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We need you Stewards 'thank-you' party



Stewards at the Museum's 2008 Christmas 'thank-you' tea party

Museum stewards enjoyed themselves at the 2008 Christmas party held in the Emsworth Centre, South Street. This regular event is just a small 'thank-you' for the immense contribution they make to the running of our Trust. Without them, the museum just could not function.

At the moment we really need more stewards to maintain our opening hours and provide the service to visitors that is required. If you are not a museum Steward and you would like to volunteer please contact Pauline Marshall on 01243 373524 or Dorothy Bone on 01243 373780 email dorothybone@btinternet.com

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Dates for your diary

APOLOGIES

5th February Cheese and Wine party for new Members has been postponed until later in the year.

**** Indicates themes of exhibitions being planned for the David Rudkin Room. Full details will appear in the April newsletter.**

19th February	“The Rise and Fall of Emsworth Oysters” Talk by John Tweddell in the Lumley Room, Church Path Community Centre, Church Path, Emsworth at 7.30p.m. Advanced booking is recommended - for more information (including admission charges) see page 4
5th March	Annual General Meeting in the Lumley Room, Church Path Community Centre, Church Path, Emsworth at 7.30p.m. (The agenda and minutes are included in the envelope with this newsletter - please bring them with you when you come to the A.G.M.)
March / April	Instruction Afternoons for Stewards (letters of invitation will be distributed at the A.G.M.)
11th April	Museum re-opens after winter break
11th - 26th April	** St.George Day exhibition
2nd - 31st May	** Emsworth Art Trail Artists (Emsworth Art Trail 2nd and 3rd May)
June (date to be decided)	Treasure Hunt
1st – 5th June	5 day holiday to Bristol see page 5 & 8
6th - 28th June	** 100th Anniversary of Opening of Washington Road Primary School
4th - 26th July	** 90th Anniversary of the start of Emsworth Horticultural Society (previously called Emsworth and District Allotments and Gardens Association)
1st – 31st August	** The History of Ss. Thomas - Emsworth
5th - 27th September	** Exhibition linked to Havant Literary Festival
3rd October - 1st November	** Earth, Air and Water - photograph and art exhibition organised by Chichester Harbour Conservancy
25th October	Oyster Trail walk organised for Chichester Harbour Conservancy by John Tweddell.

John Glanville A Tribute

When John died on 5th December last, we lost not only a great friend of the Trust but also an important link with the past.

In June 1975, David Rudkin with some like-minded friends founded the Emsworth Maritime Trust and appointed John Glanville as their Legal Adviser and a Trustee. He was responsible for drawing up the Deed of Trust (in June 1980), which is still in effect, with the

amended title of Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust.

We shall miss his wise counsel which has been so invaluable. The Trust will always be grateful for his support over the years.

Bruce Doxat-Pratt

Admin's Alcove

Another year over and this was the first full year that the Museum was open in its new layout. I am sure the stewards will agree with me that the flow of visitors was a lot easier.

The exhibitions over the last year have been very interesting and diverse, and very local to Emsworth. It is nice to have different themes and mediums used in the exhibitions, but I hope you will agree that it would be better if they had some relationship to Emsworth and its surrounding areas. Dorothy is to be congratulated for the hard work she put into arranging these, in addition to all her other secretarial duties. Actually setting up the exhibition is reasonably easy, but getting the exhibitors to read and sign the paperwork, and then keep to the terms and conditions is less easy!

Our efforts encouraged over 2500 people to visit this year, and the figures show that they definitely donate more than 25p. per person, so I am sure the committee will be happy to maintain the free admission for the future.

Since the last newsletter we have had the Olympic Hand-Over Day, which was blessed with good weather and lots of enthusiastic members of youth groups and members of the public. It did a great deal to raise their awareness of the Museum and showed people that the Museum is prepared to come out into the community and get involved.

We got involved in both the Emsworth Christmas events, and despite the cold weather we had a stall at both markets and made a very healthy profit from the sale of goods and souvenirs. Hopefully we will be involved in all the markets, whether selling goods or drumming up interest and members for the Museum.

