



Thorngate Newsletter

Thank you to all who have previously sponsored this newsletter

Lockerley Walking Group

Friday 24th April – Meet @ 10am

The Lord Nelson Arms, Middleton, Winterslow. SP5 1QS

The walk is 5.5 miles (8.9 km) or for those who prefer a shorter walk, some of the group will take a small detour which would make it 4.3 mile (6.9 km) We shall do a circular walk from here, into Bentley Wood and back at 1pm for lunch. There are no stiles and a short incline. There is alternative free public parking at the recreation ground. This is 100metres along the road from the Lord Nelson opposite the school. Please bring a drink for a mid-way stop. Please let us know if you are joining us - Ruth Livesey 07539 862707 ruthliveseywd@gmail.com

Wednesday 8th April – Meet @ 9.30am (Lockerley Green)

Walk to Farley Mount and Environs

Please join us for a 6 mile walk from Farley Chamberlayne Church up onto Farley Mount and round by various bridleways and quiet roads back again. We shall meet at 9:30 at Lockerley Green to share cars and start at 10:00 at Farley Chamberlayne **SO51 0QP** what three words: **caged.spruced.consoled**. There is a slight incline at the start and then a short steeper one along the road on the way back. No stiles. We park at Farley Chamberlayne by kind permission of the churchwardens and it would be churlish to go there without visiting the church which is an amazing microcosm of Hampshire history. Please bring some cash to contribute to church funds/ pay for parking and we shall give you a brief tour.

Lunch at the Wheatsheaf in Braishfield at approximately 1300.

Susie 342426 Diana 340702

Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall celebrates

VILLAGE HALL WEEK!

20th-26th April

This week we will be celebrating all things 'Village Hall' and our local community. From all our regular events to some new community projects, we want to show off all of the great things on offer. If you'd like to get involved with any of our events or projects, contact community@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk

Monday- Coffee Shop, Post Office and Little Fishes

Tuesday- Badminton, Travelling Pantry & Play Reading Evening

Wednesday- Pilates with Adam Walder and Bunting Making

Thursday- Coffee Shop and Post Office

Friday- Youth Club 11-16s

Saturday- Bingo Night

Sunday- Bluebell Walk and Cream Tea

Head to our website: www.lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk or our Facebook page to find out more about each event and opportunities to volunteer. Leaflets will also be flying through your front door soon!

Free Easter Family Fun Day!

Come and join us at the village hall for a fun filled morning.

Easter Activity Trail (with an Easter Prize!) * Easter Crafting * Guess the name of the Bunny * Easter Games * Coffee, Tea and Easter treats

Saturday 4th April, 10.30am-12.30pm

Lockerley and East Dean Memorial Hall

No need to book, just turn up.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



A friendly charity bingo night with cash prizes

Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall

Saturday 25 April

Doors open 6:30 pm
Bingo starts 7:15 pm

Bingo cards:
£1 per card
£5 per strip of 6

Traditional 90-ball bingo
Light snacks available

Licensed bar

Help us reach our £7,500 Hall Roof target

A fun, affordable community night — everyone welcome

Tables can be reserved for groups
secretary@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk



200 Club February Winners

Nicky Perkins £35

Lyle Fairlie £30

Ian Morris £25

We still have numbers available for anyone wishing to join the 200 Club.

Please contact Mandy if you are a winner or wish to join!

e: 200club@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk

m: 07717 258702

t: 01794 340252

BLUEBELL WALK & CREAM TEA

Raising funds for LOCKERLEY MEMORIAL HALL

SUNDAY 26th April

Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green, SO51 0JN

between 2pm – 4pm

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

Raffle

01794 340993

Good Friday - 3rd April

6-7pm @ St John's Lockerley

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.



Caterpillars Playgroup

Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 11.00

£2.00 'play as you go'

Lockerley Primary School

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

There will be songs, stories craft and toys.

Run by an Early Years Practitioner

We have baby-weighing scales

Refreshments served

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

Little Fishes

Little Fishes is a singing and music-making group for babies, pre-school children and their parents and carers. It is supported by Lockerley Church and runs every Monday morning in term-time in Lockerley Memorial Hall between 9.30am and 10.15am.

It is led by singing teacher Annie Tatnall and the cost is £3 per family for each session. There is no need to book. Just come along, meet new people and have some fun!

