

DOCKENFIELD

newsletter

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield
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Listen up: this is important

There are a couple of things going on that, Town Crier-like, I feel the need to tell you about. First there is a Waverley Borough Council consultation taking place right now on their housing plans. It doesn't ask *if* houses should be built locally, but *where* they should be built locally. Inevitably it will impact Dockenfield and environs so by definition it impacts you. The article on page 6 gives you the background and tells you how to make your view count. I know doing this stuff might seem as much fun as having your teeth pulled, but if you pass up on this opportunity now, its possible we all might regret it later.

On a merrier note, our village is rightly hailed for its sense of community, its indomitable spirit and its friendliness. There isn't a friendliness fairy that makes this stuff happen; a lot of it is down to the ingenuity and efforts of the residents that run the events that help make the village tick. On page 4 you will find a request for a couple more committee members on the Activities Working Group. Again, it's way easier to ignore this and 'pass by on the other side of the road' but it would be lovely if instead you said '*Yup, I'll do that. I'd like to make a difference*'.
Michael

And just to prove the point about the joy of living in the village, there's a truckload of delicious things to do right on your doorstep in the next couple of months. Take a peek at the Village Diary on page 2 and you will see what I mean.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26 September 10am-12noon at the Bluebell Pub, Dockenfield and Frensham Cricket Club

This year's Macmillan coffee morning is on Friday 26 September between 10am and noon and, like last year, two delightful venues at opposite ends of the Parish are hosting the event.

In Dockenfield, Robin and Lucy Catchpole are hosting the morning at the Bluebell Pub, whilst Frensham Cricket Club has kindly provided their clubhouse and beautiful grounds. If the sun comes out both have lovely gardens or grounds to enjoy, whilst both also offer shelter if the weather is unkind. And both have loads of free parking if they are too far for you to walk.

As most of us are usually dashing about, the coffee morning gives us all a worthy excuse to sit down, talk to our friends and get to know our neighbours, especially if you are new to either village. One way or another we all brush up against cancer at some stage in our lives so understand how important it is to support organisations like Macmillan. Please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee, delicious cake, great company and raise money for Macmillan. If you have any questions about the morning please contact Robin at the Bluebell on Tel: 792801 or Hilary for Frensham Village Shop on Tel: 790010.

**Robin Catchpole (for the Bluebell) and
Hillary Bannister (for Frensham Village Shop)**

Remembrance Sunday

**9 November and Poppy Appeal
Remembrance Sunday**

The timings on Remembrance Sunday are:-

10.15 am	Frensham Memorial Service
10.50 am	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Church, Frensham
12.30 pm	Dockenfield Memorial Service
1 pm	Royal British Legion Club Memorial Service

Poppy Appeal 2014

The Frensham and Dockenfield Poppy Appeal runs from 25 October to 9 November. There will be a team of dedicated collectors visiting each house in Frensham and Dockenfield during that period selling poppies. Donations for poppies can also be made at the usual strategic static locations, such as the Frensham Village Shop, local pubs and schools etc. We raised the fantastic sum of £6,307 last year and it would be wonderful if we could match or even exceed last year's total, to show our village support for such a worthy cause. **Peter James**

Local Poppy Appeal Organiser

See also articles on pages 10 & 12.

VILLAGE DIARY *events you won't want to miss*

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Details
Tuesday, 23 September	6pm	The Jersey, Bats and Beer Farm Walk	Pierrepoint Farm, Frensham	Page 9
Tuesday, 23 September	8pm	Dockenfield Parish Council	Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd	Page 4
Wednesday, 24 September	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 9
Thursday, 25 September	8pm	Frensham and Dockenfield Horticultural Society	Marindin Hall	Page 11
Friday, 26 September	10am-midday	The MacMillan Coffee Morning	The Bluebell pub and Hollowdene, Frensham	Pages 1
Thurs-Sun, 2-5 October	11am-5pm (Fri til 8pm)	Art Inspired by Gardens	The Barn at Bury Court Bentley	Page 3
Monday, 6 October	3pm	Village Tea	Church Hall, St Mary's	Page 9
Friday, 10 October	7pm	Harvest Supper	The Church of the Good Shepherd	Page 3
Saturday, 11 October	9.30-11am	Village Plant Sale	The Village Shop	Page 11
Tuesday, 14 October	7.30pm	Frensham and Dockenfield History Group	Marindin Hall	Page 13
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Saturday, 25 October	7.30pm	Hannah Poulson in concert with The Waverley Singers	St Andrew's Garrison Church Aldershot	Page 3
Friday, 31 October	3.30pm	The Halloween Children's Party	The Bluebell pub	Page 5
Monday, 3 November	3pm	Village Tea	Church Hall, St Mary's	Page 9
Sunday, 9 November	12.30pm	Remembrance Sunday, Dockenfield Memorial Service	War Memorial, The Street	Page 1
Tuesday, 11 November	7.30pm	Frensham and Dockenfield History Group	Marindin Hall	Page 13
Tuesday, 18 November	10am-4pm	Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Gift Fair	Frensham Heights School	Page 3
Thursday, 20 November	7.30pm	Millbridge WI	Marindin Hall	Page 9
Sunday, 7 December	10.30am	Help put up the Village Christmas Tree	Corner of Green Lane and The Street	Page 4
Monday, 8 December	6.45pm	Village Christmas Carols	The Bus Shelter, corner of Lake Lane and The Street	Page 4
Saturday, 13 December	4-6pm 8pm 'til late	Children's Xmas Party Adults' Xmas Party	The Bluebell pub	Page 4
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Dockenfield in the Green Belt?

Hidden among the volumes of documents recently placed on the Waverley website dealing with the consultation proposals for meeting the large number of new homes needed in Waverley to meet the Government's housing policies is one headed "Green Belt Review Part 2: areas with potential to be added to the Green Belt".

A surprise inclusion is the land to the south of the Long Road in Rowledge (already a candidate for upgrading to AONB status) - and that includes Dockenfield. Those with a long memory will recall the efforts of the Parish Council and others back in the 1980s to secure inclusion of the village in the Green Belt - to no avail then. It is early days yet but maybe Dockenfield will finally get what it asked for over 30 years ago. What this confirms is that all in Dockenfield are fortunate to live in a beautiful area and one now well recognised as such.

Colin Hall, CPRE Waverley District Committee

'Art inspired by Gardens'

Thursday-Sunday, 2-5 October at The Barn at Bury Court, Bentley

This exhibition is the result of more than a year's work by a group of artists (from Dorset to Hampshire, and Dockenfield!) who embrace a wide range of techniques and materials, from textiles to glass engraving, ceramics, sculpture, painting and wood engraving.

