

Community Matters

The Fundraising & Communications team welcomed Tania Cantoni, Head of Fundraising & Communications to the department back in August and the team now benefits from the additions of Jamie Elson, Digital Communications Officer and Andrea Hill, Donor and Fundraising Support. We also have a lovely Meath mascot bear who has accompanied us at recent Community Fundraising Events! With a new website in development which is due to launch on 1st December, and updated literature our growing department is ready to further engage community support, raise awareness and bring in some more much needed funds!



RECENT EVENTS:

This summer Staycation Godalming kindly supported the Meath and raised **£1,900** with entrance donations. We also ran our own Meath 125 Birthday Party Stall with cupcakes and party hat making for little festival goers and raised a further **£150**. It was wonderful to have a presence at a vibrant and popular community event and we had a great article in the Surrey Ad as a result of it.



Saturday 9th September: Heritage Open Day



We proudly opened our doors for Heritage Open Day once again and welcomed members from the local community to our beautiful site. Helen Jackson, Community Fundraiser, together with Community Events Volunteers Sandra Speares and Harry Charlton welcomed 48 guests during the day. Visitors were keen to learn about the history of the site and the various takes of notable occupants– namely General James Oglethorpe, in addition to learning about the Meath’s past and present. Some visitors commented that they would like to support us in various ways and many hadn’t yet visited

our social enterprises yet but now feel encouraged to do so!

Sunday 10th September: Always The Sun Festival, Stoke Park

We held a cake & info stall at Always the Sun Festival which was hosted by the Boilerroom. A great chance to raise awareness of the Meath in Guildford and this is something that we aim to build on.



Saturday 23rd September: 125 Mile Run with Care for Health



This sunny day saw 116 people run a mile (or more!) for the Meath and by the end of a successful, community challenge 146 miles were clocked up!



The team at Care for Health, Helen Jackson and some wonderful volunteers were there to cheer on the runners, and encourage them to re-energise by buying a delicious cake from our cake stall. We are extremely grateful to the staff at Care for Health who put so much into the planning and smooth *running* of this event, every runner (which includes some Meath residents!) and everyone who kindly donated or bought a cake— we had a great day celebrating our 125 years and raised **£500**.



Friday 6th October: Cake Sale at Moss Lane School



Moss Lane School, Godalming kindly supported the Meath by allowing us to hold a cake sale. Three Moss Lane parents baked for the cake sale and helped out with selling. Many children enjoyed a cupcake and our Meath Word Search activity and we raised **£181**.

Community Fundraising:

On 5th October Beauty Secrets

Godalming kindly held a charity pamper evening with ticket sales going to the Meath and raised a most welcome **£115**.



And on 18th October our neighbours at WSP held a fundraiser car wash for the Meath as a final way of showing their support before they move offices to Guildford. Thanks to their hard work they raised **£233.50** for the Meath!

Coming up...



Sunday 3rd December: The Friary Shopping Centre



Members of Godalming & Guildford Jazz choirs will raise festive cheer and hopefully lots of money for the Meath as customers enjoy their Christmas repertoire while they complete their Christmas shopping.



Thursday 7th December: The Mayor of Waverley's Christmas Fayre

After having enjoyed a year of being the Mayor's nominated charity we will be going along to this little festive fair to sell some Meath Made Christmas gifts & decorations.

Monday 11th December: Christmas Carol Service at



St Clement Danes ,



7pm-8.30pm Tickets £20 to book please contact

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**Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th December
at The Spectrum 1pm / 5pm: Collection with
'Creative Minds' singing before the Panto On Ice**



**Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd December: Christmas
Gift Wrapping at Waitrose Godalming**

Get Christmas all wrapped up as you donate to the Meath!

Once again Waitrose Godalming are kindly supporting us by donating wrapping paper as we wrap customers presents in exchange for donations to the Meath. Last year we raised £600 and with some great new Events Volunteers we hope to do even better this year!



**If you have a Community Fundraising Idea, know of a local shop or
pub who would take a collection tin or a local
community organisation who might consider supporting us please
come and see Helen or contact her at: helenj@meath.org.uk**