

Report of Councillor H Kane on the Waltham Abbey Town Partnership Steering Committee meeting held at Waltham Abbey Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th of November 2013 at 9.15am in the Council Chamber.

The Chairman, Helen Kane read District Councillor Anne Grigg's letter confirming that the Partnership has been awarded with £4,500 grant for organising the Cucumber Festival in 2014, to help with the costs involved.

There were reports from the tourist attractions as follows:

Naomi Chant from LVPA sent her report that The Lea Valley Water Centre will host the 2014 World Cup event between 6-8 of June 2014, which will include approximately 350 international athletes.

Lance Bourne sent his report from the Royal Gunpowder Mills, saying that the RGM is closed now to the public until February, all educational visits and pre-booked group visits are going very well.

Richard Walters gave a report on the events in the Abbey Church:

Friday 29 November - Church open for Cavalcade of Light, from 6pm:tea/coffee/mulled wine served

Sunday 1 December - Christingle service, 2 pm,

Thursday 5 December - "Light Up a Life" for St Clare Hospice, 7pm, followed by refreshments.

Saturday 7 December - Waltham Abbey Choir Christmas Concert, 7.30pm .

Tuesday 10 December - Town Carols, 7pm .

Saturday 14 December - Abbey Church Christmas Bazaar, Town Hall, 11am – pm .

Saturday 14 December - Concert – Felicitas "A boy is born", 7.30 pm. Tickets £10 (children and full-time students free) from 020 8925 4000

Sunday 15 December - Nativity Service, 10.30am.

Sunday 22 December - Children's Carol Service, 3pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, 6.30pm,

Christmas Eve - Crib Service, 2 and 4pm, Midnight Mass, 11pm,

Christmas Day - Christmas Day Holy Communion, 10.30am

The Festival Committee report (WATC):

Kathryn Richmond mentioned the Cavalcade of Lights on the 29th of November which attracts a lot visitors followed by the Christmas Market on the 30th of November which will include a lot of new stalls.

Gavin Ward, local business owner, had a very interesting idea regarding the progress of the Museum – a log of events and progress – perhaps with pictures as it used to be and pictures of different stages of the expansion. The members thought that it was an excellent idea and will be passed on to Tony O'Connor as Gavin Ward volunteered to take upon this task.

The members agreed the date of the next meeting to be the 10th of December at 9.15 am

The meeting closed at 10.15am.