

THE EMSWORTH SHOW

August Bank Holiday Monday at Jubilee Recreation Ground, Horndean Road, will again be the place to be for six hours of family entertainment at the annual Emsworth Show.

The Show opens at 11am, and the Marquee at 1pm after judging has been completed and the Mayor of Havant has declared it officially open. Attractions will include an impressive line-up of talent in the Arenas:

- Wacky Tumblairs
- Solent Veterans' Bicycle & Tricycle Club
- Bourne Sports Young Footballers
- Zheng Dao Lo Kick Boxers
- Homsted Dog Training Club
- Fun Dog Show
- TS Unity Band
- Fishbourne Morris Dancers
- KBG Appalachian Dance Group
- Patey Ensemble
- GMG Falconry

In addition there will be a vast array of stalls, refreshments, rides and amusements.

The giant Marquee will house a prolific display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicraft, domestic, photographic and children's exhibits. The very popular David Hurron will once again present the cups and awards, and draw the Raffle to conclude the Show. Top Prize in the Raffle, generously donated by 'Just Out', is a wooden six-seater garden furniture set with cushions and parasol (or alternatively something of a similar value from the 'Just Out' Stall at the Show).

Collect your free Show Schedule from the library or local retail outlets for further details - and why not think about entering one or more of the many competitions with over 700 cash prizes on offer.

With Emsworth Horticultural Society members giving their time free to run the Show, and the support of Havant Borough Council, sponsors and advertisers appearing in the Schedule, the entry fee can remain at just £2, with accompanied children under 12 free; parking on the Showground itself is £2 extra per car. A great day out for the whole family.

Anybody who would like to lend a hand, particularly in setting up or winding down the show over the Bank Holiday Weekend would be most welcome. Please telephone Janet Butler on 01243 43026, if you can help.

Dennis Doye



Veteran cycles at the 2007 show

Emsworth Day Out Scheme

Emsworth Day Out Scheme is a friendship club run by older people for older people, who meet every Wednesday in The Emsworth Centre, South Street.

Established in 1979, and with two of the original members still attending, the club meets weekly providing the opportunity to socialise and have a lunch out with others. Described by members as a 'life line', and giving some their only opportunity each week to get out of their homes and meet up with friends, the club provides an invaluable services allowing local older people to remain valued members of the community.

Run by a small team of dedicated volunteers, the club would like to extend their activities and are looking for extra helpers. In particular, they need a volunteer for an hour or two on a Wednesday afternoon, volunteer drivers and people who could help out occasionally, pushing wheelchairs during their outings. They are also keen to hear from anyone with IT skills who could offer basic computer training.

Arriving at around 10.30am, the group enjoy a friendly chat and cup of tea before a two course lunch (£3), they then spend the afternoon chatting, playing cards and bingo before returning home at 2.45pm. They hold a raffle each week with the money raised going into their outing fund, they aim to go out three or four times a year. For further information on joining the club or offering your time as a volunteer, please call Havant Volunteer Centre on Tel: 02392 481845.

Sarah Cartey

Emsworth Museum

A new face, great exhibitions and free entry too

The Lumley Room has been refurbished and linked to an audio-visual area where oral and video tapes of the town's history and more recent events will be accessible to the public. There will soon be a wide screen where exhibitors can display photographs and videos associated with their exhibitions.

July's exhibition "What lies beneath", gives an intriguing glimpse of the underwater life in Chichester Harbour. The Conservancy divers have produced excellent photos of anemones, sea squirts and myriads of other creatures.

The August exhibition is "More about P.G. Wodehouse" and some of the characters he might have met during his 10 years in the village. He certainly loved the local names even if Lord Emsworth didn't exist. This exhibition will transfer to the Brookfield Hotel for a week on the 20th September to tie in with the Havant Literary Festival.

In September, Andy Walkley and the PCC are producing "St Nicholas Church, West Thorney". This historic 12th century church on Thorney Island has been a landmark for sailors, fishermen and smugglers through the ages and more recently, servicemen.

If you didn't know before, Emsworth has a lot of hidden talent and our October exhibition, "On the Emsworth Stage" reviews amateur dramatics in Emsworth over the ages.

The Museum is run by a voluntary organisation, the "Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust". Entry to the museum and all exhibitions is free, however, the Trust is always in need of funds so please put a generous donation in the collection box.

Adrian Fox

The SYRCH Centre

What is it? It's the Southleigh Youth & Recreation Community Hall. It has one largish room, a well appointed kitchen and all the usual offices.

There is a regular meeting of 'The Klub' on a Thursday evening. This is a Youth Club for ages 13 - 18 run by Hampshire County Council. The Klub is currently going through a face-lift incorporating ideas from the young people - what they would like there.

In contrast, we have the Hampshire Club who came to us from the Red Cross. This is a Social Club for Pensioners and meets on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

There are regular sessions of 'Chinese Kick Boxing' on Saturday morning and Drum Majorettes on Monday evening both with fully qualified instructors.

Finally, our long standing and very popular Dog Training Class with Jean Howells is every Tuesday evening.

SYRCH is run entirely by Volunteers and as always, we need more help with the admin. If you are interested in helping out or hiring the hall for meetings, classes or a social event, please contact me on 01243 373744.

Virginia Wilson-Smith

Havant Literary Festival 'a fresh page'

The Borough will be buzzing on the last weekend of September when Havant Literary Festival takes place. With several Festival venues throughout Havant Town Centre, Leigh Park, Emsworth and Hayling Island and over forty events to choose from, there really is something for everyone.

The programme includes talks, signings, poetry, theatre, workshops, walks, street events, word art, children's events, exhibitions - even a poet in a shed!

The area's literary heritage will be celebrated with talks on Jeeves creator P.G. Wodehouse, *A Town Like Alice* author Nevil Shute and the poet Keats, all of whom lived or wrote in the Borough.

Local authors Dee Williams, Pauline Rowson, Brian Clarke and Tim Stretton will all feature in the Festival programme, along with Costa Poetry Prize Winner and Cowplain resident John Haynes. Also on offer, are short story and poetry competitions, a Book Quiz and the *Eyes Like A Hawk* Book Trail, in association with Havant & Waterlooville FC.

There are plenty of events for children of Havant Borough to enjoy with theatre, storytelling and children's authors all on hand to help celebrate the National Year of Reading.

The Festival takes place between 25 & 28 September. For more information, visit the website: www.havantlitfest.hampshire.org.uk

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