

DOCKENFIELD

newsletter

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield
Issue 250

Published 21 July 2015



‘Dockenfield: it’s a lovely place to live’

Not my words in fact, but the words of the very first editor of DNL, as she remembers Dockenfield back in 1980. Happily I don’t believe the village has changed very much in the intervening 35 years, and certainly I, as the latest editor, wholeheartedly endorse her sentiments.

But why, I hear you ask, do we suddenly have colour pictures on the cover, a bumper sized issue and a copy of edition number one stabled to the back? Well, it’s the 250th edition of DNL and the Parish Council and I thought that was worth a little celebration. Turn the pages and you will find everything you know and (we hope) love about DNL, coupled with some trips down memory lane to commemorate reaching such a landmark edition. All this, plus the return of the Village Business Directory, which showcases the breadth of talent that exists right here in the village. If you live in Dockenfield and own a business, large or small, don’t forget to send your details for inclusion in the next edition.

Michael

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

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Details
Wednesday, 22 July	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 15
Monday, 3 August	3pm	Tea at 3	Church Hall, St Mary's	Page 5
Thursday, 20 August	7.30pm	Millbridge WI	The Marindin Hall	Page 5
Friday, 21 August	6.45pm for 7.15pm	Alex and Abi Rutherford in Concert for Charity	The Kingsley Centre, Kingsley	Page 3
Wednesday, 24 August	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 15
Saturday, 5 September	2.30-4pm	Autumn Show	The Marindin Hall	Pages 15 & 16
Monday, 7 September	3pm	Tea at 3	Church Hall, St Mary's	Page 5
Tuesday, 8 September	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield Local History Group	The Marindin Hall	Page 5
Saturday, 12 September	2-5pm	100 th Anniversary of the WI. Exhibition of history and crafts	The Marindin Hall	Page 5
Tuesday, 15 September	8pm	Dockenfield Parish Council Meeting	Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd	Page 5
Thursday, 17 September	7.30pm	Millbridge WI 50 th Anniversary Canal Trip	tba	Page 5
Friday, 25 September	10am- midday	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Bluebell pub, Dockenfield & Frensham Cricket Pavilion	Page 6
Friday, 16 October	7pm	Skittles Evening	The Jolly Farmer pub, Blacknest	Pages 3 & 16
Sunday, 6 December	10.30am	Help put up the Village Christmas Tree	Corner of Green Lane and The Street	Page 12
Monday, 7 December	6.45pm	Christmas Carols at the Bus Shelter	Corner of Lake Lane and The Street	Page 12
Saturday, 12 December	6-10pm	Dockenfield Christmas Party	The Good Shepherd	Page 12

Cover pictures

Clockwise, from the top: sunrise over the village (Paul Wood); the Bluebell pub (Paul Wood); the view from the ridge (Michael Foster); The Street from the air (Nicola Rutherford); the War Memorial (Paul Wood); the Church of the Good Shepherd (Paul Wood). Centre: the finger post at Three Ways (Paul Wood).

Dockenfield Newsletter

Dockenfield Newsletter is produced entirely by volunteers. Neither the editor nor any of the distributors claim payment or expenses of any kind. The only cost is that of photocopying and this is paid for by Dockenfield Parish Council who consider the Newsletter an important service to the village. The views expressed are not necessarily the views of the Parish Council. Letters and articles that are submitted for publication are credited to their author and/or their organisation. All unaccredited articles have been written by the editor. Hard copies of Dockenfield Newsletter are delivered to approximately 250 households in and around the village and a further 160 or so are emailed on request to predominantly local subscribers. Contributors should also note that the Newsletter appears on the Dockenfield Parish Council website. Many readers like to save their copies of the Newsletter, but if you don't do this, then please recycle carefully.

For the next edition **the deadline is 10 September**, with items sent by email please, ideally as a Word attachment, to michael.foster66@btinternet.com. Or through the door at Farm Cottage, Bealeswood Lane.

The 'village' website

Don't forget to visit Dockenfield Parish Council's website at www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk

Dockenfield Skittles Evening 2015 **Friday 16 October, 7pm at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest**

Some of you may have read about this year's skittles event in the last Dockenfield Newsletter, but the lack of bookings so far would appear to indicate that most were so overcome by more immediate events such as Dockenfield Day that they thought "but the skittles is more than 4 months away". However, the timings of DNL are such that the next and final notice will probably only be a couple of weeks before the event, and that might be too late. So book now and enjoy one of Dockenfield's most popular social events.

It only costs £14, for which you get a hot basket meal of your choice from a list that will be circulated nearer the time, a chance to catch up with friends and acquaintances from the village, and the opportunity to demonstrate your skills in projecting balls at a static target and potentially win a bottle of wine.

So come and join us on Friday 16 October at the Jolly Farmer and have a go. Assemble from 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. This normally enables us to get 3 rounds in – it would be more if the social side was not so important.

BOOK EARLY by sending the form on page 16, together with a cheque made payable to Dockenfield Parish Council, to me at Tudor House, Batts Corner. Alternatively, you can email me at pma@business-it-solutions.co.uk, following up with the completed form and cheque. Please list the names of the players you are booking for so I can set the teams up in advance of the night. You will be sent the meal choice for you to choose your preference about 2 weeks before the event. **Ian Mansell**

Dockenfield's Alex Rutherford to star in Charity Music Event **Friday 21 August, 6.45pm (for 7.15pm) at the Kingsley Centre**

Alex Rutherford, 18, (who lives at Hampton House, in The Street) is organising a charity event on Friday 21 August to raise money for The Kingsley Centre. Alex is a musician who plans to make a career in the music industry, and is putting on several events to back up his UCAS application to study music at University.

Alex plays guitar, saxophone, clarinet, drums and piano. He will be inviting other local young people to join him playing contemporary music during the evening - including his sister, Abi, who sang with him at The Godalming Contemporary Music Festival recently. Together they not only won their class with an 'Honours' result (over 90%) but it was a song that they had written themselves! Abi has a Grade 7 distinction in Singing and her friend, Alice, is Grade 8 violinist, so the standard will be good.

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and support these young people before they go on to bigger things! Doors open at 6.45, with the music starting at 7.15pm and lasting until approximately 8.15pm. Tickets are priced at just £7 for adults and £5 for concessions, which includes canapés and a drink. For tickets and more information please contact **Jill Trout** (jill@kingsleyorganisation.org.uk) or **Nicola Rutherford** (nicolagodden@aol.com).

Parish and Church information

In February this year the Rev'd Clive Richardson, vicar of the Benefice of Rowledge with Frensham and Dockenfield, informed the Frensham church wardens of his intention to retire from Parochial Ministry after 25 years as vicar of Rowledge and 13 years including Frensham. This prompted our parochial discussions as to whether the church here wanted to stay as a benefice or, if we could afford to pay a half stipend (as village numbers do not require a full time priest), to opt to separate from Rowledge and become our own parish again.

The various discussions have been had and the financial implications have been met by the wonderful and generous giving by the parishioners, and Frensham PCC have voted to separate from Rowledge and for the Rev'd Jane Walker to become half time Vicar. Rev'd Jane has been ministering here for 4½ years now and she and Mark are so very happy to be staying here to continue what has been 'a wonderful rollercoaster of growth and development in God's love'. Both Rev'd Jane and the PCC give grateful thanks to all who have contributed so generously to enable this.

Therefore when the Rev'd Clive's tenure ceases on 25 September, there will be a service (date TBA) to install the Rev'd Jane as Incumbent for Frensham and Dockenfield Churches and Frensham Parish will have independent status again. Both Bishop Andrew and Archdeacon Stuart are very pleased and the Diocese is working behind the scenes to sort the legal paperwork so that all comes together for the end of September.

We wish Rev'd Clive all good wishes for his future.

Rev'd Jane Walker

Thank you, Paul

A huge thank you to Paul Wood for all his help in putting this issue together. Paul compiled the new Business Directory and will continue to update it for each issue; he took a number of the cover photographs and helped considerably with their layout. A really big help!

John Taylor

30 May 1935 - 24 June 2015

Everyone who lives in Dockenfield has reason to celebrate the life of long term resident John Taylor who sadly died last month. He and his wife Nancy have lived in the village since building 'Quakers End' in The Street on the site of the old Friends Meeting House, and they lived there together from 1966 to 1977. Then the derelict Quakers cottage next door was demolished, and he built 'Robin's Well' which has remained the family home ever since.

John was a member of Dockenfield Parish Council during the 1970s and 1980s, serving as its Chairman for a number of years. And it was during this period that he was instrumental in a number of initiatives that continue to shape the way we enjoy life in the village to this day. The first amongst these was the 'launching' of Dockenfield Newsletter with edition number one appearing in April 1980. The following year came Dockenfield Day. Diana Parratt had the original inspiration and she, John and other hard working volunteers from the village brought the first fete to life in May 1981. He also founded the tradition of Village Carol Singing at Christmas, initially with the singers travelling around the village, a format that was later changed to the current style of Carols by the Christmas Tree. He also formed and ran the Frensham and Dockenfield Youth Club with a friend Di Slemick for four years in the mid 1970s

'D Day', 'DNL' and the Carols have not only stood the test of time but continue to be a major part of the spirit that holds our community together. Indeed his work as a true friend of Dockenfield led to John being invited to Buckingham Palace (probably at the recommendation of DPC) to recognise his services to the village.

