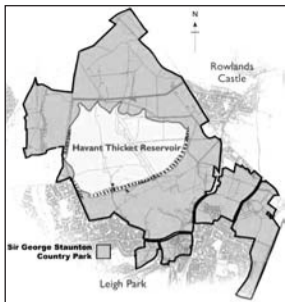


**Water, Sewage and Power**

*Richard Jannaway*

**Havant Thicket Reservoir**

Portsmouth Water's plan to build a reservoir a mile long, and half a mile wide at Havant Thicket has been around for a long time. The company purchased the land in 1965 and the reservoir now looks likely to be given the go-ahead. Consultation is taking place with stakeholders including environmental groups. Construction is planned to start in 2015.



*Possible shape and location of Havant Thicket reservoir*

The diligence with which measures being taken to conserve water, such as reducing demand and leakage, will need to be assessed.

- Is the need for water great enough to justify the destruction of a large area of countryside including, probably, a magnificent long avenue to the north of Staunton Country Park?
- Will climate change, with the predicted hotter drier summers and most of the rainfall occurring in torrential downpours during warmer, wetter winters make the reservoir essential?

The EMS will be monitoring the progress of the consultation.

**Budds Farm to generate power**

Better news from an environmental viewpoint is that the sewage treatment works at Budds Farm will soon be joining the capped Southleigh Forest landfill site in generating power from the methane produced from waste passing through it. A planning application to build the power plant has recently been submitted.

Using waste methane to generate power benefits the environment in two ways:

- Firstly, it eliminates the release of methane into the atmosphere. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas, considerably more damaging than the much talked of CO2.
- Secondly, the electricity generated reduces the need to burn fossil fuels. The power will be fed into the grid and we will all benefit from locally produced power, which has lower transmission losses compared to power from remote generators.

**Chicken Kormas and Nan Bread ... for 120 please!**

*Richard Jannaway*



*Three of the pupils at St James' with the meals, Hindu robes and the altar they constructed. Behind them stand their teachers, dressed up for the day, and two gentlemen from Taste of India Restaurant.*

This was the order delivered by Taste of India Restaurant in Emsworth to St James' Primary School on Thursday 24 May. The children in Key Stage 1 (the infants) were spending a day learning about the Hindu faith. As well as an authentic Indian meal, eaten with-out cutlery, they learnt about various aspects of the Hindu faith.

I was invited to share their meal and chatted with Lauren, age six who most enjoyed the dancing during the morning. She liked the chicken korma,

which she had had before because her mum made it, but she preferred to use a knife and fork.

Erika Biddlecombe, the religious education coordinator, told me that although St James' is a church school and mainly teaches the Christian religion, they also teach the children about the other major religions of the world. Key stage 1 has a day of Hinduism whilst the Juniors learn about the Muslim and Jewish religions.

**Co-op customers donate £4800 to Community Responders**

*Naomi Pattison*

Customers of Emsworth Co-op have been donating to the Ambulance Responders through the Community Support card for the last year and last month the manager of the Southern Co-operatives Foundation handed them a cheque for £4800. We would like to thank the Co-op, its customers, and all the other donors so much for their generosity, which has enabled us to buy excellent quality equipment as specified by the NHS.

Emsworth Ambulance Responders has now been running for ten months and has received over 200 calls for assistance in Emsworth. We have nearly 20 trained volunteer Responders who work in pairs for 4-hour stints throughout the day and evening to be first on the scene and provide first aid whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

We have recently been given a 'major incident' training session, jointly with Hayling Island Responders group, arranged by South Central Ambulance Service. This was quite demanding and an eye opener for many of us! Training is ongoing to keep our skills up to date and many of the earlier recruits have now passed their 6-month re-qualification test.

We have been able to purchase a second defibrillator and are planning to obtain a SATNAV to be fitted in our vehicles to shorten our response time to call outs.

We are always in need of more volunteers to replace trained people who leave due to moving away from the area, or whose circumstances change. If you are interested in helping the community as a trained Ambulance Responder and can commit to regular duties, please get in touch. We are a mixed, friendly group with varying backgrounds who are supportive to new members.

