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20 JUNE TO
6 JULY 2025

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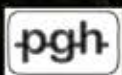
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20 June to 6 July

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Visitor Centre on
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Any more questions?

Phone Rugby Visitor Centre on 01788
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Rugby Borough Council is pleased
to announce a new cultural festival
celebrating the arts, heritage and sport
in Rugby this summer, and they would
love you to join in the fun!

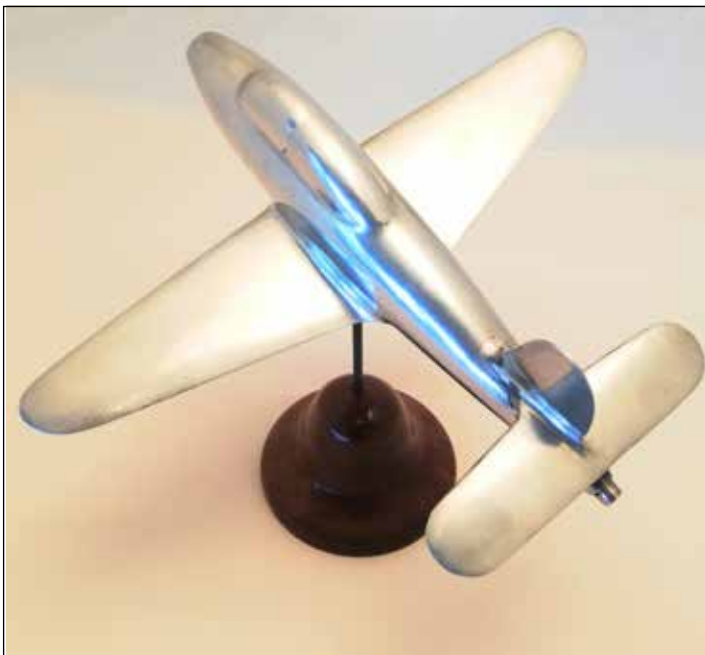
The Love Rugby Festival, planned for
Friday 20 June to Sunday 6 July and
focussed primarily on the town centre,
aims to drive activity in the town with
a packed programme of live music,
theatre, art, heritage and sport.

The Love Rugby Festival is part of the
Council's new Corporate Strategy to
deliver a fairer, greener and healthier
Rugby. We want to boost the sense of
pride in our Borough, improve footfall
in the town centre, increase awareness
of existing events and activities and
celebrate our diverse communities.

We hope that within this guide you will
find something of interest for you, your
friends and family! A heartfelt thanks to
all those individuals, local businesses,
groups, organisations and volunteers
who have worked tirelessly to put the
festival together in a relatively short
period of time. We want you to join
us, be part of something special, be
proud, bring your
friends and family,
share and enjoy the
experience, while
celebrating the very
best of Rugby.

Cllr. Michael Moran
Leader of Rugby
Borough Council





Until 4 October Collecting Rugby

It's been 25 years since the library, art gallery and museum building opened its doors, and the new museum began collecting objects in earnest. In this display we look back at a quarter of a century of collecting Rugby and the previous attempts for a museum dating back to the opening of the first public library in the 1890s.

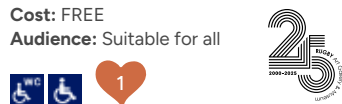
Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



17 June – 26 July Future Faces

An exhibition featuring self-portraits created by talented young artists from Rugby, aged 8 to 16 years old (including all those who will turn 8 by end of this academic year). It is a wonderful opportunity to see the creativity and unique perspectives of the future generation! Each piece offers a glimpse into the personalities and dreams of these emerging artists, showcasing a variety of styles and techniques - from bold brushstrokes to delicate sketches. Come join us in celebrating the vibrant imagination of Rugby's youth and support the next wave of creative minds.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



21 June - 6 September Great & Small: Crafted Creatures

An exhibition for children and families selected from the Crafts Council collections. Animals have been represented in craft for as long as humans have been making, shaping, and creating decorative objects.

Featuring works in clay, wood, metal, glass and textiles, the exhibition engages young minds with contemporary craft by introducing them to the many ways in which the natural world has inspired makers and the materials and techniques they have used to depict it.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
Time: Tuesday – Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturdays 10am – 4pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Adults and Families



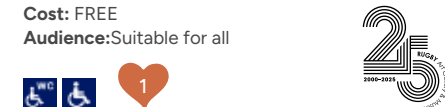
21 June - 6 September Blueprints: The making of us

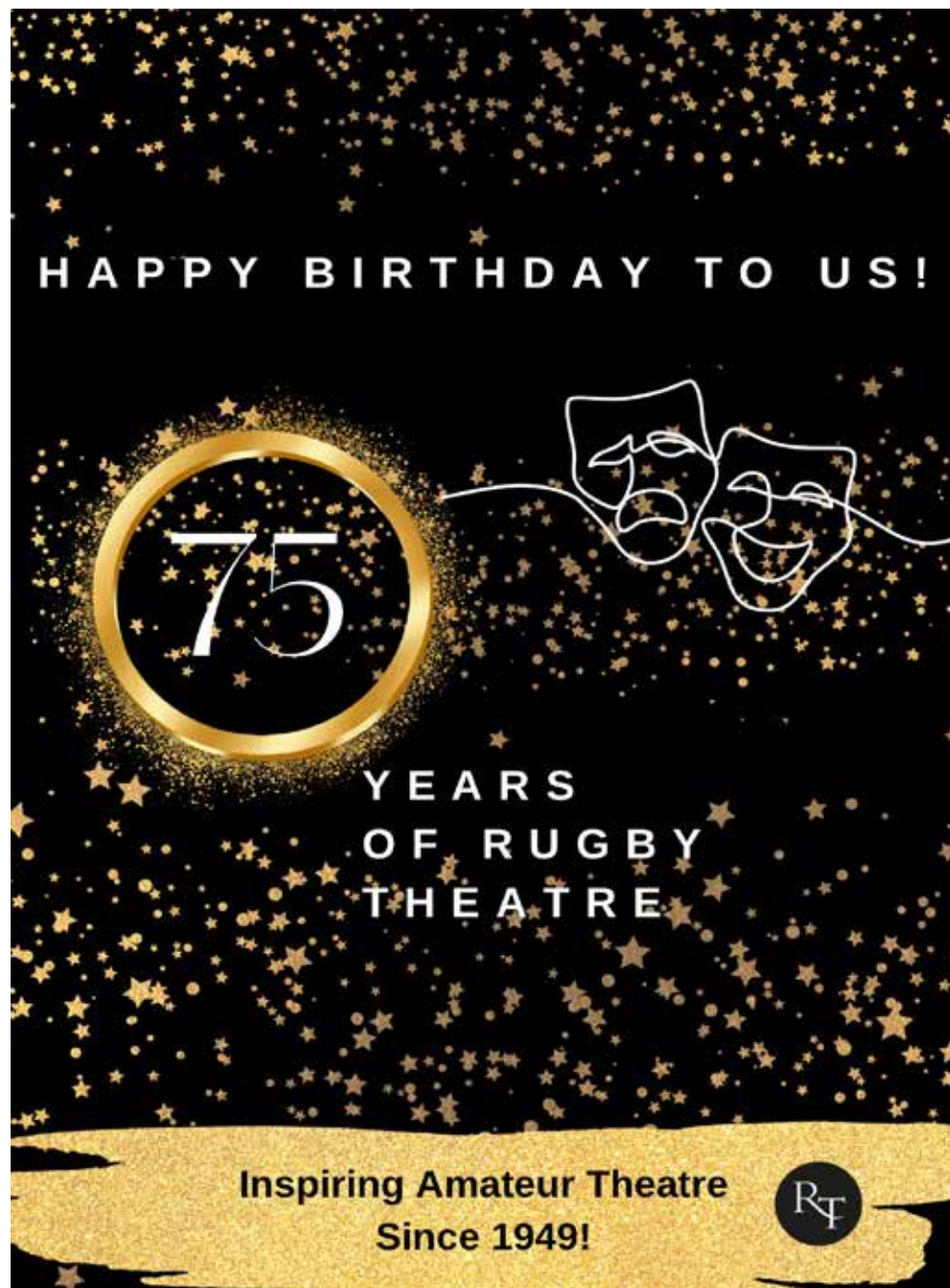
As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Blueprints invites you to explore the foundations of both the building itself and the remarkable collection it houses. This exhibition delves into the literal and metaphorical blueprints that have shaped our cultural landscape.

