

DOCKENFIELD

newsletter

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield
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Reasons to be cheerful

You don't need me to tell you that it has been blowing up a storm hereabouts in the last couple of months. We've had trees down, fences blown away, electricity cuts and unexpected water features (and new potholes) appearing at every turn. But although I have heard reports of a couple of houses close to being flooded, I can't help thinking generally how lucky we have been as a village. A glance at the news tells you of the real distress suffered by many thousands of UK families, farmers and businesses especially in the West Country, Wales and the Thames Valley.

Regular readers of DNL will know that I bleat on about what a terrific place this is to live, not least of all because of the wonderful community spirit both here and in Frensham. But now it is time to give thanks for our geographical position, away from the gale-lashed coast line and above the flood plain.

And here's another reason to be cheerful this month. It wasn't that long ago that many of us were genuinely fearful that The Bluebell would be lost to the village for good. Now Robin and Lucy are celebrating their first anniversary with a series of special events up at the pub. For details of those and everything else that should be put in your diaries, read on.....

Michael

Fala sério!! Dockenfield Day goes Brazilian

Saturday 7 June, 2-6pm at the Playing Field, Abbotts Cottages, followed by the evening party at the Bluebell

It's strange but true. Dockenfield Day is one of the smallest fetes around but is still one of the best loved. Folk come from miles around to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy the old fashioned fun. And they stay for hours to enjoy its wonderful local feel, traditional entertainment and happy, relaxed atmosphere.

And the lovely thing about that is: it's your fete in your village. To discover everything that is happening and to see how you can lend a hand please turn to page 7.

To save you the trouble of looking up Fala sério!

Say Fala sério (fah-lah seh-dee-oh) to mean 'You're kidding!' or 'You're joking!' or 'No way!' Brazilians also say Não acredito! (nah-oooh ah-kdeh-jee-toh; 'I can't believe it!') in the same situations. But Fala sério has a funnier tone to it. It literally means 'Talk seriously'.

Dockenfield Annual Parish Meeting.

Tuesday 15 April, 8pm at the Good Shepherd

If you want to get up to date on the progress of **Superfast Broadband** in the village do come along to the Annual Parish Meeting when the lead speaker will be Katie Brennan of Surrey County Council Superfast Broadband Programme. For full details of this meeting including a list of the other village matters to be discussed please see page 3 and page 4 for a further update on Broadband in the village.

Dockenfield's 'League of Gentlemen'

Following the piece in the last edition (Who are Dockenfield's Senior Citizens?, page 1 edition 241) I can reveal the current league table of senior gentlemen of the village, is as follows.

Alan Bain: aged 85, date of birth 9 November 1928

Charles Livingstone: aged 84, date of birth 26 October 1929

Gordon Carter: aged 84, date of birth 3 February 1930

Now it is possible that there is a more senior male resident in the village. If so could he please get in touch in the next six weeks or so? If I don't hear from anyone by then, I will assume that Alan Bain takes the title of 'King of the (Dockenfield) Castle'.

I have had nobody in touch to trump Mrs Pat Paull as the most senior lady in the village. Any advances on her age of 92? In the meantime I owe her an apology for leaving the second 'l' out of her surname last time around.

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

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Tuesday, 11 March	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield Local History Group	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
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Thursday, 20 March	7.45pm	Millbridge WI	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
Wednesday, 26 March	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 8
Friday, 28 March	From approx 8.30pm	Music Night at the Bluebell	The Bluebell pub	Page 5
Saturday, 5 April	2.30-4pm	Spring Flower and Vegetable Show	The Marindin Hall	Page 13
Tuesday, 8 April	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield Local History Group	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
Tuesday, 15 April	8pm	Dockenfield Annual Parish Meeting	Church of the Good Shepherd	Pages 1 & 3
Thursday, 17 April	7.45pm	Millbridge WI	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
Wednesday, 23 April	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 8
Thursday, 24 April	8pm	Butterflies and Flowers of Bealeswood Common	Church of the Good Shepherd	Page 13
Tuesday, 13 May	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield Local History Group	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
Tuesday, 13 May	7.30pm for 8pm	Frensham Village Shop AGM	Church of the Good Shepherd	Page 10
Thursday, 15 May	7.45pm	Millbridge WI	The Marindin Hall	Page 8
Friday, 30 May	From approx 8.30pm	Music Night at the Bluebell	The Bluebell pub	Page 5
Saturday, 7 June	2-6pm 6.30pm-late	Dockenfield Day Evening Party	Abbotts Cottages Bluebell pub	Pages 1 & 7
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For the next edition **the deadline is 5 May** 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.

News from Dockenfield Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting. This year's Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday **15 April** at the Good Shepherd at 8pm. The keynote speaker will be Katie Brennan of Surrey County Council Superfast Broadband Programme, who will update us on Superfast Broadband in Dockenfield, a subject that we know is dear to many people's hearts.

We will also be inviting comment from David Harmer (Surrey County Council), Brian Adams (Waverley Borough Council), Colin Hall (local representative of CPRE and Alice Holt Users Forum), Sebastian Fox (Dockenfield Activities Committee), whilst Roger Trout or Brian Davey will update us on the Hampshire Minerals Policy and Vicky Booth will talk on Bealeswood Common and Waverley managed land. In fact most if not all aspects of Dockenfield village life that impact us all will be covered. Admittance is free, refreshments will be served and we hope to see lots of you there.

Next Meeting Dates. The next Parish Council Meeting dates are **Tuesdays 11 March** and **15 April** (Annual Parish Meeting). 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.

Apologies. For the cancellation of the February Parish Council meeting, unfortunately three members were away on business so we would not have been quorate.

Litter Picking. You may have noticed our lanes continue to be litter-picked by some young residents of the village. If, however, you do come across any litter or out of date posters, please collect these up and put them in your wheelie bins. It seems litter encourages more litter and we are doing quite well at present!

Parish Email List If you wish to be added to the Parish email list, please contact Jessica Hobday our Parish Clerk by email (see below). This is only used for emergencies and Parish matters.

