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COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION

Church Path Centre
Emsworth

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Please ensure that all items to be included in the Newsletter are sent to either Mr. R Bente or Mrs. M. Ballard-Neale. Thank you.

Membership

£2.00 per household for one year. £3.20
£3.20 postal for one year (inc. postage)
£25.00 per person for life

BOOKING ENQUIRIES

Please contact the Booking Secretary by phone at home on 01243 372294 or by post or through the letter box in the main door at the Centre if written application is preferred. Envelopes should be addressed impersonally to The Booking Secretary.

EMSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2004

INTRODUCTION

This will be my last Annual Report as Chairman of the Association. I have been Chairman now for 7 years, probably longer than any of my predecessors, certainly without a break. We are coming to the end of an era with the completion of the new Annexed, and the refurbishment of the existing buildings. Future Council of Management meetings should be more about the Community and the Users of the Centre, rather than buildings.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Day-One Construction have virtually completed all the work on the new building, except for a number of small snags that still have to be resolved. The cost of the building was £160,000 for which the Association did not receive any Grants or Lottery Funding; the money was raised solely by the Association except for the help of a loan of £50,000 from Havant Borough Council at a fixed rate of 4%.

The new Annexe, to be known as the Mountford Rooms, was officially opened by Mr. David Willetts MP last Saturday, 17th July. The day was very successful and well supported. There were demonstrations of the many activities that take place at the Centre, together with static displays by groups that meet at the Centre.

Maureen Ballard-Neale and her small sub-committee which organised the programme should feel very pleased with such an excellent day.

EXISTING BUILDING

The existing buildings have now been refurbished, a new and larger kitchen has been installed in a more central area, and there is also a new corridor which should improve the flow around the existing buildings. Some work has also been carried out to enable us to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. Hampshire County Council, in addition to the £7,000 they have given us towards our general running costs, have made a grant of £25,000 towards the refurbishment work.

FINANCIAL

Our Letting Income has increased this year by just over 1 %, to a figure of £18,959 - this is despite the disruptions. We have also reviewed the rental charges and increased them from 1st May. This is only the second increase in 10 years. The charges appear to compare favourably with other similar organisations.

The Finances remain sound, which is thanks to the generosity of many people and organisations, and to the watchful eye of our Treasurer, James Bassett. Not surprisingly, we have quite a list of things we would like to buy when money is available.

THANK YOU.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the Council of Management for their support and encouragement over the last 7 years and their support during this recent very busy year.

We are sorry that Sue Ross will not be continuing as a member of the Council. She has been a member for 15 years in which time she has served as Chairman as well as a spell as Secretary. Her experience and knowledge will be missed. We were also very sorry that our very efficient Booking Secretary, Christine Colquhoun had to give up this important job, a job she has done very well for a number of years.

Maureen and Rex Ballard-Neale deserve a very special thank you this year, for the way that they have both monitored and progressed the work on the new and old buildings. Encouraged by Hampshire County Council these projects started 5 long years ago now, with the feasibility study,

and Maureen and Rex have shown tremendous stamina in staying the course and dealing with the various challenges and problems that have arisen in this period. In the earlier years they had support from Roy Markham and in recent years David Hopkins helped them for a period.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

For the future, if there is to be a clear understanding of the needs and requirements and priorities of the various users of the Centre, I believe we need more and stronger representation from User Groups and Constituent Bodies.

John Batty. Chairman July 2004

GEOFFREY BARNARD

Husband of our Vice-President Helen Barnard, died on Monday July 12th - after a brave struggle with protracted illness.

Geoffrey was a modest but talented man - teacher, botanist, sportsman, wood turner and woodcarver. He was greatly respected by his many friends and former colleagues, as evidenced by the many who attended his very moving funeral service at St. Thomas's Church, Warblington on July 21st.

Like Helen, Geoffrey supported and contributed greatly to our Community Centre - in many roles and capacities- including the fitting out and decorating of the Lumley Room when it was build.

My links with Geoffrey grew when, on his retirement, I introduced him to the art of woodcarving. He subsequently excelled at it and derived much pleasure from this activity as a member of the Hampshire Woodcarvers, and nearer home, our small woodcarving club at the Bourne Community College. I shall miss greatly his friendship and companionship in these activities but will continue to treasure memories of our association.

Our sympathy and thoughts are very much with Helen and her family. Stuart

Faulkner.

The Official Opening Day of the Mountford Rooms 17th July 2004.

As John has already mentioned, the day was a great success, thanks to the help and support of so many people. An early start was made, with Rex, Dudley Darby and Richard Swaine up and down the ladder, putting up bunting and balloons. By mid-morning the rain had set in. I was sitting under a holly bush on car parking duty and keeping an eye on the groups staging exhibits about their activities - thank you to them all for taking the time and trouble to contribute such varied and colourful displays.

By lunchtime the weather decided to behave itself - the sun came out, the playground dried up and by the time David Willets officially open the new Annexed, all was well. We were all pleased to see that Helen Barnard, our Vice President, was able to come to the opening and receive a basket of flowers, given in recognition of all her dedication to the Centre since its very beginnings.

The Pet Show

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

The 26th Annual Pet Show will be held on - Saturday, 25th September 2004 at 2.00 p.m.

Come and enjoy the afternoon and meet your friends again!

