

DNL *Dockenfield newsletter*

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield

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GO WILD

IN DOCKENFIELD

and explore our wildlife by joining one of our

guided walks to find out what lives in Bealeswood Common and beyond. This year we have had three successful walks that have attracted people from Dockenfield and neighbouring areas.

Walks started in early May with a celebration of “Dawn Chorus Day”, when early risers met on the Common at 5 a.m. to listen out for the start and then the full chorus as the sun rose in the east. Led by Alex Potts and Colin Hall, we listened in selected places for specific birds such as the diminutive Firecrests and Goldcrests which challenged the audible range for many of us. Sometimes we were aided by the free Merlin App which is useful to record and play back the songs which are then listed by bird name; it’s a good learning device. However, sometimes it had a colourful imagination, telling us it could hear a Nightingale. We wish! The last time the Nightingale was heard on Bealeswood Common was 1984. In all, we heard 24 different bird songs on the Common and village field before retiring to Jeffreys Cottage for coffee and croissants. If you are interested in the full list, together with other monthly reports of wildlife on the Common, then go to the June wildlife notice posted on the Bealeswood Common noticeboard or at the Parish Council’s website www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk/wildlife

On a balmy June evening, a party of 10 were led by Alan Cox to a site in Alice Holt Forest to look out for two of our iconic early evening birds; the Woodcock and the Nightjar. After a few minutes’ wait the first Woodcock was spotted silhouetted against the darkening sky. Thereafter, several further sightings including a few close fly-bys and its distinctive sharp call was heard by most. The expected churring song of the Nightjar eluded us but instead a distant "oink!" flight call was heard. A little playback of churring calls from a tape teased a few passes directly over our heads of this large sickle-winged bird. We are fortunate in being able to see and hear both species, but more needs to be done to provide suitable habitats for Nightjars to encourage their return in this forest.

A wet and stormy July morning saw Clare Jackson leading a party of 7 and 3 dogs (on leads) to seek out maybe Britain’s most spectacular butterfly, the Purple Emperor. Living in ancient oak woodlands we are fortunate in having a number of “Master Oaks” that they inhabit, within our vicinity, so Alice Holt was again our chosen destination. We were not disappointed and “His Imperial Majesty” was seen flying over two known master oaks in the forest. The swooping flights of this large black and purple butterfly were made even more spectacular and unusual as the sightings were punctuated by thunder, lightning and pouring rain.



Goldcrest Alex Potts



Male Purple Emperor Roger Trout

JAZZ COMES TO

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Doors Open 7pm –
performance starts 7.30pm
Tickets £25pp (proceeds to
Friends of Frensham Churches
[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/
jazz-evening-tickets-
628419267947](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-evening-tickets-628419267947)

See page 8 for more detail !

If you have not “gone wild” in Dockenfield this year by joining our walks then there are three more to choose from through the summer and autumn

Friday 11 August

20.15 - 22.00

“Bats after sunset on Bealeswood Common”,
walking to Frensham Mill and back, good paths.

Leader Caroline and James Fillingham of the Surrey Bat Group.

Donations please to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sussexbatappeal>.

Contact dwbosence@btinternet.com to book a place.

Saturday 2 September

09.30 - 11.00

“Small Mammals of Bealeswood Common”.

Leader: Roger Trout. Contact routdpc@gmail.com to book a free place.

Friday 13 October

11.00 - 12.30

“Fungi of Bealeswood Common” and then adjourn to the Bluebell.

Leader: Manda Adolph and book a free place at adolphdpc@gmail.com

(meet at the noticeboard near the seat on Bealeswood Common at the stated time)

Bruno the Adventurous

Our over-friendly cat, Bruno, is well known to our local neighbours, but is now expanding his territory and recently, after a day’s absence, turned up on the other side of the village. If you see him, please let us know on 792442 (or 07775964553). He is a coffee-cream coloured, short-haired, neutered tom. He is very friendly! Please do not feed him; he has plenty of food here and is a concern for us, (and his sister) when he rambles. We have considered a collar, but we know of several fatalities when collars get snagged in branches/fences. Many thanks.

Dan and Alison Bosence, Jeffreys Cottage

HAVE YOU LOST A SET OF KEYS?