Featuring works from The Rugby Collection alongside rare artist sketches, this exhibition offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the creative processes that underpin iconic pieces of 20th Century British art. These "blueprints" reveal the early stages of artistic thought, where imagination meets technical precision.

Blueprints also takes a step back in time to examine the architectural journey of the gallery and museum. Designed to house Rugby's growing art and museum collections, this purpose-built space stands as a testament to the town's commitment to the arts. Through historical photographs and original blueprints of the building, we trace the story of why and how the gallery came to be - a place built for the people of Rugby to experience art in a new, dedicated environment.

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Audience: Suitable for all






A colorful illustration of a garden path with a gazebo, surrounded by many pink and purple butterflies. A green star icon with 'RBC' is in the top right corner.

20 June - 6 July
Love Rugby Butterfly family trail

Free family Butterfly trail. Search around Caldecott Park to find 15 colourful wooden butterflies during the Love Rugby Festival. Pick up a trail sheet from Hattie's Café during opening hours. Created by Jessi Illustrates.

Venue: Caldecott Park
Time: During park and café opening times
Cost: FREE
Audience: Families

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A chalk drawing of a large pink heart with the word 'art' inside, surrounded by colorful floral patterns. A green star icon with 'RBC' is in the top right corner.

20 June - 6 July
Rugby Artists and Makers go public

Rugby Artists and Makers add colour and fun to Rugby's streets, and point you towards event venues.

Venue: Throughout the town centre
Time: The temporary artworks will be created during the start of the festival and remain throughout, or until rained away!
Audience: Suitable for all

A red heart icon with the number 3.



Until 31 July
Trail - Gather - Den - Rest

Enjoy a new open air art exhibition in the heart of Rugby with breathtaking photography by local artist Warren Shaw. This sequence of words and images is a journey that explores wilderness and mindfulness within an imagined forest narrative. We encounter ideas of absence and stillness, seeing and action, the known and unknown, which allows us to contemplate the context of our humanity and the environment.

Shaw creates space in the images and words through a visual absence of human presence, which opens up the work and allows us to enter into it, bringing a mirror to our experience of the mysterious woodland scenes.

Venue: The MOAT Gallery, Regent Place
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all

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Eating out, in The Rugby Town.

See more information at therugbytown.co.uk/eat-drink



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THE RUGBY TOWN

TOWN CENTRE WALKING TOURS

FREE heritage tour around Rugby with our award-winning Rugby Town Guides



Enjoy a walking tour of Rugby and discover fascinating facts about the town's history. Tours run every Saturday from 18th April - 11th October, and also on Wednesdays during school holidays. Tours leave from Rugby Visitor Centre at 11am. Booking is essential.

Please ask at the Visitor Centre desk for information or scan the QR code.

www.therugbytown.co.uk/townguides



Friday 20 June Speed Meet



Bored of the humdrum?
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Ready for summer?
Why not come along and meet someone new?

The Annex Studios is proud to announce a SPEED MEET! You may have more in common than you think.

Our idea is to pair the LGBTQI+ and the more traditional straight communities in a speed meet.

Whether you have a love of football or chess, we are sure there is someone else close by who shares your passion.

We will have a set up of bistro tables, your choice of tippie or soft drinks and an opportunity to talk to someone you wouldn't ordinarily have encountered.

Venue: The Annex Studios, Sheep Street
Time: 6pm - 10pm
Cost: FREE
Booking: Book online via Facebook
Audience: Suitable for adults 18+



Thursday 19 June COCKTAILS & CLASSICS Cinema night

Join us to celebrate RUGBY LGBTQ+ PRIDE as we show the classic film 'PRIDE' in the bar on our cinema screen. A true story of the fight for acceptance and the right to work as the 1980's coal miners strike gets support for the LGBTQ+ community, with heart warming results.

Venue: The Aviary Bar Rugby, High Street
Time: From 8pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: 18+



Friday 20 June Candle Making Workshop

Welcome to the self-care club, why not join us for a little you time. These workshops will include refreshments. For more details please visit our website www.stella-interiors.co.uk or checkout our Facebook page.

Venue: Stella Interiors, Henry Street
Time: 6pm
Cost: Booking discount when mentioning Love Rugby Festival
Booking: Instore or via Facebook
Audience: Adults and Teenagers



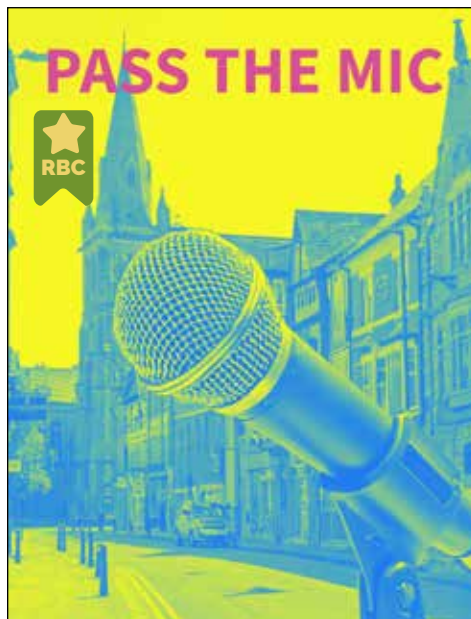
THURSDAY 19 & FRIDAY 20 JUNE



Saturday 21 June Rugby Pride

Rugby Pride is a celebration of LGBT+ life and culture that is rooted in protest and the ongoing battle for LGBT+ rights. Rugby Pride will start with a Pride protest march through Rugby town centre, followed by an LGBT+ community picnic at Caldecott Park. Everyone is welcome to join this colourful event and show their Pride. Bring rainbow flags, dress in colourful clothes, bring your own food and drink, and most importantly bring yourself and your Pride.

