

Thorngate Benefice Newsletter



The next issue of The Newsletter will cover April; deadline for the issue will be March 15th

Garden Club

Next meeting is on Thursday March 10th at 8pm in Lockerley Memorial Hall. Fiona Taylor will give a talk on Organic Gardening. All welcome, bring your friends.

East Tytherley Jubilee Celebrations Sunday 5th June

All villagers are invited to join together with a picnic to celebrate the Queen's milestone Jubilee.

Save the date!
Further details to follow in The Newsletter.

Lockerley Walking Group

Meet Lockerley Memorial Hall, 9.45 on Saturday 5th March for a walk to the Hatchet Inn for lunch. The longer morning walk is approx. 6 miles via the downs. After lunch we return direct via Gambledown Farm (approx. 3 miles). We hope to enjoy wild daffodils. Let Viv Smith or Di Bowley know if you will join in some or all of the walk;

dmbowley@hotmail.com or
viviensmithlockerley@gmail.com

200 Club

Organiser Carole Woolley has been unable to complete the membership list and to make the draw for January in time for the March deadline for this Newsletter. This means that there will be a double number of winners published in the April Newsletter. Meanwhile, if you are keen to see the results earlier, do keep an eye on the external notice board of Lockerley Memorial Hall as Carole will display each month's results there. There was an error in reporting the winners in February; Mrs Fawcett won £50, our top prize, not £100 as published.

REMINISCENCES OF ROMSEY SATURDAY 14th MAY

Doors opening 1.15pm, ends 5pm

Sadly, due to Covid, the Reminiscences of Romsey events for the past two years were cancelled, happily it is being held this year. An afternoon of entertainment and tea for senior citizens and members of friendship groups in the area will be held on Saturday 14th May in the Crosfield Hall, Romsey.

The event is totally free to all invited guests and will be run in accordance with the Government Covid advice and restrictions, therefore numbers will be less than usual so that social distancing can be maintained. If you would like tickets (transport to and from the event can be organised by the Thorngate Village Care Group) please contact Julie Neilson (Chair) on 340850 or 07855 557353.

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Do you live in Lockerley, East Dean, East or West Tytherley?

Would you like to meet up with your neighbours and other local people 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.

When? Sunday 20th March, 12 noon and Friday 22nd April, 12 noon – other monthly dates to follow on Sundays and Fridays.

Where? Lockerley Memorial Hall, Butts Green

To become a member of our lunch club, to join our team of volunteer helpers, or for further information, please get in touch by 'phone: Diana Ayles 07974980138, Diana Bowley 340702 or Liz Holton 340993

Closing date for booking your place is Wednesday 9th March for the lunch on Sunday 20th March – ring and book now!

Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall's Committee has an urgent need for a Treasurer. You do not need to be an ac-

Eco Montessori @ Norman Court is under new management. Debbie Evans is a Norwegian Woodland

countant for this role; it just needs someone with common sense and numeracy. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the small committee and having a say in how the hall is run, please contact Dave White on 01794 342187 to find out more.

Thorngate Village Care Group

Our local support network of volunteers ready to help when we are in need, 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

Diana	07974980138
Fiona	341098
Julie	340850
Liz	340993
Peggy	340084

Practitioner and forest School trained. She is passionate about the outdoors and her favourite environment is one without walls. The nursery is open 8am-6pm and is open to children aged 6 months to 5. We also run a holiday club every school holiday for children aged 4-11. For more information, please visit www.ecomontessori.co.uk

CHARITY BRIDGE 11th MARCH

There will be a charity Bridge event at Lockerley Village Hall on Friday 11th March in aid of Lockerley School and UNICEF (to aid Afghanistani children), The cost is £40 per table and includes a yummy tea. There will be prizes and a raffle. (Please bring cash as there is no card reader)

Any gifts for the raffle would be very welcome.

Start time is 2pm prompt. Please bring cards and a bridge cloth.

If interested please contact Rosie Tugwell 341729 or rosietugwell@hotmail.com.

Yoga Classes are taking place in Lockerley Memorial Hall on Wednesday evenings, 7pm-8pm
Open to all levels but feel free to contact organiser Phil Stone first if you are unsure, philstone@cheerful.com or 07483 239222.
The classes are by donation with 100% going to Romsey Young Carers.

