

The Parish Pump July 2023

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Regular Village Events:

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 6.30pm – Damerham AFC training

Contact: Dylan - 07380192020

Tuesdays from 7.30pm – Badminton Doubles club

Contact: m.walter@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesdays from 10.30 – Coffee Pot

Wednesdays from 6pm 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 sarahings56@gmail.com

Last Wednesday of the month from 7pm – Craft Club

Contact jccoopershj@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

Fridays from 9.30 – 12. Avon Valley Shed at the Pavilion on the Sports Field.

Contact Paul Kalsi – 07597 470056

3rd Monday of every other month from 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Contact clerk@damerham.net

Damerham Open Gardens on Saturday 1st July from 2 – 5pm

Four gardens open in Damerham in aid of Marie Curie. The Limes, Woodmans Yard, Ashbourne House and Crossways Farm.

Very different gardens, but all with masses of colour and wildlife interest. Entry £4 (children free and welcome).

Donations for tea and cake at the Limes, and plants also for sale.

Royal British Legion

The RBL Social Get Together is on Thursday 6th July from 7.30 – 9pm at Martin Club, and the first Thursday of each month thereafter. Info from Jim.eames@btinternet.com

The Compasses Inn

The Nepalese Gurkha Kitchen and Compasses Sushi bar has finally opened. The Nepalese Gurkha Kitchen is open every day (Monday – Saturday from 5 – 10pm) for dine in and take away. The Sushi bar is available Weds – Sat from 12 – 11pm. Come down and see what it's all about!

Or just drop by for a quiet pint or a meal – you are always welcome.

Sandleheath Tennis Club

(just behind the Sandleheath Village Hall)

Open Day on 8th July from 2 – 4pm

Everyone is welcome! Come along and have a go. Wear trainers, racquets and balls provided if needed. Special membership deals available on the day, and tea and cake!

Damerham Fair and Horticultural Show and Evening Event 29th July

Lots going on so keep your eyes peeled for more information, and come along for a brilliant day and evening!

Fancy being a **jockey** in the infamous Damerham Derby? Email chairdamerhamfair@gmail.com

The bottle stall needs donations! We will be collecting in the village during the w/c 26 June, but you can also bring donations along on the day.

New this year! We are running a free (donations accepted) 29 seater bus between Fordingbridge (stopping at the Railway Inn and Sandleheath) to the fair and back.

New Demonstration Tent!

Steve Tonkin FRAS. Dark skies advisor in the International Dark Skies Reserve. Steve always gives an excellent talk on the importance of the Dark Sky Movement and how we can all help promote the health of wildlife in the area.

Carolina Corvalan. Dance and fitness instructor, with demonstration for all ages to participate.

Gary Knight. Gary is a leading member of the local Men's Shed organisation, and will be giving a talk on the benefits of membership and the excellent work carried out in the area.

Chrissie Owen. Chrissie appeared last year with her popular flower arranging demonstration and was a great success. Please check board at entrance for timings.

Evening Entertainment

ABBA and 80's Music – internationally acclaimed tribute band ABBA Inferno plus 80's Inferno from 8 – 11.30pm

Tickets £15 after 1 July, from the Compasses, Gilly Chance, Phil Tandy or damerhameveningevent@gmail.com.

Get your tickets early, as it was sold out last year, and was brilliant fun!

Meal deal available from the Compasses Pub from 5.30pm.

We have had a lot of offers of help, which is fantastic, but we could always use more! Join the fun and help for an hour or more, contact us at chairdamerhamfair@gmail.com or 0777 4136211 or 0777 4995964.

TEA AND CHAT

It was the perfect setting for our annual Strawberry Cream Tea. We couldn't have wished for a more wonderful day with the sun shining on us and an incredible spread. Thank you so much to so many people for contributing.

Our afternoon was helped along by our young and very skilful team from Maple class, who excellently served sandwiches, cakes and bowls of strawberries. Thanks go again to Mrs Kirkcaldy for including this lovely class of children in another Tea and Chat event.

As the Village Fair is just around the corner, next month's meeting will be finalising plans for the Tea and Chat stalls.

We still need jigsaw puzzles and a few more books, so if anyone has either of these, we will happily collect them from you at your convenience. With grateful thanks.

