



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON EVENTS 2018

This year the Parish Council are again arranging for the erection of three Christmas trees in the Parish at St Christopher's Church, St Mary's Church Lea Town and Cottam Primary School. In conjunction with the local schools and churches light switch on events have been arranged as follows:

3rd December 2018 at St Mary's Church Lea Town.

A short advent service will be held in the church at 4.15pm followed by the official switch on in the church grounds. Attendees are then invited to mince pies and mulled wine in St Mary's School followed by Christmas Family Bingo and a Christmas raffle.

3rd December 2018 at St Christopher's Church, Blackpool Road.

A short carol service will be held at 6.00pm prior to assembly in the church grounds for the official switching on of the Christmas Tree lights. Those attending are then invited to St Bernard's School for mince pies, tea and coffee. Please note that due to safety regulations the number of people who will be able to attend the short service will need to be limited. There will however, still be room outside for the switch on and of course attendance at St Bernard's who are also arranging a few games of Christmas Bingo whilst you enjoy your tea, coffee and mince pies.

5th December 2018 at Cottam Primary School.

The singing of carols will take place in the school at about 3.30pm followed by mince pies, tea and coffee. Shortly after 4.00pm those in attendance will be asked to assemble outside to see the lights on the Christmas Tree officially switched on.

These community events have become an annual feature within the Parish. Residents of the Parish are encouraged to come along and join in the celebrations and support the combined efforts of the local churches, schools and Parish Council.

MILLER GREEN RAISED BEDS AND PLANTING SCHEMES

The two raised beds have now been constructed on Miller Green and planting has been completed. Bulbs have been dug in which will hopefully give us a lovely display in spring next year. A number of trees have been replaced on our existing tree areas and new trees introduced adjacent to the newly created path across the green. These latter trees are quite substantial and provide immediate impact. We are now coming to the end of the improvement plan that was agreed several month ago. All that now remains is for the installation of a couple of bench seats close the low mown area which is now regularly used for recreational purposes by local residents. Our lengthsman team will be responsible for future maintenance.



NEW NOTICE BOARDS

The first two of our new notice boards have now been erected at our Miller Green site and also at St Christopher's Church. They look very attractive and provide much more space for us to display notices. Installations at Cottam Community Centre and in Lea Town are expected to be done soon.



NEW ASSISTANT LENGTHSMAN APPOINTED

A new assistant lengthsmen has been appointed to replace Colin who is to retire shortly. Colin has been an important member of our team and we are sorry to lose him and we take this opportunity to thank him for his contribution to improving our neighbourhood.

Interviews took place recently and we were fortunate to have some very good applicants - the selection panel had great difficulty in deciding who to appoint. Our new assistant lengthsmen is Dave Brown who lives locally and has a wealth of practical experience in the various aspects of do it yourself. I feel sure that he will soon become an essential part of our growing team.

NEW GOAL POSTS AND PITCH MARKINGS



The Parish Council have provided funds to reinstate the goal posts on Jubilee Recreation Ground which had been removed due to them being in a dangerous state. The new posts were erected a few weeks ago and the pitch has been marked out. Our lengthsmen team have cut the grass to a low level so as to allow a game of football to take place and they will continue to undertake additional cutting to keep the grass at a playable level.

IMPROVED ACCESS TO MILLER GREEN

As a result of a suggestion from a local resident the access gates to the new path have been extended to allow easier access for buggies and the like. The stoned surface, which has caused problems, has been removed and replaced with a concrete base. This will hopefully make it easier to access the Green and encourage even more people to take advantage of the facilities. The photo shows the extension prior to the concrete base being completed. The work has been undertaken by our own lengthsmen team.



FIRST PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT COMPLETE



Our lengthsmen team have now completed the re-painting of the fences and equipment on one of our Cottam playground areas. There are many more playgrounds which are in need of attention and these will be dealt with in conjunction with Preston City Council over the coming months and subject, of course, to weather conditions.

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MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE:

3RD DECEMBER 2018 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE @ 7.30pm
21ST JANUARY 2019 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE @ 7.30pm
4TH MARCH 2019 @ COTTAM COMMUNITY CENTRE @ 7.30PM

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

