

February



Thorngate Newsletter

This month's Newsletter is sponsored by Karen James in honour of all those in Military and Civilian Service

Saturday 31st January

(we know the Newsletter comes early!!)

Please join Lockerley Walking group for a circular 5 mile walk around the nature reserve on Christchurch harbour and Hengistbury Head. No stiles. There are wonderful views of the harbour, coast and sea and we will have some time in the Visitor Centre. The Hiker cafe does good soup and snacks and welcomes dogs, and there are picnic tables outside if the sun shines (or even if it doesn't!) New walkers to the group are always welcome.

Meet at 9.30 outside Cyclops Cottage, Lockerley Green and please let us know in advance if you are coming, or if you would be willing to drive, and offer a lift.

Andy and Liz Holton 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 561029

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL LICENSING ACT 2003 - Public Notice

Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall Management Committee is applying to vary its Premises Licence for Lockerley & East Dean War Memorial Hall, Butts Green, Lockerley, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0JG.

If granted the application will allow the following licensable activities to take place: sale of alcohol on the premises

The intention to make any variation to the premises license is to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises. Any person wishing to make representations in relation to this application may do so in writing to:

Licensing Manager, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ

Representations may be made for 28 consecutive days from the date of this notice. A copy of the application for the grant of the above license is kept by the Licensing Authority at the above address. The application can be viewed during normal office hours.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and a person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine.

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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.

Lockerley Parish Council

Have your say:

Do you think it's important to repair and improve the footpath and boardwalk that connects Lockerley to Mottisfont, Dunbridge, the train station and beyond and prevent commuters and walkers being forced onto the dangerous Dunbridge Road?

Please use your camera app to scan this QR code and open this short 4 question survey and have your say...

Survey closes on 12/02/2026

Thank You Lockerley Parish Council

<http://www.lockerley-pc.gov.uk>



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.



FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

6:30-10:30PM

After November's stellar turn-out, the pop up pub returns for its first 2026 outing!

- Fully licensed bar
- Pub games and wonderful company
- Family friendly - youth club with activities and a movie
- Cash & card payments accepted
- All proceeds support your village hall!

We need volunteers to help keep the pub going - please e-mail secretary@lockerleyvillagehall.co.uk if you're interested.

No need to book - come along and enjoy the evening with your community! We look forward to seeing you there!



Caterpillars Playgroup

Every Tuesday during term-time 10:00 – 11am

£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 a qualified Early Years Practitioner

We have baby-weighing scales

Tea and coffee available. Drink and snack for children

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

Lockerley & East Dean Memorial Hall

★ **The Hive Youth Club** ★

We're launching a new Youth Club for Lockerley's young people, starting in January 2026. The club will take place in our newly-refurbished building, The Hive, Lockerley and East Dean Village Hall. Sessions will take place on Friday evenings, initially on a monthly basis. There will be Juniors (Ages 7-11) and Seniors (Ages 11-16). The Club will also run a joint session alongside "The Lock Inn" pub nights.

Our first sessions:

★ 11-16 year olds: Friday 30th January 6.30pm-8.30pm

★ 7-11 year olds: Friday 6th February 5.30-7.30pm

£2 per session (bring along some change for the tuck shop!)

How Can You Help?

The Hive needs your help to get started. We are currently seeking:

👤 Volunteers to ensure we have enough adults to meet the required ratios. You'll sign up for sessions to suit you, and then just turn up and pitch in.

📦 Donations of suitable toys, games, resources and furniture. We're looking for good quality, usable items that Juniors or Seniors will enjoy using with their friends.

👥 Young People whose parents would like to know about registration and session dates

If you can provide any of these, or if you would simply like to keep involved, please complete the form on our website:

Lockerley Primary School

The children at Lockerley Primary School continue to thrive. Our dedicated team of staff work tirelessly to ensure their needs are met academically and socially.

At the end of last term, we had the pleasure of watching our EYFS and KS1 nativity performance. It was delightful and wonderful to see such young children perform with confidence and pride.

We also continue to take our role in the community seriously, with our singing club performing at both the Lockerley Village Lunch Club and Dunwood Manor Care home and the whole school enjoyed a trip to Mottisfont.

Be sure to visit our Facebook page and school website to see all of the enrichment opportunities the children are taking part in this term.

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 24 March 2026.

Please send your application to the Secretary by 14 March 2026.

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

e-mail: sarahrolle1731@gmail.com

Lockerley & West Tytherley Schools

Secretary, Holly Lodge, Top Green, Lockerley, SO51 0JP (01794 279194)

Pop-Up Italian Restaurant

7th February @ 7pm

Fresh Kitchen is bringing vibrant Italian flavours to **Lockerley Village Hall** with a special pop-up restaurant experience.

Indulge in a **freshly prepared 2-course menu** (optional 3rd on the evening) bursting with authentic Italian dishes, all crafted to transport your taste buds for the evening. A fully licensed bar will also be available to complement your meal.

