



# Thorngate Newsletter



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## Lockerley Walking Group

Join us for a 6 mile walk from Stockbridge on Fri 5 Dec. Starting with a short stretch south on the Test Way, we loop around across farmland to the east then north, across Stockbridge Down then Leckford Golf Course before heading back on the Test Way to our start, with lunch in the White Hart. No stiles, good conditions underfoot, one short steep ascent (~150 feet) early on, mostly gentle thereafter.

Meet at Lockerley Memorial Hall, Butts Green at 0930 to share transport. In Stockbridge we'll park in the parking area on the stretch of the A30 between the roundabout north of the White Hart pub and the next roundabout at the junction between the A3057 toward Leckford and the A30 toward Sutton Scotney – anyone going straight there, aim to arrive about 0950.

Contact Dave and Kirsteen to let us know if you're coming and for info.

[Kirsteen@jadeconsultants.co.uk](mailto:Kirsteen@jadeconsultants.co.uk) or tel 341101

## 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 07464 956759 or Liz 340993

Tytherleys - Barbara 341672, Julie 340850, or Lucia 07799

## Thank you

Mike and Hilary Thompson would like to say a very big thankyou to the Thorngate Village Care Group for all the help they have given us this year. A special thankyou to all the coordinators for all their help in getting volunteer drivers for the many journeys we have had to make to hospital this year. We would also like to say a special thankyou to the drivers for giving up their time to make these journeys, all of whom have been so friendly and helpful, together with the chat and laughter along the way.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Thank you very much, Mike and Hilary P.

## Lockerley Parish Council

Future meetings of Lockerley Parish Council will take place on the dates below. Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Butts Green and start at 1800 hrs. Members of the public are very welcome and there is always an opportunity at the start of each meeting for questions. Agendas for each meeting are published on the Parish Council website in advance of each meeting. There is no meeting in December 2025.

**19 January 2026**

**16 February 2026**

**16 March 2026**

## Village Lunch Club

Do you live in East or West Tytherley, Lockerley or East Dean? Come and meet your friends and make new ones over a home-cooked lunch in Lockerley Memorial Hall, on the following dates each month. Just £7 for 2 courses and a glass of wine or soft drink. There's a small raffle for Charity and a quiz too. 12 noon - 2.30pm.

### Sundays

18 January, 22 March (avoids Mothering Sunday), 17 May, 19 July, 20 September, 15 November

### Fridays

20 February, 17 April, 19 June, 16 October, 11 December.

Please get in touch if you'd like to know more - phone Liz - 01794 340993.

## Thank you

June and Louise Hewett would like to thank friends, the Care Group and all our neighbours for support and care given before, on and after Gerry's Hewett's funeral.

We were very touched to see so many of you there on the day.

## Save the date for Lockerley & East Dean Fete!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Further details to follow in the new year!

## LOCKERLEY & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

A short AGM followed by a talk on Snowdrops given by Mark Lyman Afterwards Wine and Nibbles **Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 7.30pm** at the Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall. Do come!

Non-members are most welcome



## **Caterpillars Playgroup**

**Every Tuesday during term-time 10 – 11.30am**

**£2.00 'play as you go' at Lockerley Primary School**

Come along to our playgroup for children from birth to 5 year olds

Each week there will be a variety of toys, songs, stories and craft activities run by a qualified teacher

We also have baby-weighting scales

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

Refreshments served



### **The 200 CLUB RESTARTS ON 1 JAN 2026**

**If you currently pay by bank standing order - No action needed.**  
Your entry will continue and you'll be included in the January draw.

#### **If you wish to pay by cash or cheque**

Please bring your payment to Mandy Hicks at the Coffee Club on:

- Monday 1, Monday 8, Monday 15 December or
- Thursday 4, Thursday 11 December (2025).

**To be included in the January draw, cash / cheque payments must be received by Monday 15 December 2025.** After this date, any unpaid places may be offered to those on the waiting list on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **If you do not wish to be a member in 2026**

Please let Mandy know: [200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk)

#### **Would like to switch to bank transfer?**

We encourage members paying by cash/cheque to move to bank transfer.

Payments should be made to:

- Lockerley & E Dean War Mem H
- Sort code: 30-97-14
- Account: 00151618

#### **Prize payments**

From 2026, winnings will be paid by bank transfer. If you win, please contact Mandy Hicks to arrange your payment.

**Thank you for supporting our village hall — good luck in the draws!**

The 200 Club Draw for November 2025 was done by a non-member at the Memorial Hall coffee morning.

