

ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council – June 2019



All the fun of the Fayre!

The Royston annual May Fayre came to town on Monday 6 May this year. Great fun was had by all! Nobody was put off by the grey sky; there was so much to distract from it.

Attractions included an amateur dog show, historic vehicles, rideable miniature train, fairground rides, the Town Band, Punch and Judy, a circus skills workshop and "Last Man Standing"; a hilarious physical challenge for all the family. As usual, there were many and varied food offerings, including a hog roast, doughnuts, burgers, candy floss and ice cream, and of course a popular bar provided by a local establishment.

The day is always a fun way to spend your bank holiday, and a great way to help local charities and groups as well. Local groups with stalls included: the Scouts and Guides, Naturally Royston, Twinning Association, several school Friends groups, dance schools, and fundraisers for various worthy causes.

We would like to thank all the caterers, entertainment providers and everyone who came to the day and made it



such a success. A big thank you must go to many of those involved, including the May Fayre working group, all volunteers on the day, and our town clerk, Caroline Mills, who really went above and beyond. We are also grateful to McDonalds and Tees Law staff, who kept the park tidy for us.



More toilets now open across the town

After the closure of the Cross public toilets in 2017 due to rising costs, the Town Council set up a Community Toilet scheme in collaboration with local businesses. Toilets at The Jolly Postie and The Coach and Horses were opened to the public during the establishments' opening hours, at no charge to the public and with no obligation to buy anything while there. These businesses receive a small payment from the council to help with maintenance costs of the facilities they provide and display window stickers advertising their participation in the scheme.

Building on feedback from the public about the location of these facilities, the Town Council is pleased to welcome the Banyers House to the scheme and, in doing so, to expand the number and accessibility of free toilets for the public across Royston Town Centre. The Council understands that access to toilet facilities is especially important to the elderly, small children, and those with invisible disabilities and hopes that this new venture will encourage these groups to visit the town centre. The Banyers Hotel joined the scheme on 1 March 2019.

Public toilets run by North Herts District Council remain open at Fish Hill.

"What a fantastic May Fayre we had! Probably the best yet; so wonderful to see families enjoying an afternoon out." Mayor Iain Leggett



Annual Town Meeting March 2019

Royston Town Council's Annual Town Meeting took place on Thursday 21 March with reports from the Mayor, Town Centre Manager, Chairmen of Royston Town Council Committees and District and County Councillors.

Community Service Awards for 2018/2019 were presented to two of four worthy recipients in recognition of their services to the town.

Lindsay Davidson – in recognition of her services to the Royston community over many years as a Town Councillor, volunteer and active member of many committees.

Royston and District Community Transport, represented by Brian Johnson – In recognition of 25 years serving the Royston community.

The following were unable to attend on the night but awards also went to -

Susan Thornton-Björk - in recognition of her work as Town Clerk to Royston Town Council from 2006 to 2017.

Ben and Beth Chapman – for their work in fund-raising for many local charities.

The Town Mayor's Community Trust Fund grants were also made to deserving local organisations to help with funding for their community projects.

There followed an open meeting where councillors welcomed questions from electors. As usual there was lively debate and councillors were keen to respond to any questions posed. There was a fair attendance at the meeting but the Town Council would encourage you to attend what is an informative and collaborative meeting. The full report will be available to read on the council website as well as information on how to apply for the Trust Fund grants.





Visit to Royston Fire Station

As part of their admirable and on-going work within the community, Steve Greaves, the Crew Commander at Royston Fire Station invited Town, District and County Councillors to see our Fire Crews at work and to see what they do as a fire and rescue service. We were treated to training demonstrations using cutting equipment, ladders, hoses and considerable climbing skills in very windy weather! Councillor Ian Coll 'was volunteered' to be the driver in a reconstruction of a road traffic accident. We saw how they go about cutting the door off a crashed car and how to get someone out who might have injuries.

We also had the opportunity to discuss issues that the Fire Service have in our local area. This proved to be enlightening and informative and as a result actions are being taken by our County and District Councillors to improve matters. The main issue was the growing problem of access for fire engines because of inconsiderately parked cars. We can only appeal to people to think about where and how they park and think about the event of an emergency happening in our roads in and around Royston. Firemen do have the powers to remove obstructing vehicles but this wastes valuable time when out on emergency calls.

As a result of our visit we went away with a better understanding of everything the service does for our local community.



Mayor of Royston 2019 to 2020

I am honoured and humbled to be asked, once again, to represent our great town as Mayor. I promise to work for the benefit of Royston and its people in this time of change.

I will work hard to give youngsters a say in their future, as sometimes I know they don't feel they are being listened to.

I hope to work with other organisations, looking into forming a Royston Youth Council as this, I believe, would give them a voice in how the town develops in the future.

I want to help local businesses achieve their full potential by promoting both them and our town as a leader for enterprise. In doing this I hope that they will also engage with young people to create local jobs for the future.

I would also like to help the Royston and District Twinning Association grow and be more recognised.

I feel that we need to look at our local environment by changing the way some of us think. It shouldn't just be about making a profit but also about having a healthy vibrant town and keeping open areas accessible to everyone, no matter what their personal circumstances are.

Half of the charity funds raised will go to the Garden House Hospice and half to the Mayor's Community Trust Fund, which awards grants to worthy local organisations in Royston.

In my year as Mayor I would like to be remembered for supporting the belief that no matter what your background is, you can get involved and have a voice in this great community that we have.

CLlr Robert Inwood

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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