November Thorngate Newsletter

Thank you the Lockerley & East Dean Fete committee for kindly sponsoring this edition of the newsletter

Lockerley Walking Group

Join Ruth, Brian, Lyn and Dave for a morning walk on Friday 6th November.
When : Friday 6th November 10 am
Where: Meet at Winterslow Recreation Group, opposite the school in Middle Winterslow. SP5 1RD
Walk: 4.3 miles with no stiles, mostly flat with some gentle gradients

Option for lunch: people can make their own arrangements to eat at the nearby Lord Nelson or The Pump House Bakes or further afield at The Hook and Glove, Farley.

Contact: No need to sign up but contact Ruth (07539 862707) if more details are needed.

Service of Light - Advent

Sunday 30th November, 6pm @ St John's Church Lockerley

Please come and join us as we prepare for the coming of Christmas with a service of Advent readings, hymns and anthems led by the choir. The service begins in darkness and the light is gradually spread through the church as candles are lit. (There will be dim lighting during the service but If you think you would need more light please bring a small torch.) The church will be warm and the service will last no more than an hour!

HARVEST SUPPER

Many thanks to all those who came, cooked, played or helped with the Harvest Supper at Lockerley.
It was a great night for food, fun and music. People contributed generously to the raffle and with the proceeds of the evening we hope to send over £600 to the Disasters Emergency Committee to help with the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Village Quiz Night

Saturday 5 December @ 7:00pm
Lockerley Memorial Hall.
Quiz for teams of up to 6 people. £5 per person.
Please bring a plate of finger food to share and your own drinks and glasses.
Proceeds to be shared between Village Hall and local charity.
Tickets from Marilyn Hind 01794 340023 marilynjhind@yahoo.com

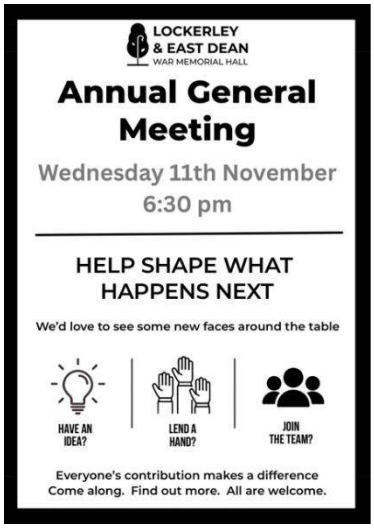
Lockerley Guides and Rangers have two girls who have gone through a selection process and will be representing GirlGuiding UK abroad next summer at two international events. As such they are both required to try and raise as much of the £1200 fee as possible. They have both started their fundraising efforts with bake and craft sales as well as grant applications. If anyone locally was able to assist them with a small donation to their fundraising or with a raffle prize then this would be very much appreciated. For details of how to help please contact the group leader Judith Houghton via **1stlockerleyguides@gmail.com**

Jumble Sale

November 14th, 2-4pm @ King Edwards Hall, West Tytherley
In aid of the village shop extension fund.
We would be grateful for any donations to be brought to the hall on the Friday evening from 6-8, or Saturday morning from 9-12. Please no electrical items.
For more details, please contact Tanya at walloptanya@yahoo.co.uk or Debbie at debbiewhite59@gmail.com

Following the wildfires this summer, **East Tytherley Parish Council** is in the process of producing a Community Resilience Plan. As part of this plan, we are looking to set-up a Community Emergency Response Team of volunteers who would be willing to assist should an emergency occur. We are particularly keen to hear from members of our community who have resources, equipment or skills e.g. 4x4 vehicles, tractors, chain saws, trained medical staff. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council by e-mailing easttytherley.clerk@yahoo.co.uk Additionally, we want to have a list of 'Vulnerable Persons' in our Community Resilience Plan. For your details to be included, please contact the Clerk to the Council. easttytherley.clerk@yahoo.co.uk









Caterpillars Playgroup @ Lockerley Primary School

Every Tuesday during term time 🕘 **9:45am to 10:45am**

💷 **£2.00 per session (pay as you go)**

Come along to our friendly playgroup for children from birth to 5 years old. Sessions are **led by a qualified Early Years Practitioner** and include a variety of engaging activities each week, including toys, songs, stories, crafts and plenty of opportunities for children to play, learn and make new friends.

We also have **baby-weighing scales** available for parents and carers to use. **No need to book.** Just come along and join in the fun! ☕ Refreshments are provided.

We look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces throughout the year.

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

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, or Lucia 07799 561029

We live in a beautiful part of the country but for many who cannot drive this becomes a burden and they rely on the community to transport them to Hospital, Dentist and Doctor appointments. Thorngate Village Care Group provides that support but we need more drivers and Lockerley, East Tytherley and East Dean are particularly short of volunteers.
Can you help? If so, please contact Diana Ayles or another member of the Care Group (details above) and we would be delighted to hear from you and can explain more about the role.

