

# News flash

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## AGM TIME AGAIN



On Saturday November 9 starting at 7.00pm , we will be celebrating our annual party and our Annual General Meeting at Cranbury Community Centre in Cranbury Road, off Blenheim Road.

Members, carers, family members and friends, as well as anyone interested in our society, are all welcome to come and hear about our past year's work. DJ, dancing, picture quiz and grand raffle are just some of the attractions.

There will be a FISH AND CHIP SUPPER which must be pre-ordered. Contact the office before November 4 to order your food and organise payment.

We will have an ACHIEVEMENT TABLE so that you can show your cups, medals, certificates, photos or letters of acclaim. We want to celebrate everyone's achievements.

## STEAMING AHEAD

We were fortunate to have a day out at the Watercress Line recently and to be guided around the workshops by Dr Becky Peacock. It was amazing to see how the bespoke parts were made for both steam and diesel engines in the workshops.

We also had a steam train ride in a vintage carriage from Ropley to Alresford stations. We are pictured here on the Harry Potter bridge. Thanks to Mid Hants Railway for their hospitality.



## GROWING RAISED BEDS!

Last month we were fortunate to have a visit from a working party from Eastleigh Works to help out at the Gardening Club.

The working party split into two and carried out an amazing amount of work on the two allotments, leaving them almost unrecognisable! Rubbish was removed, weeds and dead plants dug out, soil turned over and our individual raised beds were repaired with new timber sides and enlarged to more than twice their size.

The allotments are now well prepared for next year and our members have more scope to grow the plants they select. With a larger raised bed, members can grow a wider selection of flowers, herbs and vegetables.

We are very grateful to the team from Eastleigh Works for their hard work and enthusiasm. What a difference half a day (of hard work) can make!



New members are welcome at the Gardening Club and may wish to attend our winter meetings to find out about the club, choose which plants to grow and to get to know the other members. Contact the office for more information. The Gardening Club is based at allotments in West End

## LANTERN PROCESSION October 19 2019



Members of the Flagship Art Club were joined by some friends to produce the lanterns. Everyone made a small individual lantern. The larger lanterns were a collaborative effort made by groups of members.

We used wet willow to make the handles and the framework for the larger lanterns and covered them with various colours of tissue paper. Simple but very effective!

We paraded through the streets of Eastleigh with other lantern holding groups. We ended up at the bandstand, at dusk on Saturday evening accompanied by a Samba band. The Mayor of Eastleigh was there to welcome everyone.



The project was organised by Caroline Rackham, our Art Club tutor who had been running lantern making workshops throughout the borough in schools and clubs for the past few weeks. This was an event for all generations.

We met many friends who had come to see the spectacle. Some of us carried collection buckets for the Mayor of Eastleigh's Charities Appeal. This is the first time this event has occurred in Eastleigh and we thoroughly enjoyed being part of it.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS RISING

A review of our finances for the AGM has revealed that it is time we raised our subscriptions for different clubs.

Subs do not even begin to cover our costs in providing these clubs and services. We make up the shortfall by fundraising through writing grant applications, holding coin collections and other fundraising events. Our fees are significantly cheaper than many other organisations providing similar services.

- The CHILLOUT CLUB will rise from £2.50 to **£3.00**
- Flagship Art Club from £5.00 to **£6.00**
- ACTIVE CITIZENS from £6.00 to **£7.50**
- Eastleigh Hot Shots Basketball Club from £3.50 to **£4.00**

Gardening Club subs remains the same.



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## SOCIETY DIARY EVENTS

**November 2 and 16** Saturdays – Basketball club sessions at Wyvern College in the Sports Hall.

**November 9**, Saturday – Annual Party & AGM. Arrive before 7.00pm  
Cranbury Centre, Cranbury Road, Eastleigh

**November 16**, Saturday – day time stall at Eastleigh at Christmas .

**November 18**, Monday 2.00 to 3.30pm & **December 14**, Saturday 11.00am to 12.30pm – Gardening Club winter meetings at Hilldene Community Centre.

**December 14**, Saturday – Basketball club cancelled due to exams at Wyvern College.

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