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Scouting in Emsworth

Museum exhibition records ninety years of scouts in our town



In case you did not make it to our first special exhibition of the year, we have the background story inside this issue of the Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust Newsletter.

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Our thanks to John Forster and the Scout Leaders of 1st Emsworth Scout Group for putting on the special exhibition at the Emsworth Museum.

Day trip to Tunbridge Wells and Hever Castle

Forty-three members and friends took part in the outing. After a welcome coffee stop, some time was spent in Tunbridge Wells. A half-hour drive took us to Hever Castle and Gardens with plenty to do and see and where the sun came out and brought to life the glorious colour of the masses of daffodils.

Full report in the next issue of this Newsletter.



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Dates for your diary

** exhibitions in the David Rudkin Room

+ if you are able to help at one of these events please - telephone 01243 378091 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com

1st – 31st May	** Display by Emsworth Art Trail Artists
8th and 9th May	Emsworth Art Trail (with Emsworth Museum as the hub) Museum open both days from 10.30a.m. until 4.30p.m.
5th – 27th June	** Lillywhite Bros. – 60 Years of Motor Repairs in Emsworth by Mike Lillywhite
3rd – 25th July	** Maps, Prints and Stories by Clive Pugh and Wendy Bright
6th July	Annual Treasure Hunt starting from the museum at 7.00p.m.
18th July	+ St. Thomas' Market
25th and 26th July	+ Hampshire Water Festival
31st July – 30th August	** Early Local Railways by Margaret Rogers
30th August	Emsworth Horticultural Show
4th – 26th September	To be confirmed
2nd – 31st October	** 100th Anniversary of the Girl Guide movement

**Museum is open on Saturdays and Bank Holidays from 10.30a.m. until 4.30p.m.
Sundays from 2.30p.m. until 4.30p.m. Fridays in August from 2.30p.m. until 4.30p.m.
(Bank Holidays - 3rd and 31st May, 30th August)**

Ian Carmichael

When I read of the death of Ian Carmichael in February of this year I was reminded of the day in August 1995 when he came to Emsworth to "unveil" the blue plaque on Threepwood in Record Road, the house that P.G. Wodehouse had lived in from 1904 until 1914.

During that summer Ian Carmichael was in "The School for Scandal" at the Chichester Festival Theatre and was the obvious choice when the committee were considering who should be invited to carry out the unveiling. When asked if he could come, as Strahan Soames wrote in the Emsworth Echo for that year, "he agreed with enthusiasm".

75 people attended the event including Norman Murphy and

Tony Ring from the Wodehouse Society, the Mayor of Havant and local Councillors and of course Mr and Mrs Hart the owners of the property. Later we all gathered in the museum and it was obvious that Ian Carmichael was delighted to have been invited. Looking back on some old correspondence I found a letter that I received later that year from Tony Ring when he returned from a holiday in America. In it he said "I certainly enjoyed my visit to Emsworth..... during part of my holiday, I attended the Boston convention of the P. G. Wodehouse Society, as did Norman Murphy, and there was a spontaneous round of applause when Norman spent a few moments talking about the occasion". In the latest "Wooster Sauce"



Norman Murphy reflects that he only met Ian Carmichael once and that was when the actor came to Emsworth to unveil the plaque.

Ian Carmichael will probably be remembered for playing Bertie Wooster in the TV series "The World of Wooster", Lord Peter Wimsey in Dorothy L. Sayers stories and Galahad Threepwood in a radio series in the 1980s.

Dorothy

Admin's Alcove

We made it! We have survived the winter and opened to the public for yet another season. The first exhibition is in place; the posters are all printed and have been distributed. Hopefully the public know about us and will flood in to support us.

One last clearing task was to take most of the things out of the store room to allow Chris Treagust to install the shelving, which he did. Then we put all the things back in, but this time they look tidy. We have also added a lot of other artefacts that had been hidden all around the Museum, trying to look inconspicuous. While the items were being put into the store room we were making furious notes, so that now the job is to update MODES, our computer storage system, with all the new locations.

