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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
THE LUMLEY ROOM CHURCH PATH COMMUNITY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2008 STARTING AT 7.30P.M.**

PLEASE COME TO THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, AND BRING WITH YOU THE AGENDA,
AND MINUTES OF THE 2007 AGM MEETING, WHICH ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2008

SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2008 ARE UNCHANGED, AND ARE PRINTED BELOW.

FOR MORE DETAILS TURN TO PAGE 8.

MEMBERS WHO PAY BY STANDING ORDER MAY WISH TO CHECK THAT
THEY HAVE BEEN CHARGED THE CORRECT AMOUNT.

Category	Under 65	65 & over
Life	£75	£50
Single	£7	£5
Joint ¹	£12	£9
Friends of EM&HT	£3	£2
Junior (under 18) FREE		

¹ AVAILABLE TO TWO ADULTS AT THE SAME ADDRESS

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Dates for your diary

- 19 February **SOCIAL - Beetle Drive** plus tea and cakes at the Church Path Community Centre, Emsworth
From 2pm to 5pm - Cost £5.00 per person - *Tear off form at the back of this newsletter*
- March Stewards' instruction afternoon
Members who stewarded in 2007 will be notified of the date and venue by letter. If you have not stewarded in past years but would like to do so in 2008 please contact
Pauline Marshall on 373524
or Dorothy Bone on 373780
- 6 March **Annual General Meeting** in the Lumley Room, the Church Path Community Centre, Emsworth starting at 7.30pm.

After the business of the evening Mr Michael Edwards will show his slides of the Trust holiday in North Wales in 2007.
- 22 March **Museum re-opens**
- 5/9 May **OUTING - Week away in Devon** staying in Torquay with daily trips
See page 10 for details - Tear off form at back of this newsletter
- 10/11 May **Emsworth Art Trail**
- June **Treasure Hunt**
- 26 June **OUTING - Visit to the British Museum and Tutunkhamun Exhibition**
(applicable to those members who have signed on for the trip, who will be contacted shortly)
- 17 July **SOCIAL - Cream teas** at the Bloxhams - £5.00 per person, pay at the door
Tear off form at the back of this newsletter

Exhibitions in the David Rudkin Room

As mentioned in the 2007 "Emsworth Echo" David Matravers and Howard Jacobs are no longer organising exhibitions in the David Rudkin Room and we thank them for all the interesting displays that they arranged for our enjoyment.

Exhibitions have already been decided for 2008 - but would you like to help plan / suggest themes for 2009?

If this would interest you please contact Dorothy Bone on 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com



Admin's Alcove

I am sure that time has speeded up over the last few months, because it only seems yesterday that I was writing my first notes for the newsletter. However, here we are in a new year, and while I am thinking of it – A Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year to you all.

The decision last year to open the Museum for just half the season, even though we were not fully functioning, has been justified, and most people who visited us from July through to October were very impressed with our collections. I wonder how many of them noticed the alterations, because they most probably did not know what it was like before, and had nothing to compare it with.

We had several out of hours visits by groups and individuals. I was surprised how many people came to Emsworth on the off-chance that the Museum would be open, and on Tuesdays I think I had at least a dozen people who visited to do research, and I was able to assist them. The happiest man must have been the one looking for information about his ancestors who were millers at Lumley. He visited on the day that Tony Yoward had called in, and so he had the Blue Riband assistance!

The Wodehouse Society visit was a great occasion, because they were all so enthusiastic about what we had to show them. I think they appreciated the informal atmosphere with no formal speeches and presentations. Norman Murphy was kind enough to sign our copy of his book and there was great merriment throughout. The members who were present that day were also able to make sure all the Wodehouse members were able to see and read all the items they had come to see. We were very gratified to be given honorary membership of their society, so we will receive all the newsletters and information.

Tuesdays are now getting busy, with several people happy to call in at various times to help with sorting out some of our artefacts, and I have undertaken a complete re-cataloguing of the photographic collection. There are so many treasures here, that I am sure we will be able to stage many of our own exhibitions in future. We will then be able to have local people with their specialities, and then a Museum artefacts display. It may encourage more local people to visit more than once, and eventually be persuaded to become members.

