

THE PARISH PUMP

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Kerbside Glass Collections & Weekly Refuse Collection services

New Forest District Council has been successful in gaining a government grant to introduce a new district-wide kerbside glass collection and retain weekly refuse and recycling collections.

Councillor Edward Heron, New Forest District Council's portfolio holder for the environment, said: "I am pleased that we have been able to secure funding to enhance our current recycling scheme and that the Government has recognised our commitment to keeping weekly collections.

"A kerbside glass collection service will make it easier for all residents to recycle the glass that they have, as not all residents are able to get to the bottle banks."

"We have never had any intention of moving away from these popular weekly collections that we provide for our residents and we are keen to make it easy for residents to recycle as much as they can".

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

*Damerham, Martin, Rockbourne, Sandleheath and Whitsbury
(Society affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society
and The Daffodil Society)*

Are you interested in gardens and gardening? Why not join our Society and come along to talks and events including a Spring Show and Summer Show, as well as, this year, a Potato Day, a Plant Sale, an Orchard Party and a trip to RHS Wisley.

Membership costs £5 per individual or £8 for a couple and entitles you to free admission to most events, discounted seed purchases and a newsletter giving details of garden visits etc.

Talks are held in the Village Halls in Damerham, Martin and Rockbourne. Non-members can come along at £3.00 per event.

Want to join? Send your cheque (payable to Damerham and District Horticultural Society) to Carolyn Andrews, Old Channel Hill Farmhouse, Damerham SP6 3HH or phone her on 01725 518802 for further details.

Do you fancy having a party?

After the Village Fair, the marquee is available to anyone who wants to organise a Village Party!

At present, all the plans for an evening event have come to nothing – so if you fancy getting together and organising a party, please get in touch with the Chairman or Secretary of the Fair Organising Committee:

– Phil Tandy on 518802 or Bob Gilbey on 518417

Rockbourne Lane

For those who have complained about the state of Rockbourne Lane, help is at hand!

The road between West Park Lane and Littlemill Lane to Rockbourne via Channel Hill will be closed for up to two days from Monday, March 4th for road repairs.

The diversionary route is via Court Hill to the cross roads at Sandleheath and then on Brickhill Road to Rockbourne.

HCC Trading Standards Service

There are a number of scams that have been reported to Trading Standards that you should be aware of: -

1. Census "fine" scam – where a caller saying that he is from Hampshire County Council who tells you that you are subject to a fine as a result of errors in your submissions to the National Census, and they will help you to process the fine if you give them your bank details. **DON'T DO IT!** Check with HCC or Trading Standards first!

2. If you get a letter saying that you have been selected as a winner in an International Promotion category on the Euro Lottery – be very wary – and **DON'T SEND BACK THE ENCLOSED FORM WITH YOUR BANK DETAILS.**

Trading Standards advice is: -

DO NOT disclose any personal information over the telephone or in an e-mail.

DO NOT pay any money to unsolicited callers.

DO NOT click any links in an e-mail if you are not sure of the source.

For further advice please contact: -

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on **08454 04 05 06**

or on line at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards.htm> using the On-line Consumer Complaint Form.



The Compasses Inn

Make a note in your diary that there will be a Quiz Night and Raffle at **7.00 p.m. on Sunday 27th January.**

All are welcome.

Kevin & Julie are pleased to announce that there is a new Chef at The Compasses Inn and there is a new menu too!

Jumble Sale

Saturday, 16th February - Damerham Village Hall - 2.00 pm

In aid of St George's Church.

Items for sale can be brought to the Village Hall from 10.00 am onwards on the 16th.

(No large items of furniture please)

Lots of bargains!

A leaflet is available for new residents. Ask any Councillor for a copy of "Welcome to Damerham" or download it from www.damerham.net or contact Brian Mair on 518354 or Phil Tandy on 518802
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Don't forget that help is on hand!



Hitting the cold spots

If your Heating Bills are going through the roof, much of the heat could be going the same way!

"Hitting the Cold Spots" is a Hampshire County Council scheme funded by a grant from the Department of Health and there are experts who can help and advise you on ways to keep warm and healthy this winter.

The easy way to find out what you need is to call the free Advice Line **0800 804 8601** where your call will be taken by an Experienced Advisor who can visit you at home to offer practical advice on how to keep your home warm and to assist with reducing your energy bills.

For free and in-depth advice, please contact the Environment Centre on **0800 804 8601** or e-mail to staywarm@environmentcentre.com

These services are available until 31st March 2013



FunQuest is to be part of a local project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Hampshire County Council's Arts and Museum Service, together with the Rockbourne Community Partnership, have secured funding from the "All Our Stories" scheme to bring to life the history of Rockbourne Roman Villa and the prehistoric complex in Damerham through a variety of events and activities throughout 2013.

FunQuest has been invited to be part of this exciting project and organise another Play Day, providing fun activities for local families to explore, enjoy and celebrate their local heritage.

Further information will follow as the project develops. If you would like to find out more or get involved please contact Anita Hansen (01725 518644) or e-mail anita@hansenhome.co.uk

SNOWDROP SUNDAY

Snowdrop Sunday at St George's Church will be on the 17th February this year; so please put the date in your diary and come and admire the wonderful snowdrops in the churchyard.

Inside the church there will be lots of Refreshments - as well as a Bric-a-Brac stall, Book stall, Preserves stall and a very warm welcome.

12.00 noon until 4.00 pm. Tell all your friends and family!

For further details please contact John & Cathy Godber on **01725 518350**



SpeedWatch

The problem with speeding traffic continues in our village.

In Damerham, xxx cars have been recorded exceeding the speed limit since our SpeedWatch was started – and of those xx have been recorded at over 35 mph and x have been recorded at well over 40 mph.

Just remember if you are speeding through the village, at 30 mph, your vehicle travels 44 feet – about three car lengths every second.

Even in good conditions, the difference in the stopping distance between 30 mph and 35 mph is an extra 21 feet, which is more than two car lengths – possibly the difference between life and death in an accident.



Village Events Diary

January

Sunday 27th Quiz Night & Raffle 7.00 pm
The Compasses Inn

February

Thursday 7th Damerham & District Horticultural Society 7.30 pm
Rockbourne Village Hall

Saturday 16th Jumble Sale 2.00 pm
Damerham Village Hall

Sunday 17th Snowdrop Sunday 12.00 – 4.00 pm
St. George's Church

March

Sunday 10th "Potato Day" 10.00 – 2.00 pm
Damerham Village Hall

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