The Parish Council (Lockerley) is delighted to welcome Rachel Seddon as the New Parish Clerk/RFO. Congratulations Rachel. The clerks email address is rseddon.lpc.clerk@gmail.com
A reminder that the next meeting date will be rescheduled as the set date is Easter Monday!

Sarah Rolle Trust (estd 1736)

The Trustees are meeting in March

The Trust makes grants for educational purposes for people who are both Under 25 and live in East Dean, East Tytherley, or Lockerley

Local Groups and Individuals have been supported. Some examples of what the Trust has given money for include: course books; equipment; uniform; computers; and, stationery. In 2020, grants were made totalling £12,203. There is no 'means test' – all are encouraged to apply

You can get an application form from:

- www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/social-groups/sarah-rolle-trust
- Lockerley & West Tytherley Schools
- Greg McCann – Clerk - at Mount View, East Dean Road, Lock-

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 10 am to 4 pm
Every 3rd Saturday of the month 10 to 1
Telephone number – 02380 735089

Bargains each week. We accept good quality ladies, men's' and children's' clothes (not babies), household and curtains and Bric-a-brac. Unwanted Christmas and birthday gifts are gratefully received.

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Forms are to be returned to the Secretary (gregp.mcann70@yahoo.co.uk) on or before Monday 7th March 2022. Late applications may be held over until the next meeting of the Trustees in October 2022.

Please include a contact telephone number on your application

We cannot accept large items of furniture (space restrictions). We cannot accept shoes, cushions, duvets and CDs.

Wool always wanted (no cones) for our many projects.

Could you be a Church Bell-Ringer?

Of course you could, if you can spare one evening a week from 7.30pm 'til 9.00pm to learn and then to practise your skills, and on the occasional Sunday for half an hour to ring before the service at Lockerley or Tytherley. No, you don't have to be strong, if you can push a child on a swing, that is strength enough. If you can drive, ride a bike or swim then you have sufficient co-ordination. Why not come along and meet the resident band? You will find yourself in a warm, supportive group who will carefully guide you through the first steps towards being a ringer. If you find that you don't have the aptitude or the desire to continue, then at least you can say "I had a go". We look forward to welcoming anyone over 9 years old who calls this number for further details. Jen Churchill 01794-340600 *GIVE US A RING!!*

Lent Lunches



**Come for a soup, bread and cheese lunch
on Saturdays in Lent between 12 and 2pm**

Donations to UNICEF are asked for – no set amount! All of the money goes into a 'Jar of Grace' which UNICEF use to provide lifesaving supplies to ensure children have access to clean water, medical care, adequate nutrition, protection and education. Each week the Lunch is in a different place

Saturday	Venues and Hosts
5th March	Mount Pleasant Farm, Lockerley (Sarah and Ed Peppiatt)
	St Peter's Church, East Tytherley (Rob Scoones, Val Austin & Joanne Nash)
12th March	Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall (Liz Holton +)
19th March	1, Butlers Close, Lockerley (Rae, Rosie and Family)
26th March	Nutshell Cottage, West Tytherley (Lucilla Carr and Family)
2nd April	Rosebank, East Dean (Diana Bowley, Liz and Susie)
9th April	Lockerley Water House (Heather & Michael Bowyer)

Any questions? Phone Rev James Pitkin on 01794-340635

From Our Test Valley Borough Councillors - What does Affordable Housing mean?

Affordable Housing means many different things to different people, but one key factor is the cost of buying or renting a home. Obviously, the cost of running that home also contributes to the affordability factor, but we are only covering here the cost of buying or renting a home.

There is an affordability index used by Government and others looking at house prices and people's income and ability to buy. The median property price in Test Valley was £310,000 in 2020 and the median gross income £35,083. Dividing house price by income gives a ratio of 9.76 – this is called the affordability index. A household is considered able to afford to buy a home if it costs 3.5 times the gross household income or an index of 3.5!

What does this really mean? For an average cost house in Test Valley and a 20% deposit you need a mortgage of £248,000. Generally, a mortgage company will loan 3.5 times salary or £122,790 if you earn the average. This is simply not enough and first-time buyers, unless they have very big deposits or earn well above the average, cannot enter the market unless there is additional help.

Many households with low incomes have no realistic chance of getting onto the property ladder, or struggle to find suitable private rented housing which is affordable. The median average private rent across the whole of Test Valley is £825 pcm. Based on a household spending no more than 30% of their household income on rent, a household would need income of at least £33,000 for a private rented home to be affordable to them.

