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Christmas Message to all in Eastleigh Town Centre

We enter this important festive season with renewed optimism and the first signs of green shoots and a recovery that will hopefully lead to a better year in 2010.

The festive season got off to a great start with the Christmas in Eastleigh event that brought an extra 6000 people to the town centre and unlike many other town centres maintains the tradition of Christmas lights in Eastleigh. It is also a great example of us all working together to promote the town centre.

Despite a difficult trading year I believe Eastleigh is well placed, with its ongoing programme of investment such as the new Swan Centre extension, to meet future challenges and see our businesses grow as the global economy recovers. This year we have seen the creation of the Eastleigh Town Centre

Partnership (ETCP), that I believe is beginning to make a difference. By working in partnership local businesses and Eastleigh Borough Council, can ensure that we take advantage of the improving trading climate and continue to stage promotional

information on how to join, or contact Dennis Yeomans on 023 8062 6177 who will gladly come to see you and explain more about the Partnership.

May I take this opportunity to send you all my best seasonal



wactivities and events that help the town centre go from strength to strength.

If you would like to contribute to the future success of the town centre please contact Dennis Chandler on 023 8068 8216/ 023 8062 9977 If you are not a member of ETCP, please find attached

wishes on behalf of the ETCP, and hope that 2010 will bring good health and happiness to you and your families.

Dee F Buffone
Chairman ETCP

Major Gas Main Replacement Works in Eastleigh

Scotia Gas Networks plan to renew their major gas main in Woodside Avenue starting at its junction with Woodside Road and proceeding southwards towards Leigh Road from week commencing 9 November 2009.

The initial work will only require a width restriction on Woodside Avenue without the use of temporary traffic lights or a road closure. The work will involve crossing Woodside Avenue at the traffic light junction with the retail park. It will mean closing the outside lanes in both directions. This section of work will be completed before Christmas.

The second phase of the project is to cross Leigh Road junction into Passfield Avenue. It is planned that this will commence from week commencing 4th January 2010 and will require the inbound closure of Leigh Road (A335) at its junction with Passfield Avenue into the Town Centre. The outbound route across Leigh Road lights will remain open throughout. The diversion will be via Passfield Avenue, Chestnut Avenue and Southampton Road. It will also be necessary to close Dew Lane at the same time to allow for the connection of the existing main into the new one. It is expected

that these works will take around two weeks and then the roads will re-open.

The final phase of the works will proceed south along Passfield Avenue to opposite the Petrol Station and should be carried out without the need for temporary signals or road closure due to the width of the road, although the parking bays will be closed off.

The works have been planned in consultation with Hampshire County Council as the Network Managers to try to minimise congestion, although the nature of the works may cause some delays, it is hoped they will be kept to a minimum.

Rail Engineering Works in the Southampton area Sunday 27 December 2009 until Sunday 3 January 2010

During December and early January, Network Rail will be partially rebuilding Southampton Tunnel, between Southampton Central and St Denys to allow the latest freight container trains access to Southampton Docks.

Between 27 December and 3 January the route between Southampton Central and St Denys will be completely closed.

We are sorry if this engineering work affects you and hope this information helps you plan

your journey.

For the above period, there will be no train services running between :

Southampton Central and Eastleigh (on Sundays 27 December and 3 January)

Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway or Eastleigh (Monday 28 December until Saturday 2 January)

Southampton Central and Netley (Sunday 27 December, Monday 28 December, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 January) and Southamp-

ton Central and Woolston (Tuesday 29 to Friday 1 January)

Replacement bus services will operate between the above stations and Southampton Central station remains fully open during this period.

More detailed information of the engineering work and replacement bus timetables are available on our website www.southwesttrains.co.uk or from the Customer Service Centre on 0845 6000 650

Christmas shopping in Eastleigh

Swan Centre opening hours

Late night shopping until 7.00pm

Thurs. 3rd December
Thurs. 10th December
Thurs. 17th December
Mon. 21st December
Tues. 22nd December
Wed. 23rd December

Christmas & New Year opening

Thurs. 24th December open until 5.30pm

Fri. 25th December closed

Sat. 26th December 9.00am to 5.30pm

Sun. 27th December 10.00am to 4.30pm

Mon. 28th December 10.00am to 4.00pm

Fri. 1st January 2010 closed

Sunday opening hours

11.00am to 5.00pm from Sun. 3rd January 2010

Boxing Day buses

On Boxing Day, Saturday 26 December, the Bluestar2 bus service (Southampton, Portswood, Swaythling, Eastleigh, Bishopstoke & Fair Oak) will be running hourly during the daytime. More details can be found at www.bluestarbus.co.uk