



Fairfield Village Community Association

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

Wishing You A
Very Merry Christmas

And a Happy & Prosperous
New Year



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Take A Few Simple Steps To Avoid Becoming A Victim Of Burglary

- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a give away that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows - even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you got out and also when you go to bed.
- Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break in to your home.

If you have information about a burglary phone the police on 101



Warwickshire
POLICE



West Mercia
POLICE



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The planning application for the construction and operation of an Incinerator Bottom Ash (IBA) Recycling Facility accepting 120,000 tonnes per annum along with ancillary/welfare facilities and operation of mobile equipment on site was **unanimously refused** by the County Council Planning Committee on the 1st November 2016.



Jubilant residents after hearing the Council's unanimous decision

The Recommendation from the Head of Strategic Infrastructure and Economy was that, having taken the environmental information into account, planning permission be refused.

The planning authority received 302 letters of objection to the proposal and over 30 representatives attended the 1st November committee from across the area. Representatives from the local parish councils and community associations also attended to support the officer recommendation. This was a huge community effort sustained over a period of three and a half years. The front-page stories and photographs in both the Bromsgrove Advertiser and the Standard show some of the attendees and these media reports can be accessed on line.

It is worth noting an appeal against the local planning authority decision must be made to the Secretary of State within six months of the date of the planning permission notice, which was the 2nd November 2016. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period of notice but will not normally use this power unless there are special circumstances, which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

Fairfield Village Community Association would like to thank **all** residents for taking part in the consultation, to all the volunteers scrutinizing & researching Veolia's planning proposal, to County Councillor Sheila Blagg & to Syd Danks (Chair of Wildmoor Residents Association) for speaking on behalf of the community at the committee meeting and to Kev's Cars and Coaches for transporting residents to County Hall.

Hedges

For the safety of pedestrians and motorists, residents are asked to cut back hedges that they are responsible for.



Fairfield Village Hall



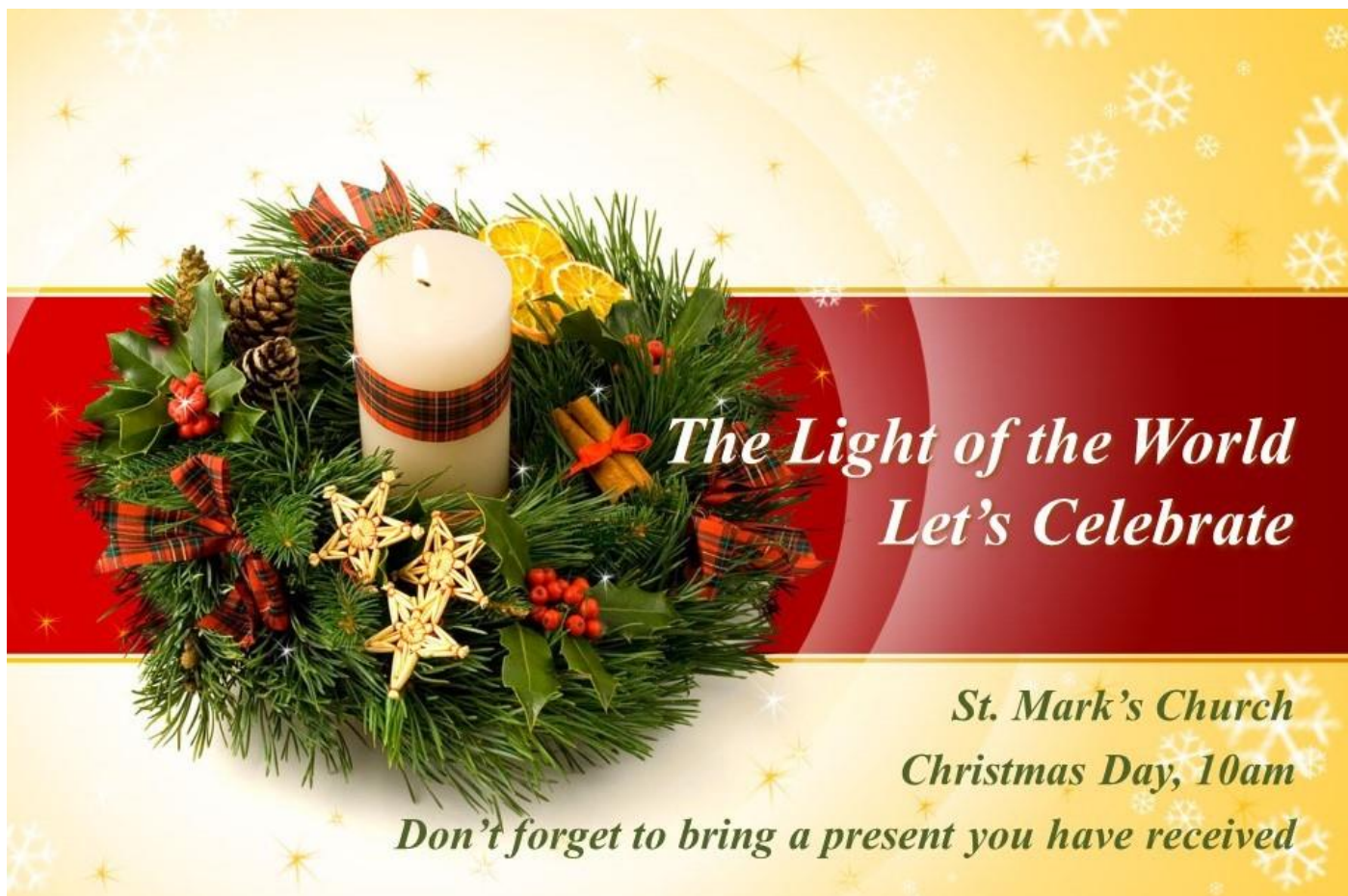
Traditional dance floor
Large stage with stage curtains
Suitable for all types of functions
Kitchen and bar area
Licensed for public entertainment
Committee room
Car parking on site
Baby changing unit in disabled toilet