Dockenfield Village Signs: Photos wanted. We are progressing with the Dockenfield village signs and hopefully Nicola Rutherford will have a design ready as soon as we have gathered enough historic material for her to work with. So if you have any interesting archive information (and especially old photos) on Batt's Corner or Dockenfield please let us know if we can borrow them. Please contact Jessica via the email below

Working Parties for Fritz's Field and the War Memorial. It was hoped to give dates for working parties to tidy up Fritz's Field and the War Memorial, but because the weather has been so awful it has been decided to postpone these with dates announced in the next DNL.

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

Listen out for the Cuckoo

Once again do please listen out for the sound of the cuckoo and let the Newsletter know when and where you first hear it. It's not a race, although it's always interesting to learn when the first one is heard. But it's equally interesting to know the different times at which the cuckoo appears in the four corners of the Parish. I wonder whether the awful weather will have impacted its timing or behaviour at all.....perhaps it will have had to learn to swim! Just email michael.foster66@btinternet.com with your news and I will print the details in the next DNL. Many thanks.

Earth Hour in Dockenfield

This year Earth Hour is taking place on **29 March at 8.30pm**. We are going to be in the dark for the hour- will you? Imagine the stars we'd see if all the lights were out at the same time! The World Wide Fund for Nature has organised this event world wide. 150 countries, 7,000 Towns and cities around the world are involved.

About WWF's Earth Hour:

- When the lights switch off at 8.30pm on 29 March, it's our planet's time to shine...
- Earth Hour is the world's biggest celebration for our amazing planet, hundreds of millions of people from across the world coming together in a symbolic and spectacular light outs display.
- It's a brilliant reminder that together we can make change happen, and it gives us a chance to think about the small things we can do everyday to help create a brighter future. So whether you reflect under the stars or celebrate by candlelight, it's a moment to say you will do your bit to protect our planet – not just for one hour, but every day.

Nicola Rutherford

Pilates and 'Cherubs' at the Good Shepherd

These are two of the regular events that take place at the Good Shepherd. If you would like information on **Pilates** (every Monday evening at 7.45pm) please contact Belinda BATTERY on Tel: 794423. And for **'Cherubs'**, Dockenfield and Frensham's baby and toddler group (every Thursday from 9.30-11am during term time and starting up again on 6 March), please email Jane Walker: revjwalker@btconnect.com

Update on Superfast Broadband for the Village

According to the latest Superfast Surrey Project newsletter, the roll out of the fibre optic cable technology to street cabinets across Surrey is well on schedule, and, indeed, for Frensham and Dockenfield, is expected to be available to service providers from the end of March. This compares with the original plan for our area to be serviced by the end of September this year. BT OpenReach deserves some credit for expectation management at the very least!

The objective is to have an additional 84,000 premises in Surrey enabled by the end of this year, having started a year ago. More than 35,000 are already on-line following completion of the first two phases, with the third phase well underway, despite the fact that Zeus, Indra, Tlalac and all the other deities responsible for dealing with imprecations for rain seem have allowed these to accumulate for a few decades before getting around to responding!

The Dockenfield cabinet went in this month - you will have seen the works and new box next to the playground and telephone box, and a quick random poll of post-codes from Batts Corner to Old Lane seems to confirm availability next month. If you want to check your own post code, do go to: www.superfastsurrey.org.uk/.

This installation brings superfast technology to the village, but you need to remember that from the cabinet to your home, the old copper wiring will still be used, and we understand that the reduction in speed over copper wire is something like 50% for every 1,000m. However, this should not be noticeable by the vast majority of residents who live within this range. If, however, you have special requirements, for example, business or ultra-large file transfer needs, which this stricture will impact, you need to make special arrangements for fibre-optic cable to be run from the cabinet to your own premises. This is not covered by the Surrey CC / BT contract arrangements.

The only blip found so far is for those at Great Holt who are on Box 6 on the Bordon "exchange" (01420 number), where, presumably, this will be covered by Hampshire County Council's programme with BT. Regrettably, areas of Binsted and the small part of Great Holt which is in Surrey, but served by the Bordon exchange seem to have no priority at present, looking at the latest map issued by HCC. In any event, HCC is not aiming to complete their roll out until 2017, quite some time behind Surrey.

For more information on the HCC side of the fence, please go to <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/broadband/2014-01-29BigPictureMap-TimingofRollout-Copyv2.pdf>.

Back in Dockenfield, I expect your ISPs will be contacting you shortly to negotiate a modest increase in cost to make the faster service available to individual households. **Ian McLean**

David Harmer also writes to say: The speed loss on copper is 50% every kilometre, so the Superfast limit is about 2.4 Km, or 1.5 miles, and it's all measured as the cable goes. Also, Fibre to the Premises is not available yet - I asked BT for some this morning (28 February) and they don't have any date (or tariff) for it.

Comings...

A warm Dockenfield welcome to

- Ben and Corrine Whitehouse and their three children Josh, Amelia and Maisie who have moved into Blackberry Cottage in Boundary Road.

...goings...

- If there has been an arrival it follows that there has been a corresponding departure, but I haven't been given the nod to put it in and so must say 'bon voyage' to an anonymous departing resident.

...and congratulations

- Here's a lovely thing to sing from the treetops. DNL (and I am sure everyone in the village) sends truckloads of good wishes to Dockenfield's very own Amy Jones and Jon Robertson who have got engaged. Jon popped the question whilst they were having a romantic dinner at a restaurant at the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Now there's a fella who knows how to woo a woman.

If you are new to the village, then please let the Newsletter know and we can welcome you in the next edition. Or if you want to offer congratulations on a wedding, birthday or anniversary again let the Newsletter know and they can be mentioned in this section. And if you want to stay in touch once you have left Dockenfield, then ask for an email copy of the Newsletter to be sent to you. Just email michael.foster66@btinternet.com

The 'village' website

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

The Bluebell: is it all ‘coming up roses’?

It was around this time last year that the pub held its ‘official’ opening party. One year on and your intrepid reporter decided it was a good moment to request a ‘mini interview’ with Robin and get his take on how the first 12 months had gone. Last week the two of us met, over an orange juice and a cup of tea (yes, really) and this is what he said.

