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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Plans for Christmas festivities are well advanced here at Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP. We have made our part of the Robinson Crusoe Trail at Hilliers and are preparing for various project parties. We are looking forward to the New Year and many more great activities. Please join us!

LIMELIGHT LOCAL

The DREAMERS (our young people's group) performed their new production "Who are we to judge?" to invited studio audiences on November 19, prior to taking it on tour at schools and colleges in the area. We were very pleased to have the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor Malcolm Cross in attendance to see the show and to talk to the participants afterwards, about their experience in the project and the message of the production.

We are the proud recipients of a grant from the Big Lottery to support this Theatre in Education project for the 2013 autumn to winter season.



NEW OPPORTUNITY : If you are a young person aged 18-30 with a learning disability OR have been unemployed for more than three months and are free on a Wednesday, we would like to invite YOU to join our new project starting on January 15. You will work with other young people, playing games and doing different activities. Eventually the group will put their ideas together and create a performance which will be shown at The Berry Theatre on APRIL 2, 2014.

Don't miss out! These are limited opportunities and will only be available while the funding lasts. Now is the time to get involved. Call Michelle.

SAFER PLACES MAP



The Mayor of Eastleigh with the ACTIVE CITIZENS On December 10, 2013 the ACTIVE CITIZENS were invited by the Mayor of Eastleigh, Councillor Malcolm Cross to his Parlour for a celebration and the launch of the new Safer Places Map of Eastleigh Borough.

The map was designed within the Council but was funded by the proceeds of a Coffee Morning that the Active Citizens organised in early 2012. The map shows the 57 shops and businesses within the borough of Eastleigh which have agreed to be part of the Safer Places Scheme.

The Scheme is now administered by the Community Safety Partnership in Eastleigh Borough Council.

Anyone who would like a copy of the map or a card can collect them from the Civic Offices, Town Centre Office, One Community or the parish offices. The scheme is open to anyone who feels vulnerable or unsure when they are out in the community, it is not just for people with learning disabilities.



ROBINSON CRUSOE



A group of 20 people got together with staff from The Mayflower Theatre to find out about the Robinson Crusoe Pantomime. We acted out some scenes with lots of laughter! Then over two sessions we created artwork with Rob Turner who is a public artist. The artwork is included in a Trail to tell the panto story at Hilliers Arboretum this Christmas. Do go and see our work and enjoy the gardens!

HEALTH WALKS

EBR Mencap Society's Walking Group is open to anyone who enjoys walking. Meet at 11.00am for a walk of approximately two miles.

December 28 2013 – NO WALK

January 11 2014 – White Swan Mansbridge

Jan 25 2014 – Hillhead, walk along the shore. Meet at car park on sea front.

Call Helga Baker on 01489 784633 or Kath Rau 023 8026 5426 if the weather is poor, to find out if the walk has been cancelled. Cancellations are rare and regretted.

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