



## Care advice line for elderly launched



New Forest residents aged 60 and over and their carers are to benefit from a new care helpline service recently

launched

Hampshire County Council has partnered with national charity Counsel and Care to provide a specialist advice phone line for older people in the New Forest area.

Local residents can contact Counsel and Care for advice on care and support issues affecting older people by calling the Advice Line on 0845 300 7585 or by logging on to their website at: [www.counselandcare.org.uk](http://www.counselandcare.org.uk).

The advice line is equally relevant whether people are paying for their own care, are supported by Hampshire County Council, or simply have questions about possible future care and support needs. It is designed to stretch across all county council departments covering everything from transport, to recreation, culture and other services.

Councillor Ken Thornber, Leader, Hampshire County Council, said: "Hampshire County Council is delighted to be working in partnership with Counsel and Care to ensure that universal information, advice and advocacy is accessible to all older people, their families and carers.

Councillor Maureen Holding, Employment, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder at New Forest District Council said: "There is a lot of support available for our older residents. This might involve help at home, so they can continue to live independently, or help to make the move into supported housing or a care home. There is also specialist support for the families and carers of vulnerable older people. I hope the new advice line will be able to assist local residents to navigate their way through the wide range of services available."

Counsel and Care has been providing in-depth, personalised advice and information to older people, their families and carers for 56 years, and the charity holds the Community Legal Service General Help with Casework Quality Mark.

## Twitter

The Editor has decided that to show that he's not yet over the hill he ought to get in with the latest social networking process so he's set up an account on Twitter - just search for [loofylirpa](https://twitter.com/loofylirpa) at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) to see what's up!! Please wait until next Thursday to do this.



To celebrate the launch of Fordingbridge in Bloom 2010 - Go for Gold!

# FORDINGBRIDGE SPRING SHOW

## Saturday 24th April

starts at 2pm in the Town Hall

(Entries accepted between 9am and 11am)

Mixed Schedule of Classes - Flowers, Domestic,  
Flower Arranging, Photography.

Plenty for all the family to enter, young and old!

Refreshments & Raffle

*Proceeds to go to the Mayor's Charity - 2515 Squadron Air Cadets, Ringwood & Fordingbridge Squadron*

Entry forms from Town Council Office, NFDC Office, VIC, Jessica's, Timothy's, Caxton Decor, Library, The Bookshop



## Annual Parish Assembly

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 7.30 pm Village Hall**

Want to have your say about what the Parish Council should be doing for you and the village for the next 12 months?



**Your chance - so don't miss out. Councillors need to know what you think so that Village Projects mean something and match what you need. Following this is the Parish Council's AGM when Members elect a Chairman for 2010/2011.**

See you there.

## First Aid at Work training



Do you run a village group or facility that requires first aid training? FunQuest has secured a First Aid at Work training course which will run on **Saturday 15th May** 10am - 4pm at a cost of £25 each. Anyone wishing to take a place needs to get in touch quickly with Nicky Matthews on 01725 518568.

# THE PARISH PUMP

A regular newsletter from Damerham Parish Council



March 2010

## Potholes a reminder

You should report any potholes in the Highway to HCC either by phone 0845 6035633 or on their website <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/service557>



It's the quickest way to get them mended.

## New Date for Spring Show



Due to the non-appearance of spring flowers in March this year, the Spring Show has been re-scheduled to April 10<sup>th</sup>. from 2pm t 4pm In The Village Hall

Everyone can enter. Simply select the best daffodil from your garden and enter it on the morning of the Show by 11am. Entry forms can be had from Crossways Farm, the Garage and Sandleheath Stores. There are special activities for children and teas and cakes will be served. Look forward to seeing you there. It's a highlight of the year!

## Local Footpaths

Our Footpaths Officer – Ros Jones would like to draw your attention to the web site for the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Footpath Society [www.rffs.org.uk](http://www.rffs.org.uk) which has useful information for walkers in the area.



Established in February 2008 and based in Damerham, **FunQuest** is a voluntary organisation that is tasked with providing facilities and activities for young people in the village. FunQuest delivers actions requested by children in the Damerham Community Plan. So far over £70,000 has been raised through partnerships with a variety of funding bodies (including our own Parish Council). This has been used to build an award winning Playtrail on West Park Meadow and to pay for an ongoing calendar of events and activities.

FunQuest's Trustees are now looking to expand the team of volunteers who run the organisation and its calendar of events. In particular they are looking for:

- ◆ Clerk to the Trustees
- ◆ Event Coordinators

For more information please call Nicky Matthews, Chair of Trustees on 01725 518568 or email [funquest@damerham.net](mailto:funquest@damerham.net) - if possible before the next Trustees meeting on 17th April 2010. or on our website at <http://www.damerham.net/html/funquest.htm>

### ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010

St. George's church

9.45 a.m. Church Service

For the School Children - Visitors are welcome

in

Damerham Village Hall

2.00 p.m. Talk by Sir Edward Hulse on Breamore House & its Saxon Church followed by Tea with the Vicar £5.00 at the door

7.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.

An evening with

Derek Ayling & his Jazz Band

including Dinner

Tickets £12.00 in advance

from 01725 518417

All proceeds to St. George's Church, Damerham

THE GRAND DAMERHAM  
**DUCK RACE**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
At the Village Hall  
From 12 mid day  
**FUNQUEST FACE PAINTING  
& TATTOOS**  
**BARBEQUE & HOG ROAST TEA & CAKES**  
**LICENSED BAR**  
MINI FAIR FROM 1.30  
**DUCKS AWAY AT 2.30pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE £100 2<sup>nd</sup> £50 3<sup>rd</sup> £30 4<sup>th</sup> £20  
SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE LAST DUCK & 'WILD' DUCK  
DUCK TICKETS £1 FROM  
CROSSWAYS FARM DAMERHAM, DAMERHAM GARAGE,  
THE COMPASSES DAMERHAM  
& SANDLEHEATH STORES or at the hall from 12.00 on the day

### Forthcoming Village Events

April			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Duck Race	Village Hall	1200
10 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Show	Village Hall	2.00 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mural Madness	Playtrail	all day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Georges Day Event	Village Hall	2.00 pm
May			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Assembly, AGM	Village Hall	7.30 pm

A leaflet is available for new residents. Ask any Councillor for a copy of "Welcome to Damerham" or download it from [www.damerham.net](http://www.damerham.net) or contact the Clerk on 518354 or [info@damerham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@damerham-pc.gov.uk)