DNL: How would you summarise how business has been since you opened? Above or below expectations?

Robin Catchpole (RC): It’s been busier than we expected, especially in the summer. We are really pleased, and the feedback has been positive.

DNL: How well do you think you have been welcomed into the village?

RC: Again the response has been immensely positive, not least of all because of what came before. We now have a really nice group of regulars from the village which is lovely, and in general everyone in and around Dockenfield has been very supportive.

DNL: What plans have you got for the future?

RC: We have a new chef as you know and our immediate goal is to set our standards higher with the quality of the food and service.

DNL: It’s been a year of upheaval for you, Lucy and your family. New home, new business et al. How has it been for you all personally?

RC: We love the location, the village, the countryside, the local walks. Now that we are actually living here, amongst the community with lots of space around us and a lovely pub to run we are all very happy. It’s been a very good lifestyle choice and it suits the family well. We have to work long hours, but at any one time we are only 30 seconds away from our children next door and that is a huge compensation.

DNL: Any regrets?

RC: I had wanted to leave the ‘branded pub’ sector and strike out on my own for some while, and I was spurred into action by the sad event of my father dying early of cancer in April 2012. When we found the Bluebell we knew it ‘ticked all the right boxes’ for us and we took the leap of setting up on our own. Then in February last year, just as we were opening, my mother died less than a year after my father and also of cancer. And just four months later, in June, my stepfather, who had played a big part in my life, also passed away. Having opened ten pubs for Whitbread I know the importance of the landlord being the genial host, the veritable life and soul of the party. But with those events in my private life I have found that role hard to play sometimes and I hope our customers will understand. That aside, no regrets whatsoever. I’d give it ten out of ten.

Events at the Bluebell (Tel: 792801)

Current opening times. *Bar:* Mon–Wed 12-3pm and 6-11pm; Thurs-Sat 11am-11pm. Sunday 11am-7pm
Food: served Mon-Sat 12-3pm and 6-9pm; Sun 12-3pm. I am told the times ‘will change with the clocks’.

Friday 14 March. They had hoped to have the Charley Farley Sunday Four to help them celebrate their first anniversary, but they are incredibly busy (supporting Al Murray, pub landlord!) so cannot make this date. (The good news is that they can play the last Friday in May – so do book a table well in advance, see below for details). Instead, to celebrate they are launching a **new menu** on **14 March** with live music from James Deane. DNL readers are welcome to a 10% discount if they book a table on that night.

Live Music Nights. Friday **14 March:** James Deane (see above); Friday **28 March** (band to be announced); Friday **30 May;** The Charley Farley Sunday Four.

Special Events. Mothers Day, Sunday 30 March: the pub will be running a special 3 course menu at £25.95 per person. They are evidently already quite full so please book asap if you wish to go. **Easter Sunday,** 21 April will be the along the same lines (3 courses £25.95).

Special Menu ‘Taster Evenings’. Following a highly successful Valentine’s evening, the pub will be running a taster evening, along the same lines, on Friday **11 April.**

Dockenfield Day, Saturday 7 June: the pub will once again be hosting the ‘after fete’ party. Full details in the next DNL.

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Photos required. If anyone has any old photos of the pub, please can you get in touch! The same applies to photos of Moira....Robin has heard so many stories about her but has never seen what she looked like.

Gardening/Foraging. Are there any foraging experts out there? Robin is hoping to run a foraging day, please give him a call on Tel: 792801. On a similar note, if anyone would like to help start and maintain a pub vegetable patch, please get in touch.

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

This is a list of the other pubs, clubs and hotels that are within easy striking distance of Dockenfield. Ahead of each edition I email all of them to ask for details of any live music and other special events they may be hosting and list them below if given. Please double check the information in case of any changes.

Hare and Hounds, Rowledge (Tel: 792287)

Open (Acoustic) Mic Nights: at 8.30pm on the last Friday of every month: **28 March, 25 April and 30 May.**

Fish and Chips Fridays: To eat in or take away.

St. Patrick's Weekend: Music and Irish food all weekend from Friday 14 March.

Mothers Day (Sunday 30 March): please book now.

The Holly Bush, Frensham (Tel: 447060)

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

Frensham Royal British Legion (Tel: 793014)

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

Turning 50

Yes, yes, I know. You thought I was younger than that didn't you? Sweet of you to say so; but listen up. It's not my age that I am referring to here but the number of editions of DNL for which I have been editor. For me it all began on 14 May 2006 when the first issue under my editorship, issue 193, hit the streets. Good grief, that's nearly eight years and heaven knows how many words ago. That's not as many years or editions as some of my predecessors but, given my verbosity, rather more in the way of actual pages (it was four pages long when I took it over and as you may have noticed, it clocks up rather more than that now).

Despite all those words, the truth is Dockenfield has changed very little in those eight years, and I guess that's the way most people would like it. The only event of truly major significance has been the reopening of the Bluebell, along with DNL's somewhat unexpected involvement in the court case that saw the departure of the previous landlords of the pub.

But I am drifting off the point of this little article which is to remind you that, when all is said and done, this is your Newsletter, not mine. After all, you pay for it. Its free distribution is made possible because everyone (editor, contributors, distribution team et al) kindly works for nothing. But there is a cost for the printing, which is done at the Kingsley Centre who generously give us very beneficial rates. The Parish Council pay these bills and set the annual print budget at £405, or never more than £1.80 per household per annum. I say 'never more' because DNL invariably undershoots that cost by quite a bit.

But it being yours, rather than mine, I have a question for you. Please tell me (michael.foster66@btinternet.com) or the Parish Council (dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk) what you think is good, bad or indifferent about DNL. What's missing, or what shouldn't be there at all? Whether or not you think it is value for money.

A penny for your thoughts, then, and all of them are welcome.

Frensham Fayre

The Frensham Fayre is on **Saturday 21 June** and the theme will be 'When I grow up, I want to be.....!'. More details in the next Newsletter.

