



Thorngate Newsletter

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Lockerley Parish Council

Our next meeting of the full council is to be held in public on **Monday 10th March at 6pm** at the Memorial Hall, Butts Green, Lockerley.

Our **Butts Green Working Party** meets on Monday 3rd, 17th, 31st March at 2pm in the Parish Rooms, Romsey Road, Lockerley.

Stay up to date with all the Parish Councils news at our new website: <https://www.lockerley-pc.gov.uk>

Lockerley Parish Council - Village Green Code

Please protect our village greens from damage by not driving over the grass, or parking on the green. Thank you.

To read the full Village Green policy, please visit: [LPC Village Greens Policy](#)

Lockerley and East Dean War Memorial Hall Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held at the village hall on Monday 24th March at 7:30 pm. Items on the agenda will include important proposed changes to the constitution and nominations for committee membership from the various clubs and societies that use the hall on a regular basis.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in the village hall and its facilities.

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 12 March 2025 09:00-11:00 Reading Room, East Grimstead

Wednesday 09 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, West Tytherley

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

The Sarah Rolle Trust

The Trust was established in 1736 and makes grants for educational purposes for people who are;

* Under 25

* Living in Lockerley with East Dean or East Tytherley

Lockerley and West Tytherley Primary Schools have been supported, as have local groups and individuals. Some of what the Trust has given money for include: course books; school uniform; equipment; computers; laptops; stationery. In 2024 nearly £12000 was allocated in grants.

There is no 'means test' - all are encouraged to apply.

You can get an application form from:

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

* Lockerley and West Tytherley Primary Schools

* Greg McCann, Secretary, Mount View, East Dean Road, Lockerley. SO51 0JQ (01794 340698).

The Trustees meet on Tuesday 25th March. Please send your application to the secretary on or before Monday 10th March. A late application may not be considered until the next meeting in October..

Songs of Praise

A 'Songs of Praise' is being planned for St John's Church, Lockerley, on Sunday 29th June 2025 at 6pm. All are welcome to come. If you have a favourite hymn and would like it considered for singing at the service, please, send your choice to admin@tandbchurches.org.uk by Easter Sunday, 20th April.

A date for your diary!

Bentley Wood Conservation Volunteers' Annual Bean Pole Celebration and Horse Logging Demo

Sunday 13 April, 10am to 12.30pm, at the BW Barn

Drive in at Livery Gate entrance (off Livery Road) or Tytherley Road (Eastern Clearing) entrance and park by the Barn any time between 10am and 12.30pm.

Bean poles & pea sticks, produced in the wood by BW Conservation Volunteers, available for a modest donation – CASH ONLY PLEASE.

LIMITED STOCKS so, if demand is high, supplies may not last!

Bean Poles: Bundles of 11: **£10**, Singles: **£1**

Pea Sticks: Bundles of 10: **£5**, Singles: **50p**

There will also be a demonstration of horse logging by **Wessex Working Horses**
Tea/coffee and biscuits (donations appreciated)

All proceeds go towards nature conservation work in Bentley Wood

The **West Tytherley & Frenchmoor Fete** returns for 2025! Be sure to save the date -

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

All the fun of a traditional village fete – games, stalls, dog show and lots more family focused events

Thank you to everyone who cared and supported me throughout my operation and recovery. For the cards, messages, visits at home and in the hospitals. To the care group for the numerous visits to the doctors, and the welcome support at the coffee shop and friends who gave me lifts there. I am so grateful to them all. *Phyllis* (Johnstone)



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

Wednesday 5th March

All are most welcome to join us for a delightful 5 and a half mile walk in the New Forest ending with lunch at the Red Shoot at Linwood.

Meet at Lockerley Memorial Hall at 9.30 to share transport. There are no stiles and the route takes us on greenways, gravel tracks and through ancient deciduous woodland and open commons with some wonderful views. Wet in places, waterproof footwear advised.

Please let us know if you are coming. Andy/ Liz 340993

Wednesday 26th March

Please join us for a circular, morning walk in Sherfield English.

Meeting at The Hatchet car park at 10:30 for a cross country walk with no roads and no stiles. The gentle uphill section to Gambledown is at the beginning of the walk. We walk across to Telegraph House, down through the woods, across the enormous field and back to The Hatchet Inn for lunch via Bryce's Farm. The walk is about 4.5 miles, there are no stiles, and it should take about 2 hours.

