



Newsletter

March 2009

EMSWORTH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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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.
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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 May 2009.

Colin Mackey is in charge of distribution of the newsletter and he can be contacted on 01243 379777

Final date for submission of copy for the May 2009 newsletter is 17th April 2009.

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

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Chairman 's Corner

Hello all members

As you will see if you use the center, all the floor problems are now resolved. This is a great relief as you would know if you had seen the condition of the joists that were holding the floors up. Photographs of the work which had to be done are to be displayed in the building stating the fact that the works have to be paid for by us the ECA from fund raising. I look forward to your comments and any new ideas for fundraising in the future.

Vivienne Davies

John Glanville 1918 – 2008



By now, much will have been written in appreciation of Mr John Glanville, of his vitality and of his active solutions to many problems. We in the Emsworth Community Association, would like to record our gratitude for all the ways in which he became involved with the ECA right from its beginnings in 1972. His professional acumen was invaluable then and remained so for over thirty years, particularly when the renegotiations of the lease were proving difficult and prolonged.

After active and heroic service during the Second World War (he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross) it seems in keeping with his character that he was instrumental in assisting the Portsmouth Water Company to provide the essential supply of water to everyone in its area. He was

a former chairman of this most efficient water company, a non-executive director for thirty five years and a trustee of the Water Company Pension Scheme. (His family have been involved with Portsmouth Water Company for over fifty years.) A further example of his leadership in vital public service was shown by his becoming Coroner for Portsmouth and the South East for seven years. In addition his professional law colleagues chose him to be President of the Hampshire Incorporated Law Society.

John's wide ranging interests included sailing and music, and scientific and artistic matters – quality and style were his hallmarks. He encouraged youth activities, both individuals and groups such as scouting, and also enterprises and agencies which help the elderly and the disabled. We in Emsworth were so fortunate to be encouraged by his vision and active interest. In 1997 John was elected President of the ECA. Many of us have been uplifted by his timely and helpful thoughts, our indignations modified by balanced tolerance and our aspirations wonderfully encouraged.

John's life spanned through rapidly changing times. Standards may have altered but John's humanity, his knowledge and understanding shone through all his connections and his great sense of humour was a wonderful vehicle for his wisdom. He will be greatly missed by the community in Emsworth and beyond, but long remembered with affection and respect. We send our most sincere sympathy to Mrs Judy Glanville and the whole family, thanking them for their positive support and for the moving and comforting Service of Thanksgiving on 12th December 2008.

Helen Barnard

Emsworth Art Group. Easter Exhibition and Sale of Paintings

This year's Spring exhibition will be held during Easter on Saturday 11th Sunday 12th and Monday 13th April from 10am to 5pm. The exhibition takes place in the Lumley Room of the Emsworth Community Centre. Admission is free and there will be over 150 pictures on sale.

FORTHCOMING ECA EVENTS

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. Tea/coffee and biscuits are included in the price of the ticket.

Easy Virtue (PG) Monday 9th March

This fizzy, witty, sophisticated comedy loosely based on Noel Coward's famous play is directed by Stephen Elliott. Set during the roaring 20's a young Englishman falls madly in love with a sexy and glamorous American and they impetuously get married in France. But things start to go wrong when they return to the English family home and Larita (Jessica Biel) meets the mother-in-law, Veronica (Kristin Scott Thomas). Sparks soon fly and a hilarious battle of wits ensues as each woman tries to outsmart the other. Excellent performances from a wonderful support cast with Colin Firth and Ben Barnes. Please telephone 377493 if you have any enquiries.

There will be no film in April.

Quiz Night

Saturday 21st March 7.00pm

Our ever popular quiz is again booked with our Quiz expert Chris Bailey. As always, you will be able to enter teams of up to six, or we can group participants together into teams when you arrive on the night. This is a great way to meet others in such a fun way. We will break half way for a curry supper and will provide soft drinks but please bring your own alcohol. Tickets at £6 are available from Alison on 377493, Maureen on 372294 or Sandie on 375544.

St. George's Day

Saturday 25th April 7.00pm

Our evening will include a luxury ploughmans supper followed by some lively country dancing, led by the Wyvern Dance Band. Bring the family and ask your friends and neighbours. We would love to see more of the younger generation enjoying the fun. Tickets are £7.50 each or £20 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) and are available from Alison on 377493, Maureen on 372294 or Sandie on 375544.