Philippa Hall

Dockenfield Day, Saturday 7 Junethe ‘Six Steps to Success’

Fete: 2-6pm at the Playing Field, Abbotts Cottages

Evening party at the Bluebell

Dockenfield Day is the most important, most fun-filled day in the village calendar and so here are the six steps you need to take to enjoy it to the full.

- 1) Grab your diaries.** Reserve the day for the fete *and* the evening for the party.
- 2) Get yourself a costume.** This year the theme is ‘Brazil Here We Come....!’ to reflect the fact that the Soccer World Cup is being played there in June. And my goodness, we couldn’t have made costume selection easier for you could we? The possibilities are endless: soccer kits of club or country, samba costumes, ponchos, beachwear, grass skirts, feathers, carnival outfits, extravagant headwear, straw hats, leather chaps, beads and bracelets, cowboy boots.....there’s something for everyone. Just make it sporty or colourful, vivid and exotic!
- 3) Get ready to party.** Last year’s evening party at the Bluebell was a real blast, and now that Robin and Lucy are really getting into their stride at the pub, this year we can expect more of the same. And some. You like live music and dancing? How about a super scrummy buffet? Or perhaps raising a glass with your best friends from around the parish? The party will have all that. And bags of atmosphere too.
- 4) Prepare to lend us your bodies.** Our little fete is just the best fun. But it doesn’t happen without lots of willing helpers. We have a hearty crew who always join in but we would love you to join in. Many hands make light work and all that. So if you can spare us just a little of your time, either before or on the day, it would be hugely appreciated. **Sebastian Fox** is the man to contact if you can lend a hand and you can catch him on Tel: 07930 986677 or email: sebastianfox@hotmail.co.uk
- 5) And your gazebos.** We really need to borrow these for the day if we may. We are not thinking about rain, we just need to have some shade for the stalls!
- 6) Please give us your stuff.** Dockenfield Day doesn’t depend on commercial stalls brought in from outside to pay the bills. Our main earners are the local stalls that depend on the generosity of residents. So please, pretty please even, take a look at the list of things we need and start collecting now and deliver to the following:

Garden Plants	Dan Bosence, Jeffreys Cottage, Bealeswood Lane	Tel: 792442
Tombola Prize	Jackie Hutton, Goose Cottage, Green Lane	Tel: 790333
Books/DVDs/Music	Lesley Rosling, Longridge, Batts Corner	Tel: 794090
Raffle Prizes	Debbie Foster, Farm Cottage, Bealeswood Lane	Tel: 792142
Toys	To be announced but please collect anyway	
Cakes on the Day	Daryl Fox, Drift House, The Street	Tel: 792080

More details of the fete and the evening party will appear in the next DNL out in May.

Enjoy mothers with a less fattening centre

The months of February and March can turn into a bit of a double whammy can’t they? There you are patting yourself on the back for remembering Valentine’s Day and all of a sudden Mothering Sunday sneaks up behind you and takes you by surprise. So it’s DNL to the rescue with two timely pieces of advice.

First up, Mothering Sunday is 30 March, so plenty of time to book that table or buy the chocs. Better yet, since it coincides with the date that British Summer Time officially begins, why not go mad and buy some seasonal flowers as well. She’ll love you for it.

The next pearls of wisdom in fact aren’t mine at all but belong to a columnist that I admire, Caitlin Moran of the Saturday ‘Times’. In a recent article entitled ‘The six things about life that I am most proud I know’ she dispenses the following advice.

‘When on the phone to your mother, have an open bag of Maltesers on the table. Eat one every time she says something annoying. Eventually, like Pavlov’s Dog, you will come to associate her being annoying with a delicious treat – thus reprogramming your entire relationship in a positive manner.’

Spring is sprung

The first day of Spring is Thursday 20 March, a time traditionally for a thorough clean of house and home. Alternatively you can take the advice of Phyllis Diller the American comedienne who said, ‘Housework can’t kill you, but why take the chance?’

Frensham and Dockenfield Local History Group

Tuesdays 11 March, 8 April and 13 May, 7.30pm at the Marindin Hall

11 March. Speaker: John Atkinson - Drinking Water in Frensham and Abroad.

8 April. Speaker: Alan Copeland - Sussex Curiosities.

13 May. Speaker: Andrew Plumridge - My Follies: Emblems of Foolish Luxury.

For more information contact **Chris Bonner** on Tel: 793668.

Millbridge WI

Thursdays 20 March, 17 April and 15 May, 7.45pm at the Marindin Hall

The next three meetings of the Millbridge WI are:

20 March Speaker: J Montgomery - The Queen Mary Story

17 April Speaker: Bob Harding Jones - Can I Help You? – I'm a Paramedic

15 May Resolutions meeting

For more information please contact **Julie Evans** on Tel: 793075.

Village Lunch

Wednesdays 26 March and 23 April, 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 Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre and Bell's Piece respectively.

Perspectives from Palestine (cont/d)

Anyone who missed Tim and Mayonne's fascinating multi media presentation on the 'Palestinian Question' might like to know that it has been so well received that there are now a few other dates in the pipeline, including some locally. If you are interested in attending one of them please email them (tim@coldcott.me.uk) and they will let you know when the dates are confirmed.

Dear Reverend

The 'letter' from Reverend J D Kennet- Browsby in the last issue (DNL edition 241, page 8) has aroused a lot of interest with many of you wondering who he (or she) actually is. One resident emailed to say, *'I have tried anagramming "Rev J D Kennet-Browsby" for over an hour, without much illumination yet'*. A second incredulous reader questioned the sanity of my editorship by saying, *'are you aware of the irony that in view of his 'complaint' your next snippet entitled 'Young Love' talks about you and two mates propping up the bar as underage drinkers? You'll get shot at dawn for that!'* Others have enquired about the derivation of the correspondence.

So I will tell you this. It was a real letter received here at DNL Towers; no, I didn't either write it or commission it; and yes, I do know who wrote it...I wouldn't have published it otherwise. You never know we may hear from him/her again. Let's hope so.

