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News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield
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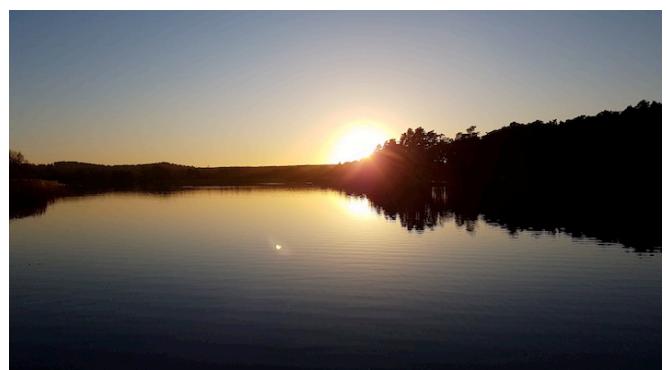
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Imagine if you will.....

The start of a new year is always a time for reflection. So perhaps I could ask you to consider how life would be in our parish without the many and various things that glue our community together. So, imagine if you will Dockenfield and Frensham without its shop, pubs, clubs, charities, churches, societies, fêtes and other organised events, sports clubs, parish councils and yes, the Parish Magazine and Dockenfield Newsletter.

All of them provide enjoyment and interest in their own right and in turn lead to other social connections. Many (although not all) are run by volunteers. Life simply wouldn't be quite the same without them would it? So, if I have a request for 2020, it is simply to give them the support they deserve and get stuck in and help wherever you sensibly can.

Michael



Special Village Walks

Dawn Chorus Walk: Sunday 5 April, 6am

Meet by the noticeboard on Bealeswood Common. Listening for spring birdsong around the village. Everyone is welcome to join myself and Linda for a light breakfast after the walk at 7.30 at Gardeners Cottage. Let me know if you are coming so we can have an idea of how many croissants to get. Tel: 07530044278

Night Jar Walk: in June

Butterfly Walk: in July

Bat Walk: in August

Steve Luckett

**Sunrise over Dockenfield 07.47 on 20 January.
Sunset over Frensham Little Pond, 15 hours
earlier: 16.02 on 19 January**

Bealeswood Common Working Party Saturday 15 February, 10am

Darren Hill the WBC Ranger will be leading a Working Party on Bealeswood Common. Please come along for some or all of the time (finish c12.30 pm): it is always an enjoyable morning and the coffee and cake is good too! Hand tools provided. Meet at the seat at the top of the common. See you there.

Jill Trout

Two thoughts for Valentine's Day

You've heard of the seven-year itch? Well, here's an update, and it seems that a lot of relationships don't even last that long! If you believe the results of a study highlighted recently in the papers headlined 'The date that love cools', it seems that couples start taking each other for granted three years and six months into their marriage.

And with that in mind, it would be interesting to know which residents of Dockenfield have been married the longest. I am sure that there will be a number of happy couples celebrating 50 years plus and maybe a while longer! Do please let DNL know how many years you have been married by emailing michael.foster66@btinternet.com. I wonder who the longest will be?

Friends of Frensham Churches

Sustainable British wine tasting at St Mary's church hall, Friday 13 March, 7.30pm

We are thrilled that Christina Rasmussen will be leading us through her selection of the best of sustainable British wines... and particularly sparkling wine, plus a 'blind' tasting against a benchmark Champagne, just to see which we prefer and to understand the differences... or similarities. Christina is already well established as a wine writer and journalist, currently setting up a wine content platform, www.littlewine.co.uk, and we are delighted that she readily accepted the invitation to share her perspective for the benefit of the village she grew up in.

With all wine and refreshments underwritten, all proceeds from ticket sales (£25) will go towards this year's goal - helping buy new chairs for The Good Shepherd. These will replace the pews which are close to the end of their useful life and will fit with the original Arts & Craft design.

The picture below shows a sample. In the final version, the shape of a crook will be cut into the back of the chair. They are light, stackable and will support the more flexible use of the space for the benefit of the whole community. This will be our main fundraising activity of the year and our target would be to help buy 15 chairs of the initial tranche of 40.

Roger Holmes



Left: A sample of the new style of chair for the Good Shepherd

The Bells of St Mary's: Bells 1,2,3,4 in 'down' position (centre). Bells 4,6,7,8 in 'up' position (right)

Frensham church bells in need of maintenance

Elsewhere in the *Dockenfield Newsletter*, you will read about various fund-raising efforts to raise money to pay for a major overhaul of bells at St Mary's church. Why do we need the money, how much and what will be done? It is 67 years since the bells received any serious attention, and the frame and fittings are starting to indicate that significant maintenance work is overdue, involving expenditure of about £20,000, maybe more. All 'moving parts' need attention, and these include rope pulleys, the 'pivots' on which the clappers swing as the bells turn, bearings and wheels.

Some of the bells may also need to be turned on the headstocks (they are the red metal pieces fixed to the bells) so that the clappers will then start to strike on different parts of the bells. This is because, over a period (a long period!) of time indentations are apparent in the mouths of the bells where the clappers repeatedly strike. The mainly wooden frame, installed in 1897 also needs attention.

Since it is likely many readers have not seen the bells in the church, I hope the two photographs above might be of interest. In Frensham, we have an easy-going ring of 8 bells, the tenor (the heaviest bell) of which weighs just under $\frac{1}{2}$ ton. The oldest bells date from 1627 and the newest 1952, with several dates in between. The total weight of all 8 bells is just over 2 tons. That's a lot of weight swinging around at the top of the Tower!

To meet the cost of the work we are very fortunate in receiving financial support from the proceeds of the Frensham Fayre and a grant from Friends of Frensham Churches. We have also benefited in receiving half of the proceeds from the recent very successful Frensham Christmas Festival, and a sum following the sale of 'Muppet-tree' (one of the trees in the Festival) bought by a kind gentleman who didn't want the tree for himself or his family, but wanted it donated to a Children's Hospice or Hospital Ward; it was donated to the paediatric children's ward at Frimley Park Hospital, the staff there being delighted to put it on display. The prize for the third-placed decorated tree was won by the decorators of Six Geese-A-Laying, and the winners asked that their prize be donated to the bell fund too. In addition, we have received some donations.

We are also planning a range of fund-raising ideas including quizzes (the next one on 29 February), a Curling evening on 7 March, a Beetle Drive on 14 March, a Barn Dance / Ceilidh on 25 April, and other events later in the year. For details of all these events see page 6.