February is going to be very busy, because the building work HAS to be finished by then, so that we can rearrange the exhibits and arrange the first exhibition, which is a Museum artefacts event, together with the information discovered by the archaeological work on the oyster beds on the foreshore. An exciting project that could be extended if we can source further funding.

Please keep involved and do not lose heart with us – it is a great little Museum, and it will be even better.

Linda

Someone to Clean Emsworth Museum

We are looking for someone to clean and tidy the rooms in the museum. Do you know anyone who might do this for us?

The work would take about 2 hours each week from Easter until the end of October. In addition a "spring clean" will be required ready for the opening.

If you can recommend someone please contact Dorothy Bone - (details below)

“Thank you” to Pam Clayton and Angela Macmorland

Pam and Angela have been producing the “Emsworth Echo” annually for a number of years. During this time they have introduced an attractive blue cover and the magazine now contains photographs and drawings which greatly enhance and explain the written information. Pam and Angela have decided that the November 2007 edition is the last one that they will organise and we thank them for all the interesting historical articles they have written or invited contributors to write - their stories have entertained as well as educated us.

There is now a vacancy for an Editor for the “Emsworth Echo”. If you would be interested in finding out what is involved with a view to perhaps taking on the job please contact Dorothy Bone (Hon. Secretary) on 373780 or email dorothybone@btinternet.com

Don't just Give It Gift Aid It!



How satisfying it would be if the taxman put his hand in his pocket every time you gave some of your hard earned cash to charity! Well there is a way to do just that. It's called Gift Aid and it allows a charity to reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax on your donations.

Many people are happy to give to a charity, such as The Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust. What often makes them even happier about giving is the knowledge that, in the vast majority of cases, the Inland Revenue will add to their gift through tax relief.

In April 2000 the Chancellor took away the right for charities to reclaim the VAT on their expenditure but, at the same time, he brought in the Gift Aid Scheme to encourage charitable gifts.

In the past, to get tax relief, people had to sign up for Deeds of Covenant - a commitment for at least 4 years to make a regular gift to the charity - but, since April 2000, this need for a 4-year commitment has gone away. All you need to do is make your donations to charity via the Gift Aid scheme and tax relief will follow. And the good news is that for our Trust the whole of your subscription, as well as any other gift, qualifies for tax relief.



How does it work?

For most members of the Trust their subscriptions (or any other gifts to the Trust) will have been paid out of income that has already been taxed. The Gift Aid scheme allows the Trust to reclaim the tax that has already been paid. This has the effect of increasing the value of your gift by 28p for every £1 donated. For example, a joint subscription of £12 allows the Trust to reclaim £3.36, making your subscription worth £15.36. Last year the Trust was able to reclaim £450, equivalent to having over 60 new members.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can even claim relief on the difference between the basic rate and the higher rate of tax. It's all part of the Chancellor's aim of "Getting Britain Giving"! It's all so simple. There are very few conditions for using Gift Aid.

Essentially you must:

- Pay at least as much tax as the charity will reclaim on your gifts or subscriptions
- Make a declaration to the charity that you want your gift to be treated as made under Gift Aid
- Only receive very limited benefits, if any, in return for your gift. One allowable example is free admission to the Museum.

So you can't use Gift Aid when you actually buy things from the Trust (though there's nothing to stop you topping up your purchases with additional amounts which are genuine donations). Unfortunately, for rather complicated reasons, we cannot claim Gift Aid for our extra income from the 50/50 Club.

Gift aid special

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make a Gift Aid declaration?

To qualify for Gift Aid, you must already pay an amount of UK tax (income tax and/or capital gains tax), which is equal to, or more than, the amount we will reclaim in the tax year.

Will it cost me anything?

No.

Do I have to make a declaration every year?

No, one declaration is sufficient and it is automatically backdated to April 2000. But, if you are not sure whether you have made a declaration there is no harm in making another.

Do you give the taxman my personal details?

Every year we give the taxman a list of donors and the gifts they have made but we do not divulge addresses or any other personal means of identification. Of course, we have to keep adequate records.