Joyce Baldwin and Linda Gentles are both beavering around (no longer rabbiting you notice!!) among the files in the archive room trying to make some order in them and list everything. It is a big muddle because so many things do not have numbers, and so cannot be on the computer. This is likely to take quite a long time, but eventually we will be able to print off most of the details so that stewards can find all the different pieces of information about each subject.

It is amazing what we have to do each year to make sure we are ready. Havant Borough Council are very concerned about Health and Safety matters, which is only right, because the building belongs to them. They have to be sure that we are doing things safely and that we are not endangering ourselves or our visitors, along with their building.

The windows had to be cleaned inside and out, but of course you cannot get a little man to come in

with a ladder. They have to have the equipment that they can use while standing on the ground. The company we use is Waldron's from Waterlooville and they are really efficient, and make sure they look after everything inside as well.



Then there is the electricity. We all know it runs through the wires and comes out of the sockets into the plugs when we turn it on, but we have to make sure that those plugs and all those wires are safe. Thus the dreaded PAT test. This year we shopped around and found Kevin Griffin (known as Griff) who is a member of the Emsworth Business Association. He came and spent the afternoon with us and tested about 35 different plugs and leads, with only one plug failing, but that was because it was an old one; a new plug will be fitted and the appliance will be as good as new. Hopefully he will come each year now, because he will maintain a register of all that he does and can quickly repeat it each year.

In the middle of March a call was placed to Sue, our cleaner, and she came in and cleaned through. She enjoys cleaning, and so now is back in every Thursday morning buffing, polishing and hoovering. Someone like Sue is like gold-dust and we really do appreciate her efforts.

Then, of course, we could not do without Alan Stewart-Fitzroy. There are all sorts of little jobs that he does for us during the winter. This year there was some touch-up paint jobs. Then the locks on the cupboards in the archive room froze,

so he had to loosen them up.

I also had the feeling that the clock-face from Central Buildings was being missed by visitors, because it was behind the door, so I asked Alan if he would move it. I think it looks good on the wall, and it is an

essential part of our history. Just before we opened, there must have been some heat coming from the fire station below, and some of the oyster display panels bent, so it was a quick call to Alan and within a couple of days he had sorted it.

There are so many little jobs that need doing just to make sure we look good as well as safe, before we can open. Now we are open I, hopefully, will be able to do what I like doing best – delving around making stories and connections from all the different artefacts that we have in the Museum. The basic items we receive can sometimes seem a bit pointless and dull. However, do a little digging and research to find the stories that can be attached to the item, and it comes alive; it tells a story; it illustrates a person. That is what is so good about having all these items in one place.

If you have time to come in, please do. Some people will be happy opening cabinets and dusting; others will want to read and collate papers and others will be happy filing. All these jobs make the Museum such an essential venue in Emsworth and the appropriate repository for the story of the community.

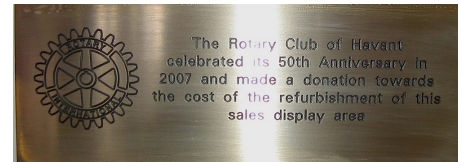
Linda.

Thank you to Rotary Club of Havant

The Rotary Club of Havant celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007 and made a donation towards the cost of the refurbishment of this sales display area

In an article in the November 2007 Emsworth Echo Linda wrote about the need for a dedicated area for displaying sales items and John Baker a Museum Steward and Member of Havant Rotary Club responded. The Club donated funds that were put towards the cost of the refurbishment of the sales display and storage area. The plaque gives credit to this

donation. More plaques and tributes to thank generous donors will be displayed as time and costs allow.