Harry Glover

VILLAGE DIARY events you won't want to miss

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Details
Tuesday, 11 February	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield History Group	Marindin Hall	Page 8
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Thursday, 20 February	7.30pm	Millbridge WI	Marindin Hall	Page 15
Tuesday, 25 February	9.30am	'Walking Together'	Meet at St Mary's Church	Page 15
Wednesday, 26 February	Midday	Village Lunch	The British Legion	Page 15
Thursday, 27 February	7.30pm for 8pm	Frensham & Dockenfield Horticultural Society	Marindin Hall	Page 11
Saturday, 29 February	7.30pm for 8pm	Leap Year's Day Quiz	The British Legion	Page 6
Monday, 2 March	3pm	Tea at 3	St Mary's Church Hall	Page 5
Friday, 6 March	6-9pm	Welcome Evening	St Mary's Church Hall	Page 8
Saturday, 7 March	7pm	Curling	The British Legion	Page 6
Tuesday, 10 March	7.30pm	Frensham & Dockenfield History Group	Marindin Hall	Page 8
Friday, 13 March	7.30pm	Sustainable British Wine Tasting Evening	St Mary's Church Hall	Page 2
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Saturday, 4 April	2.30pm	Spring Flower and Veg Show	Marindin Hall	Page 11
Sunday, 5 April	6am	Dawn Chorus Walk	Meet at the noticeboard, top of Bealeswood Common	Page 1
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News from Dockenfield Parish Council

Next Meeting Dates: The next meeting dates of the Council are: Tuesdays **18 February, 17 March and 21 April** (Annual Parish Meeting). Meetings are held at 8pm in the vestry of the Good Shepherd. Everyone is welcome to attend all or part of each meeting. Please always note: whilst these dates are accurate at the time DNL goes to press, they can be subject to change if circumstances dictate; so, if you are planning to attend it is always worth checking beforehand on the DPC website, as below.

Next Bealeswood Common Working Party: Darren the Bealeswood Common Ranger will be leading a working party on Saturday 15 February from 10am-12.30pm. For more details see page 1.

Emergency Email List: We do recommend that everyone signs up for the Emergency Email List which updates residents about important events in the village. All you have to do is email Jessica on dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

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

News from Frensham Village Shop

Have you heard? We're now open till 7pm Monday to Friday and 5.30pm on Saturdays

If you made a 'green' New Year resolution, we'd like to help you. And if you didn't, we'd like to offer the following ideas:

You could:

- **shop locally** for locally sourced product, reducing carbon miles on two counts.
- buy our almost completely '**naked**' **fruit and veg** - avoiding the excessive plastic packaging of the supermarkets.
- use our **paper bags**, for loose items, and our 20p paper carrier bags for larger quantities, or a Frensham Village Shop **jute bag** to spread the word.
- use **compostable takeaway cups** for our bean to cup coffee....and a discount for the even better solution of bringing your own cup....
- look for the "**Love ♥ Local**" labels, and tell us of other products we could offer.
- use our **Post Office** as your ATM – now open shop hours, Monday to Saturday, and only closed on Sundays.

Two new Local arrivals are Copperfield London Dry Gin from Dunsfold and Silent Pool Gin from Albury in the Surrey Hills, both at Paul's special prices.

The new chillers and freezer are working hard with many new products for quick-to-prepare meals. For the cold, blustery weather we have ranges of chilled soups including:

- Yorkshire Provender's Thai Green Chicken @£3.85
- Real Soup Company's Tomato & Basil @£1.95
- Watmuff & Beckett's Sweet Potato, Coriander & Ginger, @£2.95

Amongst the old favourites, you'll also find a variety of Mud Pies and Jane's Kitchen Ready Meals in the freezer, along with Catch Crab cakes, and a tempting range of rather special Fishcakes from £6.50.

We look forward to serving you soon!

Stuck at home and can't get out? Call Paul for a delivery.

www.frenshamvillage-shop.co.uk 01252 795240

Mayonne Coldicott

Boring, but important

If you live in the village, or anywhere locally for that matter, here's a few things to bear in mind in the coming months:

- In the event of freezing weather, our local roads are notorious for black ice, especially the side lanes that are less likely to be gritted. Please take care.
- If you are snuggled up all cosy in your house, maybe watching TV, having supper or whatever, do make sure all your outside doors are locked. I know, I know, you're inside, right? But thieves are crafty blighters and sneak in when your attention is elsewhere and you can't hear them because of other sounds in the house.
- Also, keep your outbuildings secure. It often seems that they are more likely to be targeted than the house itself
- It's a good plan to sign up to the village Emergency Email List which alerts you to bad weather conditions, any suspicious activity in the village, stuff like that. Pretty useful and free to join. Just email the Parish Clerk, Jessica Hobday (dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

'The Circus comes to Dockenfield on D Day 2020!'

Dockenfield Day, 6 June at 2pm

Save the date as this year the circus is coming to Dockenfield for the D Day extravaganza. So put on your bright circus colours and be as creative as you like. We will have all the classic favourite stalls like the Human Fruit Machine, Bash the Rat, as well as some of the newer stalls, children's races and much, much more. So plenty of family entertainment for all ages and with a fabulous BBQ and bar on site, it truly doesn't get any better. As always for this to be a success we need a lot of helpers, to help set-up, to run stalls and clear away. So if you want to be involved in this fantastic village event, please let me know on roly.miles@claremont.co.uk. See you there.

The Activities Committee

New Year, New You?

Ok, admit it. You overdid it ever so slightly over Christmas, didn't you? Well I'm sure you aren't alone. And I am equally sure that you aren't alone in resolving to get things back on the straight and narrow before Spring kicks in and you need to squeeze back into those summer clothes.

One of the best things you can do to help yourself, of course, is to start treating your body with the respect it deserves and there are a variety of ways you can do this without even having to leave the Parish. Not only is that brilliantly convenient but also leaves you with no excuses! So, here are a few useful contacts that may help you get 2020 off to a really good start.

Pilates at the Good Shepherd

Christine Jason is the established and well-regarded Pilates tutor who runs two classes every Monday at the Good Shepherd from midday-1pm and 7-8pm. Please don't just turn up as these classes are very popular, but instead contact Christine direct with enquiries (Tel: 07896 293203).

Alexander Technique

This Technique helps you change long-established habits that cause back and neck pain, stiffness and tension and can help you manage stress. Ellie Rouse (MSTAT) is an Alexander Technique teacher who lives in Frensham and can be contacted on 07968 964523 or email:ellie@thebalancedself.co.uk.

Classes at the Marindin Hall

There are a number of regular Pilates, Physio and other classes/tutors at the Marindin Hall on a regular basis. Please visit the Hall's website for more information and for individual contact details: www.marindinhall.org.uk

How impulsive are you?

Did you see that piece in the Sunday papers last month saying that impulse purchases will cost you £144,000 over a lifetime? That seems an awful lot doesn't it but that is what the figures reveal apparently, with confectionery, clothes and takeaways topping the list of costly treats. The research also found that the average shopper makes 6,500 spur-of-the-moment purchases during their life.

A lift share to Frensham Heights?

Hi there, I live in Dockenfield and I've just started a new job at Frensham Heights School and would be very grateful for a lift share if anyone else also works there. This should be short term as I am learning to drive and hope to pass my test by May. Please contact karen_britton@outlook.com if you think you can help. Thanks, Jasmine.

