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Dockenfield newsletter

News and events from in and around the village of Dockenfield

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September

It marks the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and spring in the Southern Hemisphere. Notably, it's named after 'septem', the Latin term for seven, as it was originally the seventh month in the Roman calendar.

HARVEST TIME

WINDFALL APPLES AND PEARS, UNWANTED BEANS OR BEAN PLANTS, COURGETTES/MARROWS AND ACORNS



Fall, Leaves, Fall

Emily Brontë

**Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day**

If you are tidying up any of the above and wondering where to dispose of them the pigs at Orchard Farm animal sanctuary would be more than happy to receive them. Please bag them up and leave them at the gate which you can find on the right as you head out of the village along Dockenfield Street towards Bucks Horn Oak.



They will be heartily enjoyed and much appreciated

Anne Tutt



Anita has just rehomed 80 chickens at the farm so there are eggs for sale at the gate!

Not a Beetle Drive, but.... **A SPOOKY SPIDER DRIVE**



On **Saturday 28 October at 7:30pm at Frensham Royal British Legion Club** Jane Walker and Harry Glover will be running a **Spooky Spider Drive**, somewhat akin to a Beetle Drive, but featuring spiders instead of beetles, because the date is close to Halloween.

This follows on from the success of the Beetle Drive we ran in March of this year, and once again we anticipate everyone having a fun evening. There will be a bar, raffle and great food – a Hotpot supper with Veggie option.

Tickets are priced at £12 per person including food and are available from Harry Glover:

Tel: 01252 797827 or email: harry.glover@btinternet.com

Proceeds will be split 50/50 between St Mary's church and the Frensham British Legion Club.

HARRY'S STORY.....

Aside from bell ringing, one of my other hobbies is cycling, and I entered the **London-to-Brighton charity cycle ride in September** to raise money for the **Alzheimer's Society**. Liz, my wife, was diagnosed in January this year and after the diagnosis I joined Slimming World because I was over-weight and pre-diabetic and didn't want to risk getting diabetes in case Liz's health deteriorates and she becomes more dependent on me. I've lost 2½ st. and my BMI is now under 25, when previously it was 30.



The London-to-Brighton (L2B) ride is **55 miles** and includes a climb up the infamous **Ditchling Beacon** so it was all quite a challenge for a 78-year-old, but I succeeded in cycling the full 55 miles *and* cycled up Ditchling!

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That's more than I could do in the 1980s when I last rode the L2B, and I put the achievement down to having a lower low gear on my bike rather than being fitter (*but then I might be that too?*). The road climbs about 500ft over a distance of about a mile, and the steepest part of the hill is 16% or 1 in 6. The 'reward' after getting to the top is then a long downhill run into Brighton, and I did treat myself to an ice cream at the top too!

Harry Glover

The DNL Delivery Team Needs You!

If you are reading this, then you are one of the people who benefit from the efforts of the fabulous DNL delivery team. A group of around 12 people devote one to two hours to the community every other month to keep us all connected by putting the DNL through the doors of Dockenfield residents. It's a very rewarding activity, a great way to get out of the house and to stay connected to people in the village you might not otherwise see.

We currently have a small number of vacancies, and the team would also benefit from having more substitutes to cover holidays, illnesses and the other inevitable interruptions that life throws at us.

We currently have vacancies for:

- High Thicket and Old Lane
- Dockenfield Farm and the houses opposite

In addition, we also need some more people happy to act as substitutes for all other parts of the village – this would be on an occasional basis and help the delivery team when they we are in a fix.

Each delivery team member receives an email several days before delivery to prepare them and check their availability before their batch is distributed to their door for delivery.

If you are interested in helping out the village in this way, please contact Gary Armstrong on gary_armstrong_100@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Jane Pearson - DNL's 'Overseas Correspondent'

I am very sorry to have to tell you about the death, on 13 August, of Jane Pearson, who became known to readers of DNL as the Newsletter's 'Overseas Correspondent'

