

THE PARISH PUMP

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Good news on Glass Collections!

The Kerbside Glass Collection now covers the whole village and the date for the next collection is on Tuesday, 18th February. Make sure your box is out in good time – the collector's come early!

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

Duck Race Mini-Fair

Now that Robin & Eddie have retired, it would be a great shame if the Mini-Fair at the Duck Race did not continue. So please, is there anyone in the village who would be willing to run the Mini-Fair this year?

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

DAMERHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

February 6th (Thursday) at 7.30pm

Damerham Village Hall

A talk by Jonathan Garrett of Hare Lane Pottery

'Breaking the rules: container growing with a twist'

For further information look on the website www.ddhs.co.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Would suit a Damerham resident – perhaps early retired or stay at home Mum or Dad - looking for a rewarding role that can be carried out mainly at home but with some evening meetings.

Clerk to the Governors at Cranborne First School

We are a small friendly Church of England school; Outstanding at our last Ofsted; and with a particular reputation for nurturing and supporting the individual child. Secretarial skills are less important than administrative and organisational ability and the willingness to work very flexible hours. Training is provided.

The Chairman of Governors lives in Damerham and is keen to speak to anyone who might like to know more about the post – ring Sue Sykes on 518635.

The Village Fair needs help!

1. We need a small group of young people to assist with the Car Parking at the Village Fair on 26th July 2014.

If you know of anyone who might help – please contact Phil Tandy on 01725 518802.

2. We need help with getting nice prizes for the Fair Prize Draw – any suggestions will be most welcome - Please contact Bob Gilbey on 01725 518417

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH DAMERHAM

"SNOWDROP WEEKEND"

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
15th & 16th FEBRUARY**

12.00 Noon - 4.00 p.m.

**HOME MADE REFRESHMENTS,
BRIC-A-BRAC, JAMS & MARMALADES
& OTHER STALLS**

**COME AND SEE THE WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF
SNOWDROPS IN THE ANCIENT CHURCHYARD
AND VISIT THE CHURCH AS WELL
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

Tea and Chat

On Wednesday, February 5th, at 2.15p.m., Jenny Clarke, from "Woofability" will be bringing her Assistance Dog to be introduced to us and to show us what a trained dog can do for a disabled person. Jenny is training a new puppy this year, and it is very likely that the new pup will come too.

Even if you are not a member of Tea and Chat, you are very welcome to join us for any particular event which interests you.

If you want to meet Jenny and her dogs, we will charge visitors £1.00 (which includes refreshments). Great value!!

Robin Robbins: 518 861 & Cathy Godber: 518 350

Damerham Flower Group

Monday, 17th February 7.30 p.m. Damerham Village Hall

Demonstration by Di Norman

"Modern & Free"

Visitors are welcome.

FunQuest Crazy Creatures at Half-Term **Tuesday, 18th February 10.30 – Midday (ish!)**

Damerham Village Hall

Aimed at children 2 and over – only 25 places, so book early.

The event will involve learning about and safely handling a variety of unusual animals – from Reptiles to Insects, Invertebrates to Amphibians. Plenty to see, admire and handle if you wish! To book, follow this link: -

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/funquest-3244362670?s=19286297> or go to the FunQuest web-site for booking information www.funquest.org.uk or e-mail to info@funquest.org.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 VILLAGE HALL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2013

I can hardly believe that I have now completed my eighth year as Chairman. A very fulfilling, but sometimes difficult job, made that much easier with the support of the committee and I offer them all my grateful thanks. It is because of you that our hall continues to be so popular and busy.

Despite a dramatic fall in booking for parties, hirers of the hall regularly comment on the excellence of our hall, particularly wedding customers. The facilities inside and the grounds outside are much appreciated by these couples and their families and friends on their special day.

This past year has seen a continuation of our efforts to keep the hall in good order and to this effect the patio area outside the kitchen and committee room has been renovated with brick paving replacing the old crumbling paving slabs. A new extractor unit will shortly be installed in the kitchen above the gas hob as the current one is unable to cope with 6 burners at once.