Tea at 3

You can see from the letter on page 7 what a wonderfully friendly and happy event Tea at 3 is every month. The Government have changed the Bank Holiday in May so we will now have Tea at Three on 4 May not 11 May. The dates for the rest of this year are:

2 March, 6 April, 4 May (changed from 11th), 1 June (changed from 8th), 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December.

Although Christmas now seems a distant memory, I wanted to thank everyone who made the Christmas Tea so special, with particular thanks to Sandy Taylor for producing the magnificent "everyone wins a prize" raffle. It was a very happy afternoon. We look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us for a cuppa and cake on the first Monday of the month in 2020.

Morag James (793133)

Let it rain

Rainfall for the last two months of 2018. November: 128.4mm; December: 85.5mm Rainfall for the last two months of 2019. November: 93.3mm; December: 144mm

Some other interesting comparisons:

- December was the wettest month in 2019
- 2019 had a total of 870mm rain at an average of 72.5mm per month, the wettest over the last 5 years.
- The previous wettest was 2014 with 1187.95mm of rain, making it the wettest in Dockenfield records

Jack Bessant

Who do you think we are?

Did you spot the article published in the Farnham Herald last month that said statistics showed that people in Waverley consume more units of alcohol and smoke more cigarettes per week on average than any other borough or district in Surrey?

Fundraising Events for the bells of St Mary's

You will have read on page 2 that at least £20,000 needs to be raised for the necessary maintenance of the bells at St Mary's. The following four events are all fundraisers for this very worthy cause as well as offering a great variety of different and fun things to do. Please support them if you can.

Leap Year's Day Quiz: 29 February at the British Legion

As we are sure all Newsletter readers know, 2020 is a Leap Year, and the 'Leap Year Day' falls on a Saturday, so to mark this unusual occurrence Liz and Harry Glover will be holding a special Leap Year's Day Quiz at 7.30pm for 8pm on Saturday 29 February at the British Legion.

As always, everybody is welcome, in teams of up to six people. Entry is £4 per person on the night, and all proceeds will be donated to the Frensham Bell Ringers' bell refurbishment fund. We will not be serving food, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks, etc., if you wish a mid-evening nibble.

Curling: 7 March at the British Legion

Have you ever tried curling? It's great fun and the bell-ringers are organising an open event on at 7pm on Saturday 7 March at the British Legion. Admission will be £15 per person, and will include a fish and chips supper and desserts.

A little bit of information if you haven't tried curling: Since we will be playing on the wooden floor of the Club, there will be no need for 'sweepers' as you may have seen when curling is played in the normal way, on ice. In this version, the 'stones' glide on rollers fixed to the undersides rather than sliding on ice. We still aim to get 'stones' as close as possible to a target though, so it's akin to the game of bowls too.

The bell-ringers had a 'trial evening' as part of their after-Christmas Party and had enormous fun. The game is suitable for young and old, the able and less-able, including anyone in a wheelchair.

The event is being organised by two of our ringers, Tricia Matson and her son James, and for tickets and more information, please contact Tricia on Tel: 01428 712421/07749 557593. Do come and join us.

'Beetles and Bhajis': 14 March at the British Legion

How long is it since you went to a Beetle Drive? Good old-fashioned fun! Jane Walker and Harry Glover both remember them from their younger years, and recall that they were very enjoyable and entertaining.

We invite you to join us at Frensham British Legion Club at 7pm on Saturday 14 March for Beetles and Bhajis and a fun-packed evening.

The cost is only £10 per person and will include some of Jane's famous curries, served with all the trimmings! This is another fund-raiser for the overhaul of St Mary's bells. Contact Harry Glover for more information and tickets Tel: 01252 797827 or email: harry.glover@btinternet.com.

Barn Dance: Saturday 25 April at the Marindin Hall

This is yet another fund-raising event to raise money for the overhaul of the bells, for – as reported on page 2 – we do need to raise a lot of money!

Brenda Mayle is leading a small team in the organisation and running of a Barn Dance at the Marindin Hall on Saturday 25 April, from 7.30 to 11pm. There will be a live band – Roughditch Folk, from Rowledge, the same Group who played at the Burns Supper /Ceilidh we organised a few years ago. For information re the Group's name: 'Roughditch' or 'Roughledge' was the Victorian name for Rowledge in the days when the 'Ditch' was the thin blue line between the good folk of Farnham and the Poachers, Gypsies, Tramps and Hawkers, Poll-tax Dodgers and all the other 'Ne'er do wells' that occupied the Alice Holt Forests, once part of the Royal Hunting Forests in Henry VIII's time.

Tickets will be £25 each and will include a fish and chip supper and desserts. There will be a licensed bar, and (of course!) a raffle. Tickets are available at the village shop. Also from Harry Glover Tel: 01252 797827, email: harry.glover@btinternet.com or from Brenda Mayle Tel: 01420 472237.

Harry Glover

Letter to the Editor

Thank you, Tea at 3 Team!

I would just like to say a very big thank you to Morag James and the Tea at 3 team for providing us all with a lovely tea, cakes, sandwiches and the special chance to meet with old and new friends every month. It is so very much appreciated and enjoyed by us all.

Marjorie Bessant

For future Tea at 3 dates see page 5

Comings...

- A warm welcome to Dockenfield to Alex and Georgina Muhlberg who moved from Guildford into The Pines in Lake Lane just before Christmas (on 6 December to be exact, just in time for the carols!) and they now write to say: '*We've had a busy month since moving to Dockenfield!! We welcomed our first daughter Ottolie Freya Muhlberg on 8 January and are looking forward to bringing her up in the village! We have a cockapoo called Bella who loves all the walks around the village.'*'

...goings...

- The fondest of farewells to Graham and Catherine Kneller and family who have left Dockenfield after nearly 10 happy years here. In leaving they say: '*We moved just down the road to Rowledge and are happily settled in (although we do miss being in Dockenfield...) During our nearly 10 very privileged years on Lake Lane we had fantastic neighbours that will remain friends for many years to come. It was great fun being involved with organising Cherubs, Xmas party, carols, D-Day.... and you'll definitely see us at events in the future and of course at the Bluebell! We know you'll all be giving a friendly welcome to the Muhlberg family, and thank you to everyone for wishing us well. Thanks' Graham, Catherine, Alice, Hattie and Rory*

...and congratulations to

- Nicola and Phil Hames of Bealeswood Lane on the arrival of daughter Emily Mabel, born 12 November weighing 8lbs 7oz.
- Mared and Nick Morant on the birth of their first child, Hugh Nicholas Richard, born on 02.02.2020. Now there's a memorable date to have a birthday! Mared is a daughter of Dockenfield: her parents Hugh and Meryl Evans have lived in the village for about 35 years. Mared and Nick now live in Farnham.
- John and Celia Wilkins, celebrating 50 years of living in Dockenfield having moved into the village on 8 March 1970.

