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The fabulous 'Emsworth British Food Fortnight' is back

#Celebration

#Education

#Community

Inside this issue of The Ems, we've included a guide to events taking place in Emsworth during this year's fabulous 'Food Fortnight'. September 19th - October 4th.

The organisers have pulled out the stops and come up with some pretty creative and even unusual ways to celebrate food and drink. Inspirational ideas, all based around our enjoyment of the town's talented chefs, its award winning cafes, pubs and restaurants. Along with its local producers and growers.

The 'Market Garden in the Square' came alive on Friday night, when it became a rural haven - a visionary market garden filled with farmed produce.

It's there so we can see where much of our food comes from and it's the eye opening backdrop to top events taking place over the next two weeks during 'Emsworth Food Fortnight'.

The guide to entertainment starts on page 15.

Win!

A hamper packed with local food.

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Welcome Hampshire Farm Meadows

Goodbye Hampshire Farm and welcome
Hampshire Farm Meadows. During the
summer, residents were invited to register
their vote with HBC to select a new and last-
ing name for the 42 acre public open site,
Hampshire Farm aka Redlands Grange.

There was a choice of 4 names, with
or without an additional suffix of Fields,
Meadows or Park. The name choices were:
Bournebridge, Hampshire farm, Redlands
and Ffaroes. Winning over 65% of the votes
registered, 'Hampshire Farm' was the pop-
ular choice, with 50% wanting 'Meadows'
included.

'Hampshire Farm Meadows' is the cho-
sen name, winning Over 60% of the votes
registered.

Residents joined forces with HBC and the
'Conservation Volunteers' to litter pick, clear
plant shelters and complete butterfly counts
during July. Anyone who is interested in join-
ing the team for future events as a volunteer
can send their contact details to michelle.

good@havant.gov.uk

'The season of mists and mellow fruitful-
ness' is this month's theme for the 'Nature
Notes', on display in the allotment car park
noticeboard.

Compiled by local resident Chris Oakley,
they include stunning photographs he
has taken of local flora and fauna within
Hampshire Farm Meadows. Further wildlife
observations and photographs can be found
at hampshire-farm-meadows.simplesite.com.

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WIN! an 'Ems Hamper' packed with local food and goodies

Enter by Wednesday 30th September.

There are 3 simple ways to enter the com-
petition to win the 'Ems Hamper'.

Go to Emsworth Residents Facebook page
and 'like' and 'share' the Hamper competi-
tion post; with the answer to the question
below added'.

1. Email the Editor: editor@emsworthres-
idents.co.uk with your name, contacts and
answer.

2. Post it to: Editor: 8 Queen Street,
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above.

You can find the answer in the Food
Fortnight Guide to events, in this issue of
The Ems.

We'll pick the name and invite the winner
to the 'Thought for Food Market' on 3rd
October in St Peter's Square, to collect the
prize.

The Hamper has been donated by local
producers from the 'Thought for Food
Market' and put together by The Ems own
Phoebe Atkinson Eberle. Many thanks go
to them for their fabulous contributions.

The Ems Editorial Board's decision is final.

**"What is the name of
the singing chef?"**



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News

Ambitious devolution plan for Emsworth and Borough announced

devolution

All fifteen Local Authorities, National Park Authorities and Local Enterprise Authorities in Hampshire and IOW are working towards seeking devolution for the area.

They are taking the momentous step together, in order to gain greater control of decisions that affect residents and businesses. They say it will increase productivity in economy and transform public services.

With a recently submitted open letter to Ministers accompanied by a 38 page prospectus for Government to consider, they hope to make a deal.

If successful, it would see the transfer of powers from Whitehall to the new collective (HIOW), meaning they say 'we would manage the county's and area's affairs locally with more community engagement.'

They have said that new powers would go to existing bodies – as far as possible.

This is just the first step and further negotiations would follow with the prospectus demonstrating their commitment, credibility and ability to deliver.

As part of the deal they suggest that they would forego grants in exchange for retaining 100% of business rates generated in the area, 'ensuring fair distribution locally'. Saying it would, 'deliver local jobs and homes and would reduce the national welfare bill'. Even suggesting through

measures introduced, 'it would add an additional £3 million to the UK economy.'

HIOW say they would accelerate the completion of 76,000 homes across the region in order to complete 2 years earlier than outlined in Local Plans. So all building would be completed by 2024 instead of 2026, meaning the following local plan for housing and building in the area would be introduced earlier with outlines for future and ever more building across the region.

They believe a devolution plan would allow for more houses to be built, would boost enterprise and employment and expand businesses. It would allow for investment in infrastructure and transform public services – all while protecting the local character of 'our diverse area'.

The letter ends – 'The Hampshire and IOW offer is a golden opportunity for Government and the UK and we believe you will not find a better place to achieve growth and increase productivity.'

*Residents - all 38 pages of the prospectus and letter can be found on HBC's website and through this website link: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/devolution

Lesley DiFonzo/Jo Dyer

(See letters on p20. 'Could bigger be better for Emsworth?')

Fire Engine V 'First Response' vehicle

Emsworth's Fire Engine (ERV) is set to be replaced by a lower level initial First Response Vehicle (FRV) under a 'Risk Review' carried out by Hampshire's Fire & Rescue Service (HFRS).

It means Emsworth's historic Fire Station would be significantly downgraded. Although HFRS say they would retain the building, it must throw up questions about the future use of the unlisted building. The Emsworth Museum is housed there too on a lease renewed last year.

The downgrade would affect not only Emsworth residents and businesses but also local neighbouring villages, especially Thorney Island, Westbourne and Bosham.

Bosham has no station of its own and the Emsworth Fire Engine has been called on most occasions when fire services were needed. Thorney would be more isolated in the event of a major fire, with only a 'First Responder' to rely on until 'full capability' tender (s) arrived.

Exactly what the 'First Responder' vehicle would be, other than 'a vehicle with the capability to handle a reasonable size of fire' by definition, is unclear. HFRS has been unable to

provide more details at this time. An example of a 'First Responder' fire vehicle in service on Humberside is shown in the image.



In order to gauge opinion, a 3 month long public consultation started in mid - September following the decision to adopt the 'Risk Review' on 9th September.

The downgraded fire service in Emsworth is part of a wider set of cuts in Hampshire - HFRS says it is as a result of a much lower number of 'call outs' right across the region. They need to make operational savings of at least £5 million across the county. Only £14,000 may be saved by replacing Emsworth's existing Fire Engine, but that is not certain.

Havant would be the 'full capability' responding Fire Station to any major fire in Emsworth, Westbourne and Thorney and the full time team there may be moving to new premises in Leigh Park in the near future.

The ERA will try to keep residents informed through email newsletters, Facebook and Twitter but in the meantime visit www.hantsfire.gov.uk/incidents-news-and-events/news/2015/risk-review-september-15/ for more information or call 023 8064 4000.

Lesley DiFonzo/Jo Dyer

Progress with new Surgery

The Emsworth Surgery Group met up with Dr Abu Chinwallah in September to discuss the progress of a new Emsworth surgery.

Dr Chinwallah said after a number of delays the practice was discussing the terms for the provision of the new surgery in Emsworth with NHS Property.

He is hopeful that building can start soon after any discussions have taken place and terms agreed. He attended a meeting with the CCG, NHS England and NHS Property Services and subject to agreeing terms there are no barriers to the project going ahead now.

Following feedback from the Forum's public meeting on health provision, local people hope that additional services can be provided in Emsworth. There doesn't seem to be any emphasis from the surgery about providing additional

services. The group is working on that.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions to make, please let the group know so they can be included in future discussions.

The Friends of Emsworth Health has indicated that they are willing to support the development of a new surgery by providing funds for agreed initiatives.

The Surgery Group and Southern Health have held talks and the group has been invited by NHS Property Services to be involved in further discussions. South Eastern Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group is going to lead on community engagement.

As soon as there is a firm indication about timescales involved, the group plans to update residents further.

Jill Millar - ERA Health

NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

Mother Kelly's Fish & Chips – fit for a king and 'Stampy Cat' Cartoonist



Joseph Garrett, Emsworth's own cartoon wiz, popped into Mother Kelly's for some tasty 'Cod 'n Chips' in the summer, taking time to draw and then sign a cartoon for the thrilled staff there. His popular children's character 'Stampy Cat', has become a household name in the UK and his daily You Tube posts reach over 4 and a half million children every day.

Children can't get enough of his videos featuring an amiable cat-like creature in Minecraft,

a virtual lego video game. Stampy is so popular that 23 year old Garrett has become one of the UK's most successful creators of online children's entertainment. Joseph relocated to Los Angeles earlier this year, so spends most of his time there now.

His educational venture, Wonder Quest, is launching this year in a television friendly format, with backing from giants - Disney. You can watch 'Stampy Cat' episodes on You Tube - StampyLonghead.

A Good Samaritan and an opportunist thief – all in moment

Lesley Harris's husband was attempting a Lewis Hamilton speedy U-turn in his mobility scooter when it overbalanced, throwing him to the ground in the High Street.

Several people rushed to help, including Lesley who put her handbag down and went to her husband's aid. (Lesley wants to thank the lovely couple who got her husband on his feet again and the nurse who stopped to make sure he was okay).

Sadly at the same moment, Lesley's purse was stolen. It was later found and handed in at The Crown, but was missing Lesley's £200!

There are more good Samaritans than thieves in Emsworth thankfully, but shame on you, whoever you are for being an opportunist thief.



Residents Association News

Longcopse Lane planning - the story continues...

The field in Long copse Lane Westbourne at the junction of North Street is again subject to a planning application from Southcott Homes; this time for 9 homes.

To briefly recap, an initial application for 22 homes was refused by Chichester District Council and the decision was upheld by the Government Inspector at appeal in December 2013.

In 2014, the applicant made another application, that time for 16 homes.

This was rejected by Chichester District Council. The applicant has decided to take that decision to Appeal, but in the meantime has made the present application for 9 homes - like a sort of each-way bet. (Confused? You haven't had to write this...!)

As with the previous two proposals, the ERA has objected to this latest application which

we believe still contravenes the Government Inspector's conclusion; that any development will irrevocably affect the village's rural aspect. In addition, Westbourne residents have for years had real concerns about the drainage and sewerage system - they have ample evidence of flooding in Longcopse Lane, and sewerage backing up in nearby properties.

The Parish Council has identified another 16 sites in Westbourne which could potentially be developed.

Some of these sites - jointly or singly - can easily accommodate the housing allocation that Chichester District requires from Westbourne, including affordable housing - which this present application does not consider. This would result in a satisfactory outcome for Westbourne and CDC.

Charles Ashe - ERA planning

A joint walkabout to discuss Emsworth's future

Residents who attended the Public Meetings organised by the Emsworth Forum in June, may recall that one of the concerns aired was the future of the southern end of North Street.

Much of the concern has arisen from the physical and psychological barrier made by the A259: to the south is that part of the town recognised by visitors as Emsworth. North Street presents a different part of Emsworth, one which is not so easily recognised by visitors.

So 13 representatives from Emsworth - the Forum, ERA, EBA, ECA, local government representatives, St James's Church and 2 urban planners walked around Town to discuss it.

To aid development of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Forum has been awarded technical support on urban design from urban planners AECOM.

AECOM is preparing a design study option for the southern end of North Street based around use of community-focused buildings including the cottage hospital, museum/fire station, community centre and church.

The main topics raised were:

- Future of the hospital site
- Future of fire station site

- Traffic in North Street (how it could be calmed)
- How to 'revitalise' North Street shopping
- How to make North Street more appealing

Concerns were raised about the future of the Victoria Cottage Hospital. Most residents would like to see the site developed for a new Emsworth Surgery.

The ECA spokesman reminded everybody that up to 2000 people use the Emsworth Community Centre each week.

The EBA representative wanted more shops in North Street, as increased shopping opportunities would help to overcome the perceived differences between north and south of the A259.

The urban planners said it had been an interesting and stimulating meeting and finished with a guided walk through Emsworth to see for themselves the features of our unique town.

AECOM is drawing up 3 illustrated plans with explanatory text for discussion and then finalising a report to take account of feedback. The Forum recently issued a short report with illustrations to forward for discussion with the community.

Charles Ashe

Jo welcomes new committee members to the ERA this autumn

Now that members have come back from holiday, this is a good time to refresh our plans and future programmes. To help us with our endeavours, I am pleased to welcome new committee members, Richard Kennett and Rory Reed and Committee Secretary, Angela McMillen.

We also welcome new Treasurer, Ann Roberts.

John Robinson our former Treasurer is staying on to help with the transition. He has been a tremendous stalwart and a great support to me in difficult circumstances. We thank him for handing everything over to Ann in such good order and wish him well in his new ventures.

We held a party in July for the Ems volunteer distributors to thank them for their help over many years. Some have delivered the Ems for 30-40 years. The ERA is lucky to have their continued support and hopes to do something for the deliverers who missed out on this year's party.

I joined the Mayor, Councillor Leah Turner and Councillor Brendan Gibb-Gray for an enjoyable tour of 'Emsworth in Bloom' and the ERA is pleased to have awarded Community Chest funding for First Aid courses for Emsworth babies and a grant to

help with identifying Defibrillator locations in Emsworth.

At the Emsworth Show in August it was good to meet so many residents and welcome new members. Some were surprised by the number of issues the ERA covers - transport, planning, flood control, trees, health and others that arise from day to day.

The EBA shared their marquee with us and their efforts with Emsworth Food Fortnight are superb. Such an exciting programme, building on last year's success.

Best wishes, Jo Dyer, Chairman



ERA's Chris Hallam, transport, Jo Dyer, Chair and Charles Ashe, planning

Funding from the resident's 'Community Chest'

First Aid for the Community

The residents gave 'Community Chest' funding of £700 to help set up paediatric first aid courses for parents, grandparents and carers of young children. The money is for seed funding to set up the courses. The first course is being held at the Community Centre in October. (See events for details)

If the training helps children who are injured to receive immediate help from their carers it could make all the difference to their eventual recovery.

