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Digging for Emsworth and Victory Emsworth Horticultural Society 90 years old



Left to right: Mrs Edna Neighbour, Daphne Tomsett (current EHS chairman), Fred Neighbour (former chairman, former President and currently a Life vice President), Ann Moss, Margaret Jay (former chairman and current President), Mike Rogers (management committee member), Dennis Doye (newsletter editor and i/c publicity and management committee member) and Angela Armstrong (former chairman and management committee member).



The Emsworth Horticultural Society was founded in 1919 and its 90 years history is the theme for the EM&HT special exhibition for July.

It has been organised by Ann Moss and Mike Rogers shown together in the photo to the left, together with Suzanne Holroyd, who is reviewing the archives, but unfortunately was not able to attend the opening. Mike, who has an enormous collection of old tools, is a EHS management committee member as is Suzanne, who is the Show Secretary Ann is an excellent gardener and has won the Hampshire Federation of Horticultural Societies best garden prize twice.

Make sure you come and see it.



Dates for your diary

The displays in the David Rudkin Room are marked ****

4th – 26th July	**** Emsworth's Gardening History "Digging up the Past"
25th - 26th July.	Hampshire Water Festival Volunteers required.
1st – 31st August	**** Catholics in Emsworth 1959 – 2009
31st August	Emsworth Horticultural Show Jubilee Recreation Ground, Horndean Road
5th – 27th September	**** "More Than Words A Wander Through the World of Pop-ups and Illustrated Books"
19th September	Open day at Glenwood School, Washington Road
25th September - 4th October	Havant Borough Literary Festival
3rd October - 1st November	**** "Earth, Air and Water"

19th – 25th October Seafood Week - 'Emsworth Seasons' Programme on Sale from August Bank Holiday Weekend

22nd October "The Rise and Fall of Emsworth Oysters"
Talk by John Tweddell in the Mountford Rooms, Church Path Centre, Emsworth
at 7.30p.m. Earlier this year John's talk sold out very quickly and many people were disappointed
- so make sure you buy a ticket early. Admission Members £1.00 Non Members £2.00

25th October Emsworth Seafood Week, Festival Market in South Street Car Park
Oyster Trail walk organised by Chichester Harbour Conservancy led by John Tweddell

December (date to be confirmed) Stewards' Christmas Tea party

Emsworth Museum is open every weekend from Easter Saturday until 1st November on Saturdays from 10.30a.m. until 4.30p.m. on Sundays from 2.30p.m. until 4.30p.m. and on Fridays in August 2.30p.m. until 4.30p.m.

ADMISSION IS FREE DONATIONS ARE VERY WELCOME

If you or one of your friends belongs to a group and would like to arrange a special out-of-hours visit please telephone 01243 373780.

Visitors to the museum

So far this year we have seen a record number of visitors. During the 3 weeks of April 361 people came to see the exhibition "Baker Barracks Thorney Island" which showed the history of the 47 Regiment and the Battle of the Imjin River. We were pleased that Norman Davies, a veteran of this campaign, was able to come on Easter Saturday when David Willetts MP opened the museum for the start of the new season. On St George's Day, after the ceremony in The Square, Captain Sarah Pringle, Sgt. Major Garry Collins and 2 Chelsea pensioners - Douglas Hassal and Alfred Humphreys - came to see the display and talk with us. This was a great pleasure and very interesting. During the first weekend in May Emsworth Museum was the hub for Emsworth's Art Trail and 350 people visited. Fifty more came on the following Bank Holiday Monday making a grand total of more than 700 visitors in 4 weeks. The total number of visitors for the month of May was 617. The Washington Road School exhibition encouraged 329 people to visit and many spent time identifying their friends in the school class photographs. This proved to be a very popular exhibition with some ex pupils meeting friends they hadn't seen for a number of years. Also during June Members of the Southbourne Lions Club were taken for a guided walk around south Emsworth by Alan and Monica Hurd followed by a visit to the museum.

Dorothy

Admin's Alcove

Summer always seems to go past too fast: one minute we are bemoaning the fact that spring is late and cold, and the next it is July and the school holidays are about to begin. I am writing this just a week before the Goodwood Festival of Speed, which I know a lot of people object to, but for me and my family it is one of the highlights of the year. So many people are there to soak up the atmosphere and revel in the celebration of the history of motoring and motorsport. The knowledge and enthusiasm is wonderful and I find it reassuring that if we tap into people's enthusiasm they will become involved. This is what I am hoping will happen in Emsworth with our Museum.

