



# Thorngate Newsletter

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## St Peter's Church, West Tytherley

Unfortunately, to keep the Church open, and in use, we need to do some work on the building – especially the roof! This is going to be very expensive and we will need to find a lot of money. So, to start with, we are looking for a volunteer (or two volunteers working together?) to help coordinate the fundraising and, perhaps, help submit Grant Applications.

The work will probably be spread over a year, but not beyond that. For more details, please contact the Vicar – Rev James Pitkin [jamespitkin@priest.com](mailto:jamespitkin@priest.com) or 01794 340635. This is a 'lump' of work which would benefit all of the West Tytherley Community – and give everyone a long-lasting benefit.



## Lockerley & East Dean Fete

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 12-4**

**Butts Green**

Following the hugely successful return of the fete last year, the committee is delighted to announce that the fete will be returning again this year!

We would love to know what you enjoyed the most about last year's fete, and if you have any suggestions for things we can add this year.

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

## BLUEBELL WALK & CREAM TEA

Raising funds for UNICEF

**Saturday 27 April**

Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green  
SO51 0JN  
between 2pm – 4pm

2 mile stroll and return for a cream tea and cakes in the garden, or just come for tea!

Generous donations and offers of help and cake welcome.

Call 01794 340993 to book your place!

## VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Next village lunch Sunday 19 April from 12 noon  
Lockerley Memorial Hall.

Please let Diana 340236 or Liz 340993 know if you're coming.

Organic, local, delicious veg supplied by The Veg Shed, East Tytherley.

## Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday 11th May from 10am

Little Dean, Lockerley Green

(across the Green from the shop).

Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to donate plants, they may be delivered to the above address during the preceding week.



### Caterpillars Playgroup

Every Tuesday during term-time

10:00 – 10:45am

£2.00 'play as you go'

### Lockerley Primary School

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

There will be songs, stories craft and toys.

Run by a qualified teacher

We have baby-weighing scales

Refreshments served

## **Lockerley Primary School**

### **Clerk to the Governors Vacancy at Lockerley**

#### **Primary School**

The school is seeking to appoint an efficient and enthusiastic Clerk to the Governors, with strong organisation skills and administrative experience to support our school governing body. You will work closely with the Chair of Governors and Headteacher to co-ordinate the running of Full Governing Body meetings.

The role requires attendance at evening meetings with home working for the remainder of the time. The main requirement is to attend ten Full Governing Body meetings per year. The post needs 6 hours per meeting at £15 per hour, term time only, with access to a computer and internet to undertake the work.

The start date will commence as soon as the pre-employment checks have been completed for the successful candidate. Please email a CV and covering letter to [cofg@lockerley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@lockerley.hants.sch.uk) or contact the school office on 01794 340485.

### **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 – essential shopping, prescriptions, friendly phone calls.

*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 Co-ordinator**

<b>Diana</b>	<b>07464956759</b>
<b>Fiona</b>	<b>341098</b>
<b>Julie</b>	<b>340850</b>
<b>Liz</b>	<b>340993</b>
<b>Peggy</b>	<b>340084</b>

### **GREETINGS FROM LOCKERLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**

We meet each Sunday at 1030am from morning worship. Anyone is welcome to join us for this service which is followed with tea or coffee and biscuits.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 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 340695



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, at the Memorial Hall Coffee Morning, two visitors to the Lockerley Community Hub carried out the January Draw.

The winners are:-

Hilary Thompson     £20  
Iona Wallace         £20

**WEST TYTHERLEY & FRENCHMOOR  
VILLAGE FETE**

**Saturday 18th May 12-4**

Set on the recreation ground, opposite the village pub  
with parking on site.

Music from Lockerley Silver Band  
Maypole dancing & Children's Activities with  
West Tytherley Primary School,  
Line Dancing with the Mulepackers  
Cream teas, Cakes, BBQ, Pimms & Beer, Pet Show,  
Tombola, Silent Auction, Ice Creams, Raffle, Splat the  
Rat, and so much more.....

**Then in the evening from 6pm**

Join us at **The Black Horse** for:

Killer Skittles

Live Music from The Rioteers!

And Beer & Baste offering food to tempt your tastebuds!

Detailed programme will be issued with the May Newsletter

Contact Liz 07767848229 or Jane 07766192291  
for more info.

**WEST TYTHERLEY & FRENCHMOOR  
ANNUAL SCARECROW COMPETITION  
2024**

This year the theme for our village scarecrow  
competition is:

**SPORT**

Please interpret this however you wish.

