

# News flash

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## WEST END

## CARNIVAL 2019

The theme this year was Childrens' Television and we chose Herge's Adventures of Tintin. This allowed us to dress as adults in period costume and to assume different identities. False moustaches were the order of the day!

Despite the weather being chilly and a little wet, our spirits were not dampened and we received a great response from the Carnival crowd who were as enthusiastic and generous as ever.



Getting into character



Dancing the time away



The opera singer



Our very elegant banner holder

# Walking the Test Way for The Mayors Appeal

Would you like to have a day of walking in the countryside with friends and raise money for three good local causes? Then come walk with us on Sunday September 29.

There is a choice of three possible distances: 11 miles, 8 miles and 5 miles. We hope to have a group of walkers doing all three distances if we have sufficient experienced walkers.



We will be encouraging those who want to take part, to join us for some training so we are all confident we can walk the distance.

We would like some experienced walkers to volunteer to walk with our members. The cost for each walker is £14 for the day and each person must raise a minimum of £50 for the cause. You might be surprised how supportive your friends are.

Walkers must be prepared to accept the weather that is served up that day. You should also carry appropriate clothing and food. Water is provided along the route and there are conveniences at various intervals. The route is marshalled and first aid assistance can be provided, however the walk is not on main roads, some of the time it is on the path of an old railway, cutting through the fields, there are also stiles that must be climbed.

The walks start in Stockbridge (11 miles), Horsebridge (8 miles) and Mottisfont (5 miles). Everyone meets and registers in Romsey on the day and is then bussed out to the appropriate start.

The walk must be completed within a certain number of hours, so anyone walking must be confident they can complete it in time. At the end of the walk there is a medal presentation and applause in the Memorial Garden in Romsey.

If you are interested, please call the office (0238048 3471) for a conversation with Michelle or talk to her at one of our clubs, to register your interest. Some of us have completed this walk before and can tell you it is a great experience.

## Waitrose Community Matters

We have been chosen as one of three charities in the green token scheme this August at Leckford Farm Shop & Café. Please vote for us with your green tokens if you go to the Water Gardens at Leckford this summer.



# COMMUNITY PICNIC

**Grantham Green, Grantham Road - 12 noon to 2.00pm**

The Active Citizens are holding their annual picnic.

Bring your packed lunch and something to sit on. Maybe a sun hat too if the good weather persists. All welcome. (If it rains we will not be there!)

# EASTLEIGH MELA

**SUNDAY JULY 21 at Eastleigh Recreation Ground**

**11.00am to 6.00pm**

This is a wonderful annual event to celebrate diversity in our community.

Look out for the Mayor of Eastleigh's stall as well as our society's stall.

# Gardening Club Open Morning

**Saturday August 17, 10.00 to 12.00**

Come along and see our work at our Gardening Club Open Morning on Saturday August 17 with Maria and all the Gardening Club members. Our favourite Gardening celebrity Rosie Yeomans will be with us again this year, giving practical gardening advice.

Plant sale, home made refreshments, etc.

## Hampshire County Council

### **Balancing the Budget consultation – closes July 17**

By April 2021 the Council expect an £80 million budget shortfall, it is asking residents what action they want taken: more cuts, increasing Council tax, introducing charges, putting pressure on Government...?

Have your say:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/balancing-the-budget>

## DIARY EVENTS

July 6 , 13, 27 – Eastleigh Hot Shots Basketball Club

July 11 – last Flagship Art Club session before summer. FAC returns Sept 12.

July 16 – Community Picnic at Grantham Green

August 3 & August 5 No Gardening Club

August 17 – Gardening Club Open Morning starts at 10.00am

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

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