The winners are:-



Michael Brown £40 \* Julie Lamont £40 \* Mark Barrow £40  
Susan Greenwood £30 \* Greg McCann £30 \* Viv Smith £30

Please contact Mandy Hicks to claim your prize!  
m: 07717 258702 or e: [200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk)

## **Lockerley.org.uk – the website**

After some rewriting and re-authoring, the website for the village [www.lockerley.org.uk](http://www.lockerley.org.uk) is now re-established. The information may be out of date and [admin@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:admin@lockerley.org.uk) would welcome comments and corrections and up-to-date contacts. It is still an ongoing project and there is still a number of features yet to add.

The current and previous editions of this newsletter can be found on the website here -

<https://www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/newsletter/current>

## **Lockerley Primary School**

### **Is your child starting school in September 2026?**

We would love to welcome you for a tour of our school. We offer individual appointments and can answer any specific questions you may have, discuss a special need or circumstances you want to talk through with us so we can find out what's important to you as a family.

### **Lockerley School Update**

We have had a wonderful time at Lockerley School for far this term. We have welcomed our new Year R children to Skippers Class and have been incredibly proud of how they have settled into school life. We have seen children compete in sporting events, go on school trips, enjoy our school grounds for their outdoor learning and take part in activities to support our local community. Updates are on our Facebook page and school website to see all we have been doing.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with our Key Stage 1 Nativity, Christmas fair and Christmas service.

### **Festive Fun Run**

**Saturday 6th December, 2pm**

Join us for a run/walk 2-mile route around the village starting from Butts Green. Festive fancy dress is optional!

Entry £1 per child/ £2 per adult \* Refreshments available

### **Lockerley Primary School Christmas Fair**

**Friday 12th December, 3.15pm – 4.15pm**

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 12th December. There will be raffles, Christmas produce stalls, refreshments, tombolas, face painting, Santa's Grotto, carol singing and our school calendars; to which all children have contributed. We would look forward to seeing you there.

### **Christmas Service**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 9am**

We warmly invite you to our Christmas Church Service at St John's Church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

### **Oilbuying Group**

This is perhaps the season to prompt any of you who would value even a small reduction in their heating costs this year. The oil buying group covers Lockerley, East Dean, West Dean, East Tytherley, Newtown, Carters Clay, Dunbridge and Awbridge and is free to join. Full details are on the [www.lockerley.org.uk](http://www.lockerley.org.uk). Navigate to Oilbuying or use this URL - <https://www.lockerley.org.uk/index.php/oilbuying>. There will be a contact form there which will make contacting [oilbuying@lockerley.org.uk](mailto:oilbuying@lockerley.org.uk) a little easier.

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](mailto:newsletter@lockerley.org.uk) and [jamespitkin@priest.com](mailto:jamespitkin@priest.com) with items for the Newsletter.

Many thanks, from Phil the Editor and James the Vicar

### West Tytherley C of E Primary School

It has been another month full of learning and fun at West Tytherley C of E Primary School!

Willow Class had a truly memorable experience taking part in InSpire Voices at Salisbury Cathedral. Working with the Director of Music from Salisbury Cathedral School, the children learned and performed a selection of beautiful songs alongside other local schools. It was a wonderful opportunity to sing in such a stunning setting and we are incredibly grateful to the Sarah Rolle Trust for generously sponsoring our transport. We feel so lucky to have a supportive community that helps create such special experiences and lasting memories for our pupils.

We are proud of our ongoing commitment to supporting charities. We supported the Royal British Legion and marked Remembrance Day with a reflective service to honour those who have served. We also joined in the fun for Children in Need, raising money through a creative craft competition, a bake sale and a colourful non-uniform day. A big thank you to everyone who took part and donated!

The excitement of Christmas is already in the air! Beech and Chestnut Classes have begun rehearsals for their nativity, and we are delighted to announce our Carol Concert will take place at St Peter's Church in West Tytherley on Monday 15th December at 5.30pm. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us for an evening of festive music and community cheer.

Applications are now open for children starting school in September 2026. If you're considering West Tytherley for your child and would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to get in touch and arrange a visit; we'd love to show you around!

✉ [adminoffice@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@west-tytherley.hants.sch.uk)

☎ 01794 340338

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.

### Join us for Festive, Fun Carol Singing

at the Black Horse, West Tytherley

On Friday 5th December

6.15pm - 7.15pm

with Lockerley Silver Band

With hot chocolate, mulled wine and fabulous pizzas.