It is also a great opportunity to see the superb gardens at Bury Court (with no entry charge), which are owned by plantsman John Coke, designed by Piet Oudolf and Christopher Bradley Hole. The Barn is well known as a wedding venue.

Alison Ellen designs hand knitwear, dyeing her wools in rich and varied colours, and has been working from colours and textures in plants and in the building colours at Bury Court of stone, brick and tile.

Jonathan Garratt, who has work at the Crafts Study Centre in Farnham, makes both innovative ceramic plant containers and installations for gardens.

Anne Hayward will show wood engravings and paintings, and Richard Hayward makes sculptures in wood and stone, both depicting garden activities, human and animal.

Sally Scott is a painter and glass engraver, enjoying both landscape and details of gardens, and Tracey Sheppard's glass engraving is shown on small glass pieces as well as commissions for churches.

Liz Vonberg paints on silk, making cards, scarves, hangings and screens.

The artists will be giving talks and demonstrating their work each afternoon. Open 2-5 October inclusive 11-5 daily; late night Friday till 8pm. For information visit www.burycourtbar.com (and for sat nav use the post code is GU105LY)

Alison Bosence

Hannah Poulson with The Waverley Singers

Hannah Poulson will be singing solo with the Waverley Singers at the start of their Diamond Jubilee season on **25 October** at St Andrew's Garrison Church in Aldershot at 7.30pm. The concert, the very beautiful Durufle Requiem, and Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs", will be accompanied by the Brandenburg Sinfonia. Tickets £15 and £5 (under 16 and students) available from Tel: 792563 or www.waverleysingers.com and all choir members. I believe she has a personal following, and maybe they'd like to know - do you think?

Mayonne Coldicott

You bet they'd like to know, hearing Hannah sing is a major treat. Thanks for getting in touch.

Harvest Festival

This years Harvest Festival Services are at: the Good Shepherd, on Sunday **5 October** at 10.30am; and at St Mary's on Sunday **12 October** at 10.30am.

Jane Walker

Harvest Supper

Friday 10 October, 7pm at the Good Shepherd

The Harvest Supper is one of the great traditions of the village and (pardon the pun) one of those evergreen events that is always really popular; so best get to buying your tickets pronto. They cost just £10 each and this entitles you to a free welcome glass of wine or soft drink, a two-course meal and entertainment. Plus of course the company of friends and neighbours is an added free bonus. Buy your tickets from The Village Shop, Richard Potter (Tel: 794727) or Pat Telfer (Tel: 793549).

Christmas Gift Fair

In aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

Tuesday 18 November, 10am - 4pm at Frensham Heights School

Don't miss our annual Christmas Gift Fair with over 40 quality stalls (50% new to the fair this year) selling new gifts for the home, scarves, cashmere jumpers, toys, floral arrangements, paintings, candles, jewelleryand many more ideas for Christmas.

With convenient free parking, and coffee, cakes/mince pies, you can do your Christmas shopping in comfort, in the beautiful grounds of Frensham Heights School, and support your local Hospice. Only £3 entry.

With many thanks to Frensham Heights School for donating their fantastic venue free to help raise funds for the Hospice. All profits go directly to our fabulous local hospice.

Tess Russell, Frensham & Dockenfield Support Group

News from Dockenfield Parish Council

Next Meeting Dates. The next Parish Council Meeting dates are Tuesdays **23 September, 14 October 11 November.** There is no meeting in December. The meetings are held at 8pm in the vestry at the Good Shepherd and everyone is welcome to come along for all or part of any meeting. Please note that there are some changes to the dates announced in the previous edition of DNL.

Oak Tree at the Playing Field. You may have noticed the Oak tree at the entrance to Abbott's Cottages playing field has been dead for some considerable time. The WBC tree officer has decided this will be cut down. At present we have not been advised of a date.

Local Plan. Waverley Borough Council is currently consulting about local housing needs and plans. Please see page 6 for full information

Village Email List. If anyone wishes to be put on the Village Email List please contact Jessica Hobday at dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

When the Flag is at Half Mast. If you see the flag in the gardens of the Good Shepherd flying at half mast it invariably means that sadly someone either in or close to the village has died. But then of course, other than by asking around you have no means of knowing who it is. So in future it has been agreed that, on such occasions, a note will be pinned to the back of the church gate with the name of the deceased on it. **Jill Trout and Jessica Hobday**
Email: dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk
Website: www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk

Dockenfield Activities Working Group (DAWG)

There will be changes to the Activities Group, coming in to effect from 1 January next year.

Firstly, Michael Foster will be stepping down from his role effectively responsible for all the communications. Part of the reason that Dockenfield Day has become busier and busier over the years is down to the huge effort made by Michael in contacting various publications to ensure that awareness of the Day is raised throughout the Farnham area. And, if you're wondering who over the past (15) years has put up and taken down the posters that magically appear at various strategic locations in the weeks leading up to the fete: well, that's due to Michael, too. A big thank you is due to him.

Secondly, I will be stepping down from my role of Chairman, to be replaced jointly by Pamela Mansell and Roly Miles. Both Michael and I will, however, remain on the Activities Group to ensure a smooth transition.

Last, but by no means least, the Activities Group would welcome some new members, particular anyone with younger children. If you would like to know more about what's involved, please feel free to contact me. **Sebastian Fox Tel: 07930 98 66 77**

sebastianfox@hotmail.co.uk

And a huge vote of thanks to Seb for Chairing the Committee with such energy and distinction for very nearly ten years. As far as I am aware he is the longest serving Chairman of the Group and the success of the events it has run over the past 9-10 years is down in no small measure to his efforts. During the same period Pamela Mansell has served as Deputy Chairman of the Group and now becomes joint Chairman. Which presumably means that she can no longer lay claim to the title of Deputy DAWG!

Christmas in Dockenfield

Help put up the Village Christmas Tree

Sunday 7 December, 10.30am at the corner of Green Lane and The Street

Great fun for adults and children and less than an hour of your time.

Village Christmas Carols

Monday 8 December, 6.45pm at the Bus Shelter, corner of Lake Lane and The Street

Wonderfully traditional and a highlight of the village Christmas calendar, with free mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Parties

Saturday 13 December at the Bluebell Pub, Children 4-6pm, Adults 8pm 'til late

Following last year's successful trial, Robin and Lucy have kindly agreed to host the Christmas Party again at the Bluebell on Saturday 13 December. The format will be slightly changed, however: there will be children's party from 4-6pm including games and with Father Christmas making an appearance. Between 6 – 8pm there will be a quiet period with food for children and adults (a buffet again), with music starting from 8pm onwards 'til late. Both parties will be ticketed (in advance and on the door). Look out for further details in the next Newsletter. **Sebastian Fox**

Dockenfield Newsletter

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Events at the Bluebell

Autumn opening times. Monday-Friday Bar: 12-3 and 5:30-11 *Food* 12-3 6-9; **Saturday Bar:** 12-11 *Food* 12-3 and 6-9; **Sunday** 12-7 *Food* 12-4 Please book for food, especially Sundays. They are able to open outside of these times if given plenty of notice.