Nor did his influence end there. He was a skilled and sympathetic architect, designing not only his two family homes but also many of the extensions and modifications that can be seen around Dockenfield, including the vestry for the Church of the Good Shepherd.

In his later life, supported by his wonderful wife Nancy and daughters Jane and Clayre, he fought a brave battle with Parkinson's Disease. It was lovely that John was able to attend this year's Dockenfield Day and to see it as thriving and popular as ever. But, as the current Editor, I find it enormously poignant that he didn't quite make it to see the 250th edition of the Newsletter that was his creation.

David Marrion

Former resident David Marrion passed away at Oakhaven Hospice in Lymington on Saturday 23 May. Liz and David Marrion lived at Goose Cottage from 1991 until 2002 when, on retirement, they moved to Milford on Sea in the New Forest. Both David and Liz had been active members of the village community.

For example, who could forget the Dockenfield Joggers? Or the Fun Run before Dockenfield Day? We should also remember them at our annual Christmas Party, which was something Liz initiated during the time she was the Chair Person of the Dockenfield Activities Committee. Liz and David treasured the time they lived here in Dockenfield and still have many good friends in our village.

Ross Williams

The Newsletter was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic and untimely death of Ross Williams, aged 57, following a cycling accident on Bower Hill the Sunday, 12 July.

Many residents will be aware that the accident took place because of the arrival of the air ambulance, but may not have learnt of its desperately unhappy outcome.

Everyone I am sure will want to join the Newsletter in sending love and condolences to Ross's wife Diana and their two sons Guy and Alistair.

Jill and Fiona (and 'Caro') walking for charity

Fiona Raw and Jill Trout (and not forgetting the lovely 'Caro' Fiona's faithful Labrador!) are walking again! This time The Icknield Way (which is the "oldest road in Britain"), Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path. In other words joining the end of the Ridgeway Path we completed last year at Ivanhoe Beacon to the Peddars Way (Thetford) which is 110 miles and onward to Cromer in Norfolk another 96 miles. The latter seems to include sand, shingle and even marshes to test us!

Again, we are seeking sponsorship for the Kingsley Organisation funds. If, as in the past, you are prepared to do this please contact jill@kingsleyorganisation.org.uk or fionaraw@hotmail.co.uk and we are happy to provide sponsorship forms. Or please ring 07768 321 339. We are setting off on 6 September so there is plenty of time to get in touch. Thank you, every penny is put to good use at the Kingsley Centre.

Jill Trout

News from Dockenfield Parish Council

John Taylor: Sadly John Taylor, who has lived in The Street in Dockenfield since 1966 died recently. John's work as past Chairman of the Parish Council (between 1979 and 1987) will have affected the community spirit of the village for most residents.

He was on the original Activities Committee, when Dockenfield Day and the 'Carols Around the Bus Shelter' started life. Of course many will also remember him for his splendid Human Fruit Machine and his sessions as "Claira-Voyant" the mystic, suitably dressed and mysterious looking on many a Dockenfield Day!

John designed several properties including his own, and created plans for many extensions in the village. He was a talented artist and sculptor.

I enjoyed working as Clerk with John when he was Chairman of the Parish Council and for many years after his retirement he was a great support in all matters Dockenfield.

Our Village Survey: This survey has two major purposes: first, to ask residents their views of what the village currently is or means to them, and second, to prompt thoughts on what evolutionary changes in the village should be encouraged, tolerated or discouraged.

There are about forty questions, and the issues are grouped into several categories, looking at various aspects such as the people and the community of Dockenfield, amenities available in and around Dockenfield, the appearance of the village, highways and byways, building development, utilities and services – with a final section for residents to raise any issues they feel should be of Dockenfield community-wide concern. We have tried to phrase the questions in as neutral a way as possible, which means there are no "correct" answers, the questions do not necessarily all prompt or expect either a full house of "yes, we agree" or indeed a full house of "no, we don't agree". It will be a mixture, so please do think about your replies carefully.

The response to this document is really not very "Dockenfield" style, with well under 100 submissions. If you have not yet filled this in on line (details of link on Dockenfield P.C. Web site) or would like a hard copy, please contact Jill, Jessica or Ian McLean. We will be delighted to pop a hard copy in your door as it would be great to have some really solid community data representing each part of our Village. Do please take a moment to complete this survey; it is important.

Next Meeting Dates: The dates for the next Parish Council Meetings are Tuesdays **15 September, 20 October, and 17 November** and are held at 8pm in the vestry of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of each meeting

Dockenfield Emergency Email List: Anyone wishing to be added to the emergency email list please contact the Clerk at dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk . Unhappily there has been a recent spate of outbuildings being broken into in the village and the best way to be aware of what is happening so that you can take appropriate precautions is to belong to this list

Jill Trout and Jessica Hobday
(dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk)
www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk

Frensham and Dockenfield Local History Group Tuesday 8 September, 7.30pm at the Marindin Hall

The first meeting of the new season following the summer break is:
8 September: 'Bottles and Bygones' with David Rose.
For more information contact **Chris Bonner** on Tel: 793668.

Millbridge WI Thursday 20 August, 7.30pm at the Marindin Hall plus special events on Thursdays 12 and 17 September

The next meetings of the WI are:
20 August: 'Gardening' by Geoff Peach.
12 September: The WI will host an open afternoon at Marindin Hall from 2-5pm to exhibit their history and crafts.
17 September: 50th Anniversary canal trip.
For more information please contact **Bridgette Wilson** on Tel: 792527.

Tea at 3 Mondays, 3 August and 7 September 3pm at St Mary's Church Hall

'Tea at 3' is a delightful Parish event that takes place on the first Monday of every month and is open for anyone who would like to come – young, old or in between. It's great fun for all and as well as meeting up with friends you can enjoy a lovely cup of tea and a good selection of delicious home made cakes. The start time is always at 3pm in St Mary's church hall. If you would like more information or need a lift, please call **Morag James** on Tel: 793133. The next dates are Mondays **3 August and 7 September**. We hope to see you there!

Have your say

After 250 editions of DNL it seems appropriate to ask you, the reader, to have your say. So, if you have any comments on DNL, favourable or otherwise, or suggested improvements please email the Editor (michael.foster66@btinternet.com) or the Parish Clerk (dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk).

Body Maintenance for Birds

By mid-summer most of the birds in our gardens are experiencing a quieter time. Those that rear just one brood a year, like the Tits, have seen them fledged. Those that have two or even three broods, like the Dunnocks and Finches, may still be busy feeding them, but generally the pace of life is less frenetic. Readers whose offspring have left the nest will recognise the experience.

The adult birds now have a little more time to attend to their own needs, and you may see some apparently odd behaviour. Much of this is about the care of feathers, which is a critical part of every bird's body maintenance programme. As well as giving them the ability to fly, feathers provide insulation and temperature control. Bedraggled feathers waste body heat and impair flight, and a bird which has such an appearance is likely to be sick or injured. Your bird bath or pond is likely to be in more regular use by the birds for bathing during July and August than at other times. This is because they have picked up mites and dust in their feathers, and parent birds have had little time to preen and oil them thoroughly while they were rearing young.

You have probably noticed birds, notably Blackbirds and Robins, splashing energetically and shaking themselves in water. Their aim is to wet their plumage thoroughly to wash out the parasites and the dirt. Then there is vigorous shaking to remove the water, and the preening begins. Watch a Blackbird twisting its tail as it reaches over its back to collect waterproofing oil from a preen gland near the base of the tail, and then wiping the oil on to its body and wing feathers. It then strokes its feathers back into shape, zipping the barbs back into position. All birds use water-bathing, oiling and preening as part of their body maintenance, and you may also notice other techniques.

Some species, including Starlings, Thrushes, and Jays, engage in 'anting' during the summer months. Occasionally Chaffinches and Blackbirds do it, too. The bird will find an ants' nest, pick up individual ants, crush them, and wipe them along the underside of its wings in flicking movements. After one ant has been used another will be picked up, and so on. Alternatively, a bird may stand in an ants' nest with its tail and wings outspread and let the disturbed ants run over its plumage. This odd-seeming behaviour may cause the ants to release formic acid, which acts as an insecticide on the tiny parasites which occur in birds' plumage. It may also act as a cleaner to remove old preen oil from the feathers.

House Sparrows and Wrens like to indulge in dust bathing. They look for a patch of dry sandy soil and make little wallow pits. They wriggle into the dusty soil, rubbing their heads in it and throwing dust up into their plumage, and then shake it out again. There is also a certain amount of head scratching and preening as part of the process.

Birds may also do a little sun-bathing. In hot conditions a bird will sometimes choose a patch of bare earth in which to spread-eagle itself with wings and tail open. This may allow the heat from the sun to restore feathers to their original shape. It may also stimulate the flow of preen oil and flush out the parasites which preening has not reached.

