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## Don't miss Boston's Big Night Out tomorrow

**It's Boston's Big Night Out tomorrow – the second Illuminate parade leading to the switching on of this year's Christmas lights.**

The big lights switch-on is at 6.30pm, after two illuminated parades merge in the Market Place, one crossing St Botolph's footbridge and the other marching in from Central Park.

The Christmas fun in the town centre starts much earlier, with a Christmas market from noon.

Boston's second Illuminate parade will look at the themes behind why the Pilgrims decided to leave the country. The second spectacular interpretation of the Mayflower 400 journey acknowledges those seeking religious freedoms who gathered at Scotia Creek, near Fishtoft, one dark night in the autumn of 1607.

The parades will culminate in choirs singing Beyond the Horizon, the Mayflower song composed by a local musician and songwriter, set in front of a stunning light projection onto the parade and St Botolph's Church (Boston Stump).

Birds will be used as a motif throughout the 2016 festival, with doves to represent the peace and liberty sought by the Pilgrims and swallows to symbolise hope and migration. The specially-crafted projections will use animation and video.

Steve Hatton, Director at Electric Egg Ltd said: "Electric Egg is delighted to explore the themes of the Pilgrim story at this year's Illuminate festival. We will explore themes of liberty and migration using animation, illustration and video which will be

projected in a variety of locations around Boston including the tower of St Botolph's. We hope these works will stimulate debate and a curiosity in Boston's rich history and the town's contribution to the Pilgrim story."

Artists Ruth Pigott and Jessica Aylen, of the Curiosity Creators, have made paper birds to be handed out to the crowd, in addition to around 150 huge bird lanterns which will be carried.

Different groups, including Wrangle School, Boston West Academy, Wyberton School, St Thomas' School, St Giles Academy, Boston Explorers and Fishtoft Parish Council have worked with the Curiosity Creators to create their own bird lanterns to carry in the parade.

The festivals will culminate in a huge international celebration in 2020 to commemorate the sailing of the Mayflower, and the arrival of the Pilgrim Fathers in America. For more information about Boston's connection to the Mayflower story, visit [www.mayflower400uk.com/boston/](http://www.mayflower400uk.com/boston/)  
Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gc0YFZ>



### Leader chalks up 25 years' service

It's not often that Boston Borough Council Leader, Cllr Peter Bedford, is lost for words. But a surprise sprung on him at the full council meeting on Monday night left him almost speechless.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gdK0up>



### Final garden waste collections

Final garden waste collections for this growing season will be:

Week commencing November 21 for those who have their brown bin emptied during their green bin collection week (last collection Friday, November 25) and week commencing November 28 for those who have their brown bin emptied during their blue bin collection week (last collection Friday, December 2).

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f1tfZZ>

### Action on under-age drinking

Every off-licence in Boston is to get a visit, starting this week, as part of a campaign in the run-up to Christmas to highlight issues around under-age drinking. The newly-formed Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) – launched in Boston – will visit off-licences to give support, age-checking Challenge 25 stickers, plus an offer of a refusals register to record a refusal to sell to a customer failing to confirm their age.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gcs8fP>



### Get your free bus pass

A high number of concessionary bus passes are due to expire in 2017. You can renew yours up to six months before the expiration dates. There is no fee for renewing your pass. The passes allow all eligible older and disabled people to travel free on off-peak scheduled bus services anywhere in England. In Lincolnshire, resident pass holders can also travel free of charge on local journeys before 9.30am on weekdays.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f1nLuc>

### Get ready for winter

This year's Get Ready for Winter Campaign has now launched. It is again hosted by the Met Office working with Government departments and a range of public and private sector organisations.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f2HEyO>

### Anything we can do for you?

The council is looking at the services, advice and training that it currently provides to support others in commercial enterprises. It wants to make them more accessible and wants your views on this.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2f1Ba9t>