Bill Taylor (President - Havant Rotary Club), Cdr Gerry Williams (Trust Chairman), Linda Newell and Dorothy Bone beside the refurbished sales storage and display area

Help make the news happen

In the last issue of our trust newsletter we asked if anyone would like to help with this newsletter - alas we had no offers. Once again I would like to offer one of our members the opportunity to help produce and then take over the editor's job next year.

This newsletter is an important communication tool for our Trust and provides an added-value benefit to membership. It is therefore important that we carry on with this publication. Most of the material is provided by members and the committee, so the key job is bringing it all together in an interesting layout.

Please contact either Dorothy Bone or John Tweddell (contact details on front page) if you are at all interested in helping the trust with this Newsletter.

Annual Treasure Hunt

This year, the annual Treasure Hunt, planned by last year's winners is being held on 6th July.

If you enjoy walking and like a challenge, come along and test your powers of observation, and at the same time learn new and interesting facts about Emsworth. It is always enjoyable and great fun.

Meet in the museum ready to start the hunt at 7.00p.m. The entry fee is £1.00 per person payable on the evening and this includes tea and biscuits when you return to have your answers checked.

Contact Dorothy Bone for more information.

Norman Murphy's Wodehouse Walks

I recently received a request from Norman Murphy (past Chairman of the P.G.Wodehouse Society and now its Remembrancer) for information about Threepwood and another house in Emsworth called Tresco. The Trust Archivists, Roy and Sheila Morgan, are investigating the connection between the two houses (if there is one!!!). As you may know Norman Murphy takes small parties of 8 – 10 people on guided walks around "Wodehouse's London" and he has suggested that Members of the Trust might be interested in joining him on one of them. He has 3 different walks, each one taking about 2 1/2 hours and ending up in a pub that "PGW used as a young man". Please let me know if you would be interested in joining Norman on one of his walks and I will make enquiries about possible dates and times etc. Obviously for such a small number travel to London would be by train.

Dorothy Bone

St. Thomas' Market – 18th July, 2010

The first market of the year is on St. George's Day, but the Emsworth Business Association wanted to organise a second one sometime in the summer with a theme. Many of you who are interested in the history of Emsworth will know that Emsworth had a charter to hold a fair once a year, and this evolved into the events that marked Emsworth Week in July each year. This event has been allowed to die out, and although many different events have been held, nothing harks back to that time.

The EBA asked me to look at some of the things which had happened in the past, and then (silly me – never volunteer for anything!!) I was asked to lead the team planning this market.

Hopefully there will be things for the children and the shops will be involved in some way, so that we can begin to build a community event as Emsworth Week was.



Because I am leading the group in charge of the overall event, I cannot deal with the Museum stall at the market. I feel that if we are hoping to look over our shoulder at the past the Museum must be involved.

Please if you can give an hour or two on the day to man the stall I am sure you will enjoy it. Many people stop to chat and quite a few buy as well!! It is ideal publicity for the Museum.

The Drones Club

For some time I have been thinking that we ought to be able to use P.G. Wodehouse to highlight the Museum and Emsworth. I had been in touch with the Brookfield Hotel and they indicated that they would be happy to host an event based on the man himself. Then I started to work at the Brookfield, so I can devise, plan and execute a weekend as part of my work.

The idea is to mark the 130th anniversary of P.G. Wodehouse's birth with a weekend of jollification and frivolity on 28th – 30th October, 2011, and it will be based around the stories of The Drones Club, with a gala dinner in period. Times and prices are still nebulous, but we will be working with the Wodehouse Society to fill the hotel and have some fun, at the same time celebrating the author and his connections with Emsworth. Make a note in your diary if you would like to be involved and keep your eye on these pages for more information.

Linda.

Videos of Activities / Events in Emsworth over the Years

The Trust holds many, many videos of events and activities that have taken place in Emsworth during the past 20 years and the original footage is being transferred to DVD by David Lee and his team at the Hampshire Film and Sound Archive in

Winchester. Adrian Fox hopes that it will all be returned to Emsworth soon and he will then be able to make it available for viewing in the museum. We are also planning to arrange an evening when a selection of the pictures can be shown in a local

hall (perhaps at the next A.G.M.). Adrian tells me that there are some nice pictures of the day that Ian Carmichael came to Emsworth.