There was much discussion during the year as to whether or not the hall should go down the 'solar panel' road to help with energy costs but it was decided not to take this forward for various reasons, mainly the upheaval of another major project for the hall and all this would involve, not least the sourcing of funding which these days is much harder. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank David Crane for all his efforts in organising site visits and quotes and hope he is not too disappointed at the outcome.

In November 2012 we held our first Bingo Evening which was much enjoyed by the attendees, whilst not great in number, did have a good evening. Cathy and John Godber, thank you for heading this event.

The Christmas Get Together 2012 was again enjoyed by all who attended on this occasion - the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations film was shown. Thank you to all who were involved in this special day.

Thanks to Cathy for continuing to organise the Jumble Sales and to all her helpers.

The Duck race again was a great success, jolly hard work but excellent results, My thanks to all who helped with selling tickets, sorting ducks, the teas, BBQ, Bar and in the river and to Eddie and Robin Robbins who organised the Mini Fair, sadly for the last time after many years. They will indeed be a hard act to follow and we are currently looking for new organisers for 2014!

This year we received just under £1600 from the Village Fair profits, a large donation which makes up a very important part of the Hall's annual income and for which we are very grateful to the Damerham Fair Committee.

Eddie Robbins has continued to be a tower of strength in the background as always but invaluable in his efforts to repair chairs and various other maintenance jobs. This year alone he has made and installed a worktop cover for the Cooker hob giving more work space, also a new gate at the east pedestrian entrance and renovating the two outside sheds. Again my special thanks to him.

Thanks also go to Jason Sims at the Bear Inn for his contributions to our funds although there have been fewer bars this past year; it is still an asset to the hall.

Thank you to Sharon Perrett our secretary for her diligent work over the past 12 months. We are very grateful to her and to Sarah Holt who oversees the hall's accounts as Treasurer, we are very grateful as she is a very busy lady.

Finally, with my thank you's; thank you to Mike Jerrard our caretaker for continuing to keep the hall itself and the vast amount of paperwork involved, up together.

I would like to say I feel honored to head a team such as this management committee, you have done a wonderful job, and we have a special hall, in a special village.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Carolyn Armitage (Chair)

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council caused by Sandy Allsopp moving away.

It has been suggested that a better balance between male and female members would be a good thing!

Currently only two ladies are involved in the Council.

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

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

Advance Notice – Advance Notice – Advance Notice



Potato Day!

Damerham Village hall
10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Sunday, 9th March

There will be 80 plus varieties of Potato for sale by the single tuber, Onion Sets, Shallots, Garlic, Heritage Seeds, Fruit Trees, Soft Fruit, Kitchen Garden Plants, Rhubarb and so much more!

Refreshments Available

Come and buy your gardening requirements this year.

Organised by Damerham & District Horticultural Society
In conjunction with Pennard Plants, East Pennard, Somerset.

Missing Tables

Thanks that two of the wooden trestle tables have been returned, but does anyone knows the where-abouts of the other two that went missing from the Village Hall shed?

**Please could they be returned as soon as possible?
or at least contact Mike Jerrard on 01725 518086**

Village Events Diary

February

Thursday, 6th Horticultural Society Meeting 7.30 p.m.
Damerham Village Hall

Saturday, 15th "Snowdrop Weekend" 12.00 – 4.00p.m.
& Sunday, 16th St. George's Church both days

Monday, 17th Damerham Flower Group 7.30 p.m.
Damerham Village Hall

Tuesday, 18th Kerbside Glass Collection **from 7.00 a.m.!**

Tuesday, 18th FunQuest "Crazy Creatures" 10.30 – 12.00
Damerham Village Hall

March

Sunday, 9th "Potato Day"
Damerham Village Hall 10.30 a.m.-2.30p.m.

Monday, 10th Damerham Parish Council Meeting
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

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