



September



Thorngate Newsletter

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YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Join the team shaping our community hub

The Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall is starting a new chapter. We're looking for local people to help lead the Hall into the future.

It's your hall. Help shape it.

Could you help with:

- Finance & budgets
- Bookings
- Looking after the hall building
- Technology & Social Media
- Young People
- Supporting events
- and more ...

Big or small, your contribution makes a difference and together we can make the Hall the vibrant hub our village deserves.



For more info contact us at:
secretary@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk
or call 07870 622983

Lockerley Parish Council

The next meeting of Lockerley Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 18.00 hrs in the Memorial Hall Butts Green Lockerley.

The public are very welcome to attend. There is always an opportunity for Parishioners to ask questions at the beginning of the meeting. It is hoped (operation commitments allowing) that our local Police Officer will be in attendance, as will the TVBC Community Engagement Officer for the Lockerley area.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday 8th November

**WEAR OUR
POPPIES WITH PRIDE
VILLAGE TIDY-UP**



Lockerley Walking Group

On Thursday 11th September 2025, join Richard and Polly for a circular walk from the Wheatsheaf in Braishfield. Meeting in Braishfield at 10:15 for a 10:30 start.

A 4.5 mile walk around Braishfield consisting of a mixture of fields, rough woodland tracks with tree roots; gravel forest tracks and country roads. There are three stiles, one which is quite high with a large step up. The terrain is fairly level with no steep hills.

Lunch has been booked for 12:30 which will need to be pre-booked; details available nearer the time.

Don't let our bells go silent!

The magnificent bells of East Tytherley Church have rung out since 1897 marking the most poignant times in our lives from weddings, christenings, and funerals, to the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the King's Coronation. After more than a century of faithful service, our bells are now in urgent need of restoration. The bell fittings have become severely worn, making them difficult to ring; if something isn't done our bells will soon fall silent. We need £35,000 to save our bells and keep them ringing for another 125 years.

There are many ways you can help – please join our Bell Restoration Appeal, and support upcoming events – see our Facebook page for details.

Quiz Night

Lockerley Memorial Hall

Saturday 13th September @ 7pm

Raffle * Bring a plate to share * Bring a drink and a glass

All proceeds to East Tytherley Bells Refurbishment

For tickets, please ring 01794 340600 or 340660

We would like to thank all the people who came to the 'Garden Party' raising £330, shared between the Thorngate Village Care Group and a Ukrainian Humanitarian Hub.

The following weekend was successful raising just over £1000 for The National Open Garden Scheme.

Best wishes,

Ian Bradford, Greenview Residential Care Home

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

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

Village Lunch Club

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

Next Date – Sunday 21st September 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

Did you know that you can get cash out of your bank account on Mondays and Thursdays in Lockerley?

A Cashpoint service is provided through the Post Office which is open at Lockerley Memorial Hall from 9-12 Noon every Monday (except bank holidays) and Thursday. The coffee shop is open at the same time too.

Lockerley & East Dean Harvest Supper



Saturday 11th October @ 7.30pm
Lockerley & East Dean Memorial Hall

Three fantastic courses, plus entertainment

Adults £12, Children £5

Please bring own drink and glasses

Tickets: Barbara 340606, Yvonne 340603 & Sarah 328857



The 200 Club Draw for June 2025 was done by a non-member at the Memorial Hall coffee morning on Thursday 10th July. The winners are:-

Sarah Peppiatt £75 * Linda Kirkham £40 * Mary Walker £35

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

Lockerley Church of England Primary 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.



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.

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.

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

Cheese & Wine Evening, followed by Strawberries & Cream

Saturday 6th September, 6-8pm

Mottisfont House (next to the Church), SO51 0LN

A riverside garden fundraiser for St Andrews Church renovations.

Tickets on entry (to include a glass of wine/juice) or in advance from Mrs Clutterbuck – 01794 340475

Adults £20, Under 16s Free * Licensed Bar



Find us on [West Tytherley Twinkle Toes](#)

For little ones aged 0-4 and their grown-ups!

Please join us for child-led play, crafts, singing and biscuits!

Friday (term time only), 9.30-11 @ King Edwards Hall, West Tytherley
£2 per family

West Tytherley Village Shop

Did you know that you can support our local community shop by setting up an account? It would also be more convenient for you as a customer!

It would be even more helpful if you could pay a regular amount in by direct debit.

Ask in the shop for details!

Thank you, Jane Elliott

Quiz & Curry Night

Saturday 13th Sept

King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley, 7pm

Come along and help celebrate the latest refurbishments in the hall. Quiz teams of up to 6 people. Make up a team or let us do that for you. A prize for the winners!