The St. George's Day celebration in Emsworth, of which you will read more on other pages, was a real Emsworthian day – lots of enthusiasm, colour and fun. The actual ceremony in The Square was a very sobering occasion, lightened by the children's singing. We have been given a copy of the address by the Mayor of Havant to keep in our archive, and Dorothy is making a file on everything that happened, including the history of the battle of the Imjin River. 47th Regt, Royal Artillery, based at Thorney Island really came up trumps with their display which was just what we were hoping for. A lot of people visited on the 23rd, including two Chelsea Pensioners, and Garry Collins, the Battery Sergeant Major, who had a fright when he realised he was being interviewed by Angel Radio. Tony Smith did a very good interview which was played on air, and we have a copy of it in our archives.

We have been working with Tony Smith at Angel Radio and Robin Kay of Express FM, who have both been into the Museum and done interviews for us. Robin came and interviewed the teachers from Washington Road School who came for an evening visit to the exhibition about the school, and Tony came and wandered around doing impromptu interviews on a Saturday afternoon. I think he caught both Bryan and Pauline Marshall, as well as some of the visitors. Again we will be getting a CD version for the archive.

The exhibition for May was linked into the Emsworth Art Trail, where we offered space for artists participating in the Art Trail for them to display an item of their work all the month. They all felt it was worth while and so we hope to repeat this again next year. The only hiccup was that the Trail was on Saturday and Sunday, while the Bank Holiday Monday had nothing on it, but the public came in to look for it, something we will have to be aware of next year. The other thing we forgot, was that on Sunday we do not open in the morning, but people were queuing on Sunday morning, so we will have to rota that date in as an extra. Over the three days of the Bank Holiday we had nearly 400 people through the door, although most were only into the Rudkin Room and out again.

The layout of the reception area has been praised by everyone who has seen it, and they feel that it is more welcoming, and makes it easier to know which way to go. The desk installed by Chris Treagust has been greatly admired, and so hopefully most of our alterations are complete. Now we can design the plaques to go on various items to show who gave what.

The new layout in the main room has also proved useful, because we were able to do the presentation of the children's art competition there, and everyone could see no matter where they were in the room. It means that when we have an event we know we can cater for more people now.

The Treasure Hunt this year was a great success, with 31 people taking part. The compilers were very enthusiastic and had a very good system of scoring, which included the time taken to go around. This meant that we were not waiting for the last stragglers to return before awarding prizes. The winners of this year have again been invited to compile next year's event, and they have indicated that they are happy to do so.

To end on one sad item of news – the new banner produced by our Chairman has come to grief. Well – not



The exhibition for May was linked into the Emsworth Art Trail

the banner, but the flagpole. It appears that the banner was too strong and the flagpole came off the wall. Luckily this was noticed before an accident happened, and the Chairman has gone off with his team to think again. It is a shame because the banner was very colourful and could be seen from some way away, but I have every confidence that we will have a replacement soon.

Finally, I have been attending, the Museum, the markets held in Emsworth South Street Car Park and they have been very successful. With the cut in interest rates we do need to look at ways of bridging the gap that the interest drop has given us between income and expenditure. We are now spreading our wings and are taking a stall at the Hampshire Water Festival being held at Staunton Country Park on 25th and 26th July. I am unable to assist on the stall because I am helping to organise the event, so we need willing volunteers. It is free to get in, and if you can give 1 or 2 hours on one of the days we would be grateful. Dorothy will be preparing a rota, so please contact her as soon as you can to help her. It will also give you the chance to look around the show, which promises to be a good day out for all.

Now – really finally – I hope you enjoy the summer holidays and whether you are going away or welcoming family and friends to Emsworth, have a happy time.

Linda.

Washington Road School exhibition gets high marks from its past teachers



Teachers from Washington Road School before it closed. Left to Right: Pat Tull, Brenda Noyes, Jean Fellows, Sue Young, Jean Wigmore, Shirley Crane, Joyce Barrett, Marion Porter, Annette Vickery

Frances Sweeney, Portsmouth News

EMSWORTH: Emsworth's Washington Road Primary School was built in 1909 and the first pupils attended in October of that year. For the month of June Emsworth Museum is commemorating the 100th anniversary of this event with an exhibition. Originally planned to be in the David Rudkin Room the Museum has had such a good response to the request for photographs and other exhibits that the exhibition area has had to be extended. Dorothy Bone, Museum Secretary and Linda Newell Administrator have both been pro-active in collating the material. A special evening was arranged on Wednesday 10 June when nine members of staff including the Head Teacher in post when the school closed in 1994 attended. Some teachers

were interviewed by Robin Kay of Express FM the local history show. Dorothy Bone said, 'When the school moved to new premises in Victoria Road in 1994 the Children's Learning Centre moved in to Washington Road for about 18 months to two years. Later the building became the home of Glenwood School who are still there. We already had quite a lot of photographs and other things in the archives and as a result of an appeal in the EMS we received more stuff, some from people who have long moved away from Emsworth. Hopefully this exhibition will encourage past pupils of the school to visit to see if they recognise themselves in the photographs.' Linda Newell added, 'We have exhibits from the second world war up to the

