



Thorngate Newsletter

Thank you to Lockerley Walking Group for sponsoring this edition of the newsletter

Future of Lockerley Parish Room

Lockerley Parish Council would welcome residents views on the future of the Parish Room (the building located between the village church and the Scout hut). The Parish Council own the building, which only has one regular user, Lockerley Silver Band.

The Victorian building requires essential repairs, as well as additional expenditure to bring it up to modern safety and regulatory standards for the purposes of a commercial building to which the public has access. This would incur substantial cost to the taxpayer which the Parish Council consider is not economically viable nor justified given the very limited use of the building and the availability of the Memorial Hall which is the social hub for the village. The Parish Room does not generate any income and the costs of maintaining it fall entirely to the Parish Council.

No decision on the future of building has yet been made. One consideration would be to sell the building, subject to any appropriate approvals that might be required and safeguards as to the use of proceeds from the sale.

Should you have any suggestions or views that you would like the Parish Council to consider please email clerk@lockerley-pc.gov.uk.

Lockerley & East Dean Fete Saturday 28th June, 12-4pm

Following its hugely successful return in 2023, the fete is back again, with free entry and lots to do for the whole family at pocket money prices!

We are currently looking for volunteers to run a couple of games and some local trade stands.

For further details, please email
philwebb39@gmail.com

Thank you to my neighbour Peter for looking after my home during my stay in hospital. Also, thank you to Sue, Kay and David for their support.

Phyllis (Johnstone)

Oil Buying Group

For a few more years to come many of us will still be relying on heating oil. The oilbuying group for Lockerley - it also includes Awbridge and Dunbridge - aims to buy oil in sufficient quantity each time to justify a significant saving for participants.

If you wish to take part check out

<<https://www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/oil-group>> and use the Contact form ideally including the details that are requested. So far over the 3 ML contracted so far around £114k has been saved!

Good Friday - 18th April

St John's Lockerley at 6.00 pm

The choir will lead "The Cross of Christ" - the story of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross told through hymns, anthems and bible readings (duration 1 hour).

BLUEBELL WALK & CREAM TEA

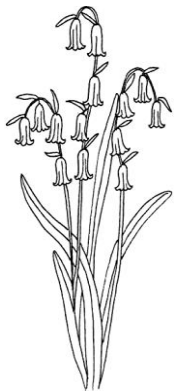
Raising funds for UNICEF

Saturday 26th April, 2-4pm

Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green SO51 0JN

2-mile stroll and return for a cream tea and cakes in the garden or just come for tea!
If wet, in village hall.

Offers of help and cake are welcome!
Call 01794 340993 to book your place!



Garden Club Plant Sale

This will be on May 10th, chez the Mornington-Wests on Lockerley Green.

Now's the time to pot up an extra plant, cutting or seedling for the sale. All contributions gratefully received. The sale is open to everyone and we look forward to seeing you.

Some important emails sent to the Editor have not been getting through, which has been very upsetting. For now, please email both newsletter@lockerley.org.uk and jamespitkin@priest.com with items for the Newsletter.



Caterpillars Playgroup @ Lockerley Primary School

Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 11:15am

£2.00 'play as you go'

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

Songs, stories craft and toys * Run by a qualified teacher *

Baby-weighing scales * Refreshments served

No need to sign up, just come along and join the fun.

Lockerley Walking Group

Walking the Highlands and Lowlands of Lockerley

Come and join the Walking Group on a circular 5 mile ramble round Lockerley. We start and finish high up at Mount Pleasant Farm. Great views almost guaranteed.

Our lunch venue is part of the 'Community Lunches in Lent' so there will be delicious home-made soups, bread and cheese - for which you are invited to give a donation to UNICEF. No dogs in the house as the Peppiatts have got two who don't always welcome fellow canines!

Date: Saturday 12th April. **Time:** 9.30am.

Start: Mount Pleasant Farm Lockerley SO51 0JS (4 stiles)

Importantly, please let us know if you are coming so that our hosts don't run out of soup!

Barbara and Derek barbaraneed@yahoo.co.uk

6th Romsey (Lockerley) Beavers

All that's missing is you!

Join us for fun, adventure and skills for life. We're looking for more young people and adult volunteers to join our friendly and exciting beaver colony. If you have a young person between 6 and 7 ½ who would like to join and you (or someone you know) can stay and help at the sessions, we'd love to hear from you.

6th Romsey (Lockerley) Beavers meet on Tuesdays from 5.45pm to 7.15pm. To find out more, please contact ellie.selwood@hampshirescouts.co.uk



The winners of the 200 club draw for February 2025 (drawn in March) by a non-member from another village at the Memorial Hall Coffee morning were;

Roger Fawcett £40 Julie Lamont £35

Nicholas Williams £30) Rona Lamey £30

There is still one 200 Club number available. If anyone would like it at a reduced amount (having missed part of the year) please ring Carole on 01794 340867

Lockerley Primary School

The Spring term at Lockerley Primary School has been packed full of opportunities to enrich the learning for all the children.

Alongside the learning in the classroom we are always looking for ways to bring the learning to life. This term we have seen trips to the O2, Romsey Town, Science Centre and a local river study with Wessex River Trust.

Within school we have celebrated many different subjects with Number Day, World Book Day and the unforgettable Professor Kaos on Science Day! Sporting achievements are given just as much value, we have taken part in lots of sporting activities; Gym Festivals, Netball Tournaments and Outdoor Learning Day.