A special grant for a good initiative

The residents gave a grant to the Patient

Participation Group based at the Emsworth Surgery to enable them to produce posters to inform the public of the whereabouts of Defibrillators in Emsworth.

At present there are defibrillators in the Community Centre, the Doctor's surgery, Fat Olives and Envisage Dental Surgery as well as the local schools. Their immediate use can make all the difference to recovery from heart attacks.

Jill Millar



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News

So what's happening to the wall and footpath in North Street?

Well, nothing much but read on....

The proposed North Street road closure to repair a dangerous wall near the railway bridge, caused concern to residents and businesses alike. It was announced early on (perhaps a little too early) that repairs would take place over 10 weeks, with a road closure for some or all of the time.

A petition was started and presented by concerned publican, Dusty Lucas, gaining over 200 signatures. The move made others take notice.

Residents and owners of let properties, most businesses in the Town, Emsworth Business Association and residents groups raised concerns.

HBC - burdened with the task of re-building the wall, looked at what could be done within their legislative guidelines. HCC, responsible for Highways looked as well.

At a public meeting held in mid - August, the Town heard, 'the road will be closed for less than a week, possibly only 3 days'.

This still left the problem of re-building or making the wall safe. So what were the options considered?

- HBC sought tenders to rebuild the wall because despite its best efforts, nobody knows who owns the wall. The lowest tender was £130,000. The council estimated £35,000.

- The Borough's Planning Management Committee voted to approve a planning application to re-build the wall to a high spec, so it could last for another 100 years.

- HCC suggested the wall was removed and the land behind it re-landscaped

- HBC spent £50,000 in legal costs and needed more advice before work could start. The footpath stays closed in the meantime

The cabinet met on September 2nd and recommended more time to investigate solutions! 3 months to resolve all issues - ownership, who pays, repair and responsibility - then come up with solutions.

Washington Road and culvert has been cleared and drained and Councillor Rivka Cresswell is working to get new lighting and for the tiles and walls to be made more presentable.

At present the mood is £130,000 is too much for HBC to commit to a wall.

The likelihood was that cabinet would say "do nothing" but they have committed to find a way to re-open the footpath within 3 months - now about 10 weeks.

HCC who has responsibility for the footpath is saying that the wall is not their problem and if it comes down, they'll sweep up the mess and restore the footpath/highway. However, a more effective - more timely - solution may yet materialise.

Lesley DiFonzo



NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

Maisemore dines out in style



100 Maisemore Garden residents, friends and family enjoyed an outdoor Sunday lunch in a real community atmosphere in July. Plenty of Pimms and wine went down well, on one the best afternoons of the summer.

The Friends of Maisemore Gardens organised the Good Neighbours lunch and invited everyone in the road to come and join in. It's an annual event and The Friends try to support a local charity each year.

A booklet published recently charts the history of Maisemore Gardens. Contact maggie.gebbett@talktalk.net to find out more.

A copy of the publication costs £5.

Emsworth cyclists complete gruelling 400 mile charity cycle ride



The aim was to raise more than 1.5 million for different local and national charities. The challenge was to cycle from Hayling Island to Paris in 5 days flat.

Emsworth Surgery Doctor, Jackie Lytton was amongst several cyclists from Emsworth taking part in the event, which saw over 250 people complete the exhausting course. Another Emsworthian, 65 year old cyclist, Paul Clutterbuck,

was raising money for children's charity, Operation Smile. Over the last 10 years, Paul has raised over £32,000 for the charity.

It was a lot of fun, with a special route taking the group through beautiful French Countryside. Riders ranged in age from 14 to 79.

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News

Emsworth Harbour's own Sid is honoured with national award



Sid Kennett with his Landscapes for Life Award

Sid aka Phillip Kennett has been the face of Emsworth Harbour for 47 years – that's a long and happy time for him. Sid was his Father's name – his Dad was the previous Emsworth Harbour Master - and by default is how Phillip is known to most people in Emsworth. Sid says "It's not work - it's a way of life and I enjoy every minute of it. Chichester Harbour AONB is first class. It's

a place where people come to enjoy themselves – it's unique!"

In July he won a top award - a Landscapes for Life Award for all the years he has devoted to caring for Emsworth's Harbour.

Sid works on the water, helping the boating fraternity to enjoy the Harbour. In recent years, he has been involved with the operation of Emsworth's Oyster Boat Terror, and the solar-powered catamaran, Solar Heritage.

The feedback he receives on a daily basis is overwhelmingly positive and friendly. Richard Craven, the Harbour Master and Acting Conservancy Manager, said "Sid really has taken ownership of the Emsworth part of the Harbour. Whether that is rescuing swans, salvaging sunken vessels, or repairing the sea wall, he does so willingly and with a smile on his face. He's a local character who is a legend in his own lifetime."

The award was presented to Sid in the summer, at the Annual Conference of the National Association of AONBs that took place in Winchester. He received a certificate and a copy of the Landscape Photographer of the Year book courtesy of Visit Britain.

Lesley DiFonzo (Source CHC)

Plan to build 175 homes on farmland between Havant and Emsworth



Developers are poised to submit plans for a large new estate to the south of Bartons Road, next to Wyevale Garden Centre and near Havant's new crematorium.

Community leaders are concerned about more traffic congestion and the loss of the green gap between Havant and Emsworth, but the borough's regeneration leader said more homes are desperately needed.

The site had already been agreed in Havant Borough Council's Local Plan and comes amid several Greenfield developments agreed in the vicinity, including 125 homes off Horndean Road, Emsworth.

The estate would have a new access road off Bartons Road.

Developers laid out their proposals at a development consultation at The Plaza in Havant in September, along with a public exhibition.

Lesley DiFonzo – source, The News and ERA

Spitfires fly low over Emsworth



To commemorate the 'hardest' day during the Battle of Britain, Hurricanes and Spitfires were scheduled to fly low across the South of England on August 18th this year.

Emsworth and Hermitage were lucky enough to see seven Spitfires fly over – twice, in formation and flying low.

The roar of the Merlin engines and the sight of the planes was remarkable and provided a small snapshot of the past for residents.

The skies were filled with Spitfires fighting the Luftwaffe or flying in formation during the Battle of Britain. Back then, the sight was memorable, if terrifying for many and this flypast should prove memorable for another generation.

Emsworth was lucky to see them this time, as many in Portsmouth and surrounding areas didn't see them and if they did, reported seeing specks in the distance.

At air shows too, it is usual to see only one, two or three flying together.

Lesley DiFonzo

Increased parking places for White Lodge – thanks ERA

Readers may have been aware of a recent planning application made on behalf of White Lodge Residential Care Home at 67 Havant Road to increase accommodation from 25 to 31 residents.

While appreciating the need for more accommodation, local residents were concerned that the proposals did not show any increase in the car parking arrangements on the site.

It was a real concern for residents in nearby Park Crescent, who have recently seen an

increase in parking. In some cases, careless or dangerous parking - in front of private driveways, or on corners.

At the request of the ERA, the Planning Department at Havant Borough Council asked the applicants to reconsider the parking arrangements at White Lodge.

As a result the car parking is being increased from 10 to 15 spaces.

Charles Ashe, ERA Planning Officer

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News

Like it or not, the new Baptist Church has opened



David Harris

It may only have been open since mid-July but the new Baptist Church on the corner of North Street has proved to be a talking point and for some, controversial.

Pastor Joel Ferreira has been overwhelmed by local interest in the new building.

“We welcomed 1200 visitors in our first 10 days. Numerous community organisations have expressed an interest in running events and groups from the spacious new North Street building.”

“We are really pleased with the building.”

Some residents and businesses are not quite so happy, citing the oversized roof ventilation and unlikely luminous cross (saying it’s more suited to the American way) and the overly modern look in an historic town, as controversial.

The roof vents are being looked at again to see if anything can be done to reduce their size.

Upbeat Pastor Ferreira says, “The architects and builders did a good job and the £2 million project came in on time.”

Inside the building is light, fresh and airy, with two large halls which can easily combine into one, seating up to 300 people.

WemsFest were quick off the mark to book the 300 seater for one of their events. The staging of 80’s singer Judy Tzuke’s performance on 1st October this year.

Long standing tenants of the old church such as the Thursday Country Market have moved into the new building. The acoustics of the building have been carefully designed to

provide a good listening environment for audiences.

Another highlight coming later this year is a talk by Baptist missionaries who have recently returned from the fortress country of North Korea.

Pastor Joel is planning his next project - the gradual refurbishment of the old church and offices.

For further information about community use of the church, please visit the website www.emsbaptist.org.uk or call 01243 375606 to find out more.

Lesley DiFonzo/ David Harris



David Harris

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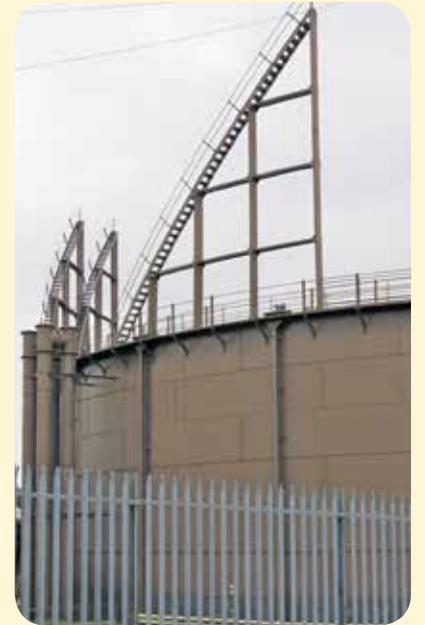
by Lesley DiFonzo

Iconic skyline set to light up to Pink Floyd and other greats

Ever creative Mark Ringwood, founder of Wemsfest, has come up with a novel way to mark the removal of Emsworth’s iconic Gasometer, before work starts to dismantle it. In a free event, on Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th October this year, Wemsfest is going to project gigantic images of some other iconic greats - Pink Floyd, Jade Warrior, Kraftwerk, and others besides.

All this is set to be accompanied by a silent disco. Lucky attendees can see the display and hear it all through headphones too.

Mark would love to hear from anyone who has memories and images of Emsworth’s Gasometer, which dates back to 1933. To contact him please call 01243 378742 or email Mark at wemsfest@btinternet.com



It’s not all bad

The Traffic Wardens had been out in force on one day in September. A few grumbles had been heard but then it happened. A young dog escaped into traffic in Queen Street and Michael the Traffic Warden saw the danger and sprang into action.



Cockapoo Reggie was having none of it. He thought it was a great game, playing in the traffic. Michael didn’t give up, he coaxed and he called – he tried everything, finally capturing Reg in Tower Street.

Seems Michael has dogs of his own and understood the owners panic. Reggie’s hero.

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Community News

Working for the community

I hope The Ems readers had an enjoyable summer. The Parliamentary Recess allowed me to focus on my work locally and continue meeting residents and supporting community activities. I've used the time to plan a range of future constituency-wide projects, including a jobs fair bringing together local employers and job-seekers, and a competition for local school children to design my official Christmas card.

For me, summer really showed Emsworth at its best: beautiful surroundings, great community spirit, and lots going on. Emsworth RNLI's Quay Sale is a great example. I enjoyed meeting Emsworth Branch Chairman Trevor Davies and his team, and was impressed by the range of stalls at this year's popular event supporting our lifeboats. I joined crew members from the Hayling Lifeboat at Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club afterwards. Similarly, Sheila Morris and supporters have made Emsworth in Bloom a

great success: the planter tubs look excellent. I also enjoyed meeting residents and traders during August's Hampshire Farmers' Market.

Giles Babb, Alistair Gibson and the EBA team have worked hard on this year's British Food Fortnight. The EBA won the prestigious "Bring Home the Harvest" award from the national organisers last year and having looked through this year's programme, I know 2015 will see another set of fantastic events that showcase Emsworth on the national stage.

I've continued to work on the Emsworth Surgery move. I met the Surgery's doctors in June and backed the move to the old Victoria Cottage Hospital site. I have organised a meeting for late September with all the NHS organisations involved - NHS England & the South Eastern Hampshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, and NHS Property Services - as well as our local Emsworth councillors and Cabinet members from Havant Borough and Hampshire County councils. This is a longstanding and complex issue, with a wide range of organisations involved. The aim of this initial all parties' meeting is to secure greater clarity about how we can move forward. Residents need and deserve a new surgery. I will continue to press the NHS to make this happen after years of delay and keep The

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Ems readers informed.

Congratulations to our hardworking local students for their exams results, and the families, teachers, governors and support staff who back them. Our local schools are all doing well and I look forward to visiting them again during the new school year.

As I resume my year-long work experience placement with the Royal Navy, I know we must never forget the sacrifice of our veterans, so I was honoured to join local Royal British Legion members and WWII veterans during the summer for a Sunday service to mark the 70th Anniversary of VJ Day.

My local priorities over the next five years will be strengthening our economy; backing our local schools and colleges; and helping to ensure our local community stays. I encourage local residents to let me know about events



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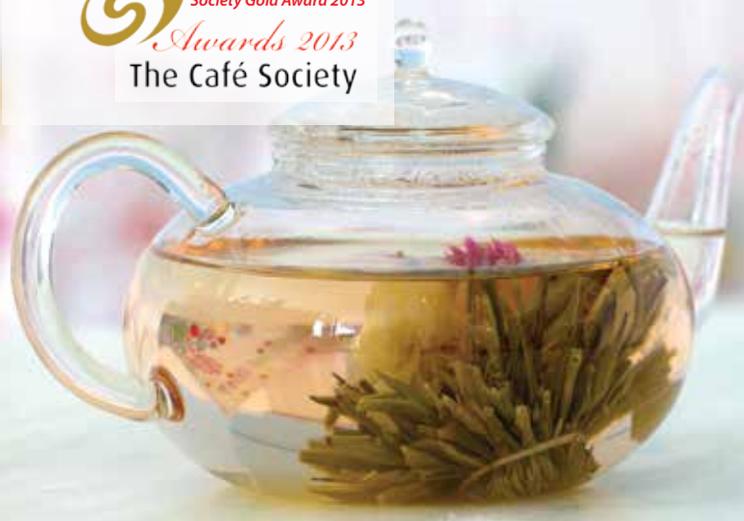
they're organising. I would be delighted to come along and support you if I can.

