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Summer Barbecue



As usual we had fabulous weather for our barbecue. We enjoyed the novelty of a new barbecue site and activities, as well as the home cooked food and barbecued meat.

We had a short walk around Royal Victoria Country Park and enjoyed the cool breeze coming off the water. Some people even found the energy to play volleyball.

SPONSORED WALK - 16 miles on The Test Way



Lauren

Fancy a challenge? Will you join us?

Get your walking boots out. Or just think about our sore feet and sponsor us instead!

Maria, Beverley and Michelle will be taking on the 16 mile challenge in October . We walked 10 miles last year along the Itchen Way but this will be a real challenge for us.

This year we will also be joined by Lauren, Claire and Andrew who are seasoned walkers. Lauren has completed the ten Tors hike for the last three years so this will be a piece of cake for her.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- [Grantham Green Open Day](#) – Sunday July 23 - 12noon to 4.00pm
- [Gardening Club Open Day](#) – Sat August 5 with Rosie Yeomans
- [Flagship Art Club Exhibition](#) – Thursday October 19

To find out more about any of these events call the office, if there is no answer leave your name and number and we will call you back with all the details!

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CONSULTATION

Hampshire County Council's planned *Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget* consultation is open.

The County Council expects a budget shortfall of £140 million by April 2019, on top of the £340 million savings already delivered over the last nine years. This is due to ongoing national austerity measures; demographic changes reflecting increases in demand for some services; and inflationary pressures.

The County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on a range of options for balancing its budget. These include:

- reducing and changing services;
- introducing and increasing charges for some services;
- lobbying central Government for legislative change;
- generating additional income;
- using the County Council's reserves;
- increasing Council Tax; and
- changing local government arrangements in Hampshire.

An Information Pack, providing background information to the consultation, is available on the County Council's website. Residents and stakeholders are invited to respond online.

Alternatively, paper copies of the Information Pack and Response Form can be requested by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk, and will be available from Hampshire libraries.

SCAMS WARNING

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards have asked us to warn people about some current tricks which are being used on vulnerable people.

- 1. Caller claims to be assisting the Police and Ambulance Service. They offer to visit the property to carry out a security check, and to see if medical assistance is required.** Suspicions are that the callers may be trying to sell home security devices, such as burglar alarms, and may make exaggerated claims about their effectiveness.
- 2. Caller claims to be calling from the Citizens Advice Bureau, and offers to help clear outstanding debts. The caller may claim that they have been asked to contact the resident by a concerned person. Citizens Advice will not contact residents in this way.** Trading Standards urge any residents receiving such calls not to respond, and not to give out any personal information to unknown persons over the telephone.



Eastleigh Hot Shots

Two Basketball Sessions cancelled – we will not be playing on Saturday July 29 and August 26 as we have no coach.

On the bright side we do have sessions on July 15, August 12 and September 9.



GARDENING GALORE

We have a new project due to start next month called
GRANTHAM GREEN GROWERS

This will be an opportunity for adults with learning disabilities to learn about maintaining ornamental shrubs in a very hands on way.

Maria Dowding, our Gardening Club Co-ordinator, will be leading this group and will teach people how to maintain the newly planted shrubs all the year round, though frankly there is less to do in the winter.

This is a good opportunity for people interested in gardening, who live in or near the centre of Eastleigh but who may have struggled to reach our West End allotments since the bus service was reduced.

Come along to Grantham Green for the Open Day on Sunday July 23 to find out more – look for our sign “Grantham Green Growers”, at the Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP stall.

We are also hoping to recruit some volunteers to work alongside people. Sound like you? Give us a call or come to the Open Day.

GARDENING CLUB OPEN DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2017

11.00am – 1.30pm

You are invited to come and meet our members, see their work and hear some gardening tips and advice from our celebrity guest,

Rosie Yeomans

Home made refreshments & plant sale

Moorgreen allotments on Moorgreen Road, West End. Entrance is almost opposite Southampton Arms Public House.

All welcome!

Chill Out Club summer closure

The Club will be closed on August 7 and 14
Group B returns on Aug 21 and Group A on Sept 4

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