Please contact Jane Waller for any further details and to pre-order your lunch from the given menu.

01794 340691; sjanewaller@yahoo.co.uk

Lockerley Garden Club

On Thursday March 20th at 7.30 pm Mark Lyman is giving a talk titled 'the Road to Chelsea ' about his preparations for the Chelsea Flower Show. Non-members welcome.

Lockerley Primary School

We are a small village school but we have a big impact on our pupils learning. We are committed to provide our pupils with an enriched and inspiring curriculum delivered through personalised teaching. We get to know each child as an individual and have a drive for all children to achieve personal success.

This half term Year 1&2 children visited Romsey to learn about their local area. They visited the Abbey, library and went on a train ride from Romsey to Eastleigh, to Southampton and back to Romsey. A group of children in KS1 & 2 attended a Gymnastic festival at Danebury School. All children had a great time and KS2 came home as the champions! Last week we celebrated Mental Health week and Number Day. Children completed activities in their houses and dressed up.

Visit our Facebook page to keep up to date with all we have been doing.

Easter Service

We warmly invite you to our Easter Church Service at St John's Church on Friday 4th April at 9am.

Travelling Pantry

The Travelling Pantry visits Lockerley every Tuesday morning 11 - 12am in the village hall carpark. The Travelling Pantry is a community van run by the Unity charity, offering a selection of fresh and packaged food to customers in order to help them make their food budget go further. The cost is £5.00 each time you visit the pantry, selecting twelve items per visit along with any free items. (One visit per week). Food in the pantry is either grown, is surplus, donated or purchased food through funding received by Unity.

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 Co-ordinator

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

Village Lunch Club

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

Next Date -Sunday 16th March 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

The Hatchet Inn: Your Local Gem for Great Food, Live Music & Pub Quiz Fun!

If you're looking for a warm, welcoming pub that serves up delicious traditional grub, great entertainment and unbeatable deals, look no further than the Hatchet Inn! Located in the heart of the community, the Hatchet Inn has long been a favourite among locals, offering hearty, home-cooked meals and a lively atmosphere. Whether you're after a cosy dinner with family or a lively night out with friends, there's something for everyone.

Traditional Pub Grub & A Deal You Can't Miss - The Hatchet Inn is proud to serve classic pub favourites—think generous portions of fish and chips, mouth-watering burgers and a selection of hearty pies packed with rich, comforting flavours.. And for those looking for a great meal at an even better price, don't miss the Monday night special of 2 mains for just £17.50! It's the perfect excuse to start the week with a treat.

Live Music & Quiz Nights: Entertainment at Its Best - Beyond the food, the Hatchet Inn is a hub of entertainment. Live music nights bring an electric atmosphere, showcasing local talent and creating the perfect backdrop for a fun night out. And if you fancy testing your knowledge, Sharpy's Pub Quiz is a must-attend event! A local legend in his own right, Sharpy's quiz is known for its mix of challenging questions, laughs and friendly competition.

A True Community Pub - More than just a place to grab a pint, the Hatchet Inn is a place to connect — a spot where friendships are made over great food, drinks and entertainment. So whether you're a regular or a first-time visitor, you'll always be greeted with a smile.

Make sure to pop in and experience it for yourself. Good food, great company and top-notch entertainment — the Hatchet Inn has it all! Visit us this week and enjoy the best of what your local pub has to offer!



The 200 Club Draw for January 2025 was made at the Memorial Hall Coffee Morning on Thursday 13th February by a non-member. The winners are:

Simon Bell £30

Jane Monro £30

Please does anyone have a current address for Kate Clark (ex Lockerley, Romsey and Isle of Wight)? Kate apparently moved about 4 years ago from the address I had for her on IOW. The current owner of that house has asked all the neighbours, but no-one can help. If you can help, please ring me, Carole Woolley Tel. 01794 340867. Kate is a 200 Club Member and we do need to be able to be in touch. Many thanks, Carole Woolley.

News from Test Valley Borough Council ("TVBC")

There is much news and change in local government – some good and some less good – so we thought residents may appreciate an update.