Entry forms available from - Emsworth Hardware, Animal Fayre, East Street Havant, and local Schools.

See you there! Dawn Cooper.

Craft Market

The next four Craft Markets will be on September 4th, October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th. If you are familiar with this monthly event you will know what an excellent place it is for finding interesting Christmas presents so why not get ahead and check it out on September 4th! New stallholders in the last few months include Lionel Gurnham who makes distinctive walking sticks from the wood he finds distorted by creepers in the hedgerows, Michael Reardon who makes intricate miniature garden furniture, Penny Soden-Bridger who did a college degree in textiles and designs and makes children's clothes and most recently, Penny Baker, who recycles old embroidery, lace and crochet into cushions which, when she lived in London, she sold to interior designer shops.

Liz Mardel.

Folk Dance Club

The dates for the Autumn session are as follows:-

September	13th and 27th	}	
October	11th and 18th	}	
November	8th and 29th	}	MONDAYS
December	13th	}	

Also Saturday 20th November when we usually indulge in some refreshments in the interval. The pace is very relaxed and the welcome very warm - come and join us. Barbara Hammond is our caller and Brian provides live music on keyboard and accordion, together with David Kingcome on the violin and Margaret with her recorder.

Maureen Ballard-Neale.

Emsworth Art Group's Autumn Exhibition and Sale of Paintings.

Come and find just the picture for that empty space in the hall, kitchen, sitting room, office etc You will be spoilt for choice from the wide range of pictures offered at very reasonable prices. An original painting also makes a very acceptable present. Make a note of the dates:

SATURDAY 23rd and SUNDAY 24th OCTOBER 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m

EMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE.

ADMISSION FREE

PUBLICITY; Jo Collin. 01243 370852.

INTRODUCING GABRIELLE ROTH'S 5RHYTHMS tm WAVE

Emsworth Sunday 24th October from 12.00 -17.00 in the Mountford Rooms 1 & 2

Healing, meditative, fun, delicious, grounding, self expressive^ these are a few of the descriptions used by people who move to this practise. The form of movement is deeply personal and free with the five rhythms providing a holding structure. As the 5Rhythms ask nothing more of you than to move from within yourself, it is suitable for all ages and perceived levels of fitness - this is an invitation to come and experience this work There will be a lunch break and time to relax and talk.

Gay is an accredited teacher of the Moving Center School, and an ongoing student of this work with Gabrielle Roth and other wonderful dancing folk.

Cost: £10 - booking - please let Sheila know you are intending to be there and pay on arrival.

Bring a light lunch to share, water to drink, soft shoes, and layers to put on and off. For more information please get in touch with Sheila on 0845 4564772.

Blood Donation

The next session is on Tuesday, 26th October. Here are the usual times for giving - 1.00-3.25p.m. 4.30 - 7.15 p.m.

Please come if you are in good health. You can be a donor at 18 years old and can continue until 70, provided you are fit and well. If you are 'fit and well', aren't you lucky!?! Some people are not so fortunate and could do with a top-up of blood. It costs you nothing but means life to them. Come on!

Maureen Ballard-Neale

A Musical Afternoon

Following the successful concert on 17th April, ENTERTAINMENT UNLIMITED have kindly offered to give another, on Saturday 13th November. Put the date in your diary - more details in the next newsletter.

Stuart Faulkner.

Raffle Prize List

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| 1. Miss Dodd | £100 cash | 9. Mr Ponsonby |
| 2. Mr C Smith | Family ticket for Watercress Line | Chocolates from Waitrose |
| 3. Mrs Blake | Family ticket for Staunton Park | 10. Mr Cooper. |
| 4. Mr Summers | 2 Adult tickets for Festival Theatre | 6 bottles of wine |
| 5. Mrs Gibson | Voucher Crew Hairdressing Salon | 11. Mr Curry |
| 6. Alice McWilliam | Tesco Voucher | 2 children's tickets for |
| 7. Mr Cave | Cuddly toy from Asda | Marwell Zoo |
| 8. Mrs Swatheridge | Cook book from W.H. Smith | |

Treasure Hunt Winner

Jane Stuttard.

I would like to thank everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Louise Bird.

Emsworth Food Festival 2004.

This year's food festival will take place over the three days of Friday 17th - Sunday 19th September 2004 with even more attractions to appeal to everyone, whether young or old.

The popular Village Markets will again be a key focus for the food festival, situated from North Street through to the quayside and the car park in South Street. This year's planned traffic management in the High Street and South Street should make it even safer for pedestrians to wander through the more than 60 stalls in the five themed Village Markets. Each of these will sell a wide variety of fresh produce and food-related kitchen items.

In addition, a full programme of live street entertainment will provide something for all tastes and again set the streets alive with dance and music. From jazz, through to children's entertainers, each day will be different, whether on the main stage in the square or in one of the five village areas.

A park and ride scheme will again operate over the three days of the food festival, situated in the recreation ground, Horndean Road. As last year, the shuttle buses will also pick-up and drop-off at Emsworth Railway Station.

Enquiries: Emsworth Food Festival, 93 Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7LS. Telephone: 01243431002.

Also on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th there will be a Craft Show in the Mountford Rooms of the Emsworth Community Centre.

Quality crafts - free admission - please come and look. Entrance is via the Fire Station car park. Sallyann Dunn (02392 647835).