**Free** to enter - but please register at the village shop  
or let Jane Elliot know you wish to enter

Please have your **Sporty scarecrow**  
outside your house by the 11th May

The winner will be announced at the Village  
Fete on 18th May

See you there!

**Update From West Tytherley Primary School**

World Book Day

Each year we are delighted to celebrate World Book Day as a school community. It is so much more than a dressing up day...

World Book Day can be enjoyed at all levels: some families love to get together and create wonderful and complicated outfits that celebrate their favourite characters, others will make their own characters from simple home clothes, fabric and a touch of face paint, and some will dress in their football kit and come as a footballer who has released an autobiography. It really doesn't matter at all. What the day means is that we can come together and talk about and celebrate the magic that is all things written!

Easter at School

As a Church of England Primary School, Easter is an important event in our school calendar. We have all worked in R.E. to look at the key messages that the Bible gives about Salvation, unconditional love and courage. As a school we have celebrated God's love, in St Peters Church, through our Easter service and through our own work in the community. The children have worked hard to create some Easter decorations for the Village shop, to bring joy to the community, as well as helping to organise the Easter egg trail, for all families to enjoy over the Easter holidays. We aim that our children will live out the Christian values that they learn in school through their wider lives and then into their fantastic community.

This is just a taste of what West Tytherley School is all about- if you are keen to read more, please go to our website [www.west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk](http://www.west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk) and take a look at the newsletters and photographs.

**Welcome folder copies (for those new to the area) may be obtained from:**

East Dean: Nicky Bell 341228 Lockerley: Rachael Gregson  
East Tytherley: Rob Scoones 341269 West Tytherley: Julie Neilson 340850

All contributions for future editions of The Newsletter should be sent to  
[newsletter@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lockerley.org.uk) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

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



St Winfrith's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

Welcome to April! By the time you read this there will be dates set for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings when a new selection of people will be elected to serve as Churchwardens and be on our Parochial Church Councils. I think it is good to look back on where we have come from. It is important that we should not view the past through 'rose-tinted spectacles'. Some aspects of church life have changed in the last 50 years.

Although we no longer have Sunday Schools we probably have more contact with children than ever before. People from our Churches go into our schools to help with reading, to be Governors and to lead Collective Worship (Assemblies) – we even have an 'Open the Book' Team helping children explore Bible Stories through drama. We now have services in modern language – easier to understand than the language of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). However, for those of us who like the rich language and inheritance of the BCP its services are available several times each week.

One change is that I have been encouraged (by Bishop Philip, the new Bishop of Winchester) to revert to calling myself your Rural Dean (rather than Area Dean). I think this better reflects the nature of our parishes!

*Your Vicar and Rural Dean, James*

## RURAL DEANS

RURAL DEANS ARE IN CHARGE OF RURAL DEANERIES. THEIR DUTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:



CALLING THE CLERGY TOGETHER FOR DEANERY CHAPTER MEETINGS



CARING FOR THE CLERGY OF THE DEANERY



SUPERVISING THE PROVISION OF SUNDAY SERVICES DURING AN INTERREGNUM



PROVIDING A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARISHES AND THE BISHOP

CartoonChurch.com

Facebook page and access to Services: [www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateChurches/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateChurches/)

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

	31 <sup>st</sup> March - Easter	7 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> April	28 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>East Dean</b>	9am (BCP) Communion	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
<b>East Tytherley</b>	6am Dawn Eucharist	-	9.30am Short but Sweet	11am Eucharist	-
<b>Lockerley</b>	1030am Easter Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration*	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist *
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Easter Communion	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
<b>West Tytherley</b>	1030am Easter Eucharist	10am Service of the Word	8am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Matins	9am Eucharist
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Easter Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins

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

### Church Contacts:

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**Associate Priest:** Rev Nick Flood 01794-323731  
**Associate Priest:** Rev Joanna Percival [joanna.percival@btinternet.com](mailto:joanna.percival@btinternet.com)  
**Reader:** John Niblett 01794-340587

### Churchwardens:

<b>Lockerley</b> Robert Wallace 07766318975	<b>East Tytherley</b> Rob Scoones 01794-341269
<b>West Tytherley</b> Fiona Collier 01794-341098 Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253	<b>East Dean</b> Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 01794-340236

Items for the **May** Newsletter to be sent or given to:

The Vicar  
(contact details on the left)  
Or  
email  
[newsletter@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@lockerley.org.uk)

**By 12 Noon Latest**  
**15<sup>th</sup> April**