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Source: **Peeps into the Past – Chris Shephard, Rural Life Centre: 2 photos**

1. **2010** “In recent days there seems an abundance of rumours that the new owner of MOOR PARK, Farnham is in the process of denying access to the bridleway to MOTHER LUDLAM’S CAVE...” Writes Trevor Pragnell of Arthur Road.

“Mother Ludlam’s healing abilities and generosity have been so ingrained in the native culture of the local area that the last time a landowner tried to prevent public access a near riot ensued.”

**1897** “Rose’s men closed the gates and secured them with chains. A crowd of some 4 to 5 hundred men and a few women) gathered outside, armed with sticks, crowbars, sledgehammers and other tools or weapons.”

**2010** .....’another group of current day townspeople are planning a similar [not with weapons!] protest ....over COLLEGE FIELDS north of Beavers Road.....since hops ceased to be grown here in the 1970s, the public have enjoyed unrestricted access... they have recently been ploughed up ...to improve Wimpey’s chances of getting them scheduled for future housing...”

## MOTHER LUDLAM’S CAVE

Many sites on Google – most detailed re folklore is:

[www.leyhunt.fsnet.co.uk/lhunt87.htm](http://www.leyhunt.fsnet.co.uk/lhunt87.htm)

“The legends of Mother Ludlam and the Frensham Cauldron” by Chris Hall

[ref: R4]

2. **1908 Hops Demonstration:** Source: ‘Edwardian Farnham’ by Ewbank Smith (Page 130) “ A strong contingent of local hopgrowers, headed by Sam Bide, joined a demonstration in Trafalgar Square on 23 May to protest against the importation of foreign hops....”
3. **1908 Hunger Marches:** Source ‘Edwardian Farnham’ (Page 132) “On 8 August, shoppers in the town witnessed the stirring sight of a party of fifty-seven hunger-marchers parading through the streets. The

leaders carried a banner which displayed the slogan WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO LIVE, and the last man held a red flag. The marchers, who came from London, were orderly, quiet and generally well behaved; they offered socialist pamphlets for sale and were collecting funds.

They camped out that night at Mr. Patterson's gravel allotment near the reservoir at the Ridgeway; on the Sunday morning, they marched to the Town Hall and speeches of a radical nature were made in castle Street. The *Herald* reporter was impressed by the behaviour of their leader, a Mr. Cornelius Conlon, less so by the deputy leader, 'Docker White'. A London antique dealer said to be a red-hot socialist.

The *Herald* was unsympathetic to their cause, calling the marchers professional cadgers and trouble-makers. The words on their banner, the paper declared should have been followed by 'WITHOUT WORKING'. Who looked after their wives and families whilst they frittered away their time, marching about the country? There was plenty of work to be found, but these men were far too idle to take jobs. Not a word of compassion. Almost as if the journalist was disappointed by the visitors' controlled, Fabian-patterned behaviour, which denied fuel to his pen."

#### **4. The Suffragettes:** Source 'Edwardian Farnham'

**1913** (Page 196)

"On 21 July, a mass 'pilgrimage' of motor-borne suffragettes passing through Farnham topped in Castle Street hopefully, but were met instead with a hail of eggs and sundry objects. This ungentlemanly reception shocked all right thinking onlookers, who deplored it vigorously. It was an insult – wasn't it? - to Farnham's own ladylike Suffragette Society, whose membership consisted of only the most genteel ladies. Whatever their sisters might get up to in other parts of the country, the idea of throwing rotten eggs in Farnham was abhorrent.

At the August Council meeting, the Chairman referred to the disgraceful scenes in Castle Street....."