I am greatly inspired and energised by the support Emsworth residents continue to give me, and I will continue working hard for you locally and in Westminster. *Alan Mak*

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Community News

Concert in celebration of St James' momentous 175th year



Paul Gillett

There's a noteworthy anniversary coming up in November as St James' Church is celebrating its first 175 years.

Church and town have been together since the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, weathering together the rise and fall of the local oyster industry, enduring the sadness and horrors of war, and rejoicing in hundreds of weddings and christenings.

Sarah Pinnell, Director of Music at St James' is putting together a musical extravaganza drawn from 1840 to the present day in various styles and genres. With choral and vocal works, instrumental solos and a visual presentation

7th November, 7.00pm at St James' Church, Emsworth.

This is an invitation to everyone. It's free to all, so please just turn up and if you want to, please donate to the '175th Anniversary Project' to replace the west doors of the Church.

Sally Outram

Could you be the new Chair?

Southbourne Age Concern is looking for a new Chair. The group has an acting Chair, but really needs to find a permanent one now.

The Centre in New Road, Southbourne is run by a small committee who meet up about every 6 weeks. It's all voluntary but they have a sociable meeting place with a friendly welcome. If you can help, please go along and meet the team - on a Wednesday from 10am.

If you would rather chat first, call John on 01243 373730.

Waiting on Platform 1



The station waiting room is home to the perfectly set up Cupcake Carriages. It's a must see for residents and travellers alike. It's the best gateway to the food loving community that Emsworth is.

Just look around and it's sure to make you smile.

The curtain rails are reclaimed wooden oars, the confectionary is displayed in leather suitcases on a tiered luggage trolley and the glass of the counter is supported by an old door with a map of Emsworth's High Street carved into it.

Carriages has been on a journey since opening; an idea catalysed by the Emsworth Residence Association and snapped up by the Pascoe's (Michelle and Garry) in 2014 with Southern Rail on board for support.

The Café's gorgeous cupcakes are all made by a local resident who is in remission from cancer, heard saying it would be her 'privilege' to bake and create the tasty treats.

Carriages is hosting a special High Tea on Saturday 26th of September during Food Fortnight. You'll need to book quickly, as spaces are limited. Call, 07779000516.

Lois O'Connell

Ems deliverers raise some cheer

At a party held at the Emsworth Community Centre in the summer, the people who deliver the Ems all met up for the first time. There are over 90 volunteers in all.

It was the Emsworth Residents Association's way of thanking them for their top efforts. Together they deliver The Ems to homes in the community far and wide - nearly 7000 copies in all.

That's a lot of walking and posting.

The ERA's Chair, Jo Dyer arranged the evening making sure every deliverer was invited to enjoy some great food and wine.

Jo was presented with a bouquet by John Robinson, the ERA's Treasurer at the end of a thoroughly good evening.

Lesley DiFonzo



NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

The Deck café is riding high on a tide of good wishes

It's a feel good year for the award winning Deck Café and it could get even better after it received 22 nominations - they needed 10 - to be voted 'Café of the Year' again by the Chichester Observer Group of newspapers in 2015.

The Café is the current title holder, having won in 2014. Not only that but Emsworth Yacht Harbour's popular Café is marking 4 years since it opened, enjoying some special celebrations.

With over 20 staff now, Deck Cafe owner, Debbie Green, has hit upon a most successful formula.

Providing a mix of beautifully prepared and thoroughly delicious food each day, along with some evenings of Spanish guitar music and Tapas - just one of the ideas dreamed up by Debbie. Another winning note has been changing menus regularly, to reflect seasonal, local produce.



Emsworth School's new bike shelter

A new 16 space cycle shelter on the south side of Emsworth station has been commissioned. The one on the north side arrives in 4-5 weeks' time. It includes a notice board showing where wildlife can be found on the nearby Wayside site.

Southern have donated the old shelter to Emsworth Primary School.



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Community News

Ten year journey towards an organic utopia

It's been ten years since Maggie Haynes found the land that became Tuppenny Barn. Her dream of an organic utopia had begun. The land wasn't on the open market, but Maggie knew a friend of a friend and within 15 minutes of meeting the owner, the deal was done.

Ten years on, the iconic centre has been transformed into a delightful place where organic fruit, vegetables and children flourish. The centre is alive from its buildings to its orchards, its natural strength an overwhelming presence.

The first years saw back breaking toil with Maggie doing most of the work. Clearing, digging and setting up irrigation. She had a little help from some Cobnor Co-operative Jacob sheep and even saw lambs born during their stay. Others helped too, especially when 600 hedging plants needed planting on the one hectare site.

Top right: Maggie Haynes outside the round building at Tuppenny Barn. Right: apples in the Tuppenny orchard. Below: children enjoying summer holiday nature fun

It was some time before Maggie saw any signs of organic things to eat, let alone to sell.

She had built a series of raised beds - 12 in all, made from green Oak and installed a solar polytunnel, forming the nucleus of organic vegetable growing and propagation. So many varieties of produce are grown there now. From purple and yellow carrots to a veritable rainbow of chillies and courgettes.

Next came the soft fruit area and fruit orchard. During this time Maggie started to experiment with fruit and vegetable types. The second part of Maggie's vision was for Tuppenny Barn to become an all year round education centre for children especially, but also for adults and those in need of a bit of help as well.



It is a beautiful building – everything in its construction is natural and organic

Over 30 children came along to help plant fruit trees on the first visit and it proved to be quite a moment for Maggie. Between 2006 and 2008, the centre planted 134 fruit trees. In all 55 varieties.

Maggie's neighbour introduced bee-keeping as part of the centre's Bio-diversity plan and in 2007, Rebecca Theed joined Maggie, having good knowledge of herbs and a creative mind that would prove invaluable to the whole project.

In 2009, Tuppenny Barn reached a crossroads. If it was going to survive, the business needed a nucleus, a weather tight building with facilities and big enough to use for courses.

Above all, it had to bring in enough revenue to sustain the project. Maggie, volunteers and friends set about raising funds.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy awarded a grant of £5000, with a condition that foundation work be completed by the end of March 2010. In April 2010, a 'round building' foundation ceremony took place.

Since then through crowd funding, private donations and other grants, £345,000 has been raised and the building is nearing completion with fund raising continuing to finish the centre and landscaping around the entrance.



It is a beautiful building – everything in its construction is natural and organic.

The project was set up as a not-for-profit social enterprise and Maggie has sunk all her savings into it. But there are plans to seek charitable status for Tuppenny Barn in order to open up further avenues of fund raising.

The funding has allowed for courses and workshops to be enjoyed by many. Maggie is keen to encourage as many people as possible into an 'organic' way of life.

A great team – staff and lots of volunteers support the centre and future plans will see some unique ideas introduced. One being Green wedding receptions - offering the happiest day spent in exquisite surroundings with natural floral displays and then tucking into a gorgeously prepared, all natural feast.

Just one of the team's ideas for the future.

Lesley DiFonzo



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Community News

Daring raids with Cockles Canoes are finally recognised

Thousands of poppies were scattered across the Harbour creek at Langstone during the summer. World War II 'Cockles Canoes' joined a flotilla of small boats carrying special guests to a ceremony held in honour of a local hero.

A Dakota flew over several times, dipping its wings in respect and two special 'blue' plaques were unveiled.

Commander Harold Goulding, who was in charge of the Special Boat Service during the D Day landings, was finally recognised in the summer after decades of his role being kept secret.

Although it was known he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, no one knew about his daring sorties into occupied territory until 2010.

It became clear through discovered letters and documents that Commander Goulding had carried out more landings into occupied territories than any other officer, in any service throughout the war.

In one letter, it tells how a mainland woman spoke to the Commander, telling him she was worried about her relative living in occupied Guernsey. Commander Goulding asked the name of the relative and on hearing the name replied, "Oh she's fine, I saw her yesterday afternoon."

It was at nearby Hayling Island Sailing Club that the Special Boat Service, the Combined Operations Pilotage Parties and the fabled 'Cockleshell Heroes' were based during the war.

In fact the unit was named the Royal Marines Boom Patrol Detachment. It was their 'Operation Frankton', a daring and successful commando raid on shipping in the German occupied French port of Bordeaux, which formed the plot for the film, Cockleshell Heroes.

The SBS team used 6 'Cockles Canoes' to sneak into the port and attach Limpet mines to blow up the German ships stationed there. The raid is thought to have shortened the war by 6 months.

Commander Goulding's granddaughter, Jill Goulding, has spent the last 3 years researching his time with the Special Boat Service and had organised the celebrations and unveiling of the plaques.

The 2 plaques were unveiled at a ceremony held at Langstone Harbour in August 2015. One, set in stone was placed at Langstone, on the foreshore looking towards the sea.

A flotilla of canoes, including an Mk2, Mk7, Mk8 and Mk9 led by ML1387 Medusa, helped carry the second plaque to the Langstone Hotel where it was given to the current owners of Moss Rose, the cottage where Commander Goulding lived.

He died in 1945 from war related injuries and had never told his family about his secret missions, not even his son, who accompanied the Commander to Buckingham palace in 1944 to receive his DSO.



Above: the newly unveiled plaque on the site of the Langstone Hotel overlooks the former HMS Northney 1. Below: A Cockles Canoe in the poppy strewn water



NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

The Lord Raglan's garden dazzles with its beauty

Visitors to the historic Lord Raglan Pub at the bottom of Queen Street in Emsworth, have been dazzled by the sheer beauty of the floral displays in their gardens this year.

Endless time has been spent by Landlady Sally and husband Pete to provide the spectacular displays. Although very much the designers, they are quick to say that they have a great gardener to help.

It's all the more remarkable because in recent years, the gardens have been swamped by several major sea water floods. Two years ago, the family despaired as flood water engulfed not only the gardens but also the historic pub itself, causing significant damage to both. It came about as a result of several



very high tides with unfavourable winds and torrential rain. Conditions combining at their worst to cause havoc.

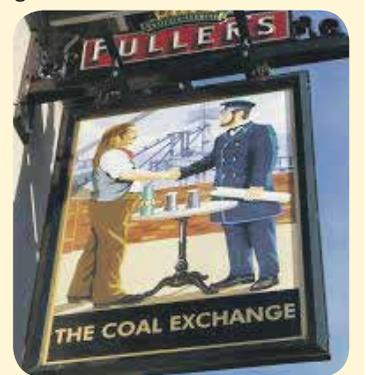
With a lot of support and help from friends and staff, they have gradually re-furbished the building and set about landscaping the gardens.

The results are exceptionally beautiful - and there for all to see.

September's Coalie Fest draws the crowds

Music, beer and great food in a vibrant atmosphere greeted visitors to September's Coalie Fest, held in South Street's Coal Exchange Pub. Two days of raising funds - bucket loads of funds for local charities was supported and enjoyed by many in a vibrant atmosphere. Their hosts for the day, landlord Pete and Landlady Dawn went the extra mile for visitors, arranging live music throughout.

The Coalie Fests are held in May and September each year and both raise many thousands for local charities. This year was no exception.



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Business

North Street Special

BusinessBrief

by David Harris

NewsMag step in to take over newspaper deliveries from Spar

The Spar Convenience Store at 610 Southleigh Road closed on 15 August. The business is scheduled to re-open in late November after refurbishment and will trade as a Co-operative store. Newspaper deliveries have been taken over by NewsMag in the High Street, so residents just need to call in or contact them.

Planning permission had already been granted to extend the store. A planning application for new signage is under consideration by HBC.

Emsworth loses its last Bookmaker

Emsworth's only bookmaker, Don Simmons Racing Ltd, 45 North Street has closed. It is not clear whether the business will re-open under new ownership at a later date. Don Simmons was a small chain who also had branches in Gosport and Fareham.



New houses for printer's site planned

Planning permission has been granted to demolish the former Tealwood print works in Sultan Road and build four houses on the site.

Landfill site extension

Veolia have applied for permission to HBC to extend the time to complete the restoration of the Southleigh landfill site, Emsworth Common Road from the original completion date of 30 June 2015 to 31 December 2016.

The delay has been attributed to surface water management issues. Veolia intend to plant trees on the site.

Take a walk along An eclectic hub of

Shops, Cafes and businesses in the street are keen to say 'Emsworth's North Street is always open for business.'

The Street is a hub of unusual little shops, cafes, health specialists, take-aways, garages, manufacturers, pubs and restaurants.

Trouble is, most people head for the centre of Town but it's easy to park in the Palmers Road Car Park behind Tesco Express and take a walk down North Street.

The street holds some pleasant surprises.

New shop 'Inglenook' has taken the plunge and opened its doors recently. A fascinating shop with a collection of hand-made quirky, crafted rustic items on offer. Inglenook shop - shares with creative 'Fun Games 4 All'.

An idea that helps retailers to keep a check on their overheads. Every cost is shared, even tea & coffee.

Teachers, parents and children alike love Fun Games 4 All, where Wendy Mason, a creative talent has dozens of ideas and games to match. Many of these help to solve problems children have with specific learning difficulties. Games can really help.

Niccolino's Italian Restaurant is always buzzing, serving great food, served by top characters to match. The bike shop is a life saver for Emsworth's large number of cyclists and with coffee specialists, Café Moka next door, time slips by if you have to wait a while for repairs.

