

# THE PARISH PUMP

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May 2013

## Mr. Brian Mair retired as Parish Clerk on 31<sup>st</sup> March

Damerham Parish Councillors, both past and present, would like to thank Brian for his dedication and conscientious hard work, done quietly and often unnoticed in the background, over the past 12 years.

He has worked hard to make a reality many of the ideas and changes that your Council felt would be good for the Parish.

I am sure all Damerham residents would like to join with the Council in thanking Brian for his service to the local community.

Phil Tandy - Chairman Damerham Parish Council

## Faster Broadband is on the way!

The Hampshire Broadband Programme Manager has said that at least 90% of all Hampshire premises will have access to Super-Fast Broadband by the end of 2015, following the signing of a £13.8 million contract with BT.

As yet, we cannot tell you where your area will be in the three-year roll out programme but the Hampshire Broadband Programme Team will be back in touch as soon as we have more information for you.

Do not forget to keep checking on the web-site [www3.hants.gov.uk/broadband.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/broadband.htm) as this is where updates will always appear first.

If you haven't joined the "Sign up to Broadband" campaign, please join the 19,000 who have already done so.

Evidence of high demand will help the programme funding go further and increase the number of locations we are able to reach with the limited funding available.

\* Please note, registering support does not commit anyone to sign up to any new services that may become available.

Daniel Fernley; HCC Broadband Programme Manager



## DAMERHAM DUCK RACE



The Duck Race that had to be postponed from the Easter weekend because of flooding in the fields alongside the river, will now take place on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> with the Mini Fair starting at 12:30 p.m. and "Ducks Away" at 2:30 p.m.!

In addition to the Mini Fair, there will be a Hog Roast, Bar and Teas at Damerham Village Hall

## SLOW, SLOW, VERY SLOW, SLOW....



That's how progress has been for "The Great Little Plant Sale" this year. There has been weather, weather, and more weather of various sorts and kinds, and our brave little plants have had to struggle not only to thrive – but also to survive! But we have made it!

### **"The Great Little Plant Sale"**

will as usual be at: -

### **DAMERHAM VILLAGE HALL**

on **SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> May, from 10.00 a.m. until noon.**

Come and choose locally grown plants at less than Garden Centre prices – they are raised in Damerham, and we know they grow happily in Damerham soil.

Donations of flowerpots would be much appreciated!

We are also hoping to run a stall for second-hand gardening books – have you any which you don't need any more? They can be dropped off to Ashbourne House, in the High Street – or brought along on the day.

This year the Great Little Plant Sale is supporting TURN UP FOR FUN (TUFF) - a local voluntary organisation which provides free, open access play opportunities for Avon Valley children, and support for their families.

### **Admission free**

### **Refreshments**

## **Damerham Leisure**

Salli Grant's Exercise Class is in Damerham Village Hall on Monday evenings on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 p.m. No need to book, just turn up - £4 per individual or £6 for a couple.

**Nordic Walking: We do need a minimum of six people to run the group - so we really need at least two more people for the course to run.**

The cost is £25 for the four weeks starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May or if we have eight people, it is only £20 each.

If you would like to know a little bit more just ask Alison Crane, Mary Toynton, Katie Stephens, Penny Relf - or Roger Wilson on 01725 518566 or e-mail [damerhamleisure@hotmail.com](mailto:damerhamleisure@hotmail.com)

## **Damerham Flower Group**

**At 7.30 pm on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the Flower Group will be having a demonstration in Damerham Village Hall by Katie Baxter on the theme of "Flexible Girl"**

Visitors are welcome at a modest cost of £4.00

Damerham Flower Group meets at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of every month with the exception of August & January

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 Phil Tandy on 518802 or Bob Gilbey on 518417 for further information.

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## "Spring Fair"

The Spring Fair that has been held in Damerham Village Hall for many years to raise funds for the NSPCC is changing. The forest fundraisers Committee has decided that they would prefer to raise funds for smaller local charities and organisations, selecting a different one each year.

For this, the inaugural year, the committee has chosen "New Forest NightStop" as its selected beneficiary.

**nf\_nightstop** provides emergency accommodation for youngsters aged 16-24 who have been made homeless.

The Spring Fair will be held in Damerham Village Hall on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30 am to 14.00 pm and there will be Two Course Lunch with wine (a vegetarian option is available) at £13 pre-booked or £16 on the day.

There will be lots of stalls including: - Clothes, Bags, Gifts, Jewellery, Baskets, Fairy & Garden Lights, Chocolates, Cakes & Produce, New Forest Meat, Local Cheeses, Jackets, Alpaca Throws and many, many more!

To book e-mail [joannacarreras@forestfundraisers.co.uk](mailto:joannacarreras@forestfundraisers.co.uk) or telephone 01794 884125

### Car Parking at Damerham Village Fair

The committee that run the Fair are looking for at least four people to help organise car parking at this year's show.

In recent years, the local Scouts or Army Cadets have carried this out, but this year they are all away at camp.

It would suit a group of friends over the age of 16/17 years who could spare around 3 - 4 hours on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July to help the public to park sensibly in the Fair Car Park in return for a small remuneration.

If you may be able to help either individually or as a group, please contact the Fair Chairman at the e-mail address [info@damerhamfair.co.uk](mailto:info@damerhamfair.co.uk) or ring Phil Tandy on 518802

### **Damerham & District Horticultural Society "Annual Plant Sale"**

**at Lime Trees Farm House, Martin**

**Buy some lovely plants for your garden  
and enjoy a homemade tea!**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

**on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Any queries: contact Carolyn Andrews – 01725 518802**

## Fuel oil theft alert

New Forest residents and businesses are urged to step up the security of their heating and diesel oil following recent thefts.

Thieves are targeting fuel tanks at farms, transport depots, businesses and homes in the forest area due to the rising cost and the prolonged cold weather, which places an extra demand on heating.

Hampshire police advise:

- Securing your oil tank within a wall or fenced area.
- Positioning your fuel tank as close to your house or office as possible
- Security lights can deter thieves.
- Fitting Oil level gauges, which are connected to alarms.
- Defensive planting around the tank is a very effective barrier.

Thieves will be reluctant to clamber over prickly vegetation and any traces of blood or ripped clothing can provide police with information to identify the offender.

New Forest Chief Inspector Tony Rowlinson said - "Thieves are actively targeting rural premises with heating and fuel oil tanks – so don't become a victim, make sure you secure your property."

**The FunQuest AGM is to be held on  
Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Committee Room,  
Damerham Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Please come along to find out more about us.**

**Drinks & Nibbles will be served**

### Village Events Diary

#### April

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Pub Quiz 7.00 pm  
The Compasses Inn*

#### May

*Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Duck Race & Mini Fair  
Damerham Village Hall from 12.30 pm*

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> The "Great Little Plant Sale"  
Damerham Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00 noon*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> "forest fundraisers" Spring Fair  
Damerham Village Hall 9.30 - 2.00 pm*

*Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Parish AGM & Council Meeting  
Damerham Village Hall 7.00 pm*

*Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> FunQuest AGM  
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 pm*

*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society Plant Sale  
Lime Trees Farm House, Martin 2.00 pm*

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Damerham Flower Group Demonstration  
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 pm*

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