During the autumn John T. and I attended a seminar on Heritage Lottery Funding and have devised a project involving the 1st World War and the men who served and returned, or died. The Funding Body are very interested and during the next few

weeks we will be working to develop the idea and take it out into Emsworth as another publicity opportunity.

The News and various other media outlets have been very interested in our activities, and we have obtained several recordings of our interviews with Robin Kay who has a history based programme on a Sunday morning. Geoff, Pauline and I have all been recorded talking about our exhibitions and the Museum.

During the winter months we have had yet another (!) clearing session in order for Chris Treagust to build the office area. I must say he is a real treasure for the Museum because he listens to what we want, goes off and builds it, installs it and then (best of all) hoovers up after himself! Thank you Chris!

I am now tackling the main room. Since I have been involved with the Museum I have been so busy with the rest of the Museum that the main room has had to fend for itself. Now I have been able to spend some thought on it and I hope that it will be very different from how it has been

in the past. I do tend to go for the "throw it in the air and see where it lands" school of design, and this is what is happening at the moment. I wanted to confine the P.G. Wodehouse display to one area of the Museum and make it accessible for people who want to study it more closely, and so have made a room for it, but this has meant some of the other things being moved, which means that I have to be creative in the next section. A constant rolling road, and I think Alan is beginning to wonder what he will be asked to do next.

Emsworth Museum is such a unique place that I hope we will be able to keep it running for many years. However, as you are all aware, it cannot function without all the people in the background who are beavering away, who deserve our sincere thanks. There are so many committee members and stewards who help that I will not name them, so that I do not forget anyone, but a sincere Thank you from me for your support and enthusiasm.

Linda.

