

DNL *Dockenfield newsletter*

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield

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RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch results 2023

RSPB report that the number one bird spotted in UK gardens is the House Sparrow which is celebrating its twentieth year in pole position.

Song Thrush numbers are down 80% compared to the first Big Garden Birdwatch in 1979.

The RSPB report that this year's results have highlighted the vulnerabilities of garden birds from weather and disease. The Long-tailed Tits are susceptible to harsh weather conditions and Chaffinches and Greenfinches have been badly affected by a disease known as Trichomonosis resulting in decline to numbers by 34% and 65% respectively.

They also must contend with climate change, toxic pesticides, and disease. These threats have led to nearly 1 in 10 of Europe's wild bee species facing extinction.

MINDFUL IN MAY

The month of May is dedicated to mindfulness and mental health awareness

Seven Pillars of Mindfulness

- Non-judging.....the world isn't black and white
- Patience....as the saying goes ...is a virtue
- Beginner's Mindit is easy to lose yourself if you begin to believe that you have heard seen and experienced everything
- Trust
- Non-striving
- Acceptance
- Letting go

Frensham & Dockenfield Horticultural Society



Bee Friendly

Sarah Rowland provided our first talk of the year.

Sarah is a beekeeper and gave a very entertaining and informative talk on that subject. Sarah included some very useful facts, but on a serious note, she underlined the fact that bees worldwide are in serious decline and certainly intensive agriculture practices along with the loss of habitats, as populations increase, are all having a serious impact on our pollinators.

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Around 13 of the UK's bee species are now extinct and 35 others are under the threat of extinction. Some areas of the countryside have become more like industrial units with huge fields of single crops replacing hedgerows, this is why bees need our help more than ever. The major concern is that many plants we need for food rely on pollination, especially by bees: from almonds and vanilla to apples and squash. Bees also pollinate around 80% of wildflowers in Europe, so not only would our countryside be far less interesting and beautiful without them, but we also face uncertainties around our food chain. As the number of bees and other pollinators decline, we all need to try and do our bit to try and help reverse or at least stabilise that decline.

So what can we do as gardeners to help?

⇒ **Set up a Bee Garden**

No need to be an expert ! Fill your garden with nectar and pollen rich plants to ensure that pollinators have a nectar rich source throughout the year and not just in the summer.

In calendar year order, plants to consider include Heathers; Crocus; Hellebores; Hawthorn; Goat or Pussy Willow; Crab Apples; Campanula; Roses; Salvias; Lavender; Sunflowers; Verbena; Echinacea; Abelia Mahonia and Winter flowering honeysuckle. Bees also love vegetables, fruit trees and soft fruit plants, so there is plenty of choice for you to grow.

⇒ **Pesticides**

Avoid using pesticides where possible.

⇒ **Shelter**

Over the last few years, "Bug Hotels" have been the big thing, but stacks of twigs and logs also make great homes for many insects. At home we have also drilled different sized holes into wood logs and placed these around the garden. These make a great home for solitary bees, lacewings, and ladybirds.

⇒ **Grass**

Leave it to grow and perhaps consider a flower meadow if your garden is big enough or leave a certain area of your lawn to grow longer

⇒ **Water**

Provide water for pollinators. Bees and other pollinators sometimes need to drink. Having a shallow margin of a pond, a shallow dish filled with stones or marbles filled with water or even a water fountain will provide a safe source of water.

May Talk -Thursday 25 May 2023 at the Good Shepherd Dockenfield- 7.30pm for 8pm start

We will be holding a gardeners' questions time, some of the Society's most experienced and respected gardeners will be answering questions. So, if you are not a member, please feel free to come along. You will be warmly welcomed.

Please contact us for any further detail: www.fdhs.org.uk

Have you heard the Cuculus Canorus ?

This summer visitor to Britain arrives from Africa in late March - April

Diana and Harold heard one 22 April at the top of Abbots Cottages.....Marjorie Bessant heard one on the morning of 21 May 2023 at 7.45am at the top of her garden

KEEPING PESKY BUGS AT BAY



As the weather warms up and the days get longer, we all look forward to spending more time outside.

