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# LOCAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS EDITION

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# SANTA FUN RUN

Socially Distanced Family Fun  
4th, 5th and 6th December 2020

ROTARY CLUB OF STAINES  
90TH ANNIVERSARY

## Don't Let Covid Steal Your Christmas

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## DON'T LET COVID STEAL CHRISTMAS!



### SUPPORT STAINES-UPON-THAMES

This is a significant time of the year for businesses and we urge you to support your local town Staines-upon-Thames this Christmas.

We know that the lockdown will impact on businesses, but you can still continue to support and buy local as they are either open or have adapted and are offering takeout / delivery / click & collect / online service. You can check our Facebook page or website for up to date details on how you can shop locally.

Once lockdown has ended please pop into town for your Christmas shopping, we have fantastic brand names alongside quality independents all stocked up and waiting for you and we look forward to welcoming you back to Staines-upon-Thames. Whether it's for a hot chocolate at one of our many coffee shops, a scrumptious meal at one of our numerous restaurants or to pick up Christmas gifts for the whole family in our fabulous choice of shops.

In Staines-upon-Thames it's all here for you!

See you soon

*Michelle Baker*

Visit Staines BID Manager | [www.visitstaines.co.uk](http://www.visitstaines.co.uk)

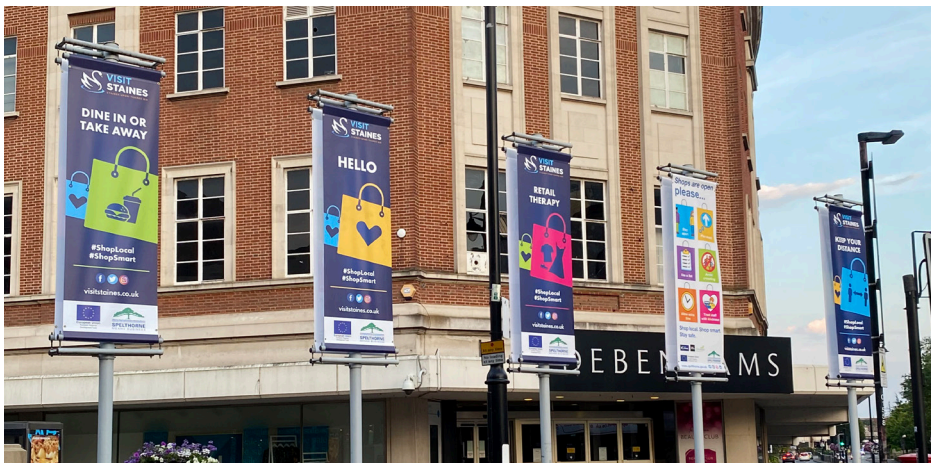
# VISIT STAINES BID



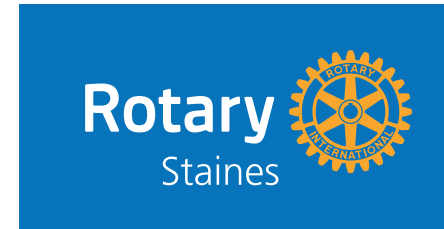
**Visit Staines BID** is the name of the town's Business Improvement District company which was formed in 2017 and represents 300 local town centre businesses. Businesses pay an annual BID levy and this funds projects such as:

- Christmas lights across town every year
- Christmas events and activities such as the Nutcracker trail last year and the Elf trail this year

- BID Rangers – at weekends and school holidays
- Events – monthly Farmers' Market, Open air cinema x 2, Valuation Days x 2 & Porsche car shows x 2, outdoor yoga & bootcamp and bringing the Queens rowbarge 'The Glorianna' to town
- Flower towers across the town
- Hanging baskets in summer & winter
- Graffiti removal & deep cleaning across town
- Repair of the High Street floor mosaic
- Free WiFi on the High Street
- Business crime radio scheme



# STAINES ROTARY



Last March, as the Staines community went into lockdown, members of Staines Rotary stepped up. Rotary members went into action to help fight the impact of the pandemic and lockdown on the local community and we have never stopped. Staines Rotary enabled support to members of the community through local charities including food banks, schools, youth, health awareness and business organisations.

