

## East Midlands Railway band Cut & Run to hold live Christmas charity event

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Railway rock band 'Cut & Run' are performing a Christmas charity gig, Griffmas, to raise money for the Railway Benefit Fund (RBF) and Parkinson's UK. The event, bringing together music and rail, will be held on Friday 17th December, doors open 6:30pm at Beeston Victory Club.

The band's first ever event, Grifftonbury, was put together back in 2017 by East Midlands Railway and Samaritans staff as a way to raise money for charity. Cut & Run was officially formed by Paul Griffin (Griff), Head of Drivers for EMR and a keen Bass player.

The band is made up of, Pete Eddy (Train Driver, Nottingham), Simon Thorpe (Train Driver, Nottingham), Jason Ochello (Driver Depot Manager St Pancras & Kettering), Duane Firth (Driver Manager, Nottingham) and Ash Wynder (Train Driver, Kettering.)

The band have hosted a Grifftonbury event every year since it's conception, even during the height of the pandemic. In May 2020 they held an online Grifftonbury, which raised £3,780 for charity. In 2021, the band were nominated for an RBF Heart of Gold Award for their amazing fundraising work.

Griffmas will be held at Beeston Victory Club near Nottingham, and will also be streamed live this year for those who are unable to attend. The band will also have support from a top East Midlands DJ.

Jason Ochello, Driver Depot Manager and Cut & Run member, said: “Our passion of music brought us together and to be able to combine this with raising money for charity is amazing. The generosity of the people coming to the concerts has been incredible and we are humbled and so grateful to them all.

“Every year the concerts get better supported and we love playing to a live crowd. It’s been a difficult time for people and to be able to bring some Griffmas cheer this year is extra special and we will ensure it’s a night to remember.”

Griffmas tickets are available to purchase here: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/griffmas-tickets-182910930517](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/griffmas-tickets-182910930517)

Or via the Griffonbury Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/566836747982442/?ref=newsfeed>

Donate to the Griffmas RBF JustGiving page: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/griffmas](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/griffmas)

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