



Bigger and better! – building on the success of the Thanksgiving Day events in 2015, this year sees the Mayflower Pilgrims commemoration activities expand to a ten-day

ILLUMINATE Pilgrims Festival.

Gainsborough Lights Switch-On Town Centre (6.30pm) and at Marshalls Yard (8pm) on Friday 18th November.

Saturday 19th (10.00am – 4.00pm) and Sunday 20th (12.00 – 4.00pm) November at All Saints Church, Babworth, there will be an exhibition of art and craft inspired by the Separatist/Mayflower Pilgrims story – to exhibit, contact Peter Swinscoe (peterswinscoe@tiscali.co.uk) and come along to the church with your work, PM on Friday 18th.

At 6.30 for 7.30pm, Tuesday 22nd November there is a ticket-only Americana Evening at Spencer's on the Square, Market Square, Retford – two course meal plus songs of the 50's and 60's from Jessica Mary Brett and Matt Bowker – tickets are £25 each, available from The Hub and Spencer's on the Square in Retford.

From Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th November, The Opera Tea Rooms, just off the Market Square in Retford, will be offering Pilgrim Specials including Hodge Pot, and Barm Brack, using authentic recipes from the 1600s.

From 10.00am until 4.00pm Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, and Friday 25th November and on Thursday 24th from 10.00am – 1.00pm in the Ballroom at Retford Town Hall, the story of the Puritans, Separatists and Mayflower Pilgrims will be shown in an Exhibition – entry free, no need to book. There will also be talks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.30 – 1.30pm.

On Thursday 24th November, there will be candle-lighting services at the Pilgrim Churches, where everyone is welcome, of all faiths, and none. URC Gainsborough: 9.15am, Sturton-le-Steeple: 10.00am, Austerfield: 11.00am; Scrooby (12 noon) and Babworth (4.00pm). There will be a Civic Service at 6.00pm in St Swithun's, Retford followed by the forming of the '400' photograph, as last year, and a Civic Reception.

The very popular primary school workshops which took place on Thanksgiving Day in 2015 have been extended and will be carried out from 22nd to 25th November this year, increasing the number of schools that we are able to work with, plus a special evening for Cubs and Brownies on Wednesday 23rd.

On Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November, there will be a Santa's Winter Wonderland experience in the Buttermarket at Retford Town Hall. On Sunday 27th the Festival will complete with the Retford Christmas Market and Lights Switch-On in and around the Market Square, in Retford.

In Bawtry there will be a children's heritage trail from the library **on Saturday 26th (10 am - 2pm)** with Austerfield study centre hosting a candle-lit tour and hog roast on **Sunday 27th November. (2pm onwards)**

In Gainsborough, the Old Hall will hold its annual craft fair on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November**, where you can get an understanding of what a medieval kitchen was really like.

From **29th November to 4th December**, the Puritans, Separatists and Mayflower Pilgrims Exhibition will be at Worksop Priory as part of the Christmas Tree Festival.

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