ENCLOSURE 8

Town Centre W G Christmas

We have not had a meeting since the last report to Council but we have been busy putting our plans into effect.

The Christmas Market has been arranged to take place in Talisman Square park on Saturday the 11th December between 10 and 3pm. It will be run by CJs on behalf of the Council and they are in charge of all arrangements. We understand that they have a full complement of 30 stalls.

We are pleased to confirm that Father Christmas has confirmed he will be able to be in attendance in the Town between 10.30 am and 12 noon and will accompany the Mayor and our MP Jeremy Wright on their tour of the Shops who have joined in the Shop Window competition organised by Cllr. Sam Cooke after which they will tour the market stalls. Santa will be provided with a sack of Fair Trade sweets for distribution to children. We also have the advantage of the appearance during the morning of Pop Choir with a seasonal repertoire. Free parking will be available in WDC parks during the whole day

We have also arranged that a number of Christmas trees from the St Nicholas Xmas Tree Competition will be transferred to the Town Centre as last year and these will decorate we hope Hayes and Poundland and possibly the Hospice Shop which we have access to under our policy of trying to fill empty shop windows. We hope these will then stay in place until Christmas.

Cllr. Sam Cooke has prepared Posters advertising the market and the Christmas Tree Exhibition and we hope these will be displayed in "our shops " next week.

We would ask members to encourage everyone to visit the market during the day and members especially when we expect the Mayor and MP to be there from about 11 am onwards.

Cllr M Coker

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