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CARNIVAL PROJECT 2018

THE BEST EVER!

Our Carnival Project this year was our most successful. The Theme of the West End Carnival was the Music of the 60s, 70s and 80s.



We were fortunate to get a grant to allow us to work with International Carnival artist, Ray Mahabir of Sunshine International Arts from Brixton.

Our entry was “The Village People & friends”. Eleven people made Village People costumes over a five week period and learned about Carnival and its meaning. More people joined us on

the day for the procession and supporter Chris provided music (YMCA – what else?) so that we could all sing and dance along to the song.

Many of the crowd were also doing the arm actions for YMCA as we went passed which was great to see. It was a good day for us all and we hope we helped to raise lots of money for local charities.

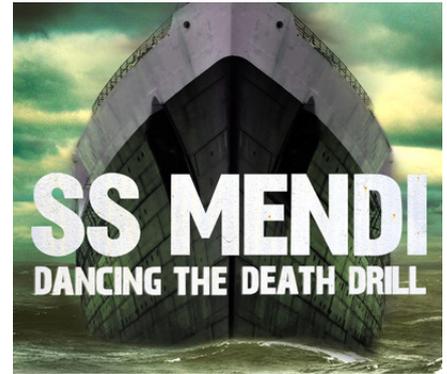
THANK YOU ROD FOR YOUR SAFE DRIVING AND COMMITMENT TO OUR CLUB.

We were sorry to say farewell to our Chill Out Club driver of more than eleven years, but Rod has decided to hang up his keys. We hope Rod will enjoy his Monday evenings at home from now on.



EXPLORING THEATRE CRAFT (7)

DANCING THE DEATH DRILL -The loss of SS MENDI



Our partnership with the Nuffield Theatre Southampton came to an end this July with our final event of the project, Exploring Theatre Craft. This project has run since 2016 and was funded by Grants for the Arts.

We were very privileged to have a dance, singing and movement workshop with some of the cast of the show, Dancing the Death Drill. The cast were from Cape Town in South Africa and were members of the ISANGO Ensemble. They are the most fabulous dancers and singers!

We had a walk in Andrews Park behind the theatre after our workshop to cool down, then dinner at The Spitfire pub and we returned to the theatre to see our new friends performing in Dancing the Death Drill. This was a very touching show and has provided lots of discussion topics.

SOCIETY DIARY DATES

July 20 – Grantham Green Growers meet at GG 10.00-12noon

August 10 & 24 - Grantham Green Growers meet at GG 10.00-12noon

August 18 – Gardening Club Open Day

August 25 – Basketball resumes at Wyvern College (Sessions on July 28 and Aug 11 have been cancelled as we have no coach)

Sept 7 - Grantham Green Growers meet at GG 10.00-12noon

Temporary Closure of Gardening Club and Grantham Green:

No Gardening Club on Mon September 17, Sat Sept 22 or Mon Sept 24.

No Grantham Green Growers on Fri Sept 21.

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



The Mayor of Eastleigh's Appeal

This year the new Mayor of Eastleigh is Councillor Bruce Tennent. There are lots of exciting events planned for this year to raise funds for charities. We want to ensure that people with learning disabilities can participate in the Mayor's Appeal by attending events or perhaps volunteering to help.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

The Mayor's Appeal will have a stall at the Eastleigh MELA on Sunday July 22, please contact Michelle if you would like to volunteer for this.

Hampshire County Council CONSULTATION and some good news.

Good news first:

The County Council has taken the decision to protect the core funding this year, which it provides to frontline community transport services (Dial-a-Ride, Call and Go and Minibus Group Hire Schemes) but it also wants to look at how these services can become more financially sustainable in future. The Consultation below is important for this.

For our society, this means the Chill Out Club Group A minibus service is secure and outings that we organise, using the One Community minibus, will continue to be offered.

As part of the Hampshire County council "Transformation to 2019" programme a public consultation has been launched in relation to **street lighting, supported passenger transport services** and the **concessionary travel scheme**. This more detailed consultation follows on from the main "Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget" consultation carried out last year (to which only 3000 people responded) and seeks views from interested parties and the wider public on the options for delivering savings in these services.

The consultation closes at midnight on **5 August 2018**. The questionnaire can either be completed online or is available for download on the consultation website:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting

With 89% of bus journeys being provided on a commercial basis, not controlled or funded by the County Council, most public bus services will be outside the scope of this review.

A list of the public bus and ferry services subsidised by Hampshire County Council, which are within the scope of this review, is available on the consultation website.

This consultation only includes those public bus services subsidised by Hampshire County Council, not those subsidised by some district councils.

It is worth noting that the Council's policy remains; that any community which currently has a transport service should still retain an essential transport link in the future. We would welcome responses from people and organisations.

For more information contact environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk or Telephone 01962 846785.

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