



Newsletter

January 2009

EMSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Church Path Emsworth PO10 7DP
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Your local independent community association: a venue for local group meetings courses classes exhibitions etc. Skittle Alley. Regular films and social events for members and nonmembers. Rooms are available for hire by groups and individuals.

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Please contact Maureen Ballard Neale on 372294 if you wish to make a booking for any of the rooms. The ECA's rooms are also available for private hire at the weekend.

Our website can be found at www.emsworthcommunityassociation.org and to have your events listed on the website please contact the Website Manager David Linnington. 56 Maisemore Garden. 01243 370308 david@emsworth.biz

The newsletter is now edited by Marguerita Taplin assisted by Louise Bird, Ken Gilchrist, Jill Millar, Sandy Swaine and Bridget Ball. We welcome any articles relating to the ECA or groups that use the premises. Our next Newsletter will be published in March 2009.

Final date for submission of copy for the March 2009 newsletter is 11th February 2009.

Please send articles and details of any forthcoming events you want publicised to:

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Chairman 's Corner

We have the sad news that John Glanville has passed away . Our thoughts are with his family.

As we begin the new year we ask for your help in two ways

- To share your newsletter with non member friends and neighbours and let them see what a varied list of activities take place at the centre.
- To ask for practical help with fund raising as this is the only way we can keep the E.C.A. in good repair. If any of you can offer help please ring me after 6pm on 01243 379443.

Vivienne Davies

FORTHCOMING ECA EVENTS

We would like to take this opportunity to 'Thank You' all for supporting us on our Moviola films and social events, throughout 2008. We have had a very successful year, due to the amount of support you have given us, but we are always open to **your** ideas and suggestions on any particular events or film you would like.

The coming year will be equally full of events so don't forget to renew your yearly membership to find out what is happening at your Community Centre.

Keep supporting us. Thank you all once again.

Sandie, Alison and their 'band of helpers'.

Burns Night

Get out those tartans and polish up that footwork. The Burns Night is being held on Saturday 7th February. The Scottish dancing will be led by Elizabeth Dean who will again lead us with her easy to follow instructions. It wouldn't be Burns night if we didn't have haggis as part of the two course meal. A vegetarian option will also be available but this has to be requested in advance. Tickets cost £7.50 each or you can get a family ticket for £20. To make your booking call Alison on 377493 , Maureen on 372294 or Sandie on 375544.

Films

As usual films will be shown every second Monday at 3.30pm and 7.30pm and tickets costing £5 should be bought in advance from Newsmag in the High Street. Tickets can be bought at the door if the show is not sold out. Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the price of the ticket.

Before the Rains (12A)

Monday 12th January

From the Merchant Ivory company but directed by an Indian – Santosh Sivan. Really excellent drama of a clandestine love affair between a young English plantation owner and a local girl in 1930s Raj India. Excellent performances, absorbing story and fabulous photography – some of it truly astonishing. Linus Roache and Jennifer Ehle play the English couple

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas (12A)

Monday 9th February

David Thewliss and Sheila Hancock star in British director Mark Herman's adaptation of John Boyne's internationally acclaimed novel. The subject matter sounds tough: The son of a Nazi prison officer makes friends with a Jewish boy of the same age, through the wires of a concentration camp. Filmed with a largely British cast, all with impeccable English accents which adds an interesting dimension of 'normality' to an extraordinary story.

Nearly New Sale

The Nearly New Sale will commence again on 12th February through to July and will be held every Thursday. Please contact Mary Faulkner on 372412 for further information or if you have any items you would like to sell. One third of the sale price goes to the ECA and the rest to the vendor.

Jazz Night

The Jazz evening which we had hoped to hold last October, will now be held in summer.

NEWS

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night held in November was as popular as usual with over 60 participants competing with friendly rivalry in 10 teams.



There was a break for a fish and chip supper halfway through the evening but sadly for some of us this did not help in feeding the brain. The winners on the night were the team Scrambled Eggs with Maisemore Marvels in second place. We hope to run the next Quiz night in the Spring so start your cramming now.

Members

What are your views? What would you like to see in the newsletter? Are you a member of any group that uses the ECA building? Do you have any interesting (printable) stories about the centre? We would like to have more member participation in the newsletter so if you would like to write an article or letter on anything related to the ECA we would like to hear from you.

