

THE PARISH PUMP

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Rockbourne Lane

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.

SPEEDWATCH

SpeedWatch has been away from our roads some what in the last month, due in part to the weather but also ill health of some of the team. However it will be out again with a vengeance over the next month to make up.

Deployments have however taken place in both Martin and Rockbourne, both staffed in part by Damerham personnel.

All of our neighbouring Parishes now are taking part in the scheme so making for a much larger impact.

Phil Tandy - Chairman Damerham Parish Council

Renewing your Driving Licence? Check that the DVLA gets it right!

Several Hampshire drivers have reported that when renewing their driving licences, the new licence has come back from the DVLA with one or two categories missing.

To be safe, always take a photocopy of your licence before you send it off to the DVLA.

When you receive your new driving licence, check that it shows all the entitlement categories that you had before. If it doesn't, contact the DVLA to get the error corrected.

POTATO DAY



Sunday 10th March

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

"Potato Day" will take place in Damerham Village Hall between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Over 80 different types of Seed Potatoes - as well as Onion Sets, Garlic Bulbs, Rhubarb Crowns and Fruit Bushes!

Seeds etc., for sale + various stalls & refreshments

"Plus lots of advice about growing"



The Coffee Pot

It has come to our shell-like ears that some people think that the Coffee Pot is only for senior citizens!

No! No! No! No! No! No! No! No! No!

We are for everyone in the community who values a good cuppa, great cake, and excellent company – whatever their age and interests. We are proud of new friendships forged between people whose paths would probably not have crossed. We are thinking of writing a book called "Overheard at the Coffee Pot".

This will tell you how it was decided that caraway might be a plant native to Damerham; give information about the Australian aborigines; and the easiest rail route to the Scottish Isles – and how to use a Shewee in a tent!!!

And we now have a few toys for tots, to amuse our younger customers, who come with their mums.....but we are so far resisting the idea of starting up a Coffee Pot choir!

Sadly, one of our lovely volunteers has recently had a stroke, and although our happy band still covers our once-weekly sessions very capably – we now have no extra help to cover sickness or holidays.

If you don't feel brave enough to be a regular, once-monthly helper, might you consider being on an emergency list, so we could ask you to do an occasional session when we are really stuck? No pay – sorry – but free coffee and cake, and absolutely no exhausting hard work, and no pressure!

You also get an opportunity to nominate a charity to which we'll donate our small profits. So far, we have been able to help the Motor Neurone Disease Society, the Smile Train (2 donations), Salisbury Hospice; and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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The Coffee Pot pours every Wednesday morning from 10.30 – 12noon, at Damerham Village Hall. Why not just drop in for cuppa and cake – whether you are 2 or 102!

Carol Singing

The Christmas Carol Singing in Damerham raised £150.00 for Salisbury Hospice.

A letter of thanks has been posted on the Parish Notice Board. "Thanks to everyone" – Paul Toynton.

Damerham on the Internet!

The Damerham Community web-site is now up and running again at www.Damerham.net

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Don't forget to your clocks forward by one hour on Saturday 30th March/Sunday, 31st March

Is this the start of a beautiful Summer?

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

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Damerham Leisure

We have found it hard to find sufficient support to continue to run **Yoga classes** in the village, but the **Exercise Class**, which concentrates on helping people build or improve both their general and heart fitness, appeals to a wider group and we find others from the local area joining together with a good number of Damerham villagers - which enables this class to continue. Class size is often around twenty.

6.30 pm on most Mondays (not 18th March)

Maybe an outdoor activity might appeal. Is anyone interested in **Nordic Walking**?

*A way to retain your fitness and lose weight with this very enjoyable sport.

*Tone your bum without putting any strain on joints and knees.

*Far more effective than jogging (twice the calories burnt!)

*Far less strenuous on your back and joints.

If we have enough people interested, Kim Prince, a fully trained coach, will run a course starting on Saturday, 2nd March 10.30 - 11.30am. Cost for 4 weeks is £25.00 - poles supplied.

Please email damerhamleisure@hotmail.co.uk with your interest or phone Roger on 01725 518566.

Should you have any questions for Kim 07875 693974.

Sandleheath Stores & Post Office

With new people having taken over the running, there are changes to the opening times of the Post Office and Store at Sandleheath with effect from 1st February.

Spring Shop hours:

Monday to Saturday 7.00 am to 6.30 pm.
Sunday 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

Post Office hours:

Monday: 9.00 am - 16.30 pm.
Tuesday: 9.00 am - 13.00 pm.
Wednesday: 9.00 am - 13.00 pm.
Thursday: 9.00 am - 13.00 pm & 14.00 - 16.00 pm.
Friday: 9.00 am - 13.00 pm.
Saturday & Sunday: **The Post Office is CLOSED**



The Compasses Inn

Mother's Day Special – Sunday, March 10th

Mother's Main Course is Free!
(Sunday Roast only)

**Please book in advance to make sure that
Mother gets the special treatment!**

01725 518231

Don't forget that Quiz Night is on Sunday, 24th February!

**THE GRAND DAMERHAM
DUCK RACE**
and MINI FAIR
Sponsored by **WOOLLEY & WALLIS**
CHARTERED SURVEYORS
Saturday 30th March
from 12.30 at the Village Hall
DUCKS AWAY AT 2.30pm
LICENSED BAR, TEA & CAKES
HOG ROAST & BARBEQUE FROM 12.30
1st PRIZE £100 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20
SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE LAST DUCK & 'WILD' DUCK
DUCK TICKETS £1 FROM
CROSSWAYS FARM DAMERHAM, DAMERHAM GARAGE,
COMMITTEE MEMBERS or on the day

Car Boot Sale

Easter Monday, 1st April

on Damerham Sports Field

Buyers Access 08.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

50p per person

Refreshments available

(Sellers Access from 07.00 a.m. @ £5.00 per car)

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

The Annual Spring Show is being held on **Saturday, 6th April** in Damerham Village Hall. **2.00 - 4.00 p.m.**
Admission for members is free with membership card.
Visitors £1.00 and Children come in free.

If you would like to enter, please contact Carolyn Andrews, at Old Channel Hill Farmhouse, Damerham. or phone 01725 518802 for a schedule.

Come along and see the wonderful Displays of Spring Flowers and enjoy a Homemade Tea.

Village Events Diary

March

Sunday 10th "Potato Day"
Damerham Village Hall 10.30 – 2.30 pm
Saturday 30th Duck Race & Mini-Fair from 12.30 pm
Damerham Village Hall

April

Monday 1st Car Boot Sale 8.00 – 12.00 noon
Damerham Sports Field
Saturday 6th Horticultural Society Spring Show
Damerham Village Hall 2.00 – 4.00 pm

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