Although she contributed a good number of (very funny) articles to DNL, I never actually met Jane. Indeed, I never so much as spoke to her. But despite this we had become firm friends, albeit electronically. I came into contact with her when we were holding a party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dockenfield Newsletter, and we invited all past editors, of which she (as a past resident in Old Lane) was one. Nobody knew her new address, just that she had moved from the village to the Isle of Wight, and she was married to Tony. I looked up the various 'Island' Pearsons in the phone book and gambled on the correct one by sending a letter of invite and a current edition, plus my email address. Bless her, Jane got in touch to explain that she would love to come to our party, but that Tony was ill and so it was impossible. Nevertheless, a correspondence began and I realised that she was a very entertaining writer. I asked her to write an article for the Newsletter and she said 'Phooey' or words to that effect. But I persevered and after some persuasion she agreed on the basis that I would sub it for her. And it needed very little subbing. She had a natural flair for writing with a style, indeed a vocabulary, all of her own. Fast paced, entertaining, laugh out loud stuff. I called her DNL's 'Overseas Correspondent' on the grounds that she lived off the south coast of England, which in turn she referred to as 'The North Island'. I forget how many articles she wrote in all. Perhaps 6-10. She always used to clear the subject matter with me before starting, and when her article turned up, it came with apologies that it probably wasn't worthy. But it always was.

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Because of ill health she hadn't written for DNL for a while, but I know there are those in the village who remember her pieces with great fondness and with smiles on their faces. I can honestly say she was a unique talent, with a freshness of style and an approach all her own.

Despite having never met her, hand on heart I can tell you this. Jane was a very special lady, with a remarkable repertoire of adventures and an insatiable appetite for fun. She lived her life in vivid colours. On behalf of all Dockenfield residents I would like to send love and fond best wishes to her family.

Michael Foster

DOCKENFIELD

SKITTLES

NIGHT

17 NOVEMBER 2023

BOWLING STARTS – 7PM



Please RSVP to Katy Poulson Katy.poulson@btconnect.com 07703 519488

News from your Churches

Hello Everyone - it's good to have finally got organised to put news from your churches back in the DNL.

Bible Study with a difference!

1 November 7.30pm – 9pm at The Vicarage, The Street, Frensham, GU10 3DT 01252 792137
Refreshments provided.
Come and find out what is the difference!

All Souls service: Thursday 2 November at St Mary's Church, 7.30pm. A special quiet service for all those who would like to remember those whom they love but see no longer. We have a special book to put your loved ones names in at the crossing at St Mary's Church (open every day). These names will be read out at the service and you will have an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. With beautiful music and prayers, this evening holds everyone in the immensity of God's love and brings hope and comfort. All welcome.

Benefice of Frensham Christmas Festival

After 4 years, the Frensham Christmas Festival is back!

The festival will be held on 9 and 10 December from 10am – 6pm on Saturday and 10am – 5pm on Sunday and include the Christmas Tree competition, various Christmas stalls with Christmas gifts, musical entertainment, bell ringing, fabulous food and drinks.

We will also have a 'Carols by Candlelight' on Saturday from 7pm with your favourite carols and mulled wine, and the festival will culminate with our Christingle service for all families and children at 5pm on Sunday.

We anticipate having about 40 decorated trees in St Mary's church. To enter a Christmas tree with the name 'tree' in the title (for example pan-tree or tea-tree) please email for the form to enter the competition.

If you would like to assist with or sing/play at the festival, or enter the tree festival on-line please contact parish.admin@frenshamchurches.org.uk

Rain fall

July 2022	2.4mm	August 2022 63.3mm
July 2023	84.9mm	August 2023 60.3mm

Jack Bessant

Frensham and Dockenfield Village Lunch

Frensham and Dockenfield hold a Village Lunch every fourth Wednesday from January to November on the Royal British Legion in Shortfield, Frensham and is growing each month and soon we will reach capacity.

The meal for October is cottage pie with a vegetarian option and a selection of eight puddings with the St Mary's Trust as the charity for the month and November is the Christmas Lunch which must be booked and paid for in advance. The Charity for November is the W.I.

We will be taking bookings for the Christmas lunch on November 22nd. Please book early and for the Christmas meal payment needs to be made with the bookings.

There is no Village Lunch in December. See you there.

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.

Art and Craft of our Parish 2024 Friday, Saturday and Sunday 18/19/20 October 2024

The first Art and Craft exhibition last year was quite the most thundering success, exceeding our wildest expectations. Over 600 people came, the Good Shepherd was in its element acting as a community building alongside its role as a church, and over £5,000 was raised. Better yet, everybody loved viewing the amazing range and quality of skills on display, and all from artists and craft makers from within our own parish. Fabulous. So, next October, we are back with a second show, quite literally by popular demand. It will be fresh, exciting and innovative, with brand new displays and art and craft to wonder at and buy if you wish. The format will be the same as before: a Gala evening on the Friday night and free entry all day Saturday and Sunday.

