



# Thorngate Newsletter

Thank you to the Thorngate Good Neighbours Group for sponsoring this newsletter

## Lockerley Walking Group

Away days in Sidmouth 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September - join the group for a choice of long/short walks and some enjoyable meals out. Further details Andy/Liz 07752 734291.

## Village Lunch Club

Do you live in East or West Tytherley, Lockerley or East Dean? Come and meet your friends and make new ones over a home-cooked lunch in Lockerley Memorial Hall, on the following dates each month. Just £7 for 2 courses and a glass of wine or soft drink. There's a small raffle for Charity and a quiz too. 12 noon - 2.30pm.

### Sundays

17 May, 19 July, 20 September, 15 November

### Fridays

19 June, 16 October, 11 December

Please get in touch if you'd like to know more - phone Liz - 01794 340993.

## Thorngate Village Care Group

Our local support network of volunteers ready to help, all DBS checked, insured and ready, willing and able to help in so many ways - lifts to medical and other appointments, prescription and shopping collection, other support, eg form filling, phone calls etc.

*The Care Group is affiliated to the Good Neighbours Network and covers Lockerley, East Dean, East and West Tytherley and the Hampshire residents of West Dean.*

Requests for help - contact any coordinator  
Lockerley/East Dean - Diana 07464 956759 or Liz 340993

Tytherleys - Barbara 341672, Julie 340850, or Lucia 07799 561029

## Thorngate Village Care Group AGM

**Monday 11th May, 7pm @ Lockerley Memorial Hall**

Are you a volunteer with the Care group, someone who makes use of the group, or are curious to know more? Our short AGM at 7pm will be followed by a talk about 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf' and refreshments. All welcome.

## Lockerley & East Dean Fete

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**12 til 4**

**Butts Green, Lockerley**

Lots of fun and games for the whole family, at pocket money prices!

This family-friendly, traditional fete is run by a small committee with a large group of brilliant volunteers.

If you'd like to get involved, please email:

[philwebb39@gmail.com](mailto:philwebb39@gmail.com)



## Sound Bath Experience Crystal Journeys

at Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 18:30 - 19:30

**Pause - Breathe - Unwind**

£15 per person

To book [michelle@crystaljourneys.co.uk](mailto:michelle@crystaljourneys.co.uk)  
Limited spaces available



POP-UP

# PUB

FRIDAY 15TH MAY  
DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

- Fully licensed bar
- Pub games and great company
- The Hive Youth Club (6.30-8.30) - book via link on Hall Facebook page
- Cash & card payments accepted
- All proceeds will support your village hall

**No booking needed - just come along, pull up a chair, and enjoy a proper local evening together!**

Anne Campbell, Ailsa and Callum would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards, flowers and good wishes on the loss of our beloved husband and father, Lorne, in March. All your kind thoughts are much appreciated.



### **Caterpillars Playgroup**

**Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 11.00**

**£2.00 'play as you go'**

### **Lockerley Primary School**

We invite you to come along to our playgroup, from birth to 5 year olds.

There will be songs, stories, craft and toys.

Run by an Early Years Practitioner

We have baby-weighing scales

Refreshments served

No need to sign up, just come along and join the fun.

### **Summer Term at West Tytherley**

The summer term has got off to a wonderfully busy start at West Tytherley. Forest School sessions are back in full swing; scarves have been swapped for sun hats and the children are making the most of the brighter, warmer days!

Oak Class have dived straight into the term with their swimming and water safety sessions. They have shown great enthusiasm and courage and we couldn't be prouder of them.

This month has also brought exciting news for families, as school places for September were confirmed. While continuing to maintain the benefits of smaller class sizes and high staff to child ratios, we are delighted to welcome our largest cohort in five years, with many wonderful families joining our community. We are sure the children will enjoy a happy and fulfilling school life at West Tytherley. Welcome Packs and invitations to our settling-in sessions will be sent out soon, and we have lots of fun planned to help everyone feel safe and confident.