However, with the joys of summer come the pesky bugs that can quickly put a damper on outdoor fun.

Luckily, there are natural solutions available that can help keep bugs at bay, allowing you to enjoy your time outdoors without having to constantly swat away unwanted guests.

Citronella is a common ingredient used in bug repellent products, especially those designed for outdoor use.

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The Cuckoo

Photo Val Lewis

This natural ingredient is derived from a type of grass known as *Cymbopogon nardus*, which is native to Southeast Asia. It has been used for centuries in traditional medicine and aromatherapy, but it wasn't until the 20th century that its bug-repelling properties were discovered.

Citronella works by masking the scent that attracts bugs, making it difficult for them to locate their prey. When applied topically, it can provide protection from mosquitoes, ticks, and other biting insects for up to two hours. However, it's important to note that citronella should never be ingested or used on broken or irritated skin.

One of the most popular uses of citronella is in outdoor candles. These candles typically combine citronella with other scents, such as lemongrass, to create a pleasant aroma while repelling bugs.

One of the newest and most effective forms of citronella-based bug repellent is Citrepeel. This ingredient is derived from the essential oils of *Eucalyptus citriodora* and provides long-lasting protection against a variety of insects. Unlike traditional citronella-based products, Citrepeel has a much milder scent, making it more appealing to those who dislike the strong odour of citronella.

www.mawgans.com Instagram @mawgans

Sarah Watson

Did you hear the Cuckoo?

Each year there is friendly rivalry in Dockenfield to be first to hear the Cuckoo. Sadly I hardly ever hear a Cuckoo in Rowledge. The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) is engaged in a research project on the migration of Cuckoos. There is concern about the severe drop in Cuckoo numbers, which have fallen dramatically in the UK in the last 20 years. The 'local' Cuckoo, nicknamed Colin, which has been visiting Thursley Common annually for at least the past eight years, has not returned this year.

Climate change may be causing Spring to begin earlier, and there is evidence that migrating birds are taking longer to catch up. In some species this can mean that they are missing out on their food supplies. Cuckoos, for example, prefer to feed on particular caterpillars, and if they arrive too late, they miss out on a vital food source. The BTO has learned that Cuckoos are doing better in some areas of the UK than in others. The decline in England is greater than in Wales, but the reasons are unclear. While Cuckoos are well studied during their breeding season here, much less is known about their migration, and where in Africa they spend the winter months.

Since 2011 the BTO have been attaching tiny satellite tags to a small number of Cuckoos to track their migration routes and to learn more about some of the conditions they encounter on their long flights. Each tag weighs about 5g and is solar-powered. It transmits for 10 hours at a time, and then goes into 'sleep' mode for 48 hours, to allow the solar panel to recharge the battery. So far, the Cuckoos which have been tagged have been full-grown males, as they are larger than females and juveniles and can carry the tags more easily. They are also ringed, each with unique numbers, so that they can be identified wherever they may be found.

Since the project began in 2011 over 50 Cuckoos have been tagged. Some birds have disappeared, and some of these losses have probably been due to tag failure. However, the technology is improving all the time and much has been learned about the Cuckoos' migration. We knew that Cuckoos arrive here in mid to late April, but we now know that they start on their return to Africa much earlier than was previously thought. The earliest departure date so far has been 3rd June, and over half the tagged Cuckoos have left by the end of June. They spend only about 15% of their time here, about 45% of their time in Africa, and about 40% in migration.

The tags have revealed that the Cuckoos leave the UK for Africa in various directions, some initially flying east across the North Sea to the Netherlands and Belgium, while others go south across the Channel to France. Many migrate south through Italy, a route which allows them to cross the Mediterranean at its narrowest point. (Most migrating birds avoid long sea crossings as they can't stop to rest and feed.) However, this route also entails a long flight over the Sahara at its widest point, which must present quite a challenge. On their return to the UK they do not follow their outward routes. All the Cuckoos tracked so far have flown to West Africa and then over the Sahara to Europe and the UK. Their timing varies, too. They take about four months to complete their winter migration to Africa, but only two months to return to the UK for their breeding season.