Dockenfield's got talent

I had better admit straight away that I am something of a classical music philistine. Yes, I have been to opera, ballet and classical concerts; but not that many if I am honest. Come round to our house when I am in and you are much more likely to see the walls vibrating to the sound of Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin and Gary Moore, with the sound of (radio station) 'Planet Rock' bouncing off the shower walls.

So I wasn't an obvious candidate to go to the concert at St Mary's in February featuring the village's very own Hannah Poulson. But boy was it good. In fact, it was better than good, it was fabulous. The church was quite cool and the seats (pews) were, ahem, unkind to the posterior. And yet despite this, the audience remained utterly spellbound throughout, which tells you all you want to know about the quality of the singing. One moment I remember particularly. Hannah performed the solo 'Ave Maria' and it sent tingles down my spine. Brilliant stuff from her....what a voice she has, and what a range. Remember her name. When it is up in lights as a headline act, you will be able to say, *'I knew her before she was famous'*.

Hannah was supported at St Mary's by four other quite excellent singers and a pianist, all of them pals from The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. As part of their course they are required to undertake a tour of public performances, of which the St Mary's concert was part. In the week they were here they also performed at Hampton Court Palace, Treloar College, Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, the Kingsley Centre and St Thomas on the Bourne in aid of the Ridgeway School. I am told that there were over 90 tickets sold at St Mary's and across the week they raised a few thousand pounds in aid of the different charities for which they were singing.

Now Hannah wasn't the only singer from Dockenfield who performed at St Mary's that night. There was a special guest appearance from Abi Rutherford, and so that I get the facts right here I will leave the story of her musical prowess to her mother, Nicky:

'Abigail is 13 years old, plays the flute at Grade 6 and the piano for pleasure. Abi passed her Grade 5 Singing with a high distinction. She was awarded a music scholarship at her new school, Prior's Field, in Godalming. Abi has been having singing lessons at school since she was 10 and was part of the Farnham Youth Choir for a year. Abi has lived in Dockenfield since she was two. She loves singing, whether in a school band or concert, and is involved in competitive singing such as the Farnham Music Festival or the 2013 Hart Male Voice Choir Young Singers Concert where she was the winner of the Junior section last year. The two pieces that Abi sang at the concert were the folk song 'Shenandoah' and 'Till There Was You', from 'The Music Man.'

Letters to the Editor

A Big 'Thank You' from Marjorie and Jack

Marjorie and Jack would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all our friends and neighbours who have been so very kind in helping us when Jack had his operation, especially lifts, shopping, get well wishes and cards also phone calls and letters. Jack is improving nicely. We both appreciate everything everyone has done for us and we are very grateful. Thank you so much.

Marjorie and Jack Bessant

Problems with your Gas Supply?

In February I had problems with my gas supply. For most of 10 days I was without heat and the ability to cook and it was no fun. Eventually, Southern Gas dug up the road outside my house and put a sleeve inside the ancient steel pipe between the main and my house and sealed it up. There were evidently no fewer than 5 leaks that had allowed gas to escape and water to get in.

I was told by the man from Southern Gas that the pressure to my house after the work was completed was the minimum acceptable. This implied to me that there are probably further gas leaks. It was confirmed that the pipe work through the village is very old and in need of modernisation. Further, Southern Gas will only deal with this if sufficient people complain. So I wondered if you would like to put a comment about this in the Newsletter i.e. if people are concerned about their gas supply because of inconsistency in pressure they should contact Southern Gas. The more people who do this the sooner our ancient pipes will be replaced.

Southern Gas can be contacted on Tel: 0845 070 1431; email: customer@sgn.co.uk or by post at St Lawrence House, Station Approach, Horley, Surrey RH6 9HJ.

John Reyersbach

'Here comes the rain again'

Never have the words of the Eurythmics' iconic 1984 hit rung more true than in our village this last couple of months. Here are a few facts, figures and fascinating happenings that will help summarise this winter in Dockenfield.

Wet, wet, wet

I don't need to tell you that this January was really, really wet. The official Met Office figures for the UK show that it was the wettest January since records began. But how much rain actually fell in Dockenfield that month?

Gordon Carter has been keeping a record of monthly rainfall in the village for the last 13 years and he tells DNL that 13.25 inches (330mm) of rain fell here in January. That's in comparison to the annual average of 3.92 inches (80mm) and an astonishing 42% of the average annual total. And hold up a minute and consider this. I believe that it takes 1 inch of rain to create 10 inches of (powdery) snow. So thank the stars it wasn't cold as well as wet!

For the record, typically the wettest month in Dockenfield is November, with an average of 4.26 inches (105mm) and the driest is May with 1.6 inches (33mm). Over the whole year the average total rainfall is 31.018 inches (788mm).

And as DNL went to press at the beginning of March, Gordon kindly sent in an update which tells us that in December, January and February he recorded a total of 25.45 inches (646mm) of rain, against an average winter of just 12.25 inches (311mm). Meanwhile 2013 as a whole gave a record rainfall of 37.55 inches (953mm), more than 120% of our average.

Mud, mud, it seems my name's mud

The disembodied voice came from behind a large display stand at Frensham Garden Centre. *'I imagine your name was mud around the village on Saturday, Michael?'*

And, it's true, the lights had gone out in the village the previous Saturday (25 January), albeit only briefly, but certainly after I had tempted fate by declaring in DNL that the village had got off lightly during the gales in the preceding weeks.

'The strangest thing was' continued the now visible Anne Johnson, *'that I had only just finished reading DNL and your piece about the weather and at that precise moment the lights went out. Couldn't have timed it better if they tried. Put the 'wind' up my cat as well, as it was trying to get out of the cat flap whilst the storm was blowing only to find its way blocked by the doormat that had been thrown up vertically against the door.'*

'It seems', Anne continued, *'that there was a mini hurricane that hit land down by the Isle of Wight and worked its way north and came quite close to the village'*.

Continuation of the species

Research shows a direct correlation between electric power cuts and a rise in the population nine months later, there being nothing better to do when there is no light or heating than to go to bed. Love would already have been in the air on Valentine's evening when, bang on cue, the lights went out for a second time this year. But, given the date, I don't suppose any potential lovers needed the incentive of a power failure.