Clean water is even more essential to the birds than ever during the summer months, so please remember to provide it, and to change it daily, to help our birds to survive in good health.

Val Lewis

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25 September, 10-midday at the Bluebell Pub, Dockenfield and Frensham Cricket Pavilion

There will be two venues in the Parish for the MacMillan Coffee Morning. It is a wonderful cause you support if you attend so do try and go to one, if not both.

The Bluebell Pub, Dockenfield. Robin and Lucy will be holding their 3rd coffee morning. Robin and Lucy thank you for your support so far to a cause that is very close to their hearts. Free tea, coffee and cake available from 10 am- midday, in the garden if the sun is shining, or indoors if we get unlucky with the weather.

Frensham Cricket Pavilion. We are pleased to invite all villagers from Frensham and Dockenfield with friends to the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September at the Frensham Cricket Pavilion. Coffee, tea, soft drinks with homemade cakes, donated cakes from the village shop will be scheduled for the world's biggest coffee morning.

We will be enjoying not just a beautiful location for fund raising for an excellent cause, but also a moment to share with our friends old and new, knowing we are doing something positive. As well as cakes galore Macmillan Coffee Morning enables us to join together as a village and to mingle on what we hope will be another glorious autumn morning. Come and join us and wish us luck for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

(Hilary Bannister)

Letters to the Editor

Hedgehog Sighting!

As briefly discussed at Dockenfield Day, I saw a hedgehog crossing the Boundary Road - from west to east in the sunshine on Wednesday 3 June around 2pm. I was cycling on the Boundary Road from Dockenfield towards Rowledge when I saw this little bundle slowly making its way across the road. It was just after I passed West End Lane. A car was coming in the opposite direction at the same time and I feared the worst but it went well. It's clear that they do not seem to take any notice of anything coming towards them, big or small, slow or quick...

This is the first Hedgehog I have seen since I moved to Frensham in 2006...

Anton Kleiven

Regular readers of DNL will know that I have been expressing concern about the absence of hedgehog sightings in around the village and so this is very welcome news. And news of more hedgehogs would be even better....

Thank you from Lene

The Open Garden (*on 21 June at Bealeswood House*) went very well; lots of people turned up and we raised around £700 for Breast Cancer Campaign (with more donations to come from friends).

Maybe you could put a little mention in next Dockenfield Newsletter thanking everybody who came and donated.

Lene Tegldal

The more Stamps the Merrier!

A big thank you to everyone who continues to collect used stamps for us. We hand them on to a friend who arranges them to be sold for charity. We are always looking for more people to save their used stamps in this way. They can be from any country and in any condition. All contributions welcome. Please deliver them to us at 1 Beales Cottages, The Street, GU10 4JH. Thank you.

Jack and Marjorie Bessant

Comings...

A warm Dockenfield Welcome to

- Peter and Diana Fox who have moved into 'Valley Forge' in The Street. Most recently Peter and Diana have been renting in Farnham whilst they searched for a house around here, but prior to that they lived for 38 years in Bath. Peter however, is a civil engineer a job that has taken them both around the world, and so whilst their permanent home was in Bath, during their time there in fact they lived in 9 different countries. They have a daughter in Elstead, and three sons in Kingston, Nottingham and Indonesia.
- The new owners of 'Patchways' in The Street who are Kari and Rob O'Connell and their twin daughters Linnea and Solveig, who have literally moved just along the road from Weyside Cottages.

...and goings...

A fond farewell to

- Cynthia and John Nettell who have left 'Patchways' in The Street. They write to say: '*After 30 years in the village of Dockenfield (and eleven in Frensham) we are moving to be nearer our daughter Heather. It will be quite a change to live in the Peak District but it is also a small village community so in some ways it will not be so very different. We have many happy memories of friends and living within a friendly community. We shall miss you. However we are also looking forward to our new venture.*' They have also asked everyone to welcome the new owners of 'Patchways', as above.

Furniture for 'sale'

We have the following items of furniture for 'sale':

- Pine dining table size 183cm long x 90 cm deep (6ft x 3ft in old money) x 77cm high. Very good condition save for a couple of heat marks on the top.
- Pine sideboard with two doors, two drawers and one inside shelf. Size 110cm wide x 50cm deep x 81cm high plus a small up-stand with miniature shelf. Very good condition.
- Pine corner cabinet, with double doors at bottom (with a single interior shelf) with three open shelves above. Size 185cm high x 75cm wide x 28cm internal depth. Again, very good condition.

These three pieces were all made locally and were originally part of the same dining room 'set' of furniture. We also have:

- Pine effect three tier computer workstation on castors, with keyboard and printer shelves.
- Hotpoint Reversomatic tumble drier, vented. Ideal for drying pet bedding etc in garage/outbuilding. Broken door handle but usable.

We say these five items are for 'sale' but we aren't asking any money for them; we just want them to go to a good home, and in exchange would ask for donations to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. We can email photographs in the first instance if required.

Michael and Debbie Foster Tel: 792142 email michael.foster66@btinternet.com

News from our local police officer

Tackling the theft of Horse Tack

Every so often we receive reports of horse tack theft in the area. As I am sure our friends in the equine world will testify leather saddles are very expensive to replace and take time to wear in from new.

To try and combat this Surrey Police offer a free saddle marking service for leather saddles only. The tack is marked using a die stamp which permanently embosses a unique number into the leather. You are then issued with a registration document to show proof of ownership.

The details of you and your saddle are entered onto the Surrey Police property register which can be accessed by police forces across the country 24 hours a day 365 days a year: so criminals can't simply move out of the area to try and dispose of stolen goods.

If you would like to take advantage of the above service please contact me on 101 and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for me to visit.

Please ensure that you keep all garages, sheds and outbuilding securely locked and if possible fit an alarm. Regular readers of my articles will know that I am a great fan of alarms as thieves do not tend to stick around once the siren starts sounding.

Places for People Leisure

I have recently been speaking to Carol Searle from Places for People Leisure who is working in conjunction with Waverley Borough Council to try to keep the residents and workers of Waverley fit and healthy, so they can lead longer and more independent lives, increasing their confidence and reducing their risk of ill health.

They are offering a wide range of classes from Fall Prevention, Fit Heart groups Stroke groups, COPD group and Seated Pilates. All these classes are £4 per session and are a pay-as-you-go basis. Many of these classes are suitable for the less fit.

They also offer Exercise on Referral for anyone referred by a health practitioner and co-ordinate walks for health. All these walks are free of charge over both long and short distances, depending on individual needs. The Waverley Borough Council website provides further details.

If anyone is interested they can either call their local centre, details of which can be found below, or email carolsearle@pfpleisure.org

The 5 Leisure Centres involved are:

Farnham – 01252 723208; Godalming – 01483 410500; Haslemere – 01428 658484; The Edge Leisure Centre – Haslemere – 01428 644577; Cranleigh – 01483 274400

Dockenfield reported Crime Figures to Surrey Police from 9 May to 14 July

We have two thefts: the first involves a very expensive Lawn Mower taken from a garage. The second concerns a Convex Traffic Mirror, secured to a fence post, which has been stolen.

PCSO John Francis, Police Community Support Officer Tel: 101 Ext 31937

News from the Village Shop

By special request, and having trialled some products at Frensham Fayre which received overwhelming support, we have introduced our **Speciality Saturday Bread Tray**. The new offering comes from The Hungry Guest Bakery, which is run by Frensham's Richard Dean (formerly St Mary's Bakery). Made in the bakery in Chichester, they say:-

There are four basic ingredients in our loaves: flour, water, salt and in some slow dough recipes, the occasional tiny bit of fresh yeast to boost the natural leavens in the rising of the dough. Never any improvers, preservatives, enhancers or E-numbers. Every batch has its own recipe and is hand crafted from scratch.

The loaves are left to slowly and naturally ferment, generally overnight, until ready to be baked on the stone sole of the oven. The resulting loaves are nutritious, easily digestible and have a long natural shelf life – that is if you can resist eating them!

Initially we are offering a range of favourites, including St Mary's Country Loaf, the popular 5 Seed Sourdough, Swedish Rye, Walnut and Apricot Loaf, plus Croissants – plain and almond. Do come and investigate! Browse the catalogue, and tell us what you'd like to try. Why not order for next Saturday? (Orders need to be with us by Friday, mid-morning). www.frensham-village-shop.co.uk or call: 01252 795240

Mayonne Coldicott

Events at the Bluebell

Summer opening hours: **Monday-Wednesday Bar:** 12-3pm and 5.30-11pm. *Food:* 12-3pm and 6-9pm; **Thursday- Saturday Bar:** 12-11pm. *Food:* 12-3pm and 6-9pm; **Sunday Bar:** 11-8pm, *Food:* 12-4pm.

Special Openings: the pub is very happy to host coffee mornings, open early for children's evening meals or similar; just call them to make arrangements.

