### THE PARISH PUMP

### **DECEMBER 2017**

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# **Damerham Village Hall Committee**

invites all village residents past and present and village friends to the

# CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

on Saturday 9th December 2017

between 12 & 3pm

**Enjoy mulled wine & nibbles** 

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ON SHOW AS ALWAYS

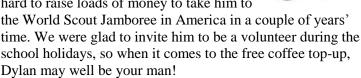
There will be a 'Toddlers' area with



Donations of food and /or raffle prizes will be gratefully received

### **COFFEE POT NEWS**

First, we were glad to welcome Dylan as a Coffee Pot volunteer. Dylan is working hard to raise loads of money to take him to



MacMillan Coffee morning Wednesday 6th December We weren't able to support the MacMillan Coffee morning this September, and instead will be having our own version. All proceeds on that day will go to the MacMillan nurses' fund. Please come!

**Future Farms** - will now be bringing their vegetables, meat and other produce, on the **second** Wednesday of the month rather than the first. Lovely, organic, local food at your fingertips...."

#### **Opening hours over Christmas**

We will be open for restful pre-Christmas quaffing on **Wednesday, 20th December**, and closed for even more rest, (having a lie-in!) on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be back for the launch of our 7th triumphant year on January 3rd.

If you have anything you wish to include in January's edition of the Parish Pump, please email the editor, Maria Langdown m4lang@hotmail.com by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December



## Christmas Fair



### Friday 1st December

Join us between 5pm - 7pm at Damerham Village Hall and enjoy browsing the stalls, listening to our choir and having fun with the tombola, raffle and other games.



### Damerham Village Fair AGM Report

The Fair AGM was held on Monday, November 6th when those present heard a report on this year's Fair from the Chairman, and a financial report from the Treasurer. Even with the very wet weather, a sum just under £4000 was achieved and the Chairman thanked all those who supported the Fair for their hard work in achieving this result under what were very challenging conditions. The funds raised have now been distributed to local groups and organisations.

The group is now planning the 2018 Fair that will take place on Saturday July 28th. We would like to bring back the "Damerham Derby" and need someone to help to bring this together; anyone who feels they could help with this please contact the Chairman.

A key part of the Village Fair is the support of those who put in time and effort on the days running up to the event and on the day itself, and we can always do with a few more hands. If you would like to know more, please contact the Chairman.

Phil Tandy, Chairman 01725 518802 or 07917807088 Website: www.damerhamfair.co.uk

The next meeting is Monday January 8th in the conservatory of the Compasses starting at 7.30pm

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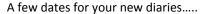
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### **Parish Council updates**

Well, the festive season is just around the corner now – where did 2017 disappear to?!



Forthcoming council meeting dates are:

Monday 18th December 2017 (if required for planning applications)

Monday 22nd January 2018

Monday 26th February 2018 (if required for planning applications) Monday 26th March 2018

Monday 21st May 2018 The Annual Parish Assembly followed by a meeting

All of our meetings are open to the general public and I look forward to welcoming you at a meeting soon.

On behalf of your councillors, we would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful festive season.

Natasha, Parish Clerk

#### DAMERHAM PLAY TRAIL

A BIG thank you to those who completed and returned our Play Trail questionnaires with last month's Pump. There is still time to complete yours if you have not done so.

Clearly from your responses the Play Trail is much valued and loved in the village. The Management Group will be looking at your views and taking some decisions accordingly, with action to be carried out in the New Year in time for Spring.

David

#### **Fordingbridge Taxishare**

Anyone who wants to travel to Fordingbridge from villages in the surrounding area including Damerham can register to use the Taxishare service. It is a bookable service operating every Tuesday to Saturday\* to a set timetable and costs between £1.50 and £4.00. Passengers who hold a Concessionary bus pass may travel for free in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

West area, which includes Damerham, Martin, Rockbourne and Sandleheath, operates on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (excl. bank holidays).

Arriving Fordingbridge 09.20, Departing 12.00 and 13.45 For more information go to <a href="www.hants.gov.uk/transport">www.hants.gov.uk/transport</a> or call Hampshire County Council on 01962 846786

### Welcome to the village

A new welcome pack is now available. If you are new to the village and have not received one, or you have a new neighbour, please ask for a pack from the Chairman to the Parish Council, David Crane on 518790, or the Clerk, Natasha McKenzie at clerk@damerham.net, or from your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.

### **Kerbside Glass collection Tuesday 19**<sup>th</sup> **December from 7.00am**



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

Dear Damerham Village,

We cannot thank you enough for your condolences, sympathies and kind thoughts in the loss of our Mum, Virginia Carter. To say that we have been truly overwhelmed by your help and acts of kindness is an understatement.

We were delighted that Mums rainbow was able to join you for the Harvest Lunch and later be displayed at the entrance to the hall for all to admire. Our special thanks goes to Damerham Hall Committee, Tea and Chat, Coffee Pot and the WI for the amazing Buffett and teas laid on for the wake.

We thank you all and wish you a very merry Christmas.

Alan, Ian and family

There was a good turnout for the charity quiz evening recently held in the village hall which included a supper of chilli and jacket potato with home made brownies.

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The quiz started with crisp tasting and also included music and Dingbats rounds in addition to some interesting and challenging questions. 16 teams took part and the winning team won by only half a point!

Judging by the noise level everyone really enjoyed themselves and helped raise £965 - half of this will go to Salisbury Hospice and the other half to Challenge Adventure Charities which this year are Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation.

Special thanks to Karen and Gill for the food (and washing up) and to Louise for the music round.

Thanks to everyone who supported the event and look forward to seeing you at the quiz next year!



A big thank you to everyone who attended the RBL Damerham and Western Downland Branch fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 4th November. It was a very convivial event with excellent music from the Sandleheath Band, and we are delighted to tell you that we made a sizeable profit of £357.

This is an excellent result and this money will help to provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families.

We are hugely grateful to everyone who contributed.

Mike Richardson OBE

**Branch Secretary** 

### VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY DECEMBER 2017

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Fair 5.00 – 7.00pm

Village Hall

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Coffee Pot McMillan Coffee morning

Village Hall

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Get Together 12.00-3.00pm

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