

Artisan Market

Novembers Artisan Market was a little smaller than usual with 19 stalls. We are confident that this was as a result of the dire weather forecast for last Saturday. Also more towns hold additional festive events in November and December so there is an increased pull on stallholders to attend other events at this time.

Remembrance Service

Everything is organised and prepared for The Remembrance Service. The road closure order has been confirmed and the song sheets have been printed.

All the lamppost poppy decorations have been installed and the waterfall poppy banner is in situ.

The lamppost poppies will be removed week commencing 14th November and the waterfall will be removed by Festive Lighting as they put up the Christmas display.

We still need marshals for the event –Sunday 13th November, around 10.30am – 12noon

Rose Theatre

The Fawltly Towers Murder Mystery immersive event is taking place at the Rose on 18th November. Tickets are £25 per head and this includes food and a glass of prosecco on entry – this will be provided by Rugeley's own Time for Tea. A collection will be made for Alzheimer's Society. We have addressed the issues of quality and quantity which arose at the last event and service will be made to the individual group tables. Please help us to promote it by sharing on your personal social media.

Newsletter Questionnaire feedback

The Questionnaire which went in the last edition of the Newsletter had a very poor response rate, as discussed at the last meeting. This has now been circulated on our Facebook page to encourage increased engagement. It is not realistic to run events on the response of less than 0.1% of the local community.

Christmas Trees

The Christmas trees in the Town centre and on the Eaton Lodge Island will be in situ on 21st/22nd November.

Christmas Lights Extravaganza

We met with William and Samantha Jones' Fairground and the Stall Hire Company to discuss the proposed Christmas Event set-up logistics and are pleased to say both parties were happy and supportive. Therefore, the following locations will be observed:

- Market Stalls will be located in Market Square in a Horseshoe shape with picnic tables in the centre with a view of the stage.
- They will then continue down Lower Brook Street and up to the Mindfulness Garden.
- Fairground rides will be located in Upper Brook Street and in Anson Street only.
- Entertainment – Face painters, DJ, Sheridan the dog, balloon modeler, stilt walker will be based in the Brook Square area, but obviously circulating where possible.
- The main stage will have school choirs throughout the day and Christmas carols led by Churches together. The Rugeley Kick Boxers have agreed to switch on the lights followed by a short demonstration and musical entertainment.
- Street food will be dotted around the town to avoid congestion, but some will be around the periphery of Market Square.
- There will be an additional DJ in Market Square next to the stage and the Town Council Tea Tent/Operations will also be in Market Square next to the stage.
- The giant snow globe will be at the foot of Bow Street (it cannot go further up due to wind restrictions) with the queue going up Bow Street.
- *We are still trying to find a golf buggy for Santa
- We are on 46 confirmed stalls (limit is 50)
- Snow machines will be located in Market Square
- First Aid will be located at Blueprint
- Security are scheduled throughout the day
- Fireworks will be at 7pm as usual
- Mr and Mrs Hancock have been asked to assist with the fireworks marshaling as usual
- Santa's Grotto will be in C Residential – Craig Mantle is building a surround for the entrance and a fireplace for the interior.
- The Hart school have offered performing arts kids to act as elves to entertain the kids in the queue.

We will need councilors to support us during the day in the tea tent and during the fireworks.