

## Visit to St. Nicholas' Church, Thorney Island Thursday 28th June 2007 at 12 noon



Come and enjoy this interesting 12th Century church and learn some of its history, appreciate the peace of its surrounding grounds. You will also be able to see some of the old headstones, as well as the graves of servicemen who lost their lives in WWII. These graves are looked after by the Wargraves Commission.

St. Nicolas' church was probably built by Bishop Warlewist, a great church builder, soon after 1100AD.

This continues to be a 'living church' with a congregation of local people, army personnel and visitors. The camp was occupied by the R.A.F. from 1936 to 1976 and the church bears evidence of their presence: a memorial window, a roll of R.A.F. squadrons who served there, and a pulpit clad in slate carrying the crests of the Air Navigation School R.A.F. The 47 Regiment Royal Artillery have been stationed here since 1984.

Eddie Lewis will give a brief talk on the church's development and mention some of the interesting and ancient items to be seen.

You can not only see and learn something about the church, but you can bring a picnic lunch/ deck chairs as required and have your picnic on the lawn. Should it be wet we can move to the Rectory, where the Padre has his office. It is requested by the Commanding Officer that you stay within the church grounds.

All are welcome, drivers – bring a full car, as parking is limited.

**Please use the  
booking form  
included in this  
newsletter to  
reserve your  
places**



## Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust NEWSLETTER

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## NEW ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED FOR MUSEUM



### LINDA NEWELL RECIEVES MUSEUM KEYS FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST, CDR. GERRY WILLIAMS

A packed audience at the recent 2007 annual general meeting of the Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust gave its approval to the appointment of the new museum administrator, Linda Newell. "We are delighted to have been able to appoint such a well qualified candidat to the post" said Gerry Williams as he handed over the keys. "I am certain that Linda will help us move the museum forward as a world-class local museum".

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*Builders on the first day of work*

## BUILDING WORK STARTS

By the time you receive this newsletter work should be well underway on this exciting project. Although we are limited by space these changes should make Emsworth Museum a more comfortable and welcoming place to come to. The builders engaged to do the work is a local man and our archirect, Mr Jim Garland, has also agreed to act as Clerk of Works.

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# Dates for your diary

- 2nd June  
– 1st July In the David Rudkin Room  
'West Sussex Wildlife' by Mike Russell
- 21st June Treasure Hunt starting at Emsworth Museum at 7.00pm  
entry £1.00 per person payable at the door
- 28th June Visit to St. Nicholas' Church, Thorney Island  
Arrive by car (sharing please) at 12 noon
- 7th July  
– 19 August In the David Rudkin Room  
'Churches with a history. Historic churches  
of West Sussex' by Jane Hald
- 11th July Barbecue at the Bloxhams, 42, Beacon Square  
Starts at 12.30pm  
Admission £5.00 per person including complimentary drink
- 25th August  
– 16 September In the David Rudkin Room  
'Chichester Harbour Conservancy – new insights into the past'  
by Robert Perry and Alison Fowler
- 27th August Emsworth Show
- 12th September Talk by Bob Bravington 'A star is born'  
This is linked to the October exhibition 'Journey to the stars'  
Mountford rooms, Church Path Community Centre starting at 7.30pm  
Admission Members £1.00 Non-members £2.00
- 22nd September  
– 28th October In the David Rudkin Room  
'Journey to the stars' by John Green
- 11th October Travel video by Adrian Fox  
Lumley room, Church Path Community Centre  
Starting 7.30pm  
Admission Members £1.00 Non-members £2.00

## *continued from front page:* **New museum administrator**

Linda Newell took on this important job on 1st March and she introduced herself to the members who were present at the A.G.M.. She is a local lady and some of you will know her from her time as manager of the Tourist Information Office in Havant. She is also Secretary for the Emsworth Food Festival.

Linda has been interested in local history for many years and wrote the books 'Emsworth's Plum' and 'Images of England Emsworth' – both still on sale in Emsworth Museum. Good luck Linda we hope that you enjoy working with us.

## Membership Secretary

As reported in the January Newsletter, Bruce Vail resigned from the position of Membership Secretary at the beginning of the year after undertaking the duties for 7 years. Bruce was very methodical and he created a card index system for recording members names and addresses, as well as lists that were used to print address labels for mailing newsletters and Emsworth Echos to members. He was also Vice Chairman of the Trust for 2 years.

Bruce was involved in the day-to-day running of the museum and we hope that he will continue to maintain this interest and that we will see him regularly at weekends during the summer.

Peter Morse has accepted the position of Membership Secretary as from 1st April. If you wish to contact him his telephone number is on the front of this newsletter. We wish Peter well in this task. He has also kindly agreed to run the 50 / 50 Club.



## Emsworth Show Monday 27th August 2007

We will again have a stall at the show. Most of the items that can usually be purchased in the museum will be for sale but we also need good quality 'bric-a-brac'. If you have items that would interest visitors to the show and raise funds to pay for the hire of the stall, please save them for us. Details of where they can be delivered will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter.