New food menu will launch by 22 September. They are looking for professional samplers to try it and give us some feedback. So on Thursday **25 September** they will be offering a new menu tasting with wine to accompany for £20 per person. Please call and book if you would like to take part.

New snack menu – coming soon, available 3-6pm, Saturday and Sunday.

October and November Specials– Beat the winter blues with discounts throughout these months. These will include lunch specials from £7.45 Tuesday –Thursday; Thursday evening 25% food discount for bookings only. They will have a range of bin end wines at £10.95 bottle as well as many other offers.

MacMillan Coffee Morning. On Friday **26 September** the pub will be taking part in the Macmillan ‘Big Coffee Morning’ from 10am-midday, with free cakes and coffee with all the money raised going to the charity.

Halloween Children’s Party on Friday **31 October** the pub will be repeating their successful Halloween Party from 3:30 pm with fun and games and a buffet. Tickets cost £7.95 and must be booked in advance.

A first look at Christmas Their Christmas bookings menu is now available; please call if you would like a copy. The format over Christmas will be similar to last year: **Christmas Eve:** Live music and fun with Micky Kemp; **Christmas Day:** open for drinks 12-2; **Boxing Day:** the return of our very successful game menu with early booking essential **New Year’s Eve:** food menu served this year and disco until late.

Contact. Keep in touch with the Bluebell on their website www.bluebell-dockenfield.com or Tel: 792801. If anyone would like to receive a small number of informative emails per year about events at the pub please just email info@bluebell-dockenfield.co.uk and ask to be added to their email list.

And at our other local venues

Ahead of each edition I email all of the pubs, clubs and hotels in the wider Parish to ask for details of any live music and other special events they may be hosting and list them below if given. Where I have received no information the venue is simply listed so you can check any events with them direct.

The Frensham Pond Hotel (Tel: 795161, www.bw-frenshampondhotel.co.uk)

Adele Tribute Night: Saturday **4 October** £36.00 per person to include Tribute Act, dinner and disco. (Overnight package £72.50 pp to include accommodation for 2, Full English breakfast, tribute act, 3 course dinner & disco).

Wedding Fayre: Sunday **12 October** from 11am - 3.30pm. Free entry; all brides-to-be receive a goody bag .

Hare and Hounds, Rowledge (Tel: 792287)

Open (Acoustic) Mic Nights: 8.30pm on Fridays **26 September, 31 October** and **28 November**

Music Night: Friday 3 October: the ‘Arc Band’ **Saturday 8 November:** The ‘Blaggards’ (to be confirmed)

Curry Nights: always on the last Wednesday of the month, from Bentley Tandoori.

The Holly Bush, Frensham (Tel: 447060 www.thehollybush.co.uk); **Frensham Royal British**

Legion (Tel: 793014); **Cherry Tree, Rowledge** (Tel: 792105, www.thecherrytreerowledge.co.uk) I am

told that there is about to be a change of licensee at this pub. **The Halfway House** at Bucks Horn Oak.

Have you noticed that the ‘For Sale’ sign has disappeared from this pub, or it had at the time of writing. And there is a rumour (just a *rumour* mind) going around that it has been sold to developers.

‘Mad dogs and Englishmen’.....

Remember how lovely the summer was until August got in the way? Wall to wall blue skies with temperatures hitting the thirties. Very un-British I know but lovely all the same as we all rejoiced in the sun’s warming rays. Science meanwhile can tell us more and more about the sun, and so here are some facts you might like to ponder when you are next applying the factor 50:

- Every second the sun releases the equivalent of 90 billion one-megaton hydrogen bombs. You’ll be glad to hear that only a tiny fraction of that comes our way
- The light that does reach us has travelled at 186,282 miles per second
- 25% of all adults sneeze when exposed to strong sunlight and nobody knows the reason why
- 1,300,000 earths would fit inside the sun
- Twenty to thirty minutes exposure to the sun provides 10,000 units of vitamin D

Consultation on Potential Housing for the Waverley Local Plan

Jill Trout (on behalf of Docketfield Parish Council) has received the following document from Graham Parrott, Planning Policy Manager of Waverley Borough Council and since its contents impact upon everyone who lives in and around Docketfield, it was thought best to publish the item in full with a recommendation that all residents read it carefully and send in their comments in one of the ways described below.

Waverley Borough Council is consulting on a number of potential housing scenarios and other issues to help draw up a new Local Plan. This consultation will help us to decide where future developments should go. It will run from **3 September until 17 October**.

Waverley currently has more than 50,000 homes but evidence shows that we may need to find space for around 8,500 more homes between 2013 and 2031. This means that almost all the towns and villages in Waverley will have to find space for at least some new housing.

On or around 8 September, if you are a resident or a business in the Borough, you will receive a special edition of the Council's publication 'Making Waves', which will provide some information about the potential scenarios for where housing could be located as well as information on some of the other issues to be covered by the Local Plan. A feedback form will also be included. This summary leaflet clearly cannot cover the whole subject matter and so we would encourage you to read the Council's main document explaining this: "**Consultation on Potential Housing Scenarios and Other Issues for the Waverley Local Plan**". That document, together with links to all the supporting documents and evidence, can be found on the Council's website at www.waverley.gov.uk/newlocalplan. They will also be available to see at the Council's offices at Godalming and Farnham, and at Farnham library.

Making your comments online

If you have responded to a more recent consultation in the last year, such as the Statement of Community Involvement, you can login using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password you can get a reminder. If you have never made any comments online, please register. You will then receive a verification email and be able to take part.

When on the consultation page, you will be prompted to complete the questionnaire, which is a mainly a series of questions asking you to make choices and to rank the scenarios. There are other questions which ask you to give your views and comments. If you run out of space, simple instructions will help you to attach a document to this part of the questionnaire. *Please remember to save your response.* You can save your answers as a draft and return to it later. You can also download the summary document as a pdf file to read alongside the questionnaire. There is also a link on this page to the various evidence documents. Please be aware that some are very large and may take a while to download.

Other ways to respond

You can also fill in the paper version of the feedback form or download a copy to complete from the above webpage, and drop it into the Council's Godalming office, or post it to FREEPOST RTJE EUXU RTKT, Waverley Borough Council, Planning Services, Council Offices, The Burys, Godalming GU7 1HR.