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, ask for an email copy of the Newsletter to be sent to you. Just email michael.foster66@btinternet.com

Fifty years in Dockenfield

John and Celia Wilkins moved into Dockenfield on 8 March 1970 and so will shortly be celebrating 50 years living in the village. They kindly agreed to write the following note giving some reflections and memories of their time here.

The house we live in was built in 1968 and owned from new by my brother-in-law and sister-in-law. He worked for an insurance company and was responsible for equipping and staffing the new branch office in South Street, Farnham and when it was up and running he was transferred back to Head Office to repeat the process somewhere else.

As the house came equipped with carpets, curtains, etc., with no agents' fees to pay and one solicitor able to deal with both transactions, it seemed like a good deal and we made a quick decision which we have never regretted. We had lived in Carshalton for about ten years and decided to move from suburbia to the countryside, so we put our house on the market, sold it and moved into Dockenfield on 8 March 1970.

When we first arrived in Dockenfield the village shop, run by the Phelans (where Hampton House is now) sold groceries, newspapers and housed the village Post Office. The Phelans sold the business to Betty and Peter Newark in 1971, Marjorie Bessant ran the Post Office and Sheila Haytree worked in the shop. The Newarks failed to make a go of the business and it was closed in 1973. There were three shops in Shortfield, Heaths the butchers, a grocery/Post Office on the corner of Hamlash Lane and a smaller shop practically opposite where the Frensham Village Shop is now. Another luxury was the Alder Valley bus service which ran six return trips to Aldershot via Farnham, it was suitable for a riotous night out in Farnham as the last bus back to Dockenfield left Farnham Station at 6.10pm!!

The village has remained remarkably unchanged over half a century and there are a number of people who have lived here longer than us, which must say something about the quality of life in Dockenfield!

John and Celia Wilkins, Avernus, The Street

Jeremy Spurling

News has reached DNL of the sad death of Jeremy Spurling on Thursday 30 January. Longer-term residents will recall that Jeremy and his wife Jane lived in Bugle House, Bealeswood Lane where they brought up their three children Miranda, Julian and Sophie. After living in Dockenfield for some 40 years they moved to Great Austins in September 2010. On behalf of everyone in the village who knows them, DNL sends love and condolences to Jane and all the family. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's celebrating Jeremy's life on 2 April at 2pm.

News from your churches

Thank you to everybody who came to the services over Christmas and to those who supported our various fundraising events – the Christmas Festival, wreath making and the Noel Coward plays. As you know we are constantly being challenged to balance the finances and are very grateful for your generous and continuous support.

Welcome Evening: We are holding a Welcome Evening for all new people who have moved into Frensham and Dockenfield in the last three years. This will be on **Friday 6 March**, 6pm to 9pm, at St Mary's church hall. Please come along with your children as there is a play area in the church for them. There will be refreshments and the opportunity to informally meet everybody and learn more about the villages. We are hoping to have representatives from the local village councils, the shop and other community groups. We very much look forward to meeting you!

Vacancies: We are still looking for a PCC Secretary so if you are interested in meeting lots of people and getting involved in the community please consider having a chat with us. If you want to join me as a churchwarden to help look after The Good Shepherd then please get in touch. It is a great way to get to know lots of new people and learn about the history of the churches and communities – it's not all about gardening and getting boilers fixed!!

Talking of gardening ... We are just about to put together our rota for The Good Shepherd gardening/mowing for 2020 and are keen to increase our numbers by another couple of people. As you will know from previous notes in DNL we are planning a wildflower meadow this year. So, the mowing regime will change – the area to mow will be smaller! Although we will need a working party to cut back the meadow once it has finished flowering but more about this in later editions. If you can help in any way please do get in touch. Do take a look at the lovely bulbs that you donated and we planted together in October that are starting to pop up on the right-hand side of the path!

It doesn't seem long since Christmas and Epiphany - the Christian year journeys on towards Lent which starts on Ash Wednesday (**26 February**). We will be holding an Ashing Service at 7.30pm on that evening at St Mary's Church where Revd Jane will be using ash from the Palm crosses distributed on Palm Sunday last year to sign everyone with a cross. We are reminded that we are dust and to dust we shall return. This service marks the first day of Lent which lasts for 40 days, when Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray. Holy Week starts on Palm Sunday (**5 April**) and during this week we have the following services:

Wednesday 8 April – 7pm Stations of the Cross at The Good Shepherd

Thursday 9 April – 7.30pm Vigil service (and washing of feet) at St Mary's

Friday 10 April – 2pm Good Friday Liturgy (and hot cross buns) at St Mary's

Saturday 11 April – 11.30 Fire Vigil (bonfire where the Easter Candle is lit) at St Mary's

Sunday 12 April – Easter Day (He is risen) 9am Holy Communion at Good Shepherd and 10.30am Parish Communion (and Easter egg hunt for the children) at St Mary's

Finally, we are looking into replacing the pews at the Good Shepherd with chairs. Sadly, the pews are coming to the end of their useful life and are becoming a bit of a hazard as well as being very heavy and difficult to move as we embrace using the church space for more and more different community activities (Pilates, parties, meetings, etc). Do look out for more information on this in the coming months. With this in mind, if you wish to hire the church for a specific activity, then do get in touch. It is there to be used!!

Eunice King – Churchwarden eunice.king@frenshamchurches.org.uk

Frensham and Dockenfield History Group

Our next four meetings are:

Tuesday, 11 February: the AGM when Val Lewis will give a short talk on George Sturt.

Tuesday 10 March: Robert Grimmond will return with some more of his 'old artefacts' and members will be challenged to name them and say what they were used for. When he joined us last year this proved to be a very interesting evening for all concerned.

Tuesday 14 April: will also see the return of David Rose who will talk and show photographs on 'Surrey Villages Then and Now'.

Tuesday 12 May: Alan Grace will give a talk entitled Tales from the Green Room. Alan is a historian for the Forces Broadcasting Service.

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are at the Marindin Hall. Membership is £10 per year and includes refreshments. Membership renewal is due at the AGM.

Chris Bonner

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

The Bluebell, Dockenfield: (Tel: 792801; www.bluebell-dockenfield.com)

We survived Christmas! It was lovely to see so many of you over the festive period and Happy New Year!

The next big days here are **Valentine's Day** on Friday 14 February and **Mother's Day** on Sunday 22 March. Mother's Day in particular is booking up really quickly so booking soon is advisable!

Our **lunch menu**, with one course for £8, two courses for £11 and three courses for £14 is still proving extremely popular during the week and is available Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Although it's quite a way off yet we have booked **The Farleys** for **Friday 5 June**. It's always an amazing night so thought I would give you some notice!

Men's Night takes place at the pub every 2nd Thursday in the month, starting from 8pm. The next two dates are **13 February** and **12 March**. You can get a burger and a pint for £10 (plain burger) or £12 (Bluebell burger). To get onto the regular 'Men's Night' emailing list please contact Mark Rosling: markrosling@outlook.com.