Calling all Parish Artists and Craft Makers

This is your invitation to exhibit next October. Last year we had the most wonderful collection of some 20 exhibitors ranging from weaving to pyrography, paintings to photography and loads more besides. If you would like to be part of this exhibition next year, please email an initial expression of interest to Sarah Watson who will acknowledge your interest and get back to you later with complete dockenfieldartsandcrafts@gmail.com giving your name, address, contact number and an idea of what you would like to exhibit.

A few things to note. Although sales of items are welcomed, even encouraged, you can be purely amateur, or semi/fully professional; to participate you *must* live within the Parish boundary of Dockenfield and Frensham (hence the title of the show); and, since this is a fundraiser, there is a small charge for each space and a commission payable on sales. We prefer you to be present at most if not all of the show to help explain your work and make any sales. Importantly, please note that last year we were oversubscribed for entries and anticipate being so again. So do please get your applications in early and certainly no later than 31 January 2024. In the event of multiple applications for a particular category of art or craft, we reserve the right to put a ceiling on the number of that type of exhibitor to ensure variety.

Michael Foster

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

Can anyone help take over the foodbank collections please?

Michael and I are looking for someone to kindly take over our role of helping the Farnham Foodbank. In lockdown (May 2020) we decided that we could do more to support the Foodbank by becoming a collection point in the village for people to easily drop off their food donations whilst having their daily exercise! We then arranged to take them to Rowledge once a week to add to others' donations for onward distribution. As time has gone by, the operation has become more streamlined and we now have direct access to a Foodbank store in Wrecclesham that we can deliver to at our convenience.

Villagers have been very supportive of the cause and continued donating both in food and money form. In the beginning many people had to isolate and were not able to visit supermarkets so preferred to give us money direct in order to purchase food that was most needed. We are guided by monthly updates from Becky Robinson (Farnham Foodbank Warehouse Manager) so know exactly what to purchase to be of most assistance. Farnham Foodbank is very grateful for Dockenfield and Frensham's contributions and is very appreciative of the support that has continued these past three years. We have kept records over this time and together with everyone's help we have delivered over 17,500 items! So would anyone like to take over this rewarding role? Please feel free to contact us and we can happily show you the ropes. In the meantime, please continue dropping off your items as usual: In the open front porch at Farm Cottage, Bealeswood Lane, Dockenfield GU10 4HS. We will be sure to check the porch and take food in for safe storage until we deliver.

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.

Debbie and Michael Foster (Tel: 792142, michael.foster66@btinternet.com or debbie.foster55@btinternet.com)

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

We have once again held a very successful Autumn show, the second best in the last 50 years after the 2021 show. We received 312 entries from 40 entrants.

We had the pleasure of presenting the 'Helen Lloyd Trophy' for the first time, the cup was donated in her memory by her family, to be awarded for the total number of points in shrub classes 22 and 23. We asked her daughter Kathy Winter to kindly present all the trophies. The joint winners of this trophy were Sheila Aitkin and Annabele Sommerfelt

In the flower section, Liz Glover, a first-time entrant, was awarded The Hunt Cup for most original flower arrangement for her interpretation of 'Everything Green'. Jilly Steventon retained the Lee-Jones Cup for highest points in Rose classes 5-8 and was also awarded the people choice award. The Hunter Cup for most points in classes 5-30 was awarded to Ruth Murphy and Sharon Bleach rounded up the flower section by winning the Bill Othen Vase for dahlias.

In the Fruit and Vegetable section, Neil Mumford retained the A.J Stevens Cup, for the highest number of points across vegetable classes 31-45. He was also awarded the Atherton Cup for class 45 'a collection of vegetables', and this entry also won the Morris Cup for exhibit of highest merit in the whole show. The Col. Earle Cup for most points in the fruit section, classes 48-55, was awarded to Dan Bosence.

Finally in the Home industries section, the Wilson Bowl for most points was deservedly awarded to Bridgette Wilson. The Dockenfield Cup, awarded for most points in the junior section went to Imogen Hubbard and, Lucy Easton won the Pat Mattin Cup for best floral arrangement in the junior section. Lastly, not to be out done by his wife, Harry Glover was awarded The Machin-Cooke Cup for most points in the photography classes.

Caroline Plant was awarded the Huitfeldt Cup for accumulating most points in the show.

