

PRESS RELEASE

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Community celebrates 400th anniversary

Local organisations, schools, residents and youth groups will come together for eight days of celebrations to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the historic Pilgrim Fathers voyage.

Shoreline have provided £5000 of funding for the Pilgrim 400 Commemoration which will mark the famous sailing with a series of events and fun-packed activities including;

- Grand Pilgrim 400 Parade
- Continental farmers' market
- Swimming gala
- Ceilidh dance
- Mayflower woods walk
- Family fun day
- Immingham dock tour
- Texas scrabble golf tournament
- Ye Olde bingo and amusements
- Pilgrim history tour of Immingham
- Family fun run
- Band fiesta
- Immingham Museum Pilgrim Fathers exhibit

A grand Pilgrim 400 Parade will mark the opening of the festivities while a fantastic firework finale at the Pilgrims' Monument will mark the culmination of the celebrations.

Live entertainment will also be provided by the Humberside Police and Barton Brass band.

The commemoration will engage the community in the celebrations, extending access and participation to over 5,000 local people of all ages and backgrounds.

The celebration aims to enhance pride in the local community and increase young people's interest and knowledge in their local history, arts and environment.

All the events will record the trials and tribulations of the Separatists (later to become the Pilgrim Fathers) and why they set sail from Immingham in 1608.

Shoreline regeneration officer Christina Letter said: "The local community felt that their local history and heritage was been ignored and decided to do something about it.

"Their support, involvement and passion for this project have been phenomenal and we are really happy to be supporting them in bringing the whole community together

to celebrate the people of this area and their history, as well as mark this historic event.”

Immingham resident David Boulton who has been instrumental in organising the commemoration said: “We felt we needed to bring to everyone, both local and national, Immingham’s role in the history of the Pilgrim Fathers passage to America.

“The 400th anniversary of the Separatists fleeing England from Immingham in 1608 seemed an ideal opportunity to do this. This commemoration is a major event for Immingham and shows that as a community we have a lot to offer.”

Pilgrim 400 Commemoration Event timetable

Saturday July 12, 2008

11am - 5pm

Pilgrim 400 Parade/ amusements (Leave and finish at Civic Centre car park)

4pm - 6pm

Pilgrim 400 Swimming Gala (Immingham Swimming Pool)

7pm - Midnight

Ceilidh Dance (Civic Centre)

Sunday July 13, 2008

10am

Mayflower Wood Walk (Start at St. Andrew’s Church)

11am

Family Fun Day (in association with Conoco Philips)

Monday July 14, 2008

8.30am - 5pm

Pilgrim 400 Texas Scramble Golf Tournament (In association with Immingham Golf Club)

7pm – 10.30pm

Pilgrim History Tour of Immingham (Start and finish at the Civic Centre)

Tuesday July 15, 2008

6pm – 10.30pm

Immingham Pilgrim Family Fun Run (Resource Centre)

2pm - 4pm

Sequence Dance featuring Jeanette (Civic Centre)

Wednesday July 16, 2008

7pm – 10.30pm

Ye Olde Bingo (Civic Centre)

Thursday July 17, 2008

8pm - 1030pm

Humberstone Police Band Concert (Civic Centre)

Friday July 18 to Sunday July 20, 2008

10am - 5pm

Continental Market (Civic Centre grounds)

Friday July 18, 2008

7pm - 9pm

Barton Brass Band and Guests (Open air concert at Homestead Park)

Saturday July 19, 2008

11am - 6pm

Band Fiesta (at the Civic Centre)

Sunday July 20, 2008

3pm - 10pm

Finale including grand firework display (at the Pilgrim's Monument)