Dorothy

Exhibitions in the David Rudkin Room

I hope that you were able to see the interesting and colourful April exhibition - "90th Anniversary of scouting in Emsworth". Whilst the exhibition was being set-up Tony Smith, Manager of Angel Radio, spoke with John Forster and the interview was broadcast on Angel Radio within hours and repeated over the Easter weekend. After the opening of the exhibition on Easter Saturday, Robin Kay the presenter of the History Show on Express FM, spoke with Asst. Cub Leader Peter Britton and also Avis Dicken who was Stewarding in the museum that morning. The interview with Avis was particularly appropriate because she was able to refer to her late husband Stan's certificates and awards that were included in the display. These 2 interviews were broadcast on Sunday 11th April and available on the internet for the following 2 weeks. Copies of all 3 interviews will soon be added to the museum oral history archive and if you missed them on the radio call into the museum and ask the duty Stewards if you can listen to them.

Starting on Saturday 1st May and continuing until Bank Holiday Monday 31st May the museum is

host to many of the artists taking part in the Emsworth May Days Art Trail which is on over the weekend of 8th and 9th. The display will include a selection of paintings, ceramics and silver jewellery showing the talent of local artists.

The June exhibition "Lillywhite Bros. - 60 Years of Motor Repairs in Emsworth" is by Mike Lillywhite. The garage was started 60 years ago by the father and uncles of the current owners and this display of photographs, old signs, posters and equipment will show how it used to be and how things have changed over the years.

Our newest Committee member Wendy Bright and her partner Clive Pugh are organising the July exhibition "Maps, Prints and Stories". This display illustrates the joy and amusement that collecting maps and prints has brought them and they hope to pass their enthusiasm and interest on to you when you visit the museum. As well as maps the exhibition will include UK land and coast surveys, sea charts, examples of engravings, cartoons and caricatures.

The August exhibition "Early Local Railways" is by Committee Member and Editor of the Emsworth Echo, Margaret Rogers. The display will include photographs, artefacts and articles of some Hampshire Railways from 1847 onwards. If you have information or stories about Emsworth station, particularly in the 1950s and 60s or you know someone who does please let me know.

The September and October exhibitions will be mentioned in detail in the August Newsletter. I try to organise a different exhibition for each month that the museum is open to the public. Often this is easy – if there is an appropriate anniversary or local historical event that I can link to – but I also need to include a range of subjects so that all interests are catered for. Please let me know if you have a collection that would make a good exhibition or if you can suggest a theme that hasn't so far been covered. As we have proved over the past couple of years exhibitions based on Emsworth's people, buildings or industry are always popular.

Dorothy Bone

Emsworth Show on 30th August

As we have done for many years we hope to hire a space at this annual event so that we can publicise the Trust and museum and make sure that everyone in Emsworth is aware of the wealth of local history that we hold and display.

There are no covered stalls for hire this time but we plan to obtain 2 gazebos (or similar) so that our sale items and helpers are protected against the weather should it not be good.

To pay for the position that we have always had we need to raise at least £60.00 from the sale of bric-a-brac. If you have small items that we can sell (not electrical, jumble or food) please keep them for us. Full details of where to deliver them will be printed in the August Newsletter.

Volunteers If you would like to help at the Emsworth Show in August or with any of the other activities or events that we organise please telephone me on 01243 377399 or 378091 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com

1st Emsworth Scout Group celebrated its 90th Anniversary of the founding of Scouting in Emsworth

In 2009 the 1st Emsworth Scout Group celebrated its 90th Anniversary of the founding of Scouting in Emsworth. The Group was first inaugurated on 11th November 1919, one year after the end of the First World War. Full registration of the group followed in April of the following year. There was a second Scout Group formed in Emsworth in early 1931, 2nd Emsworth (House School). It ran until 1937 and was then closed. Although Bedhampton was formed earlier, 1st Emsworth Scout Group is the longest continuously running group in the Havant District.

