

The Parish Pump January 2023

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Craft Club

A friendly informal group that meets on the last Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm. Our first session of the year is on Wednesday 22nd February. Keep an eye out to see what we will be doing, but we are also hoping to get a plan for the year together, so get in touch if you have a talent to share, some ideas, or something you would like to learn! Or you can just bring along a craft project and join in with some friendly chat. New members and the not so crafty are really welcome!

Sharon and Gemma

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If you're missing a bit of craftiness in January, why not look at the January Challenge? A creative idea for every day in January – register for a free daily email of inspiration at www.64millionartists.com

Crossways Christmas Gathering

Thank you to the 75 people who braved the sub-zero temperatures and came to Crossways Farm for the Christmas singalong on the evening of Thursday 15th December. Huge thanks to Tim and Lucinda for supply and serving mulled wine, which I've no doubt went some way to keeping out the cold – it was freezing!!

A wonderful amount of £233.60 was donated to St George's Church. Thank you again, everyone.

Mike Jerrard.

The Christmas Get Together

What a lovely gathering of over 100 Damerhamites and friends of our lovely village was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th December! Thanks to everyone who came, those who helped with the raffle, brought prizes and food; we are very grateful. Special thanks to dear Eddie Robbins, who, despite being so poorly recently, made and donated a wooden bird table, which was auctioned and bought by Harry Browning from South End.

We would also like to give a very big thank you to the Bouskills at West Park, and to the Sherwood Family for the lovely Christmas trees they have again given the village this year.

The Damerham Village Hall Committee.

TEA AND CHAT

What a lovely end to 2022! The Christmas lunch was much enjoyed by everyone – huge thanks must go to the kitchen and laying up teams who worked so hard in the morning. Special thanks must also go to Stuart for setting up the hall for us so perfectly, and to Mike for clearing everything away afterwards.

Maple class children gave us the festive start to Christmas, singing favourite carols and then went on to chat with our members and then to establish a pen pal friendship. We look forward to writing to each other.

May I wish everyone a really happy and health New Year in 2023, and thank you all for your very loyal support this past year. I have really appreciated it.

Our first meeting of 2023 is Wednesday 4th January at 2pm, and don't forget - Saturday 28th January the Jumble & Nearly New Sale! Bless you all, Cherry and Simon (01725 518538)

Regular Village Events:

Make sure you check with regular groups to see when they start back after Christmas/New Year!!

Mondays from 9am Pilates with Sandie

Contact: Sandie.wills@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesdays from 9.45am – Fluffy Chicks parent and toddler group.

Contact: fluffychicks21@gmail.com

Tuesdays from 5pm Taekwondo with Adam

Contact: adam.btsouth@gmail.com

Tuesdays from 7.30pm – Badminton Doubles club

Contact: m.walter@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesdays from 10.30 – Coffee Pot

Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm Zumba with Carolina

Contact carolinatuc@gmail.com

1st Wednesday of the month from 2pm – Tea and Chat

Contact cherrybrittan@hotmail.co.uk

2nd Wednesday of the month from 9.30 – Walking Group

Contact: Sarah at brian.ings@btinternet.com

Last Wednesday of the month from 7pm – Craft Club

Contact sharon54mia@btinternet.com

1st Thursday of the month from 7.15pm Bingo

Contact sharon54mia@btinternet.com

4th Thursday of every other month from 7.30pm Book Club (held in the Compasses)

Contact stevekarenlake@gmail.com

3rd Monday of every other month from 7.30pm

Damerham Parish Council Meeting

Contact clerk@damerham.net

Damerham Free Lunches

Post Christmas can be a time when we need things to look forward to. Let's celebrate our wonderful village by having a free soup and crumble lunch!

- Where: Damerham Village Hall
- When: Wednesdays 18th January, 15th February and 15th March
- Time: 12 noon to 2pm
- Who for: Damerham and Western Downland district residents

Just turn up with your friends and have fun!

Thanks to our sponsors, Damerham Village Hall, Damerham Fair and all the volunteers. If you want to know more, please contact Steve Lake (07774 136211) or Sarah Ings (07974 007425)

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot is back in action on Wednesday 4th January 2023. See you then, for tea, coffee, yummy cake and a good natter!

Book Club

The book club is held on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months – the next one is on 19th January, 7.30pm at the Compasses Inn. All are welcome!

Our book is The Bee Keeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri.

Damerham Village Hall

No bingo in January...

Next session is

Thursday 2nd February.

from 7.30pm start

CASH PRIZES & RAFFLE

Refreshments Available

It's great fun, come and have a good laugh!