Emsworth Crafts

Saturday 7th March 10am to 12pm

Saturday 4th April 10am to 12pm

NEWS

Buildings

Recently the ECA has turned the old office into a cloakroom/changing room so that coats can be hung up there during social events and the children attending dancing classes can change there in privacy. This has meant that our "office" has had to move into our storeroom which is also being refurbished and decorated. The next project was thrust upon us when we realised that some of the wooden floors in the old school building (now about 150 years old) were rotting. The Assembly Room and Lounge were tackled first over the Christmas break with minimal disruption. We then had the carpenters back in mid-January to repair the kitchen and corridor floors. The floors are now all renewed and safe.

Our thanks to all our users for being so adaptable and understanding during the inevitable disruption. The whole experience was made less stressful by the good humour patience and obvious skill of the carpenters. The heaters in the Assembly Room are next in line for our attention. They are elderly, noisy dusty and a bit unreliable. New, slim line units are on order and we hope the installation will go ahead soon, and we can wave goodbye to the "coffins".

Both of these projects have been very expensive and the costs are being borne by the Association from the funds it obtains through room lettings and fund raising. If any groups or individuals would like to contribute towards this substantial outlay the ECA would be most grateful!

Rex Ballard-Neale

Blood Donors

The next blood donation sessions takes place at the ECA on Friday 20 March 2009. The session times are at :

13:30 to 15:25

16:30 to 19:15

If you are well and able please donate a pint of your blood which might help save someone's life.



Woodcarving

The Hampshire Woodcarvers and the Crossway Carvers will be holding a joint 'Carve-In' and exhibition of their work in the Lumley Room on Sunday 3rd May from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free and visitors can be assured of a warm welcome so do come along and see and talk to the carvers.

Burns Night

Thanks to everyone involved in organising the extremely successful Burns Night evening. There will be a full article on this very enjoyable and well attended event in the next issue.

LETTERS

Musical Evening

Opera Etude certainly provided us with a delightful evening of song readings and carols at the musical evening. Whilst the audience was small it did not lack in enthusiasm and the singing of the carols was very impressive. The mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine were tackled with the same enthusiasm.

Grateful thanks are due to the volunteers who made sure that we had a first rate start to our celebration of the feast of Christmas. So leave a space in your diaries for the next year's Musical evening. You will not be disappointed!!!

A Satisfied Customer

FOCUS ON.... ART

The Havant Borough Arts Trail will be running from the 2nd to 3rd May and many artists in the Emsworth area join forces and open their homes and studios to the public to exhibit their work. We thought that this would be a good time to focus on some of the art groups that operate at the ECA

Art Workshop

Way back in 1992 my wife Audrey thought it was a good idea! There was a gap in the ECA diary and a good deal of interest and in October that year the group met for the first time and have continued to enjoy meeting every Monday since. Several of us who were in at the inception are still going strong.

This is a friendly group of artists of mixed abilities. There is no formal tuition but osmosis seems to improve the talents of the less able with the support and encouragement of the really talented – and we do have some very good artists amongst our numbers! Work range areas cover all the art media although we haven't had much oil painting recently. We are a completely democratic group (the rumour that it is a rule of one is completely without foundation) and generally we please ourselves in whatever work we do. There is no problem in finding someone to make the tea! If you are interested and possibly would like to test the waters as a competent artist or a complete beginner please telephone Edgar on 376674.

Phoenix Art Group

Phoenix Art Group meets Tuesdays afternoons at 1.30 for two hours following a term time pattern. We are tutored by Jules Simmons in mixed media techniques. She leads us through a planned project, inspiring us using her extensive knowledge of Fine Art and Artists to introduce various experimental exercises with many different materials, to lead us to a final piece. Gallery visits are organised each term to enjoy current exhibitions.

New members, maybe with a little experience, are always welcome. Our group is run by its members as a non profit group, who engage Jules as tutor. Therefore the more members the cheaper the costs (at present £50 to £60 for a twelve week term). Come with enthusiasm and a willingness to push your boundaries, experiment and enjoy. For more information call Anne 01243 372373 or Pauline 02392 413625

Emsworth Art Group

The Emsworth Art Group was founded in 1987 and now has 47 enthusiastic, mostly retired, members – and a waiting list. It is firmly established and very much part of the local Emsworth scene via its regular Spring and Autumn exhibitions. The aims of the group are to establish a relaxed and friendly society of mixed ability artists to encourage the study and practice of visual arts, on a basis of mutual self-help, with special emphasis given to the encouragement of beginners by the more experienced members.