Venue: Starts at 12 noon at the Clock Tower, Market Place. Picnic in Caldecott Park
Time: 12 noon - 4 pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



Saturday 21 June Pass the Mic (Voices Of Rugby)

On Saturday the Egg Box team will be out and about asking "Why do you love Rugby?" for their community sound project "Voice of Rugby". Inspired by David Wards' Voices of Coventry (2001) and Rugby artist Pete Thornley's 2002 work depicting faces of Rugby projected onto the Rugby Cement building.

Venue: Rugby town centre and surrounding areas
Time: 10am - 10pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



Saturday 21 June Free Rugby Town Centre Heritage Walking Tour

Our award-winning volunteer Rugby Town Guides take residents and visitors on a journey of discovery through the town centre, revealing fascinating facts. The guides are all experts in the history and heritage of the town and love to share their unique knowledge.

Tours last approximately 90 minutes and are fully accessible, however please advise at the time of your booking of any mobility issues, so that the tour can be tailored, whenever possible, to your needs. Assistance dogs and other well-behaved pets welcome.

Venue: Meet by Rugby Visitor Centre, Little Elborow Street

Time: 11am: General History
12 noon: Public Art
2pm: Sporting Heritage

Cost: FREE

Booking Essential, please book at www.rugbytown.co.uk/townguides or call the Visitor Centre on 01788 533217. Bookings must be made by 15:00 of the day before the tour is due.

Audience: Adults and children 12+



Saturday 21 June Rugby Art Gallery and Museum's Big Birthday Bash

Rugby Art Gallery and Museum is turning a big 25 years old and we're throwing a Birthday Bash you won't want to miss! Join us for awesome street art and parkour workshops that'll get your adrenaline pumping. Have your face painted and become a party animal. Meet crazy scientists on... stilts! Strike a pose in a fun photobooth. Take home an artist's portrait of yourself. Plus much more. A real day out for the whole family.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
Time: 11am - 3pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



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Saturday 21 June PRIDE PARTY

Join us to celebrate RUGBY LGBTQ+ PRIDE as we party until 1am with cocktails, high heels, camp classics and rainbow shots! Open to everyone who wants to celebrate the rainbow.

Venue: The Aviary Bar Rugby, High Street
Time: 8pm - 1am
Cost: FREE
Audience: 18+



RUGBY
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BIG BIRTHDAY BASH!

Join us for a fun-filled family celebration as Rugby Art Gallery and Museum turns 25!

Come and explore a packed day of **FREE** activities for all ages.

21 June 2025, 11am – 3pm
www.ragm.co.uk

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21 June - 6 July (see opening times) WOS Summer Art Weeks at the Alex

Warwickshire Open Studios (WOS) Summer Art Weeks are the biggest arts event in Warwickshire. At Art at the Alex we have seven local artists and makers participating on site in 'studio mode', creating, showcasing and selling work on the premises.

Each day 1-2 additional artists and makers will occupy the pavilion in our delightful garden to demonstrate different skills: from spinning to silverworking; glasswork to dyeing. This is our fourth WOS Summer Art Weeks at the Alex. It will run in parallel with the Rugby Artists and Makers Network summer exhibition. So lots of art on display, and many local creatives to talk to about how they make art. Lots of affordable pieces and always a lively, friendly, arty atmosphere. Come along and be inspired - and impressed by the talents of local artists and makers.

Venue: Art at the Alex, James Street
Time: 11am - 4pm Thursday-Sunday, also 6pm - 9pm Thursdays

Cost FREE
Audience: Adults. Families. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult as this is a licensed premises.



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Time: 6pm - 10pm
Cost: FREE
Booking Book online via Facebook
Audience: Suitable for adults 18+



Saturday 21 June Rugby Borough Football Festival

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Rugby Borough Football Festival – a celebration of community, sport, and wellbeing! See page 17 for full details.

Venue: Rugby Borough Football Club, Kilsby Lane
Time: 9am to 5pm
Cost: £3 entry for a car
Audience: Families and children 10+





Sunday 22 June Lorimer Art Gallery & Bespoke Framing - Grand Opening Day

Join us for the exciting grand opening of Lorimer's Art Gallery & Bespoke Framing on Sunday 22nd June. This special event marks the relocation, rebrand and launch of a vibrant new gallery. Nestled in the heart of town, Lorimer's offers a carefully curated selection of artwork alongside a bespoke framing service designed to enhance and protect your most treasured pieces.

Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere as you explore the gallery, meet featured artists, and discover the stories behind their work. There will be complimentary drinks, great conversation, and plenty of inspiration whether you're an art enthusiast, collector, or simply looking for a unique way to spend your Sunday.

We can't wait to welcome you.

www.lorimerartandframing.co.uk

Venue: Lorimer Art Gallery, Regent Street

Time: 11am -4pm

Cost FREE

Audience: Families welcome,



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Sunday 22 June Cream Tea Concert, with Rachy Harrison and Richard Dunster-Sigtermans

A concert of beautiful classical music in a stunning town church building, followed by Cream Tea. The concert features Rachy Harrison & Richard Dunster-Sigtermans.

Rachy Harrison is a coloratura soprano and studied at the University of St Andrews and the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. She has performed as soloist with leading choral societies and has performed in operatic productions including Puccini's La bohème.

Richard Dunster-Sigtermans is an organist, pianist, conductor, examiner and educationalist, with a PhD in the performance practice of British organ music of the 20th century. He has held organist, conducting and teaching positions in London, Bath and Rugby and now lives in Harrogate. Rachy and Richard's programme for this Sunday afternoon concert should appeal to all tastes, starting with an excerpt from Orff's Carmina Burana and ending with romantic songs from the early 20th century, including along the way music by Handel and Fauré, plus two famous operatic arias.

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Rugby

Time: 3pm

Cost £10 for the concert, £15 for concert + cream tea

Booking: www.standrewrugby.org.uk/events

Audience: Suitable for all



Sunday 22 June Rugby Borough Football Festival

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Rugby Borough Football Festival – a celebration of community, sport, and wellbeing! Hosted at Rugby Borough Football Club, this exciting event brings together families, local teams, and football fans of all ages. Enjoy friendly matches, football skills sessions, food stalls, live music, and activities for kids and adults alike. Whether you're a player, supporter, or just love the beautiful game, there's something for everyone. Come and experience the energy of grassroots football, discover our fantastic facilities, and be part of a growing community that values health, inclusion, and connection. Let's play, cheer, and celebrate together!

Venue: Rugby Borough Football Club Kilsby, Lane,

Time: 9am to 5pm both days

Cost: £3 entry for a car

Audience: Adults and Children 10+



Sunday 22 June Get Art - Make A Love Rugby Magnet

Join local professional illustrator Jessica Hartshorn (Jessi Illustrates) to create your very own Love Rugby wooden magnet. Using posca pens for your design inspired by the park. Also, add to a giant collaborative artwork of Caldecott Park.

