



Thorngate Newsletter



The next issue of The Newsletter will cover September 2024 (deadline is 15th August)

Thank you to all who have previously sponsored this newsletter

Lockerley Walking Group

Join us for a two mile circular evening walk of approximately an hour through Langley Wood Nature Reserve at Hamptworth on Tuesday 8th July. Easy walking through tranquil deciduous woodland on a gravel track, followed by supper at The Kings Head at Whiteparish.

Meet at 5.30 at 4 Moody's Hill West Dean SP5 1JD - parking on the right as you turn into the close, or 6.00 at Langley Wood Nature Reserve Gate 1... pass by the Cuckoo and then gate 3 on the right until you reach Gate 1, which is also marked 'Mary's Walk' coincidentally, to begin the walk. There is a small carpark but otherwise parking is by the roadside. If you would like to have supper, this is booked for 7.30 at the Kings Head at Whiteparish (food choices must be submitted by 6th July).

You are welcome to join us for the walk, or the supper, or both!

Mary Grimshaw and Sandi Lamb

Sarah Rolle Trust

Established 1731

The Trust makes grants for educational purposes for people who are:

- Under 25
- Live in Lockerley with East Dean or East Tytherley

Lockerley and West Tytherley Primary Schools have been supported as have local groups and individuals. There is no 'means test' - all are encouraged to apply.

The Trustees next meeting is on 14 October 2025. Please send your application to the Secretary by 30 September 2025. Postal or e-mail applications may be submitted.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: If you are seeking a grant for school uniforms and would like this considered before the October meeting, please submit your application for review by 15 August.

You can get an application form from:

www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/social-groups/sarah-rolle-trust

Lockerley & West Tytherley Schools

Secretary, Holly Lodge, Top Green, Lockerley, SO51 0JP (01794 279194)

e-mail: sarahrolle1731@gmail.com

East Tytherley Country Fayre

Saturday 30th August, 12-5pm

The Church Field- East Tytherley

A fun afternoon for all the family with live music, food, drink and spectacular countryside views.

Many attractions, including bouncy slide and fairground rides, Jake the Juggler, vintage tractors and classic cars, crafts, South Central Makers Shopping Village, BBQ, Bar, Pimms, food stalls... And much much more!

Find us on facebook - East Tytherley Country Fayre



The 200 Club winners for May 2025 were drawn at the Memorial Hall coffee morning on Monday 9th June by a non-member. The winners were:-

Harry Needell £30 Helen Woodfield £30

West Tytherley Village Shop Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 15th July 2025, 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

King Edward's Hall, The Village, West Tytherley

Come to find out what's been happening, how our shop is doing financially, and, most importantly, make your contribution. We want to hear from you.

There will be light refreshments, including the lovely shop wine : we're not bribing you (honestly!) we just want to celebrate with our customers another year of trading for our unique village shop! '

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.

Many thanks, from Phil the Editor and James the Vicar



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 5 year 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.

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 07799 561029

The Thorngate Care Group is organising a Summer Lunch at the Black Horse in West Tytherley on Wednesday 6th August for clients and potential clients of the group based in East and West Tytherley, East Dean and Lockerley.

The invites will be going out at the Lunch Club in Lockerley in June but if you don't or can't attend the lunch and would like an invite please call Julie on 07855557353 or 01794 340850

Thorngate Village Care Group Bus Trip to Longstock Farm Shop

Monday 18th August

This trip will be leaving West Tytherley at 10.15, with pickups at East Tytherley and Lockerley. (Locations to be confirmed at a later date). The bus will depart from Longstock Farm Shop at approximately 12.30pm.

The Farm Shop has a cafe for cakes and coffee/brunches. It also sells produce, cards and gifts as well as a beautiful garden centre.

The bus is a 15 seater and there will be a £5 charge.

If you are interested please contact Lucia Homer on 07799 561029/01784 341665

Lockerley Church of England Primary School

We have had a busy summer term so far at Lockerley Primary School. Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed an overnight camp at the Lockerley Water Farm. They had a wonderful time, playing games, eating toasted marshmallows around the campfire and even managed a few hours' sleep! We have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to giving the children experiences they will remember forever. We also saw success this week for both our Key Stage 1 & 2 teams at the schools' cluster athletics event at King's Somborne Primary. Well done to both KS1 and KS2 teams. We provide a rich sporting calendar to give the children opportunities to compete with local schools in both competitions and festivals across the year.