Do I have to say that I have made a Gift Aid declaration on my tax return?

Not if you are a standard rate tax payer and do not receive a tax return from HM Revenue & Customs. However, if you do receive a tax return, you should declare the information – if you pay tax at the higher rate this will actually reduce the amount of tax that you have to pay!

How will I know if I pay income tax?

Look at papers relating to the monies paid to you. Savings/bank accounts normally deduct tax at source so a bank statement will normally show if tax has been deducted. Individual share dividend certificates also show where tax has been deducted.

How will I know if I pay income tax on my salary or pension?

As an employee or pensioner you will receive a form P60 each year: keep this safe, it will show any tax deductions.

Do I pay capital gains tax?

You are usually aware if you pay capital gains tax, as you would have had to declare it. This would have been declared by yourself or by your accountant/financial advisor.

I don't pay tax but my partner does. Can I still give Gift Aid?

If you have joint membership and your partner pays tax then he/she can tick the Gift Aid box provided that the membership is paid either from your partner's account or from a jointly held or named account. If you both pay tax then both of you may sign the declaration.

I've already made a Gift Aid declaration for another charity. Can I still make another one for the Emsworth Maritime and Historical Trust?

Yes, provided that your total gifts and subscriptions are less than the tax you have paid

Work starts on oyster bed study



The volunteers on site

The museum's first special exhibition for the 2008 season will focus on initial results of this unique project

The first exhibition to be held in the Rudkin Room for the museum's 2008 summer season will feature the initial results of the research and field work undertaken for this special project. The official opening will be Saturday during Easter weekend.

The Trust, in partnership with the Chichester and District Archaeological Society have started work on a unique study into the history of Emsworth's oyster beds.

"This is an exciting opportunity to find out more about the oyster industry, based in Emsworth over a hundred years ago" said John Tweddell, the project co-ordinator "We hope to gain a better understanding of how it changed from a successful business in the 19th century to its collapse in the early 20th century."

After winning funding from The Chichester Harbour Sustainable Development Fund, the project will cover both research into the records held by the museum and field work on the site itself. Training for the volunteers who are undertaking the field work element of the project took place in early December 2007.

In January and February this year the team has undertaken the work involved in mapping the beds and looking at evidence to help us understand their construction.



Training for the survey work took place in early December 2007



Field work started in January





*Evidence of concrete (above) and
brick (below) on the site.
More details in our exhibition*



Make sure you come to see this special exhibition which will open Easter weekend



Membership Matters



Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions for 2008 become due on January 1st. Members who pay annually by cash or cheque will find an A4 form enclosed with this Newsletter requesting payment.

Included on the form is a Gift Aid declaration. Do please sign this if you are able to do so. It makes a considerable difference to our income.

Also included is a Bankers Order for those Members who would like to use this method. It is our preferred method of payment as it reduces the amount of administration. Additionally it will relieve you of the annual chore of writing and posting a cheque. Of course, standing orders can be cancelled at any time.

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

Privacy

Membership details are made available to Committee Members who need them for administrative purposes. Apart from this, they are not divulged to anyone without the express permission of the member concerned.

Country Membership

As announced last year, the Trust has discontinued this category of membership. In its place there is the new category of Friend. Friends will continue to receive the Emsworth Echo but will not receive the Newsletters. This category of membership does not confer any voting rights. Of course, any existing Country members can become full members, Single or Joint, by paying the appropriate subscription. Please see the front page of this Newsletter for full details.

Membership Cards

We now have a 'new-look' Membership Card which is exactly credit-card sized and will easily fit your wallet or purse. If your subscription has already been paid by standing order then your Membership Card(s) are also enclosed with the Newsletter. **Please do not discard the envelope until you have removed the cards.**

With the new type of card it is now impracticable to distribute Membership Cards at the AGM. Instead of having to show a card (which is all too often forgotten) members will be asked to 'sign in' as they enter.

Cards not issued with this Newsletter will be posted with the April Newsletter.