The project continues, and the BTO hopes that it will provide more information about Cuckoos and their migration, where they stop to rest and feed, and what hazards they encounter on the way. If you hear a Cuckoo, bear in mind the journey it has made to return here.

Val Lewis

Frensham and Dockenfield hold a **Village Lunch** every fourth Wednesday from January to November in the Royal British Legion Shortfield, Frensham and it is growing in popularity. The lunch is run by the Community in conjunction with the British Legion and the Church and gives people of all ages the chance to have somewhere to go to have a hot meal and socialise with other people which is very important especially after covid. The lunch consists of a main set meal with a vegetarian alternative and seven choices of pudding with a coffee or tea afterwards for the cost of £5.00. The bar is also open. Anybody can attend and no booking is required except for the Christmas lunch which is held on the 4th Wednesday in November.

In addition to the lunch, there is a different charity that runs the stall and the raffle. In June it is Woodlarks and in July it is Church Flowers. The main course for June is bangers, mash and beans and for July it is ham and egg salad (vegetarian options available). To follow there is a choice of puddings and coffee or tea.

Pam Watmore

Ladies of Dockenfield

The next ladies' night is scheduled for **Thursday the 29 June 2023 from 7.30pm** onwards at the Bluebell. As before, you can order food on the night if you wish.

Please do email Joolz Miles at joolzlmiles@aol.com if you would like to find out more, or WhatsApp/message on 07833355359. We have a WhatsApp group to share reminders about the evening.

p.s If you can't make that one, then make sure you get the next one in the diary: - Thursday 23 November.

Men's Night at the Bluebell

Join us every second Thursday of the month at the Bluebell from 8pm for a convivial evening of chat, laughter and food with neighbours and acquaintances. If you are new to the village, this is a brilliant way of getting to know people. For full details please contact sebastianfox@hotmail.co.uk or just pitch up at the pub.

You will be made very welcome.

Millbridge WI 2023

15 June	'Hats off to Millinery' History, making and designing of couture millinery	Mrs Sophie Fryer
20 July	Garden Party	
17 August	'Oh for a slice of naughty but nice cake'	Mrs Kate McBain
21 September	'Mane Chance Sanctuary' The charity that rescues and rehabilitates abused abandoned and old horses	Abby Smart
19 October	'Cheese Please'	Mrs Rosemary Horton

Do you enjoy art.....including painting, ceramics and sculpture?

If so, then get yourself down to the Farnham Art Society Annual Exhibition which will be crammed full of really interesting examples. This year it has a new venue: The Medici Centre, Weydon School, Weydon Lane, Farnham GU9 8UG. That's just down the road really. There's free entry and no expectation that you will buy, although you can if you want to. And, joy of joys, there is free parking.

Open daily 28 May to 4 June, 10am-5pm (2pm on 4 June)

Michael Foster

Nature Walks Programme 2023

Meet at Bealeswood Common noticeboard unless indicated otherwise.

Friday 9 June (or Saturday 10 June) 20.45-22.30 Nightjars and Woodcock.

Walk to Abbots Wood Inclosure. Leader: Alan Cox. (NB: Numbers for this walk will be restricted please contact alanfjcox@gmail.com to book your place. Please include a contact number in case of emergency and for confirmation of your place. Thank you)

Saturday 8th July. 09.30 Butterfly Walk. Noticeboard or **10.00** at Abbots Wood Inclosure carpark – GU10 4AH. Good Paths. Target: Purple Emperor and certainly others along the way. Leader: Claire Jackson.

Friday 11th August 20.30-22.00. Bat Walk. Listening and watching bats at sunset, walking to Frensham Mill and back, good paths. Leader: Darren Hill.

Saturday 9th September 09.30-11.00. Small mammals of Bealeswood Common. Leader: Roger Trout.

Friday 13th October 11.00-12.30. Fungi of Bealeswood Common. Leader: Manda Adolph - adjourn to the Bluebell.