The Council uses the term Affordable Housing to describe the different ways it tries to provide that additional help for first time buyers, low-income families and other groups afford homes they need to achieve a good quality of life.

In future articles we will look at the different forms of Affordable Housing and how they are provided.

Cllrs Alison Johnston, Ian Jeffrey, and Tony Ward

Lockerley Baptist Church

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

You are invited to a COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday 16th March from 10.00am to 12 noon in the back hall. Anyone is welcome to join us. Light refreshments will be available.

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

Lockerley Church Porch Tomb and Easter Garden

John Niblett would like to pass on the preparation of this to another person or organisation please. The tomb would need to be ready for Good Friday 15th April and the Easter Garden for Easter Day, 17th April. Advice can be provided if needed, but something new and different might be good! Please contact John on 01794 340587 or johneniblett@outlook.com

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

Lockerley : Bob Stileman 01794 340452 East Dean: Tony 341228,
East Tytherley: Rob Scoones 341269 West Tytherley: Julie Neilson 340850

Also visit the website www.lockerley.org.uk

All contributions for future editions of The Newsletter should be sent to

DIARY OF EVENTS

Visit the website www.lockerley.org.uk for up to date diary and news entries.

QR Code for Thorngate Benefice Facebook Group



**St Winfrith's, East Dean
St Peter's, West Tytherley**



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



The Thorngate Churches

March is a very busy month this year. Apart from increases in the cost of living, 2022 is starting to look like a much better year than the last two! All of March falls in Lent (a time of preparation for Easter - Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March). In this Benefice, the Church helps to raise money for UNICEF by hosting Lent Lunches (a simple meal of soup, bread and cheese) between Noon and 2pm every Saturday in Lent. Elsewhere in the Newsletter should be details of venues and hosts. All of the money given goes to UNICEF and attracts Gift Aid - so be as generous as you can be!



There will be a **LENT**

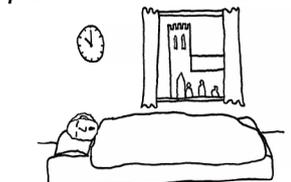
Lent Course (to be held on Zoom, as last year, so all can join in from the comfort of home!). It will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of March and 6th April. The topic is:



LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION
(person confirms



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

Rich Inheritance - Jesus' legacy of love (a course for all denominations and those curious about Christianity). Please contact me for Zoom details. On 10th April there is to be a Confirmation Service for those who want to be confirmed (4pm in St Leonard's, Sheffield English). *Confirmation is a special church service in which a the promises that were made when they were baptized).*

www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs One option for preparation starts at 4pm on Sunday 13th March in Lockerley Church, so do get in touch.

Your Vicar, James

Facebook page and access to Services:

www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateChurches/

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

	Lockerley	East Dean	West Tytherley	East Tytherley
27 th February	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Communion	-
2 nd March	9am and 7pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Ashing at Lockerley			
6 th March	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am (BCP) Matins	9am Eucharist	-
13 th March	1030am Eucharist	3pm Evensong (BCP)	8am (BCP) Communion	930am Short but Sweet
20 th March	1030am Celebration	9am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Matins	1030am Eucharist

27th March	1030am Mothering Sunday Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Communion	-
3rd April	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am (BCP) Matins	9am Eucharist	-

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

Church Contacts:		<p>Items for the April Newsletter to be sent or given to:</p> <p>The Vicar (contact details on the left) Or email newsletter@lockerley.org.uk</p> <p>By 12 Noon Latest 15th March</p>
<p>Vicar: Rev James Pitkin, The Vicarage, Romsey Road, Lockerley SO51 0JF Tel: 01794-340635 e-mail jamespitkin@priest.com</p> <p>Associate Priest: Rev Nick Flood 01794-323731 Associate Priest: Rev Joanna Percival joanna.percival@btinternet.com</p> <p>Reader: John Niblett 01794-340587</p>		
Churchwardens:		
<p>Lockerley Robert Wallace 07766318975</p> <p>West Tytherley Fiona Collier 01794-341098 Paul Stewart 01794-340008</p>	<p>East Dean Nicky Bell 01794-341228</p> <p>East Tytherley Rob Scoones 01794-341269 Val Austin 01794-301580</p>	

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