

CHRISTMAS, GLAMOUR AND MEMORIES WITH NICK AND ROYSTON

From award-winning hairdressing careers to some unforgettable parties, Nick and Royston have enjoyed a life filled with glamour and success. But behind the glitz and celebrations, Christmas is also a time for family, treasured memories and the simple pleasures that become more meaningful over the years.

For our festive special, who better to catch up with them than Sara Tunnicliffe, who spent many years working as their PA, marketing manager and salon manager and is now a close friend? Having shared so much of their professional lives, Sara chats to Nick and Royston about their happiest Christmas memories, spectacular celebrations and what makes the festive season special to them today.

What are your favourite Christmas memories?

Nick: My favourite memory is visiting Beatties toy department as a child. With sentries dressed as nutcrackers at the entrance, it felt like arriving at Buckingham Palace. Seeing the latest toys and meeting Father Christmas remains one of my happiest family memories.

Even as an adult, when we worked across the road, I loved finishing early on Christmas Eve and walking into Beatties. It was always beautifully decorated, full of last-minute shoppers and festive excitement.

It was such a sad day when Beatties finally closed its doors.

What does Christmas mean to you both, and how has that changed over the years?

Royston: Christmas is all about children and seeing the magic through their eyes. As we have got older, Nick and I have come to appreciate the simpler joys: time with the people we love, favourite television programmes and being at home with Tuppence. We still love glamour, but these days we are happier enjoying home comforts.

When do the Christmas tree and decorations go up in your house?

Nick: We love decorating the house at Christmas. By the end of November, the front door is dressed and ready. I have a team come in with the latest festive ideas, and my only request is simple: the bigger, the better.

Now the renovations are finished, this year we will have our biggest tree yet: a 14-foot tree in traditional red and gold. The other trees will be bold and bright because I absolutely love colour.

Who would be your dream Christmas guests, famous or otherwise?

Nick: Royston's mum, and my mum and dad. I lost my mum when I was 20, so it has been 48 years since we were last together. Having them with us would be the dream for both of us.

What would your perfect Christmas Day look like?

Royston: These days, we are happy with a couple of friends, or even just the two of us. It is not about a huge formal dinner anymore; we prefer relaxed festive favourites, turkey sandwiches, roast potatoes, Baileys, trifle and mince pies – while watching the film *The Holiday* and *Morecambe and Wise*.

You are renowned for your parties. What has been your most memorable Christmas celebration?

Nick: It was at Wrottesley Road in the 1990s. On Christmas morning, we welcomed 40 close friends with a gospel choir, canapés and champagne.



We had two marquees in the garden. The smaller one hosted Christmas lunch for 18 guests, with a pianist playing festive songs while caterers served an amazing feast. On Boxing Day, we held a black-and-white party for 130 people in the larger marquee. With five-foot Christmas trees on every table and decorations throughout, it became a magical winter wonderland – the best Christmas party we ever had.





Thank you for sharing your Christmas memories with us. What is your Christmas wish this year?

Royston: We are both becoming more sentimental as we get older. We have had an amazing year, and my only wish is for us to remain healthy, fit and happy. We cannot wait for more adventures in 2027.



Although Nick and Royston now live in Cheshire, their ties to Wolverhampton remain strong. They still keep in touch with friends in the area and enjoy coming back to visit. And while life has taken them in a new direction, the friendships and memories they made here remain a special part of their story.