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Christmas message from the Mayor

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, providing we remember why we celebrate the festival. All over the world, Christians celebrate Christmas with carols, readings and joy, celebrating the coming into the world of the saviour of mankind, Jesus Christ.

No-one is absolutely certain on which day He was born, or indeed even exactly which year, but that doesn't really matter, because for those celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the key belief is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save each one of us, and that He subsequently died for us on the cross and that He rose again in glory; and that is why Christians celebrate Christmas all around the world.

What does that mean for us in Boston? Well, Christians should celebrate the birth of Jesus every day of their lives, but particularly on the 25th December when everyone can enjoy celebrating together. However, when we are enjoying the company of family and friends, sharing gifts and food, we should remember those people who have none of these. We should also remember those who live in desperate conditions, whether in Boston or elsewhere in the world. With that in mind, we should extend a loving commitment to those facing loneliness or hardship at the coming festivities. Feeling unloved or enduring hardship is depressing at any time, but in the gloomy dark days of December, that feeling of isolation is particularly compounded when others are seen to be partying and enjoying the company of loved ones.

So, my Christmas message is this: Enjoy the festivities and share your enjoyment



with everyone around you, showing compassion to those who struggle against illness, loneliness and depression at this time. As your Mayor, I share my Christmas greetings with each one of you in Christ's name, and look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year, with the prospect of the lighter, warmer days of springtime and summer to come.

So, have a happy and safe Christmas, remembering of course the real meaning of the celebration, and share your Christmas joy with everyone you meet.

Boston Mayor,
Cllr Stephen Woodliffe

C-c-cold and wet, but worthwhile

Officers from Boston Borough Council rushed to the coast when a major oil spillage at sea threatened a large-scale pollution incident.

Fortunately Exercise Grey Seal was an exercise designed to test resilience in the face of a major disaster.

Staff from the borough council took part in both the beach exercise at Mablethorpe and in the emergency "bunker" at fire and rescue headquarters in Lincoln.

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

Cheered by bin men's smiley face

Boston Borough Council's binmen are among the best-known of the authority's frontline ambassadors. The most regular of round-the-year visitors, whatever the weather, they enjoy banter and a joke as they go.

Cllr Michael Brookes, the council's portfolio holder for waste services, was pleased to receive a message with photographs from a resident whose day had been cheered by the passage of the binmen.

One of them had inscribed a smiley face in the frost on the brown bin.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2gdPb9B>



£9.3m East Coast Community Fund open for applications

A new fund launched by DONG Energy, making available up to £9.3 million for community and environmental projects in coastal areas of Lincolnshire now open for applications.

The East Coast Community Fund is part of the community engagement programme for DONG Energy's Hornsea Project One and Race Bank offshore wind farms, which are located off the Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and North Norfolk coast.

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

Stay safe this Christmas

After a good night out, all you want to do is get home quickly. Unfortunately, there are unlicensed drivers who will take advantage of you given the opportunity.

To ensure you get home safely please take a few minutes to read our guide on Hackey Carriages (Taxis) and Private Hire Vehicles.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2hEgfU5>

Jingle all the way to more pennies in your pocket

Residents wishing to hear the festive jingle of more pennies in their pockets this Christmas should consider switching energy provider through Lincolnshire Energy Switch Scheme for potential lower gas and electricity bills.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2hPHF71>

