

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Swing while you Shop!

Brian Edwards-Picknett



Emsworth Square will be the setting for a Memorial Garden Event on Saturday 27th October (10am to 2.30pm) organised by the Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden.

The event will feature a display of plans, including an artist's impression and the progress the Friends have made. Other attractions include vintage military vehicles, the marching band of TS Unity and the presence of Angel Radio providing the swinging sounds of Glen Miller and others from the big band era.

Watch out for details of the 'Emsworth Remembers Day' planned for Spring 2008. This event will be a 'Flashback to the Forties' giving a glimpse of life in those times - a day of memories brought to life.

Keep up to date with all these events and developments in the Memorial Garden on the website: [www.emsworthmemorialgarden.org.uk](http://www.emsworthmemorialgarden.org.uk)

## Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday

Virginia Wilson-Smith

Last year, the Emsworth Community Board announced that there would always be a brief ceremony at the Memorial "Absence" on 11 November at 11am. This year, it coincides with Remembrance Sunday. We realise that there will be the usual official observances and parade in the afternoon, and many Churches will be holding a two-minute silence at 11am. However, if you just wish to have a private time for reflection, please come and join us in the Memorial Garden to remember those from Emsworth who gave their lives in conflict, aid and succour to advance the cause of peace and justice in the world.

## Emsworth Gardens Open Day

Sarah Sanderson

The Emsworth Horticultural Society held their second Open Gardens Day on Sunday 1st July. The last time they did this in 2004 it rained from the moment the gardens opened until 15 minutes before they closed, so it was not a good omen when it started raining this time just before opening. But luckily they got a break in the unremittingly awful weather on this occasion!

18 enthusiastic gardeners opened their gardens, and a number of them did plant sales and teas as well. There was a wide variety of gardens open - and a lot of positive feedback from visitors on how much they enjoyed the day, how many lovely gardens they had seen, and in some instances how they wished they had started earlier.



Shady border in Annette Wood's garden

Emsworth Ambulance Community Responders and The Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden were the two local good causes chosen by the EHS for the event, and they each received a cheque after expenses for £399.44. Sales of teas and plants also produced £16 for Arthritis Care, £28 for the Emsworth Community Association, £115 for Emsworth Stroke Club, a further £118.80 for the Memorial Garden, £13.50 for the Patey Day Centre in Cosham, £154 for Project Connect, £16.50 for the Rosemary Foundation, £17 for Rowans Hospice, and £18.90 for St Dunstons. In all, a total of nearly £1,300 to good causes, a most impressive achievement.

It wasn't all hard work for the garden owners though - over the following ten days each garden was timetabled to be open again for about forty-five minutes, so that every garden opener got a chance to look round the other gardens, meet the other owners and admire the fruits of their labours instead.

## Warblington School Dance Clubs get 'Awards for All' grant

Caroline Peters

Warblington School was recently awarded nearly £6000 to develop dance at the school and across their family of schools. There will be increased opportunities for students at the school to participate in new, after-school dance clubs. Pupils at Bidbury and Bosmere Junior, Emsworth and St Albans Primary, Bidbury and Fairfield Infant schools will be part of the Warblington Cluster project. Dance clubs will be set up in their schools and there will be opportunities for pupils from these schools to attend dance workshops at Warblington School.

In the last academic year, dance has become increasingly popular at the school. Two dance clubs have run weekly throughout the year, giving students a new opportunity. The students have participated in two dance festivals, one hosted by Horndean Technology College, the other organised through the Havant and Waterlooville School Sports Partnership.

Mr Davies, Acting Headteacher, said, "We look forward to exciting new opportunities for students at our School and for pupils in our feeder schools".

## The Emsworth Show 2007

Dennis Doye

Once again the Emsworth Show, organised by Emsworth Horticultural Society, was a great success thanks to the enormous team effort and support of the people of the Emsworth area. The Show Committee would like to thank all those involved in making it a successful day, Havant Borough Council for their logistical support, the Emsworth park team for their preparation of the park and all the volunteers who made the show such an enjoyable day for over 5000 adults and innumerable children.

The large exhibition marquee was filled with over 800 entries, a great achievement after the strange summer. The vegetable section was very impressive and the fruit exhibits were excellent

The handicraft section reflected a variety of traditional skills including quilting with large and small quilts and cushions, canvas and needlepoint, paintings, carvings. The Photography section with over 100 photographs made a stunning display across one end of the marquee.

Paul Rogers from the Isle of Wight won the Devoil Blue Riband for the Best in Show. He also won the National Vegetable Society Medal for the best vegetable exhibit, and several other awards. The Banksian Medal, awarded by the RHS was won by William Howarth of Christchurch, who also retained the Basil Williams Trophy and a number of other awards. This year's Emsworth Champion Gardener is Mr A. Chivers and Roy Harding of Havant is The Emsworth Dahlia Champion winning the Holliss Memorial Cup. The prizes were presented by David Hurron a freelance garden writer who is a popular visitor to our Show.



A bicycle made for two - antique cycles on parade

Entertainment in the main arena included the TS Unity Band, Rebecca and her Jive Pony, G.M.G. Falconry, Antique Bicycles and Mr Sills and his Gun Dogs. In the small arena there was a very successful Dog Show and displays by the various traditional dance groups. All this plus a wide variety of stalls, teas and food outlets and children's attractions including train rides, roundabouts, Fun House, and Mr Merlin Magic Show.

The Dragon Ladies Club of Southbourne provided a tea tent and raised money for their charity. Our own profits will be dispersed to local good causes and we would welcome suggestions for those who need help with their work.

The EHS Raffle main prize of garden furniture was donated by Just Out of Havant and there were also many prizes from local businesses, sponsors and friends of the EHS.

This was a successful day, with families enjoying the sunshine and the fun of the show and we are already thinking about next year's Show, provisionally booked for August Bank Holiday Monday, 25th August 2008.

## Emsworth Ambulance Community Responders

Naomi Pattison

The Responders have had a successful first year. At the AGM held on 28 July 2007 in the Emsworth Community Centre, the committee were pleased to announce that the group had been able to offer sufficient coverage to the NHS ambulance service to enable them to respond to 34 emergency call-outs between November 2006 and the end of July 2007. They covered 251 shifts of four hours duration, with often two Responders on duty at once, received 108 emergency calls during day-light hours, of which they responded to one third.



Emsworth Ambulance Community Responders at the Emsworth Show: Left to Right: Helen Albon, Janet Barradel, (Chairman) Mark Riddington and Dave Rance

Many thanks for the kind donations of funds, and equipment, from many local companies and individuals. The encouragement from our ambulance service trainer, Nick Brunt and his colleagues at Havant Ambulance Station has been essential and much appreciated. Our stall at the Emsworth Show resulted in six promising leads for new recruits.

Anyone interested in joining our group, please contact Janet Barradell 01243 430289 or recruitment officer, Mark Riddington 01243 375903.

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