THE PARISH PUMP

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Damerham Sports Field behind The Compasses Inn

Sellers Access from 07.00 a.m. @ £5.00 per car Buyers Access 08.00 a.m. @ 50p per person

Refreshments available

Fund Raising for St. George's Church, Damerham

DAMERHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW

SATURDAY 6th April

Damerham Village Hall

2pm - 4pm

TEAS

Admission: £1.00 Members and Children Free

If you would like to enter, please contact: Carolyn Andrews,

Old Channel Hill Farmhouse, Damerham or phone 01725 518802 for a schedule.

Entries welcome for Non-Members & Children.

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

ST. GEORGE'S SPRING FAIR

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DAMERHAM

2.00 - 5.00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

TEA, CAKES, BELL RINGING,

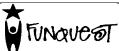
INTERESTING STALLS

Bric-a-Brac, Tombola, Soaps, Leather Craft, Jewellery, etc.

FUN FOR CHILDREN

Treasure Hunt, Face Painting

ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE ENTRY



FunQuest is a children's charity for families living in the Western Downland area and beyond. During the last summer holidays the number of participants at our events increased from 244 (2011) to 344 (2012) and this has demonstrated quite clearly how important it is for a rural community such as ours to offer activities and low cost events to children who need to play and socialise during the school holidays.

Children can try a variety of different activities that due to their rurality they may otherwise not be able to.

Although a number of participants at our events grew and our links with the local community were strengthened by our partnership with local schools and community associations, the number of volunteers helping on our management did not grow (in fact it shrink a bit as we said goodbye to one very active Trustee).

FunQuest needs your help to organise events for local children and run our voluntary organisation. We have a wonderful management committee who are full of energy, determination and good will, but we are over stretched and therefore need to reach out to our community for assistance.

We are specifically looking for people who can fill the following roles:-

- Damerham Fireworks Project Leader.
- New Trustees to attend around 7 meetings a year.
- Someone to design and help distribute our posters & flyers.
- Fund Raisers and people who will help to fill in grant applications and help us to achieve corporate sponsorship.
- People to help cook BBQ food and other catering at village events.

Full support and training is provided for all our roles and all reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Please e-mail info@funquest.org.uk or call Anita on 518644 if you can help, we are happy to answer any questions. We need volunteers now in order to deliver another summer of wonderful memories.

The FunQuest AGM is on Tuesday, 14th 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.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour for the start of British Summer Time on the night of March 30th/March 31st

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Jumble Sale

Saturday, 13th April

At 2.00 p.m. in Damerham Village Hall Donations of Jumble will be gratefully received at the Village Hall after 10.00 a.m. on the morning of the sale.

No Large Items, please!

In aid of Damerham Village Hall

"TURN UP FOR FUN"

TUFF will be running arts, crafts, games and sporty activities over the Easter holidays throughout the area. There will also be an angling session in Poulner.

More information is available on the web-site: -

www.//sites.google.com/site/turnupforfun

We will also include information about other activities for children and families going on in the Avon Valley over the holiday. (There is no excuse to be bored!!!)



News from The Coffee Pot

A Coffee Pot Bowler Hat Day was held on 7th March. Eventually, every one of our helpers will have had the chance to allocate money to their favourite charity, but this time it was Eddie Robbins`s name that was drawn from the hat – and he nominated Naomi House Children's Hospice as his chosen charity. A cheque for £25 is winging its way to them. Thanks to everyone who frequents the Coffee Pot for allowing this to happen!

We are very grateful to Karen Lake, who has volunteered to join our happy band of helpers. The Coffee Pot is growing and growing – so the more folk who want to be involved, the speedier will be the service, and the more will be the cake!!!

Damerham Leisure
Don't forget the Exercise Classes on the 8th, 22nd & 29th April at 6.30 pm



<u>Village Events Diary</u>	
March Sunday 24 th	Pub Quiz 7.00 pm The Compasses Inn
Saturday 30 th	Duck Race & Mini-Fair from 12.30 pm Damerham Village Hall
April Monday 1 st	Car Boot Sale 8.00 – 12.00 noon Damerham Sports Field
Saturday 6 th	Horticultural Society Spring Show Damerham Village Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Thursday 11 th	FunQuest "Giant Junk Modelling" Damerham Village Hall 10.30 - 1.00 pm
Saturday 13 th	Jumble Sale in aid of the Village Hall Damerham Village Hall 2.00 - 4.00 pm
Saturday 20 th	St George's Spring Fair St. George's Church 2.00 - 5.00 pm
Sunday 28 th	Pub Quiz 7.00 pm The Compasses Inn
May Sunday 5 th	The "Great Little Plant Sale" Damerham Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00 noon
Thursday 9 th	Spring Fair (Details next month) Damerham Village Hall 9.30 - 2.00 pm
Monday 13 th	Parish AGM & Council Meeting Damerham Village Hall 7.00 pm
Tuesday 14 th	FunQuest AGM Damerham Village Hall 7.30 pm