Rugby World Cup: They don't usually show sport at the Bluebell but feel the rugby world cup should be an exception to the rule having had a great atmosphere there for the 6 Nations. So the following England games will be shown on a big screen: v Fiji 8pm **18 September**; v Wales 8pm **26 September**; v Australia 8pm **3 October**; v Uruguay 8pm **10 October**; and hopefully a few more to follow! They will offer a beer and a burger (veggie available) for £10 for those that pre-book seats.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: They will be holding their 3rd coffee morning on **Friday, 25 September**. Robin and Lucy thank you for your support so far, and add: 'please feel free to bring a cake!' Free tea, coffee and cake available from 10am- midday.

Menu: Their menu continues to be very fresh and locally sourced. They make their own bread every morning, including their burger buns. They have been very impressed with the quality of meat from Smallbones and Mill Farm organic. When eating please do remember to call and book, especially on a Sunday when they get especially busy. Their new menu will be arriving in mid-September, but in the meantime they will continue to tweak the current menu on regular occasions.

'Men's Night': Takes place at the pub every 2nd Thursday in the month, so the next dates are **13 August** and **10 September**, starting from 8pm. To get onto the regular 'Men's Night' emailing list please contact Mark Rosling: markrosling@outlook.com

Contact: Keep in touch with the Bluebell on their website www.bluebell-dockenfield.com or Tel: 792801. If anyone would like email updates about events at the pub email info@bluebell-dockenfield.co.uk and ask to be added to their email list. They have a Facebook page Bluebell Dockenfield and you can 'like' them on that for regular updates.

Events at our other pubs, clubs and hotels

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 listed so you can check any events with them direct.

Hare and Hounds, Rowledge (Tel: 792287)

Open (Acoustic) Mic Nights: 8.30pm on the last Friday of every month so **31 July** and **28 August**

Saturday 26 September: Music from Phil Aaron. I'm told he always plays to a packed house so it's good to book early.

Fish and Chips and Curry: now available to take away every day.

New Chef: with a new menu now being served.

Cherry Tree, Rowledge (Tel: 792105, www.cherrytreepub.co.uk)

Weekly events: *Tuesdays* - 2 Scotch Beef rump steak dinners £20; *Wednesdays* - 2 Fish & Chips (eat in or take away) for £12; *Thursdays* - 2 Dine with Wine for £30 (two courses and a bottle of wine); *Fridays* 20% Off Champagne & Sparkling wines.

Frensham Brewery

If you want to join the brewery's mailing list for updates and special offers email info@frenshambrewery.co.uk or call the brewery on Tel: 01252 793956.

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

Frensham Royal British Legion (Tel: 793014)

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

Wild Dockenfield

Now we getting regular updates on the butterflies that can be found on Bealeswood Common, Jill Trout thought that it would be a lovely idea to commemorate this 250th edition of DNL with a wider report of the wild animals and flowers that are such a beautiful and valuable part of our village. Dan Bosence and Roger Trout have written articles on those subjects so together the three pieces make a wonderful record of 'wild' Dockenfield to appear in this special edition of DNL. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Butterfly transect at Bealeswood Common

May 6 th – 12 th	No butterflies seen
May 13 th – 19 th	5x orange tip, 1x green veined white, 1x common blue
May 20 th – 26 th	1x large white, 2x small white, 1x orange tip, 1x common blue, 1x speckled wood
May 27 th – June 2 nd	1x orange tip, 6x common blue
June 3 rd to 9 th	1x large white, 2x common blue, 1x peacock, 2x speckled wood
June 10 th – 16 th	1x large white, 2x speckled wood, 1x meadow brown
June 17 th – 23 rd	1x small white, 13x marbled white, 1x speckled wood, 27x meadow brown, 2x ringlet
June 24 th – 30 th	2x Essex/small skipper, 2x speckled wood, 16x marbled white, 53x meadow brown, 3x ringlet
July 1 st – July 7 th	5x Essex/small skipper, 34x marbled white, 57x meadow brown, 1x ringlet

After disappointing weather in May and June, the number of butterflies is now rising – particularly those whose caterpillars feed on grasses, such as the meadow brown, marbled white, ringlet and small/Essex skippers. The difference between small and Essex skippers is quite difficult to see when they are on the wing, so unless we are quite certain which is which, we lump them together..... **Alison Bosence, Philippa Hall and Anne Tutt**

Bealeswood Common Wild Flowers

Dockenfield is very fortunate to have a large area of common land that is particularly rich in wild flowers. Those of you who have not discovered this yet should do so soon as it is in mid-summer that greatest numbers of flowers are out. Currently there are about 50 different species flowering (not including grasses), so, I am not going to list them all, but just to mention some of the highlights to encourage you to visit at this time of year:

Dominating the open grassy areas of the upper common (top of Bealeswood and Lake Lanes and below the Bluebell) are the tall purple flowers of Knapweed which is very popular food source for butterflies. Amongst the Knapweed are many patches of bright yellow flowering plants of the pea family; Birds Foot Trefoil (or Eggs and Bacon), Marsh Trefoil, and Meadow Vetchling. Dispersed through this grassy area are our two buttercups (Common and Creeping) that have been flowering since early May.

Strangely, this year, the sea of purple Knapweed is not peppered with the white flowers of Pignut. This umbellifer (or carrot family) started flowering in May but was over by mid June rather than flowering all summer as in previous years.

The pink spires of the Common (or Spotted) Orchid are just going over but have been particularly good this summer. Over the last 10 years the orchids have spread from the boggy area in the west of the common, through the open grassy area, and down to the verges of Bealeswood Lane where it is good to see that most residents do not cut their verges at this peak flowering time.

This boggy area currently has two spectacular purple flowers that tower above head height; these are the Marsh Thistle and the Rosebay Willowherb.

In the more wooded area of the lower common either side of Bealeswood Lane the conditions are more shaded and damp, especially around the pond. Here, Bramble, Nettle, Yellow Flag and a range of white umbellifers (Hogweed, Hedge Parsley, Ground Elder and Water Dropwort) are currently flowering. Our 2 bedstraws have also flowered well this year; Goosegrass (Cleavers) and Marsh Bedstraw.

Throughout the common our 2 wild roses have been splendid this summer (the Field Rose and Dog Rose), whilst in the centre of the upper common a huge old, white and yellow, double-flowered climbing rose grows up and over old apple and hawthorn trees. I have tried, without success, to have this identified and the nearest I have been advised is that it is probably a wild rose that has crossed with a more vigorous garden climber such as Rambling Rector. Enjoy this free flower show while it lasts through July and August. From then on the numbers of flowers decline through to the winter and the common gets its annual cut. This is timed to be as late as possible so as to encourage the spread of flower seeds but not too late when the clayey ground becomes too soft for the tractor. **Dan Bosence**

Cont/d

Cont/d

Mammals in Dockenfield

Over the past 25 years I have been trying to make a simple record of where we see mammals in the parish. Usually this has been by providing a large scale map at Dockenfield Day and getting parishioners to show where they have seen various mammals (and sometimes other wildlife too). Each species is given a different colour sticky symbol. For children it is especially interesting to place their mammal records as for many it is the first time they have tried to find their own house within the local map of Dockenfield! I have 3 maps now, showing the 1990s the 2000s and now starting the 2010s. I have not been able to do this each year and direct comparison of numbers is not realistic and I have supplemented a little for some well-known species that are found almost everywhere. Additionally, we now have been fortunate for a few years to have access to many owl pellets from Dockenfield Farm, where Barn Owls appear to have lived for c. 40 years or more. They sick up the bones and fur from their recent meal in a convenient pellet (c. 5cm by 3cm). Teasing apart the pellets reveals details of the mammal species that form their diet and for some even their age and breeding history.

We have recorded most of the ground living British species in Dockenfield: badger, fox, stoat, weasel, rabbit (no hares), mole, hedgehog, hazel dormouse (thanks to my cat bringing me one on my 50th birthday!), harvest mouse, bank vole, short tailed vole, wood mouse, yellow-necked mouse, common shrew, pygmy shrew. Rats, grey squirrel, muntjac and roe deer are not yet mapped. Bats are complicated to identify and whilst we have some records of 'bats' (and would like more) they are not recorded to species.

Overall, there have been some interesting facts. Badgers still appear in the village and surrounds. However, hedgehogs - a favoured food of badgers - which were common in parts of the village (the centre and the Great Holt areas) seem to have disappeared completely according to the recent records (*although there is news of one in this edition, albeit just outside the Parish boundary...see Page 7*). Nationally they have become more scarce in the past decade (and the very dry weather in 2015 will not have helped them either). Another exciting result is the continued presence of Harvest mice – now classed as a nationally rare species – in the longer grassy areas at the eastern edge of the parish. At the other end of the scale, many of us are pestered by deer coming often from Alice Holt forest where the policy seems to be for reduced deer control; each year there are deer/vehicle collisions locally.

For the future we might consider some formal survey of small mammals and the creation, by someone more adept than I, of a computer database and GIS mapping system for the records - student project, Duke of Edinburgh etc? We could also apply for a wildlife grant for more formal surveying; this of course could involve more than just mammals – e.g. have breeding swifts really left Dockenfield; are there still purple emperor butterflies in the village? Meanwhile I am still keen to hear of records of mammals from the parish. Any volunteers ?