Contact Louise Bird on 372262

louisa.bird@virgin.net

or Jill Millar on 377072 jandgmil@btinternet.com

ECA Buildings

The Storeroom is undergoing a badly needed refurbishment. This has meant that rooms usually used to run group activities have had to be used for storage and this has sometimes caused inconvenience to groups using the ECA. Our apologies to all of you who have been affected and we hope that the situation will be resolved soon. May we also thank the group who helped with the painting of the room as part of their community service.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar raised £773 for the ECA in November. There were handicraft stalls, a raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, small toys and other seasonal offers alongside the handmade cards that were for sale. Thank you to all those volunteers who made the event such a success

WANTED

Blood Donors

The next blood donation sessions takes place at the ECA on Friday 09 Jan 2009.

The session times are at :

13:30 to 15:25

16:30 to 19:15



January is the time of coughs and colds but if you are well and able please donate a pint of your blood. Always remember that your pint could make the difference..

FOCUS ON.... dance

The groups and activities run at the ECA are varied and hopefully at least one will appeal to you. We aim to run an article on some of these regular activities in each issue and this month our focus is on some of the dance groups that you can join. All these groups would welcome new members so get in touch with them if you want more information.

Tea Dances

The Tea Dance Group started at the ECA five years ago. Here modern ballroom and sequence dancing is performed every second Thursday of the month. The group currently consists of approximately 20 people and new members, be they beginners or experienced dancers, are always welcome. The dances are held between 2pm and 4pm and there is a break in the middle for tea and biscuits.

Please call Peter or Gloria on 374627 if you would like any further information. There is currently a shortage of male dancers in the group but both male and female dancers are very welcome.

Aziza Egyptian Belly Dance Classes

On a cold January evening nearly 20 years ago I held my first Belly Dancing class at Emsworth Community Centre. Wondering if anyone would turn up, I was very pleased when about 20 ladies arrived. Since then its popularity has grown and I have been teaching several classes a week for many years.

This wonderful dance style is a great way to exercise and keep your body supple, it also improves confidence and helps you forget about the stresses of everyday life. I have students from the age of 17 to 70, all shapes and sizes. Some have been coming for many years but we always welcome newcomers. All classes are mixed ability, and to help beginners I run occasional Saturday Workshops on Basic Steps and Technique as well as Themed Workshops for the more experienced.

I also have a performing group and you may have seen us dancing in the street at the Emsworth Food Festival. We also perform at many events around the area and have just given the first performance of our latest show 'Egyptian Extravaganza' to a sellout audience at Havant Arts Centre. Classes take place on Mondays at 6.45 to 8pm and 8.15 to 9.30pm.

Teresa Griffin (aka AZIZA) 01243 371077

Emsworth Folk Dance Club

The Emsworth Folk Dance Club started in February 2001 and meets fortnightly on Mondays during the autumn and winter. We are not 'show dancers' but aim to get right what we are doing and have fun doing so. New dancers are always welcome, with or without a partner and absolute beginners are helped by the more experienced dancers. We are very fortunate to have live music for every session and we often welcome new musicians to join the ranks.

It is traditional folk dancing that is performed here and not sedate stately court dancing. Folk dancing is a living tradition and we are very proud to have contributed ten new dances to the national collection at Vaughan Williams' Library in London. It started as a 'Christmas Challenge' two years ago and grew as more and more people found they could do it. Every member tried out the new dances

and these were refined after their suggestions. The new dances have now been published in a collection called 'New Dances from Emsworth'.

Please contact Barbara or Brian Hammond on 01243 370531 if you want any further information on the club or wish to purchase a copy of the collection of folk dances which costs £7.50.

Devil's Jumps Clog

Devil's Jumps Clog practise and perform step clog dances from England, Scotland, Wales and Canada. We enjoy learning the dances and performing them to what we hope are appreciative audiences; having fun and keeping fit at the same time.

Step clog is performed in wooden soled clogs where a rhythm is beaten out by tapping various parts of the clog against the floor; the other clog or somebody else's clog. We don't do clog morris. Clog morris (North West morris done in clogs) has complicated moves and simple steps, our movements are simple, but the steps are (sometimes) complicated.