The delightful 'Emsworth Flowers' excels with its creative window displays. The shop is a modern florist with many beautiful fresh flowers and plants for all occasions.

Lesley DiFonzo



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North Street shops and Cafés

Among the hub in North Street is a group of professionals with their own story to tell

Chiropractors and specialist acupuncturists. They offered this useful insight about preparing our creaking bodies for the coming winter months?

Chiropractor Sheila Stakim, from the Emsworth Chiropractic Clinic in North Street (Palmer's Road) says, "A change of season means a change in the external environment. A body experiences change in temperature, atmospheric pressure, humidity and air quality. If in good health, a body will be able to adapt without a problem."

'But if anyone is suffering with joint problems, breathing difficulties or pain, winter can bring discomfort and a deterioration in condition.'

'It is no coincidence that inflamed joints often feel worse in cold, damp weather. Spinal joint misalignments and muscular dysfunction can put pressure on your spinal cord and nerves which are housed in the vertebral column. Since the nervous system controls every function of your body, looking after your spine is essential for good health.'

Chiropractors at the clinic have treated over 3000 people since opening their busy clinic in North Street.

Sheila and Tommy have helped so many people ranging in age from a few days old (Yes, babies and children receive chiropractic care) to their oldest patient who is 94 years old.



Photos from top to bottom: Fun Games 4 All; Inglenook; Aaron Frankenfeld, Station Garage, Inglenook. Right: Sheila Stakim, Chiropractor

Autumn from an acupuncturist's point of view

Autumn is a time to slow down. With nights drawing in it is time to let go of the energy of summer and focus on what we need for the winter months ahead.

From the perspective of Chinese medical theory we humans are part of the world that surrounds us. The weather and our climate have a very direct effect on our health and wellbeing. This is especially evident during this transitional change from summer to autumn and then again from autumn to winter.

From an acupuncturist's point of view, treatments at this time would reflect how a person feels and focus on how to prevent and treat illness associated with the coming winter months. To stay healthy we need to pay attention to the seasons. It is important to eat seasonal and warmer foods as it gets colder in order to boost our immune system and ward off those coughs and colds.

Wearing warmer clothes may sound daft but keeping the head, neck and torso warm helps the body to protect itself.

Aches and pains associated with the cold damp weather become more common and people often feel their system just needs a boost. The saying goes in this country that if you don't like the weather, wait a minute and it will change. We might be saying goodbye to the summer but there is plenty that is good to be said about autumn and winter.....isn't there?

Gillian Carpenter has been practising acupuncture in Emsworth since 1993. She can be found at The North St Clinic in North Street.

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BusinessBrief

by David Harris

In Tandem, Henry Adams and Stonepillow



There's nothing like a tandem bike to travel on and in August, Emsworth saw a few. They called in during Henry Adams sponsored cycle ride through Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire to help raise awareness for their chosen charity this year - Stonepillow.

"There's a very powerful link between housing and homelessness which is why we have chosen to support the great work that Stonepillow do. By helping to relieve the desperation of homelessness in this area and supporting people through practical measures to get their lives back on track, the charity is doing a fantastic job and we are proud to be involved in a number of ways."

Hairdresser under new management

Studio 22 Hairdressers, 22 North Street has re-opened under new management as Obsession Hair.

Refurbishment for popular Café

Café Moka in North Street was closed for a few days in August to undergo refurbishment.

New antiques shop

An antiques shop is due to open at 46A High Street. These premises have been vacant since Medicine Garden Clinic of Herbal Medicine relocated to Chichester earlier this year.

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Community News

Community Centre looks to the next 40 years



Following the news that the Library is no longer going to move to the Community Centre, members were keen to hear from the ECA, about what would happen to the centre next and how the decision would affect future plans.

At the ECA's AGM, held in July this year, many members and residents went along and heard that the ECA and its members are looking forward to the next 40 years.

Although the ECA has only been able to raise £20,000 above the £100,000 grant awarded by HCC for the project to improve the building and its facilities; that alone has taken some doing.

Jean Tier told the gathering the building work should still go ahead next summer but that plans may be scaled down unless sufficient funding is raised in time.

The meeting was told that HCC are not going to pay for the new windows needed for the Mountford Rooms. The ECA has come up with a plan to pay for the windows by seeking pledges from around 40 members for £150 each. This in effect would cover the cost of renewing the 4 windows.

The ECA is a charity and could use some help to raise more funds.

Mike Stott, Chairman says, "We have been assured by HCC that we will still be receiving the £100,000 grant they awarded us 2 years ago following our application for a grant to build on an entrance porch, re-configure the reception area. The total cost of the work was projected to be over £200,000 and we have to raise the balance ourselves."

"We have submitted an application to Veolia for just under £50,000. We should know if we have been successful before the end of the year and we are working on an application to the Big Lottery Fund for at least £50,000.

The centre raise more funding through their own activities, such as the Film nights but donations are welcomed too.

In the light of all of this, the question was once again raised whether the committee was still considering handing over the freehold of the building to HCC at all? Chairman, Mike Stott said it was still being considered simply because the financial burden of looking after the buildings may be too great for the ECA.

The evening was a good one and as ever, the ECA put on a great spread for all who came along.

Lesley DiFonzo

Going greener in Suffolk

Frances and Richard Jannaway lived in Emsworth for 15 years and worked on projects to enhance Emsworth's green environment



They recently moved to Suffolk to be nearer family and live a more sustainable life.

Frances was a founder member of the Brook Meadow Conservation Group and both she and Richard joined a group set up to develop the Emsworth Design Statement (EDS) "Over one thousand people replied to the questionnaire. Analysing the data was critical to the credibility of the report published in 2008"

Frances served for almost four years on Emsworth's local Community Board. Among its achievements, a new skate park and the Memorial Garden in Horndean Road

Looking back on Brook Meadow, Frances says, "I learnt a lot over eleven years about nature conservation, empowering people to take control of their environment and their lives."

The story of this unique haven is told in 'Brook Meadow through the Ages', written by Frances in 2010.

Frances was supported by Richard who was Editor of The Ems for eight years. "I had some earlier experience of editing a community newspaper in Brighton and my aim was to give as many residents and groups

as possible a voice in the paper."

Through her involvement with EDS, Frances re-established a tree warden network in Emsworth. It later expanded to include the whole of Havant Borough.

The greatest tree challenge came in 2012 with a £4 million nationwide campaign to plant one million trees. Havant's tree wardens won a large grant to plant several thousand trees over three years.

"We planted 4849 trees, with a large number planted in Emsworth"

Community involvement has always been the Jannaways strongest motivation and a firm belief "that change can happen if enough people are inspired to believe they can make a difference."

The Jannaways will miss Emsworth's vibrant community and the friends they've worked with. They hope their experience in Emsworth can carry on in Suffolk.

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Welcome to Emsworth Food Fortnight

September 19th – October 4th

words by Lesley DiFonzo, Alistair Gibson,
Lois O'Connell and Phoebe Atkinson-Eberle

Somewhere in town - Meet a scarecrow, a vegetable orchestra, Emsworth's Bee keepers and a singing chef. A pre-school sweet scone baking session and for some, an adventure into British Tapas? The time is right to toss those Pizzas and make some perfect bread.

Community favourites are back. The Food Mountain collections, the Apple Pressing Day and Harvest Festival in the Square. Local schools are involved again this year and are helping to create an Apple Press bottle label.

New treats include, EAT! Healthy which looks at what food we eat and how it can affect so much in our lives. Food fantasies are captured in writing – you're invited to create it and how about an 'after work supper' and an evening of 'Twisted Gin' to tickle your tastebuds?

Competitions, market days, displays and some delicious local food to try and maybe buy.

There's lots to do without booking, just turn up on the day.

The EBA team is hoping to 'Bring Home the Harvest' to Emsworth again this year.

Venues: Community Centre, Baptist Church, ESC, Tuppenny Barn and St Peter's Square host events and every café, the Town's pubs, hotels and restaurants too.

The guide in the Ems is all about events, dates and times when everyone can join in over the next 2 weeks.

Many more events have taken place in the lead up too. Fabulous college lunches and children's educational food fun included.

Now it's time for Emsworth to throw open its doors to everyone and entertain them in style.



High hopes for a Food Mountain



More than a ton of produce was donated to the Beacon Food Bank in Havant, during last year's Food Fortnight. So inspired by Emsworth's generosity, the Co-op in the High Street is keeping the giving all year-round, with a permanent food bank donation point in store.

But during Food Fortnight this year, the organisers are hoping that everyone who can, will donate all sorts of food and goodies at several dropping points in the Town. To help build the biggest Food Mountain yet.

Along with Emsworth Co-op's collection point, others are being put in place at the Pastoral Centre, the Baptist Church and at the Co-op in Westbourne.

A Harvest Festival celebration is being held to celebrate the collection at Emsworth's Town Square Square on Sunday October 4th at 11.30am.

Let's make it huge again - to help those that really need it.

Weekends 19th September – 4th October

Oyster Boat Terror on the Quay

Terror is going to be on the Town Quay (at the bottom of South Street). She'll be quite a sight to see in all her finery. Weather dependent, see this boat of legends on Saturdays and Sundays between September 19th and October 4th, throughout Food Fortnight.

Chat with the crews and team who keep Terror afloat. As the last boat from Emsworth's Oyster industry days, Terror is really one of the most beautiful sights in Emsworth Harbour.

Book in advance with the team for next year trips, or visit www.oysterboatterror.org.uk or call 01243 377727 and ask for Terror bookings.

The cost is £20 per adult and £10 for children from 6–16 years old. Up to six passengers can be accommodated on any one trip. Children must be six years or over and each child must be accompanied by an adult. (Maximum three children on any one trip). If the whole boat is booked, the cost reduces to £110.



Some family favourites to collect – Throughout Food Fortnight



John Tweedell

Millpond Cake's Phoebe Atkinson says, "If you collect recipes as I do (a little obsessively my family might say), then you'll want to keep an eye out for Emsworth British Food Fortnight recipe cards."

'Keep them peeled for both sweet and savoury recipes at different events and activities throughout the fortnight as local chefs (and more humble cooks) share their favourite recipes.'

'Mine is a recipe for a family favourite: a no-bake oatmeal/chocolate/peanut butter traybake that we eat straight from the freezer, and one that few would label sophisticated. Thankfully, chefs from local pubs and restaurants will be sharing truly delicious savoury (and sweet) options too.'

'Look out for recipe cards at the Hampshire Farmers' market, Tuppenny Barn Organics, The Brookfield Hotel, the Emsworth Country Market, The Courtyard Food Market, the A Thought for Food Market and also at EAT!Healthy. Ask nicely at your local restaurant and the chef may have a one tucked under his hat!'





Saturday 19th September

Welcome to the vegetable orchestra

As part of Emsworth Market Day and for your pleasure, come and join SoCo Music Project and the fun vegetable orchestra!

Learn how to make carrot flutes, courgette castanets, pepper shakers and much more.

The Vegetable Orchestra comes to Emsworth British Food Fortnight and the Hampshire Farmers Market on 19th September and everyone can be part of it.

Vegetables have never been so much fun, or made so much noise!



Sunday 20th September

A Taste of Tea comes to the Food Fortnight

Ever wondered how we get our great British cuppa? Learn how to taste and blend tea in a 3-hour evening session with the 'Saviour of Tea' - Andrew Gadsden.

Enjoy a classic style afternoon tea.

Takes place at the Blue Bell Inn, South Street. It starts at 7pm.

Monday 21st & Monday 28th September

Emsworth Cookery School's Pre-School and Juniors Cookery Classes

It's a good plan to involve your little ones in the kitchen and so Emsworth Cookery School is holding some pre-school cookery sessions during Food Fortnight.

They'll be talking through colours, textures and tastes and making some scones for the young pre-school children and for slightly older children, a British special.

Handling food from a young age, helps children's dexterity to develop along with hand-to-eye co-ordination.

The classes are being held at 10 Holly Bank Lane, so please call Barbara on 01243 371407 to book.

Preschool Cookery for 2½ to 4 year olds. We'll make sweet scones on Monday 21st September from 9.30 - 10.30am or savoury tartlets on Wednesday 23rd Sept 1 - 2pm. £8.50 per session.

Juniors Cookery for 6 to 10 year olds. The children will use local ingredients to make a British special: oven roasted sausages, seasonal veg and potato wedges - Monday 28th September, 10-11.15am, £15.



Thursday 24th September

'After work Dinner' with Rosemary Moon anyone?



Come along to Tuppenny Barn for a cooking session with local food writer Rosemary Moon. Rosemary is going to share loads of ideas and tips for quick, tasty meals.

Then using seasonal produce from Tuppenny Barn she and her helpers (you) prepare a delicious meal together and sit down and share the results! Starts at 7pm, bring your own bottle.

Tickets £25 each from Tuppenny Barn.



Friday 25th September

Macmillan 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'



There's a delicious variety of cakes on offer, including lemon drizzle, chocolate, carrot cake and a toffee sponge, donated by Hampshire Farmers Market, Mill Pond Cakes and the Crafted Coffee Company.

The Brookfield Hotel staff are giving their own time to serve with all proceeds going to The Macmillan Trust.

It's taking place at the Brookfield Hotel from 10am to 12 noon.



Friday 25th September

Tapas at the Deck

Four years ago the Deck Cafe had just come up with the idea of using the outdoor deck space to host summer Tapas evenings.

To celebrate Emsworth's British Food Fortnight, a 'British Tapas Special Selection' is being served, alongside the usual Spanish Tapas at the Deck, for one night only.

Instead of Gazpacho shots 'Pea and Mint Soup Sips'. Instead of Chorizo 'Treagust Sausage Bites' with a Mustard Dip and lots more besides is included in their special 'British selection'.

Part of the success of the Tapas evenings held at the Deck is the variety of tastes in a sharing concept, either as a precursor to an evening meal or enjoyed over a convivial evening as an alternative to a meal.

