

THE PARISH PUMP

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FEBRUARY 2017



St George's Church Damerham Snowdrop Weekend



Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th
February

12 noon until 4pm

Home-made Refreshments, Bric-a-Brac,
Jams & Marmalades and other stalls

Come and see the wonderful display of snowdrops in the
ancient churchyard and visit the grade 1 listed church.

We look forward to seeing you.

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

THURSDAY 23rd February
Damerham VILLAGE HALL, 7.30PM

'The history of Daffodils'
A talk by Gwynne Davis

Refreshments
Non-members welcome - £3.00
www.ddhs.co.uk



Tea & Chat

The start of a New Year, and we had a lovely meeting,
catching up with news. We welcomed Cherry and Jo who
came to see if they would like to join us. Jo's dog Milly was
also welcomed, and much appreciated!

On **1st February**, Donna, from Greenbank Farmhouse is
coming to explain how she makes her wonderful paintings
on old slate roof tiles – they even have ready-made holes in
them for hanging!

If there is time, there might be a chance to have a go! There
are, after all, lots of broken bits of tile in most gardens, and
now and then, a whole one!!

Damerham Village Fair

This year's fair is on Saturday 29th July. Following the
recent meeting of the organising group we are in need
of more volunteers on the day to help run stalls and
man gates etc.

Support is vital in making the Fair the success it is,
enabling us to provide necessary income to our local
organisations that are of benefit of the village.

The BBQ is a popular and important part of the Fair as
it brings in substantial income, and we need someone
to coordinate it on the day.

If you would like to be involved please contact Phil
Tandy, Chairman, 01725 518802 or 07891 7807088.

www.damerhamfair.co.uk

The Compasses Inn presents...

Valentine's menu ♥♥

Available on Tuesday 14th and
Saturday 18th February

Please book in advance to avoid disappointment

Dam Jam

Thursday 23rd February

Live music starting at 8.30pm 'til late
Free entry

Food Served 12pm – 3pm and 6pm – 9pm

www.compassesinndamerham.co.uk
01725 518231

Coffee Pot



Last month we made three donations: Hearing Dogs for the Deaf,
the British Heart Foundation and, so close to our hearts, the
Village Hall.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!! Future Farms, the community farm
run in Martin Village, will be at the Coffee Pot on **1st February**,
to offer their produce for sale such as fresh pork, vegetables, and
conserves. If successful, Janet Richards will come on the first
Wednesday of each month, with Future Farm goods. This will
surely add to the services we are able to provide. Even if you are
not a Coffee Pot 'Quaffer' you are welcome to come just to do
some shopping, and if you do decide to stay on afterwards,
remember first time visitors get free coffee!

Knitting for Julia's House

A lot of good things happen by chance! At the Near and Far fair
last autumn, Julia's House, the children's hospice were selling
stunningly beautiful knitted blankets – yes, out of squares, put
together with amazing creativity! Virginia Carter suggested that
perhaps we could knit for the Hospice, and so far we have given
a bin-bag full of squares, with a second already half full!

The blankets are magicked together by Julia's House volunteers
and sold at craft fairs throughout the region. Wonky or wrong
sized squares are made into dog blankets and sold at car boot
fairs. The Hospice tells us that last year they raised nearly £2000
in this way.

If anyone in the village has been looking out of the window at the
gloomy weather, wondering what to do with themselves, how
about joining in! Squares need to be 6" (15cm) square - for most
knitters, this means 32 stitches with dk. wool, using No.8 (4mm)
needles.

Completed squares can be delivered to Ashbourne House, High
Street, Tea & Chat, or the Coffee Pot. We may also be able to
collect from you. For more information, call Robin on 518861.

This month's Kerbside Glass Collection is on

Tuesday 14th February
from 7.00am

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 or call David Crane on 518790, the Parish Clerk, Sue Sykes on 518635, or a member of the Parish Council.

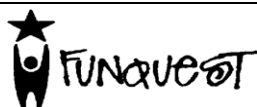
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Last appeal for new Trustees

FunQuest still needs at least two new Trustees to step forward before the end of February. Fortunately we have already had one positive response to our appeal from this community. One person/superhero has stepped up, but without a second Trustee we will still be forced to close.

For almost ten years FunQuest have provided free and dynamic activities to our local children. We meet once a month, our funds are healthy enough to carry us into 2018, and we have polished systems and procedures including a fantastic website and automated booking system.

The board currently employs a Clerk and Play Leader who take care of the paperwork and day to day running of the charity. If you have the passion to make a difference, please email info@funquest.org.uk for more details.

Parish Council Updates

WARNING

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards Service is reminding residents to be alert to cold callers at the door. Recent reports involve a cold caller purporting to be an officer from the Office of Fair Trading investigating a company that previously did work at the address. The resident may be told they are due compensation, and asked for a contribution towards court costs.

It is thought that the cold callers are using information gained from rogue traders who are sharing information of past victims. Claims that the officer works for the Office of Fair Trading are untrue, and no contribution towards court costs will ever be requested by regulatory bodies.

Residents are advised not to rely on identity cards to confirm the caller is genuine, and information provided by the caller, such as telephone numbers, should not be used when making checks. If the caller claims to be from a local authority, government body or the Police, it is best to make independent enquiries using a telephone number sourced by the resident.

Anyone with information about traders who are cold calling or needing advice on doorstep crime can contact our specially trained officers at the Quick Response Team on 01962 833666 (Mon - Fri 0900hrs to 1700hrs).

For assistance outside of these hours please contact Hampshire Police on their non-urgent number 101 or dial 999 if you feel threatened or intimidated.

Hampshire County Council Trading Standards Service
Tel: 01962 833620, E-mail: ts.safeguarding@hants.gov.uk

JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 4th March,
2.00pm**

Damerham Village Hall

**Refreshments, Raffle
CAKE STALL!**

Entrance 20p, Accompanied children free



Donations of jumble gratefully received at the hall from 10am
No large items of any kind please

All proceeds to Damerham Village Hall

Potato Day
Damerham Village Hall, SP6 3HQ
Sunday 5th March
10.30am to 2.30pm

80 plus varieties of Potato for sale by the single tuber, Onion sets, Shallots, Garlic, Heritage seeds, Fruit trees, Soft fruit, Kitchen garden plants, Rhubarb and so much more.

Come and buy your requirements for gardening this year.

Refreshments available

Organised by Damerham and District Horticultural Society in conjunction with Pennard Plants, East Pennard, Somerset

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – FEBRUARY 2017

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Sunday 12 th	St Georges Church	
Tuesday 14 th	Kerbside Glass Collection	from 7.00am
Thursday 23rd	Hort Soc talk Damerham Village Hall	7.30pm
Thursday 23rd	Dam Jam Compasses Inn	8.30pm 'til late

News to share?

If you have anything you wish to include in next month's edition of the Parish Pump, please email the editor, Maria Langdown on: m4lang@hotmail.com

The submission deadline for the February edition is
Monday 13th February

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