A set of keys was found outside the Good Shepherd on the weekend of Dockenfield Day (3-4 June), and still hasn’t been claimed despite extensive efforts to locate to owner. That person would seem likely to be a tennis player, yet enquiries of many local tennis clubs have failed to unearth them.

So if they are yours, or you think you know who might own them, please contact Michael Foster
email: Michael.foster66@btinternet.com



Bruno on the Roof

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 16 December 2023

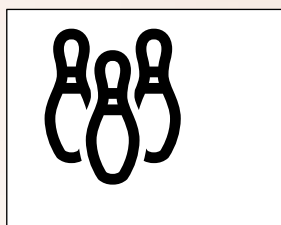
DOCKENFIELD CHRISTMAS DRINKS



TIME 6.30pm - 10pm (exact timings tbc) at The Good Shepherd

There will be a Hog Roast, music and a bar. What better way is there to get into the festive spirit?
We look forward to seeing you there.

The Activities Committee



**DOCKENFIELD
SKITTLES
NIGHT**

17 NOVEMBER 2023

BOWLING STARTS – 7PM

FOOD



Meat Based

Bowl 1 - Chicken tikka masala, rice, coriander

Bowl 2 -Grilled Owton's pork sausage, buttery mash, onion gravy

Fish Based

Bowl 3 -Mini Fuller's Frontier-battered haddock and chips, tartare sauce, lemon

Wheat/Dairy Free

Bowl 4 - Vegan chilli, rice, guacamole (pb)

Pudding Bowls

Bowl 5 - Chocolate brownie, Chantilly cream (v)

Bowl 6 - Apple and cinnamon crumble, vanilla custard (v)

Plant Based Pudding Bowls

Bowl 7 - Apple and pear crumble, almond anglaise (pb)

Price £23.00 per person

Please RSVP to

Katy Poulson

Katy.poulson@btconnect.com

07703 519488

Please include all the names of players, and which bowls you would like for each of the players (a choice of 3 bowls each).



Thank you to the villagers of Dockenfield once again for the large collection of used postage stamps you kindly saved and passed onto Marjorie and Jack Bessant. Today I delivered them into my Local RSPCA charity, and they were so delighted with the large contribution which will get sorted at head office and then sold. The money raised will help boost the much-needed funds used in helping abandoned, ill-treated and sick animals.

Margaret Mullery

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.

The meal for August is Lasagne with garlic bread and salad with a vegetarian option and a selection of eight puddings with the Church Fabric as the charity for the month and in September it will be curry with a vegetarian alternative and the charity being the Kingsley Centre.

Pam Watmore

Ladies of Dockenfield

The next ladies' night is scheduled for **Thursday the 23 November 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 joolzmiles@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.

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

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

Rain fall

May 2022	42mm	June 2022	29.1mm
May 2023	37.3mm	June 2023	18.9mm

The wettest day in June this year was June 20 – with 8.4mm of rain
There were 7 days of rain in June



Jack Bessant

Help needed to distribute DNL

Could you spare a little time on a bi-monthly basis to help distribute hard copy DNL?
Please contact the editor

Dockenfield Belles Book Club

Now reading: **'The Girl with the Louding Voice'**
Contact Grainne Brown 07976402615

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

The Frensham and Dockenfield Peddlars have been exploring new tracks around the area since mid-April and we are pleased to have three new members join this season.

We are a friendly bunch who cycle for fun - setting out from Hollowdene Rec at 6pm on a Thursday evening - we cycle for around 15km - 2 hours and refuel along the way or back in Frensham - all welcome

Contact Vicki Hinde vicki.hinde22@gmail.com for more information



More of the same, please....

In the last edition of DNL, I asked if readers would consider adding just one or two additional items to their shopping weekly list and donate them to Farnham Foodbank. And several of you have done exactly that, which means alongside the very generous support of our regular contributors we have been able to take some good supplies along to help those in need.

So, please keep doing what you are doing, and maybe more of you can join in. The cost need not be great, perhaps less than £1 extra per shop for 2-3 cheap tins. So, if you can find it in your heart to help, 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'll do the shopping. Thank you so much.

