



THE GRAND DAMERHAM DUCK RACE and MINI FAIR

Sponsored by

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& PARKER

Saturday 31st March

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

Urgent Request from the Coffee Pot!

We have just heard that our lovely volunteer Katie Stevens has to leave us. We wish her well with her new job at the Cranbourne Garden Centre (lucky wotnot!) and thank her for all she has done for us.



This leaves us with a hole in our team.... So if you would be interested in giving us the third Wednesday morning each month, from about 10am - 12.30, we'd be more than delighted to welcome you. Sometimes you would work in the kitchen, serving coffee and tea, and keeping abreast with the washing up - and sometimes you would be at the cash desk, taking the money and serving cake. We all pitch in to help with the clearing away.

We are a happy lot, and there's a lot of fun to be had.... If you think you MIGHT be interested, please contact Robin on 518861 - or robin.robbs1@btinternet.com so you can talk it over and decide if you would like to join us.

Tent Dance - a date for your diary

This year's Tent Dance in the marquee after the village show on the 28th July will be a celebration of 50 years since the first event held in 1968. This was run by the 'Damerham Young Wives Group' headed up by Sheila Williams and supported by Pat Shepherd, Mary Hooper and Dorothy Jerrard to name but a few.

This year's event will be organised by the Village Hall Committee and helpers and will be a 60's and 70's evening including a live band 'The Rebbels', a licensed bar kindly provided by the Compasses and hot food available from Tony's Fish and Chip van.

Plans for the event are coming together well and more information will be posted soon...

Potato Day

Damerham Village Hall

Near Fordingbridge SP6 3HQ

Sunday 4th March

10.30am until 1.30pm

Over 80 different types of seed potatoes as well as onion sets, garlic bulbs, rhubarb crowns, fruit bushes, seeds etc. for sale

Various Stalls

Refreshments

'Plus lots of advice about growing'



DAMERHAM AND WESTERN
DOWNLAND BRANCH - ROYAL
BRITISH LEGION

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

Spring Meeting

Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30 pm

Damerham Village Hall

Open to all Branch members

Nordic Walk Challenge

for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

I am undertaking an official Nordic Walk Challenge this month in Parc Natural Sierra de Aracena y Picos de Aroche, Spain completing a 105kms (65 mile) circuit in 4 days.

I am hoping to raise as much money and awareness as I can for **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**, a wonderful and much needed charity.

It takes a huge amount of money to train each dog. I have a deaf friend who had to wait 3 ½ years to get her amazing dog who has transformed her life.

If you would like to sponsor me my Just Giving Page is:

www.justgiving.com/KatieStephensHearingDogsNordicWalk or you can contact me directly to complete my sponsor form.

Many thanks in advance.

Katie Stephens, Court Cottage, 07887 622359

Car Boot Sale

Easter Monday 2nd April

Damerham Sports field

Sellers 7.00am £5.00

Buyers. 8.00am 50p

Refreshments available

In aid of St George's Church

THE PARISH PUMP

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March 2018

WEST PARK MEADOW

Following the response from residents to our questionnaire on the Play Trail, the Management Group has been addressing some of the issues which were raised.

The Play trail will in future be known as **West Park Meadow**, its original name. We felt that this better represented the nature of the area. It is a children's play area as well as a Community Open Space for everyone to enjoy.

There will be signs to direct those who don't know where it is in the village. There will also be new equipment installed including a Toddler Swing for very young children and a large picnic bench (ideal for eating those fish and chip suppers from Tony's Fish & Chip van).

Following representations from mothers whose children use the Meadow, signs warning of the danger of the depth of water in the river will be put in place.

A full programme of activities run by TUFF for children during the school summer holidays (late July and through August) is planned; full details at a later date. There will also be a Family Evening Event in the summer focussing on the natural environment and the wildlife that can be found at the Meadow. This we hope will be supplemented by a Community Bar-B-Que.

We are also looking to organise other events aimed at adults and families in the Meadow. Again details will be available later.

To help to minimise the impact of flooding during this rainy start to 2018, please ensure the ditch adjoining your property is kept free of debris and vegetation to allow the flow of water. Hampshire County Council has a very useful leaflet explaining riparian ownership and responsibilities. It is on the Parish Council website under www.damerham.net/parish-council/safer-new-forest-information/, or contact the Parish Council Clerk for a copy.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING-CLEAN IN DAMERHAM.

The Parish Council are organising a Community Litter Pick on **Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th March** to coincide with the nationwide campaign.

We would really appreciate your help! Everyone is welcome; collect your black bin bags, litter grabbers and hi-vis vests from the Bus Shelter in the centre of the village. Fill in the route you intend to take on the list at the Bus Shelter and return your rubbish bags grabbers and vests to the Bus Shelter when finished.

Thank you in anticipation for your help in keeping our village tidy!

SOME GOOD NEWS!

Finally, the Parish Council are pleased to announce that it was agreed to keep the Parish Precept (that is the amount of your Council Tax which goes to the Parish Council) at the same level as last year for the new financial year starting in April 2018. This is in spite of an increase in Council Tax announced by Hampshire County Council.

If you have anything you wish to include in next month's edition of the Pump, please email the editor Maria Langdown on: m4lang@hotmail.com by **Friday 16th March**

A special celebration!

Many congratulations to Robin and Eddie Robbins who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 29th March.



Best wishes to a special couple who do so much for our village.

Cakes for Snowdrop weekend

Thank you to everyone who made a cake for St George's Snowdrop Weekend.

The weekend went very well with lots of visitors coming to see the snowdrops and enjoy all the activities inside the church.

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY MARCH 2018

Saturday 3 rd & Sunday 4 th	Litter pick Starting from the Bus Shelter	All day
Sunday 4 th	Potato day Village Hall	10.30am - 1.30pm
Monday 19 th	RBL Spring meeting Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 31 st	Duck Race Village Hall	12.30pm

Kerbside Glass collection

**Tuesday 13th March
from 7.00am**

