



*Thanks to Helen Iles for sponsoring this edition of the Newsletter in memory of Tim (28/12/60-5/9/18).*

### **Save Lives and Give your Village a Christmas Present**

Defibrillators save lives! We are planning to site a new defibrillator outside Lockerley Stores, in addition to the one at the Village Hall. This will provide better access throughout the village should someone have a cardiac arrest. Quick access to a defibrillator is even more important during the current pandemic. Your First Responder team is limited in size and it has been reported that fewer people are presenting at A&E or their GP with symptoms of a heart attack. We need to raise £1,800 for the machine. If every house gives a small donation this would be fabulous. Please send your donations by cheque, payable to 'Lockerley 1st Responders' to Sally Gore, Well Cottage, Top Green or phone Sally on 340560 for the bank details and make a bank transfer.

### **Christmas Fair Trade Fair**

Was held in a hurry with just 36 hours' notice in the three days before Lockdown! This event was incredibly well supported, attended by little safe groups who between them purchased over £2500 of fair-trade goods. Proceeds supported Traidcraft Exchange, Oxfam, the Beatrice Project, and Christian Missions Charitable Trust in Chennai as well as Oasis, Romsey, which remains open for business by phone 01794 512194 and can deliver locally. If you missed out, in December I shall continue to have Christmas cards, chocolates, choc coins and lots of other goods on sale. Just call Liz 340993.

### **Lockerley School Calendar 2021!**

The Lockerley School PTA has had to find different ways to raise money for the school this year, as most of its regular fundraising events have had to be cancelled. One of the things we have done is hold a wildlife photography competition for the children to take pictures of nature, animals and wildlife. We had so many lovely entries we turned it into a calendar for 2021, which will be on sale from December from the school office. Each calendar costs £4.50. Please come and support the school and buy a calendar! **Lockerley School Silent Auction** Instead of our regular Christmas Fayre, the PTA will be holding a Silent Auction to raise money. We're still looking for items for the auction - please get in touch with Vicky Dodimead at [vicky@dodimead.com](mailto:vicky@dodimead.com) if you have anything to donate. Watch out for information about how you can bid on the lots in the next newsletter!

### **200 club Winners**

The winners for October were:

Mrs Helen Bell	£20
Miss Rose van der Schee	£20



### **Christmas Trees for Sale**

Locally grown on the Lockerley Estate. Fresh Cut Norway Spruce Christmas Trees from 4ft up to 10ft available, priced at £4/ft. Come and choose your tree from Queenwood Farm, Broughton, SO20 8DF. Between 9am – 12 pm on the following dates:

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December  
12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December

Cash or cheques only please. £5 delivery charge available to neighbouring villages.

## Thorngate Village Care Group

Thorngate Village Care Group, part of Good Neighbours Network, covers Lockerley, East Dean, East and West Tytherley.

The Care Group has over 50 volunteers all DBS checked, insured and ready, willing, and able to help in so many ways. Just ring/email one of the coordinators below to arrange. We are back providing lifts for those unable to drive to doctors, hospitals, and other important appointments, including oncology (Please remember to wear your face mask!) If you have a request for help, please contact one of the following coordinators:

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## Dun Valley Walks Book

Walking has been a lifeline for many during the Lockdowns this year, and there are dozens of delightful walks in our local countryside if you can find them. A local walks book, originally printed in 1998, has been revised and updated by members of Lockerley Walking Group, with some new walks added, and is on sale from December at £6. Copies are available for purchase at Lockerley Stores, West Tytherley Shop, Hansards Pet Centre, and once they are open again: from the Mill Arms, Dunbridge, The Black Horse, West Tytherley, and The Hatchet, Sherfield English as well as direct from the Walking Group using the link below <https://www.lockerley.org.uk/social-groups/groups/walking-group>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual **Safari Supper** planned for January 2021 will naturally be cancelled. Always a fabulous evening with lots of laughter and delicious food we are sad that we won't be going ahead however may we take this opportunity to thank all those involved with last January's hugely successful evening!  
*Ant and Emma Davidson.*

