

May Day Arts Trail 2 & 3 May

with exhibition in Emsworth Museum

Emsworth's May Days Arts Trail, organised by Havant Borough Council, is being held on 2nd and 3rd of May. This is the weekend when you can visit the studios of local artists to view their work.

Emsworth Museum will be the hub for many of these artists and you will be able to see a sample of work by jewellery makers, painters and wood carvers.

The exhibition will continue after the May Days Trail is over. So if you were unable to see your favourite artist's work on 2nd or 3rd May, come along to the museum during the following weekends until 31st May where a sample will be on display.



Emsworth Museum is open on Saturdays and Bank Holidays from 10.30am to 4.30pm and on Sundays from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

For more information contact Dorothy Bone on 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com

News in Brief

Emsworth Community Association - social events

Burns Night

James Bassett, ECA Treasurer and master bagpiper piped in the haggis for our annual Burns Night at the Community Centre this year. A great meal was enjoyed by a full house with Scottish dancing led by Elizabeth Dean.

St George's Day

So successful was our evening that we are following it with a St. George's Day Celebration where we will polish up our English Country dancing led by Robin and Brenda of the Wyvern Dance Band. A supper and soft drinks are included in the ticket price of £7.50 or £20 for a family ticket. So why not join us for a good family night out. Tickets available now - 377493.

May Jazz Night

Our next event, on Saturday 30th May will be a Jazz Night with the George Regis Jazz Band. All enquiries 377493. *Alison Patrick*

Emsworth Bowling Club Open Day 10th May

From 1.30 - 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 10th May 2009, Emsworth Bowling Club is holding an Open Day to allow anyone to experience this most engaging of sports for free. The Clubhouse can be found by the skatepark in the recreation ground off Horndean Road, Emsworth.

No previous experience is needed as coaching will be offered. All equipment is provided and no special clothing is required. However, we do ask that you wear flat-soled shoes to avoid damage to the green. Everyone is welcome, irrespective of age or ability.

Emsworth Bowling Club caters for bowlers of all abilities and new members can take advantage of tuition from our county coaches or from other highly experienced bowlers. Emsworth is an extremely friendly club and throughout the year we have a busy social calendar for both bowlers and 'social members'.

For additional information contact: Mr B. Oldaker, Club Secretary on 01243 373354 *Bryan Oldaker*

Open Garden Prinsted

Awarded Best Large Front Garden for the past two years by Chichester District Council in their annual Gardens Competition, The Old House at Prinsted will open its garden gate to the public again on Sunday 24th May, in aid of St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Open from 2pm to 5pm, entrance to this delightful cottage garden will cost £3. There will be an extensive Plant Sale and cream teas will be on sale. Enquiries to Hilary Gilson on 01243 372187. *Hilary Gilson*

Amateur Radio Training Course

The Horndean & District Amateur Radio Club will be running another Foundation Licence training course and exam in May. After passing the short exam, and obtaining your licence with your own callsign, you will be able to join in the wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio.

We will be using updated training equipment for the course, obtained from our recent successful lottery grant. For further details about the course, please contact the club secretary, Stuart Swain, on 023-9247-2846. *Stuart Swain*

Havant Literary Festival 'a fresh page'

Havant Literary Festival 2009 will run from Friday 25 September until Sunday 4 October. It's even bigger and better than last year, with more events planned across the Borough, including Emsworth.

Already confirmed are novelists **Fay Weldon**, **Maggie Gee** and **Stella Duffy**, plus children's authors **Sandra Horn**, creator of *Tattybogle* and **Ian Whybrow** of *Harry & the Dinosaurs* fame.

The Festival will coincide with the **Bench Theatre's** 40th anniversary celebrations. The winner of Bench's prestigious new play competition will be premiered at Havant Arts Centre from September 22 to 26 and the last two performances will form part of the Festival programme, which also boasts an eclectic mix of children's events, workshops, school events, talks, street entertainment, signings, exhibitions, short story and poetry competitions - and the welcome return of the Ghost Walk!

WordFest, a wonderful family-oriented event will conclude the Festival on Sunday 4 October at Staunton Country Park and will feature storytelling and music, family comedy, poetry in the Gothic Library, and headline act **Louis de Bernieres** and **The Antonius Players**.

For regular updates on the Havant Literary Festival plus advance ticket information, join the mailing list at: hlfnewsletter@googlemail.com



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Emsworth Community Association help wanted

The E C A is responsible for looking after the premises situated behind the Fire Station. Several thousand people use the premises on a regular basis, and the post of seeing that it all runs smoothly is the responsibility of the **Booking Secretary**.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over this position, so that the current incumbent may have a well-earned rest. Please could you help? The records are currently book based, but could benefit from a computer-based system.

If you have some spare time and would like to help the E C A to continue to run smoothly, please contact Viv Davies 01243 379443.

The post of **Community Centre Attendant** is also vacant, and brings a modest remuneration. It would suit an active retired person. For further information please contact Viv Davies, Chairman, on 01243 379443 after 7pm.

Southbourne on-course for a Summer Fete

Southbourne Parish Council is planning to hold a traditional Summer Fete to mark Sussex Day on Saturday 13 June, 12-4pm. The event is to be held on the recreational ground, with the object of recreating the numerous successful fetes that used to be held in Southbourne in earlier years.

A number of local organisations have already committed themselves to supporting the event. At the same time, the Parish Council is still looking for other individuals and organisations wishing to contribute. Those looking to host games, competitions or craft stalls would be very much appreciated.

Southbourne: a new community policing initiative

Southbourne has now got a Neighbourhood Management Panel - or at least one is in the process of being formed.

Neighbourhood Management Panels are part of a new initiative by our local neighbourhood policing team to draw closer links with the community. The Southbourne panel will meet regularly in the meeting room at St John's Church for the purpose of assessing different priorities and concerns requiring police or partner agency involvement. From this, priorities for policing Southbourne will be established.

For the panel to work, it needs a diverse membership that includes both residents in the area and those from local businesses and community groups.

For the purpose of setting up Southbourne's first Neighbourhood Management Panel, I have been elected as temporary chair. If you would like further details of our next meeting or just more information then please contact me. *Philip MacDougall*

Philip MacDougall is a member of Southbourne Parish Council. If you would like to contact him, you can phone him on 01243-573782 or email: philip.macdougall@btinternet.com



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