Booking Secretary: Trevor Jones 07762 749943

Email: fairfieldvillagehall@outlook.com

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Lessons and Carols

Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Communion

Saturday 24th December, 9.00pm

St. Mark's Church

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Neighbourhood Watch

Shed Burglary, Dordale Road, Bournheath

Between 10pm Tuesday 1st November and 6.30pm Wednesday 2nd November, Offender(s) pulled one of the panels from the side of shed to gain entry. Tools stolen.

Did you see anything suspicious?

Phone the Police on 101. Police Ref: 0678s021116



Distraction Burglaries

There have also been several distraction burglaries in the area. Residents' are reminded to check their home and outbuilding security. Residents are also asked not to open the door to strangers unless on a security chain and to not let strangers enter their property.

Fraudsters are targeting Fairfield, Wildmoor & Stoneybridge

A resident has reported that they are receiving:

- Emails from someone claiming to be HMRC saying that VAT is owed. The emails look real and ask you to click on a link that will download a virus to your computer;
- Phone calls from someone claiming to be Norton Security, saying that your computer's security system is out of date and require upgrading. The caller will want to make a charge for the service and once they have your account details will take your money.

Residents are asked to be vigilant. Further details of recent fraud activities can be found on the village website.

Keep an eye on livestock

Recently in Blackwell offenders in pick up truck broke a lock to gain entry to field with livestock.

This is a timely reminder to keep an eye on Livestock.

There have been a number of livestock thefts around the country, in some circumstances livestock being slaughtered on site and removed in smaller non-commercial type vehicles.



Bogus summons from Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Emails - You've Been Summoned!

Fraudsters are sending out a wave of scam emails purporting to be from the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) that claim you have to appear in court.

Concerned members of the public have reported receiving the email entitled ? You've been witness summoned to court?

The email entices people to click on a link to view their start time/case details. This link is likely to lead to malware.

This email has no connection to the CPS and anyone receiving the email should not download any attachments or click on any links.

Make a scam/rogue trader complaint to Trading Standards via Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506.

Beware of bogus Telephone Preference Service callers

A consumer, in our police force area, reported receiving a phone call from someone claiming to represent the Telephone Preference Service. The caller asked the consumer to confirm their details, (the caller knew the name and address of the consumer) and then asked the consumer for the visa card details that were used when the consumer registered with the TPS.

These are bogus phone calls. The TPS is a free service. Consumers do not need to provide a debit or credit card to register and no one from the TPS would ever phone a consumer to confirm their name and address, nor ask for bank account or card details.

Never reveal personal or financial information to cold callers. These are criminal gangs that are only interested in stealing your account information or setting up direct debits for bogus services.

Financial Support For Elderly Residents

Did you know that Belbroughton United Charities provides grants for the relief of poverty for the elderly residents in the Parish of Belbroughton & Fairfield?

If you know of an elderly resident in the Parish struggling to pay their bills, keeping their home warm or have little food to eat Belbroughton United Charities offers one off grants.

To apply or for more information contact:

Pauline Jones, Telephone: 0121 453 7785, Email: pjones456@talktalk.net





Public Payphone Consultation

British Telecom are intending to remove 24 payphones that are located across Bromsgrove District, including the payphones located:

- Stourbridge Road, Fairfield (entrance to Fairfield Recreation Ground);
- A491 bus layby, Stoneybridge; and
- Quantry Lane, opposite The Gutter.