Rain fall

March 2022 49.88mm

April 2022 17.4mm

March 2023 120.6mm

April 2023 75.9mm

March 2023 was the wettest since Dockenfield records began in 2003



Jack Bessant

Cherubs Toddler Group

**Thursday mornings 9.30 – 11.30 (term time)
at the Good Shepherd**

**A great space for all with fun; refreshments;
sociability and singing.**

£2.50 per family per session

Coffee Stop

**Enjoy a hot drink and homemade cake and a
chat at Coffee Stop at the Good Shepherd
every Friday 10am – midday**

Barbara Potter

Frensham Peddlars

As we approach the end of May the Frensham Peddlars have enjoyed weekly rides around the surrounding villages and lanes which we are blessed to have on our doorstep.

The weather was not on our side for many Thursdays, but we are a gutsy bunch and enjoy being out and about on our bikes exploring the local area - we cycle on bridleways, country lanes and by-ways.

If you are not familiar with the Frensham Peddlars we are a small group of cyclists who meet during the summer every Thursday evening at 6pm for a two hour cycle - approx 15 - 20 km - hybrid and mountain bikes recommended. Come along and try for yourselves - you will be surprised at the variety of rides on offer, and we are a friendly group whose aim is to have fun whilst exercising.

Contact Vicki Hinde - vicki.hinde22@gmail.com.



Next time you go shopping...either in person, or online, if you are able, could you consider adding an extra item or two to your shopping bag, and then donating them to the Farnham Foodbank?

Demand at Foodbanks across the UK has risen by over 30% in the last year, even in an area as seemingly prosperous as Farnham. So just one or two items from more of you across the Parish will make a huge difference to those in very real need. If you can help, in any way, please leave your donations:

- On the table in the (open) front porch at Farm Cottage, Bealeswood Lane, Dockenfield GU10 4HS. We will be sure to check the porch at least twice a day and take food in for safe storage until we deliver each week.
- If you live at or near Great Holt, then please take your donations to Heather Britton, The Coach House, Great Holt, Old Lane, GU10 4HQ.

All contributions of non-perishable items are hugely welcome provided they are within code. Or, if you prefer, put cash donations through the door and we will do the shopping.

Thank you so much.

Michael and Debbie Foster and Heather Britton

FRENSHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

We have the following events coming up:

Thurs 8 June 8pm: Open Mic Night - anyone is welcome to come along and perform, or just turn up to listen to a variety of live music.

Sat 17 June 7.30pm: Quiz and Raffle: run by Val Gubby, with all proceeds to the Legion Club. Teams of up to 6, £4 per person entry fee – donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Thurs 13 July 8pm: Open Mic Night

Friday evenings 8pm: Bingo For those who haven't tried it, this is a very enjoyable evening with lots of friendly humour and patience for people who are not so familiar with the game.

The only thing we ask, and this is due to gaming laws, is that you join the Frensham RBL Club.

However, everyone is welcome to come and try Bingo as a guest for two or three weeks before committing to joining, which we feel sure you will want to do having been part of our sociable evenings. There is also always a good raffle.

Membership costs £28 per year (£10 for our club and £18 for the national Legion). This entitles you to come to all our events, bring your family and benefit from our good value bar prices.

Janet Caiger

STOP PRESS

Manda Adolph was welcomed as the new chairman of Dockenfield Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May.

The meeting also gave sincere thanks to Paul Wood (outgoing chairman) for his dedicated hard work during his time as chairman.

‘Summer’s Here!’ - Concert by Cantique Chamber Choir
Saturday 10 June, 6.30pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd,
Dockenfield

You don’t have to go far to be able to enjoy a good concert locally.

Cantique Chamber Choir, conducted by Richard Wilshaw, will be performing at Dockenfield’s very own Church of the Good Shepherd next month when you can listen to music by, amongst others, Sullivan, Elgar, Parry and Byrd. Cantique is a small choir of friends who get together to sing for pleasure and to raise money for worthwhile causes. And this time, Frensham and Dockenfield churches will be the beneficiaries.