Although very much Spanish in origin, Tapas is a wide range of food always enjoyed on a sharing basis.

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Saturday 26th September

Food is good for you



EAT! Healthy helps you to find out what sort of foods can help with body and mind, through talks, exhibitions and interactive workshops for children.

There is a wealth of valuable knowledge and inspiration available for everyone!

This special event features some extraordinary people who know about eating the right foods for the well-being of the mind, body and soul!



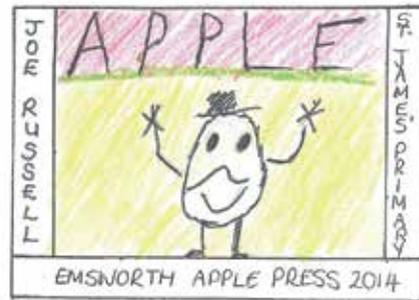
We all want to live life to its fullest, to feel energised and live as long as we can. Nourishing our bodies with wholesome foods goes a long way to enabling that.

How do we do this and what resources are there locally for improving awareness so that people in Emsworth can thrive?

Being held at Emsworth Baptist Church from 10am to 3pm.

Saturday 26th September

Time to Im-press. Apples become juice



Emsworth Community Apple Pressing Day. Bring your apples to be pressed into Emsworth Apple Press 2015 - this year's label designed by one of Emsworth's local primary school pupils - come and be part of something really pressing!

Held at St. Peter's Square from 10am to 2pm - everyone is welcome to bring their apples along



Sunday 27th September

The Food Fortnight's bees and their honey

Colin Falla, an Emsworth based beekeeper has teamed up with Chichester Harbour Conservancy in a conservation project called "Harbour Honey".

He's going to be in Emsworth with his bees during the Food Fortnight. Come along and have a chat with Colin at the Emsworth Horticultural Society Hut on Sunday 27th September and maybe buy some of the bee's surplus honey.

Find out why these fascinating insects have to visit 2 million flowers to make just 1 pound of honey.

The project has 20 bee hives within the AONB at sites on Thorney Island and Chidham. Harbour Honey started three years ago with funding from the Sustainable Development Fund and helps to provide Honey Bees with a supportive environment to adapt to the many challenges facing 'modern bees'.



Sunday 27th September

Twisted Nose Masterclass in Cocktails at the Bluebell Inn



Enjoy all the flavours of the range of sprits from Winchester distillery 'Twisted Nose' and learn how to make some classic cocktails, with canapés served through the evening.

Starts at 7pm

Paul Bowler has been an ardent fan of the 'perfect serve' G&T since discovering gin decades ago at university.

Having followed the resurgence in gin and the rise of craft distilleries around the world, he decided to explore the history and process of gin-making with the goal of creating the perfect refreshing gin-and-tonic gin himself.

It all came together in March last year.

Paul spent 18 months perfecting his distilling process and developing his secret recipe using peppery Hampshire watercress as a signature botanical.

Paul says, "The watercress adds a refreshing sparkle to the finish and lends my gin its name - watercress in Latin was known as Nasturtium, literally meaning Twisted Nose!"



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Tuesday 29th September

Indulge your food fantasies with creative gourmet writing

"You can't smell a hug. You can't hear a cuddle. But if you could, I reckon it would smell and sound of warm bread-and-butter pudding." Nigel Slater, Toast.



Let the rich soil and bountiful vegetable beds at Tuppenny Barn help you to discover your inner-gourmet.

'Writing for gourmets' is an opportunity for anyone to come and indulge their food fantasies. Put pen to paper as local writer Lizzie Chittleboro leads a stimulating creative writing workshop, using the organic gardens for sensory inspiration. Pluck ideas from apples trees, find depth in the scent of herbs and let the taste of fresh produce awaken your creative mind.

Open to writers of all experience; whether exploring the written word for the first time, rekindling a certain flair, or a keen writer looking for new stimulus, this is a day to celebrate creativity and culinary passions. Enjoy a shared picnic lunch including soup made as part of the course, so please bring a small contribution of whatever else you fancy.

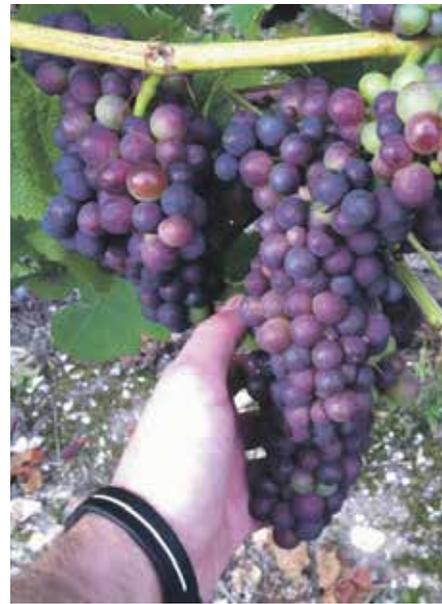
Tuppenny Barn. £20 per person, 10 am - 2pm. Please book in advance on 01243 377 780 or www.tuppennybarn.co.uk.

Wednesday 30th September

The Vineyards of Hampshire Dinner

Hampshire is home to some of the most exciting new vineyards in the world. Taste some of these amazing wines from a variety of Estates with a 4 course gourmet dinner - hosted by Ian Kellet of Hambledon Vineyard.

It's being held at 36 On the Quay in South Street and starts at 7.15pm. (Book in advance - tickets cost £75 each).



Friday 2nd October

Perfect dough and perfect bread day

Experienced baker Jane Coe is about to share her secrets of how to make a perfect loaf. It's all in the dough. On the day at Tuppenny Barn, people taking part can make and bake 3 different types of loaves.

It's all followed by a bread and soup lunch. Sounds delicious! And costs £20 a person.



Here's a sample recipe for readers to make 'Super Simple Beer Bread'

Anyone can make this bread at home. It takes just 10 minutes to make and 1 hour to cook!

375g self raising flour
3 tablespoons caster sugar
330ml beer

Grease a 23cm x 12cm loaf tin. Heat the oven to 180c / Gas Mark 4.

Sieve the flour, then mix it in a large bowl with the sugar. Add the beer and mix in with a wooden spoon. When it gets too sticky use your hands! Pour the batter into the tin. Then pop it in the oven for 50-60 minutes. The top will be crunchy but the insides warm and soft. Enjoy!

Saturday 3rd October

Meet the singing chef at a 'Thought for Food Market'

A feast for the senses.

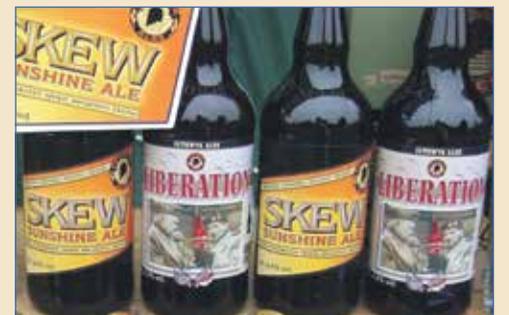
There's one local food producer who brings incredible food to the market and an incredible voice!

Jon Nulty, from Vice Puddings, is a professional chef and a professional singer. He entertains his customers and passers-by with his renditions of Swing classics made famous by the likes of Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Nat King Cole. Ask him nicely and he will also offer up Swing versions of more modern songs too. Jon admits that he sings while he bakes as well as when he sells.

Maybe you love chocolate? Indulge with Winchester Cocoa. Wine buffs, pop into the Hampshire Wines Marquee and sample the very best local wines. Prefer beer? Suthwyk Ales are right up your street with matured local ales.

As for food, there's plenty. Barbara Crick from Emsworth Cookery School has barbecued sweetcorn and Jimmy Bean's arrive in Emsworth for the first time serving hot drinks and delicious food to go.

And local producers, well there's Emsworth favourites, Jake's Pork Pies, Fresh from the Boat and Pepperelli's ice-cream coming along. Some new faces too. Charlotte Brown's award-winning jams & preserves and Emsworth-based Soul Soup, serving healthy & delicious homemade soups.



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Wildlife

Wildlife success in Chichester Harbour

Little Terns, the smallest of our Terns and one of Britain's rarest breeding seabirds, are making a comeback! Seventeen Little Terns fledged from the Harbour this summer, the most successful year since the mid 1970's.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy records show that Little Terns have attempted to nest in the Harbour most summers, although the young have not survived due to a host of pressures that are felt throughout the country. Summer storms and rising sea levels can wipe out nests, whilst their preferred shingle nesting sites can be eroded. The inadvertent disturbance by water users or people and dogs out walking, plus pressures from natural predators, all threaten successful breeding.

James Parkin, Chichester Harbour Conservancy's Farming and Wild Officer said "We are extremely pleased with the breeding success this year, as the number of breeding pairs in south east England has decreased by 86% in the last 30 years. Luck has been



Paul Adams

on the Little Terns' side with a period of calm weather immediately after they decided to nest where in previous years, the opposite has been the case. In order to secure their long term future in the Harbour, we will continue to secure new habitat for them, along with the help of our partners the RSPB."

Bird watcher needed for Harbour surveys

The British Trust for Ornithology's Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS) monitors ducks, geese, swans, Cormorants, herons, crakes and rails, waders and Kingfishers in Chichester Harbour. Chichester Harbour Conservancy is responsible for coordinating these important monthly surveys, which are carried out by a group of dedicated surveyors.

The most important months for surveys are between September and March, when tens of thousands of migratory water birds arrive in Chichester Harbour to feed over the winter period. This provides vital information that can be used to estimate population sizes and monitor any changes to the quality of feeding areas within the Harbour. Therefore, volunteers are vital to the protection of these birds.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy are currently looking for volunteers to help with surveys throughout the winter period.



Ludi Lochner

Black-tailed Godwit. Just one of the migratory birds that are counted as part of the monthly Harbour bird survey

If you have time to spare and would like to take part, please visit the British Trust for Ornithology's website www.bto.org to find out what's involved and then contact James Parkin, Farming and Wildlife Officer at Chichester Harbour Conservancy - 01243 512301.

NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

P G Wodehouse at the Museum



During the Emsworth Art Trail in May Emsworth Museum had some special art on display by many local artists, including Carol Millard. At the end of the event Carol donated her portrait of P.G. Wodehouse to the museum.

P.G. Wodehouse lived in Emsworth from 1904 - 1914. Emsworth Museum contains the only permanent public exhibition in the UK illustrating his life and times.

Carol Millard's picture is displayed in the special area reserved for the P.G. Wodehouse story.

Canoe Safari success

A canoe safari is a great fun way to explore the beauty and wildlife of Chichester Harbour whilst getting some exercise or learning a new skill. This lovely new initiative delivered by Chichester Harbour Conservancy in partnership with the Cobnor Activities Centre Trust has proved to be a wonderful new addition to their Activities Programme with staff at Cobnor leading the canoeing and the Conservancy providing a nature guide. All the sessions so far have been fully booked and they have attracted a wide range of people.

The last of this year's safaris will take place during October half term and anyone with kayak experience is welcome to book. Gary Palmer, Cobnor Activities Centre's Manager is happy for his staff to supervise anyone with kayaking experience and a formal Canoe Union qualification is no longer required, as has been previously published in the literature. To book, please call Cobnor Activities Centre on 01243 572791.

Cobnor Activities Centre also offers informal kayaking and canoe sessions on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings - phone 01243 572791 for more details.



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Letters

Dear Editor,

According to recent figures released by the Office for National Statistics, there are approximately 5 million people in the UK (14% of all UK households) who have never used the internet.

The South East alone is home to 608,000 such people.

The figures increase significantly for the most vulnerable groups within our society, such as the elderly. This doesn't account for the further millions of people who simply do not have digital skills or confidence needed to manage sensitive financial information safely online. It also ignores the many thousands of disabled people (and their carers) whose often fluctuating physical abilities mean that managing their affairs online is often impractical or indeed impossible.

Despite these figures, many UK businesses such as banks, utility providers and telecoms companies have put more and more emphasis on digital communication as part of their approach to customer services. Banks have encouraged customers to switch to online-only accounts. Energy companies offer lower costs if you abandon the traditional paper bill. Even the Government is keen to push as many public services as possible online. All of these changes have been based on the assumption that it will be faster and easier for customers.

Many would have you believe that people who don't want to manage their affairs online represent an insignificant minority. These people are painted as luddites clinging on to an outdated and impractical system.

The Keep Me Posted campaign is dedicated to making sure that everyone has a choice in how they receive bills and statements from their providers, and aren't financially penalised for needing or wanting to manage their affairs by post. We have found that most of us believe this should be a basic consumer right. Our extensive

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Judith Donovan CBE, chair,
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The first session is being held on Monday, 5th October 2015 at 9.45 am till 2.30 pm at Emsworth's Community Centre in North Street.

The cost is £30.00 per person and spaces are limited to 15.

You'll need to be 18 or over to attend this course and physically able to perform things such as CPR.

To book a place on the first course, please call Philippa on 07903 455139 or email philippa@acornhealth.org.uk

Other courses are being held throughout the year.

Could bigger be better for Emsworth?

Urged on by the government's enthusiasm for a 'Northern Powerhouse' linking cities like Manchester, Leeds and Liverpool, Hampshire's local councils have been debating setting up a super council.

The idea is that the new conglomerate would have similar devolved powers to those of London, Scotland and Wales. These might include health, the environment, education, transport and tourism.

Most councils have given the idea a cautious

welcome. But a major stumbling block could be George Osborne's insistence that the new groupings should be run by elected mayors. The pressure for change appears to be coming from council leaders rather than electors.

Hampshire's neighbouring county, Wiltshire, caused a stir in 2009 when its county council merged with four district councils and claimed it saved millions.

