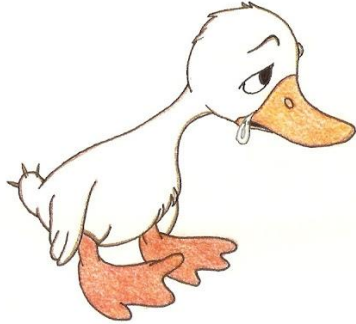




Coronavirus and village events update



Damerham Village Hall Committee regrets that due to a variety of reasons, not least the spread of the coronavirus - Covid-19, this year's duck race has been cancelled. Circumstances permitting, the ducks will be allowed out next year.

Unfortunately, all other village events in April have also been cancelled in line with the government advice on social distancing. These include:

- ✚ DDHS Spring Show scheduled for the 4th
- ✚ Car boot sale scheduled for the 13th
- ✚ West Park meadow planting scheduled for the 18th
- ✚ All events or groups based in the Village Hall

Tea and Chat



As most of you will already know, ALL Tea and Chat meetings and outings are suspended during the Coronavirus outbreak. Please make use of the Damerham Support Network, it is here to help us all when needed.

I will remain in touch with all members until we get back to "normal" times again but don't hesitate to contact me if you want a chat!!

On a lighter note, it was so wonderful to see so many of you at our last meeting in March to hear Sue recalling her adventures on stage as a Ballet dancer. Perhaps during your enforced isolation you could practice a few "steps" and "plies"! (Get out your tutus!)

Take care, keep well and stay strong, Cherry 518538

Household Glass collection
All glass bottles & jars, no lids and no broken glass please

Tuesday 7th April
from 7.00am

For the full 2020/21 collection calendar and details of what can and cannot be recycled: www.newforest.gov.uk/glass



Damerham self-isolation support network



For help with shopping, collecting urgent supplies, posting mail or just for a friendly chat

Call Simon and Cherry on 01725 518538

They will put you in touch with one of our local volunteers

A Difficult Time

It was agreed at our recent Parish Council meeting that a **Support Network** needed to be set up for those in Damerham who are self-isolating and in need during the current Coronavirus emergency. The needs can be for shopping, collecting urgent supplies, posting or a friendly chat on the phone.

Thanks are due to Simon and Cherry Brittan who agreed to act as central co-ordinators for this Network. They have now been joined by 15 volunteers who will provide help to those who need it. Just ring 01725 518538.

Thanks also to Maria, our Pump editor and our team of distributors for doing a special delivery of leaflets to all households announcing the Network.

It is worth noting some local businesses in Fordingbridge are offering home delivery services to those in need:

- ❖ **The Gourmet Grocer on 01425 658007 stipulate that people must be elderly or in self isolation.**
- ❖ **The Cottage Loaf on 01425 652460 will do home deliveries to Damerham.**
- ❖ **The Alcove on 01425 653083 will deliver papers**

It is sad that we have lost some of our cherished Damerham events this year; the Horticultural Society Spring Show and of course the Duck Race and with the closure of the Village Hall we have also lost our focal point in the village with the important meeting points of the Coffee Pot and Tea and Chat. This makes it doubly important that people stay in touch with each other to offset loneliness.

Hopefully things will improve as the year progresses and we all look forward to better times ahead.



Remember the clocks go forward 1 hour at 1am on Sunday 26th March taking us into British Summer Time (BST)

