

# THE PARISH PUMP

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OCTOBER 2016



## The Coffee Pot MacMillan Nurses' Coffee Morning

Wednesday 28th September  
10.30 until noon

Up and down the country, over just a couple of days, lots of people will be sitting down to coffee, buying raffle tickets, guessing the number of currants in the cake, and getting involved in loads of other cake and coffee-related activities.

Please come along to support the MacMillan nurses. Admission is by donation, and we are hoping to be over-whelmed by numbers!

Can you help in a different way? We will need rather a lot of cake, and if you can make us one, we'll be more than grateful. We are hoping to have items to sell too. One of our lovely volunteers is already making us chutneys and jams – but might you have other suitable items for us to sell – such as bric-a-brac, plants, or excess garden produce? If you can help, please bring your gifts to the Village Hall on the day. Contact Robin on 518861

Thank you everyone in advance for your support.

### Hard to believe....

**The Coffee Pot is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5th October!**

Coffee will be **free for all villagers** on that day, so please do come and help us celebrate, especially if you have never popped in for a coffee before!

The Coffee Pot is open from 10.30am – 12 noon.

## HAND MADE & MORE

A SALE TO RAISE FUNDS

for

St George's Church, Damerham

And



Thursday 29th September 2016

11am - 8pm

Parsons Meadow, High Street,  
Damerham, SP6 3EU

*All proceeds from refreshments will go to the funds*

**Do come and join us - feel free to bring a friend!**

*Further details Tiggy Underhill 01725 514655*

### **News to share?**

The Parish Pump is a monthly newsletter for Damerham residents publicising events in the village and providing useful information. If you have anything you wish to include please contact the editor - Maria Langdown by email - [m4lang@hotmail.com](mailto:m4lang@hotmail.com)

The submission deadline for the October edition is

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

## BUMPER JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2.00pm  
Damerham Village Hall



Lots of Bargains, Books, Bric-a-brac, Refreshments, Raffle  
**Entrance 20p, accompanied children free**

Donations of jumble gratefully received at the hall from 10.00am.

**No large items of any kind please**

*All proceeds to St Georges Church, Damerham*

## Damerham Village Fair AGM

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall

Everyone welcome to attend

At the recently held wash-up meeting the final outcome for the 2016 fair was confirmed as over **£5,500** which will shortly be distributed to local charities and organisations. Further details and the full results will be announced at the AGM.

The Fair organising group would like to thank all those that were involved in making it yet another successful year for our fair.

We are so dependent on the number of volunteers that help to organise and run a successful show like ours that we need more to come forward. We also need ideas for future Fairs and most importantly a **new Secretary** as after many years of service, Jan and Bob Gilbey will be leaving the organising group.

If you are able to spare some time to help or have any ideas, please come along to the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Damerham & District Horticultural Society AGM

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
Damerham Village Hall

Afterwards there will be refreshments, followed by a talk

**'Sweet Peas for exhibition and pleasure'**  
by Jim McDonald

**[www.ddhs.co.uk](http://www.ddhs.co.uk)**

## Kerbside Glass Collections

This month's Kerbside Glass Collection is on

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00 a.m.**

Make sure your bottle box is out in good time!

A leaflet providing more information on the village is available for new residents. 'Welcome to Damerham' can be downloaded from [www.damerham.net](http://www.damerham.net) or contact David Crane on 518790, the Parish Clerk, Sue Sykes on 518635, or any member of the Parish Council.

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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council meets bi-monthly in May, July, September, November, January and March. When necessary it also meets to consider its response to current applications for planning permission within the parish. These additional meetings are always posted on the Parish Notice Board a week in advance of the meeting and any resident with an interest in this planning application is welcome to attend and will be given an opportunity to state their views.

Meetings are always held in the Committee Room in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The date of the next meeting is always at the end of any meeting's minutes and on the agenda – which will be posted on the village web site. Meetings are open to the public and the Council welcomes your interest in its proceedings.

PLEASE NOTE that the parish councillors have recently voted to change the dates of these meetings and, in future, they will be held on the **fourth Monday** of alternate months and not on the second Monday as was previously the case. Dates of the next four meetings are:

- **Monday 28th November 2016**
- **Monday 23rd January 2017**
- **Monday 27th March 2017**
- **Monday 22nd May** – Annual Parish Meeting followed by a Parish Council meeting.

### VODAPHONE PROBLEMS

There are on-going problems with the Vodaphone reception in the village and action is being taken to try to address the situation. In the meantime here is some advice for Vodaphone customers in the village.

If you have a problem with your reception, you can complain by:

- Calling 191 from your Vodaphone mobile
- Using the Vodaphone web form on the dedicated Vodaphone thread

If you get nowhere, open a case with the free complaints tool Resolver. This will escalate the complaint up the various levels of management in Vodaphone and to the Ombudsman service.

Vodaphone are not advertising the fact, but they opened a new **compensation scheme** for customers from 29<sup>th</sup> August this year. But you need to complain and be persistent!

Vodaphone supply a Booster Box for £60 plus VAT which plugs into a 13 amp socket and works well, producing 5 bars inside and outside in the village. If you are really persistent with complaints you could get one free. Hope all this helps.  
David Crane.

## **DAMERHAM FIREWORKS**

**Saturday, 5th November**

On the Sportsfield

Bonfire and Hog Roast

Gates open at 6pm



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## **The Compasses Inn presents**

The launch of our new Autumn menu for both lunch and dinner, including lovely homemade dishes.  
Come in and give us a try.

### **Live Music**

Dam Jam hosted by **Same Beat**,  
Thursday 29th September 8.30pm

### **The Travelling Talesman,**

Wednesday 12th October 7.30pm

Dam Jam hosted by **Chris and Dam Jam band**,  
Friday 28th October 8.30pm

### **Christmas and New Year**

Our Christmas party and Christmas Day menus are available and we are taking bookings now.

On New Year's Eve we present **The Big Little Band**  
Buffet style dinner, 1940's fancy dress. Tickets  
£15.00 per person in advance, £20.00 on the door

[www.compassesinndamerham.co.uk](http://www.compassesinndamerham.co.uk)

**01725 518231**

## **Damerham Cricket Club**

All in all the 2016 season for went pretty well. Following an ECB grant, secured chiefly by the hard work and perseverance of Iain Giles, the club gained professional covers for the first time in its 180 year history. They have already made a tremendous difference, especially in the early season, and got us out playing when many other sides could not.

On a sadder note, our groundsman Derek, who for so many years has done such sterling work on the field (winning Hampshire ground of the year not so long ago) has been unwell; I'm sure the whole village will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery. This has meant the work on the field has been done – inexpertly and usually after work – by a handful of the players who have muddled through, and produced some 'interesting' pitches.

Our ambition this year was not to find ourselves in yet another late season relegation battle. This we managed comfortably, and touched the giddy heights of fifth in early August. We ended the 2016 season **eighth in Hampshire Regional One West** - the highest we've ever finished.

Next season we are losing a few key players due to folk moving or working away, and as ever we welcome any newcomers. Also of course, anyone willing to help with the upkeep of the field at any time of year, but especially in the spring and summer, would be very warmly welcomed indeed.

Si White

## **VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY - OCTOBER 2016**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Pot anniversary Village Hall	10.30am to 12.00
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jumble Sale Village hall	2.00pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Village Fair AGM Village Hall	7.30pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kerbside Glass Collection	from 7.00am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Hort Soc AGM Village Hall	7.30pm