Personal details

Personal details, as they are recorded on my files, are shown on an A4 form included in this mailing. We are required by the Data Protection Act to make sure that all personal data (paper or electronic) is correct but clearly it is in your own interest to check the details and make sure that I know of any corrections to be made.

Peter Morse



50/50 Club

A list of the monthly winners is normally published at the Museum.
However, the Museum is normally open for only half the year so it has been decided
to publish an additional annual list in the January Newsletter.

Month	1st Prize		2nd prize	
	Ticket No.	Member	Ticket No.	Member
January	102	Mr JM Platt	103	Mr A Townsend
February	121	Mr J Pomfret	10	Mr A Fox
March	69	Mrs S Thompson-Coon	78	Mrs B Beaumont
April	44	Mrs JC Kennett	100	Mrs D Watson
May	100	Mrs D Watson	1	Mrs A Soames
June	12	Mrs CM Bury	56	Mrs P Farnham
July	126	Mrs S Thompson-Coon	6	Mr A Stewart-Fitzroy
August	59	Mrs M Riding	85	Mrs M Riding
September	26	Mr & Mrs Stoneman	13	Mr H Jacobs
October	131	Mrs B Beaumont	119	Mr RJC Kennett
November	4	Mrs M Warwick	50	Mrs J Davies
December	110	Cdr G Williams	73	Dr & Mrs Southwell-Mulvin

1st Prize is currently £30 and 2nd prize is £10.

Why not Join?

Please contact Peter Morse on 01243 375740 and ask for an application form
and then return it to The Emsworth Museum, 10b North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7DD

NB Please do not use old 50/50 Membership forms – the account number is no longer correct

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Torquay & South Devon

An attractive five-day break arranged by Omega Holidays

5-9 May, 2008 £305.00 including gratuities.

Enjoy a refreshing few days in beautiful South Devon. You will stay at a very comfortable three star hotel which is very attractively set right on the sea front in Torquay and have interesting coach tours and visits to see some of the many attractions of the English Riviera.

MONDAY

After a morning departure from Emsworth, you will travel by coach to Torquay, with a stop on the way in the fine cathedral city of Exeter. You will arrive in Torquay in good time to unpack and settle in before dinner.

TUESDAY

A whole day coach tour taking you in the morning to olde world Totnes to see its popular Elizabethan costumed market. We will then continue for a scenic drive up on to Dartmoor to visit peaceful Buckfast Abbey and Princetown, in the heart of the moor. In Princetown you will be able to spend time at the Dartmoor Visitor Centre, which through interesting displays and film, will tell you about the history, wildlife and special landscape of this beautiful and unspoilt area of Britain.

WEDNESDAY

The morning will be at leisure in Torquay – take a stroll along the elegant and sweeping promenade with its fine open vistas of Torbay; browse in the town's shopping areas or simply soak up the atmosphere of this long-established seaside resort. In the afternoon, our coach will take you to nearby Cockington Village, which is a popular stop on the tourist route, with its photogenic thatched cottages and refreshment houses offering traditional Devon cream teas.

THURSDAY

A whole day circular excursion of varied interest for all and surely what will be the highlight of your break which will include a sail on a sightseeing boat on the picturesque River Dart from Totnes to Dartmouth, a ferry crossing from Dartmouth to Kingswear and then a ride on a steam train from Kingswear to Paignton, from where you will return by coach to Torquay†. You will be able to see and enjoy beautiful coastal and river scenery all the way and have some free time in lively Dartmouth, too. Don't forget to bring your camera on what we hope will be a memorable day for all!