Bless you all, Cherry and Simon (01725 518538)

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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Damerham Village Hall

Next session is

Thursday 6th July

from 7.30pm start

CASH PRIZES & RAFFLE

Refreshments Available

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



Nature Notes from Paul T

Weather in May. Only 46mm of rain, compared with the average of 71mm for this month. There were 23 dry days. The hottest day reached 24C, and coolest night was 7C. Average maximum was 20C and minimum was 10C

Wildlife in May. Stock Doves continue to call throughout the month, and I now hear them nearly everywhere I go. I wonder why they have increased so much while Turtle Doves have almost disappeared? We have had a lot of Holly Blue Butterflies in the garden, and a good number of Orange Tip, but very few others. A few Speckled Wood, Brimstone and Peacock butterflies have been spotted. We saw no Grass Snakes until the beginning of June which is unusual, but there have been a lot of Common Lizards and Slow Worms in the field. The garden pond has had Large Red Damselflies, Common Damselflies and Broad Bodied Chaser Dragonflies. Down by the river, I have seen Beautiful Demoiselles – these are the damselflies with the lovely purple wings.

I was pleased to find 2 Common Spotted Orchids in our field, but I am surprised that it has taken 15 years for them to appear! Lots of people get them into their gardens much sooner when they create wild flower meadows. On Castle Hill in Cranborne, there was a lot of Meadow Saxifrage in flower – a flower I have tried to grow without success. This has spurred me to have another go! I have been doing a survey of breeding birds in Damerham since 1994, and am aware that there are far fewer than when I first started. I have looked at the records, and this reveals a huge change. In my first year, I recorded 42 species, and 424 individual birds. Last year, there were 37 species and just 230 individual birds. I accept that this may be biased by me being 30 years older with less acute hearing but the same trends are shown by national surveys. What is particularly worrying is 'Why has this happened?'. Damerham seems to have changed much less than many places in this time, but clearly things are happening to cause this decline.

Perhaps an increase in the use of pesticides, changing farming practice, including poorer management of hedgerows (how many are cut following the national guidelines?). We do need to know, and perhaps the new government support for agriculture will help. (Ed: but what can you do in your own garden and round and about to support and encourage birds and wildlife in general??)

Happy Spotting! Paul

Craft Club

A friendly informal group that meets on the last Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm. Our next session is on Wednesday 26th July. The less than crafty, or not so confident are really welcome too.

Contact Sharon or Jemma

sharon54mia@btinternet.com or jkcoopershj@btinternet.com

Sports Field 100 Club

1st prize – ball 3 - £47 - Anon

2nd prize – ball 40 - £28 – Emma Randall

3rd prize – ball 4 - £19 - Anon

Please contact Mathew.holden@sky.com for details of how to join.

Damerham Speed Watch

Some residents in the village have asked the Parish Council to look again at Speed Watch as there appears to be an increase in speed through the village. Our neighbouring parishes (Sandleheath and Martin) are also busy rekindling Speed Watch, as they also have been seeing this increase.

Damerham Parish Council is therefore trying to get our own Speed Watch team back up and running. We have a number of volunteers already committed, but we are looking for more. We need to make up a team of people that are willing to spare an hour or two every so often to stand at the roadside with the provided equipment to monitor and record the speeds of vehicles travelling through the village. The more volunteers we have, the better and more flexible we can be.

If you could spare some time, and would like to know more, please contact Chairman of the Council, Phil Tandy – phil.tandy@damerham.net. Thank you.

Cranborne Chase AONB

Lots of interesting things going on, as always! Check out the website cranbornechase.org.uk.

If you fancy helping out in the amazing work done all around the area, and find out more, you can register for training and volunteering opportunities, there will be something suitable for all abilities, including Living Churchyard Training. There are also fascinating talks, videos and events, including a Summer Butterfly Walk at Vernditch on 16th July.

TUFF summer

Get ready for the school summer holidays! TUFF will be doing their stuff at the Community Meadow on Wednesday afternoons during August. There might be some other special events for adults and families too, so keep an eye out. We are hoping to run an emergency first aid course – would you be interested? Contact Mandy on 07389 009995 or turnupforfun@live.com and check in on our facebook page – Turn Up For Fun – TUFF.

It's Rubbish!!

Recycling Sheds – in the school carparks 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 25 July from 7.00am



Garden Waste

Collection for existing customers will be on 4th and 18th July. 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 **August** edition, please email me at mandysrobbins@gmail.com by **Saturday 15th July**. Thank you!!!

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