



*Slipper Mill Pond
Preservation Association
Emsworth*

NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2001

The summer is ending, with cooler nights and shorter, but sunny days. The pond life is healthy. The coots and ducks have reared two or more hatchings. The swans hatched and moved down the harbour after a few days. The cormorants have returned to fish and dive.

The development off Lumley Road is awaiting a legal document, binding on all parties, to ensure a safe "Sustainable Urban Drainage" development. This should protect Peter Pond from contaminated water and flash flooding. It must also ensure that all the residents abide by the measures needed to keep the system clean.

The Association have sent a report on last winter's floods to the Environment Agency. The Agency appears to agree that the Slipper and Peter Ponds are sites of Natural Conservation Importance and will not require our gates left open, except in exceptional conditions. They also will not, I hope, attempt to open the tide gates against the flow.

Slipper Road is to be repaired at the end of this month. Speed humps will be used to control speeding. The SMPPA is contributing to have the road edged along its central, lowest part – about 50 metres. We will then raise the bank to discourage cars from crossing the verge. The cost will be the amount the Association pledged to the road repairs (£1,000.00) – not more. We shall need to replace some of the posts as well, and perhaps replant.

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The important dates and venues for the winter are:-

AGM – Friday, 26th October, 2001 – 8.00pm
In the Emsworth Day Centre, South Street, Emsworth
Under the new Constitution, "2 members of the committee retire, but are eligible for re-election".

SMPPA Dinner – Friday, 23rd November 2001 – 7.30pm for 8.00pm
At the Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road
Prizes for the raffle are required please. Tickets will be available from Penny Montague (Tel. 01243 378140) and Janet Williams (Tel. 01243 370660)

Winter Talk

Your Committee is arranging one talk this year. As previous attendances do not justify two winter talks and costs are rising, please make the effort to attend, or the talks will be abandoned.

Arthur Townsend, Chairman