

# THE PARISH PUMP

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SEPTEMBER 2015

## Damerham & District Horticultural Society

The next event of the Horticultural Society is on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Edmondsham House with Head Gardener, Andrew Haynes.

Andrew will be doing a workshop on “**Gardening in a changing climate**” with some hints and tips on pruning and taking cuttings.

You can arrive early to enjoy a stroll around the six acre walled garden before hand, and bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful garden which will be full of autumn colour.

The cost is £5.00 per person. It is open to members of the Society and non members. Contact: - Carolyn Andrews - 01725 518802

### **DAMERHAM FLOWER GROUP**

The next meeting is on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September in Damerham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Philip Holley

“Tropical Treasures – Part 2”

Visitors are welcome

The Flower Group AGM will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

### For your Coffee Pot Diary.....

On **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, The Coffee Pot will be taking part in the **MacMillan Nurses Coffee Morning**. Last year – our first venture – we raised over £400 in aid of MacMillan, and although we are unable to hold the event at the weekend this time, we are still hoping for a loyal turnout!

We will start a little earlier than our usual time at **10.00 a.m. and close at 12.00 noon**. There'll be coffee and cakes, a raffle, a competition or two, and perhaps some games to try. Please help us to raise some money for this very worthwhile cause.

#### **Donations this month.**

This month we were able to make donations to the British Heart Foundation and to the Fordingbridge branch of the Alzheimer's Society, nominated by volunteers Paul Toynton and Chris Bryant.

### **Fordingbridge Friends of Cancer Research UK**

#### **Autumn Fair**

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.**

**Damerham Village Hall**

**Entry £3.00**

**For more information, please contact**  
**[cruckfordingbridgefriends@yahoo.com](mailto:cruckfordingbridgefriends@yahoo.com)**

### **KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTIONS**

**There are to be two Kerbside Glass Collections in September -- and these will be from 7.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September and again at 7.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure your “Bottle Box” is out in good time!**

## **FOR THOSE WHO TRAVEL TO/FROM BOURNEMOUTH & CHRISTCHURCH -TAKE NOTE!**

### **Dorset CC Highways have released details of the re-building of the A338 Spur Road.**

WITH just a few weeks to go before a £22m project to rebuild the A338 Spur Road gets underway, more details about the necessary traffic restrictions have been revealed by Dorset CC.

Dorset Highways has confirmed that the work, which will start on **September 6<sup>th</sup>**, will begin with two weeks of removing vegetation, installing traffic management, speed cameras and CCTV and re-surfacing around Blackwater. There will be day time and night lane closures on both carriage-ways during this fortnight and also some overnight closures.

The reconstruction will be in four phases:

- 1. From September 21<sup>st</sup> until Christmas**, the southbound carriage-way will be reconstructed between Blackwater Junction and the QinetiQ access, with a 40mph contra-flow on the northbound carriageway.
- 2. In the New Year**, work will move to the northern end of the scheme, with the reconstruction of the remaining one mile stretch of the southern carriage-way between Ashley Heath Roundabout and the QinetiQ entrance.
- 3. Later on**, work will then swap to the northbound carriage-way and all traffic will be switched over to the newly-built southern carriage-way.
- 4. From March to the end of May**, the northbound carriage-way will be reconstructed with the contra-flow traffic on the newly-built southbound side.

Throughout the work there may be times where additional overnight closures are required for surfacing work and to re-arrange traffic management. Dorset County Council is urging motorists to start thinking now about whether they can make changes to their driving habits while the project is underway.

**The Spur Road will be open in both directions throughout the rebuild but with traffic down to one lane in each direction journeys are likely to take longer at peak times. Motorists could use the train, car share or travel outside of peak times during the rebuild.**

The Spur Road, which was opened in 1969, is showing its age and its foundations are failing, meaning that it needs to be totally rebuilt rather than resurfaced.

This project affects the stretch between Ashley Heath roundabout and Blackwater Junction and will also see the installation of a new concrete central safety barrier. The carriage-way width will be brought up to current standards, a 1 metre hard strip will give extra space for cars to move over for emergency vehicles or in case of breakdowns and the road's drainage will be improved.

