

ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

Keeping Royston residents in touch with their local council

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Welcome to the very first edition of the Royston Town Council Quarterly Newsletter. We want to tell you about some of the work that your Town Council is doing in Royston and also something about the many other groups and organisations who work hard for Royston and its people. We also feel it is very important to listen to what you have to say, so we really want you to talk to us. Tell us what you think and what you would like to see happen in your town (contact details printed overleaf). We do hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter, we are very excited about working for Royston and its future, and look forward to hearing from you!

Well Done Royston!

We hope you will agree that, in spite of the strong winds and rain, the **Royston Christmas Carnival** and outdoor **Farmer's Market** in early December gave a much welcomed start to the Christmas festivities.

Thanks are due to the Town Centre Manager, Geraint Burnell, and everyone else who made the day such a success. Royston Town Council is pleased to support the Town Centre Manager in organizing this and other events throughout the year. Geraint Burnell can be contacted at 6-7 The Corn Exchange in Market Hill and on 01763 248564.

Help for Students

The **Leete Charity Trust** is administered by Royston Town Council, elected Town Councillors serve as trustees. The Charity provides special grants towards further education for students who live or attend school in Royston. Leete Charity application forms are available from the Royston Town Council offices at the Town Hall, Tel No: 01763 245484.



Royston Town Council safeguarding the past and the future

The **Royston & District Museum**, situated in Lower King Street, is jointly administered by a board of Trustees and elected Councillors on the Royston Town Council's Museum Sub-Committee. On display is a wide range of items of local interest and is well worth a visit. Please see the Museum web site at www.roystonmuseum.org.uk for further details.

Opening Hours—All year: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10 am - 4.45 pm. (Closed over Christmas and New Year.)
Additionally from Easter until 30 September: Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, 2pm - 4.45 pm.

Why not also visit the unique **Royston Cave** at Melbourn Street opposite the Roysia Stone. Opening hours are 2.30pm to 5pm on Saturday & Sunday, April to September. For group bookings, please contact the Town Hall office on 01763 245484. Website: www.roystoncave.co.uk

Much needed investment in Market Hill Rooms

The Market Hill Rooms in Fish Hill were originally built in 1840 as a British School for children of nonconformist families. In recent years it has been used as a community centre by local clubs and organizations. Royston

Town Council has recently agreed to spend around £100,000 in improving the facilities inside the building and renovating the exterior. Funds for this project have been found from the sale of Stamford Yard. This work is due to be completed by March 2007 and will make a significant improvement to this prominent historical building in the centre of Royston. We hope to bring you photographs of the re-furbished building and details of the facilities being provided in the next newsletter. For booking enquiries, please contact the Town Hall office on 01763 245484.



Town Council working together with Royston Gardeners

Royston Town Council owns the allotments sited at Coombes Hole in Green Street and is responsible for their administration and upkeep. The Royston Allotments & Gardens Association have a membership of 70 and there is a club house and shop on site for members to purchase their gardening requirements. For further details, please contact the Town Hall office on 01763 245484.

ROYSTON BOXING CLUB

Royston Boxing Club was re-started in the spring of 2005 by Andy Geraighty. It has since proved to be a very popular and successful club for youngsters, which offers qualified coaching and fitness programs for young people (including girls), from the age of 10 upwards. The club meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-9.30pm at the Coombes Community Centre. If you are interested in joining or just want to find out more about the Club, then you are very welcome to come along on either of those evenings and talk to Andy or one of his assistants. Or you can contact the club by ringing Bill Davidson on 01763 221431.

Featured in the photograph are: Mitchell Kilroy (11), Terry Back (16) and Jamie Boness (23).



ST JOHN AMBULANCE YOUTH GROUPS

The St John Ambulance in Royston run two youth groups for both boys and girls:

The Badger Set (6-10 yrs old) meets on Friday evenings from 6.15pm to 7.15pm at the St John Ambulance Headquarters in Newmarket Road. The children learn a variety of subjects, all aimed at developing their personal skills and knowledge. These include simple first aid; safety in the home and outdoors; creative skills; communication skills; activities and sports; nutrition and healthy eating. Having achieved these badges they are awarded the Super Badger.

The St John Cadets (10 to 17 yrs old) meet every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the same venue. The main object is to learn much more First Aid and even at 10 yrs old these young people are capable of carrying out resuscitation techniques. They also take courses in Citizenship, Cookery, DIY, Animal Care, Computer Skills and Photography, to name but a few. Another course is the History of the Order of St John.

Over the course of several years and achieving passes in at least a dozen different subjects, Cadets can be awarded the Grand Prior Award. They are entitled to wear this badge on their St John uniform forever, right through membership of an adult division.

For enquiries regarding Badger membership contact Linda Wiltshire on 01763 230244.

For Cadet membership contact Sheila Needham on 01763 243582.

ROYSTON TOWN COUNCILLORS

A list of all councillors' names and contact numbers is given below, together with details of the wards they represent. All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity and are elected for a 4 year term of office. Councillors are not paid and do not receive any allowance for attending meetings.

Town Mayor: Councillor Lynn Berry

Deputy Mayor: Councillor Chris Barton

Palace Ward:	Cllr. Elizabeth Beardwell,	01763 242242
	81 Green Drift, Royston, Herts. SG8 5BT	
	Cllr. Lynn Berry,	01763 243272
	22 Serby Ave, Royston, Herts. SG8 7ES	
	Cllr. Robert Inwood,	01763 221793
	9 Thackeray Close, Royston, Herts. SG8 5TF	
	Cllr. Philip Mayne,	01763 246550
	16 Gower Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 5DU	
	Cllr. Bill Prime,	01763 242152
	132 Burns Rd, Royston, Herts. SG8 5NU	
Meridian Ward:	Cllr. Paul Grimes,	01763 244139
	76 Newmarket Rd, Royston, Herts. SG8 7HA	
	Cllr. Mike Harrison,	01763 220055
	12 Highlands, Royston, Herts. SG8 9HE	
	Cllr. Peter Lill,	01763 241582
	10 Ascot Road, Royston, Herts. SG8 9JD	
	Cllr. Marguerite Phillips,	01763 250844
	27 Redwing Rise, Royston, Herts. SG8 7XU	
	Cllr. Robert Smith,	01763 222890
	21 Redwing Rise, Royston, Herts. SG8 7XU	
Heath Ward:	Cllr. Chris Barton,	01763 243028
	20 Siskin Close, Royston, Herts. SG8 7XX	
	Cllr. Peter Burt,	01763 248042
	40 Echo Hill, Royston, Herts. SG8 9BB	
	Cllr. Lindsay Davidson,	01763 221431
	5 St Mary's Park, Royston, Herts. SG8 7XB	
	Cllr. Elizabeth Gaillard,	01763 242924
	34D Kneesworth St, Royston, Herts. SG8 5AB	
	Cllr. Rod Kennedy,	01763 245681
	31 Heathfield, Royston, Herts. SG8 5BN	

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