



# Thorngate Benefice Newsletter



*The next issue of The Newsletter will cover February 2023 (deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023)*

**This issue is produced in memory of Tim Iles 28 Dec 1960 to 5 September 2018**

## Lockerley School Christmas Fair

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
3.30 - 5.00pm

Please come and join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment.



## Christmas Fayre

*To raise funds for  
Lockerley and East  
Dean Memorial Hall*

**Sat 3 December  
10am-2pm**

Lockerley & East Dean  
Memorial Hall

Adults entry £1

You will find: craft & local business stalls; delicious refreshments; teddy tombola; and, of course, have your chance to visit Father Christmas in his Grotto.

## Outdoor Activities for Pre-schoolers

Our Stay and Play runs every Wednesday at Surrenden Cottage, Norman Court from 10-11.30am. We have lots of Forest School Activities planned for children aged 6mths to 4 years. There is no need to book, simply turn up on the day.  
[www.ecomontessori.co.uk](http://www.ecomontessori.co.uk)

The October winners were drawn on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October by a non-member at the Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall

The winners are:

David White £20

John Platt £20

## Time to Sign-Up for 2023

A big thank you to all members of the 200 Club who support the upkeep of the Memorial Hall with their annual subs. Now is the time for existing members to join for 2023. The annual cost is still only £12 and the projected prize fund is £800 in 34 prizes: with the exception of June & December 2 x £20. An additional 1 x £50 in June and December and an extra £25 at each quarter end. There's also a pre-Christmas bonus of 4 x £25 in November.

However the prize pot does depend on membership numbers. If numbers fall, so does the prize money! Now is the time for You to join the 200 Club. You can join individually or as a couple and have more than one entry, when available. You must be over 16 to participate. All profit goes to the Memorial Hall funds – there are no expenses.

Please let Club organiser, Carole Woolley, have your subscription as soon as possible, but by 31 January at the very latest if you want to be in the January draw. Cheques are better than cash but payment by standing orders is particularly helpful for the organiser. New members need to set up their standing order by 31 December to be in with a chance in January and let Carole know by email or ring her to get the form and your Club number. Cheques should be made out to 'Lockerley & East Dean Memorial Hall' and either posted or delivered to Willingale House, Butts Green, Lockerley (behind Richmond at the Dunbridge corner of the Green).

Your contact details will be held, safely, on Carole's computer and not shared with anyone else.

Contact Carole on 01794 340867 or [carolejwoolley@outlook.com](mailto:carolejwoolley@outlook.com)

# 200 Club

## Lockerley Walking Group

Save the Date

Lockerley Walking Group AGM  
on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The plan is a morning walk followed by a hot lunch and skittles at The Mill Arms, Dunbridge.

Contact Kirsteen for details: 341101  
or [kirsteen@jadeconsultants.co.uk](mailto:kirsteen@jadeconsultants.co.uk)

## Something to look forward to in the Spring!

The long awaited return of the Safari Supper is coming back to Lockerley! The plan is to fix a date for February or March. Details will follow in the February issue of The Newsletter.

**PUBLIC MEETING Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm –  
Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall**

All of us in Lockerley have a stake in the future of our village. All of us have ideas about how the village might best develop. However, unlike many of our neighbouring villages, Lockerley does not yet have a way of talking about this together and to the planning authorities. One way we could do this is through a community driven Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan allows a neighbourhood to agree and outline what infrastructure, facilities and housing is wanted and needed. It helps to protect areas of the village that are valued. It gives us all the opportunity to contribute to a Plan which local authorities must take into account.

***Come along to Lockerley Memorial Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to hear more!***

Sarah Hughes, Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer from Test Valley Borough Council, will join us to show how this all works, to hear your views and to answer your questions.

Together we can have a say that will be listened to.....

**Community Carol Service**

You are warmly invited to the Wellow Community Carol Service, which will be held at Wellow Village Hall, Buttons Lane, West Wellow SO 51 6BR on Sunday 11th December at 2.30pm.

Revd Gareth Hill will be giving a talk/story, the Romsey Drama Group will be doing a Christmas Tale, St Margaret's Church will be serving light refreshments, a table/floor area will be available for youngsters and of course carols to be sung.

A retiring donation will be collected with proceeds going to the Romsey Food Bank.

**Dun Valley Walks**

A book of 20 local walks on sale from Lockerley Stores/ West Tytherley Shop/Mill Arms. Ideal stocking filler or small gift £6 - all proceeds to charity

**HOUSE MARTIN SOS for 2023 and beyond**

**Could you help us help House Martins in your village? There are 2 ways!**

1. Could you have one or more House Martin artificial nest cups (ANCs) placed on your house or garage?
2. Are you willing and able to join our team that goes up ladders and safely installs ANCs?

Please consider helping us help local House Martins ready for the 2023 nesting season – which starts in April/May. We have some funding to reduce costs.

**House martin nests**

House martins build mud nests and prefer to do so under the eaves of buildings where they are sheltered from the elements and predators. They can do also this on lower structure like garages, at least 2m up, which is another great place to put nest cups.

