

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chris Curry

As your new Chairman, I am looking forward to the challenges ahead which seem bound to arise from the many changes being planned, mostly by central government but also caused by the local plans of Havant Borough Council.



Chris Curry

Our retiring Chairman - David Jones

However, before I discuss other issues, I must thank David Jones for his excellent stewardship of the Chairman's role over the past three years. David has worked in various capacities for the ERA for about 15 years. For a number of years, he sat on the Committee as a representative of the Bosmere 100 Society then progressed to committee member, Vice Chairman then Chairman. Many of his activities have been little known to the members of the Association. Apart from sitting on our committee, he has linked with the South Downs National Park (SDNP) campaign, the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) East Hampshire Committee. He is a collector of ERA subscriptions, appeared before the last Planning Public Inquiry and he masterminded the inception of the Emsworth Design Statement (EDS). And even further back in time, he was instrumental in ensuring that the old clock now above the Greenhouse Café was preserved for the town and had the automatic winding mechanism installed.

He plans to continue ensuring that the clock is adjusted twice a year when the hour changes. He will also continue to be our link with the SDNP campaign, the CPRE and steering the EDS through to approval by the Council. And finally, he is our newly appointed Vice President and will chair the Havant Group of Residents' Associations. He has been a most hard working Chairman of your Association and I thank him for all his efforts on behalf of the Association and Emsworth.

Our Membership Secretary also retires

Thanks are also due to Stanley Marchment who has retired from the committee after a number of years most of which he has served as Membership Secretary. This involves the organisation and administration of collecting the subscriptions and recording all the members. He has maintained the system most efficiently and we thank him for all his efforts.

Interbridges East and West

Our greatest short-term challenge on the development front will be the two industrial sites which will arise east and west of North Street between the rail and road bridges. I have written elsewhere in this issue (page 4) on this subject and hope that you will read the article and let us have your views. The area between the A27(T) and the railway has been designated for industrial use despite the ERA's strong opposition at the public inquiry.

An Integrated Community

During work on the Emsworth Design Statement, the team developed a design point for the future of Emsworth (one of many) suggesting that affordable housing, sheltered housing, warden controlled flats, and residential homes should be placed in small developments throughout the community. In this respect, the plan for the Grange on New Brighton Road to become sheltered housing together with a possible sheltered housing development at number 26 almost opposite is **not** something the ERA welcomes.

New Committee

I welcome our new committee appointed at the recent AGM, particularly our two newcomers, Pete Izard and Jo Dyer. Pete is taking on the work of Membership Secretary from Stan Marchment and Jo is going to keep in touch with all issues related to the South East Plan to which her background in local government so well suits her.

First Responders

Since our last issue of The EMS, there has been an initiative to start a First Responders Group for Emsworth, which will bring pre-ambulance emergency help to those in need. The article on the front page tells you about the functions of the group and the support they are looking for. The ERA supports the aims and objectives of this group whole-heartedly and hopes that they will find all the volunteers they need.

Volunteers

Finally, I would like to ask if anyone who is interested in joining the ERA Committee to contact me or any other member of the committee. We have an increasing workload as a result of changes in planning and other government functions and we want to spread it over more people rather than have a few working very hard. Two more members would be ideal. I will be pleased to explain what is involved and the aspects where we need assistance. It is an opportunity to be part of the team and contribute to the life of Emsworth.

Emsworth Business Association News

John Tweddell

After a busy Christmas, the town is slowly getting back to normal trading and business. We are delighted that the council finally agreed to increase the waiting time in the free parking bays in the centre of the town and North street from 30 to 45 minutes.

We are also pleased that following extensive lobbying by the EBA, the main streets in the town have become 'consent streets'. This means that street traders cannot set up stalls on pavements or elsewhere without a license issued for the purpose. This will be particularly welcomed by our florists and others selling flowers, as an unlicensed flower stall has been operating outside the Co-op for more than 12 months. They bear none of the mounting costs faced by shops and other businesses and it is good to see that HBC have acted to prescribe our streets. Street traders have also been a nuisance on Hayling Island and similar action to protect the shopping area on the Island has been approved.

At our recent Annual General Meeting, we decided that during the coming year the EBA would do everything in its power to help with the rejuvenation of North Street. Exact plans are still being considered but we also hope to put pressure on Network Rail and the train operating companies and others to improve access particularly on the northern side and the general appearance of the station. We will also lobby to have the railway bridge painted, as this is a gateway to Emsworth and a particular eyesore to those walking and driving into North Street. Not only will business benefit but so will our residents.

A note from the ERA's Retiring President

John Briggs

By the time you have read this issue of The EMS, you will realise that my name is no longer amongst those listed on the back page. Those of you who were at the AGM may remember Diane Akehurst's laudatory remarks about me retiring in order to travel. In fact my wife, Stella, and I are already inveterate travellers - we arrived here in 1975 having travelled home overland from Australia, where we lived from 1970 to 1973. Some of you may have read elsewhere about our more recent excursions, such as our Trans Siberian journeys. These, however, have had to be made during the school holidays, which is peak travel time. When Stella retires from teaching at the end of this academic year, we hope to fit in some overseas visits during term time!

It has been a pleasure to serve the ERA and I regard it as a privilege to have been elected chairman and subsequently president, now joining my predecessor Hugh Robinson as a past president.

Oldest Distributor Retires

Richard Jannaway

Hugh Robinson, former Chairman and later President of the ERA and a distributor of 'The EMS' since it started in 1970, has decided to retire from this role at the age of 91.

Many thanks, Hugh, for your contribution over all these years. There is little point in producing a newsletter if you can't get it to those who might want to read it, for without our distributors we are nothing.

Emsworth Community Board Memorial Trail

Virginia Wilson-Smith

We are in the process of making a website for the Memorial Trail and urgently need input from members of the public. One of the main features of the website will be the listing of the names displayed in St James' Church of those who were killed in the two World Wars and other conflicts. We would like to give some anecdotal detail, so if anyone has a story about a relative or friend whose name appears on the list, we would be glad to hear from you. We also want information about anyone who has given their life helping to promote Justice and Peace in the world. This does not mean they need to have been involved in armed conflict, there are many people who have given their time and ultimately their life helping with natural disasters whether it be the aftermath of war, famine, flood, hurricane, earthquake, tsunami, etc. Please contact David Linington, email address david@emsworthhants.org.uk or Virginia on Tel. 01243 373744.



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