



Dear Reader

Welcome to our Christmas edition of Meath Matters, our quarterly update from the Fundraising & Marketing Department. We find at The Meath, a strong sense of needing and appreciating Christmas this year and although our celebrations will be different, we are looking forward to some special treats.

As you will be aware, the past year has been very challenging on many levels and unfortunately it has meant that we have been unable to fundraise for vital income by hosting our usual programme of events. One of our key fundraising events and a personal highlight of the festive season is our annual Carols at St Clement Danes.

While our 2020 Carol Service is cancelled due to COVID-19 I am delighted to say that we have released our 2019 Carol Service on film for you to enjoy, you can find out how to view the film overleaf. We also include an update on our Christmas 2020 'Sustain & Maintain' Appeal; many thanks to those who have kindly donated to this. We have also enjoyed tremendous support from our local community with our Christmas Jumper Mufti Day which not only raised some all-important funds but also raised awareness and lots of much needed good cheer!

It's a busy time of year but 2020 has taught us that self-care is of paramount importance, I do hope therefore that you can allow yourself time to enjoy our newsletter over a coffee and mince pie. Thank you for your support over the past year, it makes all the difference to us. Have a wonderful Christmas and here's to a better year ahead.

Best wishes

Tania





Our funding covers only the basic requirements of life and does not cover the full cost of our life enriching daily activity sessions and regular social events that the people we support so enjoy. Our current Christmas 2020 'Sustain and Maintain' appeal is therefore a call to arms for Meath supporters at a time when our usual fundraising events, which bring in vital income have been curtailed. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic brought many unexpected and unbudgeted costs just at the time that our fundraised income was reduced. We have therefore created an online crowd funder page and are thrilled that to date, supporters have generously donated over £4,400 plus gift aid. In addition to donations made to the crowd funder online, we have also received some generous donations by cheque and through collections at local schools and businesses. Every £30 donated to our Christmas appeal funds a half day activity session for a Meath resident. The broad range of regular activities on offer to the people we support provides them with a strong sense of pride, purpose and belonging. Thank you to all those who have kindly supported our Christmas appeal and we look forward to updating you with our final total in the New year!

Our Christmas 2020 Sustain & Maintain Appeal continues until 23rd December, for more information, or to make a donation visit our crowd funder via The Meath Website or at <https://bit.ly/32K2qtV>

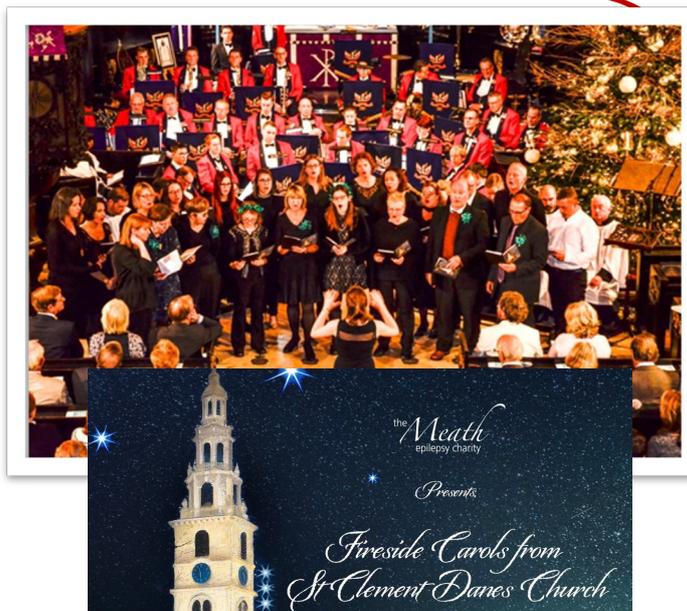
Thank you!

Tidings of Comfort and Joy!

Sadly we were unable to hold our annual Carol Service at St Clement Danes Church, London this year but we have come up with the next best thing! Our spectacular 2019 Carol Service is available for you to enjoy on film from the comfort of your own home. If you've not seen our wonderfully festive offering of 'Carols by the Fireside' visit:

<https://youtu.be/RSo-t-F78rw>

The film captures the celestial voices of The Choir of St Clement Danes, the rousing Honourable Artillery Company Band, talented local Tenor Stephen Petch and of course, the wonderfully effervescent Meath Choir, supported by members of Godalming & Guildford Jazz Choir.



With kind thanks to Ian Lee, Volunteer for the filming of the Carol Service, Silvertip Films for their video editing, The Choir of St Clement Danes Church, The Honourable Artillery Company Band, Stephen Petch, Phoebe Gaydon, Godalming & Guildford Jazz choirs and all who have enjoyed this film and kindly donated.

With special thanks to Anthony Samuels, Chair of SCC for his generous support.

Our Close Knit Community Supports The Meath

Local schools, businesses and Godalming Town Council kindly supported our Christmas appeal by holding a Christmas Jumper Mufti Day on Friday 11th December (National Christmas Jumper Day). Staff and residents wore their Christmas jumpers with pride and we are thrilled with the phenomenal support that we have received. Helen Jackson, Marketing Manager at The Meath commented that **"It has been a tough year for schools and it means so much to us that eight schools are kindly fundraising for The Meath during a year when usual PTA fundraising is not possible. It's been wonderful to talk to pupils over zoom to thank them and explain how their fundraising will make a positive difference to the people we support during a very challenging time."**

Also showing their support in festive woollen style were Cllr. Penny Rivers, Godalming Town Mayor and Godalming Town Councillors, the team at Seymours Estate Agents, The Stag on the River and the residents of Sunrise Living Care Home. Godalming Town Mayor, and Meath supporter Cllr. Penny Rivers commented that **"The Meath is an integral part of our community and though we are separated this year, by wearing Christmas jumpers we join with others to show support and best wishes to all those who live and work at The Meath."**

In addition to raising vital funds for The Meath we are delighted to have raised lots of good cheer, improved awareness of epilepsy and the work of The Meath, especially among younger members of our community. We look forward to the time when we can once again, work together in person with our community supporters.



Cedar View on Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you to all those who nominated us for the Ecclesiastical Fund 12 Days of Giving. We are delighted to have received £1,000 as a result of your support online! It just goes to show that every click really can make all the difference to us.



Meath 100

What would you do if you won?

A great way to support us & you might get to treat yourself too!

the Meath epilepsy charity

Join The Meath 100 for £5 per month and you could be a Meath 100 winner! Annual Membership is £60 and it's quick and easy to sign up via the website! Each month, 1 lucky member wins £150, 2 lucky members win £50 and the people we support benefit from the remaining funds which equates to £3,000 per year!



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