A consultation is currently taking place, ending on 1st January 2017.

If you have comments abouts BT's proposal please write to:

Planning Officer
Bromsgrove District Council
Town Hall,
Walter Stranz Square,
Redditch,
Worcs,
B98 8AH

A Blooming Spring Entrance

During October and November 400 daffodils have been planted by Community Association volunteers and children at Fairfield First School.

The bulbs will enhance the entrances to the villages, along with the planters that were sited earlier this year by the Parish Council.

Bulbs have also been planted along Brook Road & Dordale Road.



Job Opportunity - School Crossing Patrol Warden

Are you an adult looking for a bit of extra cash? Or do you know someone that is seeking a part-time job?

Fairfield needs a School Crossing Warden – The County Council will consider a job share.

Duty times: 8.35-9.05am 3.00-3.35pm (5 hours 25 mins) - Term Time Only

Salary: £7.43 per hour

Interested? Visit www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk/school-crossing-patrol.html

Email: jobs@worcestershire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01905 763763



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Community Litter Pick



Each month volunteers help keep **YOUR** community letter free.

Since the beginning of the year nearly every road in Fairfield & Stoneybridge has been targeted at least twice.

Volunteers Needed: please donate an hour of your time to help keep your community tidy, meet outside the Village Hall, 10.30am, on the second Saturday of each month.

Litter pick sticks, high-viz tops and refuse bags are provided.

Dog Waste Bins

Responding to a request earlier this year by your Community Association, the Parish Council have installed, with the agreement of the Woodland Trust, a dog waste bin in the Pepperwood car park.

The Parish Council have also installed a dog waste bin in Pepperwood Close.

Dog walkers are encouraged to use these bins and not:

Leave dog mess on the path or verge;

Bag waste and then throw the bag in the hedge (the bag takes years to degrade).



Getting Started Online – Go ON Worcestershire

Go ON Worcestershire is a partnership that includes Worcestershire County Council, District Councils, the Department of Work & Pensions, social housing providers and voluntary & community organisations.

The internet is the easiest and quickest place to find advice, shop for best buy products, best buy holidays, explore interests, stay in contact with friends and family and all from the comfort of your own home. You can get free help to 'Get on Line' and use a computer at your local Library.

Information guides are readily accessible online like 'WINTERWISE' an information guide produced by Age UK available to help you think about staying warm this Winter. The AGE UK booklet 'Winter Wrapped up' can be found on the Age UK website at

http://www.ageuk.org.uk/Documents/EN-GB/Information-guides/AgeUKIG27_Winter_wrapped_up_inf.pdf

You can find out about other information guides by logging on to the Age UK website or speak to someone for impartial advice by contacting Age UK free on 0800 169 65 65.

Worcestershire County Council has a dedicated website 'Your Life Your Choice' especially designed to help people live independently. The main County Council website also contains information to help you on gritting routes, bus services, road closures or you can report potholes pavement issues, lighting faults and overgrown shrubbery.

To find out about free training and drop in sessions in Bromsgrove Contact Rachael Tooth on 01527557599 or rachael.tooth@bdht.co.uk

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Community Association Meetings & Communications

All residents and friends of Fairfield & Stoneybridge are invited to Community Association meetings. The aim of the Association is 'the furtherance of community life within the village for all of those residents there and also the preservation of the existing and future environment of the village'. We need to hear your views, please support these meetings.

Meetings of the Community Association are on the first Saturday of each month, 10am, Fairfield Village Hall. Refreshments from 9.30am.

Keep up to date with the latest news and what's on in our community by:

1. Registering your email address with fvcommunityassociation@outlook.com
2. Liking facebook.com/fairfieldinformation
3. Following Twitter @fairfield_info
4. Visiting www.fairfieldvillage.co.uk

Bromsgrove District Council

Parkside Customer Service Hub Xmas Hours

Date	Open/Closed
Friday 23rd Dec	Open as normal 8.45am - 5pm
Sat 24th Christmas Eve	CLOSED
Sun 25th Christmas Day	CLOSED
Mon 26th Boxing Day	CLOSED
Tues 27th Bank Holiday	CLOSED
Wed 28th	CLOSED
Thurs 29th	Open 8.45am - 5pm
Fri 30th	Open 8.45am - 5pm
Sat 31st New Year's Eve	CLOSED
Sun 1st Jan New Year's Day	CLOSED
Mon 2nd January Bank Holiday	CLOSED
Normal services resume Tues 3rd Jan	