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What goes up.....

That same power cut did catch out one couple in the village however. It seems that they have invested in the comfort and convenience of an electric bed, which at the flick of a switch brings the pillow end of the bed up to a level of your choice making it more comfortable to read, eat, watch TV or whatever. There is however no facility to bring the bed down manually so when the power failed that evening it was a case of what goes up doesn't come down. Even on Valentine's night.

Balancing Act

I didn't see the incident for myself but **Amy Jones** sent me a picture of what many residents must have witnessed for themselves on the morning after the 'Valentine's Day Storm'. The extraordinary sight of a number of pine trees that fell from the edge of Alice Holt on to cables at Batt's Corner, and remained there, balanced precariously above the road.

Lighting up time

You just know that the weather is truly, madly awful when you go outside at midday and the security PIR lights (programmed for dusk) come on automatically.

What is the difference between hail and snow?

I am writing the last few pages of DNL and the garden outside the window is almost pure white. But it's not snow that has produced that effect; it is hail bouncing off the grass as it lands. Which prompted me to ask the question above and the answer, according to a meteorologist writing on 'Yahoo Answers' is:

'They are formed by two different processes. Hailstones form when water drops in a storm are lifted by the updraft to the point where the air is below freezing, causing the water drops to freeze. These initial hailstones can circulate up and down in the storm's updraft, getting coated with more water which subsequently freezes, making the stone grow. Eventually it becomes too heavy for the updraft to support, and it falls out of the storm.'

Snow forms as a result of water vapour in the air undergoing a process known as sublimation, where the water vapour transitions directly into a solid state, forming a crystalline structure. More water vapour then sublimates onto the crystal, forming the snowflake. Snow is not water that froze. That produces hail or sleet.'

News from the Village Shop

Come and visit us for **Fair Trade Fortnight (24 Feb – 9 March)** to see all the goodies Paul has been buying. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world, improving the quality of their lives and taking more control over their futures. So Paul's given his imagination free rein, and we have a wide range of new products from Chewy Banana Chips and Divine Chocolate to Hot Chocolate Lollipops and Carishea Body Balm, taking in the Palestinian Olive Oil and Medjoul Dates, Clipper Coffee and Gluten free Lemon Zest biscuits along the way. These will also be available for purchase at the family service in The Good Shepherd on the first Sunday of each month.

The Frensham Village Shop AGM will be in the Good Shepherd, **Tuesday 13 May**, 7.30pm for drinks and nibbles before the meeting at 8pm. Emma, from Newlyn Farm who have been providing our delicious free range turkeys for the best part of a decade, is coming to talk to us. (The title of her speech is yet to be agreed, but she's passionate about her farm and the business).

Highlighting the volunteers: One of our hidden gems, believing the water bill was excessive, flushed the loo, turned on the taps, opened the manhole and saw.....nothing happening. The bill was our neighbours'! Thanks to our gem, we've saved a lot of money! If *you'd* care to join our team, please come and speak with Paul.

Other News If you'd like to support the **Aldershot Food Bank** initiative, there will be an additional collecting box in the Village Shop in the week leading up to the last Sunday of each month. And we're pleased to say that our **photocopier** is back in business; A4 copies @12p.

**Mayonne Coldicott www.frensham-village-shop.co.uk
(Call Tel: 795240 if you're stuck at home and need a delivery)**

Greater Londres

A number of you were entertained by the idea that Vodafone thinks that the White Cliffs of Dover have been annexed by France, from which arises an interesting fact. Did you know that London is the 6th largest city of France? Which is to say there are more French people living in London than in all towns and cities in that country, bar five.

News from our Local Police Officer

Murder in Tilford

I am sure that you have all seen the recent reports of the double murder in the Tilford area. I know that many of you will be shocked that such an awful incident could have occurred in our usually peaceful area. Details of the formal Surrey Police statement are shown below.

The bodies of two women found at an address in Farnham on Sunday 23 February, have been formally identified as 66 year old Surrey resident Christine Lee and 40 year old Surrey resident Lucy Lee. Post-mortem examinations carried out on the two women have given the cause of death as gunshot wounds. A murder investigation was launched by detectives from Surrey and Sussex Police Major Crime Team after the bodies of the two women were found at the address off Crooksbury Road shortly before 10am following reports that a firearm had been discharged at the property. Four dogs were also found dead at the property with gunshot wounds.

Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Mark Preston said: "It is extremely sad that two people lost their lives and police family liaison officers are working to support their relatives and friends at this very difficult time. We are conducting a full and thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding these two deaths, however, at this time we believe this is an isolated incident and there is no further risk to the wider community."

John Lowe has been remanded in custody after appearing at Guildford Crown Court on 26 February. He is next due to appear at Guildford Crown Court on 18 March for a plea and case management hearing. The family and friends of Christine and Lucy Lee have asked for their privacy to be respected at this difficult time.

Potential life changing event caused by a split second lapse in concentration

These days many of us lead busy lives, trying to juggle commitments to work, home and children and sometimes we do not concentrate on the here and now. This was illustrated to me on the last Friday of February when I witnessed an incident which could have changed the lives of the people involved. I was just leaving Farnham Fire Station and had turned right onto East Street, heading towards Farnham Town, when I saw a young woman hit by a car as she was crossing the road. I immediately stopped and rushed over to help, whilst urgently requesting assistance and an ambulance over the police radio.

Within minutes some of my other colleagues from Neighbourhoods were on the scene closing the road and directing traffic away from the area. A number of local residents were also quick to offer help providing blankets and an umbrella to try and keep the lady comfortable until paramedics arrived. The lady's father was close by and between the two of us we managed to keep her calm until the ambulance arrived. As a father myself, it is difficult to imagine a worse nightmare that seeing your child laying injured in the road. Thankfully, that lady in question only sustained minor injuries, which amounted to a cut to the head and a sore back.

Police breathalysed the driver of the vehicle involved and the result of the test was negative. I believe that this accident was caused by a split second lapse in concentration which potentially could have resulted in a life changing event for all parties concerned.