1960's and 70's and will continue building up a centenary archive.' Many of the staff attending also had children at the school while they were teaching there. Jean Fellows was there from 1975-1994 and had four children attending from 1969 to 1975, Marion Porter in post from 1976-1994 had her twin daughters attending in 1975 and Shirley Crane in post from 1969-1992 had her son at the school. Pat Tull was herself a pupil in 1941 and was an admin officer from 1971 to 1994. Joyce Barrett was Deputy Head Teacher from 1978 to 1990, Sue Young taught from 1970 to 1976, Annette Vickery was there from 1990 to 94, Brenda Noyes from 1978 to 1993 and Jean Wigmore who became Head Teacher in 1988 remained in post until the school closed in 1994.

Hunting for Treasure



Treasure hunt winners.

Left to right: Tina Clark John Kieran Loli Kieran Rob Foord

Treasure Hunt on 18th June
The course was set by the winners from last year - Rob Foord and Tina Clark. 31 people took part (mainly in groups of 2 or 4) and the winners, Emsworth residents John and Loli Kieran correctly answered 40 out of the 42 clues. In second place were Lesley and Rachael Edens from Horndean with a score of 39 followed by sisters Anthea and Carolyn Yeo from Waterloo. Other treasure hunters came from Havant, Portsmouth, Westbourne and Cosham as well as Emsworth. Why not put a note in your diary to join us in 2010.

Many thanks to Jenny Lloyd-Edwards for organising the tea, coffee and biscuits.

Emsworth Design Statement

The Emsworth Design Statement (EDS) records the distinctive character of today's Emsworth and its relationship with its surrounding environment. It defines design principles or guidelines which have the objective of maintaining or enhancing this distinctive character. The development of the EDS was monitored by Havant Borough Council to ensure that on completion it could be issued with their approval.

Change is inevitable, but the objective of the EDS was, and remains, to help channel the changes constructively, giving guidance on what is considered important by the community to those involved in making planning and development decisions.

After the acceptance of the Design Statement by Havant Borough Council some members of the core group thought that it would be appropriate for commemorative glasses to be presented to David Jones, who initiated the project and subsequently acted as Project Leader, Ann Davies, who masterminded the content and textual co-ordination effort, and Brian Edwards-Picknett, who prepared all the content in its successful format for printing. A fourth glass was presented to Gerry Williams for the museum and it will, in the future, be displayed with a copy of the Design Statement..

Dorothy



Left to Right: Ann Davies, Brian Edwards-Picknett, Janna Cundall, Commander Gerry Williams, Chris Curry and David Jones.

Membership Subscriptions for 2010

Membership subscriptions are due on January 1st but, for members not paying by Standing Order, we don't usually send a reminder until the January Newsletter. Because of this, nearly half of our members do not receive their Membership Cards until the next Newsletter in April.

So, for 2010, the Committee have decided to issue the reminders with the next issue of the Echo, late in November 2009. You will also receive, with the Echo, the Minutes of the March AGM.

50/50 Club

You will be pleased to know that ticket sales have risen from 154 to 172 over the past few months. As a result, the 50/50 Club has now raised £399 towards the £480 needed for the new lighting in the Museum.

Have you considered becoming a Member? Tickets still cost only £6.00 a year and half of the proceeds is returned to Members in the monthly draw. Entry forms are available from Peter Morse (01243 375740).

Peter Morse

Emsworth Seafood Week 19th-25th October

Many of Emsworth's restaurants, pubs, cafes and retailers will be putting seafood on the menu during Emsworth Seafood Week. The programme for the week will be included in a new magazine called "Emsworth Seasons" which will be on sale for £2 at the end of August.

Make sure you get a copy.

St George's Day, 2009



The St. George's Day celebration was a real Emsworthian day including lots of enthusiasm and interest at our museum!

THE RISE AND FALL OF EMSWORTH OYSTERS

Thursday 22nd October 2009 at 7.30pm
THE EMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE (BEHIND FIRE STATION)



EMSWORTH SEAFOOD WEEK
19th to 25th October

TICKETS £2 MEMBERS £1

ON SALE AT THE MUSEUM

PUBLIC TICKETS (£2) ALSO AT THE BLUE BELL INN & THE COAL EXCHANGE

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE REPEATING THE STORY OF EMSWORTH'S FATAL DAY

Notes from Dorothy

If you would like more information about any of the items or activities mentioned please telephone me on 01243 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com.

The July exhibition Emsworth's Gardening History "Digging up the Past" - has been arranged by the Members of Emsworth Horticultural Society, and shows a time line of the society's 90 year history. The display includes archive material, documents, photographs and old gardening tools.

