

# THE PARISH PUMP

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## APRIL 2017

Damerham & District  
Horticultural Society

### Spring Show

**SATURDAY 8th APRIL**

**Damerham Village Hall**

**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**TEAS - PLANT STALL**

Admission: £1.50  
Members and Children Free

*Entries welcome from non-members and children*  
Schedules available from  
Jan Burnell, 2 Park Villas, Damerham  
[www.ddhs.co.uk](http://www.ddhs.co.uk)

Children's potato planting: planted up buckets are taken home and potatoes grown to enter the heaviest crop competition at the Summer Show

We look forward to seeing you on the day to enjoy the colourful array of spring flowers, buy a plant or two for your garden and have a cup of tea & a slice of homemade cake

#### Easter Monday Car Boot Sale

**17th April**

**Damerham Sportsfield, SP6 3HQ,  
near Fordingbridge**

Sellers 9am, £5 entry fee  
Buyers from 10am, entry 50p

*In aid of St. George's Church Damerham 01725 518350*

#### Celebrating with St George for Merrie England

**Saturday 22nd April**

**7pm for 7.30pm**

**Damerham Village Hall**

Tickets £10 per head  
Call 01725 518350 for tickets and information

#### DAMERHAM CRICKET CLUB

The 2017 Damerham Cricket season begins in unusual fashion, with a tour to Milan in Italy to play the home side of recent Damerham regular Steve Osborne.

The season at home then begins in earnest with the National Village Knockout competition, away to Titchbourne Park on 30th April. It continues with Wimborne evening league games on Wednesdays, and Hampshire Cricket League games on Saturdays throughout the season.

*New players, umpires, scorers and supporters always welcome*

Fixtures and much more can be found at: [www.damerhamcc.com](http://www.damerhamcc.com)

### THE GRAND DAMERHAM DUCK RACE

and MINI FAIR

Sponsored by

WOOLLEY  
& WALLIS

**Saturday 15th April**  
from 12.30 at the Village Hall

**DUCKS AWAY AT 2.30pm**

**LICENSED BAR, TEAS, CAKES &**

**TONY'S HOT FOOD VAN FROM 12.30**

**1st PRIZE £100 2nd £50 3rd £30 4th £20**

**SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE LAST DUCK & 'WILD' DUCK**

**DUCK TICKETS £1 FROM  
CROSSWAYS FARM DAMERHAM, DAMERHAM GARAGE,  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS or on the day**



#### The Great Little Plant Sale

**Sunday 30th April, 2pm**

**Damerham Village Hall**



This, believe it or not, is our 7th year! It's a little earlier than usual, but we will still have the usual mix of perennial plants, some vegetable plants, and a few annuals - all at prices much below those at the garden centres. **New for this year**, and just for fun - a plant tombola, with a chance to win right royal plants - and some little titchy things!

This year, we will be supporting the Lantern Community in Ringwood, which helps people with learning difficulties to reach their full potential and lead fulfilling lives, and the Macular Society which supports people suffering from sight loss through macular disease and helps to fund research which may ultimately lead to a cure.

#### Coffee Pot

**Shush and listen.....**

All over Damerham can be heard the clickety-click of knitting needles... Be proud! Last week we handed over more than 300 squares to Julia's House children's hospice!! They are delighted with our efforts, so please keep up the good work - 15cm squares; with 32 stitches on size 8 (4mm) needles. Julia's House is holding a craft fair at our Village Hall in June - come along and see if you can identify your own special squares!

#### Future Farms Vegetable mornings

The first two visits to the Coffee Pot by Future Farms have been a big success and from now on, as long as the success is continued, vegetables, pig meat in all its guises, and other produce, will be sold on the first Wednesday of the month at the Coffee Pot - from 10.30 until 12. ... And there will still be dew on the cabbage leaves!



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

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### Damerham Village Fair

Planning for this year's event is taking shape and we are making a plea for more volunteers to help the afternoon run smoothly, this needs only to be for an hour or two to cover a game, the gate or general organisation.

We are planning to hold the Damerham Derby once again and need someone to coordinate and run the event on the day. This has proven to be a very popular event which would be missed if we had to drop it.

As one of our main income sources, the BBQ is a vital part of the Fair. All the pre-planning, produce purchase and staff rota will be completed, so our plea is only for someone to coordinate it on the day.