**No changes to bin collection
dates this Christmas**



Visit us / Write to us

Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire, B61 8DA
Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm

Call us

Customer Services: 01527 881288
Out of Hours emergency:
01527 871565

Click on

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk



Bromsgrove District Council



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Ding Dong Merrily On High

Caroling Around The Christmas Tree

*Wednesday 21st December,
7pm
Village Hall*



FREE Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Welcome 2017 at #FestiveFairfield's New Year's Eve Party

**Fairfield Village Hall
8.00pm – 00.30am**

**Magic
Disco
Party
Games
Big Fat
Quiz of
the Year
Light
Buffet**

Starring
Magic Circle
Illusionist
Kris Krendo



Tickets from the Village Shop

**Adults
£10.00
U16 Free**

Happy New Year!

**Bring
Your
Own
Drink**

Coming to Fairfield Village Hall in 2017

Kimber'sMen: Singing Up A Storm

Kimber's Men visit Fairfield Village Hall on Saturday 25th March and are probably the finest exponents of sea songs and sea shanties in the UK, and travel all over the British Isles and to Europe singing their songs. They have performed on the BBC with Gareth Malone and have twice featured on Channel 4's Sunday Brunch.

Kimber's Men sing mostly a capella sea songs and sea shanties, which are delivered with power and enthusiasm, each member taking his turn at leading a particular song. Their members also play a variety of instruments which include banjo, guitars, harmonium low whistle, bodhran and occasionally English bagpipes.

The show is delivered with the full enjoyment of the audience in mind and is both humorous and musical.

A beautifully crafted mixture of standards, obscurities and shanty inspired originals, penned by members of the band.

Their song about the Penlee lifeboat disaster, 'Don't take the heroes', is highly acclaimed and is covered by many shanty bands.

Tickets will be on sale from February 2017 at Fairfield's Village Shop, adults £9.00, children £7.00. The show starts at 6.30pm.



Weekly Activities at The Village Hall

- Monday:** **Kicks Dance School**, 3.30pm
 Line Dancing, 7.30pm
- Tuesday:** **Sequence Dancing**, 7.30pm
- Wednesday:** **Welcome Club**, 2pm - 4pm
- Thursday:** **Zumba**, classes at 6.30pm & 8.00pm (except December: 7pm)
- Friday:** **Shortstepperz**, 3.30pm - 4.45pm
 Taekwondo, classes at 6pm, 7pm & 8pm

Diary

December

- 1st: **Alice in Pantoland**, Dodford Village Hall
- 2nd: **Festive Fairfield - PTFA Christmas Fair**, Fairfield First School, 5pm - 7pm
- 2nd: **Alice in Pantoland**, Dodford Village Hall
- 3rd: **Alice in Pantoland**, Dodford Village Hall
- 5th: **Parish Council**, Fairfield First School, 7.30pm
- 10th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 14th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th: **Festive Fairfield - Entertainment Extravaganza**, Village Hall, 6.30pm
- 18th: **Festive Fairfield - Lessons & Carols**, St. Mark's Church, 6.30pm
- 21st: **Little Fishes** - to include Christmas Crafts, St. Mark's, 9.45am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
- 21st: **Festive Fairfield - Carols Around the Christmas Tree**, Village Hall, 7pm (Join your fellow villagers around the Christmas Tree, for carols, mulled wine and mince pies)
- 24th: **Festive Fairfield - Crib Service**, St. Mark's Church, 4pm
- 24th: **Festive Fairfield - Christmas Eve Communion**, St. Mark's Church, 9pm
- 25th: **Festive Fairfield - Let's Celebrate Christmas**, St. Mark's Church, 10am
- 31st: **Festive Fairfield - New Year's Eve Party**, Fairfield Village Hall, 8pm - 1.30am

January

- 7th: **Fairfield Village Community Association**, Village Hall, 10.00am
- 11th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
- 18th: **Little Fishes**, St. Mark's, 9.15am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
- 25th: **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

- 4th: **Fairfield Village Community Association**, Village Hall, 10.00am
6th: **Parish Council**
8th: **Women's Institute**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
11th: **Community Litter Pick**, meet outside Village Hall, 10.30am
15th: **Little Fishes**, St. Mark's, 9.15am (Activities for toddlers and their parents)
22nd: **Bingo**, Village Hall, 7.30pm
23rd: **National Vegetable Society**, Fairfield Village Hall, 7pm for 8pm start



Bromsgrove's Minor Injury Unit (MIU)

New opening times:
8am-8pm* 7 days a
week, 365 days a year
From 21st November 2016

