

# ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

*News from your Town Council - December 2018*



*The Royston Town Mayor, Cllr Iain Leggett, and all the councillors and staff of Royston Town Council wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*



## Focus on Royston Museum and Art Gallery

Royston Museum and Art Gallery have had an extremely active and successful year. Our thanks must go to Jenny Oxley, the previous Museum Manager who left in August, and to Amy Judd, the Museum Assistant, for making all of this possible.

Throughout the summer and autumn the Museum ran several activities. Craft was combined with local history and many 'crafty' children and adults enjoyed all the sessions. It all started with a Tie-Dye workshop, followed by a singing and drumming session and groups re-enacting the English Civil War and Viking invaders. Great fun was had with dinosaurs, prehistoric people and inspiring junk modelling.



Museum Volunteers and Friends got involved with an entry for Wimpole Estate's annual scarecrow competition. Thanks to some intriguing donations (golf shoes, a trumpet, a model crow), Amy put together Roy, who sat at Wimpole's Walled Garden and told visitors some interesting facts about Royston's past. The Friends and Volunteers also organised a Musical Evening Soiree in September with entertainment from talented local people.

Amy Judd led an interesting talk about her work in the museum. Visitors had the chance to look around the store rooms and basement as they found out more about all the behind the scenes work that goes on in the museum.

Amongst many other events, an art competition was held in October and November to commemorate the ending of World War 1 and schoolchildren were invited to share their impressions of the War.

Adult Movement Classes are also regularly held, they are suitable for anyone with an interest in movement and give the opportunity to meet new people and keep fit and healthy.

## Our new Museum Curator

In August we welcomed our new museum curator **Madeline Odent**. We would like to thank Madeline for all her involvement in the many activities this year.



Madeline is from the USA and has family living in Hertfordshire; she is also married to an Englishman. She gained a First in History (with a focus on Museum Studies) from Stetson University in Florida in 2014, and then gained a Master of Philosophy in British History from Oxford in 2016. She worked previously at Oak Hill and the Martha Berry Museum (in Georgia, USA) and at Stowe House (Buckinghamshire).

Madeline is really looking forward to all of the opportunities at Royston, especially the forthcoming completion of the Tapestry, which is due to be about the same time that the Bayeux Tapestry returns to England.

Madeline believes that local museums serve such an important purpose, and really hopes to continue making Royston Museum a home for all of the district's community groups. Royston Museum is an Accredited Museum and their aim is to be the centre of the community and a thriving centre of learning and volunteering.

For more information about Royston Museum visit: [www.roystonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.roystonmuseum.org.uk) or follow their Facebook page: [facebook.com/roystonmuseum](https://facebook.com/roystonmuseum).



## Royston Town Council welcomes a new Royston Cave Manager

Nicky Paton was appointed in October and has taken over from James Robinson, who we would like to thank

for his commitment and dedication over ten years. Nicky is a local illustrator and already a cave guide so he is already very knowledgeable regarding the history and facts about the cave.

Royston Cave is a man-made cave lying below Melbourn Street, near to the crossroads formed by Ermine Street and the Icknield Way. It is Grade 1 Listed by English Heritage and is unique in Britain. The cave is open for public visits from Easter Saturday to the last Sunday in September for a unique and historic experience.

[www.roystoncave.co.uk](http://www.roystoncave.co.uk)





## Rudolph's CHRISTMAS Trail

Rudolph will be up to his old tricks, hiding model reindeer in selected shop windows. Children can follow the trail, record shop names and receive a gift from Santa in return for the completed entry form. This Christmas themed trail will be held on Saturday 8 December, and run from 10 am until 4 pm in Fish Hill Square.

[www.roystonfirst.com/royston-town-events](http://www.roystonfirst.com/royston-town-events)

### The Leete Charity

Are you a student finding it difficult to make ends meet? Would you like some financial help with materials for or costs associated with your learning?

The Leete Trust was founded in Royston in 1978 and provides grants towards the costs of further education. Applicants must be under 25 and have a place at university or college before they can receive the grant, though you can apply when you have a conditional offer. Previous recipients have found their grants to be invaluable and have used the award to cover items as diverse as field trips, books and transport costs. They have expressed their gratitude over the years:

*'I am writing to say thank you so much ... I have used the £200 towards paying for my bus pass to Cambridge Regional College.'* **Royston student studying Child Care and Education (Sixth Form)**

*'I would like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for the generous grant you gave me towards my field trip in January.'* **Royston student studying Graphic Design (University)**

With living costs on the rise and students under pressure to succeed, this grant could make all the difference. An application form for a Leete Trust grant can be found on the Town Council website.



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### Royston Town Council once again celebrates Silver Sunday

Royston Town Council once again hosted a free event at Royston Picture Palace for the over 65s to celebrate Silver Sunday, which is a national day to draw attention to the problem of loneliness amongst older people. Over eighty people attended to watch the film 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' and were served tea and cakes beforehand by several Town Councillors and our Town Clerk. They also had the chance to chat with the Mayor, Councillor Iain Leggett. The council funded transport for those who needed it, courtesy of Royston and District Community Transport.



### Litter Picking Councillors

Councillors Emma Squire-Smith; Marguerite Phillips; Iain Leggett (Mayor); Vera Swallow (the Womble!); Carol Stanier and Ruth Brown, out and about putting our litter picking equipment to good use! The activity was organised by the Naturally Royston team to clean up the areas around the Town Hall and car park.

#### 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.

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