

## **Ripley Town Council**





Welcome to the November edition of the Ripley Town Council newsletter. We aim to make Ripley a better place. We will try and help all those who need it, by building and strengthening relationships with individuals, groups and communities. We aim to create a more secure and inclusive Ripley by helping individuals, families and communities to thrive. We will work towards a more fairly shared society seeking to strengthen opportunities for all in education, health, housing, employment, transport, leisure and culture.

### **Ripley Town Council brings Festive Fun to Ripley Christmas 2019 Christmas Light Switch on** Friday 29th November **Ripley Market Place, from 6.30pm** Free kids' rides · Carols with Newstead Brass · Father Christmas · Hot & Cold Food · Elsa & Olaf from Frozen · Infamous waving snowman returns · Live broadcast from **Family Christmas Market Sunday 1st December** Ripley Market Place, 10am - 3pm **Free Ferris Wheel rides** · Free face painting · Characters · · Free children's rides · q · Gifts, food and drinks to buy · Newstead Brass · Father Christmas · Somercotes Choral Choir • Punch & Judy · Ripley Academy of Dance · www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

## Big Wheel coming to Ripley!

Ripley Town Council are proud to bring our local community lots of fun to look forward to this Christmas.

We are especially excited about having a Big Wheel at our Family Christmas Market on 1st December 2019. This will be free for everyone to enjoy being taken high up over the rooftops of the town centre.

As well as the events opposite, we have Ibstock Brass Band playing festive music at various locations around Ripley Town Centre on Saturday 21st December 2019, 11am until 12.30pm.

We hope you come along and support these community events - see you there!

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Ripley Town Council are proud to bring you, our local community, events throughout the year. Here's a snapshot of what's happened in 2019 and what's to come in 2020!

### **Spring Festival and Well Dressing**

Sunday 19th May 2019 was the day of the Ripley Spring Market. It incorporated the blessing of the Ripley Well Dressing and the launch of a new, exciting community project in the town - the first Ripley Community Wool Bombing. This whole event showed how much community spirit we have in our township as groups of people came together to produce amazing knitted items to decorate trees in Crossley Park and on Ripley Market Place. It shows that if we set you a challenge, you rise to the occasion. Watch this space for announcements of what we have planned in 2020!

The Well Dressing was designed and produced by Ripley St. John's School who did an amazing job of depicting the 50th anniversary of the Moon Landing.





### Lights, camera, action for the first Ripley Outdoor Cinema

We asked you what film you wanted to see and you told us 'The Greatest Showman'. On a fine evening in September, Greenwich Park in Ripley hosted the first ever free outdoor cinema. It was great to see so many families and groups of friends there, singing along to the songs.

# year it has been!



**Big Day Out** Wednesday 10th July 2019 was the Ripley Big Day Out. This was a free event for local residents held at Midland Railway - Butterley.

We had a fun-packed programme for pre-school aged children in the morning which included free rides, free face painting, Punch and Judy the opportunity to visit all the attractions at Swanwick Junction at the railway - not forgetting rides on the train!

The afternoon was aimed at older people in our community. They enjoyed entertainment from Punch and Judy, a brilliant local musician and an amazing magician. Free antique valuations from Bamfords Auctioneers were available for people who brought their family heirlooms along. Overall, it was a great day and we were overwhelmed with the number of people who attended. We hope to see you there on 1st July next year!





There was traditional Caribbean cuisine, local producers selling their delicious cakes, pies, chocolate, drinks and gifts. There were two cookery demonstrations, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon which were well attended.



The first ever Harvest Market was held on Ripley Market Place on Sunday 22nd September 2019. The weather wasn't great but our wonderful community still came along to see what the stalls had on offer.



Woody from Toy Story was also there having photos with children. Members of Ripley Salvation Army attended so people could give donations to their food bank which helps local disadvantaged people. Thank you to everyone who came along and braved the weather. Dates for your 2020 diary



Spring Market & Well Dressing Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 10am - 3pm

> **Big Day Out** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 10am - 3pm

**Ripley Fair** 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Christmas Lights Switch on To be confirmed

> Christmas Market To be confirmed

### Garden and Allotment winners 2019

The winners of this competition were given their prizes of Co-op Gift Vouchers on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at the monthly Ripley Town Council meeting. We would like to thank everyone who entered the competition. An independent judge, Caroline Pollard had a difficult job deciding the winners and was accompanied by Ripley Town Mayor, Councillor Tony Holmes and his Consort, Councillor Lyndsay Cox.

Richard Watson from the Central England Cooperative was at the presentation to give the prizes of £70 first prize, £40 second prize and £20 for third prize. Thank you to the Co-op for kindly donating these prizes.

The photos of all the runners up and their gardens can be found on the Ripley Town Council website www.ripleytowncouncil.gov.uk

If you have a garden or allotment that you are proud of, please consider entering it into the 2020 Best Kept Garden and Allotment Competition. Details of how to enter will become available in the new year.



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1st Prize Garden winner, John Cooper from Heage



**1st Prize Allotment winner,** Patricia Vayro from Heage Parkside Allotments



### **Full Council meeting dates**

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings which are held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall on the following Tuesdays:

**19 November 2019** 21 January 2020 18 February 2020 21 April 2020 19 May 2020

17 March 2020

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