The group holds regular Wednesday morning workshops at the Emsworth Community Centre. Several of its members have had work accepted by prestigious London galleries and societies. At the Wednesday sessions members are of course free to pursue their own activities but the occasional demonstration of watercolour, oil, pastel or mixed media by visiting professional artists are very popular. Special sessions for portrait painting, still life or 'theme' paintings are regularly arranged and coach trips to museums, art galleries and exhibitions (which include visits to London) are organised throughout the year.

If anyone would like to find out more about the Emsworth Art Group, please contact either Stuart Faulkner (Chairman) on 01243 372412 or Ted Spittles (Secretary) on 01243 379127

The Hole in the Wall Group

The Hole in the Wall Group adjacent to the north east corner of the Community Centre is the Emsworth Community Ceramic Arts workshop. We were founded in March 1971 and have been active ever since. The group is currently 28 strong, some potters using the studio independently, others preferring to come to the three lively groups which meet on Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Thursday evening.

Visitors are always welcome. The next public exhibition and sale of work will be as part of the Emsworth Arts Trail in May 2009. Please contact Clive Yeomans on 375860 for further information on the group.

Friday Art Workshop

The Friday Art Workshop group meets at the ECA between 9.30 and 12pm and has been in existence for 11 years. It consists of a group of accomplished mature artists who get together to paint in relaxed surroundings. They paint in both water colour and oils and their work covers all areas, portrait, still life and landscapes.

The group sometimes have outside speakers coming in to give demonstrations and tips on particular skills in mediums such as acrylic, watercolour or pastels. They will also make occasional painting expeditions to places such as Warblington Castle and Stedham Mill. Contact Derek Ridley on 02392 482661 if you want any further information about the group.

OTHER GROUP ACTIVITIES

Putting Arthritis First: Arthritis Exercise Classes

We all know that exercise is good for our health especially for those people with arthritis who need to exercise regularly and with precision in order to maintain joint mobility and strength, posture and balance. Physiotherapist Juliette O'Hea has had arthritis since she was 11 and was diagnosed at physiotherapy school a few years later. After a bad flare up of her joints in 1991, she decided that she would like to help others with arthritis and qualified as a rheumatology physiotherapist. Seeing a need in the local area, in January 2008 she started up weekly arthritis exercise classes at the Emsworth Community Centre. She also visits people in their own home and has just started a class in Chichester.

'As well as exactly the right kind of exercises for our aches and pains, the class gives us a sense of fun and friendship. I've been going for several months and definitely feel the benefit' says one of her students Jo Howard.

There are two classes run at the centre on Tuesdays (at 10am and 11.10am) with slightly different exercise routines so it is a good idea if you contact her first. If you have stiffness, pain or mobility problems without a diagnosis of arthritis, these classes can still be beneficial. All ages and abilities are welcome with the exercises tailored to your needs. The first class is free so why not give it a go. For further details, please call Juliette on 01243 378636 or 07974 238787 or email physio@arthritisfirst.co.uk

Monday Morning Yoga

I have opened a new yoga class in Mountford 1 on Mondays between 10 and 11.30am. We are a small group at present, looking for additional members who would enjoy a cheerful and energetic start to the week. The class is suitable for beginners as well as improvers. The charge is £6 per session and at present students pay weekly, with equipment provided.

I am an experienced Iyengar yoga instructor and a fully qualified teacher, with established classes in Havant and Bedhampton. The Iyengar approach to yoga places emphasis on safe practice, steadiness and accuracy, to produce the greatest benefit to the student.

If you are in good health but would like to improve your posture, flexibility and stamina, this class is ideal for you. For further details please contact me - Cathy Baker on 02392 483323

ECA Council

John Batty was unanimously elected our new president at the Council meeting in January. He will be well known to most of you but for the benefit of new members we have asked him to write a few lines about himself...

John Batty

In 1997 the Community Association were seeking a new Chairman. John Glanville, a fellow director of Portsmouth Water Company, knew that I would be retiring from the position of Executive Chairman of the Water Company, and suggested that I may be willing to be appointed. I found myself Chairman for the next 7 years.

