

# The Parish Pump October 2023

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## Regular Village Events:

**Mondays** from 9am Pilates with Sandie  
Contact: [Sandie.wills@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sandie.wills@hotmail.co.uk)

**Tuesdays** from 9.45am – Fluffy Chicks parent and toddler group.  
Contact: [fluffychicks21@gmail.com](mailto:fluffychicks21@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays** from 5pm Taekwondo with Adam  
Contact: [adam.btsouth@gmail.com](mailto:adam.btsouth@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays** from 6.30pm – Damerham AFC training  
Contact: [Dylan - 07380192020](mailto:Dylan - 07380192020)

**Tuesdays** from 7.30pm – Badminton Doubles club  
Contact: [m.walter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m.walter@hotmail.co.uk)

**Wednesdays** from 10.30 – Coffee Pot

**Wednesdays** from 6pm Zumba with Carolina  
Contact: [carolinatuc@gmail.com](mailto:carolinatuc@gmail.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of the month from 2pm – Tea and Chat  
Contact: [ellawhitcher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ellawhitcher@hotmail.co.uk) tel: 07986 650123

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of the month Quiz Night at the Compasses Inn  
Contact: 01725 518231

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of the month from 9.30 – Walking Group  
Contact: [sarahings56@gmail.com](mailto:sarahings56@gmail.com)

**Last Wednesday** of the month from 7pm – Craft Club  
Contact: [jkcoopershj@btinternet.com](mailto:jkcoopershj@btinternet.com)

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of the month from 7.15pm Bingo  
Contact: [sharon54mia@btinternet.com](mailto:sharon54mia@btinternet.com)@btinternet.com

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday** of the month from 7.30pm, Royal British Legion social at Martin Village Hub.  
Contact: [Jim.eames@btinternet.com](mailto:Jim.eames@btinternet.com)

**Fridays** from 9.30 – 12. Avon Valley Shed at the Pavilion on the Sports Field.  
Contact: [Paul Kalsi - 07597 470056](mailto:Paul Kalsi - 07597 470056)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** of every other month from 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting  
Contact: [clerk@damerham.net](mailto:clerk@damerham.net)

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## Damerham and District Horticultural Society

The AGM is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm, in Damerham Village Hall. Come along, enjoy drinks, nibbles and a talk with slides about 'A Year in the Horticultural Society'. All welcome!

## Hallowe'en Party at the Compasses Inn

Music, fancy dress and lots of fun on 29 October from 8pm.  
Contact the pub for more details.

## Jumble Sale in aid of St George's Church

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Damerham Village Hall from 2pm. Donations of items to sell can be left from 10am (no electrical goods, though, please). There will be a raffle and refreshments.*

## 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 meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> October. We will be learning how to make beautiful little gift books/cards. The less than crafty, or not so confident are really welcome too.*

Contact Sharon or Jemma  
[sharon54mia@btinternet.com](mailto:sharon54mia@btinternet.com)  
or [jkcoopershj@btinternet.com](mailto:jkcoopershj@btinternet.com)

## Damerham Fair

We recently had a get-together to thank our many helpers and sponsors, which was well attended.

We are now collecting applications of requests for funding for projects or ideas of benefit to the village – if you or our organisation wish to apply for funds please email [chairdamerhamfair@gmail.com](mailto:chairdamerhamfair@gmail.com) or tel Steve (0777 413 6211 for a form).

**The Fair AGM is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at the Village Hall – all are welcome!**

## Damerham Village Hall

Next session is  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
from 7.30pm start  
**CASH PRIZES & RAFFLE**  
**Refreshments Available**



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

## Two Bridges NEED YOU!

Can you help out, please – just a few hours a month is fine! Two Bridges provide transport for hospital and medical appointments in Damerham, Fordingbridge, Alderholt and area, and need more volunteer drivers. A vital service where we live, and a wonderful way to 'give back'.

Contact them on 0845 838 5902 for more information.

## Tea and Chat

We had a lovely outing on 14<sup>th</sup> September when we went from Norden Station to Swanage on the steam train. We then had free time to wander around the shops of Swanage, visit one of the many cafes or a take a wander along the seafront. The weather was fantastic, and there was a great selection of icecream flavours to choose from at the icecream parlour.

Cherry and Simon have unfortunately had to step down from running Tea and Chat, as Cherry has been unwell. We all want to say a massive 'Thank You' for their dedicated commitment to the group for many years. We will miss them and their very efficient organisation, but they do intend to return to be part of the group, without the strain of running it, once Cherry has fully recovered. Ella Whitcher and Jenny Ragg will head up the group with the assistance of the existing committee.