To celebrate the 90th anniversary the Group ran a number of special events culminating in a celebration in November. We now look forward to our 10th decade and our Centenary. We take our scouting seriously in Emsworth. Since 1919 we have been providing a successful program to our members who are now from 6 years old and upwards, both boys and girls. Our Group is growing all the time and is now 165 members strong with a long waiting list! We must be offering a successful program to our members, delivered by a highly qualified and experienced Leadership team. In recent years we have had four members achieve their Queen Scout Award and attend the St George's Day parade at Windsor Castle. We have had groups camping in Kanderstag, Switzerland and Poland as well as members taking part in



Scout Leaders look through old photographs and go down memory lane



working trips to Uganda in 2000, 2006 and again in 2009. Trips like these are much more than a holiday, they are life-changing experiences!

In the past we have had members attend Jamborees. Jess Dickin went to Norway in 1975 and in 1979 Richard Dickin, William Barnard and Stan Dickin (as a leader) attended the Jamboree in Canada. Originally the 1979 Jamboree was to be in Iran, but we know what happened there in 1979! When Scouting celebrated its Centenary in 2007 Emsworth sent 5 people to the UK Jamboree.

We have a website (www.emsworth-scouts.org.uk) where you can see lots of pictures of our Group doing many exciting activities but mainly enjoying the Scouting life. If you were a past member of 1st Emsworth and are able to offer any information to update our archives, or if you are interested in helping in any way please contact us. We are not ageist in Scouting!

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EM&HT 50/50 Club

I am pleased to tell you that membership of the 50/50 Club has now increased from 154 to 201 tickets in 2009. Now that we have reached our target of £480 for the new lighting the Committee have decided that our next target will be for £600. This will be used to pay for suitable lamination and storage of our collection of maps, some of which are quite valuable and need careful conservation..

The March draw was held at the AGM on 4th March. Congratulations to all the winners, and particularly Mr & Mrs Stoneman for winning the Bonus prize of £50. The full list of this year's winners are shown below.

Winners January - April 2010

Month	Prize	Value	Ticket No.	Name
January	First	£30.00	174	Mr & Mrs J R Willetts
	Second	£10.00	117	Mrs C M Bury
February	First	£30.00	158	Capt J F Stewart RN Rtd
	Second	£10.00	45	Mr J W Kendall
March	Bonus	£50.00	27	Mr & Mrs K M Stoneman
	First	£30.00	75	Mr Brian Baines
	Second	£10.00	152	Dr P Last
April	First	£30.00	72	Mrs M H Whiteley
	Second	£10.00	7	Mr & Mrs P H W Bray

Have you considered becoming a member or increasing the number of tickets that you hold? Tickets still only cost £6 each for a year's membership but, in view of the increased cost of administration since the club started in 1989, new applications will only be accepted for a minimum of 2 tickets. However, existing members may increase their allocation by single tickets.

Entry forms can be obtained from the 50/50 Club Organiser, Peter Morse (01243 375740)

National Heritage Lottery Bid

Just to let you know that I had a meeting with the area organiser of the Lottery Fund and she gave me quite a few indicators of how we need to plan our bid for funds for the 1st World War project. It has grown substantially recently, but we do need to work with members of the community to be sure of having a chance of receiving the funding.

If we can obtain funding we should be able to do a lot of useful research on all the men who served during the 1st World War, and what happened to them. Some were killed, but the majority returned to Emsworth. We can also look at Emsworth during and after the War to find out what effects it had on the community.

I need people to want to be involved in research both on the internet and also in various repositories, so I will be approaching people to find out what they can do. If you want to be involved, contact me before I chase you.

Linda.



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