During my time as Chairman a new lease was negotiated with Hampshire County Council. The new annexe was built with the help of a very generous legacy. The old buildings were refurbished, including building a new central kitchen.

I have always, in various ways, been involved locally. For 15 years I was a Governor at Warblington School, and was also a member of the finance panel of the Havant Citizens Advice Bureau. I have been responsible for a Sidesteam at St James's Church for 30 years. A member of the Emsworth Probus Club, I was Chairman in 2005 and I am currently the Treasurer. Slightly further afield, I have been a member of Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club for many years, and was President of the Club in 1996, and presently spend a lot of time on the Portsmouth Rotary Housing Association, of which I am Vice Chairman.

I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1956, as well as passing the Institute of Taxation Examination and qualifying to become a Member of the Institute. Prior to joining Portsmouth Water Company I worked for Price Waterhouse and also in the Shipping Industry. I joined the Portsmouth Water Company as the Chief Accountant, eventually becoming Managing Director and then Chairman, with its Head office in Havant

Leisure time: My wife Edna and I have for many years joined friends for the Chichester Theatre summer season. We enjoy our holidays in France and the Isle of Wight and visiting our children, two of whom now live some miles away.

About Distribution

I hope that you all have noticed the new look to the newsletter and are happy with the changes. Another change has been that I took over responsibility for its distribution in November 2008. That is after something like 30 years of this being done by Maureen Ballard-Neale and many thanks are due to her for such a sterling effort. I can now, speak with some experience of the effort that it entails. I am aware that there have been some hiccups and I apologise if Maureen's smooth operation has not continued. I think I have resolved any problems and hope that the next issue will be problem free. Please let me know of any difficulty either as a distributor or as a recipient. The best way to contact me is by email : colinmackey@ntlworld.com – but otherwise by telephone on 01243 379777.

I mentioned distributors. May I say thank you to all of you who receive numbers of the newsletter from me and take time to deliver to individuals. Your efforts, although seemingly taken for granted perhaps, are greatly appreciated and without you the whole undertaking would be much less effective and expensive. Many thanks to each of you. If anyone is interested in helping with distribution or if you as a deliverer wish to comment, please contact me.

Colin Mackey

Membership

Thank you to all those of you who have renewed your subscriptions for 2009. Membership cards are distributed with the newsletter. There are still a number of outstanding subscriptions and this is the last newsletter that will be distributed to members whose subscription has lapsed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are in any doubt as to whether you have renewed your subscription for 2009.

Marguerita Taplin. Membership Secretary
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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
Arthritis Exercise Class	378636	Tues	10 to 10.50am 11.10am- 12pm
Bagpipers		Fri Fortnightly	pm
Bourne Quilters	02392 598984 Liz	Mon Monthly	6.30pm to 9pm
Brownies	02392 360222 Sally	Wed	5.30pm to 7pm
Civil Service Retirement Fellowship	372037 Mike	Fri Monthly	10am to 12pm
Craft Market	374451	Sat Monthly	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 Fortnightly	8pm to 10pm
Dance: Emsworth Folk Dance Club	370531	Mon Fortnightly	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
Dog Training: Armchair Pets	02392 259136 Frances	Wed	6.30pm to 9.30pm
Drama. Performing Arts for Children	07961 744060 Emma	Fri Sat	4.30 to 6.30pm 9.30am to 11.30am
Emsworth Residents Association		Mon Quarterly	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Film Show	377493 Alison	Mon Monthly	3.30pm and 7.30pm
Homing Society: Pigeon	02392 450886	Tues Variable	7.30 to 9pm
Horticultural Society	376161	Thurs Monthly	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	Variable	
Language: German Conversation	02392 470323 Thea	Mon	12.30pm to 2pm
Language: Italian	078244279094 Loretta	Mon	6pm to 7pm
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 Monthly	10am to 12pm
Upholstery	373572	Tues	9am to 11am
Weight Watchers		Wed, Thurs	9 - 11am, 6.30 - 8.30pm
Womens Institute	373637	Fri Monthly	9.30am to 12pm
Workers Educational Association	373447 Jean	Mon, Thurs	2 - 4pm, 10am to 12pm
Yoga	02392 483323 Cathy	Mon	10am to 11.30am
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

All activities are weekly unless otherwise stated