

Community and Culture meeting 29th November

Leigh-On-Sea Christmas Lights

Date: 29/11/24

Time: Lights to be turned on at dusk (4:00/4:15)

Rooms booked: 4,5,7

Lower hall booked out for an Xmas market (Folk & Bespoke)

Evening layout:

4:00/4:15 Lights

4:30 – 5:30 Children's activities

6:00 – Choir at Leigh Liberty Gardens around the Xmas tree

6:30/6:45 Mince pies & mulled wine at the St Clements church

7:00 End of night

For this festive night of fun we are hoping to make the lights an evening for all the residence of Leigh, now that the lights and licensing have been arranged we are hoping to move forward to the fun part of planning!

The costs involved will include:

Mulled wine £150 (to be changed accordingly if needed)

Sausage rolls £100 (to be changed accordingly if needed)

Mince pies £150 (to be changed accordingly if needed)

Leigh Lions donation £100

Joe Banana entertainer for an hour party £315 (can find alternative if needed)

Art Ministry – (unsure yet based off previous years circa £100+)

Choir – potential donation

Councillor involvement:

In the past there has been a post box in the foyer of the centre where children have written letters to Santa and then received one back, this was done by the office staff signing a letter from Santa and then sending it back, this would involve the councillors delivering the letters back to the children in their ward.

As for the mince pies and mulled wine we'd be hoping for councillors to go around to local bakeries and shops to ask for donations of the above, we will be able to purchase them also but getting some donations would be great!

We'd love to incorporate the Leigh Lions with a sleigh parked outside the centre or at the library gardens and to use that as a photo opportunity for the residence and have a Father Christmas there also.

We have St Clements who will be more than happy to open their doors to welcome all residence for mince pies, mulled wine and sausage rolls. Would be great to have a few councillors there to help hand out drinks and food.

Any other questions please ask!