Michael and Debbie Foster and Heather Britton

Thank you for another beautiful Dockenfield Day 2023

The sun shone as usual and great fun was had by all at Dockenfield Day on 3 June this year!

The village showed off some excellent crowns and patriotic waistcoats as befitted our Coronation theme. The 'Out of the Blue' jazz band serenaded the village for a second year running whilst the Pimms flowed, and the BBQ sizzled. Highlights included the plant stall brimming with summer colour, a selection of delicious cakes and refreshing ice creams; a very competitive tug of war; and some beautiful face painting for the children. There were the old favourites too - Bash the Rat, our very own and unique Human Fruit Machine, and the ever-popular toy stall and Coconut Shy. Even the local fire brigade turned up for 20 mins before having to head off to a real fire in Frensham Common !!

Thank you to all who came along to the Playing Field to enjoy the afternoon, and a particular thanks to all the unsung heroes who turn up early each year to help with the set-up in making the fete look its best, baking cakes, through to manning the stalls and then staying on to pack away. Without you and your tireless commitment, Dockenfield Day would not be possible! Thank you to everyone.

The Activities Committee

Our Summer Appeal – meet Rosie!

Here at Helen Arkell, we have launched our summer appeal for funds to help children and adults with dyslexia.

We've totted up the numbers and last year we helped almost 2,800 people with dyslexia support, assessments, tuition, and training. One of these was Rosie, who unlike her classmates, at seven years old, was struggling to read what was on the classroom whiteboard and had started to get anxious about school.

After an assessment and tuition from one of our specialists Sandra, Rosie's mum Anna feels that Rosie is enjoying her learning again and, while there will be some things that are always tricky, life for Rosie has been transformed.

We depend on donations to be able to offer help to children like Rosie and to adults. Many people give a one-off donation while others sign up to be Friends of Helen Arkell by donating regularly. Any amount is incredibly helpful, and we are very grateful if people can help in these difficult times.

If you feel you are able to donate, please visit the Helen Arkell website at www.helenarkell.org.uk and click on the red Donate button. This is also where you can find out about and access all the services the charity offers.

We leave that last word to Rosie:

'I know having dyslexia sometimes might make me struggle with things, but I won't let it stop me!'

News from Dockenfield Parish Council

All Parish Council meetings are now being held in the Church of the Good Shepherd. If any residents wish to speak at the meeting or bring any issues or ideas to our attention there is always a slot in the agenda for you, but please could you advise the Clerk beforehand. Please contact the Clerk at dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

The agenda can be found on the Parish Council website a week before the meeting. Our web address is www.dockenfield.org.uk.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19 September 2023 8pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Village Field

Over the last couple of months, whilst going about the business of nurturing our new native hedging, monitoring our ephemeral pond, preparing our Butterfly Bank, enjoying Dockenfield Day, surveying the wildlife on Bealeswood common, and submitting our responses to the AONB consultation, there has been a buzz within the village as we attempted to find a name that would suit our new village field. After much thought, a lot of research by the Archivist of the History Society and dozens of suggestions, including "Fieldy McFieldFace", (just no!) we have finally settled on the fitting "Hatch Field". "Hatch" is the Anglo-Saxon word for "gate" and was often used to describe a field which represented the gate to a forest. It is one of the original names for the field and it seemed only right that we respect tradition and keep this name going forward. So, if you see a poster or flier for a future event on Hatch Field, you will know exactly where it is taking place.

Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group (BWRG) Talk Friday 27 October 2023 7.30pm

Back in May, DPC invited the industrious volunteers who make up the Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group to present a short talk at our Annual Parish Meeting. The BWRG talk was interesting, informative, and incredibly well received with a number of the audience members asking for more, requesting and suggesting that BWRG present a further, more in-depth talk, later in the year. And so, DPC have invited the Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group to present an evening which will consist of a series of talks about our wonderful Common, its occupants and inhabitants, and a photographic display with images taken on the Common by some of the very talented members of the group. The talk will take place at The Church of the Good Shepherd on Friday 27 October 2023 from 7.30pm. With refreshments afterwards.

Do pop it in your diaries as a must not miss event.

