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ERA Quarterly General Meeting

Monday 27 JULY

7.30pm, Mountford Room

Emsworth Community Centre

"2009 Havant Literary Festival"

by

Tim Dawes

Chair of the Festival and proprietor of
Nineveh Gallery and Bookshop
The Pallant, Havant.

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Letters to The Editor

Elizabeth, England and St George

Emsworth did St. George proud on the morning
of his Feast Day - and, I would say, vice-versa, for
the splendid and magnificently supported parade
was infused by a spirit which, at 81, I had not
met in England for many years.

Hundreds turned up. Everybody was cheer-
ful. Everybody chatted with everybody else.
Everybody cheered anything that moved - with
a special hooray for the primary school children
as they marched into flag-decked St. Peter's
Square to open the proceedings.

But of course the loudest cheers came for the
170 (Imjin Battery) Royal Artillery detachment
as they marched on; and the hush when the story
was told of the Battery's part in the Battle of the
Imjin River spoke volumes for the town's pride
in the Armed Forces.

For me, however, there was one sadness. We
did not conclude (as such occasions were invari-
ably wound-up in the past I remember so well)
with the National Anthem. I nearly started it off
myself from the crowd but (terrible confession)
I had neither the voice nor the guts.

However, maybe the organisers (to whom a
thousand grateful thanks) will remember the
thought next time. I hope I'll still be around!
"God for Elizabeth, England and St. George!"

Peter Kimm, Captain Royal Navy
New Brighton Road

Langstone Roundabout

In common with Brian Gillbanks (letter in The
EMS April edition), I too am a regular user of
the Langstone roundabout and have been "cut-
up" on several occasions by vehicles crossing to
the centre lane (without signalling) on the
roundabout before the traffic lights controlling
the junction at the Langstone Road exit.

From my own observations, it would appear
that motorists using the right hand lane on the
A27 off slip and who subsequently intend to
access Solent Road are mainly responsible for
this practice.

Editorial

The EMS is late this quarter

The EMS is late being published this quarter
mainly because of lack of time and energy
on my part. I recently had a major operation
in St Richard's Hospital, which was very
successful. St Richard's is excellent and
well worth all the campaigning to support
it. The operation has, however, left me
totally drained and unable to put in the hours
I usually do. The need to sleep for an hour
or two after lunch really breaks up the day.
This combined with other circumstances
means that we will not be printing until
about 6th July and distribution will begin
on the 9th so some people will not get their
EMS until after the middle of the month.

Contributions to The EMS

This issue has seen an unprecedented
number of contributions including two
excellent but long feature articles sent in
unsolicited. I wanted very much to use
them, however, this was just not possible.
Instead I have posted them on our website
where readers who have internet access can
read them. They are very different subjects:
One is a moving and encouraging story of
a local taxi driver - now 70 who is a nuclear
test survivor. The other is a thorough guide
to choosing and dealing with a builder.

You are very welcome to contribute to

As noted in Hampshire County Council's
printed response, the road markings leading
drivers into the correct lane have now been
enhanced, apparently to no avail. But could the
situation be further improved by erecting a sign
on the A27 off slip advising drivers wishing to
access the Solent Road estates to take the left
hand lane before reaching the roundabout?
Unless this problem is not quickly resolved, it is
surely only a matter of time before a "side on"
collision occurs.

Eric Tilley
Selangor Avenue

Horndean Road Trees?

Like many of your readers I was very
dismayed at the cutting down of the trees
in Horndean Road, above Southleigh Road.
More so as my father planted them over
65 years ago. He was then head gardener
for Sir Dymoke White, the Conservative
Member of Parliament.

The BUPA Hospital was built in the
bluebell woods which were opened each
year for two weeks for the public to pick
bluebells.

Mrs Jill Young
Bridge Road

Hospice Shops

Concern has been expressed by some residents
about the new Hospice shops recently opened in
Emsworth.

St Wilfrid's and The Rowans are local
Hospices that serve this area and have done so
for more than 20 years. Residents and carers have
benefited from the exceptional medical support
provided when patients become terminally ill.
The high standard of care provided is now being
extended to give patients the opportunity to
choose where they receive palliative treatment -
either at home or in a Hospice, another advantage
of having this exceptional facility close at hand.

The EMS in the future, since reflecting the
community is our reason for being here.
However, space is very limited as we have
a fixed number of pages and it is only in
very exceptional circumstances that we can
accept articles of more than 300 words.

Greening

Our house greening has ground to a halt
because of my operation. However, the
solar panels continue to perform
excellently on sunny days. When I have
my energy back, my next project will be a
green roofed wood store to brighten up our
driveway and lessen the visual impact of
both the mass of old concrete driveway and
the pile of logs.

Richard Jannaway

Memories of Emsworth Fire Service?

Emsworth firefighter Emma Morgan is
compiling a written history of the Fire
Service in Emsworth and would love to
hear from anyone who could contribute to
the publication.

If you would like to get in touch with
Emma, please contact her at Cosham Fire
Station during working hours on 02392
371044.

The annual cost of running a Hospice is in
excess of 4 million pounds with approximately
10% government funded. The rest has to be
found by community sponsorship, donations,
fund raising and their shops.

With the exception of cards, St Wilfrids and
The Rowans only sell good quality second hand
or re-cycled goods. This policy is both good for
the community and helps the environment. On the
other hand, many national charity shops import
huge amounts of new stock from China and
elsewhere, to sell and compete with established
retailers.

Many Emsworth residents have supported our
Hospices over the years by fund raising. The
addition of these attractive shops has confirmed
the association between the local Hospice move-
ment, the town and our community.

Brendan Gibb-Gray
Queen Street

Old Notices

I was sitting in Emsworth Square on Saturday
May 23 when my attention was drawn to a
Public Notice put there by Havant Borough
Council.

This announced certain road closures in
Emsworth due to the St George's Day Parade
on April 23. This was a legal notice and one
that the Council is required to exhibit. However,
it had ceased to have any effect, exactly one
month after the event took place. So, without
more ado, I removed the notice.

Perhaps others may wish to do likewise and
help keep Emsworth tidy, by removing Council
notices, once the closing date has passed.

J Griffiths

Tributes and Talking Newspapers

As a lifetime member of the ERA, I still
receive regular copies of The EMS for which
many thanks. I believe the publication goes
from strength to strength and is an excellent
development of the newspaper that we put
out in the 1980's and 90's when I was
personally involved with the ERA.

I am writing this letter since the current
edition mentions a number of old friends
and colleagues of that era and I note Ken
Gilchrist's appointment as Chairman. Ken
of Horndean Road was active in those
earlier days also. The same is true of the
energetic Tony Lowes whom I note is
advising on health matters. Also mentioned
is the tireless Harold Groom who had another
tribute in the recent issue of the ECHO
published by the EHMT.

But I write for two further reasons. Firstly
I bumped into the Chairman of my day,
Colin Richards, who with his wife Pam, is
still active with the North Hayling Residents
Group. We were at the annual quiz night
organised by the Havant Rotary. Colin was
in the Hayling Team and I was in a team
from the Havant Talking Newspaper for the
Blind. I don't remember seeing a team from
Emsworth there.

Secondly, I would like to pay a tribute to
Councillor Virginia Wilson-Smith. Virginia
is extremely active with many community
projects besides her busy HBC role. She
still finds time to read for our recordings of
local news, circulated to some 350 local
blind and partially sighted residents. Well
done Virginia.

If any of your readers with sight problems
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Keith Stoneman
Southsea

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