

DOCKENFIELD

newsletter

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This Newsletter explained

This 'special edition' of DNL replaces the village's normal offering in recognition of the unprecedented times in which we suddenly and unhappily find ourselves. Quite intentionally it restricts its editorial scope to advice as to how everyone can best respond to Coronavirus, with particular emphasis on how we can protect the most vulnerable amongst us. With that in mind there are contributions from those in the best position to help, namely the Parish Council, the Church, Parish Friends, the Village Shop and others; although I confess I have found room for just a couple of other articles just to lift the gloom. No attempt has been made to make this DNL look pretty. We just want it to be useful.

Many people have been in touch with DNL asking how they can best volunteer to help, and the answer to that can be found in the Parish Council article below. The Council also thoroughly recommends that you sign up to the Emergency Email List which will keep you in touch with news as appropriate. See Page 4.

Over the years you may have got tired of me, as Editor of DNL, bleating on about what a wonderful community spirit we have in the Parish. Now is the moment I am sure that every single one of you is going to prove me right. Stay healthy. Stay safe.

Michael x

Dear Dockenfield Resident

We find ourselves living in some extraordinary times. At this time, with the elderly and those with underlying health conditions self-isolating and all our lives changed with much reduced social contact, local community support groups have an important part to play in the fabric of society. In Dockenfield we are fortunate to have two established community support networks: the Emergency Warden Contact Network and the Parish Friends. Together these community support networks can provide a variety of emotional, pastoral as well as practical (e.g. running shopping errands for essential supplies or walking the dog...) support for those in need, especially those needing to self-isolate. See below for a contacts list which can also be found on the village website (<http://www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk/>) which will be regularly updated.

Parish Friends contacts (see more details in the article on page 2):-

Morag James – 01252 793133 morag.james@btinternet.com

Eunice King – 01252 790690 eunice.king@frenshamchurches.org.uk

Revd Jane Walker – 01252 792137 vicar@frenshamchurches.org.uk

Emergency Warden contacts (accurate as at 9am 20 March)

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Want to volunteer? - contact Paul Wood, Dockenfield Parish Council on wooddpc@gmail.com or 01252 793470.

Lucy and Robin at the **Bluebell** pub have launched a takeaway food and drink menu. They have started a collection service but for those self-isolating should be able to deliver. Please do use this service, it will be a huge boost to the community and will help keep the Bluebell (01252 792801 bluebelldockenfield@icloud.com) operating.

We all need to do our bit to keep the community safe and healthy - enhanced hygiene, social distancing, staying at home if you have symptoms, self-isolating if you are in a vulnerable group. For health information and advice please refer to the NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Let's all keep Dockenfield safe and healthy, **Paul Wood, on behalf of Dockenfield Parish Council**

From your Churches

You will be aware by now that all church services have been suspended until further notice because of the coronavirus emergency. St Mary's will remain open for individual prayer and for the time being Revd Jane will be continuing with daily prayers at 8.15am and 5pm. Stringent hygiene will be necessary and people are to maintain a safe distance of 1 to 2m between each other. Please do not visit the church if you are unwell.

The following groups/gatherings are also suspended: T@3, Forum, Choir, Bellringing, Cherubs, Organ Recitals and any activities provided via hirers of the church premises.

Sadly, all fundraising activities are also cancelled: the Indoor boot sale on 4 April and the Ceilidh on 25 April.

Help is at hand.....

Our Parish Friend network is able to offer practical help and support to all people within our villages. We will be delivering notes to every household to highlight this invaluable network of people in the coming days. The names and contact details of your Parish Friend are in the back of the Parish magazine. Parish Friends have a list of people from our communities that have offered help and support during this difficult time – many of whom will be your friends and neighbours. We are grateful to our Parish Councils for offering their support too. So if you are in need of any help please, in the first instance, contact your Parish Friend. If you don't know who your Parish Friend is, then please contact Morag James on 01252 793133. They will be able to signpost you to immediate help. Remember too that the Village Shop is also offering deliveries. Our network can offer immediate help with shopping, dog walking, returning library books, collecting prescriptions and other essentials.