Venue: Caldecott Park bandstand

Time: 11am -3pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Families and teenagers





Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 June Rugby Triathlon Club Taster Sessions

Rugby Triathlon Club, Rugby's Club of the Year 2024, is offering free taster slots at its Monday night run track sessions and at its Tuesday night swim sessions* throughout the Love Rugby Festival. Both sessions are coached and last for one hour. You will train with current members of all abilities. The sessions are best suited to adults as well as young people aged 16-17 years.

Our website has more details and instructions on how to register. To receive your free pass and book onto the sessions go to rugbytriathlon.org.uk/love-rugby-festival

We'd be delighted to have you come and TRI out with us - don't delay as places are limited!

*(must be able to swim 25-50m breaststroke or front crawl.)

Venues: Monday – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre athletics track
Tuesday – Rugby School Sports Centre

Time: Mondays 7pm to 8pm (track)
Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm (swim)

Cost: FREE

Booking: MUST book slots. Go to rugbytriathlon.org.uk/love-rugby-festival for further details..

Audience: Adults and those aged 16 and 17.



RUGBY FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
11AM TO 5PM

- Food Stalls
- Family Entertainment
- Music
- FREE ENTRY

A FEAST OF FOOD AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
A delicious mix of ingredients guaranteed to whet your appetite and quench your thirst – and it is FREE to get in!

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Monday 23 June Arts & Crafts with Aish

Fun, friendly, and relaxed arts & crafts sessions in the heart of your community. St. Andrew's Church is hosting 2 free Art and Craft workshops, run by experienced artist and teacher Aish. There will be a variety of art activities to engage with, friendly people to meet, relaxing music to accompany the session, and free tea and coffee.

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Rugby

Time: 10.30am-12.30pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Caters for all. Particularly accessible for those with disabilities, or parents with SEND children.



Monday 23 June Paddlesport at Rugby Canoe Club

An opportunity to try paddlesport at Rugby Canoe Club, Draycote Water on Monday evenings during the festival. Full safety gear provided. Supervision and Coaches qualified by national body Paddle UK. Kayaks, Canadian Canoes & Paddle boards.

We can accommodate up to 20 people per evening. Bring spare clothes. Changing rooms and showers available.

www.rugbycanoeclub.org.uk

Venue: Draycote Water Sailing Club, Kites Hardwick

Time: 6.30 to 8.30pm on Monday evenings

Cost: FREE

Booking: Please email bookings@rugbycanoeclub.org.uk Include 'Love Rugby Festival' in email.

Audience: Families, adults, children (age 8 and over).



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Arts | Music | Sports | Family entertainment



Tuesday 24 June Mini Makers

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A fun, creative session to help your little ones develop their imagination and creative skills in a stimulating environment.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: £2.50 per child

Booking: Children must be booked via our website. Adults must accompany their children, however they don't need to book a space. To book, please visit: <https://www.ragm.co.uk/mini-explorers>

Audience: Suitable for mini makers aged 2 to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Tuesday 24 June Mini Explorers

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An amazing way for your little ones to explore and socialise whilst you enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Suitable for mini explorers aged 2 to 5 years. Pre-booked via our website, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 10am - 11am

Cost: £2.50 per child

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Tuesday 24 June Love Rugby @ Hill Street Centre Studio

Create your very own radio ready Love Rugby song. Work with a music-producer to express your love for Rugby, singing, rapping or reciting poetry and stories at the Hill Street Centre Studio hosted by School of Rap CIC.

Venue: Hill Street Community

Centre, Hill Street

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Cost: FREE

Booking: Via sven@schoolofrap.org.uk or www.schoolofrap.org.uk or 07823 753539

Audience: Suitable for all



Tuesday 24 June Rugby's Got Talent 2025 Semi-Finals

Rugby's Got Talent 2025, a talent show, featuring performances from eight of our best entrants. Who will win coveted spots at July's Grand Final at The Benn Hall? Hosted by DCH Ents and in front of our live judging panel, this event will take place at the newly refurbished Railway Club in Rugby. There are three semi-finals taking place this week.

#RGT2025 #rugbysgottalent

Venue: The Railway Club,

Hillmorton Road

Time: 7pm - 10.30pm

Cost: £6.50

Booking:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/dchents

Audience: Suitable for all



Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts At St. Andrew's Church 1pm



June 24th:
James Kirby - Piano
Recital

July 1st:
Rosie Collins & Ben
Jennings - Folk Duo

Tuesday 24 June Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts

A 40 minute concert of beautiful classical music in a stunning town church building, free of charge. Come and experience high quality music in the naturally reverberant acoustics of St. Andrew's Church.

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Rugby

Time: 1pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all



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RUGBY
Art Gallery
& Museum

Local history, inspiring art exhibitions, fun events, Visitor Centre and gift shop



Wednesday 25 June ADVENTURE ZONE / STRIKES BAR

A fun day out at Rugby's premier indoor entertainment centre. Indoor Soft Play 50% off admission.

Venue: Adventure Zone, Level 2, Rugby Central
Time: Soft Play 9.30am - 5pm, Bowling 12 noon - 8pm
Cost: Soft Play 1 - 4 yr £3, 5 - 12 yr £3.50
Ten Pin Bowling - two games for £8
Audience: Softplay 1 - 12 years,
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FRIDAY 3 TO SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER**

Rugby Literary Festival...



**Storytelling - Workshops - Book Fair
Music - Family Entertainment**



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#RGT2025 #rugbysgottalent

Venue: The Railway Club, Hillmorton Road

Time: 7pm - 10.30pm

Cost: £6.50

Booking: www.ticketsource.co.uk/dchents

Audience: Suitable for all



Thursday 26 June The Good Times

Free, friendly, craft and reminiscence sessions aimed at adults living with Dementia and their carers. Relax, create and socialise over a cuppa. Sessions run once a month.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 1.30pm - 3pm

Cost: FREE

Booking: www.ragm.co.uk/good-times

Audience: Adults living with dementia and their carers



Thursday 26 June Life Drawing

Develop your skills in observation, proportion and form with a nude model, and enjoy the relaxing benefits of this self-guided life-drawing session. Materials not provided.

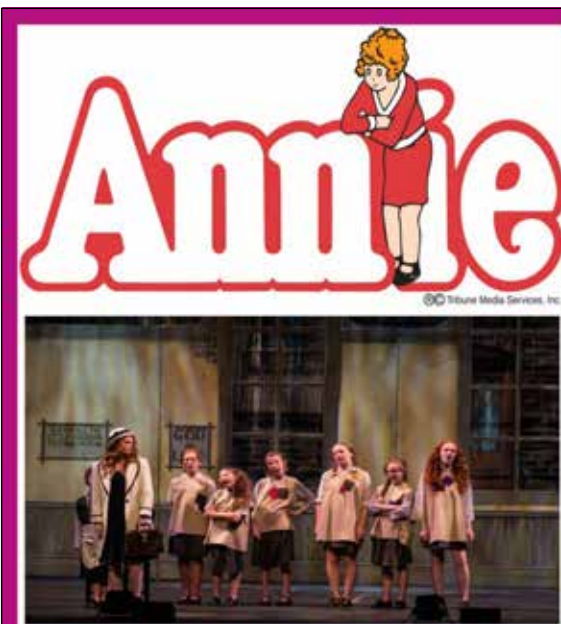
Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Cost: £10

Booking: Essential at www.ragm.co.uk/adultlearning

Audience: Over 18s. Booking essential, suitable for all abilities, welcoming beginners and professional artists alike.