The Quiz Master is Dave Glover, of West Dean Club fame - he does fabulous quizzes!

Tickets from the village hall website

(www.westtytherleyhall.co.uk) - £13 to include a delicious Indian curry cooked by a professional chef.

All proceeds are going to King Edward's Hall and West Tytherley Primary School.

Any questions, please email westthallevents@gmail.com

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 17th September 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

West Tytherley C of E Primary School Open Mornings

We are very pleased to invite you to one of our Open Mornings:

Friday 19th September * Tuesday 14th October

Please join us from **9.30 - 11.00am** to meet our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Macey and enjoy a tour of our school and its incredible grounds!

Your child will have the opportunity to take part in some activities with West Tytherley pupils in our Reflection Garden before we finish the morning in our recently re-decorated Dinner Hall, where you will have the chance to view the school dinner menus and taste our talented cook's delicious treats! To book a place on one of our Open Mornings, please contact us using the details below. We are also very happy to accommodate individual visits.

✉ adminoffice@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk

☎ 01794 340338

West Tytherley C of E Primary School

As the Autumn term begins, we're proud to reflect on a busy and successful Summer term. Highlights included our outdoor learning event, a range of exciting cluster sporting competitions, and a fantastic KS2 production that showcased the talents of our pupils.

A fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils; we wish them success and happiness as they begin the next stage of their learning adventure.

A very warm welcome to the new families joining our school community as their children enjoy their first weeks in Reception!

Our dedicated teaching staff have many engaging lessons and memorable experiences planned and we look forward to sharing our moments of celebration and joy with the benefice over the coming months.



St Winfrith's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

Lots of 'editorial' this month as we come out of Summer – but do come to Church! *Your Vicar and Rector, James*

Research to recommendations

Throughout 2025 the University of Southampton in partnership with Test Valley Borough Council has been running a Community Researcher project in Lockerley.

Residents were recruited to complete a 14-session community researcher training programme enabling them to run their own research project in the village. Community researchers, Jenny Bannister, Jim Walsh, Phil May and originally Jackie Rider, chose to explore resilience during power cuts, stories of residents, children's perceptions of living in Lockerley and the importance of nature and the seasons.

Some of the data was collected through interviews with residents and the rest during the 'Love Living in Lockerley?' community afternoon tea at the village hall on 27th April. During this event residents were able to take part in various research activities such as:

- A historic timeline
- Aspects of the village that made people proud, those that disappointed them and their hopes for the village's future
- Connection to nature
- Creating a monopoly board
- What would represent Lockerley today in a time capsule?

On Wednesday 25th June the community researchers came together with TVBC councillors and staff and parish councillors from the villages to share their research findings and co-produce recommendations from them.

We want to share all that we have learned from doing this work and thank the Lockerley community for their amazing support of this project. **To this end we will be displaying the research findings and the coproduced recommendations in Lockerley Church from 1st to 30th September.** We really hope you will be able to come and see the excellent work the community researchers have done.

Heather Parsons, University of Southampton

The display will also commemorate the wonderful input of Jackie Rider who passed away whilst undertaking the training.

	7 th September	14 th September	21 st September	28 th September
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 Harvest 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 4pm Messy Church

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

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:		Items for the October Newsletter to be sent or given to:	
Rector: Rev James Pitkin, The Vicarage, Romsey Road, Lockerley SO51 0JF Tel: 01794-340635 e-mail jamespitkin@priest.com Associate Priest: Rev Sara-Jane Stevens revsj@btinternet.com Associate Priest: Rev Nick Flood 01794-323731 Associate Priest: Rev Joanna Percival joanna.percival@btinternet.com Associate Priest: Rev Sue Pitkin revsuepitkin@gmail.com Curate: Rev Yin-Yin Bull Yin-Yin@tandbchurches.org.uk ☎ 07726-692452 Reader: John Niblett 01794-340587		The Vicar (contact details on the left) Or email newsletter@lockerley.org.uk	
		By 12 Noon <u>Latest</u> 15th September	
Churchwardens:			
Lockerley	West Tytherley	East Dean	East Tytherley
Robert Wallace 07766318975	Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253	Nicky Bell 01794-341228	Rob Scoones 01794-341269
Sally Masters 01794-340215	Lucilla Carr 01794-340831	Diana Ayles 01794-340236	

FLUTE & ACCORDIAN CONCERT



19 October 2025 7pm

East Tytherley

Church

£10

**All proceeds go towards East Tytherley Bells Appeal
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For tickets ring 01794 340600 or 01794 340660

