

THE PARISH PUMP

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MAY 2016

QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

To be held on Saturday 11th June

(Torrential downpour fall-back Sunday 12th)



GRAND TUG-OF-WAR 11.30 a.m.

Gather at 11.00 a.m. on the Village Sports Field

Teams registering NOW! and more teams are needed

- talk to Rob Shepherd or ring Sue Sykes on 01725 518635

Immediately followed by

VILLAGE FIELD PARTY 12.30 – 3.30 p.m.

Bring your own picnic and a blanket, or

Buy lunch from the Barbecue run by The Compasses Inn.

Ice-creams and drinks also on sale.

Lots going on for both young & old including

Skittles, Coco-nut Shy and Water Pitch & Putt.

- with Children's Games, Races & Face Painting +

Scott Servantes, Magician & The Hyde Training Band.

Commemorative coins for all children

and young people on the Field.

And it's FREE to all residents of Damerham!

Please leave the car at home if you can.

And in the evening at 7.30 p.m.

Damerham's Loyal Variety Show



We urgently still need to appoint a Stage Manager, so please come forward if you have any experience.

We now have a live Facebook page & Website where you can buy tickets: www.facebook.com/damerhamvarietyshow

Thank you so much to those who have kindly sponsored us to date. More sponsors though are eagerly sought, however much or little you are able to donate. These events are costly to stage, so if you would be able to help us, this would be excellent & gratefully received.

Tickets will go on sale officially in May. To order see above, or contact Pam Lay by telephone on 01725 518034

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

The Martin Plant Sale

on Saturday, 21 May from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

at Damers Cottage, Martin.

As well as lots of lovely locally grown plants to buy, there will be a Tombola, Raffle, Garden Jumble, a Cake Stall and Teas.

Donations of plants (suitably labelled) would be much appreciated on the morning of the sale at Damers Cottage.

7th ANNIVERSARY GREAT LITTLE PLANT SALE

(In aid of Fordingbridge First Responders)



DAMERHAM VILLAGE HALL

on Sunday, 1st May 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Plants, Seed Swap, Pots, Refreshments.

It's hard to believe that this year marks the 7th Great Little Plant Sale at Damerham Village Hall. This time, the Plant Sale is in aid of Fordingbridge First Responders, to whom a number of people in our village owe particular gratitude.

Do support us by making your garden much more productive and beautiful! It's a win/win situation – the proceeds from the sale go to a much-valued local charity – and you can take home a range of perennial and annual flowers and some vegetable plants.

They are all cared for within the village, so we know they like our conditions and are sold at prices lower than at Garden Centres.

Come and buy lots; bring along your surplus seeds for the seed swap; and enjoy tea or coffee with your friends!

The Coffee Pot!

This month, the Coffee Pot was able to send a cheque to the RNLI, nominated to receive some of our profits by Jean Biddle.

Thank you to everyone who contributes by coming to enjoy refreshments and a chat on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am.

And of course, to our wonderful volunteers without whom the Coffee Pot could not exist!
Robin Robbins

LIFE SAVING OPPORTUNITY

In response to the interest shown by a number of people at the Village Meeting in February, Andy Carr from First Responders in Fordingbridge, is offering training sessions in CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), designed to equip ordinary citizens with no medical training how to respond in an emergency and to save a life.

This will be in Damerham Village Hall on Thursday, 12th May from 7.00 p. m. and will be in small groups.

If you have not already done so, this would also be a chance to see where the defibrillator is installed.

To book your place you need to e-mail Sue Sykes, the Parish Clerk, as soon as you can at clerk@damerham.net



Baby & Toddler Group

9.30-11.45 a.m. Every Tuesday at Damerham Village Hall

First Tuesday of every month is "Mini Bounce"

£2.75 per session for the first child £1 if that child is under 1. £1 for additional siblings.

For more information please see our Facebook page.

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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THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

To be held on **MONDAY, 9th MAY at 7.30 p.m.** in the Committee Room at **Damerham Village Hall.**

This is a meeting for all electors of the Parish and will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council to which residents of the Parish are welcome to stay as observers.

As always the Council meeting will begin with an opportunity for any elector to speak on a matter of concern to them and which they feel is relevant to the Parish Council.

Elections! Election! Elections!