The society would like to thank Penny Hearn, the show organiser and the judges, stewards, and all participants for helping make it such a successful show.

Dates for the diary

This month we will also hold our AGM and social evening on Thursday 26 October 2023

The members' supper will be held on Friday 24 November 2023. All members will be contacted about the members' supper in due course but please save the date. If you are a non-member and would like to come please contact us via the website.

Neil Mumford

Caw!

In our locality we regularly see members of the **Corvid** family of birds, including **Crows, Rooks, Jackdaws, Magpies and Jays**. Crows occur in the villages, but Rooks prefer to nest and feed in more open countryside and are often to be seen in the fields outside Bentley and in the water meadows near Farnham. Some countrymen say that if you see a group of Crows they're probably Rooks, and if you see one Rook it's probably a Crow. Well, maybe. Rooks do nest in colonies of untidy nests at the tops of trees. (There is a large rookery in fields near Medstead.) Crows also nest in tall trees, but not in colonies. Crows can be seen in sociable and family groups and Rooks sometimes occur in ones or twos. So how to tell a Crow from a Rook? They are of broadly similar size, about 45 to 50 cms long. They are both black, with grey legs and dark bills. They both make loud *caw* or *cra* calls. However, an adult Rook has a pale, bald face, while the Crow's face looks all black. In addition, the Rook has drooping belly feathers which look like feathery trousers as it walks about, and the Crow's outline is smoother.

The smallest Corvid is the **Jackdaw**, a sociable bird, often to be seen flying about in groups. Jackdaws like to nest in chimneys, as you may have noticed to your inconvenience. A Jackdaw is 30 to 34 cms long, and dark grey rather than black, with noticeably pale grey-blue eyes. During the autumn and winter Jackdaws often forage in large flocks, sometimes with Rooks. Throughout history and world wide members of the Corvid family have featured in superstition and in legend. The reasons probably include their intelligence, their sinisterly black plumage and their predatory habits.

Val Lewis

News from Dockenfield Parish Council

Firstly, for your information, all Parish Council meetings are 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.

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

Alternatively, if you have any questions you would like discussed at the meeting, please contact the Clerk at dockenfieldclerk@hotmail.co.uk

Future Parish Council Meeting Dates.

Tuesday 17 October 2023, 8pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group. Nature Walks.

The final wildlife walk of the season run by The Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group, will take place on **Friday 13 October 2023 from 11am -12.30pm. Fungi of Bealeswood Common**, led by Amanda Adolph. To book your place please contact adolphdpc@gmail.com

Working party Bealeswood Common, Sunday 19 November.

Vicky, the Bealeswood Common Ranger, has organised a working party to execute some essential maintenance on Bealeswood Common, going into the winter. If you fancy a bit of fresh air and exercise on Sunday morning 19th November at 10am, then meet us at the Bench at the top of the Common, we'd be grateful for volunteers. Late comers are sure to spot us working. N.B. our working parties use hand tools only, on the common

Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group Talk.

Wild Dockenfield. (A celebration of biodiversity in a changing climate). Friday 27th October 2023, 7.30pm, The Church of Good Shepherd, Dockenfield.

The BWRG have kindly agreed to present a series of short talks celebrating our local wildlife. The programme will be chaired by Anne Tutt and will include talks by:

Colin Hall- trees as woodland pastures;

Dan Bosence- Wildflowers of Bealeswood; long-term changes in biodiversity;

Philippa Hall- Butterfly habitats on Bealeswood Common;

Alex Potts- Solitary, wild bees and wasps of Bealeswood Common;

Alan Cox- Birds; Losses, Declines and Arrivals;

Amanda Adolph; Fungal habitats on Bealeswood Common.

Remembrance Sunday

This year's Remembrance Sunday Service will be taking place on Sunday 12 November. The Street, Dockenfield, will be closed to traffic between 12.15pm and 12.50pm on that day. The Service itself will take place at 12.30pm in front of the Dockenfield Memorial. In remembrance of The Fallen Men of Dockenfield, may they rest in peace.

FAMILY CAFÉ CHURCH – A NEW SERVICE FOR FAMILIES!

15th October and 19th November at the church of the Good Shepherd 5pm – 6pm. A short totally interactive service with toys and artwork for the children, followed by pizza and cakes! Refreshments for mums and dads and grandparents too! All welcome! Call Rev Jane for more details 01252 792137 or vicar@frenshamchurches.org.uk

Farnborough Airport Expansion Consultation

Farnborough Airport is proposing an expansion in flight numbers {during the week and at the weekends}. They are also proposing changes to their weekend flying hours.