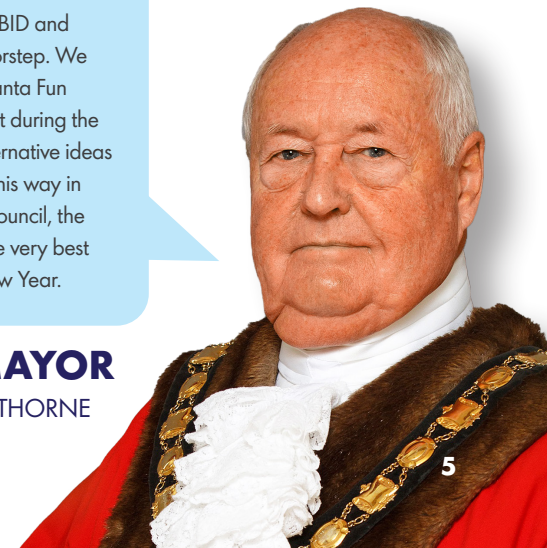
Rotary brings out the best of the human spirit and character from members. Because of sincerity of purpose of our members, doing good in this community makes us feel good.

No matter where you find yourself now, Staines Rotary believes it is time to lift up, mend and rebuild...one brick at a time. Don't let COVID steal your Christmas. Together, we are walking towards the impact of the pandemic in our community and helping to restore optimism. To sustain our support to local charities, youth, schools and foodbanks. Support us (see back cover). We trust that you have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Nana Opare**  
*President-2020-21, Staines Rotary Club*

“ Dear Friends and fellow Rotarians, I am delighted to be able to send a Christmas message and at the same time support the initiative of Visit Staines BID and Staines Rotary to bring seasonal cheer to your doorstep. We will of course miss the get togethers, such as the Santa Fun run and social gatherings, shopping and eating out during the restrictions, but this news- letter contains lots of alternative ideas to keep you on your toes this yuletide. Santa is on his way in a street where you live. On behalf of Spelthorne Council, the Mayoress and I wish to send to all our residents the very best wishes for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

**MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR**  
**CLLR COLIN BARNARD** MAYOR OF SPELTHORNE











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This year will be a bit different as we follow the guidelines for being socially distanced. Participants will be able to collect for their own charities. The Santa Suits will contain a face mask, and a medal for those who complete the run. The run will be taking place in various locations at various times, take your own videos and post them on our Fun Run site.



**Eventbrite.co.uk**  
Staines-upon-Thames  
Virtual Santa Fun Run 2020



# SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa will be coming down the roads of Staines to celebrate the coming of Christmas. He will not be stopping but he will be waving. Look out for Santa. Santa will be bringing his friends and helpers with him. See the party from your window or the pavement as Santa goes past, join in the songs, see his helpers dance down the street. Donate to our Christmas charities, online, contactless and with coins at arms-length.

Look out for Santa. Follow the Government guidelines



**Track Santa on  
Rotary Club of Staines  
Facebook Page**



# STAINES CHRISTMAS EVENTS



## BLACK FRIDAY

Black Friday is on the 27th of November, traditionally the great Christmas bargain day. This year Black Friday will be in this current phase of lockdown and many of the shops will be closed. You might think it is indeed going to be a Black Friday, of the bleakest kind. Well you would be wrong. This, in fact, will be a great time of year as many of us will have to time to consider how we will manage Christmas and not let COVID get the better of us.

We will be able to plan our shopping trips with the precision of a master chef. Let's hope the shops all open on 2nd December so that it gives us time to buy what we need.

I really hope that everyone has the opportunity to get what they need and to do it before the late afternoon of the 24th December. Some of us need the shops to be quiet as we get into high gear and storm round the shops in panic mode.

We scrape the last items off the shelves and

wish we hadn't forgotten our list of whom to buy for! If we are restricted to six people around the Christmas table, I might not make the list, unless we have Christmas lunch in the park, socially distanced, of course. I think, me being over the other side of the park is taking social distancing to the extreme.

Well let's look on the bright side, next year's Black Friday has got to be better. I've already made my New Year's Resolution "To prepare a proper Christmas shopping list in July" You might even find me at the front of the queue at next year's Black Friday events.