For information and tickets, please contact Geoff Quick on tel: 01252 782909 or 07908 696842 email: geoffquick@hotmail.com.

Only £15 to include a glass of wine or soft drink plus nibbles. Such great value and all for a good cause.

Do please join us on the 10 June. I (and my friends) look forward to seeing you.

Debbie Foster

By the time you read this we will have held our annual Big Walk for Dyslexia (as I write, it’s in two days). This is always such a lovely event, and it was a joy to share Frensham Ponds with people who were new to the area.

This year, given our new home on West Street and that our walk is part of the Farnham Walking Festival, we have shifted the walk to the ancient and glorious Farnham Park. This will be different and as lovely and, of course, there’ll be plenty of cake to look forward to!

Being out and about and getting to chat to people is one of the absolute joys of working for Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity. In the coming weeks we will be at Frensham Fayre and Farnham Carnival and it’s such a pleasure to chat to people from all walks of life.

People are often very keen to share their stories about their, or their child’s, dyslexia. We often get adults approaching us to let us know what a difference the support they had as children made to them and to tell us what they are up to now – in almost all cases, something that draws on their strengths.

If you are coming along to either of these events, please do stop by and say hello to the team or the volunteers who will be kindly helping us on the day. We would love to chat!

Helen Mortimer
PR and Communications Officer
Helen Arkell Dyslexia Charity

MINDFUL IN MAY

Try mindful colouring and drawing

Rather than trying to draw something in particular, focus on the colours and the sensation of your pencil against the paper. You could use a mindfulness colouring book or download mindfulness colouring images

<https://www.justcolor.net>

‘WHEN YOU HAVE A DREAMGRAB IT AND NEVER LET GO’

Carol Burnett

SADDLE UP!!

Farnham Charity Bike Ride to return for its 15th anniversary this July Cyclists of all ages and abilities are gearing up for the return of the hugely popular Farnham Charity Bike Ride on Sunday July 2

- **More than 800 riders expected to take part in mass participation cycle ride – raising thousands of pounds for local good causes in Farnham, Surrey**
- **Four well-marshalled circular routes spanning 16, 25, 50, and 75 miles suitable for all ages and abilities, with refreshment points along the way**
- **All proceeds split between organisers Farnham Round Table and St Andrew's Infant School PTA**
- **Royal Surrey Charity's Cancer and Surgical Innovation Centre campaign signed up as official charity partner**
- **Event supported by gold sponsor EchoMed, silver sponsor Crest Nicholson and bronze sponsor the Farnham Herald**

Organised jointly by Farnham Round Table and St Andrew's Infant School PTA, the ride will feature four circular routes spanning a family-friendly 16 and 25 miles, and a more testing 50 and 75 miles, taking riders through the picturesque Surrey and Hampshire countryside.

Starting and ending in Farnham's historic Castle Street, which will be closed to traffic for the day, participants will explore charming villages, conquer challenging hills including Butser Hill on the 75-mile route, and discover hidden gems along minor country roads.

The Farnham Charity Bike Ride is a family-friendly event, with tickets priced from £26 to £36 for over-16s and all profits supporting good causes locally. Children aged under-16 go free when accompanied by a fee-paying adult – and everyone gets a medal!

The Farnham Charity Bike Ride typically attracts more than 800 riders every year, ranging from young children in bucket seats on the 16-mile route to club cyclists challenging themselves on the 75-mile sportive.

It raises thousands of pounds for St Andrew's Infant School PTA and the good causes supported by Farnham Round Table, while participants are also encouraged to raise funds for the charities they care about.

Nigel Davison, chairman of Farnham Round Table said: "We are thrilled to announce that this year's Farnham Charity Bike Ride will be supporting the Royal Surrey Charity's new cancer centre and surgical innovation centre. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Crest Nicholson and the Farnham Herald for their generous support as sponsors of this year's event. With their help, we can make this year's ride the best one yet!"

So dust off your helmets and join the Farnham community for a day of fun, fitness, and philanthropy. Register now for the Farnham Charity Bike Ride online

at <https://farnhamroundtable.org.uk/events/farnham-charity-bike-ride/>

Daniel Gee



Summer's Here!

