

THE PARISH PUMP

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Tea and Chat.

We shall be holding an Antiques Valuation afternoon, run by Amy Brennan, from Duke's Auctions, on **Wednesday, 7th October**, starting at **2.15 p.m.** at the Village Hall.

This is our usual Tea and Chat time, but we would be delighted to welcome any villagers who would like to bring their own treasures for assessment. Non -Tea and Chat members will be charged just £1.00 for admission, including refreshments.

If you would like any further information – or just to let us know to expect you, please ring Robin Robbins on 01725 518 861.

St. George's Church Harvest Supper

The Compasses Inn, Damerham

Wednesday, 7th October

6.30 for 7.00 p.m.

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

"Fordingbridge Past, Present and Future"

Just a few Tickets left - @ £15.00 - please ring 01725 518417

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

Fordingbridge Friends of Cancer Research UK

Autumn Fair

Friday, 9th October 2015

9.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

Damerham Village Hall

Entry £3.00 – (Free if you have the flyer!)

**For more information, please contact
crukfordingbridgefriends@yahoo.com**

"MAN'S BEST FRIEND"

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

Damerham Village Hall

FRIDAY, 16th 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

KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTIONS

**The October Kerbside Glass Collections will be on
Tuesday, 27th October. Please make sure your
"Bottle Box" is out in good time!**



ATTENTION ALL VILLAGERS!

Plans are afoot for a thoroughly Damerham celebration of the Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday in June next year.

The probable date is Saturday, 11th June with: -

- A Family Party on the Sports Field in the afternoon with races, games and a Tug-of-War.
- Damerham's Got Talent in the Hall in the evening (absolutely no judging!)
- Lighting of the beacon in the evening.

To carry out these plans we need your help - particularly organisers for the various parts of the day and performers for the evening extravaganza.

We need a reasonable number of talented people to come forward to make the evening event worthwhile - but your talent may be musical - comedy - serious - anything that will entertain others and last about 10 minutes.

Friends and relatives of villagers are welcome and those who live nearby.

If we have too much duplication, then we will hold auditions - so we do need you to volunteer within the next few weeks by speaking to Sue Sykes (01725 518635 clerk@damerham.net) or Cathy Godber (01725 518350 cathy-godber@tiscali.co.uk).

Talent Scouts will also be on the lookout if there are too few volunteers!

If you would rather die than stand on a stage, then perhaps your talent is in organisation – again, we should love to hear from you.

**We hope this will be a really inclusive village event
- so please Step Up!!**

DAMERHAM FLOWER GROUP

The Annual General Meeting is on Monday, 19th October
in Damerham Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome

St. George's Church Jumble Sale

in Damerham Village Hall

on Saturday, 24th October at 2.00 p.m.

You can leave items at the Village Hall
from 10.00 a.m. on the day of the sale

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 Fair

The results of the 2015 Village Fair will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held in Damerham Village Hall on Monday, 19th October at 7.30 p.m.

Once again, the Committee are able to release exciting figures for the extremely successful Fair held on Saturday, 25th July; with over £7,000 being distributed to local and national charities and other organisations!

We are so dependent on the number of volunteers who come forward to help – not just on the day, but in the run up to the last Saturday in July!

We are always looking for new people – they bring new ideas and suggestions. Typical of this was the concept of the running of the Damerham Derby, initially suggested by Penny Relph to Jan Gilbey, after seeing the film “Tortoise in Love” - and what a success that proved to be!

If anyone would like to be part of the organisation for the 2016 Fair, come along to the AGM and find out how you can help.

“Leave nothing but footprints!”

New Forest District Council, along with the National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission, is reminding residents and visitors to the New Forest to enjoy the area and not to harm it with litter.

A series of posters will appear across the Forest, plus social media will be used, to spread the anti-litter message and stickers will be put on litter bins - asking people to use a bin or take their litter away. That is “Leave nothing but footprints”.

Note: The estimated clean-up cost of litter removal on the Forest is over £250,000 per year!

“Neighbourhood Watch”

It has been suggested to the Parish Council that it would be a good idea if the Neighbourhood Watch scheme could be re-started in the village.

If you would like to be part of it, or even if you would like to be the co-ordinator, will you please make contact with Phil Tandy on 01725 518802 or Sue Sykes on 01725 518635

“Lock up your Sheds and Garages!”

Safer New Forest Partnership would like you to take note –

“Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their home and it’s contents, but will happily leave valuable garden tools in an unsecure shed or outbuilding, which is either unlocked or so old and run-down as to prove no obstacle to thieves.

An effective deterrent is a shed that has a sound structure, and has the doors and windows that are well secured.

Security lighting, chaining tools together, and locking bikes, are also effective and simple steps to take.”

More advice or information about the Safer New Forest Partnership can be found on Twitter @safernewforest or on their web-site at safer.newforest.gov.uk



Fluffy Chicks is going weekly!! EVERY TUESDAY from 9.30 to 11.45 a.m.

We have a large hall and outside area, with a protected area for “newbies” and a large area for the bigger ones to play in, with lots of toys and a craft area.

Sessions in Damerham Village Hall are every Tuesday from 9.30 to 11.45 a.m. with a healthy snack for the little ones and a hot drink and biscuits for the adults.

£2.75 for the first child and £1.00 for other siblings.

The 1st week of every month is “Mini Bounce!”

All are most welcome and we would love to see some other members of the family too - so bring your Granny’s, Granddad’s and friends too!

Looking forward to seeing you all!!

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday, 15th October at 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. in Damerham Village Hall.

Preceded by drinks and nibbles.

Followed by **“Gardens for all Seasons”**.

A talk by Sara Gruzelier.

NOTE: - Patients of Fordingbridge Surgery are eligible for a free flu vaccination if you are either - aged 65 and over, or aged 64 and under and in one of the “at risk” groups.

For Appointments for Saturday, 10th October, Please telephone the Surgery on - 01425 653430

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY

October

Wednesday, 7 th	St. George’s Church Harvest Supper The Compasses Inn	6.30 p.m. for 7.00p.m.
Wednesday, 7 th	Tea & Chat - Antique Valuations - Damerham Village Hall	2.15 p.m.
Friday, 9 th	Cancer Research “Autumn Fair” Damerham Village Hall	9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Thursday, 15 th	AGM Damerham & District Horticultural Soc. Damerham Village Hall	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 16 th	Talk in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Damerham Village Hall	6.30 p.m.
Monday, 19 th	Damerham Flower Club AGM Damerham Village Hall	7.30 p.m.
Monday, 19 th	Damerham Village Fair AGM Village Hall Committee Room	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 24 th	St. George’s Church Jumble Sale Damerham Village Hall	2.00 p.m.

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