Havant Borough's last major reorganisation was in 1974 when the present borough replaced Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council set up in 1932. Before then Emsworth was part of Warblington Urban District Council among whose twelve members early on were independent councillors from the then Emsworth Ratepayers Association.

The council met in rooms that are now the museum in North Street and was created in the 1890's and followed a local poll which voted

two to one in favour of a town council under the banner 'cast off the bondage of Havant'. Any hope that Emsworth folk might feel the same a hundred years later evaporated when a similar poll in the nineties gave a decisive NO to an Emsworth town or parish council.

So would a super council benefit Emsworth? Members of a larger combined council would have to compete with each other for central funding. If the council were run by indirectly elected councillors, as they are in PUSH (Partnership for Urban Hampshire), it makes scrutiny difficult.

Democracy may not best be served by yet another tier of local government already suffering from low turnouts. Hampshire is three distinct areas, coast, country and commuter belt. Combining these three interests could create more problems than it solves.

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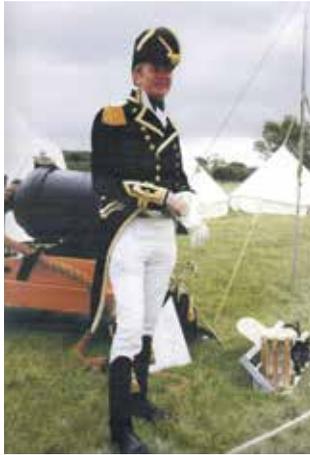
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Events

Part of the Museum's season of talks at the Community Centre



A Naval Captain of 1805 and his Lady
Monday 19th October at 7.30pm

Roger and Barbara Glancefield are members of a Royal Naval 1805 Living History Group.

Roger, wearing the uniform of a captain of the period, will describe the uniforms worn by Naval Officers in 19th and 20th centuries.

Roger and Barbara have appeared at events at

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and at Fort Nelson where they have fired an original 12pdr cannon of the period. Roger has been giving talks on Navy and Army uniforms to a wide range of groups for the past 15 years.

'The Duchess of Richmond's Ball: a Commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo'

An illustrated talk by Philip Robinson
Monday 16th November 2015

Why were the Richmond's living in Brussels in 1815? And why did the Duchess have to host a ball?



Venue: Emsworth Community Centre, North Street.

Admission: Emsworth Museum Members £2, Non Members £3.

Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance at Emsworth Museum on Saturdays (10.30am - 4.30pm) on Sundays (2.30pm - 4.30pm) until 1st November.

During November, tickets can only be purchased on Tuesdays and Thursdays (2.00pm - 4.00pm).

A glimpse at Oysters and logging pond Harbours



Emsworth Oyster Industry celebrated during Food Fortnight

On Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm and 6.30pm as part of the Emsworth British Food Fortnight there are special viewings of two films - "Emsworth's Oysters" and "Death of the Dredge" The project team and the film director can tell you all about the making of these two films as well.

Emsworth Yacht Harbour display moves to the Museum
3rd October - 1st November 50th

Photographs and documents show how Foster's logging pond at the northern end of Chichester Harbour was turned into a marina by Rear Admiral Percy Gick, an adventurous and determined gentleman who often used ingenious and unusual methods to turn his vision into a reality.

This exhibition illustrates how the marina has evolved over the past 50 years to become a haven of peace and tranquillity since the Wakelin family took over in 1993.

Emsworth Museum is open on Saturdays 10.30am - 4.30pm and on Sundays 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Admission is free. Everyone welcome.

Members of Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust, £2.00 non-members, £3.00.

Tickets available at the door, or can be purchased in advance at Emsworth Museum (see above for museum open times). Everyone welcome.



NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

What a laugh. Top Comedian, Johnny Vegas calls in at the 'Hole in the Wall'



Emsworth's 'Hole in the Wall' pottery group had a surprise visit from Johnny Vegas on his way to Goodwood recently. Having a little time to kill and being quite a dab hand on a potter's wheel, Johnny couldn't resist.

True to form, he entertained a gathered group with his anecdotal accounts about his encounters with a potter's wheel. His one minute Tea Pot challenge can be viewed on YouTube.

Johnny has a passion for pottery and the session was recorded for BBC's Radio 4.

When the heart was willing but the legs a little weak, one Emsworthian danced in verse instead

Barbara Chainey - The Drum

There was Morris Dancing in the Square
 A merry throng was gathered there
 We watched the dancers skip and prance
 This is not an easy dance

It's hard on foot and on the calf
 Next day you're feeling it - not'alf
 The drums hypnotic beat driving you on
 All your inhibitions soon are gone

Standing there, my legs grew numb
 But with the banging of the drum
 I wished I had a magic potion
 To set my twitching legs in motion

'Oh the youth of the heart, like the dew of the morning. It's gone and it's left you - without any warning!' - Flanders and Swann



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Events

A Wemsfest full of musical magic and poetic joy

The 4th annual Wemsfest - The Arts Festival for Westbourne and Emsworth is set to take place from 1st to 18th Oct this year. The festival includes the 3rd PG Wodehouse tribute.

Musical acts include American roots act Bettysoo and Curtis McMurtry, Senegalese singers Les Freres Guisse, Chichester soul act Lem and the White Fire, British bluesman



Aoife Mannix

Eddie Martin, Congolese band Lokito Ya Congo and British rock/jazz/reggae band Big Topp Play Ska.

A classical cello recital from award winning young cellist is planned. Ella Rundle is performing works by Bach, Britten and Piatti at the Baptist church in Westbourne.

A dramatized reading of P G Wodehouse's book, Damsel in Distress should prove popular. The venue is the Brookfield Hotel. The Gershwin musical, based on the book has enjoyed sell out performances this year at Chichester Festival Theatre.

Other events include actress Amanda Waring's show about the joys of chocolate, poet Aoife Mannix, comedian Lloyd Griffith, Neil Lawson-Baker and many others.

The star attraction is singer Judi Tzuke who had a number of top 20 albums in the early 1980's.

Full details are in the Wemsfest brochure which is available from local outlets. Tickets can be purchased from Bookends, 7 High Street or Harbour Records, South Street (music events only) or online www.wegottickets.com.

For more information, please visit: www.wemsfest.com or call Mark Ringwood on 01243 378742.

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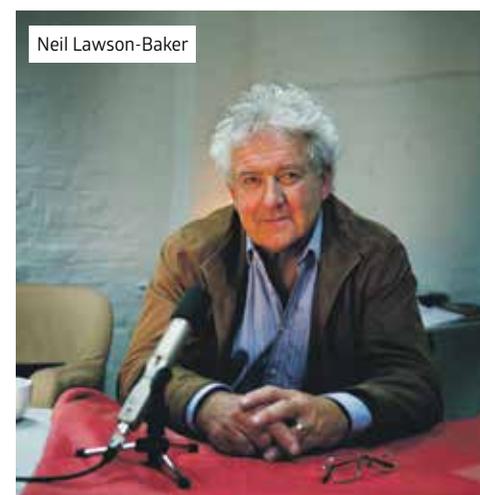
Judi Tzuke



Ella Rundle



Betty Curtis



Neil Lawson-Baker

Popular race returns at an earlier time

The Fishbourne Flat Five 2015 is taking place on Sunday 20th September but this year with an earlier start time of 9am.

The event is open to both runners and walkers of all abilities and the course follows a scenic route around the harbour. It is well marshalled throughout. Participants should meet at the Fishbourne Centre from 08.15am and the race will finish at the Woolpack Inn, a short walk from the start.

All money raised will go to the Fishbourne Pre-School for much-needed improvements.

For further information please visit www.fishbourneflatfive.co.uk or contact race@fishbourneflatfive.co.uk.

Armistice Day Commemoration at Emsworth's Memorial Garden



A simple service is taking place to commemorate Armistice Day on 11th November this year at Emsworth's Memorial Garden in the south east corner of the town's recreation ground in Horndean Road.

The deputy Mayor, Dame Mary Fagan,

Patron of the Memorial Garden and several other dignitaries are hoping to attend, having accepted their invitations.

People should gather by 10.45am with 2 minutes silence taking place at 11am.

New adult ballet classes to start in September

A series of adult ballet classes are starting up in September. They are taking place on Mondays, between 9:30am and 10.25am in the Lumley Room at Emsworth's Community Centre.

There's a free taster session on 3rd September, followed by a 12 week course of lessons. The classes are appropriate for all ages and fitness level, for whoever wants to go along and have a go!

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Events

Seasonal events at Tuppenny Barn

As well as the popular monthly Local Food Market and Tuppenny Tots for pre-school children and their parents, a whole host of new activities are planned at Tuppenny Barn in the autumn.

A new after school activity club is starting for 4-11 year olds. Every month, children can enjoy nature themed activities such as being a tree detective and making a fascinating onion maze.

The first taster session On Monday 12 October is free but needs to be pre-booked.

Sarah Newman of Driftwood Flowers is hosting two flower-arranging workshops focused on seasonal, native flowers. The first one on 22 October makes use of squash and pumpkin as an alternative vase for the base of an arrangement to take home.

With Christmas looming on the horizon, local wine expert Jonathan Rogers looks ahead when he leads a Cheese and Wine tasting for Christmas evenings on Friday 30 October. Emma Shelley of Cheese and Chutney is coming along, helping to make this a fun evening full of inspiration for the holiday season. Tickets cost £10 each.

Other events coming up include a circle dance afternoon, creative writing sessions, upcycled tin jewellery workshop and a natural beauty products workshop.

Full details can be found at www.tuppennybarn.co.uk or pick up a leaflet from outlets around the town. *Ali Beckett*



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A new nature themed after school club at Tuppenny Barn

Havant WEA Late Autumn Courses and Day School 2015



Art Appreciation: Frans Hals, Vermeer and Rembrandt, their art and world.
Tutor: Bernard Allan. Fee £33 C 3738565
Venue: Bedhampton Social Hall Centre, Havant PO9 3ES
Date: Tuesdays 3 November, 17 November and 1 December. All three sessions from 10.00am - 12.30pm

Poetry: Thomas Hardy - Time, Place and Loves.
Tutor: John Haynes Fee £40.50 C 3738584
Venue: Bedhampton Social Hall Centre, Havant PO9 3ES
Date: Wednesdays 4 November - 2 December. All five sessions from 2.15pm - 4.15pm

Day School: A Celebration of Shakers, their writings, images, music and art.
Tutor: Richard Cupidi Fee £20.25 C 3738586
Venue: The Spring Arts and Heritage Centre, Havant PO9 1BS.
Date: Saturday 7 November. Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm

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NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo



Emsworth in Bloom, the Mayoral walkabout

Sheila Morris, the driving force and creator of 'Emsworth in Bloom' has been busy. Support is strong for the project and so Sheila told residents, "The Mayor and her Consort did a walk around Emsworth to see 'Emsworth in Bloom' recently, along with local Councillors and officials from HBC, the Main co-ordinators representing the people who look after the displays so well."

"We ended the walk with a scrumptious cream tea at Emsworth Sailing Club."

She added, "With lots going on, I'll keep in touch about future plans, as it's all getting very exciting for the future of the project to keep Emsworth blooming".

A little too much of the falling down nectar creates mayhem

The flowers in the Town planter outside Borland & Borland and the Crown Hotel went walkabout early in the summer, much to the dismay of the teams from 'Emsworth in Bloom' who have worked hard to keep them looking good.

It happened on a warm Friday night when the Town was quite lively.

Nobody knows who decided to cause the mischief and mayhem but the following morning saw the flowers strewn across the path.

It was all put right and the flowers in the planter are once again blooming.



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Events

Real choice at The Spring this autumn



The comedian Mark Thomas and author Jonathan Dobleby both feature in the new programme at The Spring

Whether it is comedy, theatre, music, talks or film there's variety at The Spring in Havant this autumn.

Top TV comics Lee Nelson, Chris Ramsey, Richard Herring and Mark Thomas all have their own one man shows. Jenny Éclair returns in November but her performance sold out months ago.

The estimable Bench Theatre Company bring us 'Breaking the Code', a drama about code breaker Alan Turing who helped crack the German's Enigma code during WW2. They return in November with the American comedy, Boston Marriage. Humdrum Theatre bring us the ever popular farce, Arsenic and Old Lace which will be followed in December by Roald Dahl's The BFG. (The Big Friendly Giant)

Music fans will look forward to folk singer Jim Chorley, Senagalese musicians Les Freres Guisse, 80's pop stars China Crisis, Jazz singer Claire Martin, Kiki Dee, and Genesis and Rolling Stones tribute bands. Classical music is also offered with the Marmen Quartet playing selections from Beethoven and Schubert.

Film buffs won't be disappointed either with the Spring's weekly offerings which include Woman in Gold, Far from the Madding Crowd and the animated film, Shaun the Sheep.

There are a number of interesting talks including Jonathan Dimpleby who will be speaking about his new book, The Battle of

the Atlantic. Crime writer Mark Billingham will be joining country music duo My Darling Clementine for a mixture of song and story.

If you are looking for somewhere to go for a Christmas treat then buy your tickets now for 70's pop band, Showaddywaddy who will be performing some of their 13 top 20 hits at their special Christmas show on 20 December.

For more information and to book tickets call into the box office (open from 1000 AM Mon - Sat) The Spring, East Street, Havant or contact: 023 9247 2700 or www.thespring.co.uk

David Harris/The Spring

Coastal change, past and present

A talk by Peter Murphy, Archaeological Consultant is taking place on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm in the Drama Room at Warblington School, Southleigh Road, Havant, PO9 2RR.

The talk covers Coastal change, past and present. There is a £3 entry charge and no previous knowledge is needed.

For more information contact Sarah or John Simpson on 01243 371580 or at jssimpson@btopenworld.com

Science Discovery Group

Top films showing at Emsworth Community Centre in the autumn



Far from the Madding Crowd - Mon 12 Oct

In Victorian England, the independent and headstrong farm owner Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan) attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a sheep farmer; Frank Troy (Tom Sturridge), a reckless Sergeant; and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous and mature bachelor. They were far from the madding crowd whether they liked it or not and got tangled in each other's problems because there was nowhere else to turn.