The new quarterly format of the '**Ladies' Night**' seems to be very popular with a healthy turnout on Thursday 2nd January. So Nicola Hames is delighted to say that there is another planned for **Thursday 23 April** starting from 8pm. For more info and to be added to the 'Ladies' Night' email circulation list please contact Nicola icolablb@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

Lucy, Robin and The Bluebell team xxx

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

It again it snowed at The Holly Bush on Christmas Day; that's 2 years in a row now, quite unbelievable!

We would like to thank all those who attended the annual Carol Singing just before Christmas. As usual Neil and his travelling bunch of musicians (one travels from the West Country specially to play) did a fantastic job! The voices in Frensham were on fine form and with donations from those who attended and the sale of hot drinks on the night we raised £360.47 for Step by Step, a charity that helps put young homeless people in the local area on the path to being housed.

We are currently working away on some exciting improvements to our garden, including the street food area, which is already getting booked up for some lovely private events. Bring on those balmy summer evenings!

As always, a big thank you to all our lovely staff and customers for your continued support! **David and Sally x**

Frensham Royal British Legion Club and Branch (Tel: 793014)

Saturday 29 February: Leap Years Quiz

Saturday 7 March: Curling Evening

Saturday 14 March: Beetles and Bhajis

For full details of all these events please see page 6

Craft Brews Brewery and Taproom (Tel: 07774982174 / [@CraftBrewsUK](http://www.craftbrews.uk))

Taproom regular opening hours: Friday and Saturday 12 - 6 pm, Sunday 12 - 4 pm plus special events.

Our own brewed beers/cider are available to takeaway or to drink in the Taproom. (Other drinks are available too, wine/prosecco/cider/spirits/soft drinks.)

Upcoming events:

February: Indian Tapas and a Pint Night with a new Tapas menu, 6 dishes by Sprinkle of Saffron, complemented by one of our beers (or wine/prosecco/soft drink).

March: Curry and a Pint Sprinkle of Saffron provide a two-course curry complemented by one of our beers (or wine/prosecco/soft drink)

April: Tapas and a Pint Night with a new Tapas menu, 6 dishes provided by Sprinkle of Saffron, complemented by one of our beers (or wine/prosecco/soft drink).

To see the menu and to book a place, please visit www.craftbrews.uk/shop

ix Nations Rugby All matches will be shown in the taproom on our 65-inch TV, hot dogs, bacon butties as well as our beers. To avoid disappointment booking is essential for the England games, please email:

hello@CraftBrews.uk or text/WhatsApp to 07774982174

Craft Brews Crew

Christmas remembered

tting up the Christmas Tree

Very wet and windy Sunday morning saw a group of brave parents, children and dogs leave the comfort of home to decorate the Dockenfield Christmas tree. The conditions were less than ideal but they did a great job and it was lovely to see the tree adorning The Street once again over the Christmas period.

Nathalie Griffiths

Many thanks once again to Darren for providing a tree from Frensham Common. This year smaller than last year, but still having a definite charm and adding to the special magic of Christmas in Dockenfield.

Jill Trout

Christmas Carols

usually this is always a fitting start to Christmas. Great to see so many people of all ages gathered around the (civic lighting!!) bus shelter at the end of Lake Lane. Traditional carols are sung, Jane the vicar leading the way, all joining in perfectly! Bus shelter resplendent with lights and glitter; Penny and her pupils providing splendid accompaniment.

en the mulled drinks (thank you Nicola and Michael Rutherford) complemented by mince pies... festive and excellent... good time had by all. See you next year!

Jill Trout

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was another huge success! Preparations had started early with a delicious home cooked curry being prepared, setting up and decorating the church, and getting children's food, the DJ set up and the bar well stocked! Everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up with friends, and the huge box of sweets distributed by the DJ to the children of various games kept all the kids happy whatever their age! And to top it off, Santa made an appearance!

a heartfelt thank you to all those who gave their precious time beforehand, during and after the event... it's a huge job! We're already in discussions about next year's event, which may be a lower key event at the Bluebell - it's good to ring the changes once in a while!

Roly Miles

the best, or worst, of Christmas cracker jokes

I you see the item in the news about Christmas crackers being an 'environmental catastrophe' because they are thrown away immediately? So, here are a few reminders of the kind of terrible jokes they contain in case you don't get to see them next year.....

What kind of sandals do frogs wear?

A Open toad.

Why is a horse like a cricket match?

A Because they get stopped by the rein.

What do you call a cat in the desert?

A Sandy claws.

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?

A In case he got a hole in one.

Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?

A Rude-olph.

How did Scrooge win the football game?

A The ghost of Christmas passed.

Did Rudolph go to school?

A No, he was elf taught.

Why is everyone thirsty at the North Pole?

A No well, no well.

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

A Because he was a little shellfish.

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

A The elf-abet.

Why is it getting harder to buy advent calendars?

A Because their days are numbered.

What was your personal weather forecast?

number of our friends announced after Christmas that they were going to have a 'dry' January by giving alcohol a miss for the entire month. Discussing this with another friend, we both felt that, whilst a reduced intake was maybe a good plan, total abstinence was perhaps a step too far. So, we concluded that instead of completely dry, our forecast would be dry with occasional chance of light rain. What was your personal forecast?

How is your digestion?

I stopped round to see a neighbour and found her in her hallway just about to unpack a number of substantial parcels that had just been delivered. 'Nothing exciting,' she explained, 'just some small items of furniture,' going on to explain exactly what they were and that she hoped they would fit in nicely. Wishing her luck with her purchases as I left, my parting words were; 'good luck with your stools'

Puddings slump

I you read in the press that sales of Christmas puddings fell 16% year on year?

Frensham and Dockenfield Horticultural Society

The Society starts off the year with two evening talks at the Marindin Hall, Frensham. As with last year these will start at the earlier time of 7.30pm with a welcoming cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Those new to the area are welcome to attend a talk and just need to introduce themselves to those running the evening.

February, 7.30 for 8pm at the Marindin Hall. Talk by Tim Woodland: Planting and growing summer bulbs (+ bulb sales). Tim is sales executive at the Southampton branch of Kapiteyn, the Dutch and German bulb company. Their catalogue runs to 90 pages so he knows his bulbs.

March, 7.30 for 8pm at the Marindin Hall. Talk by Dr Peter Herring: Winkworth Arboretum, its trees and history. This is our finest local arboretum, situated just south of Godalming and is best known for its spring flowering shrubs and trees and later in the year for its autumn colours. It has over 1,000 different species of trees and shrubs. Why not learn about it from one of their expert volunteers and then plan a visit?

though it seems some time away the **Spring Flower and Veg Show** needs to be in your diary now. The sight and the scent of the Marindin Hall full of spring blossom is really something to look forward to as the first signs of spring appear in our gardens. **Saturday 4 April**, is the day, with entries to the show being brought to the Marindin Hall between 9.15 and 10.45 am on the morning of the show. It will be organised by Suzanne McLean and Sharon each and details of the show including all classes and recipes are on our website <https://fdhs.org.uk>. Members can also find all this information in their spanking new, bright yellow 2020 Members' Handbook.

