

THE PARISH PUMP

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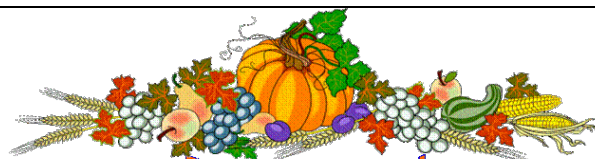
St George's Church Harvest Festival Service of Thanksgiving St George's Church Sunday 1st October, 11.00am

Following the service everyone in the village is invited to a **Bring and Share Lunch** in the church.

This will be an informal gathering and all we ask is for people to bring something towards the lunch to be shared by everyone.

Tea, coffee or fruit juice will be provided and we would love to see as many people as possible come and join in a village celebration.

More information from Cathy & John Godber 518350
cathy-godber@tiscali.co.uk



DAMERHAM Harvest Lunch

Thursday 12th October

12 for 12.30pm



Tickets £5

Tickets from Mike Jerrard, Crossways Farm
Sharon Perrett (at the Garage),
Cathy Godber & Carolyn Armitage

A CONCERT CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF THE MILL STREAM ORCHESTRA



Saturday
14th October 2017
7.00pm for 7.30pm
Damerham
Village Hall

Tickets £7.00 & £10.00
available from
Fordingbridge
Bookshop
&
Sandleheath
Post Office

or buy on line at:
eventbrite.co.uk

A glorious evening of
music to suit all tastes

Damerham & District Horticultural Society AGM

Thursday 19th October 7.30pm
Damerham Village Hall

Afterwards there will be refreshments, followed by a talk by
Stewart Pocock of Pocock Roses

www.ddhs.co.uk



The Coffee Pot

Who would have thought it!

It hardly seems a minute ago, and the coffee Pot opened its doors for the first time on October 12th 2011 - six lovely years ago! Over 60 villagers came to try us out, and most of those are still either regular visitors, or occasional 'drop-ins'.

The Coffee Pot has evolved over the years - we still have a sales table (more things, please - no fee charged, and you can sell anything legal!) and lots of home-made cake. Coffee and Tea are on tap, and your second cup is free. We also have a monthly visit from Future Farms, who bring fresh home-grown vegetables & produce, and Traidcraft items.

It is good to see that the number of younger regular customers has grown over the years, and our age range extends from six months old to folks in their 80s. If you haven't tried us out, why not drop in, we are here every Wednesday morning from 10.30 to 12 noon and if it is your first visit, the coffee is free!

Our wonderful team of volunteers take it in turns each month to nominate a charity of their choice to receive a donation from our surplus. Last month, Rebecca Fredericks nominated the South Central Ambulance Charity, and we were also able to make a donation to our lovely Village Hall.



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 by **Tuesday 17th October**

For new residents: lots of information on the village is to be found on the Damerham web site www.damerham.net A welcome pack is also available from the Clerk clerk@damerham.net for new comers and their good neighbours.

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Tea & Chat 20th Birthday Tea Party!

A warm welcome is extended to anyone in the village who would like to come and help us celebrate our 20th birthday at a tea party on **Wednesday 1st November, 2.15pm in the Village Hall.**

We are a small friendly group who meet on the first Wednesday of the month and would love to see some new faces who may like to join us. We enjoy a range of speakers and outings, and of course plenty of tea and chat! For more information contact Cherry Brittan on 01725 518538

Damerham & District Horticultural Society

Annual membership to the society costs just £5.00 for an individual or £8.00 for a couple, and includes entry to the Spring Show and the Summer Show which is part of the Damerham Summer Fair held in a magnificent marquee on the Sportsfield on the last Saturday in July each year. The Society arranges about one event per month including talks, workshops, a summer garden party, Potato day, a plant sale during May held in a garden in Martin and garden visit by coach.

This year's garden visit was to the RHS garden at Wisley on Thursday 14th September. The weather was good and we saw an enormous variety of gardening styles, something for everyone. There was the field full of different pumpkins, gourds and sunflowers, the beautiful autumnal herbaceous border and a very orderly vegetable patch. For something a little different there was the huge glasshouse full of unusual and exotic plants. Many of us took advantage of the various eateries and visited the very large plant centre to buy a reminder of the day for our own gardens.

If you would like to join, you can either come along to one of our talks (details can be found on our website and are usually published in the Pump), or contact the Membership Secretary, Carolyn Andrews on 01725 518802.

The Damerham & Martin WI would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped and contributed towards the teas at the Village Fair, and for all the fantastic, delicious cakes. Your support was very much appreciated and we could not have done it without you. Despite the weather, we seemed to keep busy and sold out all the cakes!

Kerbside Glass collection Tuesday 24th October from 7.00am

Collection dates for the rest of the year are available on the NFDC website: www.nfdc.gov.uk



Parish Council updates

New Clerk for the Parish - At the last meeting councillors thanked Sue Sykes for all the work she had done over the last few years and bid her farewell. Taking over as Clerk is Natasha Mackenzie; already an experienced clerk and living in Ringwood. You can reach her on clerk@damerham.net or 07929 379646. Her Damerham day is Tuesday.

The PlayTrail - We also have a new PlayTrail Management Group dealing with day to day management as well as future plans for this valuable village recreational area. The Council will have major decisions to make about the future of the PlayTrail over the course of the next couple of years and your thoughts and ideas will be instrumental in these decisions. Watch this space for a questionnaire coming out soon.

BONFIRE NIGHT - The Damerham fireworks are having a year off and will be back next year! If you are planning your own garden party please remember to let all the neighbours know so that pets can be safely kept inside.



HEDGEHOGS!

Is Damerham the hedgehog capital of Hampshire? Certainly, there are a lot of them about, particularly in East End and West Park

Lane. Latest advice from the Hedgehog Preservation Society is that you should not be afraid to feed them in the months leading up to their winter hibernation. Research has shown that hedgehogs fed by garden owners DO NOT become dependent on this source of food and will still forage for up to three miles a night. Putting out suitable food can help them to build up strength for the long winter months ahead, however, feeding on too many dried meal worms leads to calcium deficiency in hedgehogs - so try the hedgehog mix sold by pet stores and Mole Valley or tinned cat food and don't forget a bowl of water. You will already know that cow's milk is bad for them and that, as insectivores, bread is not a very good source of nourishment either. Above all, leave a wild area in your garden this autumn and be very careful when shifting log piles, cutting back hedges and of course, lighting bonfires!

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 1 st	Harvest Festival St Georges church	11.00am
Thursday 12 th	Harvest Lunch Village Hall	12.00pm
Saturday 14 th	Millstream Orchestra Concert Village Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 19 th	DDHS AGM Village Hall	7.30pm

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