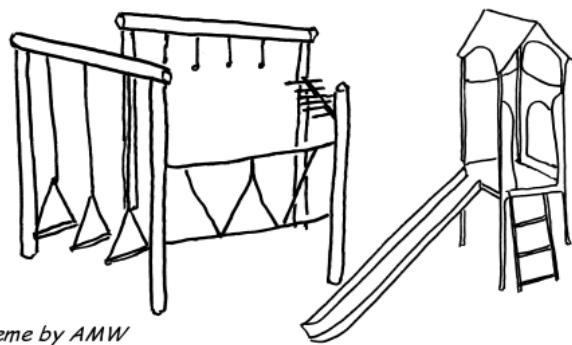


the Newsletter

JULY+AUGUST 2020



playground theme by AMW

The Tim Iles Community Playground

Please note that our new playground is not yet safe to open. Hopefully, once the Government lifts restrictions on playgrounds generally, we will be ready too!

Thorngate Village Care Group

New advice to **STAY ALERT** does not take away the need for many to self-isolate and stay at home – please continue to **KEEP SAFE**. Shops and towns may now be busier than before and harder to social distance. The Care Group has 38 volunteers, are all DBS checked and still ready, willing and would like to offer help. Please, make use of the help on offer.

REQUESTS FOR HELP – contact any of the following coordinators:

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Helen thewoodfield5@btinternet.com 340627

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

- Collect prescriptions (both urgent and immediate, or regular and ongoing)
- Do basic shopping – Lockerley stores/West Tytherley shop, Hansards, Romsey, Salisbury

- Get a food box for you from the Food Bank – you may not be working at present, or having delays in getting your benefits, or finding it hard to manage
- Phone regularly to make sure you are OK (especially if you are unwell)
- Post letters and parcels at the local post office
- Collect takeaways from the pub - even deliver fish and chips - Tony's Frying Machine is back fortnightly!
- Anything else? Just let us know and we will see what we can do

Do you have a computer, tablet or smartphone? Would you like to communicate with your friends and families using Skype / Facetime / Zoom / WhatsApp etc. but aren't sure how? Friendly technical advice and support is available on the phone from local volunteers. Please contact either:

Linda from 4pm weekdays or Nathan Kirkham from 6pm weekdays, or either at weekends on 341572

Mark Price 07807 101860 evenings / weekends

Pip Armitage 340280 evenings/weekends

Simon Broadbridge 341406 evenings 7-9 pm / weekends

Citizens Advice Test Valley is still open for information, advice, and support via remote services. There are 4 ways to get help:

1. Website – www.citizensadvice.org.uk has comprehensive pages on a wide range of topics, including: the latest rules about social distancing, including going back to the workplace, if you're struggling to pay your rent or your bills, what benefits you might be able to get, changes to appointments and assessments of benefits, because of Coronavirus, if you're Self-employed – Government schemes and whether you can start working again depending on your type of business, or you're worried about a scam...
2. If you want to speak to a trained Assessor about your problem, you can telephone our local AdviceLine on 03444 111 306.
3. You can send an email to the office. To do this, go to our local website www.testvalleycab.org.uk. Find the Advice tab, (along the top banner) choose Email advice and click on the envelope icon to send your message.
4. Alternatively, you can leave a message on one of our telephones, asking for a callback. Call Romsey on 01794 522137 or Andover on 01264 723641.

Victims of domestic abuse will now be able to access safe spaces at Boots pharmacies consultation rooms, where they can contact specialist domestic abuse services for support and advice. The scheme is in response to the desperate situation facing many who are isolating with perpetrators during lockdown.