Come and see us at the Emsworth Show where we will be demonstrating our work and equipment.

Telephone Janet Barradell on 01243 430289 to volunteer or make a donation.

**Increased Leadership opportunities for students at Warblington School**

*Caroline Peters*

Over the last two terms, more students at Warblington have had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through work in sporting events held at the school. In the spring term, the school hosted 3 multi skills festivals. All Year 2 pupils from Bidbury Infant, Emsworth Primary, Fairfield Infant and St Albans Primary schools were invited to the festivals. Twenty-five Year 7 students ran the activities for the three afternoons. The students received a short training session prior to the events. They were excellent in the way they worked with the six and seven year old pupils.

Caroline Peters, the school sports coordinator at Warblington, saw the confidence of the students increase with each festival. They became more involved with each festival. Staff from the Infant and Primary schools were impressed with how the students ran the activities and worked with the young children. The festivals were a great success; the children could not stop talking about it on their return to their schools. One parent commented how their daughter was still talking about the festival at bedtime; she had not stopped talking about it since coming out of school.

Year 9 and 10 students helped with a basketball festival for pupils from Emsworth Primary School. The students all play basketball for Warblington, and enjoyed the experience of running the activities for the Emsworth pupils. Students from Year 9 and 10 have also helped to run inter tutor group activities for Year 7 and 8 students at the school.

The major event for the summer term is always the Warblington Family Activity Day. Over 170 Year 4 Pupils from Bidbury and Bosmere Junior schools, Emsworth and St Albans Primary schools come to this big event hosted by Warblington. Fifty Year 10 students are involved in the running of the activities at this whole-day event.

We are looking to be able to involve more students in future, by either working with our Primary schools or through activities for our own students.

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**Your Junk is Someone Else's Treasure**

*Mike Cowan*

A Bedhampton man has recently brought the Havant area into a rapidly expanding 'green' market where no money changes hands. Trevor Austin, who works in IT, helped by his partner Jill, has recently set up a local Freecycle group.

This international recycling and re-use organisation provides individuals and non-profit making organisations with an Internet based forum to "recycle" unwanted household and other items. It now has over half a million members in the UK. This month, in Britain, members of Freecycle will prevent an estimated 1,526 tonnes of re-usable goods from going into landfill. This represents around 2.2 million individual items in a full year.

Freecycle consists of local groups, run by volunteers. Each group provides an online message board where members can post details of items they have available, or items they are looking for. The main rule is that items must be given freely. Items must also be legal, appropriate for all ages and keep something out of landfill.

Offers have covered a wide spectrum from cars and caravans, to a bag of coat hangers; a Mr Men book; a plant and even hair clippers. All are equally valuable and find new homes thanks to the Freecycle members. Members can



watch out for items they would otherwise buy; or post a message offering or requesting an item. When more than one person responds, the donor chooses to whom they give and then collection is arranged.

The first Freecycle exchange took place in Tuscon, Arizona, in May 2003. The idea quickly took hold and the first UK group was formed in London in October 2003. At present there are 396 groups in communities all around the UK and globally 3934 Freecycle groups in 81 countries with a total of 3,111,276 members.

Latest figures: UK - 397 groups, 528,493 members - Havant 360 members  
Global - 3,950 groups, 3,175,275 members

Trevor said, "The scheme has been such a success because it helps to promote community spirit, sharing and giving, whilst keeping an ever increasing amount of items out of landfill. There's a real buzz to giving a neglected kitchen gadget and making someone else's day as you hand it over."

For information about the Havant group, visit the websites:

[www.groups.yahoo.com/group/HavantFreecycle](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/HavantFreecycle)  
or <http://www.uk.freecycle.org>

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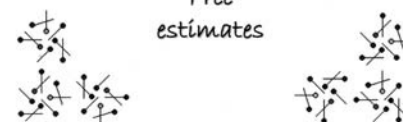


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