"Catholics in Emsworth 1959 - 2009" is an exhibition of items no longer used and rarely seen these days as well as items currently in use at Ss. Thomas Church New Brighton Road, Emsworth. The display, by Father Tom Grufferty, will include White, Red, Green and Purple Liturgical Vestments, two Benediction Copes, a Thurible, a Holy Water Stoop and photographs of the new windows. In addition to the Friday afternoon opening in August a special Sunday morning opening is also being planned.

Celebrate with Carol Waldron of Bookends (High Street, Emsworth) the once upon a time world which we all share. The September exhibition "More Than Words A Wander Through the World of Pop-ups and Illustrated Books" is intended as a colourful insight into the added dimension that pop-ups and illustrations bring to the printed page. As well as lots of examples there will also be information about the history of these beautiful books.

In October Emsworth Museum is host to a display of work by local artists on the themes of "Earth, Air and Water". The art, all inspired by Chichester Harbour, has been selected by Chichester Harbour Conservancy staff.

Emsworth Show on 31st August
Are you able to give a few hours of your time to join us at the show on Bank Holiday Monday. We will be there (hopefully in our usual spot) to give publicity to Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust, sell the books, leaflets, papers and cards that are always available in the museum and encourage visitors to the show to join the Trust. Please telephone me if you can help.

We also need to sell good quality bric-a-brac (no electrical goods, clothes or food) to raise the money to pay for the hire of the stall. If you have items that might be suitable and you live south of the A259 please contact Liz Smyth 377995 or Pam Clayton 378471. Alternatively telephone 373780. Please do not take items to the museum.

Express FM 93.7 History Show Sundays 9.00am, Angel Radio 101.1FM As you are probably aware Tony Smith of Angel Radio and Robin Kay (Express FM) frequently visit Emsworth museum to record interviews about our exhibitions. So far this year Tony has interviewed Sgt. Major Garry Collins describing the 47 Regiment Thorney Island display and in June he recorded past Washington Road school pupils reminiscing about their time at the school. Robin Kay spoke with a group of ex Washington Road School teachers (including the last Head Mistress) and all these interesting interviews have been heard by listeners to their radio stations. Tony Smith has donated to the museum copies of his broadcast interviews. If you didn't hear them, call into the museum one weekend and after you have looked at the current display, ask the duty Stewards to play them for you. Some of Robin's material will also soon be available.

Congratulations to Tony Smith and Angel Radio. This radio station, based in Havant and run by volunteers, has been awarded the highest accolade that can be given to a voluntary group. Angel Radio has recently been given The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service which is equivalent to an MBE. The radio station will receive a certificate signed by the Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal which will be presented at the Havant Civic Offices on 23rd September by the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Dame Mary Fagan. Angel radio is one of 95 voluntary groups from across the UK to receive this award in 2009.

Tony Smith, Founder Manager, and 3 of the Angel Radio team of volunteers have been invited to a Royal Garden Party event at Buckingham Palace on 7th July.

Havant Borough Literary Festival from 25th September until 4th October In addition to the 2 exhibitions in the David Rudkin Room the following Emsworth events are being arranged.

Crime, Cake and Coffee Tuesday 29th September from 3.00p.m. until 5.00p.m. The Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road, Emsworth. Come along, meet other people interested in crime fiction and discuss what makes a crime writer a great crime writer. A panel of detective fiction buffs (including writer James Morley) will lead the discussion followed by an opportunity for everyone to join in what we hope will be a lively, but friendly, debate. Tickets (to include gateau and coffee) will be available from The Brookfield Hotel.

More information about a Colouring Competition for children and literary quizzes with picture and word clues for adults and children will be available from Bookends and Emsworth Museum in August.

Museum and Library find local children's paintings of 'favourite place in Emsworth'



In order to try to attract younger people into the Museum, we worked closely with the Hampshire Library Service to arrange an art competition for Junior school children during the May half term week. They had to produce a painting or drawing of their favourite place in Emsworth, and we had 12 entries. These were on display in the Library for part of the week and in the Museum for the weekend.

Marion Forster kindly acted as judge and chose a winner in each of the two categories – under 8yrs and 8-11years. There were some interesting compositions, and I am sure she had a difficult task in choosing winners in each age group. She also very kindly gave comments for the children as well.

A presentation evening was held in the Museum and Dorothy was kind enough to present the prizes. They all received goody bags from the Library with some additions from the Museum, plus a certificate.

The winners then received an additional prize.

We had 16 children and their parents in the Museum that night and it was quite a lively session. Hopefully we will be able to work with the Library Service again for other children's projects.

Linda Newell



Some of the winning drawings and paintings submitted by the children to illustrate their favourite places in Emsworth. These show the Town Library and Mill Pond



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