



ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - September 2023

Out & About With The Mayor

Cllr Lisa Adams has been very busy since taking over as Town Mayor in May. Among her duties she has visited various local organisations and events such as French town twinning civic reception, the King James pub opening, A10 Cycling Awareness event, Bow Books opening, Royston Pageant, Pathways to Learning End of Year Party, Roman Way Summer Fayre, Royston Fire Station Open Day, Royston McDonalds 10th Anniversary, Royston Bowling Club Open Day, The Royston Kite Festival, Make Lunch Family Day. These are just a sample of the work she has done in addition to many visits to various businesses throughout the town.



News From Royston Cave

Last month, we held our now annual Community Open Day where, for one day only, we opened our doors to the people of Royston, to let you experience the cave for free! Because, as our shared history, we believe Royston Cave belongs to us all. A big thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such a brilliant day.

We've also just released a brand-new official guidebook, filled with beautiful images and bite-size information about Royston Cave. Learn about the cave's discovery, carvings, structure and theories behind its origin. It's your local history, but simplified. Buy your copy now from Royston Museum!

Online, we've added more kids activities, crafts and experiments to our website, so that our little explorers can engage with our story during the summer holidays, and, for our bigger explorers, we've added articles to our online archive about the legend of St Laurence, believed to be depicted in Royston Cave, and the Templars' involvement in the area. Learn about the property and land they owned at www.roystoncave.co.uk/archive.

Plus, at the end of September, as part of Royston Arts Festival, we're holding a storytime for kids. Descend deep underground for a simple, interactive storytelling of Royston Cave. Hear tales of the cave and the legends of the figures on its wall, join in with actions and noises and experience the carvings come to life! Limited availability. Pre-booking required. Book online at www.roystoncave.co.uk.

Make Lunch Charity

Royston Town Council are very pleased to announce the award of a £500 grant to the Make Lunch charity.

Make Lunch provide free, healthy, cooked meals to families in Royston who may struggle to provide them during school holidays. The grant will enable Make Lunch to provide 3 additional sessions during the summer holidays.

The Town Mayor added "I'm delighted that the Town Council has awarded its first Community Grant to Make Lunch Royston. This is wonderful news and it will make such a difference as this charity is growing rapidly with new families. Its support to local children and their families with a hot meal and an opportunity to enjoy the company of others makes it an excellent place to be during the school holidays.

The Town Council looks forward to helping more local voluntary organisations, clubs and charities and encourages them to apply.



Supporting Local Businesses

Back in July the Mayor Cllr Lisa Adams and Deputy Mayor Cllr John Rees accompanied Paul Brown - Royston First's Town Manager - on a tour of the various independent businesses in Royston Town Centre.

This was part of "Independents Week" instigated by Royston First. The aim was to recognise the hard work and commitment to the town made by these businesses.



Shop Local ♥ Eat Local ♥ Enjoy Local

Town Twinning

Nineteen host families in Royston and the surrounding area welcomed a party of 37 French guests from Royston's twin town of La Loupe in May. With a total of 74 people ranging from 8 years to 70+ years, new and experienced twidders participated in a variety of activities including visiting the Royston Cave, Glazed Creations and the city of Cambridge as well as time with host families.

After a day with host families on Saturday, the traditional reception was held at Barkway Village Hall with families bringing various dishes to share. Welcome speeches from the chairs of Royston and La Loupe twinning associations and the Mayor of Royston, Cllr Lisa Adams, renewed our joint commitment to twinning and our forthcoming 40th anniversary in 2026. The evening ended with an hour's line dancing.

Royston Picture Palace

Royston Town Council is pleased to have come to an agreement for films to continue to be screened at Royston Picture Palace until the end of the current contract in October. The agreement has been put in place in conjunction with our partners at Royston First BID, the duty managers, cinema volunteers and Saffron Screen. This has been made possible thanks to a collaborative approach from all parties and we would like to thank all involved. Please visit roystonpicturepalace.org.uk to book your tickets now!

The Town Council is now working with our partners to find a sustainable long term solution for the cinema. We are very grateful for the many people who have been in touch with us offering their help. We hope to be able to announce future plans for the cinema shortly. In the meantime please do make use of this brilliant community facility.

Royston Town Council

Watch Live In Your Own Home!

You can now watch meetings of the full Town Council live or at any time afterwards - on You Tube.

All the recorded meetings can be found at

www.youtube.com/@RoystonTownCouncil

The next Full Council meeting will be on

Monday 18 September at 7.30pm

Dates For Your Diary

29 Sept - 1 Oct - Royston Arts Festival
 Sunday 1 October - Silver Sunday event
 Saturday 11 November - Remembrance Day Service
 Sunday 12 November - Remembrance Day Parade
 Friday 24 November - Christmas Lights Switch-On
 Saturday 16 December - Royston Christmas Market

Memorial Bench

Royston Town Council recently installed a bench at the Melbourn Road/Fieldfare Way roundabout. This has been dedicated to the memory of former Councillor and Mayor F John Smith who, until his passing in 2021, worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of Royston for many years.



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All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity and are elected for a term of 4 years. Councillors do not receive any payment nor are they in receipt of any allowances for attending meetings.

Meet Your Councillors

Your next Councillors Surgery is on
Saturday 9 September
 at Royston Market 10am-11.30am.

Meet Councillors from Herts County Council, North Herts Council and Royston Town Council. Have a friendly chat, ask questions, and let them how you feel about your town.

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