All responses will be publicly available and cannot be treated as confidential (identifiable by name and organisation only). Please note that any other personal information provided will be used by Waverley Borough Council to monitor responses and to notify you of other policy consultations, and will not be used for any other purposes. All responses will be checked and any considered to be inappropriate will be removed.

Talk to us

In addition to the information available online and in the libraries, there will be a mobile exhibition trailer in the four main settlements and some of the villages. Please see the locations and venues for these at www.waverley.gov.uk/newlocalplan. For more information or assistance on this consultation please contact the Waverley Planning Policy Team on 01483 523291 or email planningpolicy@waverley.gov.uk.

Please also note an exhibition about the plan is being held at Hollowdene Recreation Car Park from 2-4pm on Wednesday **15 October**, or you can catch it earlier that day in Tilford Riverside Car Park from 11am-1pm. If neither of this suits you (or you thing that the timings are perilously close to the deadline for comments just two days later), then the exhibition will be in the Central Car Park in Farnham from 10am-4pm on Saturday **27 September**. A full list of other locations of the exhibition and for all other details of this important consultation can be found on the Waverley website www.waverley.gov.uk

Letters to the Editor

Issues in Old Lane

I felt I must put finger to keyboard to raise two issues that have occurred down Old Lane. Today Friday 29 August we were victims of fly-tipping in one of our field gateways between the hours of 11am and about 3pm. It consists mainly of roofing felt, timber and general rubbish so if anyone happened to see who perpetrated this act please could you let me know on 07799267178.

The other issue I have is why do we need the road sweeper down Old Lane three to four times a year? I contacted Waverley and was told that they were obliged to clean certain roads and Old Lane was one of them. I did try to explain that it was a country lane and that personally I would rather they spent money on verge cutting and doing the ditches but was rebuffed. What are the people of Old Lane and Dockenfield's views on this as I think that it is a total waste of our council tax?

Jo Paul 2, Manor Farm Cottages, Old Lane

TAG Farnborough Airspace Change

Residents of Dockenfield may be interested in some additional information about the proposed change in airspace governing flights to and from Farnborough. Consultation on this change in airspace is being run by TAG Farnborough, the operators of Farnborough airfield. This is a subject that concerns me and the club I belong to (Lasham Gliding Society). Several members of the Society are experts on airspace matters, and one such member gave me his views about the height at which aircraft will overfly Dockenfield.

The proposal is for the airspace over Dockenfield to be lower. If the claimed airspace is used, the aircraft will be lower, although in their briefing on the proposals, TAG have given the impression that changes will allow aircraft to fly higher over this area than at present. The crucial point is that if they plan to fly higher than at present, then one cannot see why they would need to claim LOWER airspace than at present.

Prior to the consultation, aircraft normally were cleared for continuous climb out of Farnborough and radar data issued by TAG supports this. Heathrow aircraft are much higher at Farnham. This allows aircraft to climb beneath them if they so desire. However since the consultation started, some, not all, aircraft controlled by TAG Farnborough have been flying lower to occupy the claimed airspace.

A noise diagram that is part of the consultation package, based on the claimed airspace being actually used, shows Dockenfield as directly under one of the proposed routes out of Farnborough. From the current 5 to 8 overflights per day, the proposals suggest there will be 65 flights/day with a noise level increasing from <57dBA to 64-69dBA. The latter noise band is equivalent to a vacuum cleaner passing by at a distance of 1m to 3m with an effect ranging from loud (normal speech intelligibility likely to be affected) to annoyingly loud (speech likely to be interrupted).

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Unfortunately the consultation process is now closed, but I hope this information may be useful when we next are consulted by TAG about increasing the number or size of jets being allowed to use Farnborough

Tim Coldicott

Interestingly the Farnham Herald of 5 September reports that 'the (TAG) consultation generated more than 13,000 comments from in excess of 2,500 stakeholderswith the vast majority of comments – between 97-99% in most categories - criticising the proposals'

A Village Lunch “thank you”

The Village Lunch at the Royal British Legion on 23 July on what must have been the hottest day of the year (!) was in aid of the Church flower fund.

In response to an appeal by the Rev Jane a most generous array of up-market saleable goods, raffle prizes and delicious home-made cakes were supplied by friends in the parish. The sales table and raffle were manned by members of the flower arranging teams as well as three little girls who enjoyed playing “shops” for real - a wonderful help on such a hot afternoon!

As well as enjoying a delicious lunch supplied by Pat Clough and her team, the event raised over £200 which was divided equally between St Mary's and The Good Shepherd. Thanks to all who came to support this worthwhile cause.

Jeannie Rendell and Lynda Newman

Thanks for the stamps

I have collected all the stamps from Marjorie and Jack Bessant today (16 August). Thank you to all the people of the village for their continued support.

Margaret Mullery

Jack and Marjorie welcome used stamps from any country in any condition. They pass them on to Margaret who in turn uses them to raise money for charity. Please deliver yours to 1 Beales Cottages, The Street, GU10 4JH.

“The Frensham Rose”

After several years battling unsuccessfully with the roe deer that came into the village and took a fancy to the roses at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rev Jane made a decision to have them re-homed. An appeal to parishioners was made last month to those who would like one as a keepsake.

An enthusiastic response has meant that all the roses have now been carefully lifted and re-planted in gardens in Frensham and Dockenfield where they will be nurtured back to full health.

The rose-beds will now be seeded over and the task of those on the Church mowing rota made much easier as a result!

Patrick Rendell

News from our Local Police Officer

Wishing a sad farewell to Alex Regan

I need to start this article with some sad news. Your Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Alex Regan has now left us for pastures new in our Firearms section. Alex is a very hard working and keen officer who always did his best for the local residents of the area and I consider him to be both a colleague and a friend, who I will miss. However I am very pleased for him as it has always been his dream to join Firearms. I am sure that he will do well.

PC Ian Heaphy has now taken over from Alex and has already stopped an HGV in Dockenfield and issued a ticket to the driver for using his mobile phone. Ian has over 20 years experience in the Police, he is extremely knowledgeable and really enjoys the challenges of neighbourhood policing. We are extremely lucky to have him. I know that Ian is thrilled to have our area, as he has wanted it for sometime, and I am hopeful the he will remain your local Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for many years to come.

Introduction of our new weekly surgery at the Spar shop in Elstead

As many of you will already be aware, for a number of years we have attended monthly surgeries in a number of locations within the area, the nearest to you being the Frensham Local Shop and Post Office. Unfortunately due to a lack of public participation we are now stopping these. We have however replaced them with a weekly surgery held each Wednesday at the Spar Shop in Elstead from 2:30pm to 3:00pm in the afternoon.

