

Seaside Garden at Southbourne School

Southbourne Infant School pupils were delighted to receive a donation of £200 from Emsworth Horticultural Society (EHS) to buy some lobster pots for their seaside garden. Eleanor and Kira, two leading members of the School Council wrote a letter to the Horticultural Society to thank them for their kind gift and invited them to come and visit the school and see the seaside garden with the brand new lobster pots.



From back left to right: Christine Howell (EHS Secretary), Shirley Wenman (EHS President), Daphne Tomsett (EHS Chairman), Rose Gaskin (Head Teacher Southbourne Infant School) and members of the School Council with donated Lobster Pots.

On Thursday 6 March, Shirley Wenman, President, Daphne Tomsett, Chairman and Christine Howell, Secretary took up the invitation. They visited the school and were welcomed by Mrs Rose Gaskin, Head Teacher, who gave them a tour of the classrooms prior to meeting members of the School Council who were eager to show them the lobster pots. The garden includes features designed by the children, including a flag walk, a water rill with hand pump and a treasure chest sandpit.

Frances Sweeney

Memorial Garden Events

The AGM/Social evening was held on 6th March at which the current committee of six members was unanimously re-elected with the addition of David Lee and Pam Palmer, who takes over the role of Treasurer from Frances Jannaway. Before passing over her financial hat, Frances happily reported that as at 31st January of this year, subscriptions, donations and grants to the 'Friends' had amounted to just over £15,000. Fundraising will continue to enable the project to be completed. We still need to raise at least £10,000 for the rest of the planting and the name plaques of the 161 Emsworth people who died in two World Wars and other conflicts. The results to date represent a wonderful achievement.

FUTURE EVENTS - The town centre will be the setting for 'Emsworth 40s Flashback' on 19th April. There will be military vehicles and a display from the period, a Soup Kitchen sponsored by the Co-Op and manned by the Army, an exhibition of pictures and memorabilia by Emsworth Museum, Angel Radio setting the musical scene, bands and the presence of the Mayor of Havant. This will be a day of memories for many and interest and enjoyment for all. Watch out for posters nearer the time.

Lucy Doherty will be holding an *Open Garden* at 23 New Brighton Road during the afternoon of 22nd June, 2-5pm. Cost of entry will be just £2 with tea and plant sales, and proceeds going to Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden.

Brian Picknett

Music at Warblington School

The Music Department is an exciting place to be. The Autumn Term 2007 began with our ensembles and instrumental soloists performing at the King's Theatre in Southsea and ended with a Carol Service. This term we are preparing for another concert at the King's Theatre with Havant Federation of Schools, participation in the Mayor's Concert and a Federation Day. A musical concert tour and school production are being planned for 2009.

Music lunchtimes give opportunities for Rock Bands, ensembles and soloists to perform. Assemblies have musical performances. Instrumental lessons run daily and we have introduced Music Technology for Year 9 students. The Department has four Rock Bands, who will be taking part in Rock Band Competitions. The Rock School examinations in Guitar and Drum were a success before Christmas. Traditional Theory and Practical exams continue to be a success.

The school's tradition in instrumental music is continuing through the new ensemble led by Scott Royle (Year 11), via the school's participation in the Musical Futures programme, which encourages students to direct ensembles themselves. The Music Department, led by Ms Val McCarroll, and supported by students and parents is a busy and successful area.

Owen T.H. Davies, Headteacher

Arthritis Campaign Emsworth

In 2007, the fund raising activities of the Emsworth Branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign produced approximately £3500.

During the year, the Committee organised Street Collections, a Ploughman's Lunch at Emsworth Sailing Club, a Coffee Morning at Hollybank House, and an Autumn Fair. We also helped the permanent staff at the Cards for Good Causes shop in Chichester, once a week for the three months before Christmas, by selling Charity Christmas cards and goods, including ARC cards.

This year, there will be:

- 1) a street collection in Emsworth on Friday 25th April.
- 2) a Ploughman's Lunch at Emsworth Sailing Club on Thursday 5th June
- 3) a Collection outside Tesco Havant in September,
- 4) an Autumn Fair in Emsworth in November.

Once again, the Committee would like to thank the members of the public who have attended our events or sent us donations, the shopkeepers, the Methodist Church, businesses and clubs, all of whom have willingly displayed our posters. Finally, our heartfelt thanks are due to Anna and Vivian Williams of Hollybank House and the Commodore and Flag Officers of Emsworth Sailing Club, who allow us to use their attractive premises for our Coffee Morning and Ploughman's Lunch.

If anyone would like more details of any of these events, please ring: Emsworth 01243 - 375649 or 373859.

Moya Wippell, Committee Member (Publicity)

Emsworth Bowling Club Open Day 25 May

From 1.30 to 4.00 p.m. on Sunday 25th May 2008, Emsworth Bowling Club is holding an Open Day to allow anyone to experience this most engaging of sports. The Clubhouse can be found by the skatepark in the recreation ground off Horndean Road, Emsworth.

No previous experience is needed as coaching will be offered. All equipment is provided and no special clothing is required. However, we do ask that you wear flat-soled shoes to avoid damage to the green. Everyone is welcome, irrespective of age or ability.

Emsworth Bowling Club caters for bowlers of all abilities and new members can take advantage of tuition from our county coaches or from other highly experienced bowlers. Emsworth is an extremely friendly club and throughout the year we have a busy social calendar for both bowlers and 'social members'.

For additional information ring 01243 373354.

Bryan Oldaker, Club Secretary

Garden fit for a King

The grounds at Hampton Court Palace are where the Emsworth Horticultural Society will this year strive to transform a patch of grass into a garden 'fit for a king' - or perhaps more appropriately, a head teacher?

Our Emsworth Society are delighted to have been selected by the Royal Horticultural Society to exhibit a small garden at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show designed by one of their members, Annette Wood, who has come up with an inspirational theme ideally suited for use in a school setting. Its primary purpose is to foster children's interest and enthusiasm not only in the field of gardening and plants, but also art and artists.

Semi hidden in the garden, will be details from fifteen pictures or sculptures (e.g. Rousseau's Tiger), which the children will be encouraged to search for and spot after referring to interactive 'art stations' along the boundaries. Entitled "Spot the Art in the Garden", it is intended to be fun, exciting and stimulating as well as visually beautiful.

An enthusiastic team (see photo) are supporting Annette by growing plants, sourcing artifacts and materials, constructing components and seeking sponsorship, all of which it is hoped will come together to produce an award winning garden for the estimated 165,000 visitors at the Show to enjoy.

The Hampton Court Palace Flower Show is open from July 8th to 13th (RHS members only on July 8th/9th.)

Additionally this year, the BBC have invited the Horticultural Society to host two editions of their popular Radio 4 programme, "Gardeners Question Time". BBC engineers need to inspect chosen venues to ensure suitability, but subject to this, the recordings will take place on Monday 30th June. A minimum audience of 200 is required, together with some unusual questions. So watch out for details nearer the date or visit the Society's website: www.emsworthhorticulturalsociety.org.uk

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