



Mill Road Lights

Brightening up Mill Road through the Festive Period



FREE

Mill Road Lights Christmas Switch On Saturday 20th November 2010

*Christmas music & stalls
Kids lantern making
Father Christmas*





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Welcome!



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The Mill Road Christmas Switch On, now in its 2nd year, is bigger and better than ever!

Bring the family to our **lantern making workshop** – see the **back page** for more details.

We have **Christmas music** to entertain you, and **festive stalls** so you can start your Christmas shopping early! **Father Christmas** will be dropping by and turning the lights on at 5pm. See the **centre pages** for the **What's On guide**.

We've also decorated the big tree at the Switch On with 6,500 bulbs – be the first to see it light up Mill Road! Read the **story of the tree inside the back cover**.



Mill Road Lights is a not-for-profit group run by local people. This year the snowflakes were put up by volunteers for the first time, saving money and making the Festive Lights a truly community driven project.

Thank you to everyone who helped us this year. We would especially like to thank our sponsor, St Andrews Bureau, and Cambridge Discount Electrical, who provided electrical assistance.

We hope that the lights brighten up those dark winter evenings for you, from the Switch On in November throughout the festive period and into January.

Seasons greetings from Mill Road Lights!

If you would like to get involved in the Mill Road Lights project please call David on 07929 846667 or visit our website www.millroadfestivelights.co.uk



What's On at the Christmas Sw

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St Barnabas Church

2.00pm to 4.30pm

Kids lantern making workshop - drop in anytime!

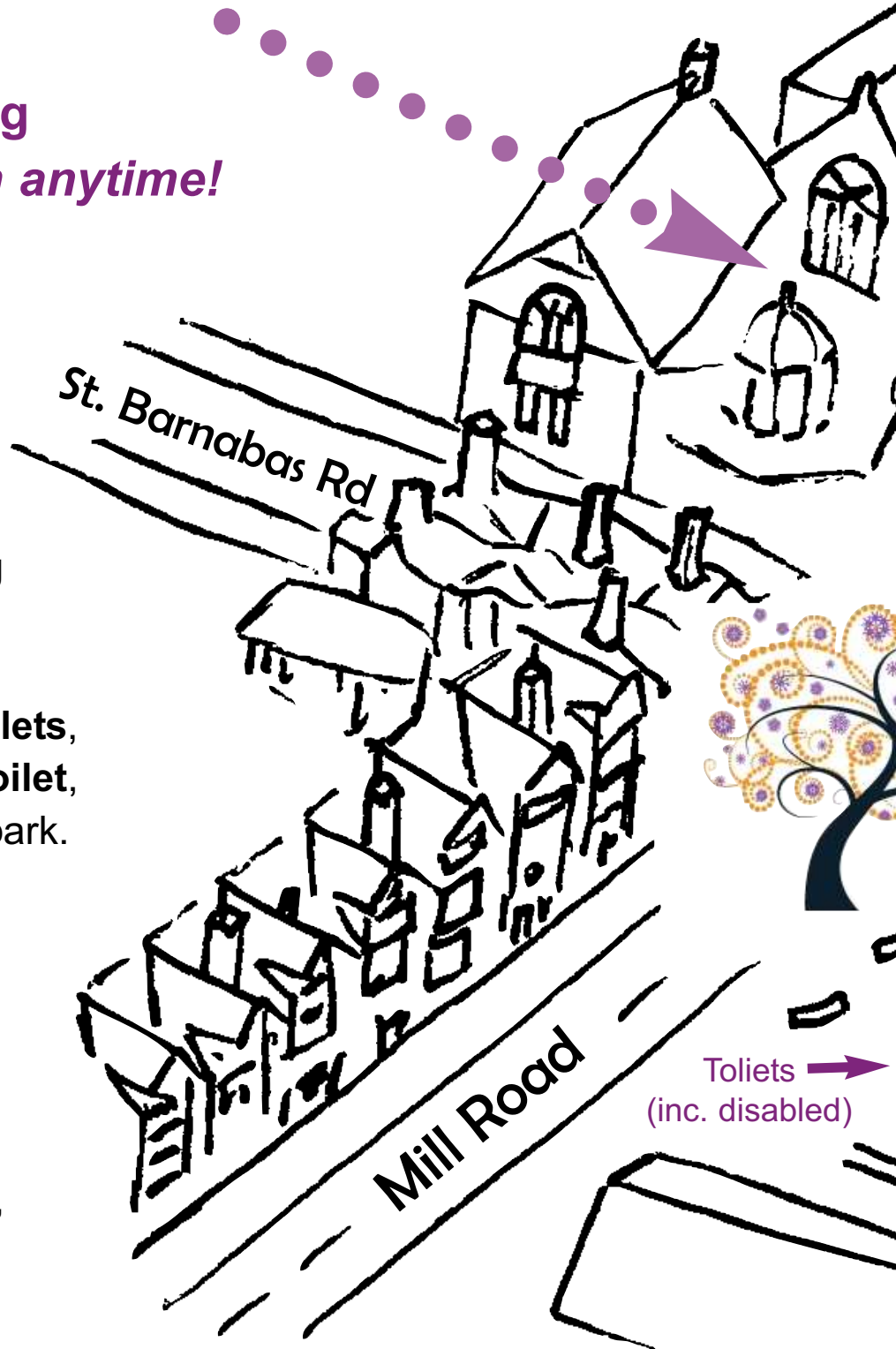
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Father Christmas

Buggy park and toilets including **baby-changing** facilities in the Church.

