



## (In 2005 with some prescience) The Chairman Looked Forward

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It would seem that, as children are our future, they should appear first on our list of priorities. It is important that we maintain good contact by exchanging visits with local schools so that children continue to look at and learn some of the history of Emsworth, and understand how the community has developed.

With the increasing growth of technology we should continue to absorb some of the more pertinent developments into our organisation for recording exhibits, and try to embrace modern methods of displaying information, having first determined the feasibility thereof.

Seeking publicity for the Trust will always be an important task and the need for close liaison with the media will be ongoing. Advertising on the World Wide Web will continue, as responsibility for updating information on the Trust website transfers from Alan Beer, Eddie Lewis's godson, to a local resident. The former is to be thanked for his valuable contribution to the work of the Trust.

The promotion of sales, which has been excellent over the past few years, is under new management and new items, for example golf balls, are appearing already on the sales table. These have a particular emphasis on advertising the Museum, even when lost, which doubtless they will be.

As a new season of talks and exhibitions gets under way, planning is already taking place for next year. The General Committee may wish to examine the possibility of exhibition hire in the future and likewise the hire of a Speaker once in a while.

The Recorders continue to expand their fascinating libraries of audio and video tapes, and are exploring new methods of recording.

Group outings have become an important feature in the life of the Trust and one would wish to see these events continue to provide enjoyment for all members.

Now for recruitment. We have a thriving Museum, with an imaginative and industrious administrator, an incomparable secretary, two outstanding archivists, and three hard-working committees. We have an excellent team of stewards who regularly and gladly give of their best throughout the open season. Add these stalwarts to the list of contributors assuming responsibility for the various tasks mentioned above and you have a strong group of likeminded people, who know what they want to do and get on and do it. The future of the Trust looks bright for tomorrow, but we must always remain aware of the need for new recruits for the day after tomorrow.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to all 'Shaker' members of the Trust. Your subscriptions are an important contribution to our running costs and Museum improvements, and make the Treasurer's job worthwhile. If you feel like becoming a 'Mover' however, and contributing some of your time to the Trust, you can be sure of a warm welcome. To the 'Movers' I say, "Well done, and thank you for your tireless efforts, and, of course, your subscriptions too".

Finally, a big thank you to those who have been and are currently involved in the production of posters, the *Emsworth Echo* and the newsletters, of whom there are many. This is no mean task, compiling, editing, typing, proofreading, packaging, designing and delivering.

Well done all!