Most of the horticultural classes are for members only. However, ALL the classes below are 'Open' and can be entered by anyone (please note: Juniors are aged 15 and under).

If anyone new to this event who wants to enter but is not clear on what needs to be done please contact Suzanne McLean on suzanne.mclean07@btinternet.com or Dan.

Dan Bosence (dwjbosence@btinternet.com or 792442)

PEN CLASSES – Please complete the form below.

Flowers and Floral Arrangements:

Note: All flowers must have been grown by the entrant.

Class 4 Juniors 'Flower arrangement entitled 'Jar of Gold'. Not to exceed 30cm diameter.

Class 33 A vase of garden flowers, one or more varieties.

Class 34 Juniors Any plant grown in a pot, pot not to exceed 30 cm in diameter.

Class 35 Juniors Spring bulb grown in an upcycled container, not to exceed 30 cm in diameter.

Some Industries:

Note: Preserves must be in a plain-lidded jar with no logos/decorations, and any other food entries must be covered.

Class 41 A jar of marmalade (named and dated –day/month/year).

Class 42 Orange Polenta cake (following the recipe on website).

Class 43 Plaited loaf.

Class 44 Cheddar Pennies – five on a plate (following the recipe on website).

Class 45 Horticultural-themed Pin Cushion.

Class 46 Juniors – Wooden spoon person (dressed) – for ages 8-15.

Class 47 Juniors – Three decorated hard-boiled eggs in a bowl – for ages under 8.

Photography:

Note: Photos should be unmounted prints not exceeding A4 size, they may be cropped but not digitally enhanced.

Class 48 A Cold and Frosty Morning

Class 49 Shadows

Class 50 Feeding time



Frensham & Dockenfield Horticultural Society – Spring Show 2020 Open Classes Entry Form

Please enter class numbers for the exhibits you want to enter. More details on our website: - www.fdhs.org.uk

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Name and contact details -----

Address -----

• wild in local wetlands!

e world-famous Peter Scott (1909 – 1989) was the only son of Captain Robert Scott, the Antarctic explorer. He
s only two years old when his father died during his ill-fated trek to the South Pole. With such a father perhaps,
er felt he had much to live up to, and this he certainly did. He became a much-decorated naval officer,
artsman, painter, writer and broadcaster.

ott's lasting legacy to us was his tireless work as an ornithologist and conservationist. He created a wetland wildlife
erve near Slimbridge, between Bristol and Gloucester, which he opened to the public in 1946. He subsequently
nded the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT), which now has ten reserves across the UK.

e nearest WWT reserves from here are those in Barnes and Arundel, each of which is about an hour's drive away.
nbridge and Welney (near Wisbech) involve longer journeys but are also readily accessible. The WWT centres are
ily friendly, with free parking, cafes and children's play and discovery facilities. Most important is the work they
in providing habitats such as pastures, reedbeds, lagoons and saltmarshes for resident and migrating water birds.
mbridge in particular is involved in international conservation and breeding projects.) You will be astonished by
variety of wildlife you can see on the reserves.

the beginning of the year, when local wildlife can still be rather quiet, why not pay a visit to a wetland centre? At
nes WWT (SW13 9WT) you can see rare swans, ducks and geese, wading birds of many kinds, and even otters in
ir specially designed holt. As you walk around the level site or climb into the two-storey observatory for a
loramic view you may find it difficult to believe that you are in central London.

Arundel WWT (BN18 9PB) you can see geese and other wildfowl, cormorants, herons and perhaps marsh
riars, bitterns, egrets, kingfishers – and even a pied wagtail roost of over 200 birds! You can go on a (silent,
electric) boat safari through the reedbeds, where you may see water voles and little grebes.

e WWT is a charity, so there are admission charges to support the work of the trust. If you book online you will
eive a 10% discount and family tickets are available. For more information go to:

o.london@wwt.org.uk

o.arundel@wwt.org.uk

o.slimbridge@wwt.org.uk

o.welney@wwt.org.uk

ccess to Welney can be limited if local flooding occurs during persistent rain.)

Val Lewis

Frensham at war – VE Day

*is is the sixth and last in a series of articles about Frensham at War, written for DNL by Trevor G Hill who lived here as a boy.
ank you, Trevor, for sharing your valuable memories with us. The first four can be found in editions 260, 263, 266, 267 and 276
ich I can email to you if you missed them.*

hen the war in Europe was over, we celebrated VE Day. A street party was arranged for the following day to be
d in the Recreation Ground and we boys and girls built a large bonfire on Shortfield Common. Sadly, that night
ne people who had celebrated too much at our local pub 'The Holly Bush' set light to our bonfire. This so
ensed the men of the village that the next day they built a larger bonfire by cutting branches from the nearby
od and with engine oil and tyres from Heath's garage we ended up with a great VE+1 Day bonfire celebration.

er the war Italian prisoners were stationed near our village and used as a labour force to clear the undergrowth
ich had grown up during the war period in what had been Frensham Ponds. When they were refilled, they
came the place where many of us learnt to swim.

r a boy living in Frensham the wartime was a period of great excitement and fun, times of sadness, and strange
ents. Excitement when we used to watch our brave lads of the RAF tackling great swathes of German Bombers.
n when watching the Canadian troops practising for D-Day on our commons, I have often wondered how many
hem may still remember their days in Frensham. Sadness when we learnt of fathers of our school-friends being
ed and especially when we learnt that one German plane had machine-gunned children in a nearby school
yground, although we were not told where it was. Strange events like the day when at school in class I disturbed
r teacher by pointing up at the high classroom windows for I could see German bombers and ack-ack fire. As
re had been no air-raid warning and no time to get to the shelters our teacher made us all get under our desks. By
end of the war I was travelling to secondary school in Guildford catching the bus from Farnham along the Hog's
ck. Sometimes we used to see the vapour trails of V2 rockets on the eastern horizon in the early morning sun.
w in my mid 80's I can still recall my boyhood days in Frensham.

Trevor G Hill

Important dates

14 February: **Valentine's Day**. Ah yes; forget this one fellas and you really are in the dog house.
 25 February: **Shrove Tuesday**. Yes, and lots of pancakes please.
 26 February: **Ash Wednesday**. The first day of Lent. What are you giving up?
 29 February: **Leap Day**. The one day on which traditionally a lady can ask a man to marry her. Steady now!
 1 March: **St David's Day**
 17 March: **St Patrick's Day**. Guinness anyone?
 19 March: **First day of Spring**. Surely not; only just recovering from Christmas.
 22 March: **Mothering Sunday**. Another one you dare not forget.
 29 March: **British Summer Time** begins. One less hour in bed sadly....
 10 April: **Good Friday**. And a bank holiday into the bargain.
 12 April: **Easter Sunday**. Easy to concentrate on the chocolate, but its such an important religious day let's forget.
 13 April: **Easter Monday**. Ah, another four-day week.
 23 April: **St Georges Day**. Often hidden in the shadows this one...