Starting with the good news, we are lucky to have so many volunteers in Mid Test willing to give their time, energy and effort to improving our community. We have made it a priority, since being elected in May 2023, to promote local community projects with grants and other support where we can. We are delighted that so many projects have come forward and been successful in securing funding through the various grants administered by TVBC. Projects include new sports pavilions, community bus initiative, business hub, renovation of community buildings, new defibrillators, support for local community shops, and much more.

Smaller grants, of up to £1,000 are available through the Community Councillor Grant scheme.

In addition, grants of up to £500 are currently available to support communities who wish to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day.

Due to limited space in this edition, we hope to provide an update on changes to national planning targets and devolution and local government reorganisation next month. As a preview:

On planning: You might have noticed publicity about new housing targets for councils announced by Angela Rayner last autumn. Test Valley's housing target is to be increased by a staggering 78%...

On devolution and local govt reorganisation: Just before Christmas the government published a White Paper setting out their plans for devolution and whole scale local government reorganisation. In Hampshire, that means an elected Mayor and the creation of new unitary authorities that are responsible for most local services...

Do please get in touch if we can ever be of any help. Our details can be found via the TVBC website.

With kind regards

Cllr Alison Johnston

Cllr Ian Jeffrey

Cllr Stewart MacDonald

Mid Test Ward, TVBC

Forthcoming Events at West Tytherley Village Hall

Bhangra Fit

Arrives for a 4 week trial starting Wednesday 5th March 7pm.

If you liked Zumba you'll love Bhangra-Fit.

Dance to joyful music and burn a few calories along the way.

Email jasmine on info@southcoastbhanga.co.uk to reserve your space

Board Games Cafe

Sunday 9th March 2-6pm.

Enjoy the company of others in a relaxed atmosphere.

Lots of games to play including cooperative games where you're playing as a team.

Or bring your own games for others to play.

Free entry. Drinks and snacks available to purchase.

Email Pat Barretto (pat.tudery@gmail.com) for more details

Table Top Sale

Saturday 22nd March, 10am - 2pm.

Free entry for a browse, or £5 for a table if you would like to sell.

Come and grab a bargain. Refreshments available.

Email Pat Barretto to reserve a table.

Northanger Abbey

Saturday 26th July, 7:30pm.

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Jane Austen.

Masker Theatre Company. Tickets on sale soon.

Save the date! Bluebell Walk & Cream Tea, Saturday 26th April, from 2pm, start Lockerley Green. In aid of Andover Hospice.

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 19th March 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.easttytherleyvillage.com

for up to date diary and news entries



St Winfrith's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

This year, nearly all of March is in the Church Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent, is on 5th March. Lent lasts 40 days, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Lent is a period of grief that necessarily ends with a great celebration of Easter. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries. Locally, we are holding Community Lunches in Lent - 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	Community Lunches in Lent - Venues and Hosts
15 th March	Karen Walker's Barn – Lodge Farm, The Green, West Tytherley SP5 1LA
22 nd March	St Leonard's Church, Sherfield English SO51 6FP (Julia Noble – 322497)
	Manor Cottage, Frenchmoor Lane, East Dean SP5 1HA (Nick and Suky Turner)
29 th March	Coach House, East Tytherley SP5 1LE (Rob Scoones & Joanne Nash)
5 th April	St Margaret's, Wellow - Church Rooms SO51 6DR (Info - 322472)
12 th April	Mount Pleasant Farm, Lockerley SO51 0JS (Sarah and Ed Peppiatt - 341292)

Many Lent-observing Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional (book) or praying, to draw themselves near to God. Many churches remove flowers and veil crucifixes and other religious symbols in solemn observance of the event. Do have a look to see what your Church gets up to in Lent.

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

Your Rector/Vicar James

	5th March	9th March	16th March	23rd March	30th March
East Dean	Ash Wednesday – 9am Eucharist & Ashing at Lockerley and 7pm Taizé Communion with Ashing	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	1030am Mothering Sunday Benefice Eucharist at East Tytherley
East Tytherley		9.30am Short but Sweet	11am Eucharist		
Lockerley		1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist*	
Sherfield English		11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley		8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	1030am Mothering Sunday Benefice Eucharist at East Tytherley
Wellow		9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung 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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West Tytherley Fiona Collier 01794-341098 Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253	East Dean Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 01794-340236

Items for the **April** 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 March