

JULY/AUGUST 2005.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 7.30 p.m. It is most important that we hear your views as members and users.

At the moment we need a Chairman, a Secretary, a Minute Writer, a Newsletter collator and someone to undertake publicity for us. These tasks are being managed by members who already devote time in other areas and they are becoming 'overloaded'. If you feel you can help in any of these areas, please contact a committee member, or just come along to the AGM, you'll be very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity of again thanking Christine Colquhoun for her service as Booking Secretary for many years, and in appreciation of her dedication, the Committee has awarded her Honorary *Life* Membership of the Association.

The forthcoming programme of social events is set out later in the Newsletter. Do come, bring your friends and support the aims of the Social Committee - to encourage new faces at our events and make more and more local people aware of what activities and facilities are available. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make the recent events so successful.

The following new equipment is now available for users:-

a. Hearing loop system in Mountford Rooms 1 and 2. This was funded by generous contributions from The Masonic Lodge of Hope, The Hampshire and Me of Wight Thomas

Langton Non Masonic Charities Fund and Springfield Nursing Home.

If your group needs to use the system please contact Roy Markham for instruction.

b. Wall projection screens in Mountford Rooms 1 and 2.

c. A set of 20 small lightweight aluminum tables for the Assembly Room. They have been

mainly donated by the Art Groups, plus a donation from Hampshire County Council. Art

Groups have priority use, but other groups may use them if they are available.

Regular visitors will have noticed the extensive re-furbishment in the old buildings and playground area. Hampshire County Council has been thanked for their funding - it has made the building so much more welcoming. We are most grateful for their continued support.

In the absence of a Chairman, I have chaired the committee meetings and concerned myself with the day-to-day running of the Centre for a year. I do not wish to continue as stand-in Chairman, preferring to continue with repairs that inevitably occur to the buildings and facilities because of the constant use of our six rooms. I hope that someone will come forward to take up this important role.

Rex- Ballard-Neale.

SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE. St.

George's Day.

St. George's Day went with a swing at the Emsworth Community Centre this year. A very English supper of sausages, mash, onions and beans, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream was enjoyed by all. Elizabeth Dean then kindly led the music and dancing with some very English music so that everyone, both young and old. was able to enjoy the dancing.

Wine Tasting Evening.

Our taste buds were truly tantalized when a wine tasting event was held in the Mountford Suite last month, Three red and three white wines were sampled from France, Chile and the New World as we heard how different wines and tastes went in and out of fashion. A smooth red from Chile was very popular as was a white French Burgundy. The Australian white had a tangy, slightly fizzy feel to it, while others had too much tannin or had an oak taste to them. The whole evening was rounded off with a little extra of your own choice, a few nibbles and a cup of coffee.

Table Top & Car Boot Sale - Sunday mornings every two months.

We held our second Table Top and Car Boot Sale in June with a wonderful array of goods for sale from the people of Emsworth, We were lucky with the weather again - no umbrellas needed. Some of our stalls were folks just having a clear out in the loft, while others were trying to raise funds for their particular charity. I really would encourage you to come along and see what's on offer. There really is no need to go elsewhere, with such a great selection and the best bargains ever available. We are booking our next one on Sunday 11th September which coincides with the Food Festival, so think about booking a stall yourself or just come along for a light refreshment and to see what's on offer. To book - please call 377493 or 372417 - Table or car £5.00

Summer Barbecue and Skittles.

We cooked a sumptuous feast on our new barbecue last Saturday and then followed it with a game of skittles on the ECA's skittle alley. The weather was kind to us and we were able to spend most of our evening outside where the car park was transformed into a bubbling evening of friendly chatter, helped along with a cool punch and some cooling ice cream. The evening was punctuated with the odd visit from another group holding a party in the Assembly Room in the most wonderful fancy dress outfits - they also enjoyed our hamburgers. If you didn't make it this time, make sure you don't miss the next one. It was a really good evening. Thanks to all the committee and their partners who all worked so hard in setting up and clearing away and a special thanks to Frank and Ann who cooked all evening and organized an impromptu elimination quiz for us.

Coming up next.....

