

# THE EMS

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## The effect of Global Warming on Hampshire

Richard Jannaway

A further showing of 'An Inconvenient Truth' was organised by Havant Friends of the Earth at the Havant Arts Centre on 4 June. This was followed by a discussion in which four local politicians, three from Emsworth, Ray Cobbett (Lib Dem), Tim Dawes (Green), Brendan Gibb-Gray (Conservative) and Ken Gilchrist (Labour) shared the platform with Jean and Richard Hedley from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HWT).

Each politician gave a brief summary of their party's position. All agreed about the seriousness of the situation and that urgent action was needed. From the meeting emerged the key question, still to be answered, "What should we be campaigning for HBC to do about global warming in this area?"

Jean and Richard Hedley described how the Trust is working to devise a strategy to enable both people and wildlife to cope with changes in climate. In particular they listed the availability of freshwater, the realignment of the coast and the redistribution of living things. Emphasis is changing from preserving individual species in specific areas to creating and maintaining a series of linked habitats in which species could migrate as the climate changed.

### PUSHing for a flood?

HWT is highly critical of the reckless and unsustainable planned urban growth, implied in the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH) strategy. This growth includes intensification of existing urban land uses, at or below current and predictable coastal flood levels. The full text of their submission can be found on their website. [www.hwt.org.uk](http://www.hwt.org.uk)

### Other climate change links:

the Al Gore film  
[www.climatecrisis.net](http://www.climatecrisis.net)  
Havant Friends of the Earth:  
[www.havantfoe.org.uk](http://www.havantfoe.org.uk)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Elections

I didn't bother to vote on 3rd May at the local elections. "Shame on you!" I hear you stalwarts cry, "Not exercising your democratic right" or as the canvasser for the Conservatives said to my wife, "Don't come to me with your problems if you can't be bothered to vote."

So why didn't I vote and what was it I didn't vote for?

There were five candidates in this ward this time around. I received no information or canvasser from three of them, so would it be fair to say they didn't deserve my vote? I received two pamphlets from the Conservatives (six sides of A4 in total) and one from the Liberal Democrats (two sides of A4). That's a good starting point, now I can see what these two candidates are offering and I can make an informed choice about who, if either, aligns closest to what I would like from my representative. That's what it's about, isn't it? So having read their pamphlets what did I deduce.

Firstly the Conservative candidate, experienced, some good works identified as achievements, a few general issues raised and a carefully chosen collection of HBC statistics. Well done! Now what's next? Oh Dear, I'm sorry, but where is the list of things that need attention that she is going to fight for to make me want to get out and vote for her?

Now for the Lib. Dem. candidate, knowledgeable, not surprisingly a range of different issues highlighted to that of the above. Sadly, after lamenting the demise of independent council representation, I read it as too much Conservative bashing. Again, where is the list of things that need attention that he is going to fight for to make me want to go out and vote for him?

I'm sure in both cases the candidates (or their respective backup teams) can claim it is there implicit within the text, but why is it not explicitly written, clear as day for everyone to see? I have my own views, but like all the five candidates I'll keep my own counsel for the time being, after all, unlike them, I don't need to stand up and be counted do I?

Let us not forget the business analogy that the voters are the customers to these potential councillors and they need to 'sell' us something that we want to 'buy'. If not ...

So quite simply you can see why I didn't vote - for three of them I didn't know who they were and the others they didn't tell me what they were going to do for me. As for the lady mentioned above, I hope she can now appreciate where the effort is needed.

## EDITORIAL

Richard Jannaway

**Distributor** - Sue Granville-George has been distributing The EMS since 2004. Every quarter she has organised the 6000 copies of The EMS and prepared them for the distributors. She has also kept the list of distributors up to date. Without this unseen work, The EMS would not have got out nearly so effectively. So thank you Sue, very much from myself and on behalf of the ERA committee. Our new distributor is John Kieran, details given above, and I wish him every success.

**Website** - I am still working on updating the ERA website, you should already find it a lot faster and easier to find your way around. I have also streamlined the links to the HBC's planning pages and added help notes.