We are blessed and overwhelmed by the help offered by so many wonderful people during these difficult times – including the Dockenfield Emergency Wardens. If you feel like you would like to help too, then do get in touch with me (Eunice King, 01252 790690) or Morag James (01252 793133) and we will add your name to our list of helpers. If you are ill or are self-isolating, then do let Revd Jane (01252 792137) or Morag know so that we can coordinate support for you, whether this be practical or spiritual. It is important that we support and care for the most vulnerable people in our communities at this time.

Do check the church website which we will be updating regularly – <https://www.frenshamchurches.org.uk/coronavirus.htm>. We hope to be offering lots of resources in the coming weeks to help support you during these difficult times.

Be wary of advice offered by social media which can be misguided and isn't always correct. Please follow NHS guidelines <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Stay safe.

Eunice King, Churchwarden

A message from our Vicar

Please can you also let the people of Dockenfield know that I will be in the Church of the Good Shepherd every day except Tuesday (if I get it as a day off!) at 9am and 6pm. (I will be doing the same at St Mary's Frensham at 8.15am and 5pm). I will ring the bell as the Church of England has advised us to do this if able, to give people a sign of hope and continuity. I will be praying for every resident in Dockenfield at those times and will be available with safe distancing for anyone who would like to come to talk with me.

I am not allowed to visit anyone who is self-isolating for obvious reasons but if they would like to talk, I would be only too happy to give phone support.

With all good wishes, **Jane**

Rev. Jane Walker

Frensham Village Shop

Are you self-isolating at home? Do you need a home delivery? We're here to help

1. Call the shop on 01252 795240 (or call our volunteer deliveries co-ordinator Martin Beer on 07785 577484) ideally in the morning as we aim to deliver same day. Give the details of what you would like to order and your contact details. (We will advise if we know we are out of stock of a particular product)
2. Volunteers will make up the order. Then one of our Post Office team will call you back to take payment by card and arrange a time/place to leave your shopping.
3. Your food order is delivered in recycled boxes or FVS paper bags (free to self-isolating customer orders) and left in the agreed location. Alternatively you can arrange a time for yourself or a friend to collect your purchases from the shop backdoor if you prefer.

Go ahead. Call us today!

Or could you help? Would you be able to volunteer to help pick and/or make home deliveries to those in need? A couple of hours a week could make a huge difference and would be a great way to help. Contact Mayonne on mayonne@coldcott.me.uk 01252 792609.

With very best wishes and keep well.

Paul and all the team at Frensham Village Shop

Take away food and drink from the Bluebell

We are all entering the unknown; this is going to be a really tough time for us all. And we at the Bluebell are determined to do everything we can to help the community. We have poured our hearts and souls into the pub and we will not give up without a fight.

So, our takeaway menu is now up and running, and is set out opposite. We were thrilled that within an hour of posting it on our Facebook page on Tuesday we had our first order. We are also doing drinks takeaways and our lovely friends at Triple FFF brewery have given us drinks containers for beer takeaways! We have started as a collection service, but for those who are self-isolating we should be able to deliver.

One thing that has stood out for us over the last week more than ever is how much support we have and how lucky we are to be part of a community like this.

Putting business aside, we will happily help anyone locally who needs it, whether it's a food shop, a dog walk, a prescription pick-up or even just a phone call for a chat. Thinking of you all.