There are also **public toilets**, including one **disabled toilet**, in the Gwydir Street car park.

Stewards are available throughout the Event to assist you. They can be identified by their **fluorescent yellow safety jackets**. In an emergency, or if you notice anything **suspicious or dangerous**, please report this to a **steward** immediately.



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★ The **Safety Office** is at Lifecraft and also houses the First Aid station, provided by **St Johns Ambulance**. If you need First Aid please contact the nearest steward. **Lost Kids** is also located here. If you become separated from your child please notify a steward.



Gwydir Street Car Park

3.30pm - 6.00pm

Food & Christmas stalls

3.30pm

Christmas music

4.30pm

Arco Iris Samba band

5.00pm

Big Countdown to Switch On with Father Christmas

5.00pm

More Christmas music!



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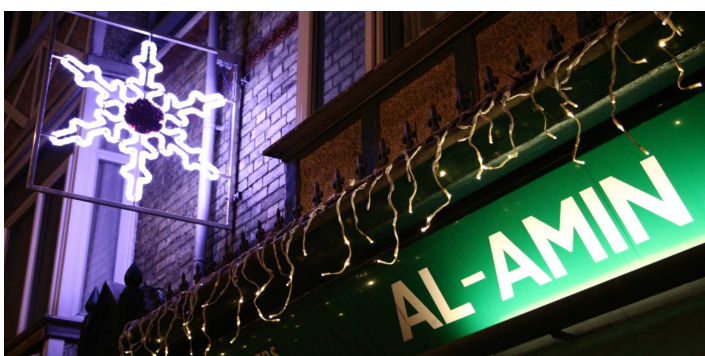


Abdul Kayum Arain is a familiar figure to residents and shoppers in the Mill Road area. He is part and parcel of the local

community - a governor of St Matthews County Primary School, a trustee of the Cambridge Muslim Trust and one of the organisers of the Mill Road Winter Fair.

He is also the owner of Al Amin, the ethical food store billed as a 'melting pot of cuisine and culture' and described by *Daily Telegraph* food writer, Bee Wilson, as a 'mini-universe of delights'.

Something people may not have associated with Abdul is his donation of £1,000 which kick-started the Mill Road Lights initiative last year.



Why did a Muslim offer such generous support to a project which many people would assume are Lights to be used to celebrate Christmas?

Abdul explains:

"I believe it is incumbent upon all of those who benefit from this wonderful area to also give back."

"Mill Road is one of the most incredible streets anywhere in the world, predominantly because it brings together the best of many traditions and cultures."

"One of the ways that all these cultures celebrate is through festive lights."

Abdul also sees other benefits from the display, which will brighten up Mill Road for six weeks from 20th November until the New Year:

"The railway bridge is a physical barrier which separates two parts of Mill Road. With the snowflake design of the festive lights, we've succeeded in uniting both sides of the bridge."

Under the Lime Lights



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At this year's Big Countdown at 5 o'clock on Saturday 20th November, some exciting new lights will be switched on for the first time.

Specially trained climbers scaled the 20 metre lime tree on the corner of Gwydir Street and Mill Road, opposite Lloyds Bank, in order to decorate it with an incredible 6,500 bulbs.

The tree will be lit up every day for six weeks, brightening up those dark evenings and providing some festive cheer to everyone who visits Mill Road.



The lights have been installed using purpose built elastic ties so that no damage is caused to the tree, and ultra-energy efficient LEDs have been chosen to minimise the carbon footprint. In fact, the power used will be under 300 watts - less than the lights in one typical home!

The project has been made possible by a grant from Cambridge City Council and sponsorship by St Andrews Bureau, the specialists in property management based on Mill Road. Mickey Flynn's has also kindly agreed to donate electricity.

It is hoped that the tree will be popular with local people and will be used for other local events such as the Mill Road Winter Fair, and for religious and cultural festivals throughout the year.





Lanterns light the way

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Before the Switch On this year there will be a children's lantern making workshop in St Barnabas Church and Father Christmas will also be paying a visit!

Families can drop in at any time between 2.00pm and 4.30pm to make lanterns out of willow canes, tissue paper, and colourful decorations. The creative masterpieces are then lit from inside with battery operated LED lights, not naked flames.

The workshop is suitable for children aged 3 years and above who are under parental supervision at all times.

Lantern making is free of charge but a refundable deposit of £2.50 per child is payable for the LED light.

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Light refreshments will also be available.

Father Christmas will visit the Church from 4.00pm moving outside to the Gwydir Street car park for the Big Countdown.

As the lantern workshop draws to a close, bring your lantern over to the Gwydir Street Car Park, add it to the lights, enjoy the festivities and of course see Father Christmas switch on the Mill Road Lights at 5.00pm!