Lockerley Primary School Summer Fair

Friday 11th July, 3.15pm – 5pm

We are delighted to announce that our Summer Fair will be on **Friday 11th July** and we would love to see you all there! There will be raffles, produce stalls, tombola's, games, bouncy castle, BBQ and refreshments. Supported by Friends of Lockerley School.

Open Mornings

Wednesday 17th September 9:30 am

Tuesday 14th October 9:30am

Come and see how we make a real difference

We warmly welcome you and your child to come to see our school. There will be many different activities for your child to get involved, including pond dipping, gardening, sports and arts.

Village Lunch Club

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

Next Date – Sunday 15th July 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

Do you like driving and have some spare time?

The Thorngate Care Group which covers the 4 parishes of West and East Tytherley, Lockerley and East Dean, is a member of the Good Neighbours Network and offers a driving solution for local people who need to get to vital appointments but don't have transport.

We are looking for extra volunteer drivers to help us get people out and about to those appointments. Most of the time this enables people to remain living at home and be independent.

Expenses are paid, time is flexible and you can offer to help when YOU are free and available.

For more information, please call Julie on 07855557353

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.

Wednesday 9 July 09:00-11:00 West Dean Village Hall

Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

A coming-of-age comedy of manners (and ill manners), of reading and misreading, by Jane Austen, the Queen of Rom Com.

We join Catherine Morland on her adventures from sleepy Fullerton to Bath - THE place to be and be seen - and finally onto Northanger Abbey, where reality and fantasy meet as our unlikely heroine devours the gothic novel "The Mysteries of Udolpho". The more horrid, the better!

A fantastic adaptation for the stage by **Maskers Theatre Company**.

Saturday 26th July at 7.30pm.

King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley, SP5 1JX

Tickets £15 at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/maskerstheatrecompany

Greenview Residential Care Home

Annual Garden Party for The Thorngate Villages Care Group 6th July, 2-5pm

This annual event is a thank you to the villagers and volunteers to come and enjoy a free cream tea and cake (other drinks & cakes will be served).

Donations will be shared between the Thorngate Care Group and a Humanitarian Hub assisting people in Ukraine.

Open Garden 12th & 13th July

Greenview Residential Care Home has for the first time been accepted into The National Open Garden Scheme and will be opening the garden between 11-5 on 12th and 13th July.

Admission £5; children free www.ngs.org.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

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 July 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.

DIARY OF EVENTS

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

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



St Winfrip's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

July and August are times of change, as well as rest. I have just stepped into the world of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and looked to get this Newsletter Input generated by 'ChatGPT'. AI came up with:

Dear Friends,

As the summer sun shines across our Hampshire fields and villages, July brings a time for both rest and renewal. Many of us will enjoy school holidays, time in the garden, or simply a slower pace of life. Let us take these long days as an opportunity to reflect on God's creation, the blessings of our community, and how we might continue to share His love.

Whether you're travelling, tending your sheep or your tomatoes, or enjoying a cup of tea with neighbours, may you feel God's peace surrounding you.

And a Prayer: Lord, thank You for the warmth of summer, for gardens in bloom, for moments of peace. Help us to be a blessing to others in this season of light. Amen.

I am pleased – this conveys a message I would want to share with you. I am not too sure how many of you have sheep or tomatoes to tend, but...

This Summer also sees a new Curate (Vicar-In-Training) join us – Revd Yin-Yin Bull has spent her first year of training in Romsey, and now comes to us for the next three years. Also, Sue is retiring from being Hospital Chaplain and is taking the Summer (and more) to decide what she wants to do in the next part of her time in this Benefice. Enjoy the Summer!

Your Rector and Vicar, James, is delighted to be appointed a MBE in the King's Birthday Honours List 2025. It is awarded for Services to Young People - his work with RAF Air Cadets as National Chaplain since 2015. He has been an Air Cadet Chaplain since 2000 and is set to 'stand down' in December 2025.

Your Vicar and Rector, James

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

	6 th July	13 th July	20 th July	27 th July
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	-	9.30am Short but Sweet	-	-
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration*	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist*
Sherfield English	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins 2pm Messy Church on Canada Common

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*

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Items for the **September** 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 August**

Churchwardens:

Lockerley Robert Wallace 07766318975 Sally Masters 01794-340215	West Tytherley Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253 Lucilla Carr 01794-340831	East Dean Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 01794-340236	East Tytherley Rob Scoones 01794-341269
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