Lucy, Robin and The Bluebell Team xxx
(Tel: 01252 792801; www.bluebell-dockenfield.com)

The Bluebell Takeaway Menu

Starters

Halloumi Bites: £5. Add chorizo + £2
Soup of the Day with a sourdough roll: £5
Garlic Bread: £2. Add cheese + 50p

Mains

Beer Battered Haddock, triple cooked chips and minted mushy peas: £12
Vegetable Thai Green Curry (aubergine and courgette cooked in a coconut, chilli, ginger and lemongrass sauce, with rice): £8. Add King Prawns +£4
Three Bean Chilli with rice: £8. Add chorizo +£2
Curry of the Day: call for price
Sweet and Sour Pork with rice: £10
Pie of the Day, triple cooked chips and gravy: £10

Burgers

Hamptons Estate Beef Burger (sourdough bun, whisky glazed onions, tomato relish, lettuce and tomato, with fries, sweet potato fries or triple cooked chips): £10. Add Monterrey Jack and bacon +£1
Chicken Burger (sourdough bun, sweet chilli sauce, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato with fries, sweet potato fries or triple cooked chips): £10 Add cheddar and bacon +£1
Halloumi Burger (sourdough bun, sweet chilli sauce, lettuce and tomato with fries, sweet potato fries or triple cooked chips)

Puddings, drinks, children's menu and smaller portions available. Plus, roasts on Sunday.

Available 12-3pm, 6-9pm. Call 01252 792801 or 07870 588797 to order.

A message from the Holly Bush

The Holly Bush is now closed and will remain closed until it is safe for our customers and staff for us to re-open.

Thank you to our staff and customers for their unflinching support and please all stay safe.

David and Sally x

Emergency Email List

There is no more important time for you to be included in the village Emergency Email List. Just send your email address to Jessica Hobday, the Parish Clerk, and via this list you will be kept up to date electronically with important news concerning matters in the village as we go through this current emergency. Less than half the village have currently signed up for this service, so if your name is not yet included please get in touch with Jessica now:
dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Postponements

Dockenfield Parish Council have announced the postponement of the **Annual Parish Meeting** to a later date to be announced in due course.

The Activities Committee have had a “virtual” meeting and agreed to postpone **Dockenfield Day** until a time when the situation is back to normal.

A Prayer for us all

As we draw together as a community, I would like to offer the following prayer:

*Oh Lord, our Father,
In a world torn apart by fear and suspicion,
Teach us your children that Love is the only means to conquer fear:*

*The Love we encounter as we search you out,
The Love we encounter as we accept your embrace.*

*Oh Lord, the Son,
In a world full of anger and frustration,
Teach us, your servants, your friends, your sisters and your brothers,*

*To overturn the tables and tear down the fences
Which turn away the hungry and homeless:
To feed and house the disciple that knocks on our door
In the guise of the stranger,
And to find the Love we seek in loving others.*

*Oh Lord, the Holy Spirit, Mother of Wisdom,
Teach us, your children, to be caring of one another,
To protect one another,
As you gather the nations under the feathers of your wings.
Help us to know peace that steals gently in through quiet acts of kindness. Amen*

Eunice King, Churchwarden

Listen out for the Cuckoo

We may be in a crisis, but certain aspects of life continue uninterrupted and importantly amongst these is the cycle of life as determined by Mother Nature. With so many more of us at home, we will have more time to take note of the simple pleasures of life, like the changing of the seasons as observed through animal and plant life.

So this year more than any, please listen out for the sound of the cuckoo and let the Newsletter know when and where you first hear it. I will publish a list of all your findings, hopefully in the next edition, in the form of DNL's annual 'Cuckoo Clock'. 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. It's also fascinating to know when the cuckoo is first heard if you live *outside* the Parish. Just email michael.foster66@btinternet.com with your news.

The Spring Flower and Vegetable Show goes virtual!

The Hort and Prod will be running a Virtual Spring Flower and Veg show on their website fdhs.org.uk . Just go to the 'Shows' section and follow instructions. We want anyone who has nice/exceptional flowers or veg in their garden to photograph them and upload them to the site. In this way we can all enjoy the spring flowers and our gardens and safely share them with our neighbours. This is not restricted to members of the Society so anyone can share what is in their garden and enjoy seeing what others are growing. The pages are currently being built and photos can be uploaded in early April with a cut-off date of the 10th.

Dan Bosence

Thought for the Day?

'And the people stayed at home. And read books, and listened, and rested and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows.

And the people began to think differently. And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.'

Kitty O'Meara

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