

# News flash

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## SPRING AT LAST!

After the snow, we are enjoying even the rain and higher temperatures. There are many things to look forward to this month, the start of the Gardening Club season and sessions at Grantham Green, also our Charity Quiz night in April.

## The Concorde Club Quiz Night

We are delighted to be holding another Quiz Night at The Concorde Club on Tuesday April 24. 7.30 for 8pm. Please think about getting a team together and joining us, it is always a good night! Maximum 6 people per team.



The cost is £12 for non Concorde Club members (or £10 if you are a Concorde Club member) includes curry served during the interval. Tickets can be booked through the Concorde Club website.

[www.theconcordeclub.com/events/quiz-and-curry-april-2018/](http://www.theconcordeclub.com/events/quiz-and-curry-april-2018/)

We will also have a grand raffle with lots of great prizes. Local businesses have been hugely generous in supporting us.

## SHADOW FACTORY – ETC Event Six



On February 21 26 people went to the new NST City Theatre in Southampton to see the new play, Shadow Factory. Written by local playwright, Howard Brenton, the play is about the covert construction of the Spitfire in World War II after the Super Marine Factory at Woolston had been bombed.

Our event included a back stage and theatre tour, exhibition about the show, an hilarious drama workshop, pub dinner at The Spitfire pub nearby and the evening show.



Members loved the warm welcome from staff who they know well now. They were impressed by the design of the new theatre and creative spaces. Definitely a night for us to remember.

## Donation from Waitrose Chandlers Ford

We were very grateful to receive a donation from the Waitrose Store at Chandlers Ford. Here is long standing Committee member Jacqui Rowley receiving the cheque from Waitrose employee, Emily Stenlake. Many thanks to the people of Chandlers Ford for voting for us.



### Funding News:

We are very fortunate to have this kind of support from our community. The society has no core funding apart from the annual Membership subscriptions which amount to about £500 each year. People are often amazed that we are not funded by “the government” or “the council”. We are not, though individual County councillors do support us through their small grants schemes and some parishes where we work offer us a great deal of support – West End and HEWEB for example. We have also received a regular grant of £500 from Eastleigh Borough Council towards our running costs and insurance for many years. Although all our activities attract a charge or “subs”, these do not even begin to cover actual costs. Clubs which are irregularly attended also become less viable and more likely to close.

**If you have any ideas** where we might find more funds, business where we might be nominated or you want to undertake a sponsored challenge to assist us – please get in contact with Michelle on 023 8048 347. All ideas are welcome.

## SOCIETY DIARY DATES

**March 12** – Monday - Gardening Club re-opens at West End Allotments

**March 16** – Grantham Green Growers meetings at GG. 10-12noon. All welcome, come along and get your hands dirty!

**March 19** – Chill Out Club Skittles Party – COC members only.

**April 24** – Tuesday evening -The Concorde Club Quiz Night & Curry. Tickets can be booked from The Concorde Club. Open to all!

**June 9** – Saturday, Summer BBQ at Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley

**June 16** – Saturday – West End Carnival. The theme for this year’s Carnival is “The Music of the 60s, 70s and 80s. Call if you want to join us.

**Please call the office and leave your name and number if you have any questions about these events or anything else. We will always call you back.**



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