

Rice Lane NEWS



January 2024 *A very Happy New Year to our supporters.*

Established 1980

New for 2024

Psychic Medium Night

Join International and Celebrity
Psychic Medium 'Beverly Mediumship'
for the evening in the Old Chapel.

Tickets available now

£20 per person. Adults ONLY

Hot and Soft Drinks along with Curry & Rice incl.

Friday 23rd February 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Please note that this is a ticket only event.
No Pay on the door.

call or message 07376 801067
to order tickets

Rice Lane City Farm, Top of Rawcliffe Rd.
Walton, L9 1AW

There are just a few tickets left for this Psychic Medium Night in the Old Chapel. HOT & Cold Drinks are included, together with a plate of chicken* curry in the interval.
(*Vegetarian option available too)

Farm Club makes a comeback after an absence of many years. A perfect opportunity for younger fans to learn about our animals and get to meet them up close. The club runs from 4pm til 5pm for 4-7yr olds, and then a separate session from 5:15 until 6:45 for the 8-12 years group.

FARM CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY

4-7 years old 4pm - 5pm £5.00 per child
8-12 years old 5:15pm - 6:45pm £6.00 per child

Hands on learning and fun with our animals.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL (to book or for more info either email us
ricelanecityfarm@hotmail.co.uk or call into the farmyard and speak to a
member of staff).

Rice Lane City Farm
Rawcliffe Rd, Walton, L9 1AW

Approaching two years ago now a particularly large oak tree was blown down across the wildflower path on the farm site. Because of the huge size of the tree we had to raise £650 to pay for expert tree surgeons to cut it up safely into manageable bits. During the most recent big gale (Sat. 9th Dec.) several more trees were blown down, and as well as blocking paths across several parts of the site, one fell across the railway and stopped trains running. Network Rail sent a team on site who very efficiently cut up 'our' tree and cleared it from the tracks, so that trains started running again on Sunday morning.

**Big Garden
Birdwatch**

26-28 January 2024

We're supporting the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch again this year, we'll have a supply of bird recognition guides available for you to use. Once you have spent an hour being "eagle eyed" you can report the results online at www.rspb.org.uk, there's no need to be a member or pay any fee to take part. There will be hot refreshments



Another change on the horizon for 2024 is one of our dedicated staff team moving on. Luke has been on the staff team since 2020, and before that as a volunteer. He will be hanging up his Rice Lane hat (and goose?) in February. When we asked Luke for a few parting thoughts for the newsletter he replied: "I have enjoyed my time at the farm over the years. We've certainly been through thick and thin with both the Lockdown and the #Flockdown during my time here, but we soldier on. I've learned a good amount about the farm life and I even undertook bee keeping lessons here in my own time to help look after the apiary. It's been a blast. May the winds guide us. Luke"

Luke will be certainly missed at the Farm and we wish him the very best for the future, hopefully he'll have the opportunity to come and visit us from time to time.

Our sincerest thanks to all those who attended our Xmas Fayre this year, we were once again overwhelmed with the popularity of the event, with visits to Santa's Grotto being enormously popular. Our special thanks go out to the Queen of Scottie Road for making the switch on of our Xmas lights a funny & fantastic end to a great day.



One of the Farm's enthusiastic volunteers, Morgan has taken the Xmas message to Old Roan, where he put up a tree decorated with farm animals, and had a sign inviting donations to the City Farm. Morgan helps every week, looking after the animals and their welfare, no matter if it is raining or shining.

We ran both meet & make friends and HAF schemes across the festive period, and although we saw reduced numbers due to the horrible weather, they were still a popular distraction for the children attending, and a bit of welcome respite for some of the parents. The next playscheme is running during February half-term, where we will be offering free activities indoors and out (depending on the weather) and free meals for school-age children in receipt of free school meals.



Rice Lane City Farm fame spreads

Meeting someone from Chester at a social gathering, one of our Trustees mentioned a connection to the City Farm. "I have heard all about that" was the response. "It's a fantastic place doing very good work for the local community".



Did you see the snow ?

The Farm looks like fairy land when covered in snow. Not much fun for the animals or staff. Can we expect more later ?

