

Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire to visit Emsworth Memorial Garden

On 24th July at 2pm, the Rector, Simon Sayer, will hold a short service in the Garden to dedicate the 'Name Plaques'. This will honour the promise made to our supporters that we would display the names of all those Emsworth people who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts.

The Friends are delighted that our Patron, Mrs Mary Fagan JP, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, will be visiting us for the occasion. She will be welcomed to the Borough and greeted by the Worshipful the Mayor of Havant, Mrs Jacky Bransom. We want to make a great occasion of the day, as we will be celebrating the completion of the Emsworth Memorial project with the 'Name Plaques' lining the pathway to the sculpture, 'Absence', in the splendid setting of the Memorial Garden.

The Garden is almost complete and the efforts of the Friends will now be focussed on increasing the planting with lots of bulbs, attractive shrubs and other plants, and we hope to have more garden furniture as soon as funds permit. There will still be the inevitable maintenance of both the sculpture and the garden to keep us busy. Why don't you join us, our secretary Maurice Clarke will be delighted to hear from you, Tel. 01243 371486. Or contact me, Virginia Wilson-Smith, Tel. 01243 373744.



Virginia Wilson-Smith

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The commitment and organisational skills of Virginia Wilson-Smith, Brian Picknett, Brendan Gibb-Gray and Richard Galloway, were essential to the success of this major community event. Financial support came from the Springfield Care Home, Emsworth Bus Company and Emsworth Business Association. Many residents acted as stewards for the street events and their support was crucial as the large numbers attending far exceeded initial expectations. Unfortunately, this meant that some residents were unable to see the parade. Next year, we will ensure that the soldiers will be more visible by them taking a longer route around the town.

All together over £2600 was collected for Help4Heroes, the Army Benevolent Fund and a generous donation from Havant Rotary brought this figure to £3000. In addition, the Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden raised more than £400 towards the completion and maintenance of the Garden.

Compiled by the editor from contributions by Brendan Gibb-Gray, Brian Picknett and others.

Nothing to do in Emsworth?

Are you 11-18? Do you live in Emsworth?

Then we need your help!

As we wrote in the last issue of The EMS, the Community Board is addressing the lack of places to go and things to do for the young people of Emsworth. If you are a young person living here, the Community Board needs you to tell us what facilities you want by answering these questions:

- What do you like about living in Emsworth?
- What do you dislike about living in Emsworth?
- What else would you like that isn't here?

Please email your answers, together with you name, age and school, to christinehippard@yahoo.co.uk All emails will be entered into a prize draw.

So far we have established that football training sessions are wanted. We very much hope to achieve substantial funding to enable further developments. So we really need to hear from all of you as to what you want!

Christine Phippard, Emsworth Community Board

Trees for St James' School

St James' School, Emsworth, have been assisted by Emsworth Tree Wardens in applying for a Tree Council grant. Trees in the grounds were specifically requested by the children in the recent eco-team survey of pupils.

If the application is accepted, seven specimen trees will be planted in the school grounds. Four trees will stand in the 'front garden' providing beauty and shade for the infants. These trees will also enhance the entrance of the school.

A further three trees are planned for the outdoor classroom at the rear of the school where pond dipping, art and quiet time are available to the children in good weather. The new trees will provide shade and attract more birds and insects to this important area of the school.

The Tree Council stipulates that trees purchased with the grant monies must be planted in National Tree week in the Autumn term. It is hoped that the children, the Emsworth Tree Wardens and a volunteer team of parents will plant the trees to give them the best start possible.

Rachel Bowns



Emsworth Community Board News

The Annual General Meeting of the Emsworth Community Board took place on Thursday 30th April 2009 at the Emsworth Community Association Centre. The meeting was well attended and the following residents were elected to the Board for one year:- Rosemary Osborne - Chair; Brian Edwards-Picknett - Vice Chair and Publicity Officer; Tim Brooks; Keith Gittins; Hilary Millen; Jackie Muller; Christine Phippard; Richard Taylor; Jean Tier; Peter Tier; Chris Walker; Donald Wells and Councillor Virginia Wilson-Smith.

We would like to remind Residents that the Board is available to listen to concerns and/or views on any matters related to Emsworth. Together with the Emsworth Residents Association, we aim to be responsive to Emsworth voices. Please visit our website at www.ecb.emsworthhants.org.uk for further information about the Board's activities. If you do not have access to the internet please phone Rosemary Osborne on 01243 375433.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings which take place at 7.30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Emsworth Community Association Centre. Rosemary Osborne

Greg Miles runs for charity

Emsworth reporter Greg Miles is taking on a 10k run to raise money in memory of a friend who died in a car crash. He will be running the London 10k race on 12 July for the road safety charity 'Brake', which aims to raise awareness of road safety and provides support for families.

James Holden, who lived in Bognor Regis, was a talented musician as the frontman for Chichester band 'Sallyforth'. Greg said: "James was an inspiration to everyone who knew him, not just as a musician but as a person. Everyone believed the band were on the verge of doing great things, and after all the effort they had put in and talent they had it was a tragedy when it happened."

The night of the accident, they had done a live set on BBC Southern Counties Radio in Brighton, and after driving back to Guildford, James decided he wanted to surprise his girlfriend who lived in Emsworth, but sadly he lost control of his car and crashed on the Whichers Gate Road in Rowlands Castle in the early hours of 4 December 2006 at around 2am.

Greg, 20, went to Chichester College with James who was aged 18 when he died. Greg has a target of raising £500, and has so far raised £205.

To donate visit: www.justgiving.com/gregmiles10k



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