Thursday 26 June Annie

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City.

She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan.

This all-time classic musical is a must for all the family, with a great sound track and fabulous acting parts. A must for all the family.

Venue: The Benn Hall

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: Adult - £20.00

Senior - £19.00

Child - £18.00

Booking: https://uk.patronbase.com/_BennHall/Productions/295/Performances

Audience: Families



Thursday 26 June Express Art Group – Carving Community with Tom Jennings

The Express Art Group at The Benn Partnership Centre is a FREE weekly community craft session open for all, run by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum. Join us for two special artist-led sessions with local woodcarver Tom Jennings, as part of the Love Rugby Festival, celebrating art in our communities and the benefits of being creative for our health and wellbeing. (Spaces are limited)

Venue: The Benn Partnership Centre,

Railway Terrace

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Adult art group for all abilities





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Funstar Education brings performing arts to life through physical movement in this fun-filled session for Rugby's youngest learners. Active Play for Little Performers blends drama, singing, dance and active games to boost physical confidence, creativity and coordination. Children will move like animals, dance through stories, use fun props, act and sing out mini adventures - all designed to support gross motor skills and early core strength. A joyful introduction to physical expression and performance!

Venue: The Hill Street Centre, Hill Street
Time: 1pm - 2pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers

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Thursday 26 June Creative Counsel talk - Framing advice with Anna Lorimer

Join local framing expert Anna Lorimer for tricks and tips on framing your artwork for selling and exhibiting your work.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum
Time: 4pm - 5pm
Cost: FREE
Booking: www.ragm.co.uk/adultlearning
Audience: Local artists



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Thursday 26 June Votive Candle Making Taster Session

Come to Izzy Loops and make your own candle! Choose from a variety of fragrances and learn candle making techniques from our experts. You will make a personalised candle with your name on, two tealights and get free refreshments.

Venue: Izzy Loops Home Interiors, Regent Street
Time: 12 noon and 5pm (during lunch break & after work)
Cost: £10 per candle
Audience: Adults

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Thursday 26 June WOS Summer Art Weeks at the Alex - evening session

An evening with artists at the Alex. View the exhibition and studios with artist guides. Full details on page 15.

Venue: Art at the Alex, James Street
Time: Addition to daytime (11am - 4pm) opening. (Guided tours 6-8pm, open until 9pm)
Cost: FREE
Audience: Adults. Families. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult as this is a licensed premises.

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Friday 27 June Sing for your Supper

Join the Rugby Operatic and Musicals Society for a fabulous evening of food, fun, and unforgettable performances! Join in with some well known numbers from the charts, theatre and film before tucking into a fish and chip supper. Whether you're a seasoned soloist or a secret shower singer, this is your chance to join - or just sit back and enjoy a night of great music and even better company.

Venue: Hillmorton Ex Servicemen's Club, High St, Hillmorton
Time: Doors Open at 7pm for show start at 7.30pm. Approximate 10pm finish
Cost: £16
Booking: Tickets will need to be booked in advance for catering purposes. Call 07712 060078
Audience: Families

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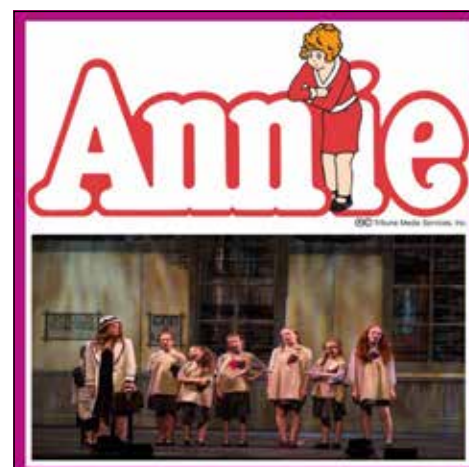


Friday 27 June Flower Arranging Workshop

Welcome to the self-care club, why not join us for a little you time. These workshops will include refreshments. For more details please visit our website www.stella-interiors.co.uk or checkout our Facebook page.

Venue: Stella Interiors, Henry Street
Time: 6pm
Cost: Booking discount when mentioning Love Rugby festival
Booking: Instore or via Facebook
Audience: Adults and Teenagers

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Cost: Adult - £20.00
Senior - £19.00
Child - £18.00
Booking: https://uk.patronbase.com/_BennHall/Productions/295/Performances
Audience: Families



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Music and live entertainment, in The Rugby Town.

See more information at therugbytown.co.uk/pubs

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RUGBY
Art Gallery & Museum

Creative Creatures

Summer Holiday Activities

19 July - 30 August



Get ready to tinker and build as you...
Create Learn Enjoy Discover
in our summer holiday workshops!
Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun



Annie




Saturday 28 June
Annie
See page 24 for full details.

Venue: The Benn Hall
Time: 2pm - 4.30pm and 7.30pm - 10pm
Cost: Adult - £20.00
Senior - £19.00
Child - £18.00
Booking: https://uk.patronbase.com/_BennHall/Productions/295/Performances
Audience: Families

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Anyone can Bake and Decorate



Saturday 28 June
Anyone can Bake and Decorate

Ready to turn up the heat and show off your creative side? Join us for a fun hands on baking experience, just for teens. Whether you're a total beginner or a secret cake boss, this is your chance to learn the basics of baking and unleash your inner artist through cake decorating.

Venue: Sweet Art School, St Matthews St
Time: 11am - 3pm
Cost: £25 per person
Booking: Email sweet.art129@outlook.com
Audience: Teenagers

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Free Rugby Town Centre Heritage Walking Tour



Saturday 28 June
Free Rugby Town Centre Heritage Walking Tour

See page 13 for full details. For more information and bookings, please visit www.therugbytown.co.uk/townguides

Venue: Meet by Rugby Visitor Centre
Time: 11 am: General History
Cost: FREE
Bookin: Essential, please book at www.therugbytown.co.uk/townguides or call the Visitor Centre on 01788 533217. Bookings must be made by 15:00 of the day before the tour is due.
Audience: Adults, but children welcome.
Recommended age for children: 12+

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Many Paths, One World



Saturday 28 June
Many Paths, One World
Faith, Humanism and Our Global Future

A talk and exhibition celebrating Rugby's rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Join us for this truly inspirational gathering that brings together voices from diverse religious and humanist traditions. In a time of global uncertainty this event seeks to foster respectful dialogue, celebrate common values and experiences by exploring nature, society and human survival. Step into an exhibition of rare artefacts, artwork, music and recitals, revealing the extraordinary story of Rugby's diverse spiritual and philosophical landscape. Whether you come to admire the exhibits, engage in meaningful dialogue, or simply reflect, this event invites you to celebrate our shared humanity.

