

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Show goes on Dennis Doye

The Emsworth Horticultural Society is very pleased to confirm that this year's Emsworth Show will take place as usual on August Bank Holiday Monday.

At a public meeting in November 2006, the difficulties and doubts about its future were aired but after considerable discussion it was relief all round when, in order to save the Show, new volunteers came forward to fill some key organisational roles.

One aspect which remains of concern, however, is with 'Health and Safety' expertise - a vital ingredient of large public events these days. The society would very much welcome the input of someone with up-to-date specialist knowledge in this field and if anyone feels that they may be able to offer assistance, would they please telephone Ken Cosslett on 01243 376596.

This year's Show will again include the well-supported photographic competitions and for those wishing to prepare in advance, the titles to focus on are:

A. Print size 10"x8" min; 16"x12" max.

- (1) Any subject of your choice
- (2) Close-up - Architectural Feature
- (3) Allotment life
- (4) Cloudscape
- (5) A Character Portrait

B. Print size 7"x5" max.

- (1) Any subject of your choice
- (2) An Emsworth Millpond in Summer and Winter - two pictures mounted on a board.



Winning photograph at the 2006 Show in the 'Out and About in Emsworth' category, entitled 'Artist's Paradise' by Tony Wootton of Highland Road.

The children's popular potato-in-a-bucket growing competitions will also be taking place for primary school age children. A seed potato, bucket, and entry form can be collected from the Society's Distribution Store at the Washington Road Allotment Site on Sunday mornings 10am - 12 noon. The resultant crops will be weighed at the Showground in Hordean Road on August Bank Holiday Sunday.

Whilst last year's Show enjoyed fine weather and was a tremendous attraction, ever increasing costs resulted in just a small surplus of income over expenditure. The society has been pleased to pass on this surplus to various local organisations mainly supporting the Show.

New Sporting opportunities at Warblington School

Warblington School has been part of the Havant and Waterlooville School Sports Partnership for four years. In that time, there has been an increase in sporting opportunities for students at the School.

The School Sports Coordinator, Caroline Peters, has been based at the school for the last year. She works with the seven schools that make up the Warblington family. Along with Warblington School are the primary schools, Emsworth and St Albans, Bosmere and Bidbury Junior schools and Fairfield and Bidbury Infant schools.

The main aim is to increase the amount of Physical Education and Sport young people do at school. In the next issue of The EMS, there will be a full report on the new opportunities for students at Warblington School.

Is Laura Loopy?

Do you remember Laura? In 1998, at just 18yrs old, former Westbourne School and Chichester High School pupil Laura Briggs raised £2,700 for Whizz Kids by running the New York Marathon. Well she's at it again, a little older but apparently none the wiser, she runs just a bit further, getting just a bit hotter! In March 2007, Laura will be running the Sahara Marathon, a mere 150 miles in seven days carrying everything she needs but her tent!

Her chosen charity is Macmillan Cancer Support for whom she hopes to raise at least £3,000. Any offers of sponsorship or donations to help boost this mega marathon effort would be very greatly appreciated. Mr Mark Freeman from Robsons Optician in Emsworth has already made a very generous pledge of protective prescription eyewear for Laura to use whilst in the desert.

Having completed a Law degree and Post Graduate Certificate in Education, Laura is currently teaching Science and Outdoor Education at a Centre for Young Offenders in Exeter. She can be contacted on 07763 144130 or lrbiggis@hotmail.com or via her parents, Stella and John Briggs, at 37 Havant Road Emsworth PO10 7JD, 01243 376995. Many thanks for taking the time to read this and in anticipation of your support!

IN BRIEF

Emsworth Museum Administrator

Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust announce the retirement of the Administrator of Emsworth Museum and are looking for a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy.

Interested candidates should contact the Secretary of the Trust on 01243 373780 for further information.

R.N.L.I. Emsworth Branch

Julie Walker

The chairman and committee would like to thank all our helpers and friends in Emsworth for their loyal support during our 50th anniversary year in which we raised almost £11,000. Events for 2007 will be listed in the next EMS.

Southbourne Players - No pantomime this year

Mary Mumby

It is with regret that, owing to illness, emigration and promotion, Southbourne Players are unable to put on their annual pantomime in January 2007. There are not enough members to put on a really good show but it is hoped that a new drama group will rise from the ashes next year. More details will be published in the Spring but if you have any aspirations or talents in any aspect of amateur dramatics, please contact their Secretary on 01243 375619.

Emsworth Mill Footbridge closed for repairs in January

Slipper Sailing Club

Hampshire County Council will be replacing the footbridge, including rebuilding damaged sections of both sides of the brick approach wall, adjacent to the Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club in January 2007. For this work to be carried out, the footbridge and a short section of footpath will be closed from 2nd January for a maximum of 42 days.

First Responders update

Janet Baradell

We are continuing to cover as many call-outs as possible. Daytime cover is not so easy due to people working. But volunteers have responded to 60% of call-outs whilst on duty. We have 17 volunteers and six more waiting for CRB clearance but more volunteers are needed especially for mornings.

One problem we share with the other emergency services is reading house numbers in the dark, so please ensure they are clearly visible from the street.

The EBA and Havant Rotary raised £397.41 for Emsworth First Responders during the Christmas Lights event on 30 November

Thanks to everyone who has donated money for medical equipment and volunteered to give their free time to our cause.

Food Festival 2007

David Linnington

After the undoubted success of the 2006 Festival with 55,000 plus visitors, continuous sunshine and the re-launching of the oyster boat, "The Terror", the organising committee are already busy with 2007. The dates have been set and the seventh Emsworth Food Festival will be held on 14th, 15th and 16th September, the third weekend of September 2007.

As in previous years, it is planned to make the Festival a community event with the full participation of local schools, Emsworth Businesses and local Community Organisations. Organised and run entirely by unpaid volunteers the Festival is now the largest Independent event of its type in the UK. The 2006 Festival will have cost over £60,000 to run which will be recouped from sponsorship and income from stall hire, tickets and programme sales. It is anticipated that any surplus funds will be distributed to local charities and organisations including the ongoing maintenance of "The Terror" for the benefit of the community.

You can help by completing the Emsworth Residents' Survey where the Organising Committee is seeking the views of residents to be better informed in their planning for 2007.

The survey can be completed on line at: www.feedback.emsworthfoodfestival.co.uk

Funtington Music Group

John Wheatley

Formed several years ago, Funtington Music Group is now a fast-growing society whose aim is to provide high quality music in a friendly, sociable and enlightening environment. Ever since their move to the Chapel of The Ascension on Bishop Otter Campus in 2004, they have developed a most enjoyable and mutually rewarding relationship with the University of Chichester - particularly the Music Department.

The Group's 2007 programme promises to be the most dynamic and ambitious since their arrival at the Chapel, including, as it does, the return of many of their regular favourite performers, interwoven with appearances by the international soprano, Dame Inga Nielsen, the BBC Radio 3 interviewer and composer, Michael Berkeley, and international celebrities from the world of music. See Forthcoming Events, page 5 for information on the first three meetings.

This is a season of wide-ranging and exciting music-making - one not to be missed! All enquiries should be addressed to the Membership Secretary, Elizabeth Brooks - 01243 378900 or John Wheatley.

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