil Second prize - £10 - Jackie Drury

Please remember, the bar is open from 8 pm every Friday and Saturday. Why not pop along and have a drink with your neighbours?

Diana Kirby

For Village Hall Committee

Saturday 21 December

We'll be meeting in the church from 10am to decorate and clean ready for Christmas. Can you come and join us? All help much appreciated.

Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Our usual traditional service with your favourite carols and readings about the Christmas story. Mulled wine and other refreshments at the end.

We look forward to seeing you at these special Christmas events!

During December we move away from our usual pattern of Sunday services; for full details see the schedule elsewhere in the magazine and the booklet circulated with this month's magazine. Each Sunday in December we meet in one of the churches in the benefice plus having our own special ones (see above) and we look forward to welcoming other church members from the area on Sunday 15 at 10.30am and also on Sunday 29th December, again at 10.30am. In January we revert to the normal pattern starting with the 9am Family Communion service on Sunday 5 January.

Busy Bees

The Busy Bees baby and toddler group welcomes all mothers, fathers, carers and babies and toddlers. It is held fortnightly on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 12.00pm in Tockenham village hall. Contact Revd Rachma on 01793 731134 or email reverendrachma@gmail.com for more details.*Church contact details:* The Vicar is Revd Rachma Abbott, and she lives at the Vicarage, Wood Street, Clyffe Pypard. Her phone number is 01793 731134, and her email address is reverendrachma@gmail.com.

To keep in touch with the times and dates of services 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; the phone number for Rachma is above. Normally (though there are exceptions – please check the notice boards or website) 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.

This magazine: as one year closes and the next one begins, it is perhaps the right time to express our appreciation to Sarah for compiling our magazine every month and for arranging the printing and distribution. Thank you! As you probably know, any items for inclusion need to be with Sarah by 13th of the month – email dpsstill@aol.com

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7PM

Present: Councillor D Kirby Chairman (DK), Cllr G Cowling Vice Chairman (GC), Cllr A Carpenter (AC), Cllr S Still (SS), County Cllr Bucknell (AB), D Zeitzen Clerk (DZ)

ORDINARY MINUTES

Public Question time: DK has received a written question asking if the parish council would be willing to write to all the farmers in the parish to ask them to donate a small area of land and plant with trees. DK said the parish council has no public land. DK proposed the parish council write back to suggest the member of the public hold a meeting in the village hall to gauge public interest and support to possibly form a group. Seconded by AC and resolved unanimously. DK will respond to the member of the public.

Reports from Wiltshire Councillor: AB advised the next Area Board meeting is being held on 27th November at RWB Memorial Hall starting at 5.30pm will take form of an ECO Fair, all are welcome to attend. The roadworks at Lyneham should be completed on Friday 15th November. Wiltshire Council is setting its budgets and more savings are having to be made. The Area Board has now set up a Health and Well Being Forum. In the future, if the Lyneham/Bradenstoke Solar Farm Fund is not receiving applications, the fund may be extended to surrounding villages.

53/19. Apologies for absence: Cllr T Madgwick

54/19. Declarations of Interest – in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted July 2012.

DK declared an interest in Finance item 8a vii

DK declared an interest in Finance item 8a viii

• 55/19. Minutes: Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes:

The Council received, approved and signed as a true record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 3rd September 2019 GC proposed, DK seconded and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

56/19. Clerks Report: The following items were received

- a) Briefing note 19-026 Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Noted
- b) Wiltshire Area Board Priorities Survey 2019/20 Circulated – some local response
- c) Parish Steward autumn/winter scheduling Noted
- d) Flood warden newsletter Noted
- e) Highways Newsletter Noted
- f) Wiltshire Planning website – document access Noted. AB advised new system will be in place in future
- g) Invitation to Wiltshire County Carol Service 6 December Noted
- h) Muds on roads – Wiltshire Police Brought to our attention
- i) “We’re Targeting Fly-Tippers” campaign Noted
- j) Registration of Interests – Now a link from PC website to this. AC to complete
- k) Changes to Lyneham ward Noted

57/19. Planning:

18/08298/OUT – Pound Farm (under Lyneham) Ongoing, application pending for 50 houses.

58/19. Finance and Administration – The Parish Council considered financial matters and received notification of Invoices for payment

a) Invoices

- i) Clerks Salary – September/October 2019 £187.23
- ii) HMRC Clerk PAYE – September/October 2019

£46.60

- iii) Littlejohn audit charge £48.00

Remembrance wreath - payable to DK £25.00

Gift - payable to DK £13.00

Deposit for landowners legal fees for storage unit lease £1,500.00

Clerk's expenses £8.93

Proposed: DK seconded GC and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the above payments

b) Finance

i) Internal Audit update Accounting statement Approved and signed by DK and DZ

ii) Internal Audit Governance Statement 18/19 Approved and signed by DK and DZ

iii) VAT refund application DZ has submitted an application for VAT refund from April 2017 to May 2019 £120.93

iv) Income & Expenditure as at 13 Nov 19 £21, 601, 73.

Bank Statement as at 23 Oct 19 £21,601.73 DZ advised 4 uncleared cheques, 3 are HMRC payments re previous clerk. DZ to investigate.

v) Budget and precept 2020/21 – (including Council Tax Setting Programme) Draft Budget set.

DK proposed precept stays at £7,000, seconded by GC, RESOLVED

UNANIMOUSLY To be confirmed at January meeting.

DK proposed making an extra payment to DZ in December for extra hours of work getting the Parish Council documentation up to date. GC seconded, RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

59/19 Highway Matters

Speeding signs - An official request to be put to CATG for 4 No Footway signs at December meeting DK

Missing Greenway sign – Wiltshire Councillor A Bucknell pursuing with Highways Dept still outstanding

update Incorrect signage on A3102 after Substantive Highways Scheme Wiltshire Council to complete – no further action

Update Flooding at Primrose Hill, Update Flooding near Preston Lane – continue to monitor throughout wet season

Refill of Grit Bins – Bins have been filled GC to source two shovels

Footpath steps at 38 West Tockenham – To request revised design to protect bottom step from heavy traffic. Pending

Temporary closure A3102 (part) Royal Wootton Bassett 20/11/19 – 21/11/19)Noted

Temporary closure Primrose Hill & Tockenham (part) 26/11/19 – 03/03/20) Noted

Temporary Closure at Lyneham – 30/10/19- 14/11/19 (impact on village)Finished, it had a tremendous impact on the village

Repair at Hillocks- Completed

Gigaclear – more road works expected in parish –ongoing. Note – Gigaclear to return to re-dig grips along C120

j) Parish Steward Scheme –Signs and foliage require cleaning and pushing back. Grit bins to be checked and grit inside to be dug over. GC will liaise with parish steward, DZ will forward contact number.