

EMSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

May/June, 2005

FROM THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

March and April has been a busy period, with increased usage of the various rooms we have to offer. This is due to some extent to the imminent closure of the Red Cross Hall and damage to the South Street Centre, but many new groups and private parties have now found us.

Mountford Rooms (new annex)

The under floor heating system is now operating well and efficiently, the boiler problems having been put right by Lillywhites. We thank them for their diligence in identifying the problems over several weeks.

A projection screen has been installed for large groups in Rooms 1 and 2 and another is planned for smaller groups in Room 1. We are shortly to install an electronic organ in Room 2 which has been kindly donated by Mrs. Onslow of Maisemore Gardens. We are very grateful to her for such a generous gift - it will be well used I'm sure for parties and events.

Funding has been generously given by Springfield Nursing Home and the Masonic 'Lodge of Hope' to enable a hearing loop and public address system to be installed in Rooms 1 and 2 on the 11th May.

Old School and Lumley Room.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a big 'thank you' to Hampshire County Council, who are providing funds to decorate the old school rooms, the Lumley Room and to rebuild the east boundary wall and render the rear wall of the Pigeon Hut and store room. These works will make our facilities even more attractive to our users.

Social Events.

Please read this section printed later in the newsletter - come along and enjoy yourself!

Questionnaire.

It was disappointing that we only had 19 responses, but thank you to those who did fill in the form for us. The comments will be considered by the Committee and implemented where possible.

Rex Ballard-Neale.

Melana School of Dancing

Last month 226 pupils of my Dancing School gave two performances of 'Dance Variations' at the Kings Theatre, Southsea. The programme included items in Ballet, Tap, Contemporary and Modern Dance given by children whose ages ranged from 4 to 19 years of age.

A total of £5,500 was raised of which £5,000 was given to the Anaphylaxis Campaign 'Fighting for those with life threatening allergies'. This charity is very dear to my heart as two of my grandchildren have a severe peanut allergy, so I am very grateful to all my parents for providing the costumes for the children to put on this show. The remaining £500 is being given to the Community Association.

Jenny Clark.

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Our Annual Quiz with Ploughman's Supper was held in February with a full house in the new Mountford Suite. By using the larger hall we were able to welcome some new members as well as our regulars and a good time was enjoyed by some 70 budding masterminds. Again this year, the winning team was made up of Emsworth W.I. members. Many thanks to Judy and Martin Carrington for organizing this challenging event and to Viv Davies for providing the very welcome Ploughman's Supper. £195 was made for the Centre.

We held our first **Table Top and Car Boot Sale** in the car park on April 3rd and filled two halls with some very interesting stalls - not so many car booters with everyone worrying about the weather outside. Another successful event with a great committee team booking, advertising, setting up tables, providing teas and clearing away after. £120 was made for the Centre.

A Fashion Show on April 5th completely filled the hall. We had 10 local children who volunteered to be our models and 5 ladies who stunned us all with their wonderful outfits provided by 'Just a Second' and was so appreciated by a great audience who came to support our first Fashion Show at the EGA. Many thanks to Sandy Swaine for organizing such an exciting fundraising evening. We made a healthy £450 for the Centre. (We would now like to buy a barbeque for a **Skittles and Barbecue Evening** on Saturday June 18th),

COMING SOON.....

Saturday 7th May - 7.30 - 9.30 pm - Tantalize your Taste buds

and learn a little about wine from our wine expert - Andrew Bazet, who comes highly recommended. A wine tasting will be held to coincide with Tesco's Wine Festival when some very special offers on wines will be available. We will be tasting at least six of these on the night. Tickets will be £5 each from Committee members or telephone 377493 to book.

Table Top and Car Boot Sale on Sunday 12th June - 9 am to 12 noon.

We are now taking bookings at just £5 per table top or car (sorry, no vans). We hope to hold a sale on the 2nd Sunday of every other month. Please call 01243 377493 or 372417 to book.

Barbeque and Skittles Evening - Saturday June 18th from 6.00 pm.

We will be starting with a barbeque outside at about 6 pm, followed by a game of skittles in the Mountford Suite. Do come along and try out our new skittle alley, even if you have never played before or just sit back and enjoy the fun. The children also love this game and will be given every opportunity to develop their skills in this game. We could even get a team or two together for future challenges. Tickets -£5 from Committee members or tel. 377493.

