

Christian Aid Anagram Competition

The Emsworth branch of Christian Aid featured an Anagram Competition at its Autumn Sale in International House on Saturday 18 October. The Competition was based on local traders and the prize was an Emsworth Basket valued at over £100.

Julie Brombley, of Birch Tree Drive and an administrator at Southbourne Surgery, picked up a form and started her family off by discovering some of the traders. Her husband, Dennis, a lecturer in Travel & Tourism at Guildford College, and children Adam (9) who attends St James School Emsworth and Charlotte Brombley (11) a pupil at Chichester High School all took up the challenge. Once the twenty traders had been found, Julie completed the tie-breaker in no more than 10 words telling Christian Aid why the family thought Emsworth is such a special place.



Dennis and Julie Brombley with their children Adam and Charlotte

This money will go through Christian Aid to some of the poorest people in the world to help them help themselves. *Taken from Press Release*

The judge was Brendan Gibb-Gray, Chairman of Emsworth Business Association (EBA) who decided Julie's entry of 'Community spirit, shops galore, scenery, friendship - who could want more' as a winner. Brendan Gibb-Gray who presented the basket said, "The competitors have done an excellent job in describing Emsworth and its many attributes in as few as ten words. I would like to say well done to all of you who took part in this interesting and thought provoking exercise." Thanks to the generosity of shopkeepers with the Anagram Competition the total amount raised from this and the Autumn Sale was nearly £500.

Arthritis Research Campaign: Emsworth Branch to close

At the AGM of the Emsworth Branch of the Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC) on 7 October 2008, the Committee decided unanimously that the time had come to close the Branch. Inevitably, with the passage of the years, several of our small committee are now in their eighties and the rest are not far behind!

The Branch was formed in February 1981 at a meeting of a few friends at the Crown Hotel, Emsworth. From this small beginning, the Branch grew and gradually through Flag Days, Coffee Mornings, Autumn Fairs, Ploughman's Lunches, donations and the sale of Charity Christmas Cards in Chichester, we were raising about £5,000 annually. Over the 27 years of its existence, the Emsworth Branch raised approximately £100,000 for ARC.

Such a sum of money could not have been sent to Head Office, had it not been for the generosity and support of local people attending our events. So, our grateful thanks are due to them all, and to the Emsworth shopkeepers and businesses, who displayed our posters, as well as to the Pastoral Centre and the Library. We are also indebted to the editors of The EMS and the Westbourne Magazine who kindly printed our announcements and to the Flag Officers of the Emsworth Sailing Club who allowed us to use the Club's attractive premises for our Ploughman's Lunches. And, finally to Mr and Mrs Williams of Hollybank House, where we enjoyed many happy Coffee Mornings in beautiful surroundings.

Several members of the Committee have served for well over 20 years but Major Bruce Darby RM, our Chairman, deserves a special mention. He was a founder of the Branch and should be congratulated for his 27-year's service to this worthwhile cause.

*Moya Wippell
Committee Member for Publicity*

Autumn Boat Lift

Once again the Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club would like to thank the residents and visitors for their patience and cheerfulness during the Autumn cruiser lift out.

To ensure safety, we are obliged to close off the right of way across the quay and millpond footbridge for short periods during each lift. It is hoped that the spectacle of the yachts being lifted provides some compensation!

The next lift in will be on 28/29 March.

James Mant

Emsworth International Cricketer (under 16)

My name is Robert Gibson, I am 14 years old and I have always lived in Emsworth. I started playing cricket when I was seven at Hambledon Cricket Club and have played for them and loved the game of cricket ever since. I started playing cricket for Hampshire when I was 10 and got selected for the South and West of England squad when I was 12.

Last year, I was very lucky to be chosen for a development U16 side to go on a 10-day tour to Mumbai, India. Followed by another U16 trip to Jersey. The tour to Mumbai was for me a life changing experience and taught me a lot, especially about spin bowling and how to play against the arts of the Indian spin.

The young Indian cricketers I met were really friendly and amazingly talented, even some of the street kids surprised me. They were very eager to come and bowl to us whenever they could. We were treated as professionals in India, as we played in one of the high ranked stadiums, which in fact England played at in December 2008.

Jersey was a different experience but I enjoyed it very much and learnt a lot from the older lads. I played in a tournament for the South and West of England in Taunton last year against the other three English regions. This was a great honour for me and so when I was selected to go to the West Indies at Easter 2009 with the South and West of England U15 squad, I was overwhelmed.

The tour is a 15-day tour to Barbados and Trinidad against the best and up and coming West Indian cricketers. This will be a fantastic experience and I am sure I will learn a lot. I have to fund raise to go on the tour and would like to thank everyone who has helped so far and would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to support me. *Robert Gibson*



Robert Gibson receives his England Cap from Ken Palmer, Umpire and England Cricketer

Farewell to Waterside Community

The Waterside Ecumenical Community will cease to exist as a separate organisation at the end of December 2008, though some of its activities may continue under the auspices of one or other of the local churches.

For further information, contact John Vickers on 370017.

News in Brief

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union (MU) is a worldwide network of Christians with over 3.6 million members living in over 78 countries, who believe in the importance of families. As well as encouraging and supporting families and marriage, members work to reach out to those who are isolated, in trouble or in need of help.

The Emsworth Mothers' Union are organising a Table Top Sale on Saturday 14 February, 10am to 1pm at St. James' Parish Hall, Church Path. Proceeds from the sale will help projects such as a Diocesan project offering families, in dire need of a break, a week's holiday run by the MU. The Literature Project in Africa, helping people to read and write and transforming their lives by so doing. The Relief Fund giving aid where it is needed most. The Family Life Programme helping people to help themselves. And there is much more.

The Mothers' Union would be pleased to offer more information to those interested. Enquiries to Shirley Hogben 01243-374380.

Youth Leaflet to all homes in Emsworth

Our 11 to 18 year olds will now be in the know about what's available for them locally after a leaflet was delivered to every home in Emsworth in November. It included details of the fourteen different youth groups, which run in Emsworth. The groups are run largely by dedicated volunteers but some have professional paid youth workers involved as well.

The leaflet was initiated by the Emsworth Town Partnership (formally the Market Town Initiative) and funded by Christians Together in Emsworth.

It's exciting to see the sheer range of opportunities on offer for young people, including music and dance, climbing, sailing and canoeing, skating, cooking, crafts, camping and international visits as well as discussion groups exploring the meaning of life!

Many of the groups offer young people the chance to help decide what the activities will be. As well as regular meetings in Emsworth, many groups take regular outings to a wide range of local attractions. If you did not get a leaflet and would like one, please contact me on 431662. *Katherine Labetz*



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