If you would like to know more phone Sally on 01794 340215 or email annietatnall@hotmail.com

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

17 May, 19 July, 20 September, 15 November

Fridays

17 April, 19 June, 16 October, 11 December

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

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

Lockerley Primary School

At Lockerley Primary, our school grounds are an integral part of our enriched curriculum offer. We strongly believe that outdoor learning can contribute significantly to the education and personal development of children and enable them to embrace the challenges of their futures. Over the past months, we have invested heavily into improving our outdoor provision by extending the trim trail, introducing a large digging sand pit to the EYFS and KS1 provision and a new outdoor classroom. The Nature Nook is a beautifully hand-crafted wooden shelter, designed in collaboration between Frost Design and our School Council. We are very excited for the children to begin to use it as part of our outdoor learning environment.

MONARCH WRAP AROUND CARE

WE OFFER EXCELLENT WRAP AROUND CARE PROVISION MONDAY TO FRIDAY WHICH IS RUN BY A QUALIFIED CLASS TEACHER. WE PROVIDE A HOMELY ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORTS, GAMES AND CRAFT AND A HOME COOKED MEAL.

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

Lockerley & East Dean Fete

Saturday 20th June 2026

If you would like to be involved in this year's fete, please contact philwebb39@gmail.com - any help much appreciated!

Garden Club

Our next meeting is the visit to King John's House and Garden on Thursday, April 16th. We look forward to meeting up with you at the house at 10.30am for a tour of the house and garden, followed by tea or coffee and cake at a cost of £10.

The plant sale is on Saturday, May 9th, as always chez the Mornington-West's on Lockerley Green.

Update to Hall Hire Rates

Over the past few years, the running costs of the Hall — including electricity, water, and insurance — have increased significantly. As a result, the Management Committee has reviewed the Hall hire charges. The current rates have been in place since the beginning of 2023, and to help ensure the long-term sustainability of the Hall we will be introducing a modest increase to our hire fees. The updated rates will come into effect from 1 May 2026 and are shown below. We remain committed to keeping the Hall affordable and accessible for the local community while ensuring we can continue to maintain and improve this important village facility.

Room	Resident Rate	Non-resident/ Commercial Rate
Main Hall	£10	£15
Coffee Shop Annex	£7	£8
Reading Room	£6	£7
Kitchen	£6	£8
The Hive	£10	£12

If you have any questions about bookings or hire charges, please contact the bookings team, bookings@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk

An Inspiring Term at West Tytherley C of E Primary School!

West Tytherley C of E Primary School has something to inspire every child! The spring term has been full of exciting opportunities and creative learning.

Oak and Willow Class dived into British Science Week with an engaging workshop led by the Electronics Skills Foundation. Inspired by what they learned, the children went on to design, code and build their own clever 'bot', which could detect noise levels in the classroom and wave when things became a little too loud! The children worked fantastically together and demonstrated STEM attributes such as collaboration, patience and problem solving skills.

Meanwhile, Chestnut Class had the wonderful opportunity to perform in the Voices InSpire concert at Salisbury Cathedral. Voices InSpire is a fantastic collaborative project run by Salisbury Cathedral School and Salisbury Cathedral for primary schools in the local area. Throughout the term, the team visited our school to teach the children a fun repertoire of songs, before bringing all the schools together at the end of term to perform a special concert in the Cathedral for family and friends.

We are incredibly grateful to the Sarah Rolle Trust for awarding us a grant to fund the transport for this trip, which meant the experience could be offered completely free of charge to our families.

Sporting success has also been celebrated, with our KS2 Tag Rugby team proudly bringing home silver medals from their most recent cluster competition.

Looking ahead to the summer term, there is plenty to look forward to as our dedicated teachers continue to bring learning to life. Planned trips include the National Motor Museum, meeting feathered friends at the Hawk Conservancy, and stepping back in time with a WW2 evacuee experience on the Watercress Line.