These events have all been suggestions that the local community has put forward. We are keen to hear from you with any other ideas for events or offers of help to organize events. This is your Community Centre so please come along and enjoy it. Suggestions can be posted to the Community Centre, or given to any committee member.

Alison Patrick. 01243 377493.

Emsworth Crafts.

After consultation with stallholders, it was decided that Emsworth Crafts would be the new name for the craft market. The first event under the new name and management was in March. We advertised widely and it was gratifying to see this resulting in a good turnout, including many first time visitors. We welcomed three new makers and hope to be able to include more as the year progresses. Inevitably this will call for careful balancing of demand between existing and potential exhibitors.

April's event saw attendance up by a third on March, which again was encouraging. Many people commented on the good atmosphere, helped by gentle background music. As before, all crafts are made by the people selling them on the day. This is part of the uniqueness of what we offer and would appear to have been appreciated, judging by the many conversations that could be witnessed between visitors and makers.

Do pay us a visit at the Community Centre on the first Saturday of the month between 10 am and 1 pm. The forthcoming dates are - 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July 2005.

Penny Baker and Jenny Stacy. For more information contact Penny on 01243 376778.

WOODCARVING

The British Woodcarver's Association (Hampshire Branch) is holding a 'CARVE-IN' in the Lumley Room from 10 am - 4 pm on Sunday 8th May.

Interested members of the public are welcome to look in, to see and talk to the woodcarvers at work.

Stuart Faulkner

EMSWORTH ART GROUP

Many readers will have attended the Spring and Autumn Exhibitions and may be interested to learn something of the formation and background of the Group.

Emsworth Art Group was formed in 1987 with just 12 members and was based on a self-help workshop with encouragement of beginners from more experienced members. Since that year the Group has gone from strength to strength, membership peaking at 55 local artists.

The Wednesday Workshops include portrait painting, still life and 'theme' paintings. Demonstrations by visiting professional artists are arranged, also coach trips to Art Galleries, Museums and Exhibitions.

The Spring and Autumn Exhibitions (held in the Lumley Room) have become very popular, being noted for the high standard of work on display. Purchasers frequently return to choose from the watercolours, oils, and pastels etc, local scenes being much sought after.

Exceptional achievements by members include those who have had work accepted by the Royal Society of Marine Artists and the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich.

The next Exhibition will be Saturday 29th - Monday 31st May 10 am - 5 pm in the Lumley Room, Community Centre. Admission Free. Publicity - Jo Collin

EMSWORTH ARTS TRAIL 21 - 22nd May (part of Havant Borough Council's Nine Days in May)

At various locations in Emsworth.

Experience a wealth of local talent as artists and makers throw open the doors at 21 locations, including homes, studios and Emsworth Community Centre, where an exhibition of contemporary art will be held. There is also a chance for visitors to get creative with papermaking and silk painting, and see the Solent Guild of Woodcarvers and Sculptors on the town quay. Trail Maps are available from Havant Arts Centre, Havant Libraries and tourist information centers.

Web: www.artstrail.emsworth.org.uk

AWARENESS 8th June 10 am -12.30 in Mountford Room 1.

Worried about a mole or skin blemish? Free skin check available by Specialist Dermatology Nurse. No appointment necessary. There will also be Information Leaflets and advice on staying safe for adults and children. This is a service provided by Havant Borough Council -do use it!

BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

The next session is WEDNESDAY 8th JUNE - the usual times -1 - 3.25 pm and 4.20 - 7.15 pm.

Recently I received a blood transfusion so, after many years of giving, I am now banned from donating. I need a replacement, so pluck up the courage and offer up your arm -someone out there will be very grateful.

Maureen Ballard-Neale.

EMSWORTH MARITIME AND HISTORICAL TRUST

April 30th to May 30th. Exhibition of local views by Cyril Shutler.

Pen and ink drawings and paintings made by a local artist over a period of 45 years.

June 4th to July 3rd. Zen Furniture Workshop.

Fine English modern furniture made by two local craftsmen, Ian Ayland and Sean Casey.