Table Top and Car Boot Sale - Sunday 11th September (see above) 60s Night -

Saturday 22nd October We'd like our 60s night to be another night to remember. Do you remember the fashions of Carnaby Street and Mary Quant, the music of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones? What a revolution in music. We still all remember and love this time, no matter how old or young we were, so we hope that you will come along and enjoy an evening at the ECA. If you would like to help organize or take part in the evening please call us on 377493. We would love to hear any suggestions that you may have. Make sure you have this date in your diary.

Alison Patrick.

EMSWORTH CRAFTS

The next mornings are:-

Saturday 2nd July Saturday 6th August Saturday 3rd September.

Do come and browse, have a cup or tea or coffee, and hopefully buy something from the range of interesting and unique items on sale.

RENAISSANCE CHOIR.

On 9th July the choir will be joined for their Viva Iberia! concert at Boxgrove Priory by an outstanding young guitar soloist, Amanda Cook. The concert will be a summer blend of sublime sacred music and Flamenco-inspired pieces for both choir and solo guitar. We'll begin with some fine Renaissance polyphony from Spanish and Portuguese Masters (Victoria, Guerrero and Cardoso). During the interval a bowl of strawberries and cream and a glass of Sangria will prepare you for a festival of dancing 4-part villanescas (folk songs), guitar solos and arrangements of lighter modern songs with Iberian links. Amanda Cook will join the Renaissance choir in a final tableau, full of excitement and Mediterranean musical passion.

The concert will start at 7.30 p.m. Tickets available at 02392 789546 or from Boxgrove Stores.

Nearly New Sale. All day Thursday 10.00 - 3.30.

The nearly new sale ends on July 14th. Please see that all unsold clothing and goods are removed before that date, or they will end up in the next Jumble Sale! From time to time we need extra help in the Shop. If anyone feels they can give a little time, either morning or afternoon, please contact me on 372412.

M. Faulkner.

E.C.A. Stall at the Horticultural Society Show. Bank Holiday Monday August 29th.

We are having our stall as usual from 11.00 onwards. We would be grateful for gifts of handicrafts, toys, good bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts and toiletries, homemade jams, chutneys, etc. Please contact me on 372412 if you are able to donate any of the above.

M. Faulkner. **BLOOD**

DONATION

The next session is Thursday 14th July - the usual times - 1 - 3.25 and 4.20 - 7.15 p.m. I dare say some of the donors who have been called will be on holiday, so if you are available, please do your best to attend.

Local Artists - Exhibition of Paintings.

One day only - Saturday 23rd July from 10.00 a.m. till 4.30 p.m. Admission Free. A colourful day you will remember.

Peter Biggs.

EAST HANTS PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORUM.

The Patient & Public Involvement Forum for East Hants (also known as a PPI Forum) is holding a meeting in public/coffee morning in the Lumley Room at Emsworth Community Association on 26th July between 10.00 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

The Forum is an independent group of local lay volunteers, whose role is to act as an interface between the patients/public and East Hants Primary Care Trust.

They would like to hear your views about local health services, so please drop by for a chat. For further information or to find out about becoming a member, call 0845 4500

RECORDER GROUP.

Recorders are flourishing in Emsworth. An Intermediate group meets on Tuesdays at the Community Centre from 2.00 p.m. till 4.00 p.m. In September the term starts on 20th for 10 weeks, excluding half term, and finishes on November 29th. The music covered ranges from the CIS to the present day in 3 to 5 parts, using Descant to Bass instruments. Anyone wishing to join please contact Diana Cundall, 41 South Street, Emsworth. Tel: 372874 for further details.

EMSWORTH MARITIME AND HISTORICAL TRUST.

DIARY OF Events FOR 2005.

July 9th to August 29th. Tailor of Emsworth.

Life and times of an Emsworth tailor. C. Doling of Bath Road, from 1909 to 1950.

September 3rd to October 2nd. Pompey Tatters - Shuttle Lace for the 21st Century.

Tatting is a form of lace work used for a diversity of purposes. Demonstrations of objects and the craft of tatting.

"SNAP OF THE BARBEQUE - 18TH JUNE"