**What are artificial house martin nest cups and why should we install them?**

An important part of house martin conservation is to install ready-made artificial nest cups. You can purchase single cups or double cups and put them under your eaves or in false eave boxes. House martins like nesting in colonies so double nest cups are ideal if you have room.

Disappearing waterways, drier springs and summers and evaporating puddles that provide vital mud for house martins to build or repair their nests, are major problems. Long, hot summers can also cause house martin nests to break up or even fall from a house, which is devastating when eggs or young chicks are inside.

**Where should you place a nest cup?**

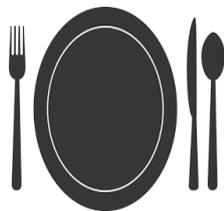
Primarily house martins will prospect the apex, the next favoured positions are open eaves and soffits/eaves. North, east and west aspects are good but care should be taken when placing nest cups on south facing orientations. Eaves will need to have a deep enough overhang to create shade throughout the day. All nest cups should be placed at a minimum two metre height from the ground.

If a few people get together in a street or area of their village that would be fabulous and the house martins will find "groups" of HM ANCs all the faster!

Please do get in touch: phone or email us to say you're interested.  
Sue and Tony, 01722 712713/07929 194385  
[sue.wiltsimages@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.wiltsimages@btinternet.com)

## VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

### Lockerley Memorial Hall



Meet up with your neighbours and other local people (from Lockerley, East and West Dean, East & West Tytherley) once a month for some company over a great value, home-cooked meal. Just £5 for a 2 course lunch with a soft drink or glass of wine.

#### Next lunch clubs

Friday 16 December 12noon

Sunday 22 January

Lockerley Memorial Hall

**Please let us know if you are coming.**

Diana Ayles 340236  
or Liz Holton 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 – 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>07974980138</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>

### British Red Cross *Registered Charity Number: 220949*

Fundraising shop at rear of North Baddesley Village Hall SO52 9DT

We are now open as follows: Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 10am to 1pm

Telephone number – 02380 735089

#### Bargains each week

We accept good quality ladies, men's and children's clothes, household, Bric-a-Brac and books. Unwanted Birthday and Christmas gifts are gratefully received.

We cannot accept large items of furniture (space restrictions). We cannot accept shoes, cushions, duvets, curtains, baby clothes or CDs

Wool always wanted (no cones) for our many projects

### Greetings from Lockerley Baptist Church

We meet each Sunday at 10.30am for morning worship. Anyone is welcome to join us for this, which is followed by a mug of tea or coffee and biscuits.

If you would like any further information or help please phone Brian or Marion on 01794 340695

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

Lockerley : Bob Stileman 01794 340452

East Dean: Nicky Bell 341228

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.

**QR Code for Thorngate Benefice Facebook Group**





St Winfrip's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

**The Thorngate Churches**

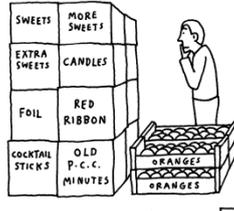
Christmas and a New Year are on their way! I hope that you can get to a Christmas event – I can recommend Carols in the Barn at 7pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December (entrance by Lockerley Water Farm).



WRITE ALL OF THE SERMONS



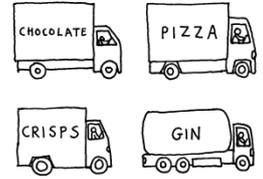
PREPARE THE CANDLES



MAKE THE CHRISTINGLES



COPY THE ORDERS OF SERVICE



ORDER SUPPLIES FOR VICAR'S POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas Checklist - Dave Walker Cartoon at Cartoonchurch.com

Your Vicar, James

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

	4 <sup>th</sup> December	11 <sup>th</sup> December	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18 <sup>th</sup> December	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec
East Dean	1030am (BCP) Matins	3pm (BCP) Evensong	7pm Carols in the Barn	9am (BCP) Communion	-	9am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley	-	9.30am Short but Sweet		1030am Eucharist	-	-
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist		1030am Celebration 6pm Carol Service	4pm Christingle 11pm Midnight Mass	1030am Celebration Service
Sherfield English	11am Eucharist	6pm Carol Service		11am Morning Prayer	8pm Midnight Mass	11am Family Service
Wellow	9.15am Eucharist	9.15am Eucharist		9.15am Eucharist	4pm Crib Service	-
West Tytherley	9am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion		9am (BCP) Matins	-	1030am Eucharist

	1 <sup>st</sup> January	8 <sup>th</sup> January	15 <sup>th</sup> January	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> January
East Dean	-	3pm (BCP) Evensong	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	1030am Benefice Eucharist at West Tytherley
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West Tytherley	-	8am Communion (BCP)	9am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	

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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Churchwardens:	
<b>Lockerley</b> Robert Wallace 07766318975	<b>East Dean</b> Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 01794-340236
<b>West Tytherley</b> Fiona Collier 01794-341098 Paul Stewart 01794-340008	<b>East Tytherley</b> Rob Scoones 01794-341269 Val Austin 01794-301580

Items for the February 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> January