Community Speed Watch – Looking for willing volunteers

I am aware of the concerns that many local residents have regarding the speed of vehicles passing through our lovely villages. In view of this I try to go out a couple of times a month, with a speed gun, in an attempt to reduce the speed of passing traffic. Whilst I was out in Frensham recently, I was approached by a member of the public who wanted to volunteer to join any local Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes operating in the area. Unfortunately I had to give him the rather sad news that no such group exists in the area.

In view of the above I would like to put out an appeal to active members of the local community, who share our concerns regarding speeding traffic, to join with us and set up a new Community Speed Watch scheme for the local area. The CSW volunteers are trained by us, to use approved speed detection devices, to allow them to monitor the speed of vehicles at a specific location, recording details of any vehicle found to be exceeding the speed limit. Letters are then sent to the owners advising them of the speed that the vehicle was seen driven at with the aim of educating them, changing their behaviour and reducing their speed.

The owners of vehicles who regularly exceed the speed limit, after the warning letters are sent, may find a Police Officer on their door step with some very serious questions to ask. If you are a concerned local resident who is interested in volunteering for this scheme then please ring Surrey Police on 101 and ask to speak to me PCSO John Francis 14088 for further details.

Dockenfield Reported Crime Figures to Surrey Police from 14 January 2014 to 2 March 2014

I am pleased to announce no reported crimes for your area.

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

The Fascinating History of Frensham Ponds

Steve Webster put a short note on Frensham Great Pond in the last issue of the Newsletter (*DNL edition 241, page 9*). I just thought a little more information about the history of the pond might be of interest to your readers.

Anyone who looks at the OS Pathfinder map can see that the Surrey/Hampshire county boundary is shown as passing through the middle of the west end of the pond. County boundaries are Saxon in date and here the boundary is following the line of the original stream at the bottom of the valley. In other words, there was no pond here in Saxon times. We know, from elsewhere, that the bishops of Winchester (feudal lords of the area) were creating fishponds in the mid to late 12th century and it is highly probable that the Great Pond dates to around AD 1180 when the stream must have been dammed for the first time.

As Steve said, the first mention is in AD 1208 when the pond appears in the first of the surviving medieval account rolls - but the pond had probably been in existence for around 30 years by then. As mentioned, the pond is just one of a number of similar fishponds established across the Winchester landholdings, and was designed to supply fish on a commercial scale, mostly for sale but also for use by the bishop and his household on the numerous 'fish' days that appeared in the medieval calendar.

From 1208 onwards, the Pond is regularly mentioned in the account rolls - often in relation to repairs to the dam, which seems to have given way quite often (to give Steve nightmares). For instance in 1223 the bishop spent 28 shillings for '*repairs to the dam at Frensham Pond*'. Of course, 28s was a large sum of money at a time when the average labourer earned about 4 pence a week. The dam was also deliberately breached roughly every 10 to 12 years in order for the pond to be cleaned out and sometimes a crop of barley or wheat was grown in the silt before the water was let back in. Indeed if you walk along the small path that winds around the south edge of the pond you can, in places, still see the remains of the diversion channel that helped control the flow of water while the pond was drained.

Of course, as we have seen, the whole purpose of the pond was to supply fish - mainly carp, eels and pike. For instance in 1251 an account entry records the payment of 3 shillings and 9 pence as '*Expenses of Master Nicholas fishing at Farnham (i.e. the Pond) for 10 days with men and horses ... carriage of the boat from Frensham to Wolvesey and back ... salting eels ...*'.

Frensham Little Pond is rather later in date, but it is quite usual for fishponds to come in pairs, allowing fish to be moved from one to the other as required when one of the ponds was being drained. Taken together the two ponds form a fine example of the sophistication of medieval fish farming - in our case carried out by the bishops of Winchester.

Quite a history for a pair of ponds and I wonder how many visitors to the Common realise that they are looking at the largest archaeological site in Surrey.

David Graham

Get off my Land!

There used to be a country saying that birds pair up for the breeding season on St Valentine's Day. Some birds, such as Chaffinches, Thrushes, Blackbirds, Chaffinches and Robins do seem to make a start on establishing territories in February, or even in January.

Mistle Thrushes have been singing throughout February, even in the face of stormy weather. A Blackbird has been striking up on my neighbour's roof from about 6am since early February, and a Song Thrush has been singing insistently from a nearby tree. A Robin was singing loudly from a vantage point near street lights in Farnham station car-park long after dark in mid February. It's all about establishing territory, and that is all about laying claim to a patch and the food sources and potential nesting sites within it, in order to attract a mate and begin the breeding cycle again. Blackbirds tend to maintain loosely-held territories throughout the winter, although in a really hard winter they will, edgily, tolerate other Blackbirds when food is scarce. One snowy winter I counted fourteen blackbirds in my garden: their urgent need for food resulted in more than usual tolerance of each other - although there were plenty of strident calls and flurries.

As March progresses Blackbirds become much more assertive as they consolidate their territories. Young adult birds vie to fill vacancies left by winter deaths, or try to force themselves between established territories. There is much chasing and posturing among male Blackbirds now, and a lot of sitting in prominent positions and singing energetically.

Song Thrushes started to re-establish their territories last autumn. This can be interrupted by harsh winter conditions, and in early spring the male Thrush needs to stake his claim - hence the vigour of his song. (You didn't think the birds sang for our benefit, did you?)

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Experienced male Chaffinches also return to the same territory each year. During February they may have been making their presence known during part of the day, but as young males try to establish territory for the first time the pressure on space increases, and the mature males will stay all day. There will be boundary skirmishes, which can be quite aggressive. The Chaffinch is the most fiercely territorial of the finches. The Bullfinch, Greenfinch and Goldfinch defend only quite small territories immediately around their nesting sites. They breed in loose groups, and may have to travel considerable distances away from their nests to forage for food. Their pair formations are less strongly defined, too, so they will often feed in groups. Breeding Chaffinches do not do this, although they will do so at other times of the year. Bullfinches, by contrast, are positively self-effacing in their behaviour and in their apology for a song.