They are currently undertaking a public consultation to inform local people about the expansion and to collate their views.

The closing date by which to respond to this consultation is **18th October 2023**.

Every local household should have received a leaflet detailing the expansion plans and how to respond to the consultation.

Your views are important and every individual view counts. It is important to have your say by responding to this consultation.

There are pros; the airport is an important local employer and is a significant contributor to the local economy; and cons; some increase in under flight path noise, environmental implications.

More information is available at farnboroughairport2040.com. You can email your views to contact@farnboroughairport2040.com or telephone them on, 0808 164 6061.

Read your leaflet, look at the website, attend an event if you can, but most importantly, let them know your views.

Thank you.

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

WILD DOCKENFIELD

The village is fortunate in having several open green spaces for us to enjoy; Bealeswood Common, Fritz's Field and now Hatch Field adjacent to the rec. Not to mention Alice Holt Forest along the western margins of the parish. Of these, Bealeswood Common is the site in the parish that is richest in wildlife and fortunately for us it is set in the heart of the village. Its unusually high biodiversity has been recognised with surveys of plants and insects since the 1990s and a management plan put together by the Parish Council and by Waverley Borough Council. This is aimed at encouraging wildlife habitats and mainly comprises a late summer/autumn cut of the grasslands to let flowers go to seed and cutting back the ever-encroaching scrub. These surveys and management have helped in gaining recognition of the Common as a Site of Natural Conservation Interest (SNCI) and, more recently, its Green Flag Award.

Since the 2000s several of us have been involved in recording the plants, butterflies and birds that are seen, or heard, on the Common. However, it was during Lockdown that it was discovered that there was a core of wildlife enthusiasts who would benefit from more cooperation and formal recording and so the Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group was formed. Together, we have built up expertise on wild-flowers, trees, butterflies and moths, bees and wasps, birds, and mammals, but also how these are identified and recorded through photographs and data recording. A commentary of what we have found each month has been posted on the noticeboard on the Common since 2016 and can now be found on our website www.dockenfieldpc.org.uk/wildlife

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We have also given talks at several Annual Parish Meetings and to other wildlife and biodiversity groups in Farnham. Following our recent Parish Meeting it was suggested that we should present an evening of talks at the village church so that our results can be presented in more detail, wildlife communities in different habitats can be discussed and some longer-term changes in our wildlife can be presented. This will take place at 7.30 pm, Friday 27th October at the Church of Good Shepherd followed by tea, coffee and cake. Entry is free but there will be a collection to support the upkeep of the church.

Wild Dockenfield a Celebration of Biodiversity in a Changing Climate

- Trees and wood-pasture commons- Colin Hall
- Wildflowers of Bealeswood; long-term changes in biodiversity- Dan Bosence
- Butterfly Habitats on Bealeswood Common- Philippa Hall
- Solitary, Wild Bees and Wasps of Bealeswood Common- Alex Potts
- Birds; Losses, Declines and Arrivals- Alan Cox
- Fungal Habitats on Bealeswood Common- Amanda Adolph

Dan Bosence (on behalf of Bealeswood Wildlife Recording Group)

We have set up a village consortium to buy the plot beside the bluebell pub

The consortium aims to create sustainable housing and enhance the amenity of this part of the village.

If you would like more details or interested to invest, please contact Nick Stewart at nick.stewart@baringa.com

FRENHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB & BRANCH

The Rugby World Cup will be continuing throughout October and most matches will be shown on our wide screen TV, so why not come and watch the games with your friends in a great atmosphere, with drinks from the bar!

Upcoming events:

Thurs 12 October 7.30pm: Music Night - anyone is welcome to come along and perform, or just turn up to listen to a variety of live music. New performers are coming nearly every month, so do come again to hear them if you haven't been for a while.

Sat 14 October 7.30pm: Harvest Home Auction: to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal and the club. Come at 7pm for viewing, before a 7.30pm start. Donations of anything in good condition and suitable for auctioning will be appreciated, eg traditional home-made items such as cakes, jams + preserves, wines + spirits, unwanted gifts, plants, etc. These can be brought to the club beforehand or on the day. This is always a fun evening and all are welcome.

Sat 21 October 7.30 for 8pm: Quiz organised by Val Gubby on behalf of the Legion Club – all welcome – it will be fun.