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 **15 November**

Fridays **11 December**

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

Many thanks to the Lockerley Village Fete for their kind donations to both the Thorngate Care Group and the Village Lunch Club

Lockerley Church of England Primary School

It has been a wonderfully busy and inspiring Autumn term at Lockerley Primary School, with pupils embracing opportunities to be creative, support others and strengthen our connections with the local community.

To celebrate National Poetry Day, the children arrived at school to discover that a mysterious fairy door had appeared overnight! The magical arrival captured imaginations across the school and inspired every class to write their own poetry.

The whole school gathered at St John's Church for our annual Harvest Festival, confidently led by our Year 5 and 6 pupils. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school and village community, giving thanks and reflecting on the importance of helping and supporting one another. This has been a key focus this term.

Pupils took part in 'Hampshire's Biggest Game of Simon Says', raising money for the Simon Says Child Bereavement Charity. The event brought plenty of laughter and excitement while helping to raise awareness of an important cause. We are proud to be working towards becoming a Simon Says Champion School, further strengthening our commitment to supporting children's emotional wellbeing.

Community is at the heart of life at Lockerley Primary School, and we were delighted to welcome our local PCSO, Hattie, to school. She spoke to the children about online safety and shared valuable advice about staying safe in the digital world. The visit was a huge success, with pupils enjoying the opportunity to try on parts of a police uniform and even sit inside a patrol car!

Looking ahead, we are excited about several upcoming events, including a community leaf and litter pick ahead of Remembrance Day. We are proud of the way our pupils contribute positively to local life and look forward to continuing our involvement in projects that make a difference to those around us.

If you are considering primary school places for your child, we would be delighted to welcome you to one of our upcoming Open Mornings on 17th November and 12th January. These events are a wonderful opportunity to see the school in action, meet our friendly staff and pupils, and discover what makes Lockerley Primary such a special place to learn and grow.

Christmas Service

We warmly invite you to our Christmas Church Service at St John's Church on **Friday 18th December at 9am.**

SAVE OUR BELLS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ St JOHNS CHURCH LOCKERLEY

A quick reminder, there will be a concert on the 18th of December at 7 pm at St Johns Lockerley by the ROMSEY MALE VOICE CHOIR who have agreed to perform to assist the fundraising for the refurbishment of the bells at East Tytherley which are over 100 years old. This is an incredible opportunity to hear the amazing voices of the male voice choir at the church where they started their performing journey. This will be a Christmas themed evening but also include some of the choirs' favourite songs. More information about the ROMSEY MALE VOICE CHOIR at romseymvc.co.uk. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening and a chance to help to save the bells at East Tytherley for another generation.

We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

Tickets are £15 each and refreshments will be available on the night.
Tickets available from Jen Churchill 01794 340600 or at Lockerley Coffee Shop Mondays and Thursdays 10-11 am; Sheila Piper 01794 340660; Oasis Bookshop in Romsey; Romsey Male Voice Choir – online via ticket source

Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

If you are unable to attend on the night but still wish to give a donation, please contact the bellringer listed above.

Thank You for your support.

"Wonder" at West Tytherley C of E Primary School

Our whole school came together to celebrate National Poetry Day, exploring this year's theme of "Wonder". As part of our celebrations, we delivered our very own poetry post to our neighbours in West Tytherley. We shared beautifully illustrated postcards alongside imaginative poems, spreading a little poetic joy throughout our local community. We are delighted to share below a special poem written collaboratively by Oak Class. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as they enjoyed creating it together!

Nature Poem

Nature is funny like you and me,
It's very impressive, you must agree!
Over the flowers, buzzes a bee,
There's a snake too, can't you see?

The flowers blossom in the spring,
A hummingbird begins to sing,
Menacing wasps do like to sting,
Spider webs are delicate just like string.

In the darkness, there is a mushroom,
In the light, the flowers bloom.
Insects fly and buzz and zoom,
Seed dispersal can go kaboom!

At night, the moon, it likes to rise
Over treetops that are oversized.
At sunset, shadows are disguised
And owls come out, who are so wise.

Nature is wonderful,
We must look after it all:
The big creatures like the deers,
And the bugs, who are so small!

Applications for Year R 2027 open on **1st November**. We've loved welcoming so many families to our open events and seeing them discover what makes our school so special. If you'd like to visit us again, or haven't yet had the opportunity to look around, we'd be delighted to show you more. Please get in touch using the contact details below to arrange a convenient time. We look forward to welcoming you!

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.