With music by (among others):
Sullivan ♪ Elgar ♪ Victoria ♪ Byrd ♪ Moeran



Saturday, 10 June, 2023 at 6.30
Church of the Good Shepherd,
Dockenfield GU10 4HX

Admission by ticket • £15 (to include glass of wine/soft drink & nibbles)
For more information email:
geoffquick@hotmail.com or phone:
01252 782909 or 0790 869 6842

Cantique
CHAMBER CHOIR Conductor: Richard Welshaw

DOCKENFIELD DAY

NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

If you can help ... in whatever capacity
please email the Activities Committee
dockenfield.activities@gmail.com

- **Gazebos**
Do you have one we could borrow?
- **Stuff**
Can you donate any items to the following stalls

Plants:

Dan Bosence Jeffreys Cottage
Bealswood Lane Tel: 792442
Or Pam Hibbert, Dockenfield Manor Old Lane
Tel: 792573

(Please remember, we can only sell plants that look healthy! So they need potting up asap, not at the last minute, or we can't sell them)

Toys:

Roly and Joolz Miles Orchard End Bealeswood Lane
Good quality second hand toys

Cakes:

Please just bring your delicious cakes down on the day.

Additional information

* This year's Competition. It's up to you how you come dressed, so have your outfits ready! We'll be running the usual competition for age categories: 5 and under, 6-11, 12-17. And all the stallholders are asked to participate in the fun.

* Stall Holders. Can stall holders please be sure that they are available to set up, run and tidy their stall please? Stall holders are also encouraged to dress up in an appropriate costume.

* Parking: Please could we ask stallholders and villagers not to occupy all the parking spots near the fete so that visitors have plenty of places to park their cars.

2.00pm Fete opened 2.05pm Stalls open

2:05pm – 2:30pm - “Out of the Blue” jazz band

2.30pm-3.00pm Punch and Judy

3.15pm Fun Dog Show (all dogs welcome, please arrive by 3.05pm)

4.00pm-4.30pm Children's races

4.30pm-5.00pm Tug of War contest

5pm Raffle Draw, Children's parade & Prize Giving

5:00pm – 6:00pm - “Out of the Blue” jazz band 6pm Close

NB: Alcohol.

Alcohol will be on sale to over 18s. No spirits will be sold, nor should any be brought in. No alcohol should be bought, brought in or consumed by under 18s.

Surrey Artists Open Studios (SAOS!)

This year there is a Frensham and Docketfield artists' trail as part of SAOS, with two studios opening in Docketfield and three in Frensham.

Jeffreys Cottage, in Bealeswood Lane, will open its (garage!) doors again, with five artists and makers showing work and some of the working methods: **Vicki Nigoumi** with still-life paintings, **Shirley Stephens** showing lino prints, **Ruta Brown** jewellery, **Julia Quigley** ceramics, and with my knitwear, wool dyeing and other processes going on as well. We welcome people of all ages who want to have a go (phone Alison 07896124418 for more details).

Lynne Thomas also has her Garden Studio open at The Oaks in the Street, and this year will be joined by **Sarah Watson** of Mawgans Candles. Lynne will be showing her original wildlife and landscape paintings, together with prints, cards, cushions and coasters. Sarah will be displaying her range of scented candles, made from sustainable soy wax, reed diffusers in ceramic, refillable pots and match pots.

Alex Potts from Docketfield will be showing her wildlife photos alongside work from other members of The Kiln Photo community at the Kiln, St George's Road, Badshot Lea. Kiln Photo is also part of the SAOS North Surrey Arts Trail.

In Frensham, **Collette Mascati** will be showing abstract art inspired by our beautiful surroundings in and around Frensham at Frensham Studios, Shortfield Common Road on **3 and 4 June**. At Pierrepont Farm, artists **Sinead Fox** (collage artist and printmaker) and **Lucy Dorothy Nichols** (paper sculptor) will be open on **10 and 11 June**.

