

COMMUNITY NEWS

Emsworth Food Festival Friday 14 - Sunday 16 September 2007 (taken from press releases)

There is a 'green' flavour to many of the Festival themes this year, encouraging visitors of all ages to sample and buy local produce in season, with a huge variety of stalls and demonstrations to maximise the experience. Children and the elderly also enjoy special attention, with focused activities and workshops. The festival offers over 120 stalls spread across Emsworth; this year providing even more diversity. Live music adds to the festival spirit, with a scheduled programme in place for the three days.

Featured this year are:

- Real Ale marquee
- Larger and more interesting area for children with entertainment and hands-on activities
- Food Festival Diary for 2008 with recipes and lots of "stuff" about Emsworth
- Improved range and quality of stalls with a greater emphasis on local producers
- Celebrity chef
- Improved traffic management for residents in the town centre.

As well as many old favourites, there will be many exciting new producers. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Hazel & Co. there will be another fireworks display on the Friday evening so that visitors will be able to enjoy a full evening of music and fireworks.

Celebrity Chef

Emsworth Food Festival is delighted to announce that popular television chef, Lesley Waters, will play a key part at this year's Festival. She will host cookery master classes and help judge the Young Chef of the Year Award on Saturday 15 September. Lesley is planning her master class for the Festival around some of her favourite British dishes using local seasonal produce. Lesley's class is part of an ever more exciting and innovative choice of master classes and tastings at the Festival this year.

The website www.emsworthfoodfestival.co.uk will have all the breaking news on events and the master class programme when it is finalised. Tickets will be on sale at The Brookfield Hotel reception in Emsworth from early July.

Emsworth Artists Summer Exhibition 2007

Jan Copsey

Emsworth Artists are holding their Annual Summer Exhibition at the Community Centre, Church Path, Emsworth from Saturday 25 August until Wednesday 29 August - open daily from 10am until 6pm. Admission is free.

This Exhibition helps raise funds for the Community Centre and there are more than fifty participating artists who exhibit a very high standard of painting and sculpture. All these works are for sale.

There are competitions for the most popular exhibit, also for the most popular watercolour in the exhibition, and we ask the visitors to vote. We have found this to be of great interest in the past, and the winning artists receive a prize at the end of the exhibition.

Sahara Marathon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Laura Briggs

The Marathon des Sables is a seven-day endurance race across the Sahara Desert in Southern Morocco. It covers about 150 miles of mixed terrain including 300ft sand dunes, heat hazed salt plains and rocky mountainous passages. Competitors are required to carry all their food and equipment for the duration of the race.



Laura Briggs ready for the start, with her father John Briggs (ERA president retired) and mother Stella Briggs

The whole experience was something totally new to me, long distance running and being in the desert, which just added to the excitement and the challenge. But I was 100% sure I could complete the race. The first day I took quite steadily getting used to the pack, salt tablets, the sand, etc. I got used to the heat, up to 47 degrees C, fairly quickly, having been doing some training in the sauna!

I was very lucky not to suffer with blisters and the only problem I really had was agonising prickly heat from my waist to my toes for the first three days! I was definitely pleased to see the finish line!

I am really pleased to have raised over £3000 for Macmillan Cancer Support and would particularly like to thank all the people of Emsworth who made generous donations. Also thanks to Mr Mark Freeman of Robson Optician for the protective eyewear, which was invaluable both day and night! I hope that my efforts will help to make a difference to a few people's lives that are affected by cancer and hope that it may spur others on to do what they can to help out in any small way possible.

The Emsworth Show

Dennis Doye

August Bank Holiday Monday will once again see the giant marquee rise on the Jubilee Recreation Ground at Horndean Road as the focus for the annual Emsworth Show, organised by the Emsworth Horticultural Society. Around 5000 visitors are expected. Two arenas will feature a variety of events including a 'Jiving Pony', Flying Falcons, Dog Agility Displays, Gun Dog Training, Tai Kwondo, Band Music, Morris Dancers, Clog Dancers, Hip hop Dancers and a Fun Dog Show, all being kicked off with the Bourne Sports Footballers.

Around the ground, 60 Stalls will cater for all tastes, and for the children there will be Magic Shows, Rides, Juggling and other entertainment.

The Showground opens to the public at 11am, and the marquee - full of flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookery, handicrafts and photographs - opens at 1pm after judging is completed and the Mayor of Havant has declared the Show officially open.

David Hurrion, one of Radio Solent's gardening gurus, will present the cups and awards at 5pm, following the draw for the Raffle which includes a wooden six-seater garden furniture dining set with cushions and parasol worth £340 kindly donated by 'Just Out', £100 cash and other valuable prizes.

The cost of entry to the Show is just £2 for adults with accompanied children under 12 free, car parking on the Showground £2.00 extra (space limited).

Collect your FREE Show Schedule from the library or local retail outlets now - and why not enter some of the many competitions detailed inside. Over 700 cash prizes to be won.

Awayday: Glenwood day out at Paultons Park

Eve Fuller

Twenty pupils from Glenwood School, Emsworth had a great day out at Paultons Park, Romsey with members of Havant Rotary Club.

The visit was part of the Rotary movement's annual Kids Out Day. The youngsters enjoyed all the attractions of the adventure park and a picnic lunch together with hundreds of other children, all guests of Rotary clubs in the district, which covers Hampshire, East Dorset, South Wiltshire, the Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands.



Children from Glenwood with the Mayor of Havant Councillor Vic Pierce-Jones and his Mayoress, Mrs Margaret Jones, the President-elect of Havant Rotary Club Colin Hunt, Rotarians, staff and helpers.

Going For Gold

Taken from a press release

The Havant Rotary Club are fund raising for children's hospices with 'Going for Gold' a huge community project in which the club is enlisting the help of schools, businesses and other local organisations to raise much-needed funds for the two children's hospices which serve the area - Chestnut Tree House near Chichester, and Naomi House, just north of Winchester.

Gold awards will be achieved by any company donating £1,000+, groups and schools donating £250+ and individuals giving up to £100. For more details call Bryan Bouch on 01243 782774 or Graham Smith on 02392 462111, or visit <http://www.havantrotary.com>

Emsworth Country Market

Sue Granville-George

Every Thursday morning in the Emsworth Baptist Church Hall - close to the main roundabout - Emsworth Country Market is open from 10 to 11.30 am selling locally produced and home made goods at very reasonable prices.

Originally founded in 1986 as part of the nationwide Women's Institute Market Group, the market remains committed to the very high reputation of the WI. Regularly on sale are all sorts of home made cakes, savoury pies and quiches, jams, marmalades, chutneys and mustards. All the cooks must hold an up to date Food Hygiene Certificate ensuring the highest standards of food hygiene, safety and packaging.

Also available are fresh eggs, meat, honey, vegetables, flowers and plants all from the Emsworth locality. A variety of sewn and knitted goods plus hand-made cards make up the craft section. Bakery items and garden produce must be freshly cooked or freshly picked. Products may be ordered in advance and it is possible to order a hamper of freshly prepared goods to be delivered as a gift - both locally and nationally.

The Market welcomes new producers to increase the variety of goods on sale. Should you be interested and would like the opportunity to profit from your skills, please contact Ann Barnett on 01243 371292 for a chat and to find out more details.

If you have never visited YOUR Market, do give us a try. You will be very welcome. We are a friendly community affair and you may enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake as part of the experience - but do come early as popular lines are soon sold out!

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