**Communication** - The way in which Havant Borough Council is now talking to the Emsworth Community Board and the ERA (see Oak Drive article) is a great step forward

It's only a pity that Hampshire County Council are not following suit. Access 'improvements' in the town centre, and tree felling are just two examples (see pages 4 and 8 respectively). The first thing residents knew in either case was when the contractors arrived. If such works do need doing, people should be told what, when and why. Both the ERA and the Community Board are effective channels of communication so the County should use them!

For the minority of the Emsworth electorate who did vote (circa 4000 souls) perhaps they can tell the ERA what it was they were voting for so that next time around we'll all be able to see if their expectations were realised.

Graham Dickinson

### King Street Parking

At the bottom of King Street, immediately North of the slipway, is a pavement which has been bordered by double yellow lines since the council acquired responsibility. It is clear that many people, visitor and resident alike, do not understand that the entire pavement is included, just as it would be in the centre of town, and that no parking or unloading is allowed at any time, 7 days a week.

I have personally lobbied the Council to either, revert to the original single line (which never caused a problem) or put a notice permitting off road parking on the pavement, in the evenings and at weekends, as has been the habit for many years, and which I believe to be a common sense approach, removing any ambiguity and confusion that has existed up until now.

This short stretch of pavement is seldom used by pedestrians, who prefer to walk in the road where the view is better.

Your readers should be aware therefore that wardens do sometimes patrol here at weekends, and that the owner of any car parked on this pavement at any time, any day of the week, (or in the road) is liable to a penalty and this is despite the fact that HBC "would like to maximise the parking in Emsworth."

R.M. Arnold

### Swimming and crabbing, etc. for many or canoeing for the few?

A reply to John Davis' article in the April issue.

The Harbourmaster doth protest too much, methinks.

His suggested local canoe instruction would be a useful start but no alternative to normal childhood delights for the many that Emsworth has traditionally provided.

According to reports, since the deterrent action by our local police there has been nothing like the mayhem claimed by John Davis which, he suggests, justifies his blanket ban on childhood fun.

According to Steve Mountain, HBC's Special Projects Engineer, swimming in the Millpond is a non-starter for a host of reasons, not least the polluted water and the difficulty of dredging without damaging the protective bottom sealing. And just imagine craning many hundreds of tons of accumulated silt and swan droppings over the Millpond wall into lighters and towing it out into the Channel!

Perhaps one of our younger experts could explain to Lt Col Davis that, whilst Emsworth style crabbing does not require the use of hooks, it cannot reasonably be carried out from the foreshore or sea wall. If the ban is to persist, a dedicated jetty and play area is required.

The public jetty was welcomed by all but if it is now, in spite of a Heritage Lottery Fund contribution of £10,000, to be exclusive to boat owners, a separate jetty and play facility is owed to the general public. If it was possible to install and then virtually double the size of the old jetty for the relative few, it would be difficult to deny a

truly public facility of lesser 'footprint'. Surely it is safer overall to swim near the jetty where there are available handholds, the depth is predictable, the bottom is not soft mud and there are people on watch?

Is not the Conservancy's attitude to safety rather selective? At its Chidham coastal setback, the Conservancy is replicating, within a mile, the discontinuous islands believed responsible for the death of one boy and hospitalisation of three others in 2001. At Langstone, the Conservancy admitted to discouraging the County Council from carrying out its statutory duty to maintain the Wadeway which, due largely to unlawful bait digging, has developed a dangerous new gap since being confirmed as a Public Bridleway in 1988.

P J Colbourne

### And just what is this eyesore all about ??

Is it a way to foil the growing number of suicide attempts? Or maybe it's to protect the good citizens of Emsworth from a sneak attack from water borne boat invaders scaling the wall from the millpond!!

Whatever it's for, it is another example of pseudo-Dickensian wrought iron rubbish defacing our heritage.

I gather it's been foisted upon us by Hampshire County Council which means, of course, that we've had to pay for it.

As far as my research can tell, not one of our long-term residents can ever remember a case of someone falling off the bridge and into the water.



So what is it all about ?

And please don't say those words 'health and safety' or I shall be tempted to climb the railings and make history as a first !

Brian Picknett

(For those of you who don't get out much the railings are across the top of the Town Mill Pond between Bridgefoot Path and Bath Road. Ed.)

## EMS Copy Date

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## Emsworth Residents' Association

QGM - Monday 30 July 2007

Emsworth Community Centre, Mountford Rooms, 7.30 pm

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There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

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