## FIND THE CHRISTMAS ELF COMPETITION

From 1st December until 24th the Elfie Selfie competition will be coming to Staines-upon-Thames, funded by Visit Staines BID.



We will have 2 large Elves that will appear around the High Street, Two Rivers Shopping Centre and the Elmsleigh Shopping Centre. Each day the Elves will appear in 2 locations, then next day move onto next venue.

The Elves will be hiding in shops, restaurants and different businesses across town. Once you spot the Elf in a shop window, read the sign they are holding which will tell you how to get involved.

Each morning there will be hints on the Visit Staines Facebook page as to the location of the Elves. Shoppers will be encouraged to find an Elf and take a selfie with it. Then upload your photos to social media. These photos will then be collated and each week someone will win a fantastic prize bundle of gifts from shops and restaurants from Staines-upon-Thames!

## CHRISTMAS SPRIT

Look out for the signs of Christmas and let us all find ways to enjoy the season. Look out for the Christmas lights when you are next in town.

Enjoy the virtual Santa Fun Run and send Rotary a photo of you at the finish. Lookout for Elfie and take a selfie. Shop locally and get all the items you need look at the offerings online; use take out / delivery / click and collect or shop when conditions allow.

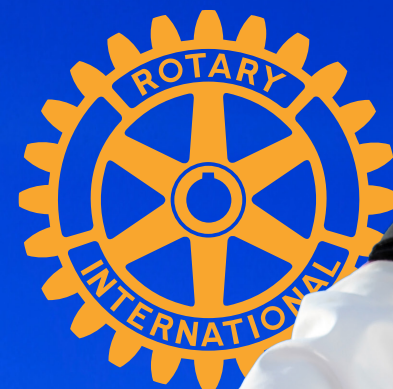
Make the best out of the season and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## STAINES TOWN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

These will be turned on by the 12th of November. The lights are an early sign of Christmas and will remain on until the end of the Christmas season



# VOLUNTEER WITH ROTARY



WE NEED YOU! WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN? WILL YOU HELP US?

Do you have a few hours a month that could help us build a stronger community? Would your company join us on one of our events.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Crocus Planting, Tree Planting, Community Clean Up

### HEALTH

Wellness Day

### YOUTH

Youth Survey, Dictionaries to Schools, Youth Leadership Programmes, Youth Clubs, Creative Writing Awards, Young Photographer, Young Chef

### FUND RAISERS

Fun Bike Rally, Fun Boat Day, Classic Car

Show, Santa Fun Run, Christmas Parade, Easter Fun Run, Staines upon Thames Day, Rotary Half Marathon, Annual Gala Dinner, Staines Greatest Meal, Beer Festival, Raffle Prizes.

### ADMINISTRATION

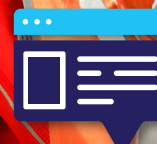
Marketing and Branding, Public Image and Social Media.

### CHARITIES WE SUPPORT

Shooting Stars, QEF, Purple Angles, Penrose Club, Transform Housing Support, Rotary Youth Programmes, Home Start, Rotary Emergency Support Fund, Children in Need.

### BUSINESS

Advice to small businesses and start-ups, Speaker finders on local business topics.



If you have time and the skills to help us in any of the above projects why not visit our website at [www.staines.rotary1145.org](http://www.staines.rotary1145.org) or contact us for a chat.