The Water Diviner - Mon 26 Oct

In 1919, an Australian man goes to Turkey to search for his three sons, who are missing after the battle of Gallipoli. A wartime romance directed by and starring Russell Crowe.



Woman in Gold - Mon 9 Nov

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I." With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others - but it's not easy.

Mr Holmes - Mon 23 Nov

Long-retired and near the end of his life, Sherlock Holmes (Ian McKellen) grapples with an unreliable memory and must rely on his housekeeper's son as he revisits the still-unsolved case that led to his retirement.

A Royal Night Out - Mon 7 Dec

On V.E. Day in 1945, as peace extends across Europe, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are allowed out to join the celebrations. It is a night full of excitement, danger and the first flutters of romance.

Shows start at 3.30pm and 7.30pm for all of these films.

Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Community Centre office or Hallmark (Newsmag) in the High Street.

Film and wine events

Wine Tasting with Sideways (film) Fri 11 Sept

Food Tasting with Babette's Feast (film) Sat 12 Sept and Sun 13 Sept.

Both start at 7pm. Tickets £10 members and £12.50 non-members from the office.

A special matinee showing of Cinderella on Sun 6 Dec is for the whole family to enjoy.



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Events

Emsworth Community Centre's packed programme for this autumn



The Centre's packed programme of variety for the coming autumn and winter months has a little something for everyone.

Emsworth Art Group - Autumn Exhibition on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November. Open Daily (10am - 5pm). Free Admission.

Emsworth Mums - Children's Table Top Sale on Saturday 7th November (10 am to 12 noon). Free Entry with Refreshments and Face Painting. Call 07476 704917 to book a table.

Quiz Night on Saturday 21st November at 7pm. Hosted by Quizmaster Chris Bailey, with a fish and chip supper, £8 for ECA members and £10 for non-members (please bring your own alcohol). Tickets are available from the ECA Office (Mon-Fri 10am to 12noon).

Christmas Carols and Songs on Saturday 5th December at 7pm. Christmas songs with the Phoenix Singers. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served. Free entry and a retiring collection.

The Emsworth Scrabble Championship on Saturday 10th October at 2.00pm (Donation to cover hall hire) Must be booked in advance on 01243 378742 or wemsfest@btinternet.com Bring your own board and pit your skills against the best in the area! Presented in association with Fun Games 4 All, 18 North Street, Emsworth PO10 7DG

The WemsFest Generation Game, Sunday 18th October at 2.00pm (Donation to cover hall hire) Must be booked in advance on 01243 378742 or wemsfest@btinternet.com Wisdom + Experience vs. Youth + Agility. Fun Games

4 All host a games tournament to span the generations Grandparents v Grandchildren.

Pop-Up Flashback - by Word Pepper Theatre (in association with The Spring, Havant) Friday 6 November at 4.30pm (Children £3.00, Adults £5.00 from The Spring: 023 924 72700)

Enter an imaginative world of memories through thought-provoking poetry and incredible pop-up books in this funny and heart-warming adventure of complicated families and growing up.

Sebastian's memories aren't like everyone else's. His are wonderful poetic memories from the pages of his colourful pop-up books. He remembers troll kings and mermaid queens, deep-sea diving super heroes and city-smashing dinosaurs. But there's one memory that takes particular pride of place - the very special gift that his Dad bought him.

This extraordinary quest through childhood is for 5-11 year olds.



Quiz Night

NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

A very special cake

When a happy event takes place, especially a Birthday, how better to celebrate than with a delicious cake. Emsworth's Mill Pond Cakes came up with a beauty, when they produced a delightful centre piece for the Community Centre's party held in July to celebrate the active Community hub's 40th Birthday. Quite an occasion and one that the Centre is celebrating this year.

Phoebe Atkinson - Eberle designed and baked the cake.



Emsworth's WI get together to celebrate their first 100 years

A rousing rendition of 'Jerusalem' opened proceedings at Emsworth's WI celebratory lunch to mark the occasion of the much loved organisation's 100th Birthday.

78 lady members, all in their Sunday best, gathered together at the Community Centre for a fine feast - a huge spread of WI style cakes, puddings and beautifully prepared home-made offerings.

The WI know how to lunch in style.

Greeted at the door with a glass of Pimms, it didn't take long until the revelries were in full swing. Talks were washed down with a glass or two, speeches hit a celebratory note and the ladies chatted together, happily enjoying the day.

The Emsworth lunch was one of many held throughout the UK to celebrate the foundation of the WI.



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Reviews

Emsworth Artists Summer Exhibition 2015

It may be the wonderful harbour views that attract artists to Emsworth or perhaps local residents get inspired by the views and take to their brushes. A brief look around the 28th annual Emsworth Artists Summer exhibition held at the Mountford Room, Emsworth Community Centre over the Bank Holiday weekend showed this is a town rich in artistic talent.

The members of the Emsworth Artists group are no Sunday painters but highly talented individuals who work in a variety of media. All 139 exhibits were for sale from small oils at £35 to a stunning tapestry at £800. Artists displayed watercolours, oils, photographs, prints and mixed media works, all of which would enhance any the walls of any local home. For around £200 one could acquire a good sized original oil painting.

I was particularly impressed by the Turner-esque seascapes of Ysobel Banfield, the mixed media Hanging Basket by Mo Hussey and the striking Vespasian's Tapestry by Diana Williams. Artists drew inspiration from a wide variety of sources in their abstract and figurative works. Those who expected to see 139 different views of Emsworth Harbour would have been disappointed.

The event was launched on Friday 28 August with a private view which attracted over 270 local patrons of the arts. Emsworth Artists has 63 members and new artists are invited to join subject to the approval of the committee. Emsworth Artists also organise the very successful Emsworth Arts Trail which takes place every year around the early May Bank Holiday. For more information see: www.emsworthartists.org.uk.

David Harris



Above: Marian Forster. Left: Hanging Basket by Mo Hussey. Below: Vespasian's Tapestry by Diana Williams. Bottom: The 2015 exhibition.



All photos: David Harris

A Midsummer Night's Dream comes to life

With a cast of only 7 young ladies, Dynamo Youth Theatre's production of Midsummer Night's Dream was a triumph of both economy, acting skills and delivery.

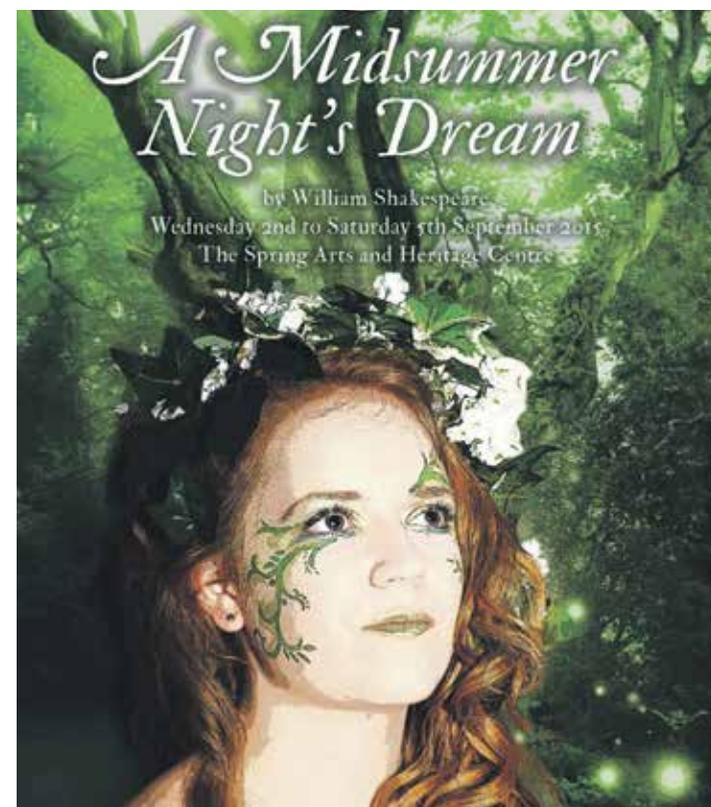
The all-female cast played 18 different characters in a fast paced comic production of one of Shakespeare's best known and most accessible plays. With minimal scenery and simple colour-coded costumes to denote the different parts played the audience was left to focus on the faultless delivery, comic timing and pacy performance.

Demetrius, Lysander, Helena and Hermia are the Athenian lovers who find themselves in a wood and get caught up in a row between fairy king Oberon and his queen Titania. Puck the fairy sprite sprinkles his magic dust on the lovers' eyes with comic results especially when they meet with Bottom, the Weaver who is wearing an asses head.

Bottom is part of a group of Athenian tradesmen who are rehearsing a play in the woods. The "play within a play" is a common device used by Shakespeare and other playwrights to bring characters together to provide a resolution to the plot. It all ends happily ever after with the lovers getting married to everyone's satisfaction.

The young actresses switched roles effortlessly with some playing up to 3 different parts. The male parts were credibly performed and one was captivated by the magical nature of the play. A triumph for Dynamo and the acting skills of its gifted performers and for local playwright Lucy Flannery.

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Lifestyle

At Fat Olives, thoughts are turning to warming food

Our menu at this time of year is generally changing from lighter fresh salads, more fish and griddled vegetables, to autumn produce and the thoughts of game and stews.

As the weather and season change and the temperature drops outside, I like to put a soup on the menu. There is nothing more comforting when it's miserable outside than a bowl of soup and this one has plenty of late summer in it.

Slowly roast red pepper, plump tomatoes with a hint of garlic and sage. Enough to comfort you but light enough for a summer dish. Here I've added coco beans for texture but you could leave these out or substitute with pasta.

When buying red peppers for this soup look for the round thick fleshed variety and make sure they are firm and free from blemishes. Rub the peppers in olive oil and bake in a low oven (140c gas 2) turning every 15 minutes for one hour. Allow to cool before deseeding and peeling ready for the soup.

Lawrence Murphy

Ingredients

- 6 slow roasted red peppers (skinned and deseeded)
- 3 plumb tomatoes
- 2 onions chopped
- 4 cloves garlic finely chopped
- 2 sticks celery chopped
- 1 leek chopped
- teaspoon tomato paste
- 800 ml vegetable stock
- 50 ml olive oil
- 150g cooked coco beans
- 12 sage leaves

Method

1. Heat the olive oil in a deep pan on a low heat
2. Add the onion garlic celery and leek and cook for 5 minutes without colouring
3. Add the tomatoes and cook for another 5 minutes then add the tomato paste
4. Pour in the stock and add the roasted peppers
5. Bring to a simmer and continue to cook for 20 minutes
6. While you are waiting, shallow fry the sage until crispy and drain onto tissue
7. Liquidise the soup and pass through a fine sieve
8. Pour into bowls add the cooked coco beans and top with sage leaves



NewsBrief

by Lesley DiFonzo

Paddington Bear visits Emsworth



In August this year, residents and visitors to Emsworth were given a little treat when Paddington Bear visited. It was all part of the Emsworth branch of Cubitt & West charity raising efforts this year.

Several local children's charities benefit from the fund raising efforts.

"We all brought in home-made cakes to sell, rattled buckets and cycled from Emsworth to Dover on a static bike. We have once again been blown away with the generosity of the Emsworth residents and customers who helped us raise £529 in one day with nearly every passer by contributing something."



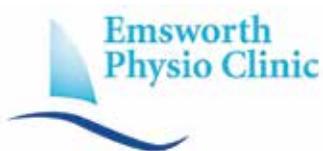
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Emsworth Show Special

Blooming lovely.

After last year's washout, the Emsworth Show organisers, Emsworth Horticultural Society – all of them volunteers - were hoping for good weather during this year's event – they got a mixed bag on the day.

But that didn't stop hundreds from turning out to watch the Brass Bands, Quack Pack ducks, Clog Dancers and the all - girls band perform. Punch & Judy went down a treat with the young children (and not so young children too).

The cute factor came in the shape of 2 gorgeous ponies – Billy and Magpie. They wowed the crowd with their double act.

Local Morris dancers never fail to entertain and the youth football teams from Havant & Waterlooville gave a top performance on the day.

The fun dog show was as popular as ever, with many of Emsworth's pets performing their hearts out. Owners had fun coaxing their little darlings over the jumps or chasing the 'Bunny' around the course. A few showing off dog handling and agility skills themselves.

Displays and demonstrations took place all day. Visitors were treated to knot craft making, a fur & feather marquee, bee keeping and a coconut shy. Over 80 stalls sold everything from plants, Chilli Jam, BootyBags, funky Beach art,

unique glass art and even an Apricot sunset.

Emsworth has many groups and organisations and each was well represented by volunteer helpers. The Lady Mayor and her consort came along with local and county councillors.

Lots of food and drink to enjoy on the day or buy and take away, kept everyone happy.

A big part of the show is the magnificent Horticultural show, one of the biggest in Hampshire with all its home made and home grown produce, including flowers, fruit and vegetables; craft and photographic displays and competitions. This year was no exception with magnificent entries again.

Maggie Haynes from Tuppenny Barn awarded this year's prizes, for the picks of the day, with several going to children.

The shows organisers and visitors gave the day a big thumbs up.

Visit www.emsworthshow.org.uk for results, prize winners and more photos.

Lesley DiFonzo



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Art in Focus: Art history discussion group. Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings each month in Emsworth. Contact: Tim Gwyther (01243 373080).

Emsworth Watercolours Group: Meets 2 - 4pm Mondays & Thursdays. Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: David Moignard (02392 267498).

Bench Theatre: Club nights first & third Thursday of month at The Spring, East Street, Havant. Contact: Robin Hall (02392 484206).

Bourne Quilters: 7.15pm first Monday of each month. Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Averil Menzies (01243 375506).

