

# News flash

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Committee, staff and volunteers of Eastleigh Borough and Romsey MENCAP wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### Christmas Tree Festival

#### St James's Church

The theme this year is "Through the Ages"  
December 7 (Friday), 8 (Saturday) and 9 (Sunday).  
St James Church, Church Hill, West End, SO30 3LT  
**Go along to see the FLAGSHIP ART CLUB members' designed Christmas Tree!**



### **BULB PLANTING AT GRANTHAM GREEN**

**Friday November 30 & Saturday December 1. 10.00-12noon**

Come and work with Maria, our volunteers and local residents planting bulbs to create a colourful display in the spring. No experience necessary. Tools provided.

### **EASTLEIGH HOT SHOTS**



We are delighted to welcome Julia Tucker-Blackford our new Basketball coach. We are recruiting new members now. If you are interested in becoming an Eastleigh Hot Shot, contact the office.

Sessions are once a fortnight at the Sports Hall, Wyvern Community College in Fair Oak. Arrive by 9.50am. Join Michelle on the Bluestar No 2 bus from Eastleigh Bus station to Fair Oak, leaving around 8.55am. You will arrive in good time and have a chance to have a drink before we warm up and play.

# Chandlers Ford Charities Christmas Fayre

Our thanks to Elaine, Peter and Jacqui for again representing us at the Chandlers Ford Fayre, collecting items for sale and presenting them so beautifully. This is an important event for us, not only because of the opportunity to raise money for the society but also because we meet the local residents of Chandlers Ford who have supported us so well over many years.



## **GROW YOUR TENNER – Remember this? It's back but it is different...**

The day the matching starts is December 11, AFTER 10.00am.

Local giving, the fundraising website, are offering matching funds to support charities but this year it is only about regular monthly donations. Direct debits must be set up to give monthly donations to the charity for a year and the last 6 donations will be matched.

If you sign up to give 12 monthly donations of £10, you will pay £120 over the year (maybe plus Gift Aid) and we will receive £180, as Local Giving will match fund the last six months' donations.

Local Giving has £100,000 to give away. They will not be matching any one off donations of £10.

<https://localgiving.org/> general page with instructions on how to participate.

<https://localgiving.org/charity/ebrmencap/> - our page where you sign up to donate.

## **SOCIETY DIARY DATES**

**December 7, 8 and 9** - St James Church West End, Christmas Tree. Festival – look out for the Flagship Art Club entry.

**December 15** – Final Basketball Session of the year with Julia.

**December 15, 2018** 11.00am – 12.30pm Gardening Club Winter Meet.

**January 7, 2019** Monday 1.00pm - 2.30pm GC Winter Meet .

**January 7 2019** – First Group A Chill Out Club night of the year.

**February 2, 2019** Saturday 11.00am – 12.30pm GC Winter Meet.

# Annual Party & AGM – Nov 10 2018



After our Annual General Meeting and review of our work and challenges of the past year, we had a great party. We were the adopted charity of the Southampton and District Motorcycle Club in 2018 and we were delighted to receive a cheque from their Secretary. The sum donated had been raised through a number of motor cycle challenges by different club members. Many thanks to the club members for their effort and generosity.

## The Mayor of Eastleigh's Appeal

The Mayor of Eastleigh Fundraising Appeal has a calendar of exciting events which we can enjoy.

**Gospel Phonics – Community Choir Concert** on December 8 at All Saints Church, Desborough Road. 3.00pm. No entrance fee. Raffle.

**OPEN DAY at Eastleigh Railway Works** for Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP Members only. This will happen on a Saturday in April 2019. More details when they are confirmed.



## New members

If you have enjoyed this newsletter or any of our services and want to join us, please contact Michelle on the office number or ask her about membership. There are real advantages to being an Eastleigh Borough & Romsey MENCAP member.

**Please call the office and leave your name and number if you have any questions about our events or anything else. We will always call you back.**



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