If you have any worries or concerns that you wish to discuss with us face to face, regarding the local area, then please feel free to come down and see us at the Spar. Alternatively, you can still contact us by phone on the non-emergency number 101 and ask to speak to your local Neighbourhood Team or via email on waverley@surrey.police.uk. We will be more than happy to visit you at home and are partial to tea and biscuits.

Burglary symbols – an urban myth?

Over the years we have received a number of reports relating to symbols left outside properties supposedly marking them for the attention of burglars. Information regarding these has been circulated, from time to time, internally within the Police and is readily available to the general public via the internet. However, research has recently been completed and no evidence has been found to support the theory that these symbols are used as 'Burglary Markers'.

Dockenfield Reported Crime Figures to Surrey Police from 5 July 2014 to 8 September

We have one report of a ride on mower together with a number of items, including jerry cans containing unleaded petrol, being stolen from the garage of a property in the area.

PCSO John Francis, Police Community Support Officer
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Speed Guns in Dockenfield

My wife Rosemary and I, along with our two boxer dogs, moved to Dockenfield just over two years ago and we love everything that country living in such a wonderful village has to offer..... except one thing SPEEDING DRIVERS along just about every country lane

We walk our dogs usually twice a day often in the Alice Holt Forest, and *every* day have to dive for cover in the hedge rows to avoid vehicles and drivers of every description racing along the lanes without a care in the world for pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers or equestrians. This irresponsible and frankly dangerous behavior has to stop!

About 6 months ago I contacted PC Francis to be a "speed gun operative" in Dockenfield and surrounding area after seeing the police article asking for voluntary temporary operatives. During our conversation PC Francis explained that it would involve the odd half day here and there around Dockenfield and Frensham and that I would need to attend a half day training session somewhere local to learn how to work a speed gun. Anyhow, last week, out of the blue I received a call from PC Francis to see if I was still able to help out with the speeding problem as he was trying to put a local team together.

PC Francis is very keen to get more locals on board to try and help put an end this problem. If anybody can spare the odd morning or afternoon please contact him on the number or email above. **Tony Faun, Boundary Road**

Are Hampshire folk purer than Surrey folk?

An item in the Farnham Herald of 1 August revealed that Surrey is a 'UK library lending hotspot' for the book *Fifty Shades of Grey* and its sequels'. So does this mean that those of you who live in Hampshire are purer of soul, more clean living and less saucy than your Surrey neighbours? Or does it mean that you have bought the books for yourselves and have no need of the library?

Downing a pint of history

A number of DNL readers made their way to the first 'open weekend' at the new Frensham Brewery at the beginning of August. I know this for a fact as we met some on their way back as we were heading there ourselves on the Sunday. Quite apart from the fact that we already knew them as friends, they were easily recognisable as brewery visitors by the broad smiles on their faces and the beer they were carrying home under their arms.

I asked our resident history expert David Graham whether he knew of any history of brewing in the parish. Farnham of course was a major centre for brewing at the Maltings until comparatively recently, and good beer continues to be brewed as locally at the Hogs Back Brewery ('TEA' and others), and Triple F Brewery at Four Marks ('Moondance' as one example). But neither David nor his colleagues knows of any brewery that has existed in Dockenfield and Frensham. So when you order a pint of Frensham Brewery's first offering 'Forager', you may just be about to down a pint of history.

In fact 'Forager' seems to be going down a storm. Locally it is served at the Bluebell, where landlord Robin reports that it is '*flying off the shelves*', and it's a guest ale at the British Legion in Frensham and the Crossways Inn, Churt. And they have just launched their second brew, a 3.9% pale ale that goes under the name of 'Rambler'.

The Brewery is also getting involved in The Surrey Food and Farm Week which runs from 21 – 28 September. As part of that Pierrepoint Farm are holding a **Jerseys, Bats and Beer Farm Walk on Tuesday 23 September** at 6pm. It's an opportunity to soak up the natural beauty of the farm, see the pedigree jersey cows enjoying the freedom of their 24 hour robotic milking partner, identify several species of bat on the farm, and then finish with a visit to the brewery where they will be able to sell pints direct until 8pm. For information tel: 07922 132115.

Meanwhile, the Farnham Herald picked up the story of the Brewery by reading it in DNL and ran a sizeable photographic article about it in late August, which is nice.

For details of Frensham Brewery's open weekends please visit their website www.frenshambrewery.co.uk or call Emily Stephens on tel: 07917 696069.

Comings...

A warm Dockenfield welcome to

- Rob and Kari O' Connell and their two daughters Linnea and Solveig to 2 Weyside Cottages, The Street.
- Sarah and Per Jensen who moved into St Crispin in The Street in July together with their 5 year old daughter Minty and 12 year old Golden Retriever, Twiggy. They have moved to the village having spent the last couple of years living in Farnham, although Per originally hails from Denmark
- Jessica and Billy Blowers who have moved into The Sun Loft, Manor Farm in Old Lane

...goings...

I have no news of any departures for this edition

...and congratulations

- To Annabel and Tim Legge on the birth of their son Alec, who weighed in at 7lb 10oz on 6 September. Annabel and Tim left Dockenfield to move to Tilford at the end of last year but are still much involved in the village

Please consider your neighbours (and their pets)

Halloween and Bonfire Night aren't that far away. So if you are planning to 'trick or treat' or have fireworks then please do so thoughtfully and with consideration for others.

Millbridge WI

Thursdays 16 October, 20 November and 18 December, 7.30pm at the Marindin Hall

The final three meetings of 2014 for the Millbridge WI are:

16 October: Mr Shapey – 'The Mary Rose Trust'

20 November: Annual General Meeting

18 December: Christmas Party with magician John Field
For more information please contact **Julie Evans** on Tel: 793075.

Monthly tea at St Mary's

We had the first gathering on 1 September which was fairly well attended and we had lovely tea and cakes. The next two are on Mondays **6 October** and **3 November**. All welcome.

Jane Walker

Village Lunch

Wednesdays 24 September and 22 October, midday at the British Legion

The next two Village Lunches are on the above dates. The accompanying charity sales tables and raffles will be in support of the Village Lunch funds itself and St Mary's Frensham Trust respectively.

Dockenfield Day 2015

Dockenfield Day next year will be on **Saturday 6 June**. Put that date in your diaries now and then you can't fail but be there can you?

Robert Farrant

You may have read a piece in the last edition of DNL (number 244, page 4) written by Jill Trout, saying farewell to Robert and Brenda Farrant who moved to Crondall in June after 43 years' living in Dockenfield. Tragically, on 14 July within a few short weeks of that move Robert died suddenly. His funeral on 29 July and the wake at the Bluebell were attended by many of his friends from the village. Long term friend and colleague from Dockenfield Parish Council, Jill Trout wrote a tribute to Robert and this is an extract from her "Memories of Robert".

