

Meeting of events group 28 October 2020 14.00 Queens hall by zoom

Present: Cllr Mick Radley, Cllr Jackie Pell (Chairman), Cllr Peter Caulfield Cllr Linda Smith, Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk, Leanda Cable BDC, Emma Gooding BDC

Apologies: Cllr Garry Warren, Cllr Janet Atkinson

1. Leanda Cable and Emma Gooding described the virtual community event they are planning, through a video of the Christmas lights in Braintree, Witham and Halstead. This will be pre-recorded and released on 5 December 2020 through social media channels. It will also include other related events such as singing from Halstead Choral and a local singer, and may also include video footage from Christmases past/lights switch-on/torchlight procession/Christmas parties
2. HTC's Christmas lights events will consist of the Mayor and Santa flicking the switch in the public gardens, which will be closed to the public. The Mayor will make a short speech, and this will all be videoed. He will need a mic, and would have the PA system for music – maybe with Jim Davies' help. The film crew would be present to get this event and then move up the High Street to get other views of the lights/the Christmas tree/the church. The park would be shut at dusk – to be coordinated with Peter Nice
3. Town Clerk to devise a timetable possibly to include Hannah Birch representing HAPPY drawing the raffle in Queens Hall before the switch-on. The co-op has offered £100 towards the lights this year, but it was suggested that this could go towards the Mayor's chosen charity, the Foodbank.
4. Next meeting of the events committee will be on 11/11/20 at 14.30