Roger Trout

News from Bealeswood Common

Residents surrounding, or regular visitors to, Bealeswood Common can't have failed to notice the impressive display put on by the Common-spotted orchids again this year. I thought last year was amazing and probably not to be repeated for a while, but yet again nature cannot be predicted and the orchids have flowered in their hundreds. Recently I was on the common with the Seasonal Rangers from Frensham, mowing the footpath, bridleway and road edges of Bealeswood. It took careful concentration and some deft mower control to identify where the orchids were in the verges and avoid them.

A follow up tree safety survey was deemed necessary to confirm the works required to trees at Bealeswood and Flat Copse. The works themselves to remove dead and dying limbs, overgrowth of ivy (which hampers inspection of the trunk), and the removal of the odd dead specimen should now be timetabled towards the end of the summer. As a self-confessed "dendrophiliac" (tree lover) it's great to get the chance to look over some impressive trees. However, they do take up an inordinate amount of time, as I work in the most wooded borough of the most wooded county in the UK.

There's nothing much more to report this time. Summer is always the time that the happenings at my base of Frensham Common take precedence over most other things. Illegal camping, fires, barbecues and nearly nightly damage to our car park gates seem to go hand in hand with the good weather. If anyone witnesses any kind of anti-social behaviour that you think may be illegal or potentially damaging to either of the Dockenfield sites, please don't be shy in reporting it. I rely on reports from members of the public who are out and about a lot more than me.

Steve Webster

WBC Ranger for Frensham and Bealeswood Commons, Flat Copse and Tilford Nature Reserve

Dockenfield Does Disney: Profit and Loss 2015

	Total handed back	Float	Gross Takings	Expenses	Net Profit
BBQ	614.6	-101	513.6	-234.77	278.83
Bar	1,051.11	-111	940.11	-945.19	-5.08
Bash the Rat	22.3	-10	12.3	0.00	12.30
Basket Ball	28.75	-14	14.75	0.00	14.75
Books	264.38	-25	239.38	0.00	239.38
Bouncy Castle	147.3	-19	128.3	-180.00	-51.70
Cakes & Tea	217.75	-56	161.75	-53.36	108.39
Coconut shy/Hook a duck	113.66	-20	93.66	-56.80	36.86
Hobby Horse Making	16.5		16.5	-29.73	-13.23
Face painting	47.7	-10	37.7	-2.80	34.90
Human Fruit Machine	51.49	-10	41.49	0.00	41.49
Ice cream	187.7	-20	167.7	-52.40	115.30
Plants	534.5	-31	503.5	0.00	503.50
Pole Joust	115	-15	100	-180.00	-80.00
Raffle	399.2	-30	369.2	0.00	369.20
Stocks	35.12	-10	25.12	0.00	25.12
Tombola	181.8	-20	161.8	0.00	161.80
Toys	156.2	-22	134.2	0.00	134.20
Spare	11	-11	0		0.00
<u>Other General Expenses</u>					
Bunting				-60.24	-60.24
Entertainer Mr Mc Donut & Balloon Modelling	27	0	27	-180.00	-153.00
New Scaffolding Poles					0.00
Posters etc				-20.65	-20.65
Generator				-136.80	-136.80
Scouts (Marquee Set Up and take down)				-75.00	-75.00
Temporary Event Notice				-21.32	-21.32
Toilet Hire				-84.00	-84.00
Fire Extinguisher				-36.00	-36.00
Prizes				-46.58	-46.58
Total	4,223.06	-535	3,688.06	-2,395.64	1,292.42

Note * We have a lot of Stock Left Over for Xmas Party

Christmas is coming.....

What has got into DNL talking about Xmas whilst the tantalising aroma of barbeques still hangs over the village? Well, we want to make sure all the following dates are safely in your diaries. No excuses then for not turning up to them all.

Help put up the Dockenfield Christmas Tree: **Sunday 6 December**, 10.30am

Christmas Carols at the Bus Shelter: **Monday 7 December**, 6.45pm

Family Christmas Party at the Bluebell: **Saturday 12 December**, exact timings etc to be decided.

Dockenfield does Disney

The Dockenfield Fete again proved to be very popular and successful. Yet again we were lucky with the weather, as the sun shone, the food and drinks flowed, the stalls were very busy, and the arena was buzzing with the ever popular children's races. There truly was something for everyone to enjoy from children to adult, young and old. The children enjoyed dressing up in the Disney theme, and the adults got into the swing of things as well.

There were the usual old favourites, the Human Fruit Machine, Coconut Shy and Bash the Rat as well as the Stocks, Pole Jousting and the Bouncy Castle which was a new addition. All proved to be a big success with the children and young people. Many of the children added even more to the fun following their visit to the face painting. The dogs were an active part of the day and seemed to enjoy taking part in the dog competitions (or should that be the owners enjoyed). The book stall, children's toys, tombola, raffle and plant stalls all proved to be hugely popular with many repeat customers because of the reputation our fete is acquiring. All the visitors to the fete were able to satisfy their hunger and thirst with the well stocked bar, the tea and cake stall, ice-creams and the barbecue.

This year we even had young entrepreneurs who set up and successfully ran the Basketball stall. Always good to get them trained up young, ready to step into the Dockenfield Activity Committee shoes at a later date!!

As always the event could never take place without the great help of all the volunteers, and generous donations. The Committee sends a very big thank you to everyone who made this day so successful.

You can see from the profit and loss we made some money on the day and the committee have already started to look at how we can plough some of the money raised back into the village. This will include subsidising part of the village Christmas party, as well as looking into the possibility of a new event next year; we will keep you posted. If you have any good ideas on how we could use some of the money to improve the village, then please let us know.

Next year's D-Day extravaganza will be on **Saturday 4 June 2016**....We already have Mr Giant, no less, booked as the children's entertainer!!

Dockenfield Day – raffle prizes

Local businesses again showed us great support by donating some excellent prizes for us to raffle. Through their continuing generosity, the raffle raises a very healthy contribution towards Dockenfield Day funds and the lucky winners go home with some really good prizes. And this year I'm pleased to say we made a record £369.20!

As I mention so often, it is very noticeable that it is the local independent businesses that readily offer their help, despite being asked to donate prizes by so many other local good causes. So wherever possible, it would be good to try and support these local businesses. Many thanks again to:

Birdworld	Tel: 01420 22992	www.birdworld.co.uk
Bluebell Pub	Tel: 01252 792801	www.bluebell-dockenfield.com
Country Market	Tel: 01420 472486	www.countrymarket.co.uk
Elphicks	Tel: 01252 716222	www.elphicks.co.uk
Forest Lodge Garden Centre	Tel: 01420 23275	www.forest-lodge.co.uk
Frensham Pond Hotel	Tel: 01252 795161	www.bw-frenshampondhotel.co.uk
Humphries Butchers	Tel: 01252 792204	and 01252 797191
Rookery Barns Ltd	Tel: 01420 488870	www.rookerybarns.com
Strutt & Parker Estate Agents	Tel: 01252 821102	www.struttandparker.com

Grateful thanks also to the very generous gifts received from villagers.

Debbie Foster

Dockenfield Business Directory

Following the call to re-launch the Dockenfield Business Directory in the previous edition of DNL I have received details for a further 3 businesses - building services, fashion and printing - taking the number of businesses in the Directory to 19. There is clearly a wealth of talent and entrepreneurial flair in the village so if your business is not yet listed in the directory please email your details to Paul Wood (pdw65@btinternet.com), or put your details through the door at 'Alder Holt' in Green Lane. The idea is that it will be updated with each new edition.

See overleaf for the Directory itself.

Paul Wood

Dockenfield Business Directory

All businesses, large or small, full or part time are invited to participate. There is no charge for these entries as the Parish Council is keen to support businesses that are owned and run by village residents. The only criteria for entry is that you *must* live in a house that receives a hard copy of DNL delivered through their door: so please when submitting entries always remember to give you full home address although this will not be published. For reasons of space the description of each business must be a maximum of 3 lines within the box, although you can find a slightly enlarged version on the DPC website (www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk).