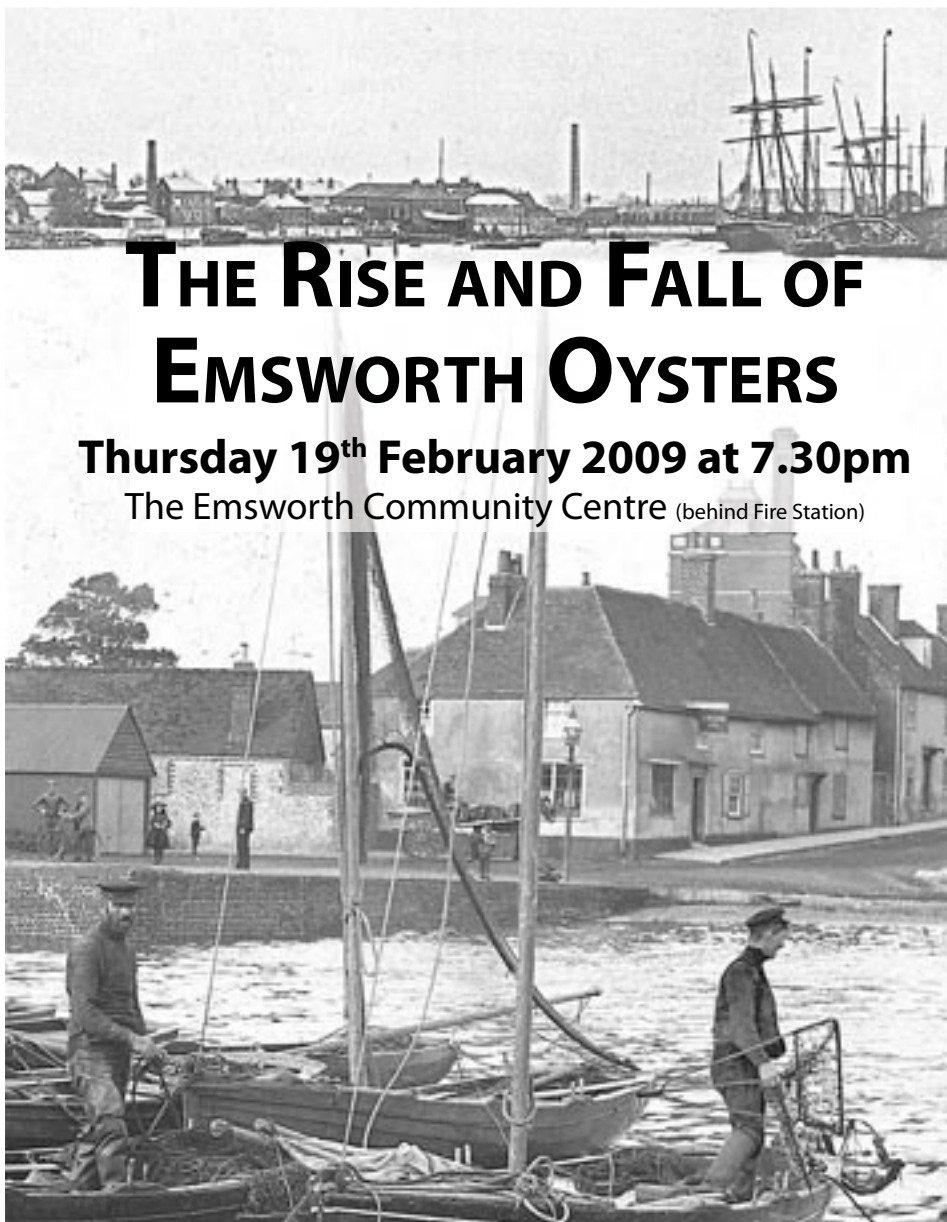


WASHINGTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Emsworth's Washington Road Primary School was built in 1909 and the first pupils attended in October of that year. In June we plan to commemorate the 100th anniversary of this event with an exhibition in the David Rudkin Room. We hope to display photographs and information from the opening of the school until it closed in 1994.

We already have some photographs (many with names), log books and newspaper articles. Did you or your parents or grandparents go to this school? Do you have any memories, stories or mementos of time there? Have you any books or certificates that you were presented with that you would be prepared to lend to us for the exhibition?

If you can help please telephone Dorothy Bone on 01243 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com



THE RISE AND FALL OF EMSWORTH OYSTERS

Thursday 19th February 2009 at 7.30pm

The Emsworth Community Centre (behind Fire Station)

Oyster talk

19th February

"The Rise and Fall of Emsworth Oysters" talk will be in the Lumley Room, Emsworth Community Centre, on Thursday 19th February, starting at 7.30 p.m. Entry is £2 or half price for Emsworth Maritime & Historical Trust members.

You can purchase tickets in advance, otherwise they will be on sale at the door and subject to availability (first come, first served). Additionally, advance ticket holders will have reserved seating at the front.

Advanced non-member tickets are available for £2 from The Blue Bell Inn, South Street.

Members half price tickets are available from the following Emsworth Museum committee members:

John Tweddell -
48 Victoria Road
Phone: 01243 374416

or Dorothy Bone -
24 Hollybank Lane, Emsworth
Phone: 01243 373780

Illustrated talk about Emsworth and its once thriving oyster industry

TICKETS £2 IN ADVANCE AT 'THE BLUE BELL INN' EM&HT MEMBERS £1

Cotswolds, Wye Valley and Maritime Bristol

Thurs 11th June, 2009 for 5 days

Departure from Emsworth at 9.00am on Thursday 11th June
Return to Emsworth on Monday 15th June

As Eddie has decided to hang up his holiday guides it was felt that it would be nice if we could continue with the holidays that you have all enjoyed so much. Therefore, this year the committee have agreed to offer the following event, which I hope you will enjoy.

There have been some adjustments to the original plan, because of the difficulty of obtaining rooms at a reasonable price. We had hoped to go during the week beginning 1st June, but there are other events in the Bristol area which meant that we could not obtain rooms in the area at a price that was attractive.



£379.00 per person sharing a twin/double room ensuite. The price includes dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation and all excursions, plus portage at the hotel. Single room supplement is £64.00. If you require travel insurance this will be £19.00



We will be travelling with Lucketts Travel from Fareham, who have a good reputation for their holidays. We will be staying at the Hilton Hotel in Bristol which is a 4 star hotel with leisure facilities. We will have a courier with us from the holiday company,

Day 1 After being picked up the coach will stop for lunch in Bath on the way to Bristol

Day 2. The day begins with a journey across the majestic Severn Bridge and along the beautiful Wye Valley to historic Monmouth for a short break. From here the coach will travel to Symonds Yat where a cruise will take you along the River Wye, followed by a lunch break at Ross-on-Wye before returning to the hotel via a scenic trip through the Forest of Dean, via Lydney and Chepstow.

