

# THE PARISH PUMP

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MAY 2014

## Parish Council Assembly 2014

The Parish Council's Annual Village Assembly will be on **May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in **Damerham Village Hall**.

All residents of the Parish are welcome to come along and get involved or just listen.

At this meeting the various Officers for the Council are elected for the coming year.

The Assembly will be followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting.

Phil Tandy, Chairman



**Damerham Leisure -  
Salli Grant's Exercise Class**

**Monday Evenings -  
Damerham Village Hall**

Unfortunately, only on May 5<sup>th</sup> & May 12<sup>th</sup> this month!  
Just £4.00 a class or £6.00 for a couple - great value.

For more information, call Salli on - 0796 990 9162  
Cardiac & Pulmonary Exercise Therapist

### Damerham Flower Group

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.  
in Damerham Village Hall

Demonstration by Marian Catt  
"Supermarket Dash"

Visitors are welcome.

### "Tea & Chat"

Wednesday, 7th May  
Damerham Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.

Jim Day from Hampshire Wildlife Trust -

Talking about the wildlife at the Blashford Lakes.

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

at Garrett's Farm House, Martin

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2.00 pm  
There will be plants, cakes and refreshments!



### THE COMPASSES INN

GIG NIGHT - SATURDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY...  
GRIZZLY AND THE GRASSHOPPERS!



"Poppies Red and Cornflowers Blue" is a production by Poacher's Moon to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War.

With songs and lots of true stories of local people who volunteered, including that of Jack Thomas Counter from Blandford Forum - who won the VC aged only 19 - near to Boisieux St. Marc, for his bravery on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1918.

The production is suitable for those over twelve and it is to be performed across the South of England - with the local performance in Alderholt Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

It is **essential** to book in advance:

- Please phone **Peter Barrett** on **07773 372318** for Tickets priced at **£8.00** (with concessions at **£7.00**)

### Turn Up For Fun - TUFF

*Local award winning blues legends*

### Stone Donkey Pilots

*and Pete Robson*



*At Damerham Village Hall on  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 7.30 pm*



Tickets in advance £8.00 - £6.50 for under 16's.

Available from Robin and Eddie Robbins,  
or by ringing Mandy on 07595 704359.

Bring your own alcohol if you wish, but soft drinks and snacks will be on sale.

*All profits go towards TUFF's programme of play,  
family learning and parenting in the Avon Valley area.*

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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## The Coffee Pot

Now that every one of our wonderful volunteers has had the opportunity to choose a charity to share our profits, we thought you would like to see the list of those we have been able to support: -

*The Motor Neurone Disease Society*  
*The Multiple Sclerosis Society*  
*Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance*  
*Salisbury Hospice*  
*The Smile Train (paying for cleft lip operations in the developing world)*  
*TUFF (to provide play opportunities for children in the Avon Valley and parenting courses for their families).*  
*The British Heart Foundation*  
*The Mission to Seafarers*  
*Traidcraft*  
*Alabare*  
*Naomi House Children's Hospice.*

We also understand that fund raising is planned to buy a defibrillator for the Village. One of our volunteers has asked that their contribution should be set aside for this. We would like to double the donation as soon as we know where to send the cheque!

Congratulations to the volunteers, and to the coffee drinkers who make it all possible!

**The Coffee Pot,**  
**Damerham Village Hall,**  
**Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon.**



FunQuest are delighted to announce the appointment of Katherine Pavling as the Summer Play Leader.

Katherine lives locally in Sandleheath and has for the past five years run "Little Dragons", teaching Martial Arts and Life Skills to children aged four to eight years old in local schools.

Katherine has a wealth of experience working and nurturing children of all ages, including working as a Foster Carer and a Sailing Instructor.

Katherine has event management know-how, and is no stranger to planning, liaising, risk managing, teaching and delivering fun.

Katherine is busy planning an imaginative and exciting summer for FunQuesters and looks forward to meeting everyone at the **FunQuest AGM on Tuesday, 13th May 7.30pm, in Damerham Village Hall.**

## Great Success with the Litter Pick

We would like to thank all who turned up to help with the Litter Pick over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April – and particularly to Harvey Cracknell for helping with the organisation.

It proved to be most successful with over thirty black bags of all sorts of rubbish from almost every corner of the Parish!  
Damerham Parish Council

## The Great Little Plant Sale

For the fifth year running, the Great Little Plant Sale will be held in **Damerham Village Hall**, on **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**, from **10.00 am – 12.30 pm**. As usual, we will be selling lots of plants, including some unusual ones, at very reasonable prices.

Most of our plants are perennials, but we will also have a limited range of bedding and vegetable plants. Do pay us a visit, browse with a cup of coffee in hand, and hopefully go home as a satisfied customer!

This year, there will be an experiment! Every gardener knows that most seed packets contain more seed than they need. So, bring your half empty packets to the Great Little Plant Sale, and swap them for something different.

This will only work if enough people bring their surplus seeds, so it's up to you. There'll just be a donation box on the table, and you can swap whatever you want!

**The Great Little Plant Company**  
**(Carolyn Andrews and Robin Robbins!)**

## Village Events Diary

<u><b>May</b></u>	
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stone Donkey Pilots for "TUFF" Damerham Village Hall from 7.30 p.m.
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Damerham Flower Group Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tea & Chat Damerham Village Hall 2.15 p.m.
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup>	Great Little Plant Sale Damerham Village Hall 10.00 – 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kerbside Glass Collection Early! From 7.00 a.m.
Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup>	FunQuest Annual General Meeting Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 17 <sup>th</sup>	DDHS Plant Sale Garrett's Farmhouse, Martin From 2.00 p.m.
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup>	Village Assembly & Parish Council Meeting Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 24 <sup>th</sup>	"Poppies Red Cornflowers Blue" Aldersholt Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

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