Business Name	Services Offered	Contact	Tel/email/website
Aldred Services	Groundworks, drainage and hard landscape	John Aldred	01252 793773 / 07831 431826 johnaldred@btconnect.com
Alison Ellen Knitwear	Short courses and books on designing knitwear; custom made knitwear.	Alison Ellen	01252 792442 / 07896 124418 alison@alisonellenhandknits.co.uk www.alisonellenhandknits.co.uk
Bluebell Pub	The only public house in Dockenfield.	Robin/Lucy Catchpole	01252 792801 www.bluebell-dockenfield.com
Brown Fox Consultancy Ltd	We work with businesses to help them develop and improve their relationships with customers	Sebastian Fox	07930 986677 sebastian@brownfoxconsultancy.com www.brownfoxconsultancy.com
Bushbaby Travel Ltd	Bespoke holidays and adventures around the world.	Abigail and James Shaw	01252 792984 info@bushbaby.travel http://bushbaby.travel
Charterlith	Artwork, design, printing, copying for everyone	Adrian Wilkins/John Wilkins	01252 614406 theprinters@charterlith.co.uk http://www.charterlith.co.uk/
In a Scent Aromatherapy	Aromatherapy and deep tissue massage and consultation.	Amanda Adolph	01252 795909 / 07867 808918 amandaadolph@gmail.com
Jean Heathcote	Painter in oils, landscapes, local scenes and seascapes.	Jean Heathcote	01252 793251
Larksgate Garden Design	Design; design & build; planting plans, supply and planting; problem solving.	Maxine Sims	01252 790242 / 07979 470946 maxine@larksgatedesign.co.uk www.larksgatedesign.co.uk
Level 7 Software Ltd	IT consultancy.	Malcolm Marshall	07931 374135 malcolm.marshall@level7software.co.uk www.level7software.co.uk
Milestones Clinic Ltd	We provide a specialist multidisciplinary neuro-rehabilitation service.	Sally de la Fontaine	01784 457520 sally@milestonesclinic.co.uk www.milestonesclinic.co.uk
Nicola Godden Sculpture	Sculpture in bronze for gardens and interiors.	Nicola Godden BA MRBS	01252 795547 nicolagodden@aol.com www.nicolagodden.com
Pilates Training Solutions Ltd	Pilates matwork classes, one to one equipment and rehabilitation sessions.	Belinda Buttery	01252 719429 / 07734 426757 belindajbuttery@hotmail.com www.pilatestrainingsolutions.co.uk
Poulsom Plant Hire	Plant hire and agricultural contracting.	Katy Poulsom	01252 792614 / 07703 519488 katy.poulsomplant@gmail.com
Pure.Style	Image consultations for men and women.	Rachel Ilett	01252 793551 r.ilet@btinternet.com www.pure-style.co.uk
Roak Ltd	Quality trusted builders, refurbishment, new-build, extensions.	David Epps	01252 820328 / 07768 510055 david@roak.co.uk www.roak.co.uk
Strawberry Signs Ltd	Signwriter offering banners, vehicle graphics, pavement and shop signage, logos.	Paul Edwards	01252 319474 / 07774 193769 strawberrysigns@btconnect.com www.strawberrysigns.co.uk
Surrey Clock Centre Haslemere	Repair and restoration of antique clocks and barometers.	Stuart Haw	01428 651313 / 07840 685380 fattyfooks@aol.com
Tim Lediard	Painting, pressure washing, hedge and grass cutting, carpet and upholstery cleaning.	Tim Lediard	01420 472285 / 07900 895667 tlediard@aol.com

Frensham & Dockenfield Horticultural Society

The Society has ended its early summer programme with two very successful plant stalls at the village fetes and an evening meeting to celebrate and enjoy our roses. This popular “Rose Evening” is now in its second year and it has followed the same format with members displaying their best roses in five, very informal categories; the Best Scented, Most Romantic, Best Rosebud, Most Perfect and Most Unusual rose. The Marindin Hall was once again filled with the colour and scent of the blooms and we enjoyed a good but simple meal of breads, cheeses and pickles washed down with the tipples of our choice.

The voting, by secret ballot, then begins for each class and this year the winners (being, both the grower and also the rose variety) were:

- Best Scented – Sheila Aiken (variety. Champagne)
- Most Romantic – Ian Milne (var ? but dark velvety red)
- Best Rosebud – Caroline Plant (var. Royal William)
- Most Unusual – Annabel Sommerfelt (var. Moody Blue)
- Most perfect – Penny Hearn (var. Penny Lane)

For the second year running the person with highest overall votes for their roses was Sheila Aiken. Thanks to Caroline Plant for compèring the evening, Suzanne McLean for organisation and Anthea Graves being our “catering supremo”.

For details of the rest of the years activities, including the Autumn Flower and Veg Show, see our website www.fdhs.org.uk, our membership booklet and the article below for details of our open classes that anyone can enter on Saturday 5 September. **Dan Bosence**

Autumn Show – Saturday 5 September 2.30-4pm at Marindin Hall

There are now 15 Open Classes in the Autumn Show which anyone, whether they are a member of the society or not, can enter. Do have a go, just bring something from your garden or kitchen, there is every chance that you might win. Entries are very welcome and there are prizes for all entries in the Junior Classes.

Entries must be delivered to the Marindin Hall, Millbridge between 8.45am and 10.15am on the morning of the Show. All flowers must have been grown in the entrant’s garden or allotment. Any preserves must be in plain lidded jar with no logos/decorations etc. The photos should be unmounted prints not exceeding 8” x 10”; they may be cropped but not digitally enhanced. The Show is open to the public from 2.30pm - 4.00pm and the prize giving is at 3.45pm. If you have any questions, please contact either **Penny Hearn** on Tel: 01252 794804 or **Suzanne McLean** on Tel: 01252 792231.

Complete the form on the next page and send it *either* to Penny Hearn, 4 Bourne Dene, Wrecclesham, Farnham, GU10 4RF **or** take to the Frensham Village Shop, no later than 12 noon on Thursday 3 September.

Neighbourhood Watch

Recent thefts of garden machinery from outbuildings in the village prompt a timely reminder to all residents to keep sheds and garages locked and, if possible, fitted with an alarm.

Mowers etc should be marked with the relevant postcode. Even better, visit the Surrey Police website “Surrey Police Immobilise” where all valuable household or garden equipment may be registered, including serial numbers where relevant.

This will enable the Police to identify any items believed to have been stolen and the address of the registered owner. **Patrick Rendell**

Drinking in the view

I am sure we are all agreed how nice it is to live near Frensham Ponds, especially in the summer. There’s a lovely walk from the village along the ridge, down the hill to cross ‘Pooh Sticks Bridge’, past St Mary’s and onto the Great Pond. And for many years now you have been able to reward yourself once you get there with cup of tea or coffee at the Snack Bar near Frensham Great Pond car park, and you can wander off with your drink (and if you are wise, a naughty but nice bacon buttie) and enjoy the drink and the view at the same time.

If you walk on just a little bit further of course there is Frensham Ponds Hotel, where you can sit outside with your drink (here with an alcoholic option!) and take in the lovely view from their terrace.

But did you know that you can now have a choice of ponds where you can drink in the view. Yes, there is a small café near the old ‘Keepers Cottage’ not far from the main car park of the Little Pond.

Two ponds; three ‘cafés’; three different but equally lovely views. How good is that?

Village Lunch

Wednesdays 22 July and 24 August, midday at the British Legion

The next two Village Lunches are being held on the above dates. The accompanying charity sales tables and raffle will be in support of Church Flowers and Dockenfield Church Fabric. All are welcome and will be assured of a really tasty meal at a bargain basement price, coupled with loads of good friendly company. I have it on good authority that the dish for August is chicken casserole so that sounds yummy.

Entry Form - AUTUMN SHOW – SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Floral Arrangements		Class entry
Class 3 Juniors *	An arrangement in a shoe	
Flowers		
Class 28	A container of mixed garden flowers – number of kinds and stems, sprays or branches at exhibitor’s discretion (may include flowering shrubs)	
Class 29	A container of mixed stems, sprays or branches bearing seeds, hips or pods etc., no flowers	
Class 30 Juniors *	Grow a sunflower, the one with the greatest diameter head including petals is the winner	
Fun Classes		
Class 46	The heaviest pumpkin	
Class 47	The ugliest vegetable	
Home Industries		
Class 56	A jam, (named and dated – day/month/year)	
Class 57	A jelly, (named and dated – day/month/year)	
Class 58	Classic Swiss roll following the recipe provided **	
Class 59	A remembrance poppy either knitted or crocheted	
Class 60 Juniors*	Cheese straws - 6	
Photography		
Class 61	Ferns	
Class 62	Water lilies	
Class 63	Skies	
Class 64 Juniors *	Something I have made or grown	

* aged 15 and under

** recipe available from the Frensham Village Shop or at www.fdhs.org.uk

Name:

Address:

Complete the form and send it *either* to Penny Hearn, 4 Bourne Dene, Wrecclisham, Farnham, GU10 4RF or take to the Frensham Village Shop, no later than 12 noon on Thursday 3 September.

-----<-----<-----<-----

Booking Form - SKITTLES EVENING – FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 7pm

Please book tickets (£14 each) for the Skittles Evening at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest.

I enclose a cheque for £ in payment (payable to Dockenfield Parish Council).

Name(s): Date of booking:

Address:

Tel: Email:

Names of all players (It is really important to include this so teams can be formed ahead of the evening):

.....
Send or deliver to: Ian Mansell, Tudor House, Batt’s Corner, Dockenfield GU10 4EX. Or contact by email: pma@business-it-solutions.co.uk

DOCKENFIELD newsletter

250 and still
going
strong

Its not every day of the week that you reach 250, so the Parish Council and I thought it might be a nice idea to celebrate a bit by adding this 'special commemorative supplement' to the regular edition. The following pages take a look back at the origins of DNL, examining why it came into existence in the first place. Then we take trip down memory with an interview with the very first editor, and list all the editors that have ever taken the helm.