📅 Reserve your place by calling **Natasha Beatty on 07718 912908** or emailing freshkitchen-cs.com to book your table slot.

🎫 Each ticket includes your 2-course Italian meal **plus a contribution towards fundraising for the Village Hall**. Tickets are £25pp

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 C of E Primary School

We are delighted to have started another exciting term, full of fun, learning and new opportunities for our children.

Thank you to everyone for your wonderful support of our festive events at the end of last year. Our KS1 Nativity was a huge success and we were incredibly proud of how confidently and enthusiastically the children performed. The Carol Concert at St Peter's Church was a truly beautiful way to end the term and begin the festive season together as a community.

At West Tytherley, we are committed to providing affordable and enriching wraparound care. Our new after-school clubs have launched this term; the children are thoroughly enjoying the chance to explore a wide range of activities, including martial arts, learning musical instruments, textile design and much more.

The National admissions deadline for children starting school in 2026 has now passed. We have loved welcoming so many families to West Tytherley and showing what a truly special school this is. Places will be confirmed by the council in April.

We look forward to sharing our adventures throughout the year and highlighting the many opportunities available at West Tytherley C of E Primary School.

West Tytherley Village Shop

The West Tytherley Community Shop is really pleased to announce that in the previous two months we have raised an amazing £3,000 from various fundraising activities. This is a great start in our efforts to fund, in partnership with Test Valley Borough council, our community cafe extension.

Many thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered and came to buy at the Craft Fayre (despite the deluge), at the monthly Pop up Cafes, and made and bought the Christmas Wreaths, the raffle tickets and the lovely bits and bobs in the shop. Any other fund raising ideas gratefully received!

Donations still needed of course, and the Pop up Cafes are on going.

Also, a big reminder to our lovely customers, old and new, to support our shop during the cold rainy days of January and February!

SILLY IDEAS NEEDED!

Lets have a laugh and raise money at the Fete!

Got a daft game or stall idea?
We'd love to hear it.

share your ideas
community@lockerleyvillagehall.org.uk

St Peters Church, West Tytherley

Have you got a spare couple of hours free each month to help look after your local church, if so we would like to hear from you.

We are looking for volunteers to keep the church grounds tidy so if you like cutting grass and strimming we would like you to join our friendly team of helpers. You needn't live in West Tytherley!

Please contact Mike Fry on 0194 340392.

West Tytherley Coffee Pop-Up

Our monthly pop-up coffee mornings are helping raise support for the West Tytherley Community Store's planned coffee shop.

After successful mornings in October, November and December, the Village Hall events have become a welcoming place for great cakes, savouries and hot drinks, with a lively buzz that people notice as they arrive.

We're so grateful to everyone who has helped organise, baked, volunteered, and come along to support the project.

The pop-ups have been a great opportunity to bring residents from West Tytherley and nearby villages together.

We're committed to keeping them running each month, so please add 14th February to your diary for the next one. Jane & Tony.

Nicky and Tony Bell would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support following the death of their daughter, Josephine, and especially those who cleaned and decorated St Winfrid's church before the funeral.

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 February 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 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

Community Lunches in Lent

Come for a soup, bread and cheese lunch on Saturdays in Lent between 12 and 2pm

Saturday	Venues and Hosts
21 st February	St Margaret's, Wellow - Church Rooms SO51 6DR (Info - 519433)
28 th February	Karen Walker's Barn – Lodge Farm, The Green, West Tytherley SP5 1LA

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

This year, Lent starts quite early (Ash Wednesday is on 18th February) so you can prepare for Easter (5th April). As Lent begins, it offers us an annual "second chance" to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. It is a time focusing on prayer, generosity, and humbler faith. Our shared journey through Lent, perhaps with a specific study course, helps us arrive at Easter refreshed and energised by the hope of the resurrection.

Lent Course – Thursdays in Lent - 7pm in Wellow Village Hall, Buttons Lane SO51 6BR

Screenings of 'The Chosen' (TV Series on the life of Jesus)

www.thechosen.tv/en-us with snacks and discussion (19th and 26th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March).

Your Vicar and Rector, James

	1 st Feb	8 th Feb	15 th Feb	22 nd Feb
East Dean	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion	6pm (BCP) Evensong
East Tytherley	<i>Services will resume in warmer weather</i>			
Lockerley	8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration	1030am Eucharist
Sherfield English	11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am 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 4pm Messy Church	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

Church Contacts:		Items for the March Edition 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 Latest 15th February	
Churchwardens:			
Lockerley Robert Wallace 07766318975 Sally Masters 01794-340215	West Tytherley Sheridan O'Shea 01794-340253 Lucilla Carr 01794-340831	East Dean Nicky Bell 01794-341228 Diana Ayles 07464956759	East Tytherley Rob Scoones 01794-341269