Venue: The Benn Partnership Centre
Time: 3pm - 5pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: For adults and families

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Saturday 28 June GEC Community Fun Day

Come along to the Family Fun Day.

This is a free event for the family. Refreshments provided by the St George & Peter John Churches. All we ask for is a donation.

We have a Climbing wall, Trampoline, bungee jump, Bouncy Castle - there may even be some games. Arts activities from Rugby Art Gallery & Museum and Rugby 6th Scouts.

Come and meet your local policing team, learn about road safety with Cemex, food waste collections in 2026 and discover plans for the development of the GEC changing rooms.

Venue: GEC Recreation Ground, Hillmorton Road

Time: 11am to 3pm

Cost: Donations welcome

Audience: Families and local residents



Saturday 28 June Magnificent mugs; Printed or hand decorated colourful masterpieces to take away for FREE

An enjoyable creative opportunity for residents of the Benn Ward which is Free to all, families, teens, adults making it an event which is inclusive to everyone. It will also be used as an opportunity for us to show what the Benn Partnership Centre is able to offer people in the local ward and to the residents of Rugby. An opportunity to be part of the community combatting isolation and enabling community cohesion.

Venue: The Benn Partnership Centre, Railway Terrace

Time: 11am to 3pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Families, adults and teens



Saturday 28 June Music Meditation

Indian classical music's diverse ragas create a soulful connection between artists and audiences. This event features a one-hour collaboration of various instruments, promoting relaxation, well-being, and inclusivity.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all



Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June Rugby Borough Women & Girls Festival of Football

Rugby Borough Women & Girls are hosting our annual Girls Festival of Football. We welcome around 115 teams and over 1500 players to participate in the tournament over the weekend. It's a popular event and we have teams travelling over 3 hours to join in the fun! Supporters get to enjoy some strong teams competing within the age specific sessions and the celebrations for whoever gets to lift a trophy!

Venue: Nationwide Windows Arena, Kilsby Lane

Time: 9am - 5pm

Cost: Parking charge of £5

Audience: Anyone who loves football!



Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre Open Weekend

Visit the centre to take part in our Open Weekend. Free sessions includes, gym, fitness classes, swimming, badminton, soft play and climbing.

Venue: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre

Time: 9am - 4pm

Cost: FREE

Booking Booking Essential via the Better UK app or website.

www.better.org.uk/

Activity session times will vary.

Bookings open 7 days ahead.

Audience: Everyone





Sunday 29 June Community Sports Celebration Day

A community event to bring sports clubs together to showcase their teams. Inflatables, taster sessions, activities, stalls and fun for all the family.

Venue: Caldecott Park
Time: 10am - 2pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Suitable for all



Sunday 29 June Bowling for Fun

Rugby Thornfield Outdoor Bowls club are welcoming members of the community to come along and try bowls for free. All ages welcome. Flat shoes required for on the green.

Venue: Rugby Thornfield Outdoor Bowls Club, Bruce Williams Way
Time: 11am - 3pm
Audience: Anyone who is interested in giving bowls a try.



Rugby Town Centre

RUGBY DIWALI CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER



Music – Dance – Stalls
Family entertainment
Festive lighting
Lantern procession

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Monday 30 June Arts & Crafts with Aish

Fun, friendly, and relaxed arts & crafts sessions in the heart of your community. St. Andrew's Church is hosting 2 free Art and Craft workshops, run by experienced artist and teacher Aish. There will be a variety of art activities to engage with, friendly people to meet, relaxing music to accompany the session, and free tea and coffee.

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Rugby
Time: 10.30am-12.30pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Caters for all. Particularly accessible for those with disabilities, or parents with SEND children.



Monday 30 June Paddlesport at Rugby Canoe Club

See page 19 for full details. We can accommodate up to 20 people per evening. Bring spare clothes. Changing rooms and showers available.
www.rugbycanoeclub.org.uk

Venue: Draycote Water Sailing Club, Kites Hardwick,
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm on Monday evenings
Cost: FREE
Booking: Please book by sending an email to bookings@rugbycanoeclub.org.uk
Include 'Love Rugby Festival' in email.
Audience: Families, adults, children (age 8 and over). We are a family-oriented club and welcome all ages.



Monday 30 June and Tuesday 1 July Rugby Triathlon Club Taster Sessions

See page 18 for full details
Venues: Monday – Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre athletics track
Tuesday – Rugby School Sports Centre
Time: Mondays 7pm to 8pm (track)
Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm (swim)
Cost: FREE
Booking: MUST book slots. Go to rugbytriathlon.org.uk/love-rugby-festival for further details.
Audience: Adults and those aged 16 and 17.





Tuesday 1 July Mini Makers



A fun, creative session to help your little ones develop their imagination and creative skills in a stimulating environment.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Cost: £2.50 per child

Booking: Children must be booked via our website. Adults must accompany their children, however they don't need to book a space. To book, please visit: <https://www.ragm.co.uk/mini-explorers>

Audience: Suitable for mini makers aged 2 to 5 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Tuesday 1 July Mini Explorers



An amazing way for your little ones to explore and socialise whilst you enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Suitable for mini explorers aged 2 to 5 years. Pre-booked via our website, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum

Time: 10am - 11am

Cost: £2.50 per child

Booking: Children must be booked via our website. Adults must accompany their children, however they don't need to book a space. To book, please visit: <https://www.ragm.co.uk/mini-explorers>

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Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts At St. Andrew's Church 1pm



June 24th:
James Kirby - Piano
Recital

July 1st:
Rosie Collins & Ben
Jennings - Folk Duo

Tuesday 1 July Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts

A 40 minute concert of beautiful classical music in a stunning town church building, free of charge. Come and experience high quality music in the naturally reverberant acoustics of St. Andrew's Church.

Venue: St. Andrew's Church, Rugby

Time: 1pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all



Wednesday 2 July Rugby Mini Olympics (Track & Field)

How fast are you? Sprint races for all ages

- A new festival of athletics open to children in Year 2 to 8.
- One Lap Challenge for children in Year 2 to 4
- Mini Jumps and Throws Challenges for children in Year 2 to 4
- Learn to High Jump, Long Jump, Throw for children in Years 5 to 8

Come & join us at Rugby & Northampton AC, one of the top 2 Junior Clubs in the UK, and see what you can do!

Venue: Rugby Athletics Track, The Queens Diamond Jubilee Leisure Centre

Time: 5pm - 8pm

Cost: FREE

Booking: Rugby Primary Athletics Champs - Schools can contact janet.randnac@gmail.com to enter

Rugby Mini Olympics

Entry via Google Form

<https://forms.gle/ghBTfMWN1Egr6XvW8>

Audience: Year 2 to 8



Wednesday 2 July In Conversation with Robin Ince

Join us on 2nd July for In Conversation with Robin Ince, a unique evening with one of the UK's most acclaimed comedians and broadcasters. Celebrated for his wit, warmth, and curiosity, Robin will discuss his latest book *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal*, a deeply personal and sharply funny exploration of neurodivergence, identity, and what it really means to be "normal." Drawing on his recent ADHD diagnosis, Robin shares moving insights, candid anecdotes, and conversations with leading experts and everyday people alike. This event promises a lively, thought-provoking look at the quirks of the human mind, delivered with Robin's signature humour and heart. Whether you're a long-time fan or new to his work, this is a rare opportunity to hear from a brilliant storyteller live, ask your own questions, and walk away with a signed copy of the book.