**Together we can make a difference  
in our community.**



# SANTA STREET SCHEDULE



DATE	DAY	ROUTE	STREETS
3 Dec	Thursday	Commercial Road	Guildford Street, Park Avenue, Commercial Road, Octavia Drive, Broomfield, Parkside Place, Knightsbridge Crescent, Homestead Road, Witheygate Avenue, Farm Road, Worple Road (North), Worple Avenue.
4 Dec	Friday	Sydney Rd/Leacroft	Sydney Rd, Greenlands Rd, Rosefield Rd, Leacroft, Raleigh Court, The Sidings, Priory Green, Chestnut Manor Close, Sykes Drive, Turner Close, Miller Close, Georgian Close, Kingston Road (W) Silverdale Court, Station Approach, Pullmans Place, George Street.
5 Dec	Saturday	Moormede/ Crooked Billet.	Stanwell New Rd, Farnell Rd, Billet Rd, Dolphin Court, Midway Close, Birch Green, Fairfield Avenue, Moormede Estate, Aspen Close, Waters Drive, Kestrel Av, Hawks Way, Lark Avenue, Swallow Close, Kingfisher Drive, Robin Way, Plover Close.
7 Dec	Monday	Thames Side / Shepperton Rd	Cleveland Drive, Staines Rd (South), Beech Tree Lane, The Mallards, Thames Side, The Broadway, Ashford Road, Grange Place, Blacksmiths Lane, Vicarage Lane, Thames Side, Condor Rd, Ferry Lane, Moorhayes Drive, Abbey Drive, The Abby, Shepperton Road.
8 Dec	Tuesday	Kingston Road	Kingston Rd, Knowle Park Ave, Gordon Close, Stainash Crescent, Rookery Road, Acacia Road, Glebe Road, Fenton Avenue, Petersfield Road, Strodes Crescent, Petersfield Ave, Warwick Ave, Kenilworth Gardens.
9 Dec	Wednesday	Moor Lane	Moor Lane, Berkley Close, Victoria Rd, Meadow Court, Lammas Close, Wraybury Gardens, Vicarage Rd (N), Annie Brookes Close, Manor Pk, Green Pk, Yoeveny Close, Vitoria Road, Lammas Close, Wraybury Road, Gloucester Drive.
10 Dec	Thursday	Royal Estate	Edinburgh Drive, Gloucester Cres, York Close, Booth Drive, Phillip Rd, Charles Rd, King Close, Margaret Close, Elizabeth Av, Arnold Rd, Berrycroft Rd, Green Field End, Matthew Arnold Close, Edward Court.

Routes subject to change at short notice

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11 Dec	11 Dec	Bingham Drive	Greenway Drive, Bingman Drive, Abbot Abbot Close, Middle Green, Honnor Rd, Monks way, Lucan Drive, Shaftsbury Crescent, Tavistock Close.
12 Dec	Saturday	Avondale/ Grosvenor	Avondale Rd (N), Ruskin Rd, Carlyle Rd, Meadway, Laleham Rd (W) Grosvenor Rd, Baden Close.
14 Dec	Monday	Brambledown / Garrick Close	Hereford Close, Brambledown, Staines Rd (N), Sweeps Ditch Close, Laleham Road, Penton Hook Road, St Pinnock Avenue, Belle Vue Close, Penton Hall Drive, Garrick Close.
15 Dec	Tuesday	Nursery Gdns/ Laleham Rd	Northfield Rd, Willowmead, Staines Rd (Middle) River Way, The Ryde, The Avenue, Wrabness Way, Worple Rd (South and West), Florence Gardens, Westbourne Road, Lansdown Rd, Nursery Gardens, Link Way, The Glade, Stuart Way.
16 Dec	Wednesday	Hurstdene/ Pavilion Gd	Hurstdene Avenue, Beechwood Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue, Chestnut Grove, Ash Grove, Hazel Grove, Worple Rd (Middle), Templedene Avenue, Pavilion Gardens, Brightside Avenue.
17 Dec	Thursday	Old Staines / Hyde	Church St, Island Close, Vicarage Rd (S), The Hythe, Farmers Rd, Boleyn Close, The Fernery, Simmons Place, Chertsey Lane, Riverside Drive, Coopers Close, Timsway, Bundys Way, Mayfield Green.
18 Dec	Friday	Penton Rd	Penton Rd, Jamnager Close, Allyn Close, Argosy Gardens, Riverside Rd, St Olaves Close, Wheatshaf Lane, Riverside Close, Riverside Drive, Penton Avenue, River Rd, Avondale Avenue (S), Garrick Close, Penton Hook Rd, Penton Hall Drive, Belle View Drive, St Pinnock Avenue.
19 Dec	Saturday	Richmond Rd	Richmond Rd, Richmond Crescent, Eton Court, Gresham Road, Cotswold Close, Cherry Orchard, Murdoch Close, Budebury Road, Edgell Rd, Beehive Road, Wyatt Rd, Auger Close, Langley Rd, St Peters Close, Riverfield Road.

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# DONATE

TO THE ROTARY CHRISTMAS CHARITY • LET'S MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONG

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