Some routines we work on are traditional or as taught by champion dancers; others we have choreographed using traditional steps and some we have written ourselves. All members are involved in this teaching/ learning/ performance design process.



We meet on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month in the Community Centre from 8.00 to 10.00 pm. New members, both dancers and musicians, are always welcome.

If you want to know more phone Clare on 023 92 787478 or Brian on 01243 370531

Melana Dance

Emsworth Community Centre is home to Emsworth's Dance School, Melana Dance. The school has been running for over 30 years and we hold classes in Ballet, Tap and Modern dance for children and Tap classes for Adults. We also offer Parent and Toddler classes and Pre-school Music and Movement classes. Melody Bear comes to these classes and each week we follow her on her adventures!

We hold three exam sessions a year for those pupils who wish to progress, and achieve graded certification. We enjoy performing in local fundraising events, and we work hard towards staging our very own productions, the last of which was performed at The Minerva Theatre in Chichester.

We offer classes to anyone who wishes to learn, the staff have a real passion for dance which is passed on to the children in their learning. We hold classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and classes start from £22 per class per term.

If you would like further information on what Melana Dance could offer you, please contact Louisa Chandler on 01243 779795 or have a look at the web site www.melanadance.com.

New Moves Youth Dance

New Moves are a Youth Dance Company aimed at those between 11 and 17. They meet weekly at the ECA on Mondays between 6pm and 7pm. Organised by the Chichester Festival Theatre and Havant Borough Council, dancers have the opportunity to work with professional choreographers and dance teachers associated with the theatre. In weekly sessions dancers learn to create performance pieces and choreograph dances to be performed at various dance events. Dancing styles vary from hip hop and break dance to contemporary. No experience is required and the group is open to all abilities.

For further information please contact Laura Doye, Chichester Festival Theatre on 01243 784437 ext 2199 www.cft.org.uk or Havant Borough Council 02392 446406

OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES

Workers Educational Association

The WEA are running a number of courses starting in January and the following two courses will be run at the ECA:

History. The Portsmouth to London Road, Part 2: study of life on and beside the route, which is part of the nation's history. Thursdays 10am to 12 noon

Geology. Principles of Vulcanology. Monday 2pm to 4pm

For further information on these and all the other courses available please contact Una Rayment (01243 375620) or Jean Mackenzie (02392 262477)

French Expression

Francoise Leconte is running a series of French Expression workshops at the ECA. The groups consist of up to six people and cater for those at the elementary up to the advanced level. These are friendly sessions where you can improve your conversational French through a wide range of activities. For more information contact Francoise on 02392 484455 or 07766 711227 or email her on fleconte@onetel.com

The Upholstery Group

Every Tuesday morning in term time, an enthusiastic group of us meet in the Centre for an Upholstery class. This class has been in existence for many years and at the moment is under the expert tutelage of Myrtle Williams. There is a wide variety of projects being tackled, from simple stools and chairs for the beginner to button backed chairs in material or leather for the more experienced. First we photograph our piece of furniture, strip it down to the wood, then clean and polish the wood before starting the upholstering. Last term we had an exhibition to show items we had finished and ones currently ongoing; this was a great success and was favourably reported in the Ems magazine.

New members are always welcome. We are a very friendly group and no experience is needed, just an interest.

If you are interested please drop in on a Tuesday morning between 9 and 11 and see what we are up to, or contact Myrtle Williams (evenings) on 01243 373572. Our class meets again on Tuesday 6th January 2009.

Pan Art Group

This art group meets on Tuesday mornings in the Assembly Rooms. We do have a monthly theme for a painting, chosen by one of our members, which we do our best to execute. However, there is also time for us all to 'Do our own thing'. There is no tuition involved, but we all try to help each other, as some of our members are very good artists. Some of us are not! Coffee time is spent putting the world to rights!

A Tribute to Shirley Wenman who died in October 2008

Shirley was an outstanding member of the community. She had a great enthusiasm for living: for being involved with many activities – communal, individual, traditional or innovative. There was a welcome and quick response to other peoples' needs.

Along with her learning, (Shirley had a degree in Agriculture and was a trained teacher) she always sought practical solutions to problems. Understanding the attitudes of local residents, she enriched many lives especially with her leadership of the Horticultural Society and Stroke Club.