Robert, a gentle man of the village and forest, lover of good red wine and unashamed stealer of crayons.

Father and husband to a trio of suffragette proportions.

Proud grandfather of four delightful and very individual children

And especially those things he meant to all of us who knew him.

For my part his unbounding sense of humour in any situation.

Shadowed tightly by an unfair amount of sensible advice on all occasions.

I cannot ever recall Robert having a cross word but he could get quite upset if we did not provide his chosen biscuits at a meeting!

How he enjoyed his endless walks in the Forest frequently to be seen strolling along with Daisy somewhere in the undergrowth

So many people recall friendly conversations.

And we cannot forget those dogs. – all adored Robert, although it was tricky to work out who was in control! I am pretty sure money would be put on Maude and Daisy.

Parish campaigns sometimes seemed endless and one in particular, when he was Chairman went on well into several late nights.

We achieved many positive results for the village due to his dogged enthusiasm, love of the Village and fair play.

He and I even reached the dizzy heights of an audience with Lord Rooker, although seeming unimpressed, Robert spent the whole journey to Waterloo persuading me I wanted a burger at Burger King when we arrived.

So we have to say farewell to this unassuming man of great dignity, humanity and courage, who will leave a gap in so many lives like that made by a proud oak that has fallen in our forest.

Jill Trout

Why we love the Poppy Symbol

In the 100th anniversary year of the outbreak of World War One, it seems appropriate to print the poem 'In Flanders Fields' that became the inspiration behind the now internationally loved poppy symbol.

During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2 May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell had landed near him. He was serving in the same Canadian artillery unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander **Major John McCrae**.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty that evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields".

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Neighbourhood Watch

In the early hours of Wednesday, 27 August, a garage in the village was broken into and a ride-on mower loaded onto a trailer and driven away. The incident was reported to the police and a warning e-mail to Dockenfield residents circulated by our Parish Clerk. At the same time, a neighbour reported that his garden had also had some unwelcome visitors who had apparently attempted to steal a similar machine, but may have been deterred by the difficulty of access.

In an earlier issue of DNL, I mentioned the availability of alarms suitable for sheds and garages and these more recent occurrences highlight the need to fit an alarm to all outbuildings wherever possible, and to keep a note of serial numbers of machinery where appropriate.

Patrick Rendell

If you would like to join the 'village alert list' just send an email to Jessica Hobday the Parish Clerk (dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk) asking for your name to be added to the list.

Let's shake on it

Did you know that hand-shaking dates back to Babylonian times and is thought to be a gesture of peace, demonstrating that weapons have been put aside?

Frensham and Dockenfield Horticultural Society

The Society has just organized its Autumn flower, fruit and veg show and we were very pleased to see a number of new faces entering our Open Classes for the show. Although we are, at the core, a horticultural and produce society the Society's shows also include competitions for the best cookery, some handicrafts and photography (albeit with a horticultural slant). This year, for the first time we have made all these non-horticultural classes open for anyone to enter. So this year we have had a lot more cakes, jams and preserves entered which has kept the judge busy with her tasting. So, if you want to enter the local version of the Great British Bake Off (without the cameras) then please think about entering something in the Spring Show.

The other highlight of the Open Classes was the heaviest pumpkin competition. Some rather small but beautifully formed entries came in from the Society but these were boosted by an 11.5 kg entry from Frank Rhodes of Wey Valley House (retirement home next to the Sports Centre in Farnham) but nothing could beat the 93 kg whopper from Frantesak (Frodo) Bodny from the Mill House, Frensham. Certainly the largest pumpkin many of us had seen, but somewhat short of the UK record of 689 kg set last year by a grower from Dorset. David Poulson is to be thanked for providing scales that would weigh the beast.

For next year the details of the classes and how the exhibits should be prepared will, as always, be advertised ahead of time in this Newsletter and the Frensham Parish Magazine.

Our next events will be an evening talk on **25 September** (8pm Marindin Hall) on "Autumn Activities- Looking Forward to Spring" by Paul Patton. Paul is a local horticulturist and has given a number of talks to the Society and these are always instructive and delivered in a lively and entertaining style. Who will forget his quiz on how many teeth does a slug have!

This will be followed by a **Plant Sale** at the Village Shop, Frensham on Saturday **11 October** from 9.30 till 11am. So why not call in and buy some plants when you collect your Saturday paper? Alternatively, if you have some plants that have got too big, and can be divided for others to share, please bring them along.

The final talk of the year will be by Dr Susan Johnson on "Darwin Inspired Gardening". Whether you are interested in the evolution of plants or selecting for new varieties there should be something of interest here. Same time, same place, as the talk above but on **23 October**. If you have not been to one of our talks you are welcome to turn up and then stay for a chat over tea, coffee and biscuits with others in the village keen on gardening.

Dan Bosence (Chairman, Frensham and Dockenfield Horticultural Society)

Could lightening strike in Dockenfield?

More than once this summer there have been violent electric storms raging above or around the village,. Very dramatic to behold, but frightening in their intensity and power. So I thought it might be an opportune moment to repeat in these pages some advice on how to react when lightening is in the vicinity, that was published recently in the national press.

- Avoid trees and using umbrellas, golf clubs and fishing rods
- Stay away from trees, lakes, rivers and swimming pools
- If caught outdoors, make yourself small by curling up into a ball
- Get into a car and shut the windows and doors; the vehicle can conduct the current outside, which then jumps over the tyres to the ground
- Unplug electrical equipment, especially TV sets, and steer clear of metal pipes

And in case you think lightening will never strike this village, let me tell you it already has, albeit a few years ago. Just take a walk down Bealeswood Lane, leaving The Street behind you. After 150 yards or so, there is a field gate on your left and next to it an old oak tree. On the right hand side of that tree, facing rather away from the road a huge scar runs down the trunk where lightening hit. And at Farm Cottage, just ten or so feet away, we had good reason to be grateful to the oak that night, as without it the lightening may have struck the house. As it was there was a huge explosion, all the lights went out, the cutlery leapt from the kitchen table and the ansaphone/fax machine exploded.

It taught us to respect the massive power of electric storms which is why I pass on this advice now.

Do you know of any other times and places that lightening has struck the village; if so, do let DNL know

How does your garden GROW?

Don't get me wrong, I love summer, and I love harvesting the fruit that we do manage to produce. But does anyone else find that the year's four seasons tend to go like this:

Nothing/nothing/fruitfruitfruitfruitfruitfruit/nothing. Thank you to the person that invented the domestic freezer!

