



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND EVENT by Brian Ransom and Sally Hull

**What a fantastic night.** Reaction to our initial call to 'save Christmas in Banstead' exceeded expectations! Thanks to everyone who helped us to achieve this. We were amazed that as the weeks wore on, donations continued apace. Please be assured that money raised in excess of last year's expenditure is ring-fenced for this year's lights and event.

Due to the efforts by our 'Festive Lights' sub-group, led by Brian Ransom, the 'Christmas Event' team



led by Sally Hull and the funds raised, we were able to purchase new up-lighters for large trees, wraps for the trees on the parade outside Tesco as well as using the existing lamppost banners.

Christies worked with us to decorate the trees on the pavement outside their offices and adjacent shops and the Rotary Club of Banstead's Santa visited

to switch on the lights including the Rotary Christmas tree.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Eddy Humphreys.

Up and down the High Street, shops and businesses donated raffle prizes, provided food and drink / entertainment and stayed open late. Thanks to event photographer, Steve Brand of Image2Image for capturing the event and lights.

Please see centre pages for more pictures (courtesy of Steve Brand) and our thanks to everyone involved.





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### **Santa's Coming!**

This year we'll have the luxury of more time to plan, liaise and to do it bigger and better. If you, or your business, would like to be involved in this year's event please contact us. Until then . . .

**We would like to thank the following for their generous help towards lighting the High Street and for supporting the event, without them Banstead Village would have been very gloomy:**



- All Saints Church for the use of the Orchard and other assistance
- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council through Car Parks, Economic Prosperity, Green Spaces and Cleansing Departments
- Support from Councillor Nadean Moses as a previous organiser of the event
- The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, Councillor Eddy Humphreys
- Surrey County Council 'Your Community Fund' via Cllr Luke Bennett.
- Banstead Cricket Club
- Banstead Dental Care
- Banstead Downs Golf Club
- Banstead Fruiterers
- Banstead Infant and Junior Schools
- Banstead Prep School
- Banstead Royal Arch Chapter of Freemasons
- Banstead Village Store
- Banstead Vintners
- Brainy Blinds
- The Butchers Block

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### **Theo sparked!**



### **The band played!**





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Thanks continued

and Santa arrived

- Centro and Christies
- Commercial Insurance Services
- Cook Trading
- Copley Clark Solicitors
- Courtlands Stables
- Cuff & Gough
- Edibles Delicatessen & Caterers
- Fego
- Fusion Sound and Light
- Grant Financial Planning
- Steve Brand Image2Image Photography
- Interior Transformation
- Kriek & Gibson Veterinarians
- Lavender Kitchen
- The Lemon Tree



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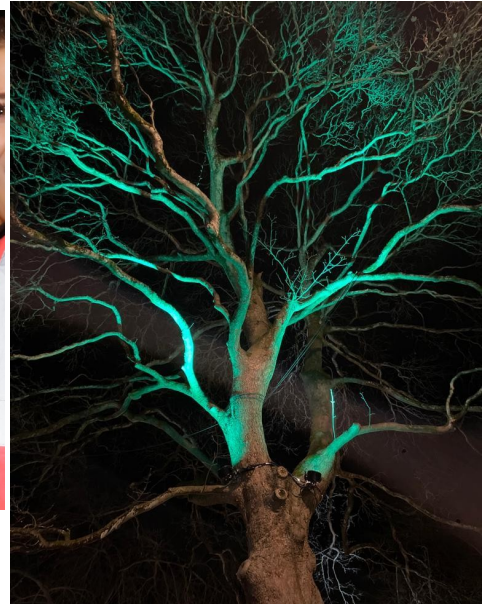
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## **Thanks continued**

- Link4Tutors
- Luigi's Cafe
- M & S Carpet & Flooring
- Mad Lillies
- The Natural Way
- Ora Hair
- PAG Facilities Maintenance
- Papa Johns
- The Personal Agent
- Pillai Tutors
- The Rotary Club of Banstead
- Rushman Electronics
- Richard Saunders & Co
- Such Hair
- Team Newton
- Waitrose
- Wentworth House
- Whitehall Resources
- The Woolpack Public House

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## **We have new tree lights!**



## **Shops joined in!**





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**We all helped charities..!**

**The stall holders, community groups and performers at the Orchard Event;**

- Show Choir
- Theo the Magician
- Singer / songwriter Sammy
- Band - The Last Word

**Entertainment programme coordinator and compere** Jessica Petursson-Hall.

**The artists who created our publicity material**

- Anita Beckwith Waughman,
- Lulu Kirmani
- Annette Hall

**The many, many online donors, those who donated direct and all who made donations at one of our fundraising sessions in the High Street or Waitrose, whether by cash or by card.**

Lastly, a big thank you to all BVRA and other volunteers, who made sure everything happened on the evening and to their long-suffering families for their support and patience!



**... Thank you all.**