Climate change: Last decade UK's second hottest in 100 years

reproducing this article from the BBC News website of 3 January as I believe it concerns us all

ries of new records for high temperature were broken in the UK in 2019, concluding a record-breaking decade, Met Office has said. The last decade was the second hottest in the past 100 years in the UK, with eight new high-erature records set. Four new UK records were set last year alone, including the highest winter and summer eratures ever recorded.

Iark McCarthy, from the Met Office in Exeter, said it was 'a consequence of our warming climate'. The 2010s were the second hottest and second wettest of the 'cardinal' decades (those spanning years ending 0-9) in the last 100 years of UK records. In both cases, the 2010s were slightly behind 2000-2009, which holds the record for the hottest wettest decade.

year, a maximum of 21.2°C was reached on 26 February, in London - the hottest February day ever recorded. In July, temperatures then reached 38.7°C in Cambridge - the UK's highest-ever recorded temperature. The third record-breaker for 2019 was for the highest daily minimum temperature in February - a temperature of 13.9°C, set on 23 February in the Scottish Highlands. The hottest December day is also likely to have been exceeded last year, with a provisional temperature of 18.7°C recorded in the Highlands of Scotland on 28 December - although the figure still needs to be validated.

Dockenfield Business Directory

business directory is a list of residents of Dockenfield who own and run their own business; it is a slightly abridged version of the list which appears on the Dockenfield Parish Council website (www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk); for updates please contact **Paul Wood** at pdw65@btinternet.com

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 the door: so please when submitting entries always remember to give your full home address although this will not be published. For reasons of space the description of each business must be a maximum of 2-3 lines.

Business Name	Services Offered	Contact	Tel/email/website
Groundworks 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
Allen Warren	Shooting coach/instructor game (on the peg) clay shooting, Beginners to pro	Allen Warren	07808 581131 allenwarren1@hotmail.com www.shootinginstructor.com
Bluebell Pub	The only public house in Dockenfield	Robin/Lucy Catchpole	01252 792801 www.bluebell-dockenfield.com

Business Name	Services Offered	Contact	Tel/email/website
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
Bush Baby Travel	Bespoke holidays and adventures around the world	Abigail and James Shaw	01252 792984 info@bushbaby.travel https://bushbaby.travel
Charterlith	Artwork, design, printing, copying for everyone	Adrian Wilkins/John Wilkins	01252 614406 theprinters@charterlith.co.uk www.charterlith.co.uk
Chenfield Dog	Dog walks; day care; home visits	Susan Slinger	01252 795704 / 07798 657954 susanslinger@gmail.com
Tree Care	Tree care and Ecology services	Brian Hicks	07919 592837 brian.hicks77@gmail.com
Leaves & Foliage	Experienced Plantswoman. Maintenance and Design. Pruning, renovation. One-off planting plans or advice. Homegrown plants for sale	Amanda Green	01252 795159 / 07867 924551 amandagreen1967@gmail.com
Homes Maintenance	A family-run business specialising in handyman and home improvement services for local households and businesses across Surrey and Hampshire	Phil Hames	07885 263077 enquiries@hameshm.com www.hameshm.com
Hannah Poulsom	Soloist available for event singing; any occasion	Hannah Poulsom	07776 332209 hannahpoulsom@hotmail.co.uk www.hannahpoulsom.com
Centra Aromatherapy	Aromatherapy and deep tissue massage and consultation	Amanda Adolph	01252 795909 / 07867 808918 amandaadolph@gmail.com
Heathcote	Painter in oils, landscapes, local scenes and seascapes	Jean Heathcote	01252 793251
Guitar Jam	Guitar Teacher for all ages and styles	Mark Gardiner	01252 794088 59bassman@tiscali.co.uk www.rockriffs.jimdo.com
Milestones Clinic	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
Penny Heath	Suzuki cello teacher. A successful and stimulating method of teaching young children	Penny Heath	01252 795358 / 07891710652 pennyheath5@gmail.com
Pilates Training Solutions Ltd	Pilates matwork classes, one to one equipment and rehabilitation sessions	Belinda Butterly	01252 719429 / 07734 426757 belindajbuttery@hotmail.com www.pilatestrainingsolutions.co.uk
Pure Imagination Jewellers	Bespoke jewellery; commissions; repairs; cleaning and gemology	Ben Poulsom	07789 798463 benpoulsom@hotmail.co.uk www.pureimaginationjewellers.com
Roak Ltd	Quality trusted builders; refurbishment; new-build; extensions	David Epps	01252 820328 / 07768 510055 david@roak.co.uk www.roak.co.uk
Shooting Simulator	A camera-based system to use on your own or our dummy gun. The system provides gun movement and shot analysis for a rapid learning experience.	Katy Poulsom	07703 519488 katy.poulsom@btconnect.com www.shooting-simulator.co.uk
Strawberry Signs	Sign-writer offering banners; vehicle graphics; pavement and shop signage; logos	Paul Edwards	01252 319474 / 07774 193769 strawberrysigns@btconnect.com www.strawberrysigns.co.uk
Lediard	Painting; pressure washing; hedge and grass cutting; carpet and upholstery cleaning	Tim Lediard	01420 472285 / 07900 895667 tlediard@aol.com
UCAN Training	Executive coaching and management training. Specialising in personal development and coaching of women.	Sharon Jackson	01252 792811 / 07887 767705 sharon@ucantraining.com www.ucantraining.com

Walking Together

'Walking Together' has established a friendly community of walkers who meet every month to enjoy the pleasure of one another's company and the delights of the beautiful countryside around and beyond Frensham.

We have so far avoided doing the same walk twice. Walking Together meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, usually at 9.30 am at St Mary's Church.

Worthy of note:

- The sun has shone on every walk bar one!
- During July, when the sun shone brightly over Spain, a member of Walking Together walked the entire Santiago de Compostela route, which is about 800 km long
- Walking Together entered a Christmas Tree in St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. The entry was called "Walking Together in the CounTREE" and brought us together for a different and wholly enjoyable purpose. (See picture, right.)
- By the time you read this write-up, 'Walking Together' will be a year old and members will have completed their first anniversary walk from St Mary's Church along King's Ridge and Crosswater Lane to Devil's Jumps and then to Bel and the Dragon for lunch.



Regular readers of DNL may be aware of the plans of Mike Smith, and other members of St Mary's Church, for the church organ to be given a major cleaning and maintenance/service – a project which will take two to three months and is scheduled to be completed by 28 April 2020, the planned date for the start of a new season of organ recitals.

Whilst the maintenance work is being carried out, Walking Together will extend the scope of its walks on Tuesdays **25 February** and **24 March** to include nightime stopovers and extended fun. Meet at St Mary's at 9.30am.

