

THINK FOR DAMERHAM

Do you remember.....

Way back in the Springtime, we all stood outside, banging our saucepans and clapping for the NHS? Remember the sound echoing all around us, and Mike playing gloriously rousing music? The sense of togetherness was overwhelming and comforting.

The feeling spread to more practical help, with the more vulnerable of us being supported by other stronger souls, with shopping, prescription collecting, books and jigsaws – and just plain kindness. Thank you everyone!

But some of our special Village events have been lost this year – the Duck Race, the Spring Flower Show, the Summer Fair, the harvest lunch, and regular meetings of our clubs and societies. How much we have missed them! We are still hoping that we will be able to enjoy the Christmas get-together later this year.

But before this strange year, do you also remember these?

Line dancing, Keep fit, Damerham Leisure, the Flower Club, Funquest, and Apple Day? These things did not die out because they were not worth saving, nor enjoyed – but because no-one was willing to support them and lend a hand to keep them running.

They all contributed to the “vibrant community” which the estate agents attributed to us - but now that vibrant community spirit seems to be fading away, so slowly that we may not noticing its passing. Recent requests in “The Pump” for help with the Village Hall and the Coffee Pot have not yielded any responses. Is it that the folk of Damerham don’t read their copy, or perhaps

have not the confidence to step up (please be sure that you will be valued when you do!) - or is it because we cannot give just a little of our time and effort for the sake of us all?

What can we do about it?

To get back our community spirit, we need both ideas and elbow grease! Neither can thrive without the other. But the ideas must come first – we can worry about the elbow grease later!

No matter how young you are, or how creaky in the joints, can you rustle up one thing which you would like to see either return, or start from scratch?

Think outside the box, let the sparks fly and the ingenuity bounce up in your minds. Then share your ideas with the folks listed below. If everyone in the Village contributes just one idea, then we will have 500 brilliant suggestions – and some will surely rise to the surface as the most popular choices.

Remember – it's not "Dig for Victory" – but THINK FOR DAMERHAM!!

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Or complete this slip and drop to Mike Jerrard at Crossways Farm

My suggestions for village activities are:

Your name: _____