This month, we are pleased to share a beautiful nature poem written by Skye in Willow Class. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as the children enjoyed writing them:

#### ***It Starts with an Egg***

*It starts with an egg on the top of some greens,*

*Like speckled, white miniature beans*

*Warmed by the sunlight in another dawn*

*For these little eggs have just been born.*

*Now a caterpillar emerges from its home*

*Ready to claim a different throne,*

*Mighty munching more and more*

*Growing up with quite a score!*

*The caterpillar now hides away*

*Waking up a beautiful day*

*Coming out a glorious sight*

*A butterfly swaying through the night.*

*The butterfly glows as softly as a dream*

*Flying down the sparkly stream.*

*The butterfly flies through the quiet night,*

*Finding its food in the silver light.*

### **200 Club April Winners**

Jenny Knowles £30 Heather Bowyer £25

We still have numbers available for anyone wishing to join the 200 Club. Please contact Mandy if you are a winner, or wish to join!

e: [200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk)

m: 07717 258702 t: 01794 340252

### **Lockerley CofE Primary School**

#### **Introducing the Nature Nook!**

After a long wait, we are delighted to have removed the 'do not cross' tape and introduce the newest feature of our wonderful school grounds: the Nature Nook. Councillor Alison Johnston cut the ceremonial ribbon to declare our Nature Nook open, with the whole school excited to get inside! This new structure will support our outdoor learning activities, giving our children even more opportunities to learn, discover and grow while using our school grounds.

Our School Council were integral to the design, with children contributing suggestions for the various wooden carvings that decorate this new school feature. Year 5 and 6 school councillors explained "All of the animals chosen would be in our local environment. Our favourites are the badger hiding under the chair, and the butterfly because it is our school logo. We also included a memory of the old roundhouse in the design of the roof." The children are excited to use our Nature Nook.

#### **Cluster Oracy Competition**

We were delighted to welcome some of our Cluster schools into Lockerley for our annual Oracy Competition, with children from every year group representing our school by sharing speeches. Confidence in public speaking is a valuable tool for students to have. A clear speaking voice is an essential life skill that fosters self-esteem and personal confidence. It was fantastic to hear the quality of speeches from all of our finalists, and we look forward to hosting this event again next year.

*If you would like to know more about Lockerley Primary School, please go to our website [www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk](http://www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk)*

### **Little Fishes**

Little Fishes is a singing and music-making group for babies, pre-school children and their parents and carers. It is supported by Lockerley Church and runs every Monday morning in term-time in Lockerley Memorial Hall between 9.30am and 10.15am.

It is led by singing teacher Annie Tatnall and the cost is £3 per family for each session. No need to book. Just come along, meet new people, and have some fun!

If you would like to know more phone Sally on 01794 340215 or email [annietatnall@hotmail.com](mailto:annietatnall@hotmail.com)

### **TwinkleToes**

For little ones aged 0-4 and their grown-ups! Please join us for child-led play, crafts, singing and biscuits! Friday (term time only), 9.30-11 @ King Edwards Hall, West Tytherley £2 per family.

## People's Emergency Briefing

18:30 to 20:20 13 May 2026

### King George's Village Hall, West Dean SP5 1JF

Are you concerned about climate change and the effects of this which are rapidly coming upon us? Would you like to understand the impacts of this on our local communities? What needs to happen to divert (or best manage) this international emergency?

The People's Emergency Briefing is a new film being screened to hundreds of communities across the UK. Hosted by New Forester and television celebrity, Chris Packham, it brings together key moments from the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster held last November with reactions from members of the public, alongside some well-known voices including Jennifer Saunders and Deborah Meaden (who coincidentally went to school in Salisbury). People from in and around Bentley Wood are invited to this screening at West Dean, which will also include a post-viewing discussion of how this information is relevant to our local communities.

More information on the

film: <https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film>

To book your

seat: <https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>

West Tytherley Community are busy fundraising!

We are planning to extend the shop so that we can provide a space for people to meet, work, or just socialise and have coffee and cake. We have a generator when there is a power cut! The plans can be viewed in the shop, and we already have outline planning permission.

We have great support from Test Valley Borough council, who will help fund this new project, although we also need to show that the community can raise funds too.

If you ever use the shop, please think about contributing to this exciting project. Ask how you can contribute next time you're in the shop, or please attend one of our fundraising events which are advertised locally.

If you have never visited the shop, perhaps now is the time. We stock all sorts of amazing products, from the absolute essentials to the very special, all sourced as locally as possible; our tasty venison comes from the Norman Court Estate. We hope to see you soon!

### EXCITING NEWS FOR LOCKERLEY & EAST DEAN WAR MEMORIAL HALL

We're delighted to share that the Hall has secured significant grant funding from Test Valley Borough Council for a full roof replacement.

This is a major investment in the future of the Hall. While the current roof has been safely managed, it contains asbestos materials and now needs to be replaced as part of a long-term solution. The project will involve removing the existing roof and installing a new roof with modern insulation across the whole building.

What does this mean for our community?

A warmer, more comfortable space throughout the year

Improved energy efficiency and lower running costs

A more sustainable, future-ready community building



Supported by  
**Test Valley**  
Borough Council 

This work also creates an opportunity to look ahead to further improvements, including solar panels and battery storage, helping to support the Hall as a resilient community hub.