Finally, a huge thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to help with our vegetable garden project. The garden is now ready for planting and we are excited to see it grow and flourish as the warmer months arrive. If you would like to get involved, please do email schoolveggarden@gmail.com

The Halo Trust, by Major General James Cowan CBE DSO

Stockbridge Town Hall

Wednesday 29th April @5.30 for 6pm * Admisson £20 to include a glass of wine

To register for this event in advance, please pay: St Peters Stockbridge PCC (ref Talk 29 April), acc no. 17804768, sort code 30 98 90

You can also send a cheque payable to St Peter's Stockbridge PCC and ref Talk 29 April on the back, to John Oldfield, 5 Wheelers Yard, Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney, Winchester SO21 3QZ

Some important emails sent to the Editor have not been getting through, which has been very upsetting. 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*

DIARY OF EVENTS

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

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.



WE NEED YOU!



CAKE BAKERS, TEA MAKERS, PIMMS MIXERS, JAR STUFFERS, CROWD CONTROLLERS, FURNITURE MOVERS, RAFFLE PRIZES, STALL HOLDERS, SILENT AUCTION PROMISES

The **West Tytherley Village Fete (9th May)** is a success because of its wonderful team of helpers – join our team for the day or just a couple of hours. Can't be there on the day? Can't do all day? No problem! If you can help this year, please talk to one of the fete committee or email wtytherlevillagefete@gmail.com



Plant sale for scout trip!

I'm Flora, this spring I'm selling a range of plants, including a wide variety of tomatoes and dahlia, strawberries and more! I'm working to raise £3,500 to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland in 2027. Held every 4 years, it's said to be the pinnacle of scouting, with scouts coming together from all over the world.

Check out my online order form below to see everything I have to offer, but be careful to get them before they're gone! Scan the QR code below or email me at floras.plant.sale@gmail.com, we offer free local delivery, with payments as you receive the plants.

Join us for an evening of mystery and intrigue at our interactive **Murder Mystery Evening** on Saturday 18th April (West Tytherley Village Hall). A theatre group will perform a dramatic whodunnit, but the audience becomes the detectives. Question the characters, uncover the clues, and see if you can solve the crime before the final reveal. Everyone's a suspect... can you crack the case?

Bring a picnic lunch and your own drinks.

Tickets £12 (www.westtytherleyhall.co.uk/page/events)



St Winfrith's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

The week before Easter is called Holy Week and is there to help people prepare for Easter. In our churches we are planning for:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Simple Evening Communion Services at different churches around the Benefice

Maundy Thursday – A service called 'Tenebrae', characterized by gradual extinguishing of candles at **Lockerley**

Good Friday – a 3-hour vigil (Noon to 3pm at **East Dean**) remembering the 3 hours that Christ spent on the cross. This will be a service where all ages can come and go, arriving and leaving when they please. There will be quiet, music and words to help our reflections. In the evening come to **Lockerley** (6pm) where the choir will be leading '**The Cross of Christ**' - the story of 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.

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 18th 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. If you would like any further information or help please phone Brian or Marion on 01794 341980. (Please note new number)

Update on the East Tytherley Bells Appeal - It has now been just over six months since the bell ringers of East Tytherley and Lockerley launched our appeal to raise funds to give our wonderful Taylor bells some much-needed care and attention. These bells have served the parish faithfully for more than 100 years. However, as with many things of this age, time has begun to take its toll and they now require significant work to ensure they can continue ringing out across East Tytherley for many years to come. They mark our weddings and funerals, celebrate special occasions, and call us to church services. We made a very encouraging start to the appeal and have already raised just over £17,000, but further funds are still needed to complete the restoration and ensure the bells receive the full attention they require. We will be present at Awbridge Fete, so please do come along and have a chat with us. We would be delighted to tell you more about the bells, their history, and the work that is needed. We hope to organise more fundraising events in the coming months, so please watch this space for news and opportunities to get involved. And finally, if anyone would like to come along to East Tytherley or Lockerley Church and try their hand at ringing church bells, you would be very welcome.

	Holy Week	5 th Apr Easter	12 th Apr	19 th Apr	26 th Apr
East Dean	Fri Noon-3pm Vigil	9am (BCP) Communion	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	-	6.30am Dawn Service	9.30am Short but Sweet	-	-
Lockerley	Thu 7pm Tenebrae Fri 6pm Cross of Christ	1030am Easter Eucharist	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English	Tue 7pm Simple Communion	11am Easter Eucharist	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer
West Tytherley	Wed 7pm Simple Communion	1030am Easter Eucharist	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins
Wellow	Mon 7pm Simple Communion	9.15am Easter Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins

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

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Items for the **May** Edition 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

Churchwardens:

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