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A news update for friends and supporters of the Newport Muster

PASS IT ON!

SPELLING OUT THE MESSAGE!

The picture – or in this case the T-shirts - tell the story ..

The Newport Muster squad, plus a good few enthusiastic supporters, got their message across in foot-high fashion at the town's Carnival earlier this month as the annual procession got ready to wind its way through the streets.



The countdown towards our spectacular new community event is still several weeks away but judging by the enthusiasm we have already received, it seems destined to be an outstanding success.

The Newport Muster – a fund-raising day built round a choice of organised walks in the town and its neighbouring Ouse valley – will take place on Saturday September 12.

Entry forms for registering teams, families and individuals have been distributed at local events like the Carnival and there is a website for downloading extra copies at www.newportmuster.org



The multi-purpose event is themed on Newport Pagnell's historic role as a garrison during the Civil War, first for the Royalists and then for Cromwell's men, when arguably it was one of the most important towns in England.



Bury Field, an area of commonland in the middle of Newport will be a central feature of the walking day – just as it was 350 years ago when it played a central role in the garrison town's defences.

“Quite apart from anything else, we hope the people of Newport will turn out in large numbers to show how much they value the retention of this wonderful open-space amenity when the pressure these days seems to be for more and more commercial development,” said a Muster spokesman.

STOP PRESS! Under-14s walk free ...

• The small registration fee – which pays for administration on the day plus a walk card, souvenir programme, and certificate of completion - has been dropped for all walkers aged under 14.

“In times like this, we are very conscious that ‘every little helps.’ and we want to do our bit to ensure as many walkers as possible can take part in this brand new event,” said organising group member Steve Williams.

... and early-birds can claim another 10%

Businesses, schools, pubs and clubs are among the many organisations expected to enter teams for the Muster. It will be possible to enter on the day although, to help with the admin and avoid delays, the organisers are offering a 10% discount for advance bookings.

Among the first to register an interest was **Borneos**, the solicitors, **Newport Pagnell Youth Club**, **Aston Martin’s** Social Club, **Ledgers** the book-keepers, and **Ralleys** the legal firm

PRIZES ON THE DAY

Include ...

- ▶ Biggest team
- ▶ Oldest walker
- ▶ FANCY DRESS
- ▶ Youngest walker
- ▶ MYSTERY

DOWNLOAD AN ENTRY FORM

Go here for an entry form
www.newportmuster.org
or pick up a copy from
many outlets in town

THE WORTHY CAUSES LIST

While raising money for charity need not necessarily be the main aim of every walker on the day, it will be a major focus for many.

The Muster organisers see the event as providing an opportunity for people to raise sponsorship funds and they hope that many of them will – especially for projects or appeals which benefit young, old or disadvantaged people in the town.

Appeal organisers are invited to submit brief details of their projects to Muster member Vivian Wilson who is compiling a **Worthy Causes** list of Needs and Wants for the website, and our hope is that uncommitted walkers may find some inspiration there. One cause that has already registered an interest is the **Brooklands Centre** at Newport Pagnell which is launching a major re-building appeal in July for its old people’s facilities.

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

The Muster organisers are always pleased to receive suggestions that will help improve the event. Write to them at: The Muster Office, Kitcheners Lane, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0DD or e-mail: info@newportmuster.org

The Newport Muster is a not-for-profit event that is organised by a group of like-minded residents who care about the future of their town. They call their group 'The Levellers.'