The project represents an investment of almost £130,000. We are very grateful to Test Valley Borough Council for the majority of the funding, and to Lockerley Parish Council for their £5,000 contribution.

#### We now need your help

We are aiming to raise the final £7,500 to complete the project. Over the coming months there will be fundraising events and activities and we would love the community to get involved.

Every contribution will help secure the future of this much-loved village space for the next generation.

Some important emails sent to the Editor have not been getting through, which has been very upsetting. Now, please email both [newsletter@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lockerley.org.uk) and [jamespitkin@priest.com](mailto:jamespitkin@priest.com) with items for the Newsletter. Many thanks, from *Phil the Editor and James the Vicar*

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

Visit the website [www.lockerley.org.uk](http://www.lockerley.org.uk) and [www.easttytherlevillage.com](http://www.easttytherlevillage.com) for up to date diary and news entries

### Greetings from Lockerley Baptist Church

We meet each Sunday at 10.30am for morning worship. Anyone is welcome to join us at this service which is followed with tea or coffee and biscuits. Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May in the back hall from 10am to 12 Noon. Please come and join us. Light refreshments including home made cake and savouries will be available. If you would like any further information or help please phone Brian or Marion on 01794 341980. (Please note new number)



St Winfrith's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

In this year's Church Calendar most of May is 'Easter' (which ends at Pentecost on 24<sup>th</sup> May). Churches are bright, cheerful and beautiful – often filled with flowers.

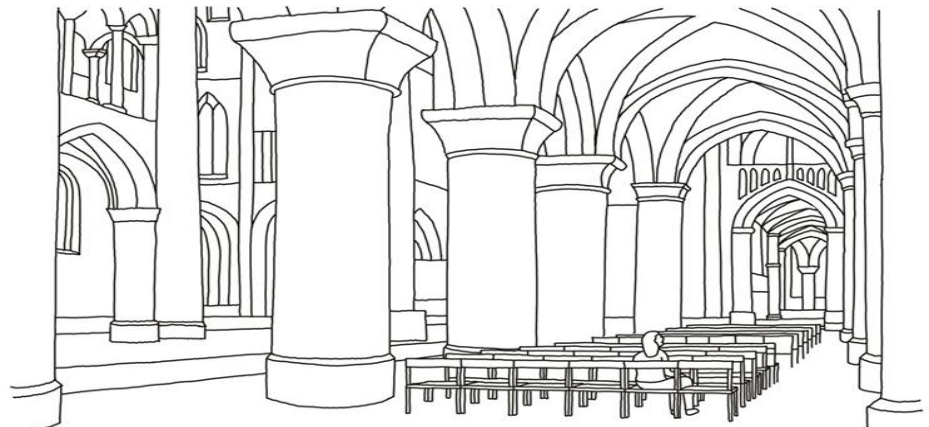
In May many Churches will be joining in with 'Thy Kingdom Come' (a focus on prayer which runs for 10 days from Ascension Day (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May)). There are details of planned events and resources available at [www.winchesterdiocese.org/church-year/thy-kingdom-come/](http://www.winchesterdiocese.org/church-year/thy-kingdom-come/). There is an event on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm in Winchester Cathedral called 'The Upper Room'. Everyone in our Diocese is invited.

The service will focus on prayer for the renewing of the Holy Spirit for ourselves and our churches, and for others to come to faith in Christ. There will be a worship band, prayer spaces, and Taizé worship.

In advance of that there is Deanery Contemporary Worship in All Saints' Church, Awbridge (Church Lane SO51 0HN) at 6.30pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

May is a good time to visit a church (or cathedral) for the first time (or for a long-delayed return). I hope that you will get a warm welcome! *Your Vicar James*

## THE CATHEDRAL



1. COME IN
2. SIT SILENTLY, IN AWE
3. NO REQUIREMENT TO SIGN UP FOR ANYTHING
4. DEPART

	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>East Dean</b>	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	<b>1030am Benefice Eucharist at East Dean</b>
<b>East Tytherley</b>	-	9.30am Short but Sweet	-	-	
<b>Lockerley</b>	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church	1030am Florence Nightingale Service	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	

**Facebook page and access to Services:** [www.facebook.com/groups/thorngateandblackwaterchurches](https://www.facebook.com/groups/thorngateandblackwaterchurches)

**Monday to Saturday:** 9am Online Morning Prayer and 9pm Online Night Prayer

*Notes: BCP – Traditional services from the Book of Common Prayer, all other services are Modern Language from Common Worship*

*There are 20 minute mid-week Communion Services every Wednesday in Lockerley at 9am*

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