## The Friends of Bentley Wood

*November 2020 news*

We are so sorry that our events in the Wood have had to be cancelled this year, but we hope to reinstate them when circumstances allow. It has been wonderful to see the Wood being used as a means of recreation for all the family in these difficult times. Please do renew your Friend's membership next year, we will get things back to normal just as soon as Covid 19 and the Government allows us to. Existing members will receive a reminder to renew for 2021; new members should email for a joining form to:

[secretary@friendsofbentleywood.org.uk](mailto:secretary@friendsofbentleywood.org.uk)

Stuart Pascoe died at home in June at the age of 99 years, after a short illness. A Friend from the inception of FOBW, he built the Barn, made lots of signboards, coupe signs, bird and dormouse nest boxes, helped get dormouse monitoring going, was on the Advisory Group from 1989, attended hundreds of Friends' events, AGMs, BBQs and Xmas parties and was a true Friend of Bentley Wood to the very end of his life.

The sad news of Tony Horner's death in October will have reached many of you. Tony knew Bentley Wood from his youth, was a Friend and Advisory Group secretary from BW's earliest days then Advisory Group chairman from 2001. He was appointed a BW Trustee in 1998. Involved in the butterfly and bird recording and leading the popular dawn and dusk bird walks for many years, he encouraged children and adults to enjoy BW as much as he did himself.

The Volunteer Programme halted in March but was restarted, with strict Covid 19 guidelines, in August. You may have seen them at work or noticed that the Orchid Path is being widened and the Barn has been re-preserved. The Volunteers have stopped temporarily during this current lockdown but will continue over the winter if Government Guidelines and local infection rates allow.

If you are, or you know, a horse rider, the email address to apply for a 2021 permit is: [horseriding@bentleywood.info](mailto:horseriding@bentleywood.info). The permit system is changing slightly, and there has been a very modest increase in the fee for the first time for 10 years, to £20 per horse.

If you are a dog owner or dog walker, please do take your poo bags home with you. There is no one to collect them up. Most people of course do so, but if everyone did so the Wood would benefit.

If you are a walker (or cyclist), it would be much appreciated if you could keep to the line of the bridleway down the northern edge of the wood, avoiding detours into the wood where there are no tracks. There are a number of sensitive wildflower sites bordering this bridleway and these are easily damaged.

### British Red Cross

We are at the rear of North Baddesley Village Hall, Botley Road, SO52 9DT

Due to lockdown the fund-raising shop will be shut until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will re-open as soon as possible after lockdown, and our opening hours will be Monday to Friday, 10 am to 1 pm. We will be adding a couple of afternoons in the near future.

Masks must be worn. Contact by phone 02380 735089. Only two bags of donations can be accepted on any day. We cannot accept shoes, soft toys, cushions or CDs due to restricted space. This is done to make everyone safe. Wool of any sort or colour (except cones) is always required for many fundraising products. Also, we accept unwanted Birthday or Christmas gifts.

We look forward to seeing you in our wonderful revamped shop.

# CHRISTMAS CARDS

TEN REASONS TO SEND ACTUAL PHYSICAL ONES RATHER THAN ELECTRONIC ONES



NO ONE CAN HAVE TOO MANY CARDS



NO ONE LIKES TOO MANY EMAILS



PEOPLE DON'T ALWAYS SEE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS



IT'S FUN TO WRITE CARDS



THEY MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO CHARITIES

FUN DESIGNS ON ENVELOPES, ETC ETC, ETC



YOU CAN BE CREATIVE



YOU CAN PUT A GIFT IN



CARDS COVER UP HOLES IN THE WALL



YOU CAN DEMONSTRATE HOW MANY FRIENDS YOU HAVE



IT SHOWS THAT YOU MADE AN EFFORT

OUR NATIONAL SURVEY FOUND:

3% OF PEOPLE PREFERRED A SOCIAL MEDIA POST 📱

3% OF PEOPLE PREFERRED AN EMAIL 📧

77% OF PEOPLE PREFERRED A HAND-WRITTEN CHRISTMAS CARD 📧