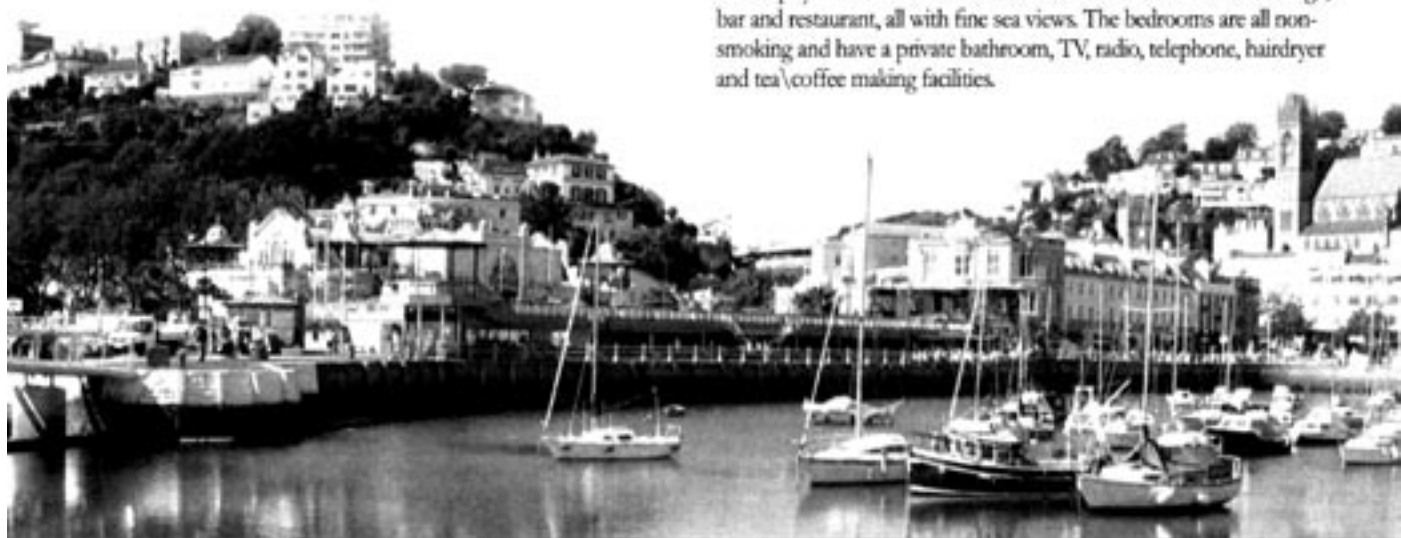
† Please note it may be necessary to change the order of this journey, depending on the tide timetable of the day.

FRIDAY

After breakfast we will begin the homeward journey with a lunchtime stop on the way in Sidmouth, the elegant Regency resort on what is now called "The Jurassic Coast" with its fine open seafront, pleasant cliff-top gardens and distinctive and ancient red rocks. We will aim to arrive back to Emsworth in the late afternoon/early evening.

THE BEST WESTERN LIVERMEAD CLIFF HOTEL, TORQUAY (***)

We are sure you will have a very comfortable and memorable stay at this well-appointed three star hotel which is located right on the seafront with fine views of Torbay. The hotel has pleasant seaside lawns and its own private path onto Livermead Beach. It is a level walk from the hotel to Torquay marina and town centre. The hotel has an attractive lounge, bar and restaurant, all with fine sea views. The bedrooms are all non-smoking and have a private bathroom, TV, radio, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.



Booking form for South Devon holiday,
leaving Emsworth at 9am. on Monday 5th.May 2008

Name (first & surname) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel: No: _____

My party will consist of the following: _____

Coach leaves at 9.0 am from Bridge Road car park [] & Beach Road bus stop []
Please tick preferred departure location.

Accommodation required - Double room [] Twin bedded [] Single [] please tick
NB. There are limited number of single rooms, save yourself some money and share
please.

Cost - £305.00 per person _____ No. _____ Total _____

Insurance (optional) £9.95 per person _____ Total _____

Single room supplement £40.00 _____ Total _____

Grand total _____

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and cheque in favour of EMHT.

Total £ _____

Please send this form. to **Mr. H.E.A.Lewis, "Ridgewood", Westbourne Road.**
Emsworth. PO10 7RN. (Tel. No.01243 373197)
Not later than the 7th.April.

Seats are allocated on a "first come first served" basis.

Last date for booking 7th April.

Devon - Please detach and return to addresses given on the form

Beetle Drive on 19th February at the Community Centre Church Path

Kindly advise the Bloxhams at 42 Beacon Square, Emsworth, PO10 7 HU
Tel. 378850.

Name _____ No. in party _____

Beetle Drive Form - Please detach and return to addresses given on the form

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