Birds in the Great War

During this centenary year of the outbreak of World War 1, we have been remembering the 10 million soldiers who died in that dreadful conflict. Michael Morpurgo's book, *War Horse*, now famously translated to the theatre and to the cinema, reminded us that about 8 million horses also died. They were used, not only as cavalry mounts, but also as beasts of burden, drawing artillery and ambulances, and were a source of comfort and affection for the soldiers who endured with them the horrors of the war. Animals were used on an unprecedented scale during the Great War. Mules and camels were used as horses were. Dogs were used as messengers; to lay telephone lines; as rescuers of wounded men; and as mascots. One American dog, named Sergeant Stubby, became famous as the most decorated war dog. Cats were used as ratters, and as pets. There were reports and images of more exotic animals, such as a fox cub, a koala bear and a monkey, accompanying soldiers in war zones.

Birds also played their part. Hundreds of thousands of homing pigeons were used by the British, German, US, French and Belgian forces to carry military messages, and even to carry small cameras on surveillance missions, to take aerial photographs. Aeroplanes and warships regularly carried pigeons for such purposes. Mobile pigeon lofts were carried by ground troops on lorries or requisitioned London buses, and pigeon baskets were strapped on to motor-cycles. Special gas-proof chambers were carried to house the pigeons during poison gas attacks. Many pigeons were killed and injured during their flights of duty, but it is claimed that their success rate in getting their messages through was as high as 95%. One famous French pigeon, Cher Ami, was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm for heroic service, in delivering twelve vital messages during the Battle of Verdun. A German pigeon, The Kaiser, became similarly famous when it was captured by US forces during the Battle of the Meuse. The bird survived capture, and lived to the age of 32! Captured pigeons were often paraded in cages and photographed for publicity at home, like those placed in a cage on top of a US lorry, bearing a large placard, reading '*Captured German War Pigeons*'. A photograph of British pigeons was published at home, with a placard reading '*Military Homing Pigeons. These are the birds that work to save the lives of our boys in France*'.

Pigeons were used on the home front, too, and apparently MI5 had what an internal document called a 'special hush-hush air station' at Milborne St Andrew, near Dorchester, where 1000 birds were kept. King George V sent his own pigeons from the royal loft at Sandringham, so that he could be kept updated on the progress of the war. Pigeon-fanciers' publications were censored, and under the Defence of the Realm Act anyone interfering with a homing pigeon faced a large fine or six months' imprisonment.

During this centenary year the Royal Pigeon Racing Association has staged an exhibition in Blackpool to commemorate the important war-time role played by the birds. Stewart Wardrop, General Manager of the RPRA, said, 'These animals saved thousands of lives in the First World War, and thousands more in the second, and got through messages which helped to change the course of battles. Whether these flights were acts of bravery or their natural behaviour is something you can argue about, but what is not in doubt is the help they gave to the Allied Forces. Each one is a great story.'

Wild birds also featured in the lives of the soldiers undergoing the horrors of trench warfare. The letters, diaries and poems written by countless soldiers tell of the comfort they drew from the birds they saw. Swallows and sparrows nested surprisingly near the scenes of conflict. Nightingales sang as men prepared to go over the top at dawn. Sky Larks, perhaps above all species, were watched as symbols of freedom and joy. All were reminders of the countryside at home.

The British Foreign Secretary, Edward Grey, served until 1916, and was later Ambassador to the US. However, one of his more surprising legacies was his book, *The Charm of Birds*, published in 1927, which was read by generations of bird-watchers. Grey had been an avid bird-watcher for years. His message was that birds were scientifically valuable and interesting, and that they could also ease the human spirit and give great pleasure. The book was a factor in moving bird-watching from a pastime for the gentlemen and clergymen naturalists of the Victorian and Edwardian eras to something which could be of more general interest and value. It may be that numbers of soldiers returning from the horrors of the war cherished the natural environment even more than before. Many pairs of military binoculars found their way home, and, heavy and large as they were, they may have helped numbers of young men to look more closely at birds, not dead in glass cases or collection drawers, but living in the world around them. In 1933 Max Nicholson helped to found the British Trust for Ornithology, the Nature Conservancy Council, and the journal *British Birds*. While the RSPB, founded in 1889, was concerned to protect birds, the BTO encouraged the study of birds and their behaviour. A major shift had occurred in the way many ordinary people saw birds and their links with humankind.

Val Lewis

Bottoms Up

It was announced earlier this month that the annual production of wine in this country has reached 5 million bottles. That sounds a lot (and indeed is a lot in the historical context of what has been achieved in the past) but in fact only represents the amount of wine this country consumes in a single day.

Frensham and Dockenfield History Group

During the Summer months the Frensham and Dockenfield History Group have been busy with outings to Amberley Museum near Arundel, Parham House at Storrington and Bletchley Park at Milton Keynes. Small groups of members and friends attended the previously mentioned places in June, July and August and the weather was kind on all occasions adding to the enjoyment of the visits.

At the Frensham Village Fayre and on 2 August at the Frensham RBL Club, the History Group provided a display of 'Village Life' during WW1 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of that conflict. On 10 August there was also an 'extra meeting' at the Frensham RBL Club to launch the latest History Club publication written by John Chuter. 'The Early Life Story of a Frensham Boy – Birth to Marriage', charts John's first 24 years as a Frensham resident from 1923 to 1947. Born in King's Terrace, Millbridge, a row of terraced houses built by his grand-father's company, A. W. Chuter and Sons, John recalls his childhood, schooldays at Frensham School and Farnham Grammar School as well as village life and all its characters! His short spell at Goldsmith's College, Nottingham before 'The Army Years' serving in North Africa and Italy is documented in detail before his return home to continue with his teacher training and 'First Appointment' at Frensham School in January 1947.

Throughout the years 1938 to 1947 there also unravels the love story that was to flourish and result in John and Gwynne's marriage on Saturday, April 5 1947 – a marriage now in its 67th year! The words in the book are well complimented by photographs and illustrations many of which are seen for the first time by those outside the immediate family. Not only does the book tell John's own personal, early life story but it also documents the social and economic history of Frensham in the 1920's, 30's and 40's. Available from Frensham Village Shop, Maureen Stone (01420 23436) or Chris Bonner (01252 793668) at £10 it makes a good local history reference book or a very early Christmas gift!