We finish off with a few peeps at the highlights of village life in the last 35 years and see how DNL has, sometimes unexpectedly, shaped some of the events that have taken place. And last but not least you'll find a copy of the very first edition stapled to the back. That should stir a few memories! **Michael**

And in the beginning

Back in May, 2007 DNL was celebrating its 200th edition and so I asked John Taylor for his memories of the early days of the Newsletter and how he has seen it develop since. Sadly John is no longer with us to ask his thoughts as DNL hits 250, but I thought that it would be good to repeat his original letter here as it still has interest and relevance today.

So here we are with Newsletter No. 200 (*now 250 of course*) and perhaps it is an appropriate time to share thoughts of those early editions way back in April 1980.

The introduction of Newsletter No. 1 spoke of how, when the shop (now Hampton House) closed, we lost not only the grocery store and post office, but also a meeting place. The last shopkeeper told me of one lady who visited the shop three or four times a day to make small purchases but mainly to meet other people.

The Newsletter was to spread village news, happenings, things to do and to get involved in. Thinking back, it would have been more difficult to spread the word about our fete, our carol evening etc etc without the Newsletter. But 1980 was a different world. No computers, emails or broadband. An Apple was a fruit. Taken one a day, it kept the doctor away! Apple Macs had yet to arrive.

The news was written on scraps of paper then passed to the editor who put it into order for typing on the Olivetti. Then in a little while we acquired a Gestetner machine (hands up in you remember those!). My wife would have to type on to something called a skin. This was fitted to the roller. Ink was squeezed on to the skin, paper fed in and the handle turned. Presto! Just like a real newspaper – copies rolled off. The ink squirted everywhere. On the rollers, on the paper feeder, on our hands, but the papers rolled out.

Now our editor is fully computerised. News items are emailed. It's all so much more professional. Michael has brought a new style. Our thanks and admiration go to him. Also our thanks go to all those past editors and distributors. I hope they felt it fun to do and worthwhile. This is a lovely village and the Newsletter is such an important part of village life. Here's to the next 100.

John Taylor (Chairman of Dockenfield Parish Council when Newsletter No 1 was launched)

Celebrating 250 Editions....

What a fantastic way of communicating village matters we have in our Newsletter. Over all of these editions, we have been fortunate to have volunteer Editors, Contributors, Co-ordinators and Deliverers. Without a doubt Mark Vardy has delivered ours for at least 30 odd years and if asked I expect it is more. Real commitment.

Over its evolution the DNL has been a single sheet as you will see from the attached to the almost tabloid proportions and quality at present and many different combinations along the way.

The Parish Council pays for the "printing" now and has for some years. However, certainly for many editions individuals in the village also generously undertook this operation.

DNL is a living record of the moment and hopefully with the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings will be an historic picture of the village we all enjoy today. **Jill Trout (Chairman of Dockenfield Parish Council)**

DNL interviews the Newsletter's very first editor

With the help of Brenda Farrant, DNL has tracked down the Newsletter's first editor. Lyn Doherty (now Lyn Gill) lived with her first husband Pat and their three children at Neasham Hill in Green Lane between 1974 and 1988. She took the reins for the first four editions between April and September 1980. She now lives with her husband Alan in Wreccelesham. Earlier this month Lyn kindly agreed to a visit from the Newsletter and recounted her memories of DNL and of village life in the 1970s and 80s.

Dockenfield Newsletter (DNL): You lived in Dockenfield for 14 years. What were your feelings towards the village?

Lyn Gill (LG): I absolutely loved it. It's a very friendly place; very welcoming and perfect for young families like ours. I so enjoyed it there and our children had a wonderful childhood.

DNL: So you found the village very inclusive?

LG: Yes, absolutely. We felt we fitted in with the village from the word go. There is a wonderful atmosphere about the place and the people make you feel immediately at home there.

DNL: Were you greatly involved in village events?

LG: Very much so. I ran the Frensham Playgroup at St Mary's Hall with Brenda Farrant, having bought it off Freda Booy, so we knew many of the local children. I also was involved in the first Dockenfield Day fetes and had many friends in the village.

DNL: How did you become editor of the Newsletter?

LG: Until you rang I had forgotten all about it, and it's lovely to see the first edition again. It brings back many happy memories. I guess it was a case of 'give a busy person more work'. I was always happy to take on new things. Volunteering is just so important. I was very sorry to hear about the death of John Taylor though; he did so much for the village.

DNL: Did you have any skills that led to your being asked?

LG: I had a typewriter and keyboard skills and lots of energy. I had also taken on some work at home, typing up parish magazines for other villages including Binsted and Bentley and others, so I was familiar with the work, although I got paid a small amount for that whilst DNL was voluntary of course.

DNL: With such a busy life and three small children, how did you find the time?

LG: I used to work after 8pm at night during the quiet time of the day when the children had gone to bed. The idea then was that each editor would only do the job for a short time and then pass it on. I rather liked doing it as it meant I got all the village news first!

DNL: What other memories do you have of the village?

LG: A group of friends in Green Lane, Jean Elkes, Teresa Aldred, Jennifer Dormer and I used to take it in turns to have everyone's children one morning a week. It was a real treat for the others having that morning free.

DNL: Did you used to go up to the Bluebell?

LG: No, but my then husband Pat used to drink there from time to time, so I got to hear all the stories and hear about the landlady Moira. I must go back now that it's doing well again.

DNL: Dockenfield Day was quite an innovation I imagine?

LG: Oh yes, and great fun. I remember helping out with John Taylor, Robert and Brenda Farrant and Diana Parratt and others. Do the children still make up miniature gardens on a plate with moss, mirrors and flowers? And what about the children's game where they had to stab as many corks as they could in a minute with a hat pin? And is 'Bash the Rat' still going?

DNL: Any amusing incidents that particularly stand out in the memory?

LG: There was one lady who lived in the village who used to have an earth closet, using the manure to produce the most wonderful vegetables. For some reason though nobody ever wanted to eat them!

DNL: Thank you very much.

LG: It's been wonderful reliving all these lovely memories. Dockenfield is a really lovely place to live.

Congratulations from the Farnham Herald

Back in the 'good old days' when local papers had more reporters than desks, the Herald employed a faithful stock of village reporters affectionately known as 'stringers'. These stringers would keep their ears to the ground, attending parish council meetings, hob-nobbing with the who's-who of the village and frequenting pubs and other community gatherings to get the scoop on all the best news, events and gossip the area had to offer.

Sadly the days of stringers are long-gone and many papers such as the Herald now rely on local people and groups getting in touch directly to tell us their tales, pass on their photos and keep us updated on village happenings. I can think of no better source of such information than the Dockenfield Newsletter.

I eagerly await publication of the Newsletter each edition to see what is going on in the Dockenfield and Frensham area and have no shame in admitting the publication has inspired countless stories in the Herald during my time at the paper. From the fraudsters at The Bluebell and Robin and Lucy's subsequent revival of the pub to intrepid outdoor swimmers at Frensham Pond, statues at the Olympic Park and the emergence of Frensham Brewery, many Herald yarns have begun life in the pages of the Dockenfield Newsletter. Long may this continue.

The credit crunch has forced the newspaper industry to take stock in recent years, with many local papers forced to shrink their local offering, share more pages with sister papers and in many cases disappear completely. The Farnham Herald has not escaped these pressures, but with the extraordinary support of such an active community in the town and its surrounding villages, it has been able to retain the local-focus we consider so vital.

Many congratulations to the Dockenfield Newsletter for reaching such a remarkable milestone, and I look forward to reading the next 250 editions!

Daniel Gee, Chief Reporter Farnham Herald

Newsletter Editors from the very beginning to the present day

Here we are with the 250th edition of DNL, a little over 35 years since the first issue came out in April 1980. What better time then to list all of the residents who have given freely of their time to bring out each edition down the years? That said, I have a couple of caveats. Firstly, I don't have every edition of DNL on file (numbers 10, 83, 171 and 188 are missing,) and, in the early years quite often there was no indication who the editor was. So if I have missed anyone out then I apologise. The situation becomes clearer after July 1983 when I think I have all the names correct. Anyway, here goes:

Lyn Doherty

Fred French

Pat Clough

Jean Elkes

John Taylor

Anne Young (editions 26-29, May-November 1983)

Catherine Burdekin (editions 30-34, February-September 1984)

Jane Pearson (editions 35-37, October 1984-February 1985)

Sarah and Ben Clough (editions 38-40, April-July 1985)

Robert and Brenda Farrant (editions 41-44, September 1985-March 1986)

Freda Booy (editions 45-55, April 1986-September 1987)

Martin Wake (editions 56-66, November 1987-March 1989)

Annette Clayson (editions 67-71, May-December 1989)

Annette Clayson and Celia Wilkins (editions 72-98, January 1990-January 1993)

Martin and Karen Wake (editions 99-129, February 1993-September 1996)

Lloyd Jones and Sylvia Palmer (editions 130-164, October 1996-October 2001)

Annette, Robert and Michael Clayson (editions 165-192, December 2001-April 2006)

Michael Foster (editions 193-250, May 2006-July 2015 and counting)

When I took over as editor I 'inherited' what I was told was the only complete set of editions in existence. But as you can see I am missing four of them. So if you happen to have edition 10, 83, 171 and 188 or ideally all four, please could I have a copy.

