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Editorial

Pressure on space has led to several good
stories being left out. Notably a visit from
Jon Stokes, a Director of the Tree Council
who gave an excellent talk 'Trees for the
Future' in February. The varied topics ranged
from what to plant and where in the light of
the size trees grow when mature to the effects
of climate change. I hope to be able to cover
these and other important topics in a future
feature article on how to respond to our
changing environment.

At the AGM in January, the ERA was
pleased to welcome two new members onto the
committee. Lorraine Clode from Bath Road
and Chris Suter who has a keen interest in
transport matters. In addition, Tony Lowes is
now the ex-officio member on Health Matters.
A warm welcome to them all.

Details of these new members along with
the Officers and other Committee members
can be found on page 12.

Richard Jannaway, Editor

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Letters to The Editor

Potential Development - South Street

At the ERA Annual General Meeting on
28 January, Tony Lee, HBC Business
Development Manager gave a very
interesting talk on ideas for South Street.
HBC see this part of Emsworth as having
potential both for development and
growth in visitor numbers. There was a
positive discussion on the provision of
better public toilets, a new Emsworth
Centre and infill development, both
residential and retail. In my view, the car
parking issue appeared to be understated.
What we need to ensure is that this part
of Emsworth does not go the way of
other coastal villages where the environs
have been overwhelmed and the original
attraction lost. *Chris Suter*
We are hoping to cover this topic in
more depth in the July issue. Editor.

Car Park Machine Nightmare

At approximately 13.25 hours on Friday 9th
November 2007, I parked my car in the South
Street car park near the payment machine at the
entrance. I went to the bookshop to get change
but could not pay as the machine displayed an
'out of order' sign. Returning from my hair-
dresser appointment one and a half hours later
I found I had been issued with a ticket a few
minutes earlier.

I responded to the ticket by explaining
exactly what happened in great detail and was
not believed. This was what really upset me,
being treated as a liar. I had to write a letter to
the editor of The EMS, who forwarded it to
the local councillors before anybody took me
seriously and started to investigate or even
acknowledged that the machine could have
malfunctioned.

Eventually, they did listen and even sent me
the parking records for the day in question and
Mrs Batchelor has offered me a meeting to
discuss the problem. I have still had to pay my
original £30 ticket but the doubling to £60
which arose whilst I was in correspondence
with the Councils Parking Support Officer has
been waived.

I will still visit Emsworth regularly, because
I love the town. I used to police it and the area
continues to have my loyalty. But I don't take
my car into the town, the walk is certainly good
for my dog and me, but it does limit my shop-
ping to that which I am happy to carry home in
one bag. No more main shopping in Emsworth
for me. I have also changed my hairdresser to
one in Southbourne because there are no parking
issues there.

Hilary Fogarty
Southbourne

*If you have been issued with a ticket you don't
deserve or have any other problems with Havant
Borough Council Parking Services, please get in
touch with Hilary Fogarty via The EMS - Editor.*

Hampshire Farm 250 Homes?

Hampshire Farm was designated a Reserve
Site, only to be considered in 2011 if all other
approved sites had been built on. So how can
it transform into a prime build site, did I blink?
The cynic in me smells a rat!

The objections, I and hundreds of neighbours
have made previously remain unchanged, for
example the semi-rural environment, strategic
gap, infrastructure, transport, schools at capacity
and wildlife, etc. What is proposed must be
rejected once and for all.

In heavy rainfall, experienced more now, the
site regularly floods and we see the conse-
quences. If developed, the result would be
catastrophic because concrete, tarmac and brick
push water elsewhere.

The Regional Planning Guidance (Hampshire
CC) says dwellings with full planning approval
are sufficient, on their own, to meet the numbers
required and the Monitoring Report of 2008
concludes there is no need to release reserve
housing.

It has been known for many years that the
developer provided the Council with a Master
Plan detailing the various types of housing,
employment premises, community store, doctors,
road modifications, etc. Along with a gift and
a commuted sum to the Council for public use
of the balance of the 17 acres for recreational
use and, even identified the water meadow with
a 'balancing pool' (to anticipate flooding?)