Day 3. There will be a short journey into Bristol where a guide will be collected to give a tour of the historic maritime city.

After lunch there will be a visit to Brunel's magnificent ship, SS Great Britain with a fascinating glimpse of the days when migrants left for Australia and what it was like on board.



Ross-on-Wye

Day 4. Heading north into the lovely Cotswolds, the coach will halt at Cirencester and beautiful Bourton-on-the-Water where the River Windrush flows through the village. After lunch the coach will head to Toddington where a trip on the Gloucestershire-Warwickshire railway will take you to Cheltenham.



Bourton-on-the-Water

Day 5. The return to Emsworth stopping at Salisbury for lunch.

In order to be able to run this holiday we will need the form at the back of the newsletter to be completed and returned to me at the Museum by Monday 9th February with a £50.00 deposit made payable to Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust (EM&HT)

Final payment will be required by Monday 13th April.

Linda.

The 50/50 Club

The Fifty-fifty Club was launched in January 1990 by David Rudkin, the first Chairman of the Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust. In those days a Second Class stamp cost 15p (from April this year it will be 30p) but the annual cost of a ticket has remained at £6. Half of the money raised is retained by the Trust while the other half is returned to members as cash prizes. Last year the First Prize in the monthly draw was £30 while the Second Prize was £10; the list of prize winners is shown on this page.

New lighting

This year it has been decided that the funds raised should be used for specific, rather than general purposes. In the first instance, the General Committee has charged the 50/50 Club with the task of raising sufficient funds to provide urgently needed lighting for the display boards in the main room of the Museum. The cost will be about £480 but I have been promised that the next task will be harder!

The sooner this is achieved the better so we need lots more members to help raise the money and, at the same time, have a bit of a fun. If you would like to buy one or more tickets, there is an application form enclosed with this Newsletter. Just fill it in and send it to me at the Museum.

Winners in 2008

Prize	Ticket No	Members
1st 2nd	77 150	Mr & Mrs A W Stewart-Fitzroy Mrs S Thompson-Coon
1st 2nd	72 141	Mrs M H Whiteley Mrs J Mansell
1st 2nd	33 16	Mr & Mrs P Barge Major & Mrs E Allen
1st 2nd	29 10	Mr P D Bowman Mr & Mrs J A D Fox
1st 2nd	62 52	Mrs M H Whiteley Mrs M Riding
1st 2nd	26 158	Mr & Mrs K M Stoneman Capt J F Stewart RN Rtd
1st 2nd	27 14	Mr & Mrs K M Stoneman Mrs E F Smyth
1st 2nd	93 6	Mr & Mrs I Watson Mr & Mrs A W Stewart-Fitzroy
1st 2nd	126 37	Mrs S Thompson-Coon Mr & Mrs P H W Bray
1st 2nd	65 106	Mrs M Warrick Mr & Mrs P Chisnall
1st 2nd	177 78	Mr & Mrs B G Farnham Mrs B E Beaumont
1st 2nd	22 116	Mr & Mrs A W Stewart-Fitzroy Mr I Owen

50/50 Tickets at the AGM

If you already have some tickets, and would like more, do please let me know by phone (01243 375740) or email (peter.morse1@ntlworld.com).

I shall be selling tickets at the March AGM. All tickets purchased at the AGM will go into the April draw which will be held at the end of the meeting.

Peter Morse, 50/50 Organiser

Emsworth smugglers and ghosts - can you help!

We are trying to put together a story about Emsworth smugglers and ghosts to provide a lively evening walk for members of the public. If you are able to help us with any recollections of 'free trading' and its associated ghosts - and of course about real ghosts, then let us know.

Contact John Tweddell by e mail at jtweedell@btinternet.com or by phone 01243 374416

Membership Matters

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions for 2009 became due on January 1st. Members who pay annually by cash or cheque will find an A4 Membership Renewal form enclosed with this Newsletter.