Wet and Dry

Whilst DNL began life in 1980, the 'Dockenfield Rain Gauge' was first introduced by Gordon Carter in 2003. So I can't let you know which are the wettest and driest years since DNL started, but I can tell you for the last 12 years as below. I am grateful to **Jack Bessant**, who now looks after the gauge, for supplying these figures.

Wettest: 2014 with 46.77 inches of rain (monthly average 3.8975 inches)

Driest: 2005 with 22.92 inches of rain (monthly average 1.91 inches)

Surprising events in the life of DNL

The original remit of the Newsletter was announced in edition number one as ‘a bulletin of village events and topics’, and that continues to be its primary purpose. But over the years it has, sometimes by accident sometimes by design, got involved in a wider range of topics and events. Here are a few of the highlights:

- It inspired Diana Parratt to believe that it could be a vehicle to publicise a new village fete. And so Dockenfield Day was born in May 1981.
- In December 1981 it ‘bid farewell to the Convent of St Teresa’. Now of course the area of the village known as ‘Great Holt’.
- In 1988 DNL helped with the (successful) fight against the proposed sandpit at Great Holt Farm.
- Led the village fight against both the conversion of part of Alice Holt Forest to a holiday village (in 1996) and ‘the toxic tip’ (in 2000).
- Finally, it has in turn reported on the closing of the Bluebell, and then it’s reopening in 2006, more than ten years later. More surprisingly it played a (completely inadvertent) role in the unearthing and subsequent conviction and imprisonment of two fraudsters who sought to hide from the law by running the village pub. Odd decision that; why would anyone believe that they could hide in a village, much less hide in the village pub? And, more happily, played a minor part in the bringing together of Robin and Lucy the current landlords with the owner of the pub.

Dockenfield ‘Role of Honour’

In celebration of the Newsletters 250th edition, I thought it would be nice to list all the people who were living in the village at the time of its launch 35 years ago in April 1980 and who have been here ever since. This list first appeared in edition 200, and I have updated it to take account (I hope!) of any changes. The new list is below and I really hope that I have managed to include the names of everyone who has been in the village since then. But if I have missed anyone out, then firstly apologies and secondly please let me know and I will correct the omission.

Michael and Jean Heathcote
David and Mary Embling
Pat Clough
John Tussler
Mark and Sally Vardy
John and Celia Wilkins
Nancy Taylor

Harold and Diana Parratt
Brian and Kathy Cripps
Jack and Marjorie Bessant
Roger and Jill Trout
Jean Elkes
Martine Bodkin

Jim and Shirley Houston
John and Teresa Aldred
Pam Covington
David and Linda Poulson
Patricia Davies
Tony and Linda Martin

250 reasons to say ‘thank you’

Dockenfield Newsletter exists because of the (voluntary) efforts of all the editors, contributors and distributors who have worked so hard to publish and deliver each of 250 editions in the last 35 years. Lets not forget either, that whilst the editorship has changed a number of times over those years there are some residents who have been distributing DNL since issue number one. A word here also in praise of the Kingsley Centre who provide such reasonable photocopying facilities for DNL and to all their staff who are unfailingly friendly and helpful. Last but by no means least, thanks to the Parish Council who steadfastly believe in the Newsletter’s continuing value to the village, and hence continue to finance the printing costs. Let’s hope the tradition continues for many years to come.

So what else happened in 1980?

The first edition of DNL appeared in April 1980, an event that doubtless eclipsed everything else that was happening around the world at that time. So, here’s a taster of what was going on in that year, lest you forget.

The UK Prime Minister was Margaret Thatcher; the US President Jimmy Carter, albeit replaced late in the year by Ronald Reagan. There was a hostage crisis in Iran, which in the UK anyway led to the siege of the Iranian Embassy. Then, as now, there was a change in leader of the Labour Party, with Michael Foot elected in November 1980. Robert Mugabe became the first Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, and of course he’s still there.

Coronation Street was amongst the top television programmes, with Violet Carson making her final appearance as Ena Sharples on 4 April. The average house price in the UK was just £23,957...its approaching ten times that figure now. The average UK wage was £6,000 pa; a pint of beer cost 35p; and petrol was 28p per litre. Both are just a tickle more expensive now. And to end on a sad note, one of this country’s greatest musicians of modern times, John Lennon, was shot dead in New York on 8 December.

DOCKENFIELD NEWSLETTER

No. 1

APRIL, 1980

This, we hope, is the first of many. When our local shop closed in 1972, the village lost an invaluable meeting-place, where news and greetings could be exchanged daily. This is an attempt to provide some kind of substitute - a bulletin of village events and topics. The first few issues will be funded by the Parish Council. Later ones, we hope, will be sponsored by donations and by your own advertisements.

WHY A PARISH COUNCIL ?

There is a simple answer. The Parish Council is the first link in the chain of local government. It carries the voice of Dockenfield to the ears of Waverley, of the County Council, even when necessary of the national Government. Village funds being limited, we have looked to Waverley until now to provide for our needs. In the 80's, rural life is coming under new pressures. Cuts in transport, 'buses, schools and hospitals will affect our village. More and more the Parish Council needs to fight to preserve our amenities. More and more, as higher authority ceases to provide, "do it yourself" has to be the local solution.

WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL DOING ?

Several schemes are at present afoot. The land on the east side of Abbott's Cottages is being cleared, ready for grassing as a play area. Much of the work is being done by local volunteers. This will minimise costs; and the Parish Council is trying to persuade Waverley Council to make a grant towards the expense. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, who have lived here for 30 years, are donating three trees to mark the improvements: a red oak (*quercus borealis*), a cherry (*prunus sargentii*), and possibly a maple (*acer compestre*). The Council intends to plant these near the play area and to fence off the end beside the main road for safety.

At the request of the Parish Council, additional parking provision has recently been made for Abbott's Cottages.

The 'bus service'? It doesn't, of course, run at times to suit everybody; but it is owing to repeated pressure from the Parish Council on the County Council that we have still had a 'bus at all until now. The future is more disturbing. At a meeting of the Voluntary Services Council at Guildford on April 23rd, our chairman learned that Surrey Council has to reduce its grant in support of country 'bus services by £250,000 now and by a further £750,000 in 1981. This means that our service must be reduced further. In answer to Dockenfield protests, the County is asking Alder Valley to run a "shopping 'bus" on two mornings a week to Farnham and on to Aldershot and back. This will leave at 10.15a.m. and return at 12.15p.m. from Aldershot and 12.34p.m. from Farnham. The days have still to be decided.

There is one further gleam of hope. It has been agreed, under pressure, that Dockenfield may be a suitable village to serve with a Post 'bus, i.e. a minibus providing combined passengers and postal collection and delivery. This method is already being tried in eastern Surrey. Discussion with the Post Office is under way.

Dockenfield is entering for the Best Kept Village competition again this year. Already Cubs have been collecting litter. Tidy gardens and well-cut hedges and verges will increase our chances.

Have you noticed the new yellow bin by the 'bus shelter? The Parish Council had this installed in January for you to help yourselves to road-salt when the ice and snow came. Result - since January no ice and snow! A similar trick might work in the summer. Let the Parish Council know your holiday-dates and it will have an umbrella placed by the 'bus shelter, to make the sun shine!

The Parish Council has been asked to help raise funds for the Royal Surrey School of Nursing. If you would like to hold a coffee morning or similar event, please contact John Taylor, who has further details of this Appeal.

* * * * *

GET WELL SOON ... to Dick Barber, who has the fastest pair of crutches in Green Lane. Good to see you about again.

BEST WISHES ... to Mrs. Bridger in her new home at Peakfield, after many years in Dockenfield.

to Mr. and Mrs. Granswick, who are now both out of hospital.

* * * * *

The POST OFFICE is now held in the Church Vestry each Thursday, 9.30 - 10.30a.m.

The LIBRARY van will NOW be at the recreation ground on alternate Thursdays, 2.45 - 3.10., from Thursday, 24th April.

* * * * *

FOR SALE

'Barbie' horse, £2; Toot-toot Pushalong Boat for age 1½ - 3, v.g.c. £2; red 'Smiley' Pedal Car, up to 4 years, v.g.c. £8; new "Darryl" Shower Screen (fitting on side of bath) £20; two armchairs, offers. Mrs. Jean Elkes. Frensham 2274.

Child's bicycle seat (fitting to adult cycle) as new £5. Lyn Doherty. Frensham 3099.

Child's Desk with Chair - £5 o.n.o. Mrs. P. Clough, Frensham 2468.

WANTED: Small Hen House for 6 Hens. Mrs. P. Clough, Frensham 2468.

COST FOR EACH ADVERTISEMENT - 20p.

Please let us have your letters, views, news and advertisements, to :

Lyn Doherty (Editor at present)
Neasham Hill, Green Lane,
Dockenfield. Tel: Frensham 3099.

* * * * *