Inevitably some birds will fail to establish a breeding territory. Male Great tits, for example, outnumber females and not all will succeed in holding territory and attracting a mate. It is usually the young adult birds who lose out, mainly through inexperience. The strong and experienced male birds will have their territories and pair bonds established during the weeks of early spring, well before the first waves of migrant birds arrive for the summer.

Val Lewis

Art Attack in Frensham

The Newsletter has been contacted by **Elaine Hewitt** who has opened up her studio in Frensham for pottery classes and small group workshops for both adults and children. She is also running art history lectures once a month on a variety of aspects of Impressionist Painting. She employs her daughter, Dr Catherine Hewitt PhD as the resident speaker, who studied at the Courtauld Institute. In the summer they are also running Literary Workshops on Zola and Gustav Flaubert. Elaine got in touch because she thought the talks might be of interest to residents in the area. You can get in touch with her by email: elaine@elainehewitt.co.uk, or call her on Tel: 07570 809433.

Meanwhile there is an established – I am told very friendly – art class starting its new term on Friday 7 March from 2-5pm at the Marindin Hall. It is tutored by **Ray Jones** and is a general workshop for artists working in any medium and is evidently suitable for all levels of ability from beginners to advanced. For more information contact Ray by email: raymond.jones2@btinternet.com or call him on Tel: 07714 111228.

Frensham and Dockenfield Horticultural Society

As I write, spring is well on its way and many gardens have a good display for snowdrops daffodils and primroses as well as flowering shrubs. Notably the daffodils that the Rutherford family planted on the approaches to the village look as if they will be in full flower over the next few weeks. So thank them (and the Rutherfords!) as you pass through the chicanes. Coming up are two "must not miss" gardening events in the village.

Spring Flower and Vegetable Show

Saturday 5 April, 2.30-4pm at the Marindin Hall

The first will be the Spring Flower and Vegetable Show and there are details on the next page of the "Open Classes" that anyone can enter; whether member of the Horticultural Society or not. We have always had a small number of these Open Classes but this year we have expanded them to include all the non-horticultural classes; which means cooking, craft and photography. You might think it odd that these are part of a horticultural show (and I have some sympathy with that view!) but this has been a long standing tradition in Dockenfield and Frensham and there are no other shows held in the village that allow you to show off your cooking and your horticulturally themed photographic skills. They will be judged by our independent judges (and your name is held back until after the judging is complete). Then you can arrive at the Marindin Hall in the afternoon (2.30-4pm) to see how your skills match up to others in the village but also to see and smell the two halls full of spring blossom, foliage and produce. "Prizes" are in the form of certificates (and small gifts for juniors) but we are only able to award our silver cups to those who are members of the society.

Butterflies and Flowers of Bealeswood Common

Thursday, 24 April, 8pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd

The second event is also open to non-members of the Society and this is one of our evening talks. It will be held in the Good Shepherd, Dockenfield at 8pm on Thursday 24 April. The reason for the this venue is that the Society is hosting a presentation on the Butterflies and Flowers of Bealeswood Common and the Society felt this should be open to anyone with an interest in this topic or the Common. You may have read in previous issues of DNL that over the last three years a group has been making weekly records of the occurrence of butterflies on the Common. This has been coordinated by our Countryside Warden Vicky Booth and Philippa Hall will be talking about the results. Last year was spectacular with nearly 20% of the known British butterfly species being recorded during one visit in July. In addition, for the last 5 years I have been keeping weekly records of which flowers are out on the Common. As Vicky has suggested in the last DNL there is a link between the butterflies present and the flowers they are feeding on. Philippa and I shall be exploring this link, as well as giving an overview of the seasonal changes in these two most colourful occupants of our common in "Wildflowers, Butterflies and Moths of Bealeswood Common".

Dan Bosence

Open Classes for the Frensham & Dockenfield Horticultural Society Spring Flower and Vegetable Show. Saturday 5 April, 2.30-4pm at the Marindin Hall

There are now 14 Open Classes in the Spring 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. The chutney 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-4pm and the prize giving is at 3.45pm. If you have any questions, please contact either Penny Hearn on Tel: 793633 or Suzanne McLean on Tel: 792231.

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

Suzanne McLean

Bara Brith – Welsh Tea Bread

(from a recipe supplied by Kate Shipton)

500g mixed dried fruit and peel
300ml strong hot tea
250g self-raising flour
1tsp mixed spice
125g dark brown muscavado sugar
1 egg beaten

Soak the fruit and peel in a roomy bowl in the tea for at least 6 hours – or overnight. Sieve the flour & spice into the soaked fruit (no need to drain).

Stir in the sugar and the egg. Beat all together until smooth. Heat the oven to 150°C (140°C fan oven) gas mark 2. Line a loaf tin with buttered or greaseproof paper.

Tip in the mixture and bake for about 1 hour 30 minutes. The Bara Brith should be well risen, firm and brown. Cool and store for at least 2 days, until rich and gluey, it needs a few days to develop its characteristic elasticity.

Serve sliced and spread with butter.

Spring Show Entry Form

Name: -----

Address: -----

Floral Arrangements		Class entry
Class 4 Juniors *	A miniature spring garden not to exceed 305mm (12") in width or height	
Flowers		
Class 33	A container of mixed garden flowers – number of stems and varieties at exhibitor's discretion (may include flowering shrubs in flower, but not foliage)	
Class 34 Juniors *	A container of mixed garden flowers	
Home Industries		
Class 38	A jar of chutney, (must be at least 3 months old named and dated – day/month/year)	
Class 39	Bara Brith. Following the printed recipe above	
Class 40	Chocolate muffins - 3 on a plate	
Class 41	A plaited loaf	
Class 42	A shopping bag - any medium	
Class 43 Juniors *	A pair of gingerbread men	
Class 44 Juniors*	An Easter card	
Photography		
Class 45	A Host of Golden Daffodils	
Class 46	Pond life	
Class 47	Close up of wild flowers or flower	
Class 48 Juniors *	One or more pets in the garden	

* aged 15 and under