In partnership with St Peter's Church, West Tytherley

You are invited to join us for

### CAROLS AT CHRISTMAS

At Lockerley Baptist Church

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December @ 3pm

To be followed by seasonal refreshments

All are welcome

Cantemus presents;

### Songs for a Winter's afternoon

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm @ St John's Church,  
Lockerley

An uplifting concert of sacred, secular and seasonal music performed by the ensemble of young, female voices, Cantemus. Proceeds in aid of East Tytherley Bells Appeal and Sand Dams Worldwide.

[reservemyticket@icloud.com](mailto:reservemyticket@icloud.com)

Refreshments & free entry with retiring collection

### 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

## Greetings from Lockerley Baptist Church

We meet each Sunday at 10.30am for morning worship.

Anyone is welcome to join us at this service which is followed with tea or coffee and biscuits.

Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 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.

If you would like any further information or help please phone Brian or Marion on 01794 341980.

(Please note new number)

## DIARY OF EVENTS

Visit the website [www.lockerley.org.uk](http://www.lockerley.org.uk) and [www.easttytherleyvillage.com](http://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**

There should be a Christmas Insert with this Newsletter suggesting how to 'build an angel' that can be displayed in the church of your choice at Christmas. Below are details of all of the Church Services available across our 'Thorngate and Blackwater Benefice' – 6 churches.

On a personal note, I am on the move (but not far!). Sue and I are buying a house – Crispins, Romsey Road, Lockerley. The intention is to live there as the Vicar and give the Church authorities the opportunity to refurbish the current Vicarage. In the longer term when I retire I want to continue living in the Benefice – a great place to live. Contrary to popular belief I am still several years away from retirement (state pension at the end of 2029!)

	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	Carols in the Barn 5pm	8am (BCP) Communion	-
East Tytherley	Services will resume in warmer weather			Services will resume in warmer weather	
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist		1030am Celebration 6pm Carol Service	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English	11am Communion	6pm Carol Service		11am Christingle	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion		9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist 2.30pm Carols on Canada Common 4pm Messy Christingle	9.15am Sung Eucharist		9.15am Sung Eucharist 6pm Carol Service	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins

**Christmas Services:**

**24<sup>th</sup> December** – 2pm Crib Service at Wellow; 4pm Christingle at Lockerley; 8pm 'Midnight Mass' at Sherfield English

**25<sup>th</sup> December** – 9am Communion (BC) at East Dean; 9.15am Sung Eucharist at Wellow; 10.30am Eucharist at West Tytherley; 11am Service at Sherfield English

	4 Jan - Epiphany	11 Jan	18 Jan	25 Jan	1 Feb - Candlemas
<b>East Dean</b>	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	11am (BCP) Matins
<b>East Tytherley</b>	<b>Services to resume in warmer weather</b>				
<b>Lockerley</b>	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion
<b>Sherfield English</b>	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion
<b>West Tytherley</b>	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	9.45/10am Breakfast Church
<b>Wellow</b>	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins	9.15am Sung Eucharist

**Facebook page and access to Services:** [www.facebook.com/groups/thorngateandblackwaterchurches](https://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*

<b>Church Contacts:</b>		Items for the <b>February</b> Newsletter to be sent or given to:	
Rector: Rev James Pitkin, The Vicarage, Romsey Road, Lockerley SO51 0JF Tel: 01794-340635                      e-mail <a href="mailto:jamespitkin@priest.com">jamespitkin@priest.com</a> Associate Priest: Rev Sara-Jane Stevens <a href="mailto:revsj@btinternet.com">revsj@btinternet.com</a> Associate Priest: Rev Nick Flood 01794-323731 Associate Priest: Rev Joanna Percival <a href="mailto:joanna.percival@btinternet.com">joanna.percival@btinternet.com</a> Associate Priest: Rev Sue Pitkin <a href="mailto:revsuepitkin@gmail.com">revsuepitkin@gmail.com</a> Curate: Rev Yin-Yin Bull <a href="mailto:Yin-Yin@tandbchurches.org.uk">Yin-Yin@tandbchurches.org.uk</a> ☎ 07726-692452 Reader: John Niblett 01794-340587		The Vicar (contact details on the left) Or email newsletter@lockerley.org.uk  <b>By 12 Noon <u>Latest</u></b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Churchwardens:</b>			
<b>Lockerley</b> Robert Wallace 07766318975 Sally Masters 01794-340215	<b>West Tytherley</b> Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253 Lucilla Carr 01794-340831	<b>East Dean</b> Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 07464956759	<b>East Tytherley</b> Rob Scoones 01794-341269

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**By 12 Noon Latest**  
**15<sup>th</sup> January**