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AFAR Task & Finish Group update

The AFAR Steering Committee met at Jubilee House on Friday 22 November. The Committee was updated on the Tender Document which went "live" on 1 November with the closing date on 1 December.

The "Tasks and re-enactments sub-group" has met on a number of occasions as part of the key project preparation work to:

- Finalise where the plaques will go on Abbey Fields
- Decide which tasks are associated with which plaques and how many people will be required

A team from the University of Birmingham came to Jubilee House to show their state-of-the-art "capture equipment" that has already been shown to work effectively in their Augmented Reality Music Ensemble project, ARME (https://arme-project.co.uk/). This equipment could be used to capture many of the AFAR tasks. The University of Birmingham came back on 16 December to do a pilot study of capturing the Gregorian chants. Figure 1(a) shows the "canons" from a local choir performing the chant, while Figure 1(b) shows the "canons" after they have been "cut out" and are



Figure 1(a) Choir members in Kenilworth's council chamber (b) Captured in 3D and "cut out".

ready to be superimposed in a virtual environment. Thank you to Kit Lawry for the organisation and the "canons" for their participation.

The contractor will be chosen from those that submitted, and the selected company presented to Town Council meeting on 16 January for approval. The contract is expected to start on 20 January.

In addition, work is currently being undertaken to create the design for the Abbey Field plaques and signage.

Councillor Alan Chalmers

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