



the *Meath*  
epilepsy charity



# Community Matters



We had a very Merry and busy run up to Christmas at The Meath and a Happy New Year, we hope you did too!



Here we are in 2018 looking forward to some fabulous opportunities to gather new support and fundraise. We are thrilled with the success and fundraising achieved in December and are so thankful to the many volunteers and community groups who supported us. Here's what we've been up to in the Fundraising Department...



**Saturday 25th November – Carol Singing at The White Lion Walk**, Guildford wonderful singers from 'Creative Minds' community choir raised **£233** for the Meath. Siobhan from Bradbury House kindly came along with her parents to help with the collection and despite being in recovery from a recent operation she was smiling away and chatting to shoppers – a real asset to our fundraising!



**1st December – Twelfth Night** Amazingly we were lucky enough to have two local residents light up their houses with Christmas lights as a fundraiser for the Meath. Richard from Cattershall's festive display even made front page news on the Surrey Advertiser and he kindly invited some of our residents to attend a light switch on gathering. Further Meath residents returned on the run up to Christmas to enjoy hot chocolate and mince pies! The Cattershall lights raised an unprecedented **£591.55** and an unmeasurable amount of Christmas cheer!





Dan whose home in Farncombe was beautifully adorned with thousands of white lights kindly raised a fabulous **£286.777!**

## Thursday 7th December– Waverley Borough

### Council Chambers Christmas Fayre



As the Mayor of Waverley, Cllr Simon Inchbald's nominated charity The Meath were invited along to the Mayor's Christmas Fayre. Our fabulous trustees and volunteers manned our Stall which displayed and sold items from the Skills Centre and Changing Perceptions. In addition to the



money made at our stall we were also lucky enough to receive the takings from the overall

fayre which came to **£910!**



## Monday 11th December– Carol Service at St Clement Danes



Meath supporters enjoyed a fantastic Christmas Carol Service at St Clement Danes Church in London. This beautiful evening was well received by all and was a lovely start to the festivities. Our Meath Backstage Choir, together with staff, volunteers and members of the Guildford and Godalming

Jazz choir sang their festive repertoire alongside the stunning St Clement Danes choir and the powerfully up-lifting music of the Honourable Company Artillery Band. Thanks to a great team effort, and the generosity of our supporters the event raised a fabulous **£2,000.**

## Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th December– Carol Singing and Collection at

Guildford Spectrum before the Panto On Ice. A great chance to raise the profile of the charity in a busy venue full of people from a wide radius and we raised **£170** in time for Christmas too! Huge thanks to 'Creative Minds' who once again lent us their voices to raise funds for the Meath.



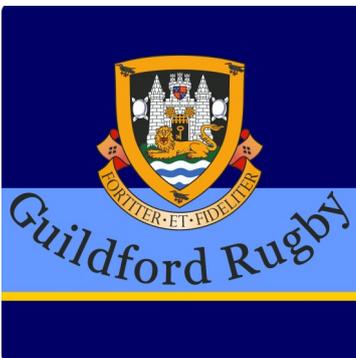
## Thursday 21st & Friday 23rd December:

### Christmas Wrapping at Waitrose—

Huge thanks to Waitrose Godalming for kindly supporting us once again! With a team of fantastic volunteers and lots of smiles, hot drinks and wrapping paper we raised **£820** while taking the stress out of Christmas for so many busy shoppers.



The Meath was up for Waitrose Godalming's December Community fundraising Scheme. We very much hope that you posted any of your green tokens in the Meath box! Many customers felt inclined to do so and we secured **£335.00!**



Guildford Rugby Club kindly held a collection for the Meath at their Boxing Day event and raised **£105.**

# magimix



After writing off to Magimix UK we were lucky enough to receive two Magimix food processors (worth **£700!**) for our lovely new Skills Centre kitchen. Thank you Magimix!

GOLO The Godalming Lottery have kindly donated **£500** to the Meath Epilepsy Charity for us to purchase a Fridge Freezer for our recently refurbished cookery room. Philippa was excited to receive the cheque on behalf of the Meath and like so many residents is looking forward to cooking in the newly kitted out kitchen during 2018!



The Meath 125 Christmas Raffle Raised **£432** thanks to the unstoppable and highly persuasive Karen!



Coming Up...

# The Romantics



**Tuesday 6 February—Wednesday 14 February 2018, 10am-4pm- Exhibition at Cranleigh Arts Centre. Free Entry (closed Sunday and Monday)**

'Backstage' and the Meath Ceramics and Photography groups have been inspired by key aspects of Romanticism - the aesthetics of emotion and themes of beauty in nature and love. We are delighted to bring this stunning collection of work to the local community to enjoy and to showcase the wealth of artistic talent, ability and original thinking of the people we support at the Meath.

**This exhibition is kindly supported by Cranleigh & District Lions Club who kindly donated £250 for the cost of materials.**

**Tuesday 27th February 2018, 2pm-5.30pm— Bridge Afternoon Tea**

**Tickets £12.50 per person to include afternoon tea.**



It's nearly time for tea and Bridge once again and we look forward to opening our doors to welcome this years guests to a firm favourite in the Meath fundraising events diary. Please encourage any Bridge playing friends to support us by coming along to enjoy a friendly and relaxing afternoon.

**For booking enquiries please call Helen Jackson on 01483 411071 or email [helenj@meath.org.uk](mailto:helenj@meath.org.uk)**

**Sunday 25th March– Guildford Symphony Orchestra ‘Northern Lights’  
Concert in support of the Meath, 7pm at the Great Hall, Charterhouse**



We are so looking forward to this charity fundraiser concert from Guildford Symphony Orchestra. Helen Jackson, Community & Events Fundraiser will be along with a team of volunteers to take a collection and will say a few words on behalf of the charity to the audience of around 300 people from the surrounding area. This is a great opportunity to increase awareness of the work of the Meath, gather new support in addition to raising some funds. Taking place in the beautiful and historic Great Hall at Charterhouse School, this orchestral concert promises to light up your evening.

To Book please visit [boxoffice@guildfordsymphonyorchestra.com](mailto:boxoffice@guildfordsymphonyorchestra.com)

**Or call Guildford Symphony Orchestra Box Office: 01483 415847**



We will be in touch with more exciting Community Fundraising News soon but if you'd like to get in touch to find out more, help out or to suggest an idea please call Helen Jackson, Community & Events Fundraiser on **01483 411071** or email [helenj@meath.org.uk](mailto:helenj@meath.org.uk)