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



**Frensham & Dockenfield
Horticultural Society
Autumn Show 2023**

**Marindin Hall
Saturday 09 September
(2.30pm -4.00pm)**

Entry Forms: Please collect from
Frensham Village Shop or email
bleachsharon@gmail.com or call
01252 792993

Open classes for non-members as well as members (listed below) and we welcome as many non-members to enter these classes as possible. (Open classes – all ages including children)

Classes:

Floral Arrangements

3. Green all over – an arrangement not to exceed 60cm width and 80cm in height

Flowers Shrubs and Plants

28. A container of mixed garden flowers - number at discretion of exhibitor, may include flowering shrubs

29. A container of mixed stems, sprays or branches bearing seeds, hips or pods etc (No flowers).

Fun Classes

46. The heaviest pumpkin

47. Most misshapen fruit or vegetable

Home industries

56. Soft fruit jam (named, and date (day/month/year)

57. Mint Jelly (named, and date (day/month/year)

59. Carrot Cake Muffins (*see recipe/notes below)

60/1. Pressed Flower Greeting Card

60/2. A gardener's hat – (Woven, knitted, crocheted, or stitched, – your choice)

Photography

63. Rainy Day

64. Trees

65. Shed Life

Children's Classes

Floral Arrangements

3. Seedheads and berries not to exceed 40cm width and 40cm in height

Flowers shrubs and plants

Floating flower heads - 5 flower heads, one or more varieties displayed on floating water

Home industries

61. A pomander – an autumn inspired decorated orange with ribbon (age 8-15)

62. Autumnal Painted Pebble – (under 8's)

Photography

66. Snails and Trails

** The muffin recipe can be obtained from our website (www.fdhs.org.uk) or show organiser Sharon Bleach bleachsharon@gmail.com. Please note that the recipe did not advise when to add the sultanas to the cake mix.*

For the avoidance of any doubt the muffins are expected to include sultanas as listed in the recipe and these should be added at step 3 along with the grated carrot.

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING



We are pleased to announce that the World's Biggest Coffee Morning will again be held at the Frensham Cricket Club on Friday 29 September from 9.30 am to midday. Please mark this date in your calendar.

Everyone is very welcome, so feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours to this very worthwhile event.

Every year we get an amazing amount of home baked cakes donated in the morning. The village shop will be ordering in extra cakes that week as well.

Charities like Macmillan need as much support as possible. We are all touched by cancer sufferers so let's raise as much money as we can on the day. All we ask is you leave a cheque or cash donation for a cup of coffee/tea and cake.

We look forward to meeting as many people as possible on the day. There will be a collection box and gift aid form in the Frensham village shop, if you wish to donate but unable to attend on the day.

The sun will be shining on us all !

Sue Wicks

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event. Each year, people in the UK and worldwide host their own Coffee Morning. The donations received go towards Macmillan services.

Jazz at the Good Shepherd – Saturday 9 September 2023

Live jazz comes to Dockenfield on the evening of Saturday 9 September when modern jazz sextet, 'Butchers Brew', will play a fund-raising concert at the Good Shepherd as part of a series of ongoing events organised by Friends of Frensham Churches to help preserve the Good Shepherd and St. Mary the Virgin as valued facilities for the communities of Frensham and Dockenfield.

'*Butchers Brew*' is a long-established jazz group, led by Dockenfield trombonist Andrew Butcher whose family have been in the village for 40 years. The band plays a wide range of accessible modern jazz that will appeal to most people who like this sort of music. The band is a mix of fully professional and semi-pro musicians, including long term members Richard Bolton on guitar; Sam Parker on saxophone; Andy Skinnard on piano and Elliot Toms on drums. For this concert they are joined by local bass player Marianne Wyndham who is also head of Guildford Jazz which promotes jazz in the area.

'We are so pleased to be asked to play this concert, both in contributing to raising funds for this really important cause and in bringing jazz into the village. The Good Shepherd is a lovely, intimate venue, with a good acoustic and it is great to be playing close to home'



Doors Open 7pm – performance starts 7.30pm
Tickets £25pp (proceeds to Friends of Frensham Churches)
EventBrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-evening-tickets-628419267947>
Bar open throughout



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