We are still looking for a permanent Secretary, this involves 4 or 5 meetings a year to take the minutes at our meetings which is essential in the running of the Fair.

The Fair is an important fundraiser for many local organisations and we need your support. If you can help in any way please get in contact.

**Phil Tandy, Chairman 01725 518802 or 078917807088**  
[www.damerhamfair.co.uk](http://www.damerhamfair.co.uk)

### BONFIRES

We have received a plea from a local resident who says that last month the middle of the village suffered from thick, smelly smoke from garden bonfires. The first was lit on one of the first sunny day of the year, which meant that no one was able to enjoy their gardens or dry their washing outside and houses smelt of smoke.

The NFDC website advises there are no restrictions on when you can or cannot have a bonfire, however you cannot cause a smoke nuisance and you may find that neighbours are less likely to be annoyed by a bonfire between lighting up time and 11pm. This may not be the case in warm weather when windows are open and people are enjoying their gardens in the evening. You should respect the wishes of your neighbours at all times. **Do Not:**

- Light a bonfire if a neighbour is using or is likely to use the garden, there is washing on a neighbour's line or the weather is wet, windy or misty
- Burn any green cuttings or wet material
- Leave a fire smouldering
- Burn household waste, plastics, rubber or any other material which would cause dark smoke or harmful combustion products
- Allow smoke to blow across a road

There is more information on the website regarding alternatives to a bonfire, or ways to reduce the effects.

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Cathy Godber would like to apologise to anyone who received an email or letter, supposedly from her, inviting them to join a forum called 'Nextdoor'. Cathy joined the forum in order to publicise events in and around the village and had not shared any names or email addresses to the people who sent the invitations. This has now been deactivated and she would like to warn others not to accept any invitations from 'Nextdoor'.

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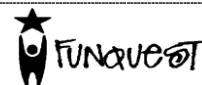
If you have anything you wish to include in next month's edition of the Parish Pump, please email the editor, Maria Langdown  
[m4lang@hotmail.com](mailto:m4lang@hotmail.com) by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Morion Broadband** is a local provider of superfast broadband over a wireless network. The hub at Cranborne is fed by a fibre connection which delivers wireless broadband via a network of transmitters which has recently expanded to include coverage towards Damerham. Connection can be achieved where there is direct line of sight from a Morion transmitter to your property. North End Damerham currently falls within the range of our Blagdon Hill transmitter - so properties in this area are most likely to make a connection currently. Residential and Business packages are available with download speeds from 10Mb - 30Mb.

For more information visit: [www.morionbroadband.com](http://www.morionbroadband.com) or contact Kate Smith 0800 756 3891



### It's time to say goodbye



After ten successful years of fundraising and innovative adventures, FunQuest is closing down its operations.

Over the last nine months we've worked hard on a recruitment drive for new Trustees, but sadly were not able to attract enough manpower to continue our work. Half of our management committee have served for over ten years and will be moving on to new projects. Our assets and funds will be donated and dispersed to local groups and likeminded charities, subject to approval by the Charities Commission.

We would like to thank our friends and supporters for their time, energy and enthusiasm - what an amazing ten years they were:

- 110 phenomenal Play Sessions and 2 spectacular Play Days
- Over £60,000 fundraised for events and education, and over £65,000 fundraised for the Playtrail
- 10 dedicated and hardworking Trustees, 4 inspiring Play Leaders, and 1 very hardworking Clerk
- 1 seriously awesome Playtrail and of course limitless smiles!

Feel free to get in touch [info@funquest.org.uk](mailto:info@funquest.org.uk) if you have any queries and post your memories and goodbyes onto our Facebook page.

As a final closing decision has been made and actioned, we are now taking steps, subject to the law, to close the organisation down. However, if anyone out there is looking to follow in our footsteps and form a new group, we are more than willing to share our expertise, knowledge and know-how to support them in an advisory role.

Heartfelt thanks once again to everyone who helped make FunQuest such a resounding success. Thanks most of all, to the children of the local area for throwing themselves into everything we organised, and being so delightful to have fun with. We will miss you! **Charity Reg. No 1137191**

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### VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – APRIL 2017

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Show Village Hall	2.00-4.00pm
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Duck Race Village Hall	12.30pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Car Boot Sale Sports field	10.00am
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Georges celebration Village Hall	7.00pm
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Great Little Plant Sale Village Hall	2.00pm

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This month's Kerbside Glass Collection is on  
**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 7.00am**

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