The Group's year continues on **14 October** when the speaker will be Mark Banning on VC's of World War One. On **11 November** Clifford Beadle will present 'Then and Now', a slide show of Frensham past and present. The Christmas Party will this year take place at the Frensham Royal British Legion Club on **16 December** NOT the 9th as printed on the 2014 Membership Cards! In 2015 The History Group's year will restart on 10 February with the AGM. Membership is just £8 per year or if you attend as a guest its £2 per meeting. Come along. See if you like it! **Chris Bonner**

News from Bealeswood Common

As I write this, the summer heat has disappeared and there is a very autumnal feel to the air. Berries and fruits are becoming noticeable in the hedgerows, with good crops of hawthorn, sloe, blackberry and hazel nuts. Our native wildlife should have ample to stock up on before winter, and the excess could draw in migrants from further north if they experience a cold winter.

If you a regular walker around Bealeswood Common, or you pop in to Flat Copse opposite Abbott's Cottages, you may also see a gradually increasing number of blue spots appearing on the trees. Don't worry; this isn't some new disease the trees are suffering from. As part of the ongoing management, regular inspections are made of the trees to assess their overall health and identify any remedial works to help them or make them safer. This process has been ongoing, with some work already been done. However, the survey has not yet been completed so I am spending two days a week trying to complete the 76 kilometres of tree inspection here at Frensham as well as the Dockenfield sites and a nature reserve in Tilford. If you see an odd chap, dressed in green, lurking around the undergrowth, spraying spots or attaching numbered tags to the trees then you'll know it's me! The tags identify key trees which I locate using a portable GPS and mapping system, and the blue spots usually identify trees requiring work. This isn't normally the removal of the entire tree as some people think, but it could be something as minor as the removal of a piece of deadwood hanging in the crown a bit too near a path or road. Other works might require a climber to access the canopy to either reduce it or clean it of deadwood if the tree is showing signs of decline.

Lastly, due to changes in the working regime of the Rangers, I am currently unable to commit to or advertise a date for a working party at Bealeswood. This doesn't mean that nothing will be happening on site this winter, it's just that we are changing our weekend working programme and until it is agreed by management we cannot book any dates into our diaries for weekend work over the winter. Confirmation should hopefully happen between now and November so keep your eyes peeled in the next DNL.

Steve Webster – WBC Countryside Ranger for Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford

What's the difference between a pie and a pat?

It was Desperate Dan of course who famously used to indulge in 'cow pie'. But it was Dan Bosence who saw the bull, cows and calves running unattended down Bealeswood Lane one Monday morning in July. It seems that they had escaped from a field between The Street and Old Lane and presumably they were safely returned there in course of time. But before they retreated they left a generous amount of evidence of their escapade in the form of cow pats on lawns and drives in the Lane

Cherubs

Cherubs, the baby and toddler group for Dockenfield and Frensham, is running every week at the Good Shepherd on each Thursday morning from 9.30 to 11.15 until 18 December (excluding 30 October, half term). All babies and toddlers are welcome with their carer at a cost of only £2 per session per family. If there are any helpers out there who could come and assist they would be most welcome as the group continues to grow with all the new families moving into the villages. If you want more information or can help in any way, then email **Jane Walker** on revjanewalker@btconnect.com

'Time, Gentlemen (and Ladies) please'

Perhaps, like us, your house has been put on a water meter this year? In which case you would have received a little brochure that comes at the same time and includes 'Water Saving Tips'. One of these is '*spending one minute less in the shower can save you up to £120 per year. Four minutes in the shower is all you really need to keep clean*'. And to prove the point, they offer you a free 'Shower Timer' (South East Water customers just call 0845 658 0066, limited availability on a first come first served basis).

Presumably, if you organise your mornings efficiently with the aid of this (waterproof) timer, you can put your egg on to boil, dash into the shower, come out and sit down to breakfast, all in one smooth, co-ordinated movement. And who says men can't multi-task?

An end to housework?

A joke by comedian Tim Vine about a vacuum cleaner has been voted the funniest at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival. He won with the one-liner: "I decided to sell my Hoover... well it was just collecting dust."

News from the Village Shop

How to buck the retail trend? This is the knotty problem for Paul as he designs new promotions to keep our enterprise on track.

So let's think ahead to Christmas! How about stocking up your wine cellar, little by little, in readiness for the festive season! Our current promotion, is "A Wine a Week", with good, specially selected wines on sale at **less than the major supermarkets**, and with an even better deal for multi-buys. e.g. Hardys Pinot Grigio @ 2 for £10. Christmas cards will be arriving soon, including unique hand-made cards.

The Post Office is now selling "Happy Birthday" Gift Cards, and "Happy Christmas" Gift Cards will follow soon. These can be purchased for amounts over £10, and the cards used in a variety of major stores such as B&Q, Boots, Argos, Amazon, Curry's/PC World, Debenhams, Halfords plus many others.

Personal Banking has been available for many years at the Post Office, and many people use us for cash withdrawal. Services have been extended from 30 August to RBS and NatWest customers to enable *cheque deposits* and *manual cash deposits*.

The Village Shop – the solution to Christmas purchases!! And we haven't even mentioned the Newlyn Farm turkeys or Dean Farm Christmas cakes yet! We look forward to serving you soon.

Mayonne Coldicott

www.frensham-village-shop.co.uk or Tel: 01252 795240

Cycle Ride through Frensham and Dockenfield

On Saturday **1 November**, a cycle race organised by UK Cycling Events will pass through Frensham and Dockenfield. The route will take participants (who will arrive from the Tilford direction) along The Reeds Road towards Millbridge and along Shortfield Common Road to Pitt Lane and the The Street in Dockenfield, and thence up the hill along Dockenfield Road to the A325 at Bucks Horn Oak.

Residents will see road directions at junctions going up on Friday, 31 October, and the first of the "peloton" should be seen around 11am, with the last of the stragglers - the Back Rider - accompanied by their Support Van - expected to be through by 3pm. During that time there may be as many as 100-120 riders an hour at peak times. The event organisers will man a feed and first aid station at the Pavilion, Hollowdene Recreation Ground, from 9am until mid/late afternoon.

During the event, any emergencies can be reported to UK Cycling Events' Martin Barden (+44 7545 137133). Please take care if you are out and about our roads at that time, and let's make them all welcome.

Ian McLean

Further Afield

Here are a few events taking place in the coming weeks within easy striking distance of the village that may appeal to you:

Farnham Feast of Food 12-28 September, at various venues in and around Farnham

Farnham Food Festival Saturday 27 September, from 10am-4pm in Castle Street

Farmers' Market, Sunday 28 September from 10am-1.30pm in the central car park, Farnham

Christmas Craft Fair at the Rural Life Centre, Reeds Road on Saturday 15 November

Liphook Carnival, Parade, Bonfire and Fireworks Saturday 25 October from 5.30pm

Farnham Firework Display and Torchlight Procession Saturday 8 November. Procession leaves Castle Street 6.15pm; bonfire 7.15pm; fireworks 7.45pm