

# THE PARISH PUMP

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DECEMBER 2014



**A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year to All  
Damerham Residents from  
Damerham Parish Council**

## **DAMERHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**DECEMBER 4th (THURSDAY)  
DAMERHAM VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM  
"Gardeners' Questions"**

If you have a question you would like to ask the panel, please let Nick Lock have it by Thursday, 27th November.



### **Mini Bounce Session**

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**9.30 a.m. - 11.45 a.m., Damerham Village Hall.**

For babies to school age children  
- parents, grand-parents and carers.

We are pleased to announce that we will also be hosting a lovely table top sale of all local goods just in time for Christmas.

A good opportunity to grab some great Christmas gifts.

Already confirmed; Little Red Boots; Willow House Vintage; Parkside Produce; Neal's Yard (by Jo Kear); Phoenix Cards.

For more info please like our Facebook page  
or phone 07876 535 270.

## **DAMERHAM FLOWER GROUP**

*"Christmas Flower Demonstration"*

In Damerham Village Hall

By DAVID MARTIN

Chelsea Flower Show Medal Winner

**On Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7-30 p.m. (doors open 6-30)**

**Members £5**

**Visitors £10**

**(Including light refreshments and wine)**

## **DECEMBER KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTIONS**

The December Glass Collection will be from **7.00 a.m.** on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Please make sure your "Bottle Box" is out in good time!

## **COFFEE POT**

The last Coffee Pot before Christmas is on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December and coffee on that day will be FREE to all comers! We open again on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

## **COMPUTER LESSONS**

Tea & Chat has arranged a starter session on computers, to be run by a tutor from Brockenhurst College, at the Avonway Community Centre, Fordingbridge. This is for complete beginners, whether or not they have a computer already.

We have been over-subscribed from Tea & Chat members, and have had to book a second session, on which there are currently **three places left** for anyone who is interested.

The date offered is Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, either from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon or 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

The cost will be £9.00. If you are interested – first come, first served – please ring Robin Robbins on 01725 518861

## **FIREWORKS!!!!**

Fireworks night was such a great success – with such a big turn-out, thank goodness for the fine weather!

Many thanks for everyone's help and support on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> November – what a great team effort.

After all costs, the event cleared £880 – £500 will go to the SportsField, the £280 raised by the Cake & Lemonade Stand will go to Great Ormond Street Hospital and £100 has been given to St. George's Church.

Once again – Thanks!

Rob Shepherd



## **The Compasses Inn December goes on ....**

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December:** celebrating our first year - Lee, Simon & the Team will have live music from 'The Baker Brothers' at 9.00 pm

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> December**, we will have live music from the 'Alex Robert's Trio' at 8.30/9.00 pm

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** - at 6.00 pm there will be a candlelit procession from St. George's church to the pub with Christmas Carols & Popular Hymns.

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** – A fun evening with the 'Hyde Band' and Christmas Carols at 8.00 pm

**Our Opening Hours: Christmas/New Year will be: -**

**Christmas Eve: Open All Day:**

**Food: 12.00 – 3.00 pm & 6.00 – 9.00 pm**

**Christmas Day: 12.00 to 3.00 pm - Drinks Only!**

**Boxing Day: Open All Day: Food 12.00-3.00 pm Only!**

**New Years Eve: Special - Watch the A-Boards!**

**New Year's Day: Open All Day:**

**Food 12.00 – 3.00 pm & 6.00 – 9.00 pm**

**For more information: please ring us on 01725 518231**

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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## Damerham Village Hall Committee

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

## CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

on Saturday 13th December 2014

between 12 & 3pm

Enjoy mulled wine & nibbles

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
THE VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS WILL BE ON SHOW AS ALWAYS  
AND THIS YEAR THE 'TEA AND CHAT' PHOTO'S/SCRAPBOOK TOO!



Free admission



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

## Fordingbridge Country Market

Every Friday - at Avonway Community Centre, Fordingbridge  
From 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

You will find Home Made Produce – including Cakes, Pastries, Savoury Pies, Jams, Marmalades & Chutneys – together with Plants & Flowers, Seasonal Vegetables and lots of Craft Items for unusual Christmas or birthday presents.

Christmas Cakes will be on sale, but to guarantee that you get what you want, please ring 01725 518350 to place your order.

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Country Market will be taking part in the Fordingbridge Late Night Shopping – and for that evening only, the Market will be held in the Salvation Army Hall in Roundhill between 6.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Cathy Godber



## Carols, Candlelight, Christingle, Christmas.

St. George's invites you to share in a very special Christmas.

Look for further details of the benefice Christmas Services in the Christmas card that will drop through your door with The Pump.

The Carol service on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December will start with carols in the church at 6.00 pm, followed by a candle-lit walk to The Compasses, where we will continue singing popular carols.

We do hope that you can join us.

Happy Christmas from all at St. George's and many thanks to everyone who has supported us over this past year.

The Rev'd Les Player – Rector

## Rubbish Collections over Christmas/New Year

Every household should have received a brightly coloured card from NFDC advising of the special arrangements for rubbish collections over the Christmas/New Year period.

If you cannot find the card, please note that the information regarding dates is printed on the black rubbish sacks!

If you have any queries, please ring New Forest District Council - Customer Services on 023 8028 5000

## The Gate Magazine

If you don't already subscribe to The Gate Magazine and you would like to – please ring Ros Jones on 01725 518437.

The Gate carries news of forthcoming events in Fordingbridge and surrounding villages, including Damerham; together with reports from local societies; information about local companies and tradesmen; church service times; free "for sale" and "wanted" advertisements from readers; and personal messages.

Damerham has at least two regular and illustrious contributors: Paul with his nature and weather notes and Tom, famous for his lucid reports and excruciating jokes!

Could you join them? Have you a passion or a poem you would like to publish? Or would you just like to read the magazine! The Gate costs less than 50p a copy and is delivered once a month. Rosamund Jones

## HELP NEEDED!

**CAN YOU SPARE APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS EVERY 3 MONTHS OR SO, TO HELP WITH KEEPING OUR LOVELY OLD ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH CLEAN.**

**WE WORK IN PAIRS, GENERALLY CLEANING ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE,**

**PLEASE RING KATIE TILLER ON 01425 652506.**

## Village Events Diary

### November

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Christmas Local Market  
Damerham Village Hall 10.00 a.m. – 12.30p.m

### December

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fluffy Chicks Mini-Bounce Session!  
Damerham Village Hall 9.30 – 11.45a.m.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society "Question Time"  
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> Flower Group Christmas Demonstration  
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Village Get-Together  
Damerham Village Hall 12.00 – 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Carols  
Damerham Village Hall 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> Carol Service - St. George's Church & candlelit walk to The Compasses Inn 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Kerbside Glass Collection From 7.00 a.m.

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