For new residents: lots of information on the village is to be found on the Damerham web site www.damerham.net

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Nature Notes from Paul T

November weather A wet month with 194mm of rain which is twice the average. It was still mild with just 3 frosts and a highest temperature of 17C on the 12th. The lowest was 2C on two nights late in the month.

Wildlife in winter. It is fascinating to see how many different strategies our animals have developed to cope with the winter. The most obvious perhaps the changes we see in our birds with the summer visitors, warblers, Swallows, Swifts and Flycatchers which feed on insects leaving for warmer places further south and then winter visitors like Redwing and Fieldfare arriving from their northern breeding sites to feed on autumn fruits with many of them then moving on even further south before calling in again in later winter on the way north. Another irregular but spectacular visitor is the Waxwing, which may visit in large numbers some years and is then often found feeding on berries in towns and villages, particularly on cotoneaster. Our daughter lives in London with a very small garden and sees very few birds, but one winter day a tree there was suddenly full of these wonderfully coloured birds. Other winter bird visitors are waders which make use of our estuaries and mudflats to fatten up for winter, most of them moving on but many staying all winter and many species of ducks and geese. The strategies of some of our smaller mammals shows interesting contrasts with most of the insectivores, bats and hedgehogs going into hibernation whilst the tiny shrews are active all year round and need to feed almost continuously through the colder weather. Back earlier in the autumn, a friend was lent a very expensive thermal camera to see if he could find hibernating Hedgehogs. He went out with a terrier as well and at the end of the evening he reported "terrier 1- camera nil" The one found by the dog could only be detected by the camera when most of the covering had been removed and the camera was very close. There is of course one more hibernator, the Dormouse which makes a woven nest on or below the ground in winter and spends almost 7 months asleep with body temperature falling as low as 0°C although they may wake in warmer spells for several days. Butterflies have a range of ways of surviving the winter. Peacock and Tortoiseshell hibernate as adults and many of you will have found these in sheds and log piles when they are disturbed. The closely related Red Admirals do not normally spend the winter here although some may survive in milder ones. Most of them make their way south to the continent and the population is replenished the following year with adults raised in warmer places. Many species over-winter as eggs while others spend the winter as larvae. Marsh Fritillary caterpillars feed in large clusters and then spin a silken web in which they spend the winter in tussocks of vegetation. In spring they wake, feed for a while, pupate and emerge as butterflies in early summer. Frogs mainly hibernate at the bottom of ponds or slow-moving rivers, buried in the mud or in holes in the ground close to water where they get sufficient oxygen through their skins. Newts winter away from water under stones, piles of timber or other damp but not wet sites and all of our snakes and lizards hibernate in holes in the ground.

Happy Spotting!

St George's Parish Church

Snowdrop Weekend is 11th – 12th February at the Church from 12 – 4pm.

Chase and Chalke

Do you know someone who is over 16, not in education, training or employment, who would like to develop skills to assist them to pursue a career in woodland management? Chase and Chalke are offering free opportunities to learn woodland skills, along with lots of other training and events for all ages, including local walks. Have a look at www.cranbornechase.org.uk or ring 01725 517417

Damerham Community Fund.

Are you struggling with any of the following?
To keep warm, and are fearful of the electricity bills?
To provide food for yourself or your family?
Repair of essential equipment?

Medicine – you need a prescription?

If you answer 'yes' to any of the above, then you should contact us for help. These are just a few examples of problems that people are experiencing. We have already been able to provide assistance to several residents and the one off payments of £50 per household are completely confidential. Please don't be afraid to apply or nominate, in strictest confidence, chairmandamerhamfair@gmail.com or contact Gilly Chance (07774 995964) or Steve Lake (0777 4136211)

Damerham Parish Council wishes all Damerham residents a very Happy Christmas and a good 2023!

Recycling Sheds – in the school car parks in Damerham and Rockbourne – please use them if you can!

Household Glass collection

All glass bottles & jars
Metal lids only
No loose or plastic lids
No broken glass

Tuesday 10 January from 7.00am



Garden Waste

NFDC operate a fortnightly collection service for garden waste. A sack holding up to 20kg of waste can be ordered for £25 per year. Additional sacks are £13.50 per year. Up to 5 sacks can be purchased. To order, go to customer.services@nfdc.gov.uk.

It is important to recognise that dumping of garden waste is fly tipping, and as such, is illegal, as well as being potentially damaging to animals and the environment.

Collection for existing customers will be on **17th and 31st January**
For more information about collection days for household waste, recycling and more, see www.newforest.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish

Do you have any ideas, comments, or suggestions for the future of The Parish Pump? News to share, or a village event to publicise? Please get in touch!

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, or you have anything you would like to include in the **February** edition, please email me at mandysrobbins@gmail.com by **Sunday 15th January. Thank you!!!**

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