Change of plans - Greenview cream tea. Sadly, the annual Greenview cream tea, with the Lockerley Silver Band on 19th July cannot go ahead as usual, and the Care Group have not been able to plan the

August pensioner's lunch at the Black Horse. After discussion with Ian Bradford at Greenview the Care Group would like to float the following idea. As guidance evolves and social distancing relaxes a little, it might be possible in August to hold some sort of community outdoor tea/BBQ on Butts Green, possibly with entertainment too. Entertainment could be from the Lockerley Silver Band, Kokopelli folk band, or perhaps there are young people who could play musical instruments, sing, dance or show off circus skills? Arrangements can be made nearer the time, and a date selected after consulting the weather forecast, but if you think this is a good idea and would like to be involved in planning or participating then please contact Liz/Andy 340993.

West Tytherley Village Shop

Opening hours:

8am – 5pm Monday to Friday

8am – 3pm Saturday and

8am – 12pm on Sunday

Post Office is open 9.30am – 12pm on Tuesday and Friday.

We have well stocked shelves including lots of new products in addition to our regular deliveries. Monday to Friday we have daily deliveries of milk, bread, fruit and veg. Cakes arrive on Wednesday, Brazen Butcher deliveries are Wednesday and Friday, special requests can be ordered in advance. Sausages, eggs, pies, quiches and ready meals arrive on Thursday and cheese, yoghurt and organic bread arrive on Friday. We also stock a wide range of other local products, wine, beers, plants and locally produced charcoal. For social distancing reasons, we allow one customer in the shop at a time. We are also running a pre-order and delivery service. An order form can be found on the West Tytherley Village Square Facebook page or instore. For any queries or further information please call the shop on 340313 or email wtytherleyshop@gmail.com.

Lockerley Rocks!

Have you seen any fun painted rocks recently while walking around the village? Lockerley Rocks is a fun hide and seek activity for children (and adults!). Decorated pebbles, with the Facebook group details on the back (#FB Lockerley Rocks), are hidden around our village to be found and if you like, photographed and posted on our Facebook page. You do not have to be on Facebook to be involved. Please have some fun painting rocks and hiding them in plain sight around the village. In light of COVID-19, we would encourage anyone who finds a Lockerley Rock to avoid touching them. Happy hunting!

Erica Williams.

Carole Woolley would like to thank everyone who kindly sent her lovely letters and cards or made phone calls back in March and April following her great and unexpected loss of her very dear husband Roy at the age of 82 on the morning of Tuesday 24th March. As so many of you said, he was just such a lovely man and will always be sorely missed. It is hoped that you and yours are all keeping well during this grim time even if you cannot go and visit your nearest and dearest. How lucky we are to be in the era of telephones, television and computers.

200 Club Winners:

The winners for May were:

Mr Paul Butler £20

Mr Glenn Hunt £20

Newsletter finances are currently a bit shaky with a balance of £3! If any group or individual feels able to donate, this would be much appreciated. The printing cost remains at £65 per issue but any amount will be welcome. Cash or a cheque payable to Lockerley United Benefice may be sent to the Treasurer, Derek Needham at Harvesters, Top Green, Lockerley SO51 0JP. Alternatively, payment could be by BACS to the above account - please ring Derek on 340606 for details.

Book swap is available at the Lockerley Village Hall on Monday and Thursday from 9am to 11am, in the reading room. Some puzzles and DVDs are also available.



McClintocks sadly leave Lockerley and welcome the Wallace Family

Bill and Caroline have moved to 11 Beisley Place, Mortimer Drive, Stanbridge Earls, Romsey SO51 0EN. They say "After enjoying our time at Lockerley since 1983 the time has come to downsize and we have moved to Audley Stanbridge Earls with all its amenities to look after us in our later years. Of course we still hope to be regular visitors to Lockerley and hope to keep up with our friends and attend St John's Church as well as the River Dun."

"We are delighted to introduce Robert, Iona, Leonora (3) and Archie (almost 2). They have moved from London but have many connections to Hampshire and we hope they will all enjoy the village activities and The Old Vicarage as much as we have. The support we have enjoyed over many years has been tremendous, so a big thank you to everyone.'