

St George's weekend:

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Friday 24th April

Two evening talks - the first given by Steve Rogers the coordinator of the War Graves photographic project and the second by Philip Robinson on the Emsworth census of 1841 and local history. Venue: Crown Hotel Meeting Room

Saturday 25th April

We plan music, traditional dancing and a procession of vintage motorcars and bicycles around Emsworth during the day. John Cameron from the TV show, Cash in the Attic will judge the shop window competition. In the evening, there will be a "proms concert" in St James' Church based on the very best of English music.

Sunday 26th April

A St George's themed market in South Street car park starting at 10 am. We hope to attract 60 stallholders concentrating on good quality food and crafts. Detailed programmes will be available giving more accurate timings of these events, so be sure to be in Emsworth for this unique and interesting week of "English entertainments". Finally, we are grateful for the financial support given by the EBA and Springfield Nursing Home that has made all this possible.

Emsworth Museum

Our museum will be holding an exhibition on the history of Baker Barracks on Thorney Island and 47 Regiment (Royal Artillery) emphasising their peacetime and conflict roles. The exhibition will include information on how service personnel families have become involved in the life of the town. The museum will be open at weekends from Easter Saturday and this exhibition runs until Sunday 26th April. There will be a special opening on St George's Day itself (23rd April).

Brendan Gibb-Gray

Please contact the secretary on 373780 for further information.

Bogus Charity Collection

Trading Standards officers in Hampshire are investigating complaints from concerned residents who have received bags and leaflets through their door asking them to donate unwanted goods to a charity called 'Heartbeat UK'. Leaflets have been found in Chandler's Ford, West End (near Southampton) and Tadley in north Hampshire and others could follow.

The fliers state that the collections are being made by a company called 500 Ton Ltd whose head office is based in Staffordshire. Heartbeat UK is a genuine charity providing lifesaving equipment to emergency services and hospitals and is in no way connected to 500 Ton Ltd. A visit to their website www.heartbeatuk.co.uk/ confirms at once that they are not involved with either doorstep collections or lottery ticket sales.

So don't leave out any goods for collection in response to the leaflets and only donate unwanted goods to charities you know and trust. If you are suspicious of a collection, call: 0845 4040 506.

Jane Gulliver Trading Standards Officer Hampshire County Council



Chichester Harbour Events

In addition to the usual walks and trips on the 'Terror' and Solar Boat, Chichester Harbour Conservancy are splashing out (sometimes literally) on a series of innovative events for families and adults where you are likely to get messy, wet or muddy (or all three). Most events require booking and there is usually a small charge.

- Sun 5 April Earth, Air and Water: Environmental Art-Working in Mixed Media
- Mon 6 April Egg and Shell Hunt: Family Fun
- Sat 11 April Sunrise Beach Walk for Easter Saturday
- Wed 15 April Create a Harbour Fish in Willow
- Thu 16 April Beach Treasure Hunt and Lifeboat Station Visit: Family Fun
- Sun 19 April Earth, Air and Water: Creative Harbour Digital Photography
- Sat 25 April Harbour Channel Hopper Walk
- Tues 26 May Splash Walk: Family Fun

The EMS does not have space to display the details of these events so for times, costs and what to wear or bring, phone 01243 512301 or visit www.conservancy.co.uk/ The website also has details of the many other events organised by the Harbour Conservancy.

Edited from press release

Fire and Rescue Service: Emsworth

At Emsworth Fire Station we have continued to maintain our efficient response to all incidents, in addition to enhancing our community involvement.

We have attended four road traffic collisions; on the B2146 near Westbourne, outside Stanstead Park, and two on Havant Road Emsworth. We also attended two house fires, one in Shamrock Close, Bosham and one in Victoria Road, Emsworth and a grain dryer fire at Holme Farm, Stanstead Park.

Aims and Objectives:

Emsworth fire station works towards making the community safer by:

- **Conducting Home Fire Safety visits:** targeting 'at risk' groups within the Emsworth area, such as the elderly, disabled and families with young children to offer Home Fire Safety advice.
- **Acetylene:** cylinders, used in industry for cutting and welding can explode dramatically if involved in a fire. Our aim is to identify premises where acetylene is used, and offer information on the safe storage and use of these cylinders.
- **Arson reduction:** We will be conducting audits within the Emsworth area with a view to reducing the potential for arson. In addition, we will identify partnerships with the Local Authority, Police, Community Safety Officers, and other agencies to develop arson reduction strategies.
- **Education:** We will be visiting local schools in Emsworth to offer advice on fire and road safety.
- **Youth engagement:** Areas have already been identified for developing youth engagement within the Emsworth area. We aim to be present at certain youth activities to offer advice on fire and road safety issues.
- **Road safety:** We want to reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our roads and will provide opportunities for road safety training in the Emsworth area.

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Charity Car Wash on 7th March. It was great to see so many filthy cars !! We raised just under £500 for The Fire Fighters Charity.

If you feel you can assist us with any of these initiatives, please contact myself, Crew manager Perry Dodgson, at: perry.dodgson@hantsfire.gov.uk For more details about our aims and objectives, and further information on fire/road safety advice, please visit the HFRS website, www.hantsfire.gov.uk Perry Dodgson Crew Manager, Emsworth Fire Station

Orchard Children's Centre

Orchard Children's Centre serves the families, parents-to-be and children under five of Emsworth and St. Faith's. Using existing community buildings, The Orchard Children's Centre offers a wide range of services and activities, as well as signposting to other services. Sue Turle, Centre Manager, took on this new role in January 2009 and has plans to extend the existing service to include a breast-feeding support group.

Currently, the Centre supports the Orchard Bouncing Baby Group - for babies under 18 months, at the Pastoral Centre, Emsworth Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings. They also visit Pebbles Toddler Group, at Emsworth Baptist Church on the 1st Monday of each month and offer information and support to all parents and carers. In addition they offer activities in St Faith's Havant, as well as Sharps Copse, and Petersfield Road in Leigh Park. Sue Turle, Tel 023 92485181; email sue.turle@hants.gov.uk

Globe Trotters - Fun in a different language for parents and toddlers

Learning a second language or honing your rusty school French may not just be fun and beneficial to you but might also have an enormous impact on your toddler's language development. Don't be surprised if your toddler has an easier time mastering a new language than you.

While adults need years of classes before becoming fluent in another language, young children just seem to absorb extra languages if taught in the correct way using both sides of the brain.

At GlobeTrotters, the emphasis is on singing songs, playing games and having fun in a foreign language. Your language skills may improve but your children will have built the connections in their brains that will be with them for life.

Fridays Emsworth Centre from 24 April. Contact Barbara Langford 01243 375758 or info@littleglobetrotters.co.uk for details and booking.

Annual Treasure Hunt organised by Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust on 18th June. Come and enjoy a walk round Emsworth, test your powers of observation and learn new facts about this lovely old town. Meet at 7.00p.m. at the museum. Tea and biscuits available when you return to have your answers checked. For more information telephone Dorothy Bone 01243 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com

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