**The next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm, where Jenny will be giving a demonstration of flower arranging.**

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 newcomers.

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## **Mary Toynton**

*It is so very sad to reflect on the death of Mary Toynton at Salisbury Hospice on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Mary had been living with cancer for many years, but maintained her own cheerful, positive and accepting attitude to her illness. She was amazing, and didn't allow it to quell her enthusiasm for life – right to the end.*

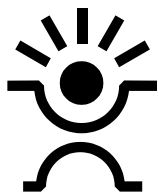
*So many people have reason to be thankful for Mary's life – she was a good friend to all comers, offering practical, personal and community help and morale boosting encouragement wherever it was needed. She was good company in all sorts of ways, not least in learning to knit, singing, fundraising, cake making and so much more. She will leave a huge hole in so very many lives. How lucky we all are to have known and loved her.*

*There will be a service in memory of Mary at Damerham Village Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am. Please let Jill (jilltoyn@hotmail.com) know if you are planning to come.*

*Donations in memory of Mary can be made at Salisbury Hospice – [www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk](http://www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk).*

## **TUFF summer**

We have really enjoyed our TUFF sessions on the Community Meadow as well as our foraging picnic and the wild night, with lovely faces old and new joining in all sorts of stuff! Thank you for joining us. As you probably know, these were our last full TUFF sessions, as we will be hanging up our parachute and glue sticks – thank you to everyone in Damerham who has made it such fun. There might be a little bit of TUFF here and there to use up the last few pennies. Should anyone like to organise some play picnics etc, do get in touch – we have some kit to pass on too!



Contact Mandy on 07389 009995 or [turnupforfun@live.com](mailto:turnupforfun@live.com)

## **Cranborne and District Community Choir**

Do you sing in the shower?!

If you do – come and sing with us at the Cranborne and District Community Choir!

You don't have to be able to read music

You don't have to face an audition

You don't have to have a special voice

But you do have to enjoy singing and the chance to sing with others in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Young or old, of any voice – soprano, alto, tenor or bass (or don't know!!) all are very welcome!

We meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at St James' Church Hall in Alderholt.

For more information, contact Paul on 01725 518510

or Robin on 01725 518861 or

[michaela.lucasrowe@outlook.com](mailto:michaela.lucasrowe@outlook.com)

## **100 Club September Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Richard Aston - £30

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Jon Wright - £18

3<sup>rd</sup> Place, John Cakebread - £12

Prizes are slightly down as we've lost a few people who paid upfront for the first year. Don't miss out, join or rejoin now! Get in touch with [Mathew.holden@sky.com](mailto:Mathew.holden@sky.com)

## **Damerham Parish Council**

*Speedwatch has returned to the village as requested by some residents. We have a new trained group who are giving up their time to try and educate drivers coming through our village too fast.*

*From the data to date, they have found that of the 191 vehicles monitored, 100 of these were travelling at over 30mph, this is 52% of vehicles passing either in or out of the village. The highest number of speeding vehicles is early morning and late afternoon. It is hoped that by frequent checks, it will educate those speeders to drive responsibly within the 30mph limit in the village.*

*The fastest speed recorded to date was 45mph!*

*We will provide regular updates via the Pump.*

## **Chalk and Chase Creative Writing Competition**

A sense of Place – Cranborne Chase

Create a piece of writing of 500 words or less that reflects thoughts, experiences or feelings evoked by the Cranborne Chase AONB. Deadline for entries is 16<sup>th</sup> October. More details, and lots more information of interest from their website: [cranbornechase.org.uk](http://cranbornechase.org.uk)

## **Learning in Libraries**

Lots of learning opportunities in local libraries and via libraries online. Fordingbridge library have limited spaces on a free emergency first aid course on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Have a look at what is available at [shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries](http://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries)

## **It's Rubbish!!**

**Recycling Sheds** – Currently out of action, but if any handy person is able to fix the hinges on the door to make it useable again, please contact the school PTA! 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 17<sup>th</sup> October from 7.00am



## **Garden Waste**

Collection for existing customers will be on 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October. For more information about collection days for household waste, recycling and more, see [www.newforest.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish](http://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 October edition, please email me at [mandysrobbins@gmail.com](mailto:mandysrobbins@gmail.com) by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you!!!*

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