From Tuesday **28 April**, the Walking Together Group will, once again, time its walks to finish around 12 noon at St Mary's Church and Walking Together members will be invited to have a 'soup and roll' and join others for the organ recital, from 1pm to 2pm.

We always welcome new and returning people of all ages - our youngest is 9 months old! Do not feel you have to commit to coming regularly. Do come along! And, if you would like more information, please contact Lesley Rosling: roslings@hotmail.com

Jeff Powell and Lesley Rosling



Natural traffic calming by resident badgers in Pitt Lane!

Village Lunch

Wednesdays 26 February and 25 March,

Lunchday at the British Legion

The next Village Lunches are on 26 February and 25 March. The charities being supported are the Kingsley Centre and The Dyslexia Centre respectively whilst the delicious food on offer is lasagne and mash in February and casserole in March. Better yet, the lunch and all the fun company yours for just £3.50 plus 20p for a coffee if you want one. A bargain or what?

Millbridge WI

**Thursdays 20 February and 19 March, 7.30pm
at the Marindin Hall**

The next three meetings of the Millbridge WI are:

20 February: Hazel Radnor talking about the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre

19 March: Colin Channon of Tindle News (publishers of the Farnham Herald and other titles)

16 April: Lindy Mitchley talking about glass work
For more information please contact **Penny Garrard** on Tel: 793395.

Herubs

Herubs, the baby and toddler group meet from 9.30-11am every Thursday in term time at the Good Shepherd. For more information contact Jane Walker revjanewalker@btconnect.com

DNL's 'Gangsta Granny!'

readers will know that DNL has an 'Overseas
resident'. Jane Pearson is not only a past resident of
the Isle of Wight, from which she sends
us, and very amusing, reports. This latest one is
of her preparations for inviting hordes of friends
and the island into her home for a Macmillan
coffee morning.

e fundraiser for the Macmillan nurses. A
but not without some pitfalls. A few days
I had wrenched my back which virtually
me and I had to crawl around bent
knocking back handfuls of painkillers
ious cups of coffee to galvanise me.

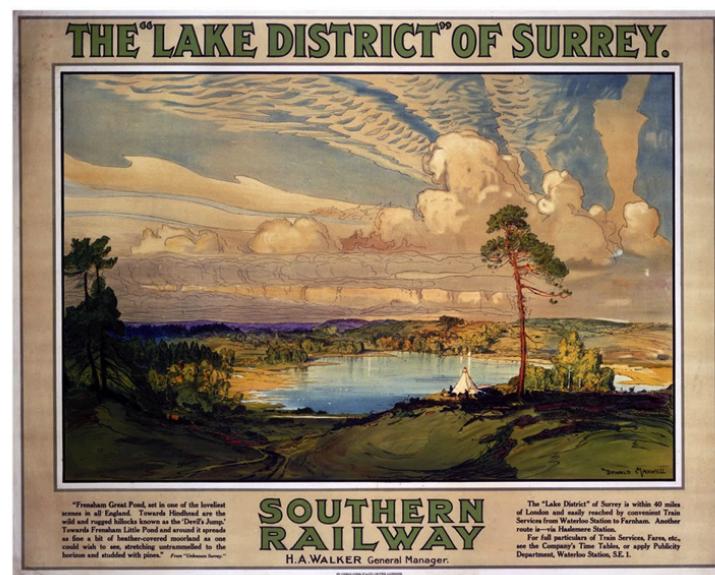
orse.... should I admit to this?....just
I was arrested by a Citizen. I'd set out
with the goodest of intentions as I had guessed
that some of my guests might be wobbly, toppy
so reckoned I'd barrier off parking spaces in the
drive. Fishbourne Lane was being resurfaced so
loads of random cones. Wouldn't miss a couple I
thought, so I tottered up and was just
manoeuvring one into our lane when a heavy
hand slapped on my shoulder and a burly voice
said 'Oi Dave, look who I've just caught. Its
Gangsta Granny!'

Got to think on my feet I thought and make it
fast before he locks me in his little white van. So,
I gabbled and spluttered. But they were so sweet.
They said of course I could steal their cones,
Island Roads wouldn't miss a few and they
would give me a hand in return for a cup of hot
sweet tea. So, I ended up with six hefty blokes,
each with a cone on his shoulder; and this little
crocodile led by the notorious Gangsta Granny
went marching down the lane. They laid the
cones out; I gave them builders' tea and some of
my delicious chocolate cake and they went off
happy as Larry (always wondered who Larry
was).

Jane Pearson, DNLs 'Overseas Correspondent'

What's more this is a name that seems to have
stuck as Jane says in a subsequent email:

*I was talking to a workman mending an island car
park the other day when he suddenly said, 'Hey I
know you; you're Gangsta Granny aren't you?' I
sheepishly admitted it, and it turned out that he had
been one of the guys who'd trooped down the lane in
the little cavalcade carrying all the cones. I was glad
actually because I was able to tell him how grateful I
was and how much we'd made for the Macmillans'.*



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Christmas, my brother-in-law Dave gave me a copy of poster called 'The Lake District of Surrey', depicting the great Pond and enticing people to visit it by Southern railway. You can obtain copies of this in the form of posters, magnets, mugs, post and greeting cards, shopping bags etc by visiting railwayposters.co.uk. Or simply do what I did and Google 'The Lake District of Surrey' and it will take you straight there. Meanwhile, if you can't read the words on the poster they say:

'Frensham Great Pond, set in one of the loveliest scenes in all England. Towards Hindhead are the wild and rugged hillocks known as the 'Devil's Jumps'. Towards Frensham Little Pond and around it reads as fine a bit of heather-covered moorland as one could wish to see, stretching untrammeled to the horizon and studded with pines' from 'Unknown Surrey'.

'The Lake District' of Surrey is within 40 miles of London and easily reached by convenient Train Services from Waterloo Station to Farnham. Another route is via Haslemere Station. For full particulars of Train Services, Fares, etc, see the Company's Time Tables or apply Publicity Department, Waterloo Station, SE.1.'

I also gave me a piece of music by William Lloyd Webber called 'Frensham Pond'. William Lloyd Webber BE (1 March 1914 – 29 October 1982) is famous as such for being father to Andrew and Julian Lloyd Webber. Along with the piece of music came the following inscription:

William Lloyd Webber was ever a conservative composer, refusing to fall victim of the prevailing trends and fads of musical composition. His music is always completely approachable and enjoyable. Often sheer lyricism is quite moving. The referential markers would surely be Delius, Elgar and even Rachmaninoff. Yet he was a naturalist – few of his works are longer than ten minutes.

1960 Lloyd Webber wrote a series of six Country Impressions for variety of wind instruments with piano accompaniment. Unfortunately, only two of them have been recorded – Frensham Pond and Mulberry Cottage. It is a small desideratum of English music that someone will issue the entire series.'