We will miss her ready humour and common sense, but her energy and goodwill will be an enduring inspirational memory. We send our heartfelt sympathy to George and all her family.

Helen Barnard

Membership Matters

Thanks to all those members who have responded so promptly to the 2009 renewal letter that was sent out with the last newsletter. You should have received your membership card with this newsletter so please contact me if this has not arrived for any reason.

The new rate for both postal and hand delivered subscriptions is now £5 and subscriptions are due from all members unless you are a life member or your membership card has a date later than January 2009 written on it. Members who send in their subscriptions now will receive their membership card with the next newsletter to be published in March.

Some Life members do like to send in a donation but it would be very helpful if you make it clear that this is a donation. Otherwise I will assume you are trying to pay your subscription and try and return your contribution to you!

We welcome new members so if you know someone who might want to join the association please give them our details. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries relating to membership.

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EMSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Annual Subscription January to December 2009

£5.00 per household. Cheques should be made payable to Emsworth Community Association

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LIST OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES RUN AT THE ECA and contact no.

Art Group	Full	Wed	1.30pm to 3.30pm
Art: Emsworth Group	372412 Stuart	Wed	9am to 12pm
Art: Pan Art	377271	Tues	9.30am to 12pm
Art: Phoenix Art Group	372373 Anne	Tues	1.30pm to 3.30pm
Art: South Downs College		Thurs	1.30pm to 3.30pm
Art: Workshop	Full	Fri	9.30am to 12pm
Art Workshop: all levels	376674 Edgar	Mon	9am to 11am
Bagpipers		Fri	pm
Bourne Quilters	02392 598984 Liz	Mon	6.30pm to 9pm
Brownies	02392 360222 Sally	Wed	5.30pm to 7pm
Civil Service Retirement Fellowship	372037 Mike	Fri	10am to 12pm
Craft Market	374451	Sat	10am to 12pm
Cygnets Parent and Toddler Group	389650 Christina	Tues	9.30am to 11am
Dance: Aziza Egyptian	371077 teresagriffin21@aol.com	Mon	6.45 to 8. 8.15 to 9.30pm
Dance: Clog	02392 787478	Thurs	8pm to 10pm
Dance: Emsworth Folk Dance Club	370531	Mon	7.30pm to 10pm
Dance: Melana	779795 Louise	Tues, Wed, Sat	
Dance: New Move Youth	02392 446406	Mon	6pm to 7pm
Dance: Tea	374627	Thurs	2pm to 4pm
Drama. Performing Arts for Children	07961 744060 Emma	Fri Sat	4.30 to 6.30pm 9.30am to 11.30am
Homing Society: Pigeon	02392 450886	Tues	7.30 to 9pm
Horticultural Society	376161	Thurs	7.30 to 9.30pm
Keep Fit: Hampshire Club	374116	Thurs	9.45am to 11.15am
Kick Boxing	02392 374333 Omar	Wed	7pm to 8.30pm
Kung Fu	02392 374333 Omar	Wed	8.30pm to 9.30
Language: French Conversation	02392 484455 Francoise	Various	
Language: German Conversation	02392 470323 Thea	Mon	12.30pm to 2pm
Language: Italian	078244279094 Loretta	Mon	6pm to 7pm
Physio for Arthritis	378636	Tues	10am to 12pm
Recorders	372874. Janna	Tues	2pm to 4pm
Renaissance Choir	02392 591462	Fri	7.30pm to 9pm
Spiritualist Church	02392 642330	Sun	6pm to 8.30pm
Table Tennis	371752 Dave	Tues	8pm to 9.30pm
Thrift Shop	372412	Thurs	10am to 3.30pm
U3A: Emsworth	371420	Fri	10am to 12pm
Upholstery	373572	Tues	9am to 11am
Weight Watchers		Wed, Thurs	9 - 11am, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Womens Institute	373637	Fri	9.30am to 12pm
Workers Educational Association	373447 Jean	Mon, Thurs	2 - 4pm, 10am to 12pm
Yoga	02392 454657 Katherine	Tues, Thurs	7 - 9pm, 10 - 11.30am
Yoga	02392 631295	Tues	7pm to 8.30pm
Yoga	378613 yoga@marshworld.co.uk	Wed	6.30pm to 9.30pm
Yoga	02392 454657	Thurs	10am to 11.30am