Thursday, May 5th 2016 is the date of the election for a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Hampshire police area. The Polling Station will be in Damerham Village Hall and the voting hours are from 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.

If you wish to vote in the election and have not received a polling card the Helpline number is 023 8028 5133 or by E-mail: electoralservices@nfdc.gov.uk

On May 9th at the Parish Council meeting councillors will elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the Damerham Parish Council from amongst their number.

They will also appoint a Footpaths Officer, a Water Courses Officer, a Councillor in charge of Highways and a Councillor to be Police Liaison representative.

Also on May 9th or shortly afterwards, notice of two vacancies for councillors on the Damerham Parish Council will be posted on the Council Notice Board by the bus shelter opposite Crossways Farm.

Full details of this procedure will be explained at the Parish Council meeting.

Damerham Cricket Club

Despite the best efforts of the dreadful weather, by the time you read this cricket should once again be happening regularly on the Damerham Sports Field.

Perhaps because of the dreadful weather, the club was awarded a substantial grant from the ECB (through sponsors - NatWest and Waitrose) and now benefits from professional covers for the wicket.

We play Saturday League cricket in Hampshire Regional Division One, Wednesday evenings in Wimborne and District Division Two and occasional Sunday "friendlies".

It's a friendly club, always happy to welcome new players, umpires, scorers and supporters.

We'd also be delighted to welcome anyone willing and able to help our overworked and much appreciated grounds man Derek with the upkeep of the Sports Field.

So if you're at all interested in getting involved, have a look around www.damerhamcc.com and get in touch – or just drop in and say hi.
Si White

KERBSIDE GLASS COLLECTIONS

**The May Kerbside Glass Collection will be on
Tuesday, 10th May from 7.00 a.m.**

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

The Grand Damerham Duck Race

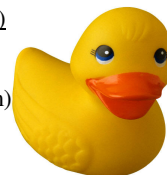
Results 2016



1 st Duck -	24 – Elaine Woolley (Coombe Bissett)
2 nd Duck -	167 – Lincoln Taylor (Damerham)
3 rd Duck -	1103 – Mary Walden
4 th Duck -	748 – Trevor King (Damerham)
Last Duck -	616 – Robin Jerrard (Damerham)
'Wild Duck' -	252 – Gillian Benfield (Damerham)

EXTRA LARGE DUCK RACE

1 st Duck -	10- Ellie Smith-Burton (Damerham)
2 nd Duck -	24 – Stephen Yeo (Swindon)
3 rd Duck -	89 – Mike Price



The organisers would like to thank **EVERYONE** for their wonderful support, but especially to David and Peter Bryant for allowing us to use the river and their help in the meadow, clearing the river, Eddie & Robin Robbins for invaluable help with the Mini Fair headed by Sue Huzzey and to their wonderful helpers.

We would also like to thank Barry & Carol Vincent for the Fair Prizes, Derek Hall for the Ticket Sorting, The Compasses Inn & the Rackham Family.

We also thank The Bear Inn (Wilton) for their donation from the Bar profits and The Bear "friends" for manning the BBQ & Bar.

Special thanks too for the donations of cakes etc., and to the very hard working Tea Ladies, Duck & Raffle Ticket Sellers & the Stacey Family for selling the toy/novelty and to the Duck Sorters, St. John Ambulance, the River & Finish Stewards (and anyone else we have forgotten!)

& to our Sponsors: Strutt & Parker - WE THANK YOU!

Despite dreadful weather, a handsome profit was still achieved and the Village Hall Committee is very grateful to everyone who came to support us and made the afternoon such a great success.

Approximately £2,500 was made which will help towards our maintaining and improving facilities at the Village Hall, including this year - the exterior redecoration.

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY

May

*Sunday, 1st Great Little Plant Sale
Damerham Village Hall 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.*

*Thursday, 5th Election for Police & Crime Commissioner
Damerham Village Hall 7.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.*

*Monday, 9th Parish Council Annual Parish Assembly -
followed by Parish Council Meeting
Damerham Village Hall 7.30 p.m.*

Tuesday, 10th Kerbside Glass Collection from 7.00 a.m.

*Thursday, 12th CPR Training Courses
Damerham Village Hall 7.00 p.m.*

*Saturday, 21st Damerham & District Horticultural Soc.
Plant Sale – Damers Cottage, Martin 2.00 p.m.*

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