Venue: Hunt's Bookshop, High Street CV21 3BG

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Cost: £8.00 - General Admission / £20.00 - Admission with a signed copy of *Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal* (includes entry at no extra charge)

Booking: Book at: <https://huntsbookshop.com/collections/authorevents/products/in-conversation-with-robin-ince-normally-weird-and-weirdly-normal?variant=55598650589565> Or by contacting the bookshop on 01788 551867, enquiry@huntsbookshop.com or calling in.

Audience: Suitable for 16+





Thursday 3 July First Thursday at the Alex - evening session

Local musicians The Mudlands String Band (cajun music) will be playing in the garden alongside the art. Full details on page 15.

Venue: Art at the Alex, James Street

Time: Addition to daytime (11am-4pm) opening. (Music in garden 6-8pm, open until 9pm)

Cost: FREE

Audience: Adults. Families. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult as this is a licensed premises.



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Venue: Izzy Loops Home Interiors, Regent Street

Time: 12 noon and 5pm (during lunch break & after work)

Cost: £10 per candle

Audience: Adults



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Cost: FREE

Audience: Adult art group for all abilities



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Venue: The Hill Street Centre, Hill Street

Time: 10am - 11am

Cost: FREE

Audience: Babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers



Thursday 3 to Saturday 6 July Wizard of Oz

Step into a world of wonder as The Wizard of Oz comes to life on stage in this unforgettable family adventure! When young Dorothy Gale is swept away from her Kansas farm by a tornado, she finds herself in the dazzling Land of Oz – a place filled with talking animals, walking scarecrows, good and wicked witches and things magical to behold.

To find her way home, Dorothy must follow the Yellow Brick Road to the mysterious Emerald City where the great Wizard might just hold the answers. Along the way, she makes unforgettable friends and faces thrilling dangers including the Wicked Witch of the West who's desperate to steal her magical ruby slippers.

Packed with heart, humour and iconic songs, this timeless tale is a must-see for audiences of all ages. Join us for an enchanting theatrical experience and rediscover the lesson we all need to remember – there really is no place like home.

Venue: The Benn Hall

Time: Thursday 19:30 – 22:00

Friday 19:30 – 22:00

Saturday 2:30 – 17:00

Saturday 19:30 – 22:00

Cost Tickets:

Adult - £19.50

Senior - £17.50

Child - 17:50

Booking: https://uk.patronbase.com/_BennHall/Productions/300/Performances

Audience: Families





Shopping, in The Rugby Town.

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Saturday 5 July Free Rugby Town Centre Heritage Walking Tour

See page 13 for full details.
For more information and bookings, please visit
www.therugbytown.co.uk/townguides

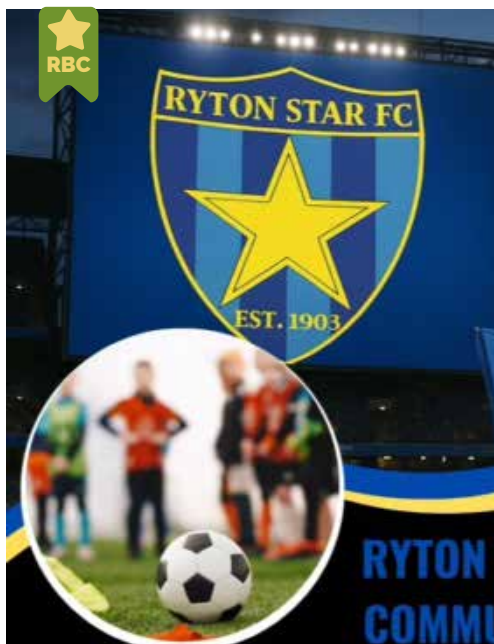
Venue: Meet by Rugby Visitor Centre
Time: 11 am: General History
Cost: FREE
Booking: Essential, please book at www.therugbytown.co.uk/townguides or call the Visitor Centre on 01788 533217. Bookings must be made by 15:00 of the day before the tour is due.
Audience: Adults, but children welcome.
Recommended age for children: 12+



Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 July Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Intro Event

We run the only BJJ school in Rugby. BJJ is one of the world's fastest growing sports. We have structured classes for kids ages 5 and over and adults of any age. Beginners to advanced, hobbyist to competitive classes all under one roof.

Venue: 7 Davy Court, Rugby
Time: Saturday 5th will be kids 4-6pm
Sunday 6th will be the adults 2-4pm
Cost: FREE
Booking: Yasmin 07701386488
Or visit the website to book at dreamartrugby.com.
Audience: Suitable for all



Saturday 5 July Ryton Starz Sevens Community Fun Day

Ryton Star FC is an FA Accredited Junior Football Club and also an Official England Football Provider where we use our passion to encourage people near us to get involved – whether they are kicking a ball for the first time or are keen to reignite their love for the game.

We are holding this event to provide participation opportunities for those families and young players new to the game and for those who already play, regardless of their ability or experience, as well as being used as a recruitment vehicle to help continue to grow the game.

This event's is not just aimed at both boys and girls at different age groups but also provides opportunities for Inclusive football including adult and walking football. We also welcome new volunteers, fans, spectators and sponsors to help fund and maintain the hard work Ryton Star FC undertakes each and every week.

Venue: Ryton Recreation Ground, Fetherston Crescent
Time: 12 noon - 4pm
Cost: FREE
Audience: Families, and young children



LOVE RUGBY

Town Centre 5K Fun Run

Sunday 6 July 2025 | 9:00 AM start
Whitehall Recreation Ground, Rugby, CV22 5AA.



A 5K fun run around Rugby Town Centre, held as part of the Love Rugby Festival, showcasing the assets and diversity the Town Centre has to offer. Delivered in partnership with RunThrough Events, we encourage residents to take part in the free 'Couch to 5K' programme to help them prepare for the town centre fun run

The route will take in a range of landmarks, including the birthplace of the game—Rugby School—and Caldecott Park, the award-winning town centre green space.

To participate or get involved visit
LoveRugby5K.co.uk



Sunday 6 July Summer Jazz open mic show

Rugby Jazz club present an afternoon of live music entertainment with an open mic session for musicians of all ages to join in and play jazz and blues standards with the house band.

Venue: The West Indian Association Social club, Railway Terrace

Time: 3pm - 6pm

Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all ages, good accessibility



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Sunday 6 July Fantastic Fencing Open Day

Join Rugby and Daventry Fencing Club Open Day event, which will include demonstrations, taster fencing sessions for the general public, plus a chance to meet a special guest GB fencer.

See our website for more details and timings
www.radfencingclub.co.uk

Venue: Houlton School Sports Hall

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

11.30am - 12.30pm public tasters, including fencing demonstrations.

