

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## How well do you know Emsworth?

### 2006 competition results

Bill Walker

A cracking 40 people entered this year's competition at the ERA's stall at the Emsworth Show. There were three contestants with 100% correct answers. The draw was conducted by ERA vice chair, Ken Gilchrist, at the end of the Show. First out of the hat was Alison Pickersgill who was declared the winner. The two runners up were: P.Maude-Roxby and Jason Crouch.

For the rest of you, here are the answers so you can see which you missed out on:

1. Allwoods Wine Bar
2. Emsworth Delicatessen
3. Blue Bell
4. Lord Raglan
5. Hazel & Co
6. Thresher Wine Shop
7. Town Brewery
8. 36 On the Quay
9. The Crown Hotel
10. The Railway Inn
11. The Kings Arms
12. Fat Olives
13. Lord Raglan
14. The Sussex Brewery
15. The Ship Inn
16. The Coal Exchange



## Emsworth District Rainbow Guides

Tricia Whyte

In 2007, it will be 20 years since the Girl Guide Association started a section for girls aged 5 - 7 years.

Rainbow Guides were first opened in Emsworth in 1989. They were so popular that another unit was opened in 1992 and both these units still exist.

The girls take part in varied activities based on the Rainbow Jigsaw - Look, Learn, Laugh, Love - which was introduced two years ago. They sing, play games, enjoy craft-work, have parties and join in celebrations with Brownies, Guides and their leaders at District, Division and County level.

Recently a number of girls, from both units, enjoyed a County-organised day trip to Fishers Farm Park, near Wisborough Green.

They have also raised money for children with Leukaemia by taking part in the Children's Marathon Challenge.

If you would like your daughter to make new friends and join in the activities please phone me, Rainbow Guider, Tricia Whyte on 01243 376732 and I will be happy to give you more details.



One of the rainbow units after the Children's Marathon Challenge, showing their Mr Men Awards and certificate of thanks.

## Go for Gold with local Rotarians

Eve Fuller

A huge community project is being launched by the local Rotary Club to celebrate its 50th year. Members are enlisting the help of schools, businesses and other local organisations to raise much-needed funds for the two children's hospices, which serve the area.

The local children's hospices - Naomi House near Winchester and The Chestnut Tree House near Arundel - receive very little government funding but provide an essential service for children with life-limiting and life threatening illnesses in several ways. Coping with such illnesses is traumatic for both patients and their families. The hospices offer care to ease the effects of the illness, help families shoulder the burden by offering respite care, provide counselling both at the hospices and at home, and provide terminal care.

Each hospice costs about £1.25million a year to run and relies mostly on the generosity, help and support of the public. That is why the Rotary Club of Havant, which covers Emsworth, has chosen this cause to mark its golden anniversary.

The club's Going for Gold Appeal will recognise the achievements of groups taking part with gold, silver and bronze awards. These will be presented at a special ceremony next year so there is plenty of time to get thinking caps on to plan fundraising projects.

Gold awards will be achieved by any company donating £1,000+, groups and schools donating £250+, and individuals donating £150+. Bronzes will go to companies raising up to £500, groups and schools raising up to £150, and to individuals giving up to £100.

Any group which would like to help should write requesting a leaflet giving details to Richard Galloway, 28a Clovelly Road, Emsworth, PO10 7HL, Tel (01243) 377009; or Faith Ponsonby, Bay Trees, 78 Havant Road, Emsworth, PO10 7LH, Tel (01243) 372825.

## Emsworth Artists Exhibition

Jan Copey

The Emsworth Artists Exhibition was held at the Community Centre over the August Bank Holiday weekend. It has once again proved to be both popular and successful.

The Sidney Stokes Award (favourite painting in the exhibition) was won by Mari Louise Gaffney with 'Bee in Flight'. With a very close 2nd from John Tweddell with 'Mullet'. Joint 3rd place went to Judy Williams for 'Earth, Fire and Ashes', and Ann Newsom for 'Gambia Lady'. In 4th place, was Andrew Pearson with 'Mount Tumbledown'.

The Mountford Watercolour Award was a very close run result with 1st: Angela Loader for 'Swans in Flight', 2nd: Jan Copey for 'Perfect Summer Evening', 3rd: Bob McKay for 'Evening Reflections, Pin Mill' and 4th: Marian Forster for 'On the Hoof'. Thank you to all who supported us.



Mari Louise Gaffney with her painting 'Bee in Flight'.

## Emsworth Stroke Club values its volunteers

- why not become one?

We especially need more owner-drivers to join the team taking our members to their meeting at the Emsworth Centre on Thursday afternoons and dropping them home again.

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## Lifeboats - Emsworth Branch Fund Raising

John Mant

The following are the results of Lifeboats Emsworth Branch fund raising efforts. The 50th Anniversary Summer Sale held on 12 August raised £4,668.95. The Lifeboat stall on the Quay during the Food Festival in September raised £4,500 from sales and £101.10 from donations. Many thanks to all those who helped to make these fund raising events such a success.

## Red Cross Medical Loans Facility

Virginia Wilson-Smith

Emsworth residents were desolate when the Red Cross Centre in Emsworth House Close closed. The Medical Loans facility was made homeless. Yet another blow after the loss of the beds at the Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital.

Following negotiations between the County Adult Services and the Centre Organiser for the Red Cross, encouraged by the support of the Friends of the Hospital, it is now definite that the Medical Loans facility will be housed in the Emsworth Victoria Cottage Hospital. They have been offered a suitable room from which to operate, and it is hoped they will be up and running by the end of October. To begin with, it is planned to open on weekdays 10am - 12noon, but the aim is to open in the afternoons as well, once there are sufficient volunteers.

More volunteers will be needed to help with running the scheme as some have been lost in the period of closure - and more volunteers are always required. It is not an onerous task, and is a good way of helping in the community. If you feel you can help with this very necessary task, then please contact the Red Cross Organiser Mrs Jo Thomas on 023 9248 4246, she will be delighted to hear from you.

### In Memory

Miss Muriel Linnington died on 12 January this year. Miss Linnington was the daughter of the Queen Street Mill manager and started work for the Red Cross in the Second World War. She had lived at Emsworth House Close since 1966 and was one of the main organisers of the Red Cross Hall for many years right up until she died, aged 92. Miss Linnington is sadly missed.

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