Also if you can help with setting-up and dismantling the stall and gazebo or would like to sell our bric-a-brac during the day please telephone Dorothy Bone on 01243 373780

## Treasure Hunt Thursday 21 June

Come along with your family / friends / neighbours or on your own and enjoy a pleasant and interesting mid-summer evening walk around the town. Test your powers of observation and at the same time learn more about Emsworth. The clues are being set by the winners of last year's treasure hunt. The 'hunt' starts from the museum at 7pm and you return to have your answers checked over a cup of tea and a biscuit. There will be a small prize for the winner / winning team.

Entry fee: £1.00 per person. If you would like more information telephone Dorothy Bone on 01243 373780.

## *Full House at AGM*

*A large number of members turned out for the recent EM&HT Annual General Meeting held in the Church Path Community Centre*





**Building work starts** *continued from front page*

As with all work involving structural alterations it is difficult to be sure of the final completion date. When the hall, reception area, David Rudkin Room, and the main room are ready for you and the public to visit we will put notices on the external notice board, on our website [www.emsworthmuseum.co.uk](http://www.emsworthmuseum.co.uk) and in the local newspapers. If you are unable to get the information from either of these sources please information telephone Dorothy Bone on 01243 373780.

At the moment we hope to open in June. We look forward to seeing you all at sometime during the summer.



**Barbecue at the Bloxhams**

Come and join the party, enjoy the scenery, the food and drink, as well as the company at 42, Beacon Square There is a choice of fish or meat, with salad, followed by cheese and biscuits

Starts at 12.30pm  
Admission £5.00 per person including complimentary drink (Choice of wine or soft drinks).  
Please bring: Plate, knife, fork and spoon

To give us an idea of numbers for catering kindly complete the form along-side and send it to:

Mrs J. Bloxham  
42 Beacon Square  
Emsworth  
PO10 7HU

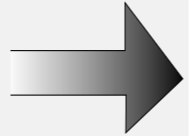
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**50/50 Club**

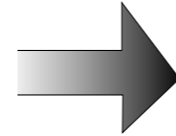
Liz Smyth has now handed over the job of running the 50/50 Club to Peter Morse, our new Membership Secretary. We are grateful to Liz for the years that she has managed the club which successfully raised funds for the Trust. Thank you Liz.

If you do not at present subscribe to the 50/50 Club please consider joining and contact Peter Morse (01243 375740) or return the form along-side and return it to the Emsworth Museum, 10b North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DD

**If you join now  
you could be  
next month's winner!**



**Find out  
more ...**



**APPLICATION FOR 50/50 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

I wish to become a member of the 50/ 50 Club  
**TITLE AND FULL NAME;**.....  
**ADDRESS**.....  
 .....  
 .....  
**POST CODE**.....  
**SIGNATURE**.....**DATE**.....  
 I enclose **A. A cheque for £.....** made payable to **EM&HT 50/50 CLUB**  
**B. The completed Bankers Order Form** (*this is a preferred method of payment as it reduces administration costs*)

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**BANKERS ORDER FORM**

To \_\_\_\_\_ Bank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay to: Girobank, Bootle, Merseyside GIR OAA (sort code 72-00-00) for the credit of EM&HT 50/50 Account number 19594940 the following amount: £.....  
 And debit my account No. ....

Thereafter pay the same amount on 4<sup>th</sup> January each year until cancelled by me.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Booking form**

**Visit to St. Nicholas' Church Thorney Island on  
THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE commencing 12 noon**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 My party will consist of the following \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Make your own way to Thorney Island, but to gain access to the site the following information must be provided -

Drivers name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passengers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Car make: \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_ (Tax disc must be current.)

Please return this form a.s.a.p. to **Mr. H.E.A.Lewis, Ridgewood, Westbourne Rd.  
Emsworth, PO10 7RN.**

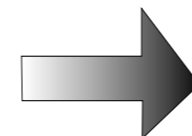
Tel. No.- 01243 373197

**EM&HT Barbecue**

Name

Number in party

Preferred dish – Meat, Number  Fish, Number



## Description of Rudkin Room Exhibitions

**2nd June to 1st July**

**In the David Rudkin Room  
'West Sussex Wildlife' by Mike Russell**

**7th July – 19 August**

**In the David Rudkin Room  
'Churches with a history.  
Historic churches of West**

The material for this exhibition has been assembled by Jane Hald of Sacred Sussex, the Diocese of Chichester's multi-faith tourism initiative, and is planned to give a brief survey of a selection of the most interesting historic churches in West Sussex in photographs, descriptions and artefacts. Chichester Cathedral is also included.

**25th August – 16 September**

**In the David Rudkin Room  
'Chichester Harbour Conservancy  
new insights into the past**

Robert Pewry, Chichester Harbour Conservancy's Heritage Lottery Fund Officer, is compiling the material for this exhibition from studies undertaken by the Museum of London's Archaeology Service. It will follow on from the 'Rhythms of the Tide' exhibition in 2006 and will contain the latest findings from the exploration of the muddy foreshore. Studies of pollen in the mud has revealed how our ancestors lived and adapted to rising sea levels.



**22nd September – 28th October**

**In the David Rudkin Room  
'Journey to the stars' by John Green**

This exhibition, presented by the South Downs Planetarium and Science Centre, Chichester, will be in three parts – the history of astronomy, 'A star is Born' (how the planetarium came to be built), some of the projects that have been proposed for future exploration of space. Telescopes will be on display and there will be a special mention of the 50th anniversary of the launch of Sputnik by the Russians in October 1957.