**For further information, contact :** Dorset County Council, Environmental Services, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ Highways Information Officer Telephone: **01305 225129**

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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## Village Hall Jumble Sale

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 p.m. start.**

Items can be left at the Village Hall  
from 10.00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Lots of bargains! Why not have a clearout before the Autumn

**St. George's Church Harvest Supper**  
at **The Compasses Inn, Damerham**  
on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October**  
at **6.30 for 7.00 p.m.**

There will be a talk by **Malcolm Connelly**,  
Mayor of Fordingbridge –

*“Fordingbridge Past, Present and Future”*

For Tickets @ **£15.00** - please ring **01725 518417**

Raising Funds for St. George's Church Annual Maintenance Fund

## “MAN'S BEST FRIEND”

An Illustrated Talk on the  
Charitable Work of Worldwide Veterinary Service  
**Damerham Village Hall**

**FRIDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 7:00 P.M. FOR 7:30 P.M.**

Glass of Wine, Nibbles & Raffle

Tickets: **£10 from:** - Damerham Garage, Caxton Decor,  
The Fordingbridge Book Shop or Telephone **01725 518431**

In aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

## VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY

### September

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup>** *Kerbside Glass Collection* *From 7.00 a.m.*

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>** *“Jumble Sale”*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *2.00 p.m.*

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup>** *Damerham & District Horticultural Society*  
*Visit Edmondsham Gardens 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.*

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>** *Damerham Parish Council Meeting*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *7.30 p.m.*

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>** *Damerham Flower Club*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *7.30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>** *MacMillan Coffee Morning at “The Coffee Pot”*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *10.00 a.m. to Noon*

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>** *Kerbside Glass Collection* *From 7.00 a.m.*

### October

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup>** *St. George's Church Harvest Supper*  
*The Compasses Inn* *6.30 p.m. for 7.00p.m.*

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>** *Cancer Research Autumn Fair*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.*

**Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>** *Hearing Dogs for the Deaf*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *6.30 p.m.*

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>** *Damerham Flower Club AGM*  
*Damerham Village Hall* *7.30 p.m.*

**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup>** *Damerham Village Fair AGM*  
*Village Hall Committee Room* *7.30 p.m..*

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup>** *Kerbside Glass Collection* *From 7.00 a.m.*

## DAMERHAM VILLAGE FAIR

The AGM of the Damerham Village Fair Management Committee will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Please come along and hear which charities and other local organisations are to benefit from the Fair.

This year's Fair was a great success – have a look at the web-site [www.damerhamfair.net](http://www.damerhamfair.net) and see some of the many photos that were taken on the day - plus the video of the first race eliminator for the Damerham Derby!

We are looking for more people to come forward and get involved in helping to organise the event – is it you?

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN**



**The Electoral Registration System is changing this summer.**

A new, more secure, system of Individual Electoral Registration is being introduced to replace the old system where the “head of household” registered everyone living in a property. Now, each individual will be responsible for registering themselves.

Many New Forest District residents will automatically move onto the new electoral register. However, some will need to take action to join or remain on it, which they will now also be able to do for the first time by registering quickly and easily online.

New Forest District Council's Electoral Registration Officer, Dave Yates said: - “New Forest District residents will receive a letter towards the end of July 2014 that will tell you if you have been automatically transferred to the new register or not.

If you have not been transferred, you will need to provide some additional information and the letter will tell you exactly what you need to do.”

Samantha Mills, Head of Campaigns at the Electoral Commission, said: - “This summer the Electoral Commission will launch a major advertising campaign that will raise awareness of the change to Individual Electoral Registration.

We welcome this change, which will lead to a more secure register and replace the outdated Victorian concept that a single ‘head of household’ is responsible for registering everyone.”

For more information: visit [www.gov.uk/yourvotematters](http://www.gov.uk/yourvotematters)

**If you did not receive the letter, please contact New Forest District Council Elections Team by phone on 023 8028 5445 or by e-mail at [electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk)**

## Fluffy Chicks Baby & Toddler Group

Next Session

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.  
in Damerham Village Hall

Looking forward to seeing you all

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