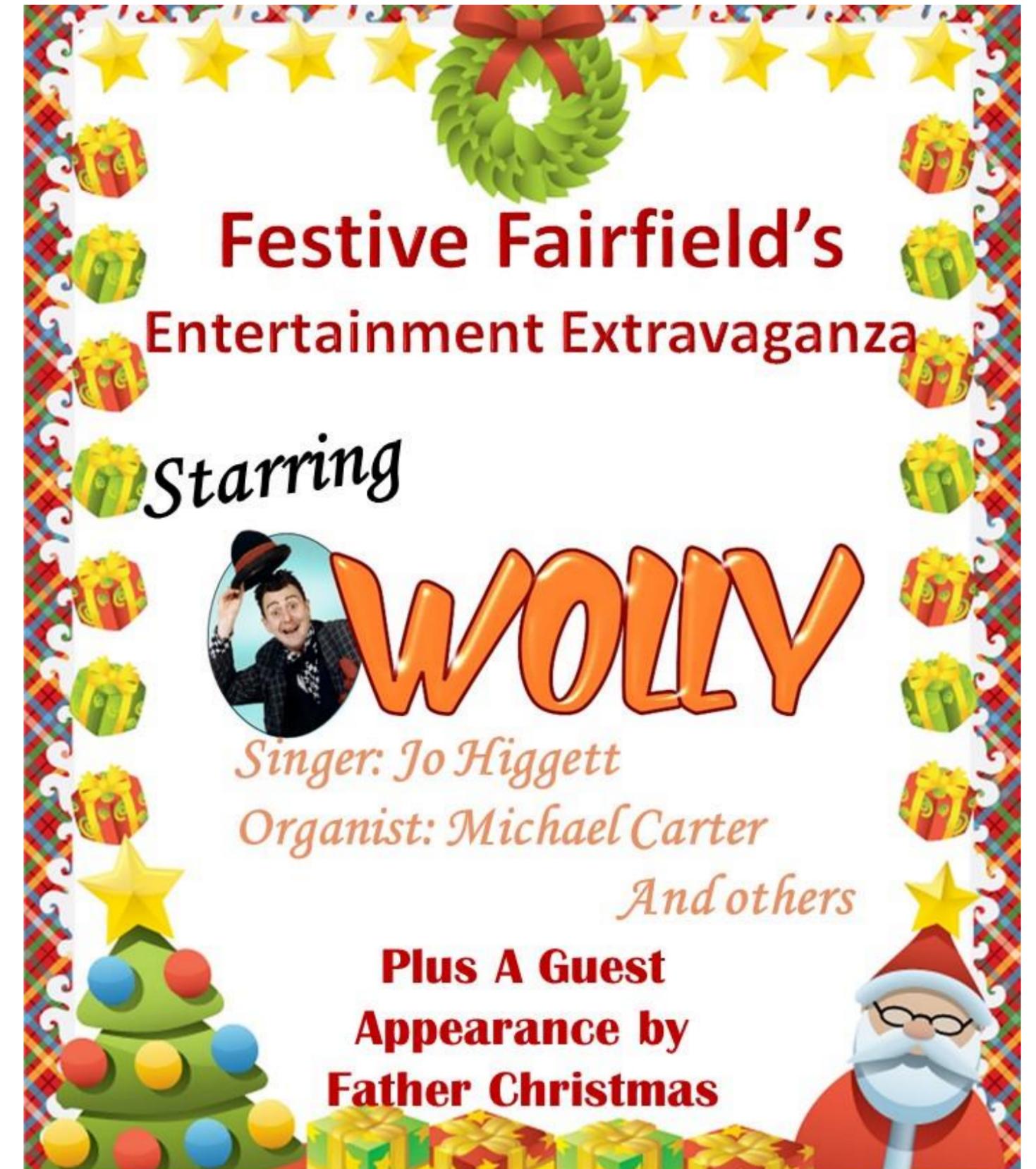
*last patient booking in time is 7:30pm



The unit, based at the Princess of Wales Community Hospital, is only for those who have minor injuries, such as small cuts and burns, grazes, sprains, strains and fractures. For more information visit: www.hacw.nhs.uk/MIU. Those with emergency or life threatening injuries should dial 999 or visit A&E straight away and if you are unwell or have a minor illness, such as a cough or cold, then contact your GP, visit your local pharmacy or call NHS 111 for further advice.

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Festive Fairfield's
Entertainment Extravaganza

Starring



WOLLY

Singer: Jo Higgett

Organist: Michael Carter

And others

**Plus A Guest
Appearance by
Father Christmas**



Saturday 17th December, 6.30pm

Fairfield Village Hall

Adults £3 U16 £2 Family £10