

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Christmas Carnival '25 –

Light up the parish with a carnival of festive fun!

When	Friday 5 th December 24, 4pm - 7pm (indoors) until 8pm (outdoors) Carols by Lantern Light
Where 1st Choice	Haydon centre main sports hall and car park
Community Programme	Christmas Market, Candles by Lantern Light to include as many community groups and schools as possible.



Budget: £3,000.00

Sponsorship : Currently no monetary success. However, discount for Sports Hall, traded services with Fandangoes: pitch for Festoon Lighting and negotiating with George Scarrott's to provide generator for all traders and festoon lighting

What	Following on from the success of last year and community appetite for more. We are organising another Christmas event that factors in an indoor warm space and outdoor activities and engagement. Continuing with a festive carnival feel and incorporating ELF the movie themes. To encourage community inclusivity, inviting schools, churches and community groups to take part in a Lantern
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	display with carols. With stilt walkers, live music, lego activities, donkeys and funfair creating an evening of lights, fun and carols. Carols by Lantern Light: at 7pm with Swindon Brass and carols led by St Johns with Community participation. Then what: In the car Park: • Street food stalls & Fandangoes Bar • Funfair. • Live Nativity • Carols by lantern light • ELF the movie scenes including Candy cane forest gazebo entrance, New York skyline light display, inflatable snowman etc) • Photo area  In the Sports Hall: • Tabletop market stalls: • Live music stage • ELF the movie projection (this became too expensive to gain the licence, co-ordinator to create a reel of images to project instead) • Children's craft zone • Tree's (on loan from Scarrott's) One as wishing tree for community thanks and reflection. • Lego activity/display – Abe's Brick Corner facilitating • Lantern display • Father Christmas
How will we promote this:	• School invites, groups, church networks, media • Visually: • Magazine • Banners/posters in key areas • Social media: develop a set of videos to promote and explain. • Website.
How will we gain sponsorship / Income	Co-ordinator has approached previous sponsors, with no response. Social media posts have gone out with only one company showing interest, they have since gone silent.
Visual set up	Festoon lighting supplied by Fandangoes around the car park area allocated to event. Elf scenes set up against GLL wall and back lit.



	Gazebo with candy can forest entrance flowing into the paper chain and paper star bomb gazebo tunnel. Central display of New York 3D models produced by Mr Gillet. With Train circling. Team are encouraged to wear elf costumes/hats etc Swindon Event Services to set up - up lighting around the hall and to support the outdoor display, creating a soft glow to enhance the ambiance of the event.
Resourcing	Having enough volunteers could be a problem at this time of year. The event will be organised to have contractors facilitate all stalls/food/funfair. GLL staff on hand to set up hall using their tables and chair and staging. 6 Councillors accepted calendar invite Staff confirmed so far: LC, LM, JW, JF,
Risk Considerations	Weather Resourcing Location complaints

Costs:

Amazon - Tea lights and 3D modelling	132
Nicki Pearce	100
Callum, Swindon Events - PA & lights	325
Stilt Walkers UK	780
GLL Hall Hire	544.22
Farms2ewe	825
Swindon Brass	100
Will secure	150
TEN Licence	21
Banners & Posters inc vat	297.76
Amazon props etc	130
HuwsGrey - Board for light display	49.02
Total to date:	3454.00

Stall holders:

Food and drink		
Spud shack	Jackets and variety of fillings , nachos, American hot dogs, chilli cheese dogs, toasties, hot and cold drinks	£50 pitch paid
Sugar shack	Hot Dogs & Cakes	£50 pitch paid
Travelling Tavern	Mulled Wine etc	Traded services: Festoon Lighting
Indoor Tabletop stalls		
The Melt Box	Home fragrance and bath and body products.	£25 pitch paid



Mama's Sweet Treats	Fudge etc	£25 pitch
Crochayy	Crochet plushies and laser engraved gifts	£25 pitch paid
Inspired by Boo, Flo & Moo	Handmade Amigurumi items. Macrame baskets. Macrame bags. Fabric Christmas trees. Christmas ornaments. All my items are handmade by myself.	£25 pitch paid
PrimePick	3D printed decorations fidgets and gifts	£25 pitch paid
Ruby Lou's	3D printed items, croc charms, jewellery, pocket money gifts, seasonal gifts	£25 pitch paid
Ifpersonalised	Personalised Christmas gifts. Baubles, straw glasses, stickers, Christmas cards www.ifpersonalised.co.uk	£25 pitch paid
Embroidery Creations and Other Crafts	I sell sewn and embroidered items. Bags, pouches, tea towel, Xmas stockings etc. Everything is either sewn or embroidered by me.	£25 pitch paid
RP Toys	I sell children's and collectors toys (models)	£25 pitch paid
Barbies handmade cards	I sell handmade cards for all occasions	£25 pitch paid
Windrush Reflexology	I wish to promote my services of reflexology and Indian Head massage and to sell gift vouchers.	£25 pitch paid
Harry Skillett - scouts	Handmade Christmas Crafts	FREE
Matt Fiddes	Promotion/activity	£25 paid
Madies Magic Brushes	Facepainting	£25 pitch
Haydon Wick Stand	Information point	-
Income to date		£425

Entertainment:

Father Christmas (JB)	4pm – 7pm	Various
Abes Brick Corner (lego)	4pm – 7pm	Indoors
Christmas Crafts / Lanterns and paper plate mask)		
Good Afternoon Choir	4.30pm – 5.15pm	Stage
Callum Acoustic Duo	5.15pm – 6pm	Stage
Nicki Pearce	6pm – 7pm	Stage



Swindon Brass	7pm – 8pm	Outdoors – Carols by Lantern Light
St Johns Choir /Parishioners	7pm onwards	
Stilt Walkers	4pm – 7.15pm	Various
Live Nativity (Donkeys +)	4pm – 7pm	Outdoors
George Scarrotts Fun Fair: Tea Cups, Carousel, Swing Boats, Prize Every Time game, Hook a duck and food truck (sweets/donuts)	4pm – 8pm	Outdoors (depending on success donation to Kelly's as Summer. Will loan 2 x 6ft trees (we need to sort stands) for event and also provide generator.



Marketing

- The Marketing and Events Co-ordinator will begin a count-down campaign from Friday 28th November.
- All traders/entertainers have been given event graphic to use in their own social media posts to self-promote and widening our audience.



	• Banners & Lamp Post posters are scattered across the parish. • Schools and community groups will be tagged into social campaign posts
Co-ordinator comments	• Currently the event costs are on budget, stall fees are covering any overspend. This event is expected to be at zero profit. Any pre agreed monetary donations from traders will be paid directly into The Kelly Foundation JustGiving page.