Sat 28 October 7.30pm: Spider Drive organised by Rev Jane Walker and Harry Glover on behalf of St Mary's Church and the Legion Club.

Sunday 12 November 1pm Remembrance Sunday: Why not come along to our service at the war memorial outside the club given by Rev Jane Walker and afterwards enjoy a two-course lunch in the Legion for just £7. No need to book – just turn up and pay at the door. There will also be a raffle, with profits from the lunch and raffle going to the Poppy Appeal.

Janet Caiger

Poppy Appeal 2023

The Royal British Legion has confirmed that we are allowed to have a normal Poppy Appeal this year and so our collection period will run from 28 October to 12 November. Our team of dedicated collectors will be visiting houses in Frensham and Dockenfield during that period, selling poppies. Donations for poppies can also be made at the usual strategic locations, such as The Royal British Legion Club, the Frensham Village Shop, local pubs and schools or by bank transfer to “RBL Poppy Appeal” sort code 30-11-75, a/c no 01937121, quoting reference SEH09.

Dockenfield villagers have always shown very generous support for the Poppy Appeal in the past and we hope that you will feel able to fully support the Appeal again this year.

Remembrance Sunday 12.11.23

We plan to have our usual four Remembrance Sunday services this year with changes as necessitated by Health & Safety regulations. The Royal British Legion is now forbidden from taking any responsibility for traffic management as a result of a multi-million pound insurance claim. This means that we need to adjust our Services and subject to the appropriate permissions being granted the plans are as follows:-

10.15 am Frensham Memorial Service – if we receive permission from Waverley Borough Council (WBC) we will remain on the Green by St Mary’s School and will NOT cross the A287 to the Memorial. All attendees do so at their own risk.

There will be NO parade from the Green to the church. Anyone who walks from the Green to the church does so at their own risk. There will be NO Traffic Marshalls.

Wreaths for this Memorial Service will be laid in the Church Service and subsequently placed at the Frensham Memorial.

10.50 am Remembrance Service, St Mary’s Church, Frensham. Wreaths that in the past had been laid at the Frensham Memorial Service will from now on be laid at this Church Service.

12.30 pm Dockenfield Memorial Service – subject to Dockenfield Parish Council being granted a Temporary Traffic Management Order we will hold this service as usual in The Street by the Memorial.

1 pm Royal British Legion Club Memorial Service – as usual followed by lunch in the club.

Peter James Local Poppy Appeal Organiser





In the flower garden

The ground is still warm coupled with the moisture around, it is ideal now to plant or move any shrubs and hedging, to let them get established in their new positions before winter sets in. Perennials can also be divided now, or it can be a job kept until the spring. The bulb planting season is upon us, for both this month and next month.



What to do in the Garden this month In the vegetable garden.....

Cut any green tomatoes off plants and bring them indoors to ripen or you could use them for chutney and ensure that you harvest any remaining pumpkins and squash before the frosts turn them mushy and store in a frost-free environment, where they should last all winter into early spring at least.

Some gardeners think that their job is now done for the year but there is still plenty of planting to be done in the vegetable patch. This month I will be topping up all the vegetable beds with stable manure direct from the Compost Centre in Woking and I will also be applying this onto the flower beds and let the worms do their job over winter.

Garlic, Shallots and Onions can all be planted now. Most varieties of **garlic** are best planted in late autumn or early winter, as the cloves need a period of cold weather to develop into bulbs. Push single cloves in, or use a dibber to make holes 15cm apart, leaving 30cm between rows.

Autumn planted shallots provide a far heavier crop than spring sown ones. I prefer banana shallots and use Longor. These can be planted now as sets, with the tips showing. Space them 15-20cm apart and again allow 30cm between rows.

Most **onions** are best either sown from seed in late winter/spring or planted as sets in the Spring. There are also several varieties that can be planted in the Autumn including 'Autumn Champion' and 'Electric'. An advantage of planting onion sets in autumn is that they take up space that would otherwise be left unplanted and will give an earlier crop than spring planted sets/plants.

With all these crops, ensure you give them a good start by liberally applying some fish, blood and bone on the beds and raking in before planting. You should also net them until they are established, as birds and squirrels will pull them out of the ground.

If you want to either have an early crop of **broad beans** or extend the period over which you pick them, plant some now. Reliable varieties are Bunyards Exhibition and Aquadulce, they should be ready by late May/early June, further sowings in April/May will provide cropping into August.

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