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Rugby Gets Set to Celebrate St George's Day

Rugby will be celebrating all things English, as the town centre gets ready to host its St George's Day celebrations. Wednesday 23rd April will see the town centre buzzing with a whole host of special activities that will be taking place throughout the day.

Everyone in Rugby is getting involved from local schools, who will be visiting the attractions and learning more about St George, to the Rugby Army Cadets corps of drums who will be performing throughout the day in front of the Clock Tower. Even local businesses are getting behind the event with a shop window dressing competition.

St George is due to make his entrance into Rugby Town Centre on horseback at 11.35am before choosing his dragon from participating schools. He will end his day by going into combat with a knight. Visitors and children will also be able to hear the story of St George at 13.00. Other highlights of the day will include a working leather shoemaker and roman soldier at Rugby Gallery, face painting, a working pole lathe turner, a potter and a static bird display.

"Whether it is visiting schools or local residents who come into Rugby Town Centre on Wednesday they will be met with a great range of entertainment as we celebrate St George's Day. There will be Medieval singers, static bird displays, local potters and restoration shops and our town centre will be transported back to another era," said Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director at the Rugby BID Company who is behind the celebrations. "We want people to come along and support England's National Day and enjoy the attractions that we have put on."

Also on the day Rugby's local radio station, Rugby FM, will be broadcasting from the town centre and reporting on all the activities. There will also be a hog roast and children's rides.