Last October, Alex, Alison, Lynne and Sarah showed their work in the Art and Craft exhibition in Docketfield church, so this is a chance to see their new work, or catch up if you missed the exhibition!

We love to meet people, chat, and explain our inspiration and methods, so do drop in: we will be well advertised with orange signs.

In Docketfield, Lynne and Sarah are open on **3 and 4 June; 9 – 11 June**, and **16 – 18 June**.
Jeffreys Cottage is open on **10 and 11 June and 15 -18 June** all from 11-5 each day

For details of the whole event throughout Surrey, and illustrations of the work on show, see <https://surreyopenstudios.org.uk>

Alison Ellen

News from Docketfield Parish Council

All Parish Council meetings are held in the Church of the Good Shepherd. If any residents wish to speak at a meeting there is a slot on the agenda, but please advise the clerk beforehand. The agenda can be found on the Parish Council website a week before the meeting, www.docketfieldpc.org.uk. Alternatively, if you have any questions you would like to be discussed at the meeting, please contact the clerk at docketfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Future Parish Council Meeting Dates

Tuesdays **27 June and 18 July 2023** 8pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd

Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Boundary Extension

As mentioned in the last DNL and discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, Natural England have published the Surrey Hills AONB boundary review proposals report recommending "Docketfield Hills" which covers most of the Parish be included in an extended Surrey Hills AONB. Being inside the AONB will give additional protection against inappropriate planning developments and help preserve the beautiful environment that we live in and cherish. A consultation is running until 13 June to seek public views on the proposed extension, it can be found by an internet search on "surrey hills aonb consultation ". Please add your views to the consultation.

Road Safety on The Street

The Parish Council has now purchased a Westcotec Speed Indicator Device which will flash speed and a smiley or angry face. We will have it installed shortly and will periodically move between the east and west ends of the The Street.

Surrey County Council are in the process of rolling out 20mph speed limits in rural built-up areas. This is likely to take some time, the current area of focus is reported to be south of Guildford to Dorking, but Dockenfield should benefit from this speed reduction program to make roads safer for everyone at some point in the future.

Amanda Adolph (dockenfieldchairman@hotmail.com) and Jessica Hobday (dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

DNL Celebration and Thank You for Michael and Debbie Foster's 100 editions

On 26 April a celebration and thank you event was held in honour of Michael Foster's fabulous innings of 100 editions as editor of the DNL and Debbie Foster who was responsible for the layout of each edition. The celebration event was attended by past editors and the distributors who deliver the DNL to every property in the Parish, rain or shine. The event was hosted at the Bluebell pub with delicious substantial canapes and councillor

Amanda Adolph baked a scrummy chocolate cake. Paul Wood gave a short thank you address with some fun facts from 2006 on how things have changed (e.g. smartphones had yet to be invented) since Michael first started as editor of the DNL.



Michael and Debbie received a framed copy of the front page of their first and last editions in recognition and thanks for all they have done with the DNL over 17 years. A thoroughly enjoyable evening and a huge thank you to Michael and Debbie Foster.

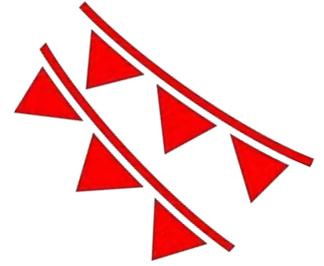
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Merci

The theme for this year is



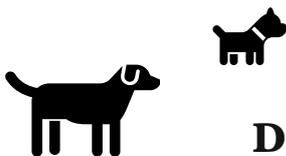
The King's Coronation

Bring your crowns – there will be a prize for the best one!

DOCKENFIELD

DAY

Saturday 3rd June 2-6pm at the
Playing Field, Abbotts Cottages



Jazz
Punch and Judy
Human Fruit Machine
Surfboard Simulator
Children's Races
Space Hopper Sprint
Batak
Bash the Rat
Hook the Duck
Coconut Shy
Raffle
Face Painting
Bouncy Castle
Tug of War



Dog Show.....AND MORE !!

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