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Santa is coming to Rugby town along with FREE Parking

FREE Parking, Santa's Grotto and a Christmas Tree Festival – It's all heading to Rugby Town Centre this weekend as the countdown to Christmas gets underway. Residents, visitors and shoppers alike will have plenty to see and do around the town centre and with free parking there's no reason not to join in the festive fun.

Everyone is getting ready for the arrival of the real star of the festive season - Santa Claus. Every Saturday starting on the 6th December from 10am until 4pm, St Andrew's Church will be hosting Santa's Grotto run by volunteers from the Rotary Club and the Church. There's nothing better than bringing the children to see Santa and this year that is exactly what families in Rugby will be able to do. Santa's Grotto will also be open after church service on Sunday 21st and then on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd December and Christmas Eve and there's a present for every child who visits Santa.

St Andrew's Church won't just be home to Santa for the coming weeks, they will also be holding a Christmas Tree Festival where local schools, scouts, guides and other local organisations have been invited to enter decorated Christmas trees. The festival opens on Friday 12th through to Sunday 14th December and Friday 19th through to Sunday 21st December from 10am-4pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 1-4pm on Sundays. A small charge will be made to raise money for two local charities, the Mayday Trust and Rugby MIND as well as Polio Plus which is working to eliminate polio from the world.

Also in Market Place on Sunday 7th, 14th and 21st December, as well as Tuesday 23rd December there will be more fun for the children with a tea cup ride, trampolines and candy floss. If that wasn't enough there's also FREE Parking at the John Barford Multi Storey Car Park in James Street starting this weekend. "There will be FREE parking at the John Barford Multi Storey Car Park on Tuesday's after 10am and all day on Saturdays and Sundays in the run up to Christmas," explained Aftab Gaffar, Operations Director at Rugby BID. "We hope that it makes life a little easier for shoppers and visitors who are coming to enjoy the fantastic festive activities in December."