

## **Christmas Events meeting – Tenterden Town Hall 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Thank you for attending this evening. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the popularity of:

- A return to late-night shopping (as a more local event)
- A Christmas Market. (similar to previous years)

We should also decide on a favoured date for these events and whether the Christmas Market should be locally arranged or passed to a commercial operation to organise.

The weekends available for these events are Fri-Sun 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November and Fri-Sun 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The High Street Christmas Lights will be switched on ready for 24<sup>th</sup> November but the Rotary Tree light switch on is likely to be linked to the Friday late-night shopping.

November was chosen last year for the Christmas Market as the Xmas schedule had not started at KESR and that left open the Railway car park and a shuttle from Rolvenden to alleviate the parking problems.

If the Christmas Market remains with a commercial operator, neither the Town Council nor the Chamber of Commerce will be involved. A locally organised event would require a significant volunteer input, but the Chamber has offered assistance with this.

To summarise, the decisions required are:

1. Late-night shopping Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November or Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
2. Xmas Market
  - a) Duration of market
  - b) Date(s) of market
  - c) Commercial or locally organised

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