Emsworth Afternoon Flower Club: Meets 2pm, fourth Friday of month. St James' Church Hall, Church Path, Emsworth. Contact: Angela Lindsay, secretary (02392 817993).

Emsworth Art Group: Meets 9am-12noon, Wednesdays, Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Hilary Headon (01243 378429).

Emsworth Evening Flower Club: Meets 7.45pm first Monday of month, Southbourne Village Hall. Contact: Vanessa Davies, Secretary, (01243 789282)

Emsworth Morning WI: Meets 9.45am, second Friday of month, Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Kate Wheelwright (01243 378615). New members welcome.

Emsworth Community Singers: Main choir meets each Wednesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm at Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Louise Russell (07985 606670).

Friday Workshop Art Group: Led by Sally Williams & Tony Dudley, Friday, 9am-12noon, Emsworth Community Centre, North Street.

Hole in the Wall Group – Emsworth's Community pottery: Located behind Emsworth Community Centre. For more details see www.holeinthewallpotterygroup.com.

Making Time: Facilities to work on craft projects, 9am-12noon, first Saturday of each month at the Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne. £2 incl. refreshments.

Phoenix Art Group: Meets 1.30-3.30pm, Tuesday at Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact Jules Simmons (01243 824394).

Renaissance Choir: Join one of the finest amateur choirs. Contact: 02392 591462.

Weekly Country Market: Formerly the WI Market, 10-11.30am each Thursday at Baptist Church Hall, North Street, for home-made savouries/cakes, vegetables, preserves and craft items. New producers welcome.

Children's and Youth Groups

Babies, Biscuits and Banter: Suitable for babies and young toddlers. Tuesdays, 9.30-11am in St James' Church office. Contact: 01243 372728.

Boys' Brigade: Meets at New Life Christian Church, Thorney Road, 6.30pm Mondays in term time, for boys aged 5-11yrs. Contact: The captain (07766900428), Church Office (01243 371893) or email boysbrigade@nlccuk.org.

Girls' Brigade (1st): Tuesdays (5.45-7.30pm for ages 4-10yrs and 7.30-9pm for ages 10-18yrs), Emsworth Baptist Church Hall, North Street. Contact: Eleanor Day (01243 379308).

Girls' Brigade(3rd): Meets at New Life Christian Church, Thorney Road, Emsworth. 6.30pm every Monday during term time for girls aged 5-11yrs. Contact: The captain (0791 986 1551), Church Office (01243 371893) or email girlsbrigade@nlccuk.org

Girl Guiding UK: Rainbows (ages 5-10yrs), Brownies (ages 7-10yrs), Guides (ages 10-15yrs), senior (15+). Contact: Kate Garaty (01243 389450) or Lizzie Dickin (023 9241 0164).

Melana: Dance classes for young people up to 20 years, also pre-school 'music and movement' classes, at Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Louisa Chandler (07717 327200).

Mumbaba: Music classes for babies and toddlers 9.30am and 11am on Wednesdays (during term time, St James' Church Hall, Church Path. Admission £3.50 per family. Contact: Chris (01243 389844).

Parents & Toddlers Group: Tuesdays, 9.45-11.30am (term time only), New Life Christian Church, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8BN. 01243 371893.

Peek a Boo Moves: Dance sessions for 1-3 year olds (Friday, 10.15-11.15am), £4 drop-in, £3.50 pre-book, at Emsworth Community Centre, North Street. Contact: Jo Cone (07947 374222).

Scouts: Livingstone Cub Pack, Beaver Section, Drake Cub Pack, Explorers, Scout Troop, all meet at the Scout Hut, Conigar Road. Contact: Michael Croucher (07764 461711) for more details.

Churches and Religious Groups

Baptist Church: North Street, Emsworth. Contact: 01243 375606

Emsworth & Havant Spiritual WFS Centre: Contact: Mary Burbridge-Bryant (02392 471675)

Good News Travelling Library: 10-11.30am, first Friday of month (except May & August), Waterside United Reform Church, Bath Road, Emsworth.

Methodist Church/Pastoral Centre: The Square, Emsworth. Contact: 01243 373773.

New Life Christian Church: New Life Centre, Thorney Road, Emsworth, PO10 8BN. Main contact: 01243 371893. Meetings for Senior Citizens 2.30-4pm first Wednesday of month. Contact and help with transport: 01243 371647.

St James' Church (CofE): The Rectory, Church Path. Contact: 01243 372428

St Thomas' Church (Catholic): 24 New Brighton Road. Contact: 02392 484520

St Thomas a Becket (CofE): Church Lane, Warblington. Contact: 01243 372428

Waterside United Reform Church: Bath Road, Emsworth. Contact: 01243 371718

Community Organisations

Community First HEH (formerly Havant Council of Community Service (HCCS): Services such as Call & Go bookable buses, lunch clubs and mobility scooter hire. Contact: 0300 500 8085, admin@cfeh.org.uk.

Ems Valley Community Transport: A voluntary body that arranges transport to hospitals, GP surgeries, dentists and occasionally shopping. To volunteer as a driver; Contact: 01243 379103 or email evctsec@gmail.com

Emsworth Business Association: Contact: Giles Babb (01243 373394). Email: giles@bluebellinnemsworth.co.uk

Emsworth Community Association: Emsworth Community Centre, North Street Contact: 01243 373805 (10am-12noon, Mon-Fri). Email ems.ca@bt.connect.com. Computer classes Mon & Tue mornings.

Emsworth Forum: Contact: Mike Bateman, email mike-bateman20@gmail.com

Emsworth Good Neighbours: Offers help with shopping, reading, writing letters, collecting prescriptions, transport to essential appointments. Contact: 01243 430999.

Emsworth Horticultural Society: Organises Emsworth Show, Horticultural supplies hut at Washington Road. Talks and coach outings. Contact: Lyn Davies (01243 373810).

Emsworth Museum: North Street. Open 10.30am-4.30pm Saturdays/bank holidays, 2.30-4.30pm Sundays April-October, 2.30-4.30pm Fridays in August. Contact: Mrs Dorothy Bone (01243 373780).

Emsworth Residents' Association: Publisher of The Ems. Contact: Jo Dyer (01243 372733) or email jolou.dyer@ntlworld.com

Emsworth-St Aubin Twinning Association: Contact: Hazel Willard (01243 379877) or Pam Burns (01243 373673).

Friends of Emsworth Community Health: (formerly Friends of Emsworth Hospital): Supports organisations providing health-related facilities in Emsworth. Contact: Jill Meeson (01243 371070).

Hampshire Constabulary Beat Services: Surgery first Wednesday of each month, Pastoral Centre, St Peters Square. Contact: 08450 454545.

Havant Friends of the Earth: Contact: Patricia Williamson (01243 378560).

Havant Rotary Club: Contact: Mike Valentine (02392 482818).

Mothers' Union: Contact: Margaret Cornick (secretary) (01243 378044).

Royal National Lifeboat Institution: For Emsworth Branch: Contact: Mrs R Musker (01243 377186) or Mrs A Mant (01243 373987).

St John Ambulance: Fraser Road, Havant. Contact: Graham Wright (02392 476075).

SYRCH/Southleigh Community Hall: Contact: Claire Blake (01243 376733) or Steve Baldwin (07795 321689).

University of the Third Age, Emsworth: Meets at Emsworth Community Centre, Church Path, 10am third Friday of month, except July, August & December. Contact Dorothy Lawson (01243 379598)

University of the Third Age, Ems Valley U3A: Meets at the Parish Hall, Church Path. Contact: Hazel Willard (01243 379877).

V Team Volunteers: Contact: (02392 481845).

WemsFest: Contact Mark Ringwood (01243 378742 or 07802 500050).

Health Organisations

Alzheimer's Society Memory Café: Support group for carers of people with dementia. Meets 10am-12 noon, fourth Tuesday of month (except December), United Reformed Church, Elm Lane, Havant. Contact: Phoebe Marsh (02392 892035/4).

Emsworth Day Out Schemes: A programme for older people with disabilities. Wednesdays 10.30-2.30pm, Emsworth Centre, South Street, for lunch and days out. Contact: Irene Wood (01243 377143).

Emsworth Keep Fit Club: Friendly exercise for older people. Meet Thursday mornings in term time, 9.45-11am, followed by coffee and a chat. Contact: Christine Nash (01590 675929) or Beryl Linder (01243 376542).

Emsworth Stroke Club: Meets 2-4pm most Thursdays in Emsworth Centre, South Street. Contact: Mrs G Knight (02392 473091).

Emsworth Surgery: 6 North Street. Contact: 01243 378812.

Havant Open Sight: For people with sight loss. 10.30am-2.30pm including lunch, first & third Tuesday of month, Emsworth Centre, South Street. Contact: Arthur Pike (02392 263016)

Southbourne Surgery: 337 Main Road, Southbourne. Contact: 01243 388740.

Walking to Health in Emsworth: Free, safe, short walks, Wednesdays at 10.15am. Contact: Pauline Bond (01243 376302) or Robert Self (02392 484412).

Nature Conservation

Brook Meadow Conservation Group: Work sessions 10am-12noon, on first Sunday & third Thursday in month: Sunday, 29th March, Thursday, 16th April, Sunday, 3rd and Thursday, 21st May, Sunday, 7th and Thursday, 18th June 2015, meet at Seagull Lane gate. Tools, tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Contact: Jennifer Rye (01243 376926).

Emsworth Tree Wardens: Taking care of Trees in Emsworth and surrounding area. Various ongoing tree-related projects. Contact: Ann Jolly (01243 372847).

Friends of Emsworth Memorial Garden: Helping to maintain the garden on the south-east corner of Horndean Road Recreation Ground. Meet at 10am on second Monday of each month, Contact: Maurice Clarke (01243 373744).

Friends of Emsworth Waysides: A conservation group looking after waysides and verges in need of conserving in Emsworth. Contact: Jane Brook (01243 389131).

Friends of Hollybank Woods: Monthly Sunday work parties are planned this spring and summer. For details, contact: John Bond (01243 376302).

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Friends of Nore Barn Woods: Work sessions: 9.30am-12noon. Saturday 15 November, 13 December & 10 January. Tools, coffee and biscuits provided but bring gloves. Meet at shore end of Warblington Road. Contact: Roy Ewing (01243 370705).

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: Holds monthly talks September-March, plus weekly wildlife walks and nature notes. Visit www.hwt.org.uk/events.php or call Andrew Powling (023 9225 8457).

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Sports and Social Clubs

Circle Dancing: Second Sunday of month, 2.30-4.30pm, Parish Hall, Church Path. Contact: Jane Richards (01243 378531).

Coal Exchange Football Club: Contact: Danny Fellows (07759 695172).

Dance/Social Group: 8-10pm, Wednesdays, St James' Parish Hall, Church Path. £5 per couple incl tea. Contact: Brenda Payne (01243 378743).

Emsworth Bowling Club: Plays April to September plus bridge/cribbage October to March and other social events. Contact: Sally Parry (02392 484391) or Anne Beard (01243 375009)

Emsworth Bridge Club: Meets 7-10pm every Tuesday evening, Emsworth Sports & Social Club, Havant Road, Emsworth. Contact: Alan Thomas (01243 376037)

Emsworth Chess Club: Contact: Derek Shotton (02392 473083) or email mail@emsworthchessclub.co.uk. Meets Thursdays, 7.30 pm, Emsworth Sports & Social Club, 43 Havant Road, Emsworth.

Emsworth Cricket Club: Contact: Nick Webb (07920 485406).

Emsworth & Havant Homing Society: Contact: 01243 431320 or email admin@ehhs.fsnet.co.uk.

Emsworth Rambling Club: Thursday or Sunday. Contact: Roy Gask (01243 431179).

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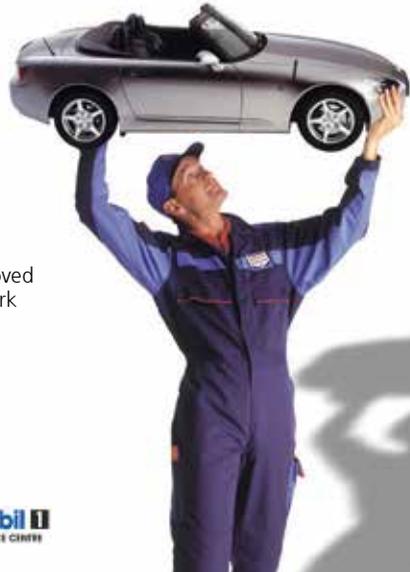
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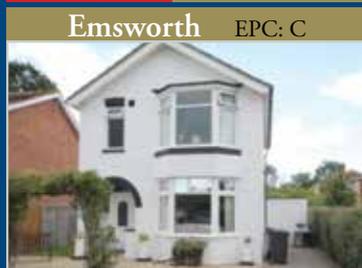


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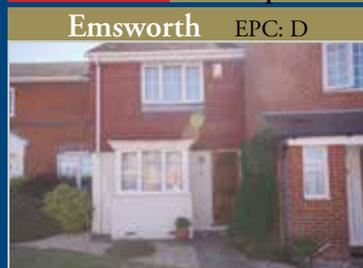
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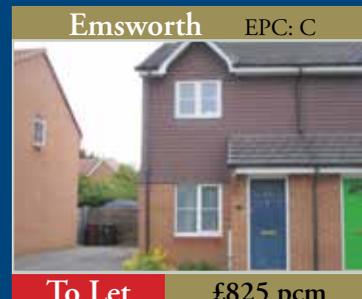
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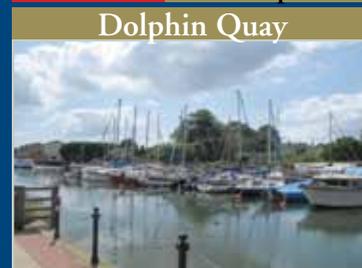
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