Please return the whole of this form with the appropriate subscription. Chasing late payers wastes an awful lot of time so I would be grateful if you pay your subscription as soon as possible.

Members not paying by the end of March will be assumed to have resigned.

Membership Cards

I do hope that you like the 'new-look' Membership Cards which became available last year. In addition to being the size of a credit card, they are much cheaper to produce. If you have already paid your subscription by Bankers Order you will find your cards enclosed with this Newsletter. Please do not discard the envelope until you have removed the cards!

Members choosing to pay by cash or cheque may pick up their new cards when they 'sign-in' at the March AGM. Remaining cards will be posted with the April Newsletter.

Personal Details

Clearly it is important to you that the data we hold (paper or electronic) is up to date, so please check your details on the enclosed forms and let me know of any corrections that I need to make. Equally important, please let me know of any changes that may occur during the year.

Membership details are made available, on a confidential basis, to Committee Members who may need them for administration. Apart from this, they are not divulged to anyone else without the express permission of the members concerned.

Gift Aid

Thanks to Gift Aid, HMRC (formerly Inland Revenue) has returned over £600 to our Trust funds. Thank you for such an excellent response to our Gift Aid campaign.

Friends of the Trust

The purpose of this category of membership was to allow Members who lived a long way from Emsworth, or who were otherwise unable to take advantage of free admission to the Museum, to keep in touch by receiving the Echo at a very moderate cost. Unfortunately, the rising cost of both publishing the Echo and postage now makes this category potentially uneconomic. Also, entry to the Museum is now free.

The Committee have therefore decided that this category of membership no longer meets its original purpose. Although this category will remain open to existing Friends, new applications to this category will no longer be accepted.

Peter Morse, Membership Secretary

Corrections for last

Echo magazine

'Opening of Emsworth Museum'
Page 6 penultimate paragraph, line 3. Delete "belongs" Read "Tessa Daines, who later BECAME ..."

'Smuggling in Langstone and Chichester Harbours' Page 10, paragraph 3, should read as follows:

'In their report of this incident, the customs officers had to affirm that they considered the Assistance of

the Soldiers necessary and that NO Collusive Agreement was made with them'

Page 16 - article by Graham Fielder

'Opening of Emsworth Promenade'
Should read: Mr. Kinnell of the brewery firm Kinnell and Hartley NOT Kinnard and Huntley.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held in
the Lumley Room Church Path Community Centre
on Thursday 5 March 2009 starting at 7.30p.m.

Please come to this important event, and bring with you the agenda,
and minutes of the 2008 AGM meeting, which are enclosed with this Newsletter

Booking Form for 5 day holiday to Cotswolds, Wye Valley and Maritime Bristol

Leaving Emsworth on Thursday 11th June and returning on 15th June 2009

Name.....

Address

Telephone No.....

Email address.....

I / we wish to come on the holiday and require

Double room /s [] twin bedded room /s [] single room /s [] (please indicate)

Number of adults / children [] at £379.00 each £.....

Single room supplement (if applicable) [] at £64.00 each £.....

Travel and Cancellation Insurance (optional - £19.00 per person) £.....

Please note that if you agree to come on the holiday and pay the full amount due by 13th April and subsequently cancel your booking a refund cannot be claimed from E.M. & H.T. or Lucketts.

Total Due £.....

If you wish to share a room with a friend please give his / her name and indicate whether they are making their payment on a separate form YES / NO

Please send this form together the deposit of £50.00 per person £..... and a self addressed and stamped envelope to Mrs Linda Newell, Emsworth Museum, 10b North Street, Emsworth PO10 7DD by Monday 9th February 2009.

Cheques to be made payable to Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2009

Category	Under 65	65 & over
Life	£75	£50
Single	£7	£5
Joint ¹	£12	£9
Junior (under 18)	FREE	

Subscription rates for 2009 are unchanged, and are printed below. For more details turn to page 7. Members who pay by standing order may wish to check that they have been charged the correct amount.

¹ Available to TWO adults at the same address

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