West Tytherley Community Store News

We are delighted to share that we now have approval for your West Tytherley Community Store Extension

You are warmly invited to a **Village Extension Project Update Meeting** at **7.30pm on 2nd November** at King Edward Hall.

The committee are inviting villagers who would like to be considered for the **Project Design Team** on behalf of the village **to apply via wtytherleyshop@gmail.com with details on their relevant skills by Tuesday 10th November**. More details on the role of the team will be shared at the meeting.

Upcoming Fund-Raising Initiatives at King Edward Hall

7th November 10am – 12pm : Coffee Pop Up
14th November 2 – 4pm : Jumble Sale
28th November 12 – 3pm: West Tytherley Village Store Christmas Fayre

We raised £171 at the Coffee Morning in East Dean in September for Macmillan nurses. Thank you to those who came for their support.







www.tandbchurches.org.uk
All details of Church Services and Events in one place for easy access

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 November 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)

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*

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



St Winfrip's, East Dean



St Peter's, East Tytherley



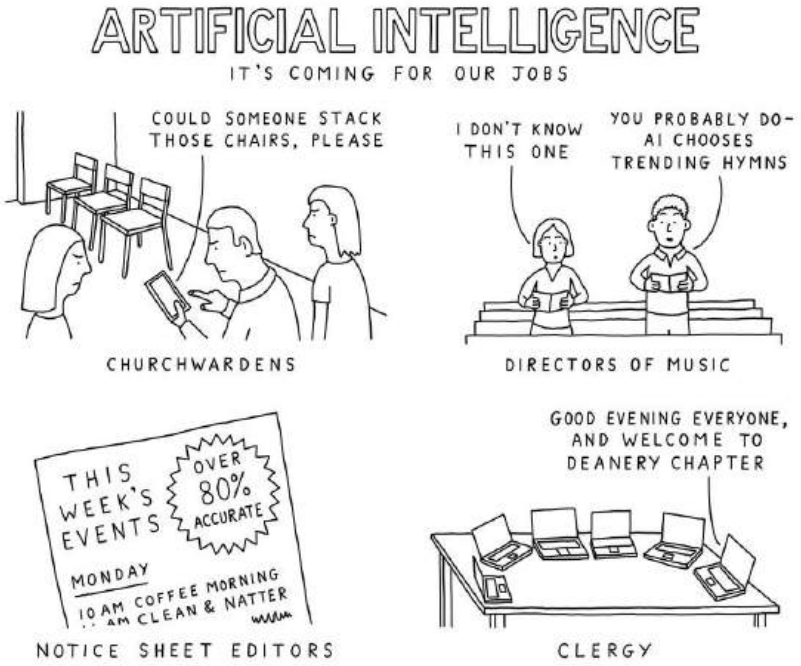
St John's, Lockerley



St Peter's, West Tytherley

Churches were beautifully decorated for **Harvest Celebrations** – I hope that you managed to see them! Lots of food was taken to Romsey Foodbank – thank you.

November is a time for remembering… Some of our Churches have an 'All Souls' Service at the beginning of November at which we remember those who have died, particularly those who have died recently. For **Remembrance Sunday** (8th November), there will be a wide selection of events to help us remember. Around the World there are many things and people to remember. There are 14 to 20 'major' wars ongoing – the war in Ukraine has been going for more than 1,700 days with no signs of ending; and there has been war in Gaza for more than 3 years.



In **Advent** (a church season which starts on Sunday 29th November and ends on Christmas Day) we prepare for Christmas; remembering the coming of God to earth, as a vulnerable child. The fragility of life hasn't changed. The Middle East, Africa, and Ukraine all serve to emphasise that. Next month our magazines and newsletters will be full of details for Advent and Christmas events and services. I hope that you will find time, and make time, in November, to remember and to prepare.

Your Vicar and Rector, James

Cartoon from Dave Walker – cartoonchurch.com

	1st November	8th November	15th November	22nd November	29th November
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	**9am (BCP) Said Communion**	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong	**1030am Benefice Eucharist at Wellow** **6pm Service of Light at Lockerley**
East Tytherley	-	**-**	-	-	
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion **6pm All Souls Service**	**1030am Eucharist** **2.30/3pm Remembrance Service**	1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	
Sherfield English	11am Communion	**1045am Remembrance Service**	11am Family Service	11am Morning Prayer	
West Tytherley	9.45/10am Breakfast Church	**10am Service in Church and 1045am at Memorial**	9am Eucharist	9am (BCP) Matins	
Wellow	9.15am Sung Eucharist	**8.15am Said Eucharist** **10am Service in Village Hall 11am at Memorial**	9.15am Sung Eucharist **4pm Family Service in Village Hall**	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 **December/January** 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 November

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