



ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

Keeping Royston residents in touch with their local council

A message from our new Mayor for 2018/2019

I feel very privileged and honoured to be standing as your newly elected Mayor. I have lived in Royston for over 35 years and have seen many changes. What's clear to me is that we need a strong community working together, just to make life that little bit easier for us. No town can survive without the armies of volunteers, serving and giving up their free time.



Vera Swallow, the outgoing Mayor, has done an amazing job, this should be noted and I personally thank her for all her sterling work.

I am reminded that Royston's motto is "From good things to better". My vision for the year is that our industry, whether small or large prospers, that our Town Centre bucks the national trend and we see new ventures opening up. Lastly, for our hard-working voluntary groups, to see them go from their amazing good works to even better and if I and fellow councillors can do our part then this town will go from "good things to better".

Iain Leggett, Royston Town Councillor & Mayor

We say good-bye to outgoing colleagues and welcome to new ones

At the local elections in May all Royston Town Councillors were due for re-election. Five previously standing councillors had decided to retire from the council. They were **Sarah Dingley, Victoria Hulstrom, Rod Kennedy, Ben Lewis and Laura Whitford**. We will also miss **Lindsay Davidson** who, over the last 12 years, has given a great deal of time and enormous energy into serving Royston. We would like to thank them for all their commitment and hard work during their time as town councillors and to wish them all the very best for the future.

We would like to welcome our new colleagues for the next four years: **Amy Bourke-Waite, Ruth Brown, Ian Coll, Thomas Perry, Philip Smith, Emma Squire-Smith and Carol Stanier**.

They will be joining the re-elected councillors **John Davison, Mike Harrison, Mark Hughes, Robert Inwood, Iain Leggett, Marguerite Phillips, FJohn Smith and Vera Swallow**.

We look forward to working with them in the new Civic year.



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town meeting took place in March and four members of our Royston Community were honoured by the then Town Mayor, Cllr Vera Swallow for their outstanding services to Royston over many years.

Sid Seward – In recognition of his fund raising efforts for MENCAP, which include the annual charity golf day, award collected by Colin Swallow.

Rita Turner – In recognition of her services to the Royston community over many years as a Town Councillor. Mike Gabriell collected her posthumous award.

Royston Town Football Club – collected by Alan Barlow and in recognition of the successes achieved, including their promotion last year to the Evo-Stik League Southern: Premier Division.

Peter Andrew – In recognition of over 20 years fund raising and organising outings for MENCAP, collected by Tina Hunt.

All the fun of the May Fayre 2018



Another exciting May Fayre took place on 7 May when once again the May Fayre team of town councillors, council staff and community volunteers led by our Town Clerk, Caroline Mills, pulled out all the stops to put on a very successful and enjoyable day for our town.

The weather was glorious and all the usual attractions were in Priory

Memorial gardens to give residents and visitors a fun Bank Holiday. The free ever-popular Bungee Jump and other fun fair attractions were again thoroughly enjoyed. The Eco corner, run by the Town Council's "Naturally Royston" team, provided a feast for animal lovers with their raptor, bee and hedgehog stalls. There was also a stall showing what you can make with re-cycled items from your home. We would like to thank all those who worked so hard on the day and also North Herts District Council and John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance team for their support.



Developing International Relations in Royston



In March Meridian school hosted 33 German students and their teachers from Royston's twin town Grossalmerode as part of a combined English and Music trip. Families from Royston Town Band, Royston Town Twinning and Meridian School hosted some of the German students and teachers, which meant students could really gain an insight into family life here.

Following a morning of lessons, members of the Royston Town Twinning led the German group on a tour of the town before they headed off to Cambridge for an afternoon of punting.

The German musicians of the Grossalmerode band immersed themselves in two days of musical activities organised by Meridian's Head of Performing Arts, Jenny Warburton.

French Twinning Trip to La Loupe Easter, 2018

The Easter weekend saw 34 twinningers, both new and experienced, make their way to La Loupe for the bi-annual trip. We enjoyed a fascinating visit of the medieval town La Ferté Bernard and then went to a steam train museum before boarding the Transvap steam train. The official ceremony in the evening began with the traditional speeches, followed by musical entertainment provided by the local wind band Atout Vents who were joined by musicians from Royston Town Band.



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CHILDRENS PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION REMINDER!

Don't forget to send in your digital photos of the Treasures of Royston clues published on our web site

www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Closing date is 1 August so don't miss out on the chance to have your photo in our 2019 calendar. The best entry also wins four free Cinema Tickets to the Royston Picture Palace.

Royston schools have a visit from Local Councillors

Once again, Royston Town Council organised another successful round of visits to Royston schools during the Spring Term. Town, District and County Councillors had very enjoyable discussions with the children about local issues that concerned them. As always we were very impressed by the level of understanding and awareness the children displayed about their town. We also explained to them about our various roles in local government and what each respective council did in Royston. We were very pleased to see that, as in previous visits, most of the children we met liked living here and thought it was a good, safe town to grow up in with lots to do and many nice play areas and local clubs to join.



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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