

THE PARISH PUMP

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December 2013



The Parish Council would like to wish every Damerham resident a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Good news and bad news on Glass Collection!

Once again, there is good news and bad news on the Kerbside Glass Collection

– The good news is that the “rural” areas of the village will receive their boxes in December and the collections will start in January.

There will be instructions and a calendar of collection days & dates delivered with the boxes.

- The bad news is that a number of people (including me!) put their boxes out too late and missed the first collection!

It was suggested that a **7.00 a.m.** start would be made, and for once that is just what happened - leaving those who put their boxes out a bit later being missed out!

So put the boxes out **early** or you will be missed out too!

If you have any queries or haven't received your box, please contact: -
Debs Lucas - Environment Project Officer NFDC,
Tel: 023 8028 5588 or e-mail deborah.lucas@nfdc.gov.uk

Duck Race Mini-Fair

Thank you to Eddie and Robin

Damerham Village Hall Management Committee would like to extend their gratitude to Robin and Eddie Robbins for organising the Duck Race Mini-Fair for so many years.

They now feel that it is time to step aside from organising the event.

It would be a great shame if the Mini-Fair did not continue, so please, is there anyone in the village who would be willing to run the Mini Fair next year?

If you are interested, please contact Cathy Godber on **01725 518350** or cathy-godber@tiscali.co.uk for more information.

Damerham Village Hall Committee

invites all village residents past and present and village friends to the

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

on Saturday 14th December 2012

between 12 & 3pm

Enjoy mulled wine & nibbles

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Free admission



Donations of food and/or raffle prizes will be gratefully received

St. George's Church, Damerham

Carol Service

Sunday, 15th December at 6.00 p.m.

A Short Carol Service & Readings in the church,
to be followed by Carols at the Beacon (weather permitting!)

Christingle Service

Tuesday, 24th December at 3.00 p.m.

All children are welcome – parents too!

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr. Sandy Allsopp, as he has moved away from the Parish, there is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor.

This involves attending 6 to 8 meetings per year, usually on a Monday evening to discuss village matters.

Should anyone be interested in talking about this post or would like further information, please contact the Chairman, Phil Tandy on 01725 518802

The Parish Council would like to thank Sandy for his work in the Parish whilst he has been on the Council.

Residents urged to make sure they can vote in next year's elections

To be able to vote in the 2014 European Parliamentary Elections that will be held on 22 May – you **must** register on to the Electoral Roll by filling in the Registration Form or you can register on-line by following the instructions on the recently delivered Registration Form.

Anyone who has not received their form should contact the NFDC's Electoral Registration Team on 023 8028 5445 or e-mail electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk.

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 Gilbey on 518417 for further information.

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DAMERHAM FIREWORKS

After the wash-out last year, it was great to have decent weather for our Fireworks Night.

The gates opened at 6pm, as advertised, and by 6.30 the crowd had devoured a whole pig (kindly donated free of charge by Allenford Farms).

The display was spectacular and the evening raised over £500 for the Damerham Sportsfield.

A huge thank you goes to all those volunteers who came along to help.

Apologies to anyone who missed the display; next year (if you want to risk it after your disappointment this time) - arrive at the advertised time and stay on until the "Big Bang".

My apologies also go to anyone who felt gravely insulted by my unsympathetic reaction to their complaints.

Robert Shepherd
Chairman Sportsfield Committee

THE COFFEE POT

"The Coffee Pot will be open for the last time before Christmas on December 18th – don't forget to come for mince pies and cheerfulness! We will be re-opening as usual on Wednesday, 8th January."

Missing Tables

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the four wooden trestle tables that have gone missing from the Village Hall shed, could they please return them as soon as possible - or contact Mike Jerrard on 01725 518275

DAMERHAM VILLAGE HALL

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH HYDE BAND
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.30 PM**



An Evening of Christmas Music

In Aid of the Sportsfield and Band Funds

Tickets £10.00 Each

Tickets available from Caxton Decor,
Fordingbridge Bookshop, Damerham Garage,
Sandleheath PO and Shop
and Mandy Herrington at Hyde Band

Bar and Coffee/Teas, Hot Mince Pies and Sausage Rolls

PLEASE COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME

**Damerham Flower Group
Monday, 9th December 7.30 p.m.
Christmas Workshop**

By Janet Newman

"A Christmas Wreath or a Contemporary Christmas Design
Visitors are welcome.

Keep up the picking up

A few months ago we once again implored the village's dog owners to be more responsible about picking up dog "poo" in the field.

We are delighted to report that over the summer, there has been a noticeable improvement. This is fantastic – please keep it up, and encourage other dog owners to do the same.

Thank you! - From the Damerham Sportsfield Committee

Village Events Diary

December

<i>Saturday, 7th</i>	<i>Christmas Music with Hyde Band</i>	
	<i>Damerham Village Hall</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>
<i>Monday, 9th</i>	<i>Damerham Flower Group</i>	
	<i>Damerham Village Hall</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>
<i>Saturday, 14th</i>	<i>Village Get-Together</i>	
	<i>Damerham Village Hall</i>	<i>12.00 - 3.00 pm</i>
<i>Sunday, 15th</i>	<i>Carol Service</i>	
	<i>St. George's Church</i>	<i>6.00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, 24th</i>	<i>Kerbside Glass Collection</i>	
	<i>Centre of the Village only</i>	<i>7.00 am</i>
<i>Tuesday, 24th</i>	<i>Christingle Service</i>	
	<i>St. George's Church</i>	<i>3.00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday, 24th</i>	<i>Midnight Communion</i>	
	<i>St. George's Church</i>	<i>11.15 pm</i>

January

<i>Saturday, 11th</i>	<i>"Tea & Chat" Jumble Sale</i>	
	<i>Damerham Village Hall</i>	<i>2.00 pm</i>

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