12.30pm - 2.30pm A chance for the public to spectate fencing training sessions and demonstrations

Cost: FREE

Audience: Over 8 years - adults

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Monday 7 July Rugby's Got Talent 2025 Grand Final

Rugby's Got Talent 2025, a talent show, The Grand Final featuring performances from our eight best semi-finalists.

Who will win the coveted #RGT2025 trophy and prize money?

Hosted by DCH Ents, compered by BBC's Dan Sambell, and in front of our live judging panel, this event will take place at The BENN Hall in Rugby

#RGT2025 #rugbysgottalent

Venue: The Benn Hall

Time: 7pm - 10.30pm

Cost: Tickets £10 (£8 concessions)

Booking https://uk.patronbase.com/_BennHall/Productions/299/Performances

Audience: Suitable for all



Lee Sturm, winner, #RGT2024



Friday 11 July Artistic Swimming Summer Show

Rugby Swimming Club Artistic Swimming end of season summer show. Come and see our members showcase all of their hard work from the beginner group to national medallists.

Venue: Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby

Time: Doors open 7pm. 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Cost: £4 entry - payable on the door

Audience: Suitable for all



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29 - 31 July

Caldecott Park Outdoor Cinema

Grab your blankets, snacks, and loved ones – the outdoor cinema is back in Caldecott Park! Set against the picturesque backdrop of one of Rugby's favourite green spaces, this open-air movie experience is a summer highlight for families, friends and film fans alike.

With a line-up of classic favourites and modern hits, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Venue: Caldecott Park

Time: Times will be released closer to the event date

Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all



12 - 14 August

Town Centre Beach

Sun, Sand & Smiles at Rugby Town Centre Beach!

Get ready for a summer of fun as the Rugby Town Centre Beach returns on Tuesday 12 August 2025! The Market Place will once again be transformed into a seaside getaway, complete with soft golden sand and colourful deckchairs.

Whether you're building sandcastles, relaxing with an ice cream, or just soaking up the summer atmosphere, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Venue: Market Place

Time: 10am – 5pm

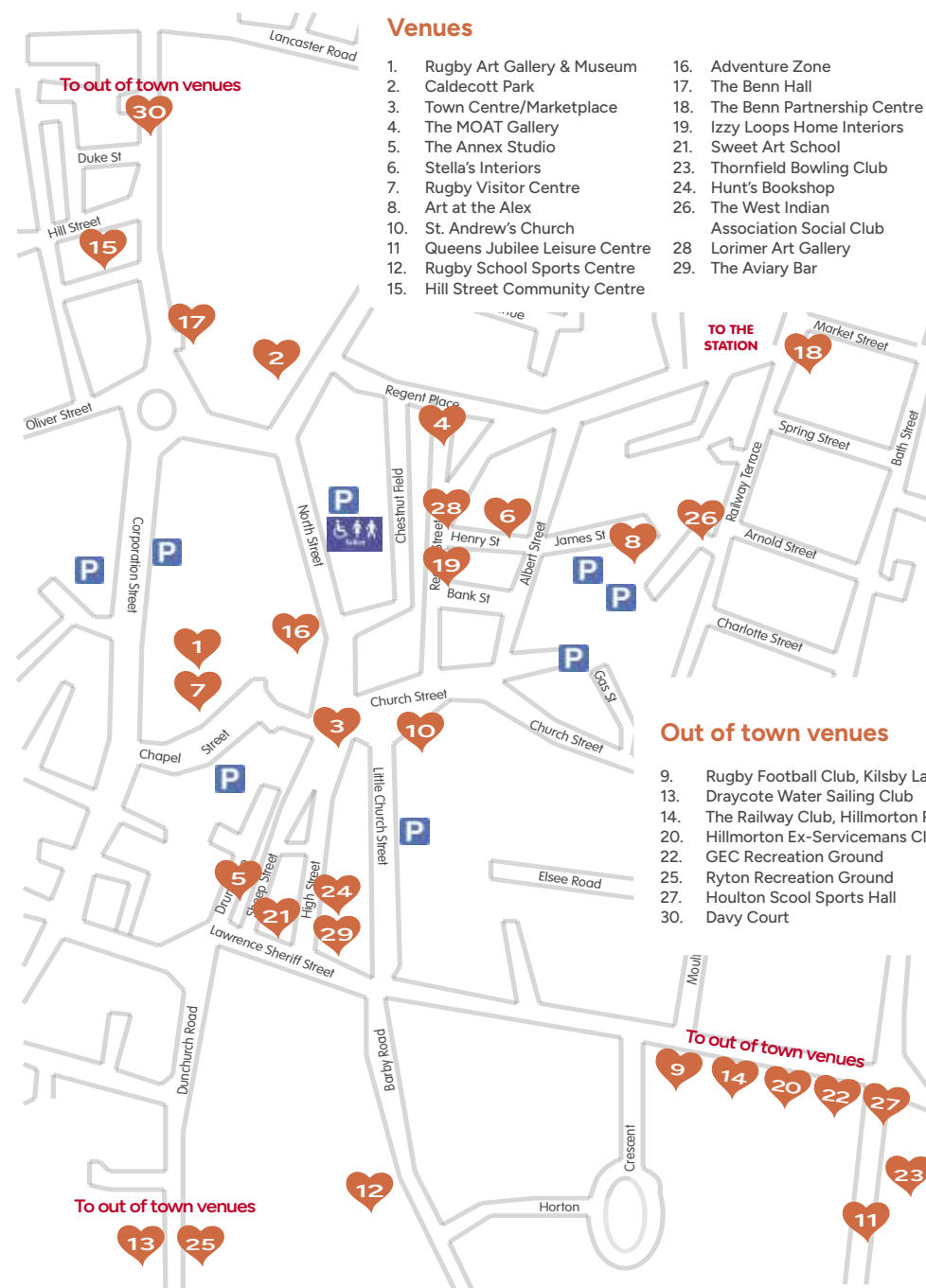
Cost: FREE

Audience: Suitable for all



Venues

1. Rugby Art Gallery & Museum
2. Caldecott Park
3. Town Centre/Marketplace
4. The MOAT Gallery
5. The Annex Studio
6. Stella's Interiors
7. Rugby Visitor Centre
8. Art at the Alex
9. St. Andrew's Church
10. Queens Jubilee Leisure Centre
11. Rugby School Sports Centre
12. Hill Street Community Centre
13. Adventure Zone
14. The Benn Hall
15. The Benn Partnership Centre
16. Izzy Loops Home Interiors
17. Sweet Art School
18. Thornfield Bowling Club
19. Hunt's Bookshop
20. The West Indian Association Social Club
21. Lorimer Art Gallery
22. The Aviary Bar



Out of town venues

9. Rugby Football Club, Kilsby Lane
13. Draycote Water Sailing Club
14. The Railway Club, Hillmorton Road
20. Hillmorton Ex-Servicemen's Club
22. GEC Recreation Ground
25. Ryton Recreation Ground
27. Houlton School Sports Hall
30. Davy Court



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