Common sense is that Hampshire Farm is
good agricultural land, and, although the fields
may indeed be Brown, (its called soil) it is not
a Brown Field Site but farmland. Green Field
Sites must remain the last resort for develop-
ment, when all other options have been ex-
hausted and when there is absolutely no other
alternative. Our Councillors, elected by us,
need to listen to the people, who live, know
and care for their environment and future
generations. It's not about NIMBYism it's
about Community Sense.

P. Salter

Birch Tree Drive, Emsworth

Local Shopping and Tesco

On behalf of our small campaign group, we
would like to thank the hundreds of Emsworth
residents who gave their enthusiastic support to
our petition opposing the new Tesco mega store
in Havant. Our thanks also to Emsworth Residents
Association and the Business Association who
backed us on the day with deputations to the
Development Management Committee.

They were joined by four other deputations
which, added to the almost 200 letters of
objection and 2000 name petition, made the
campaign one of the biggest protests against a
local planning application for many years.

The decision meeting involved 11 of Havant
Borough's 38 councillors with none involved
from Emsworth, Hayling Island, or Bedhampton
and just one from Havant Town. However, it
appears that Councillor Brendan Gibb-Gray was
banned by Council Officers from attending the
meeting because he had been openly campaign-
ing against the Tesco development. It begs the

question why the people whose local shops
would be most threatened by an enlarged Tesco
should have had no representation other than
themselves. In the event, the proposal got
through with a majority of three.

Following the Council's decision to go ahead,
it was decided to ask the Minister responsible
for Communities and Local Government, Hazel
Blears MP, to call in the application. She
decided to leave the final decision to Havant
Borough Council.

Taking on Tesco is not for the faint-hearted
but the Havant campaign is one of dozens
running throughout the country as people rally
to protect what's left of their local shops, and
some succeed! Locally this is best achieved by
using our town shops regularly and keeping a
sharp eye open for new developments likely to
damage their continued viability.

Ray Cobbett

Shop Local First Campaign
26 Beach Road, Emsworth

Amenity Trees

I have been prompted to write on behalf
of my wife Pauline and myself having
received the January 2008 edition of The
EMS. We were particularly taken by the
references to trees, the Memorial
Garden, 'Trees for the Future', ... and
the reference to Derek Patch of the Tree
Advice Trust. I have known him for 25
years or more.

In the early 70's, I was very much
concerned to change the attitudes of
successive governments to move away
from a near total obsession with conifer
plantations to an understanding that
Amenity Trees contribute a vast resource
that should be nurtured and sustained. I
have been only partially successful -
much more needs to be done. Together
with colleagues at Edinburgh University,
I was involved in assessing the resource
of Amenity Trees within Edinburgh and
showed that their distribution very
strongly reflects social attitudes about
house ownership.

Three or four times a year we travel
down to Watersedge Gardens, Emsworth
where we enjoy the local scene and
renew our family links. In the last year,
we have contributed to the protest
concerning developments at 50 Bath
Road. I have not seen it flower but in the
back garden of no. 50, there is a very
well grown Magnolia which we consider
should be retained at all costs.

I hope I have written sufficient to show
that Pauline and I find a great deal of
interest in The EMS - please keep up the
good work.

Fred and Pauline Last
Seton Mains, Longniddry, Scotland

Support St Richard's Campaign Update

Recently, the Primary Care Trust (PCT) has approved three models of care to be consulted on:

1. One Major General Hospital in West Sussex, with one Local General Hospital (with limited A & E) and one Community Hospital at Haywards Heath.
2. One Major General Hospital in West Sussex with 2 Local General Hospitals (with limited A & E).
3. One Major General Hospital in West Sussex with 2 Local General Hospitals with A & E.

In all the above service models, the Major General Hospital will be either in Chichester or in Worthing. The Local General Hospitals will not have full Maternity and Paediatric facilities - mothers and children will have to travel to the Major General Hospital or another hospital for care.

The third service model is one that has been put forward by doctors and other medical professionals to keep as much A & E as possible in all three hospitals.

The Major General Hospital will be the hospital with Maternity and Paediatrics as doctors agree that this service should be centralised to provide a safer level of care.

In the first week of May, the PCT will announce which Service Model will be used in West Sussex. During the first week of June, they will announce which hospital, Chichester or Worthing, will be the Major General Hospital.

For details of these meetings and to keep up to date go to the website: <http://www.supportstrichards.co.uk/>

Abigail Rowe

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