

# THE PARISH PUMP

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## August 2018



**Turn Up For Fun – TUFF, will be coming to Damerham Community Meadow on Wednesdays from 1.30 - 3.30 during August.**

There will be lots to do for all ages - sporty, games, craft and other activities! The sessions are open access which means that anyone over 8 can come and go as they please - if you're younger than that, you will need to bring an adult with you to join in the fun! And it's all **FREE!!** Thanks to Damerham Parish Council, and a bit of help from Coffee Pot too!!

A grand finale for the summer is on the evening of 31 August, from 6.30pm, there will be a picnic (bring your own, but watch our Facebook page, as there may be foody developments!), storytelling, a fire, a nature walk and we hope to do a bat walk as well!!

For more info, please have a look on the TUFF or Damerham Facebook pages, or give Mandy a ring on 07799 080067.

### Tea and Chat 2018

We have been blessed with so much sunshine these past couple of months and thankfully the Strawberry Tea by the river was a wonderful afternoon. Scones, clotted cream, cakes, strawberries, cream and meringue, plus loads of chat!



July's meeting was an interesting talk by Guide Dogs and in particular Puppy walking. Sansa was a very well behaved pup under training, a cross between German shepherd and retriever. Pat was very entertaining with her presentation and we can't wait for a return visit.

Lastly, our trip to Houghton Lodge Gardens in July was extremely popular. Another glorious day and despite the shortage of rain, the plants, two hundred year old fruit trees, and rose gardens looked pretty spectacular. The abundance of banded demoiselles dragonflies by the river was a particular delight for Robin.

The August meeting is very seasonal with a local bee expert and September we will focus on our memories of School days. What will that reveal!

Please come and join us.

### DAMERHAM CRICKET CLUB

This month's home matches are:

Broughton  
Andover IV

August 4<sup>th</sup>  
August 18<sup>th</sup>



The full fixtures list for 2018, including away matches and much more can be found at: [www.damerhamcc.com](http://www.damerhamcc.com)

New players and spectators are always made welcome.

### St Georges Church Damerham Cream Teas by the river



Every Sunday in August the annual cream teas will take place at the Village Hall Garden by the river (inside if wet)

**5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August  
2.30pm until 4pm**

Come and enjoy an afternoon with friends and help raise money for the upkeep of our ancient church

### Hampshire open studios

**Gary Cedeira**

**Manor Farm House Upper Barn, Damerham**

Beautiful and atmospheric landscape paintings, drawings and prints inspired by local and worldwide travels

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>, Sun 19<sup>th</sup>, Tue 21<sup>st</sup>  
and Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> through to Mon 27<sup>th</sup> August  
10am to 5pm, except 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> until 1pm**

For more information go to

<http://www.hampshireopenstudios.org.uk>  
[www.garycedeira.com](http://www.garycedeira.com)

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE 9 NOVEMBER 2018

The Damerham and Western Downland RBL Branch will mark the signing of the Great War Armistice 100 years ago in a 'Festival of Remembrance' in Damerham Village Hall during the evening of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Festival will include a reception followed by illustrated histories, readings, personal stories and music that will relate the military tale of 1918 and the effect that the Armistice had on our four villages. It promises to be a very special and memorable event. Tickets will go on sale in August and all proceeds will go towards the work of the RBL; providing lifelong support for the Armed Forces community.

Please put the date in your diary and look out for more information in due course.

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Special thanks to the Village for your generous contributions to the Village Fair bottle stall, book stall and soft toys stall.

You have been amazing!

Cherry and Simon Brittan

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For new residents: lots of information on the village is to be found on the Damerham web site [www.damerham.net](http://www.damerham.net)

A welcome pack is also available from the Clerk [clerk@damerham.net](mailto:clerk@damerham.net) for new comers and their good neighbours.

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### Tales from the Orchard Might you have missed it?

A warm summer evening, and the air is full of delicious smells of the Meadow and the birds are singing sleepy songs. We sit in a friendly semi-circle around the log fire, with the stream trickling close by. We talk with our friends while we munch delicious hot pies, with no prospect of washing up!

And there, under the tree, Jason Buck, our story teller – tall, quiet, waiting for our attention. We fall silent.

Jason plucks people from his imagination, and places them in Damerham's past. At the time of King Alfred, a young man who aspires to be a monk so that he can write illuminated manuscripts, and is given by a young girl who loves him, a feather from an angel's wing to make a quill: a man who believes he is the unluckiest man in Damerham at the time of the Great Fire, and who is helped to turn his luck round by a woodwose (if you don't know what a woodwose is, you should have been there!): and a witch who lived in the Manor House, unattractive and unappreciated by the rest of the Village, who with the help of her talking, flying pig (!) brings the moon down to earth – and we learn that the moon really is made of green cheese!!

And at the end of this magical evening, we thanked Jason, and walked home quietly talking, with our chairs tucked under our arms.....

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This free event in the Community Meadow was arranged by the Parish Council, and we hope it will be the first of many varied events to take place in this wonderful setting. For the Meadow belongs to all Damerham residents, young and old, and the Council welcome suggestions of how it should be used, and what events should take place there.

Ideas should be shared with David Crane on 01725 518 790.

### News to share or an event in the village to publicise?

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](mailto:m4lang@hotmail.com) by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

### Kerbside Glass collection

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
from 7.00am**

For the full 2018/19 collection calendar see [www.newforest.gov.uk/glass](http://www.newforest.gov.uk/glass)



### Parish Council Updates

As I type, there has still been no rain for many weeks, so there is little water in our ditches and culverts! This is a great time to pay them some attention by clearing debris, dams and blockages before the usual British Summer weather returns! When it does, hopefully flooding will be averted.

The Parish Council are excited to announce the booking of **Turn Up For Fun** for 5 summer events at West Park Meadow. These events will be held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August - keep your eyes peeled for more information on our website or noticeboard.

**Broadband** is always a tricky topic for rural villages, and it can be especially frustrating when running a business from home with below standard bandwidth. Wessex Internet is extending its' service to the outskirts of the Lower Daggons, and maybe could be persuaded to extend further into the village. They are asking for local residents to see if you are eligible and express their interest via this link [www.wessexinternet.com/gv](http://www.wessexinternet.com/gv) Don't delay – register today!

Those of you who use **Church Lane** will be aware that the brick parapet on the small bridge near the school end has been demolished. Furthermore the temporary safety barriers put in place following the accident have now also been pushed into the ditch. Clearly more care needs to be taken when driving across Church Lane!

The Council have advised that they hope to repair the parapet during the school holidays. This however will necessitate the closing of Church Lane whilst it is being done.

### VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY - August 2018

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tea & Chat Village Hall	2.00pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	} TUFF	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	} Community Meadow	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	}	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	TUFF Picnic Community Meadow	6.30pm
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	} Cream Tees	2.30pm - 4.00pm
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	} by the River	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	}	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	} DCC Cricket Match	1.00pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	} Sportsfield	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	} Hampshire Open Studios	
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	} Manor Farm House	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	} Upper Barn	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to	}	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	} See advert or website for opening times	

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