All children have enjoyed getting outside the classroom with weekly outdoor learning sessions. We are continually looking for new ways to excite the children and instil a love of learning and a love of their environment.

If you would like to know more about Lockerley Primary School, please go to our website www.lockerleyprimary.co.uk

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 – lifts to medical and other appointments, prescription and shopping collection, other support, eg form filling, phone calls etc.

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 coordinator
Lockerley/East Dean - Diana 340236 or Liz 340993
Tytherleys - Barbara 341672, Julie 340850, or Lucia 341665

Thorngate Village Care Group

Celebration and leaving party for Peggy Milsom, coordinator for over 30 years

Wednesday 7th May, 7pm @ Lockerley Memorial Hall

All who have worked with or been helped by Peggy and Bob most welcome. Please come and give Peggy the thanks she deserves. The party starts with the briefest of AGMs so all will know a bit more about our wonderful care group.

Village Lunch Club

The Village Lunch Club meets monthly for a delicious two course lunch (£6) at Lockerley Memorial Hall.

Next Date – Friday 25th April at 12 noon - 2.30pm

If you'd be curious to know more or might be interested in getting involved please contact Diana 340236 or Liz 340993

Easter Activities at West Tytherley School

As a Church of England Primary School, Easter is a key time of the year and we are able to explore this through our core values of courage, compassion and creativity. The Easter story gives us so many opportunities to talk about both courage and compassion and how Jesus showed these so clearly.

We will look at how we too can be courageous in our learning and decision making. At West Tytherley, the children are brilliant at being compassionate. They work hard to look after each other in all areas of school life and to be good friends to each other.

At this time of year we are also celebrating our creativity. Take a look in the village shop and you will see our wonderful Easter crafts, guaranteed to brighten even the gloomiest day. Also don't forget to follow our Easter egg trail, and decipher the code. Drop your entry into school to be entered into the prize draw. Maps are available at the village shop and we would love the whole village to get involved.



Your village fete needs YOU
If you can help out on the day, run a stall, bake some cakes, loan a gazebo, donate something for the raffle, offer a service for the silent auction then please get in touch with the fete organisers on wtvillagefete@gmail.com
A traditional family focused village fete - dog show, locally grown plants, BBQ & entertainment

West Tytherley Safari Supper

Saturday 10th May

Starting at 6.30pm at King Edward's Hall

Hosted at various homes around the village

In aid of restoration and repair work to St Peter's Church

Tickets £25 for a glass of bubbles and canapes, two course dinner with wine included, then cheese and biscuits, tea, coffee and chocolates.

For tickets please contact Lucilla Carr on 07740 287483, or Pat Baretto on 07951 756674, or email WTSafariSupper@gmail.com.

Bentley Biz Networking Session

Live or work in the Winterslows, Tytherleys, Deans, Grimsteads or Farley? This welcoming and friendly networking session is for local WFH-ers and local businesses in the Bentley Wood villages. Introduce yourself and your work. Gain support and great new connections :-))

Teas, coffees, biscuits * Drop in/leave any time * All welcome

This session runs the second Wednesday every month, so if you can't make this one, watch out for the next and join the "Bentley Biz" group on Facebook to connect with others in the meantime.

Dates:

Wednesday 9 April 2025 09:00-11:00 Village Hall, Farley

Wednesday 14 May 2025 09:00-11:00 St John's Reading Room, Winterslow

Wednesday 11 June 09:00-11:00 Altus, Norman Court,

Greetings from 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 tea or coffee and biscuits.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 16th 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.

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

Lockerley: Greta Forster 279194

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 by the 15th of the preceding month

DIARY OF EVENTS

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



St Winfrip's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley

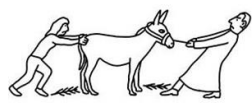


St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

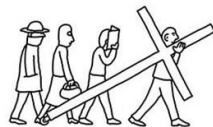
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PROCESSING WITH A DONKEY



FOOT WASHING



WALK OF WITNESS



THREE HOUR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



HOT CROSS BUNS



EASTER GARDENS



EASTER BONNETS



DECORATING THE CHURCH



SUNRISE SERVICE



EASTER EGG HUNT



CLERGY HAVING TO DRESS UP AS SOME KIND OF RABBIT



EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH

Jesus' suffering and death on the cross told through hymns, anthems and bible readings. (Duration about 1 hour).

Easter Sunday - The early morning service combines: a Vigil (waiting for Dawn outside the church); with the Service of Light (with procession and lighting of new 'Paschal Candle'); a reminder about Baptism (in the early Church, Easter was the only time for baptisms) and an Easter Communion. This will be followed by a light, celebratory breakfast.

Please take the opportunity to come and prepare for Easter.

Your Vicar/Rector, James

Facebook page and access to Services: www.facebook.com/groups/thorngateandblackwaterchurches

	6 th April	13 th April	20 th April	27 th April
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Easter Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	-	9.30am Short but Sweet	6am Dawn Eucharist	-
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	1030am Easter Eucharist	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Easter Communion	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	1030am Easter Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins 4pm Messy Church in Village Hall

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

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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Lockerley

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East Dean

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Diana Ayles 01794-340236

East Tytherley

Rob Scoones 01794-341269

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

The Vicar
(contact details on the left)
Or
email

newsletter@lockerley.org.uk

By 12 Noon Latest
15th April