



ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - June 2023



The Mayor Out and About

Your Mayor has been very busy this year visiting various community groups and local businesses as well as shopkeepers and market traders throughout the Town Centre. These have included the Royston Fire Cadets, Girl Guides, Brownies and Air Cadets. She has also visited the annual May Fayre, Coronation event at the Fire Station and judged the best Coronation themed High Street window. The Mayor also attended the Royston Parish Church Re-dedication Service and hosted a Civic Service at the Royston Catholic Church.



Royston Cave

So far this year we've published three new articles to our online archive. Discover the legend of our patron saint and the Cave's supposed carving of him in our article about St George, and learn about the downfall of the Knights Templar, the execution of their last Grand Master and the cave's possible depiction of him in our article on Jacques de Molay. We've also made a report, published in 1978 about an excavation of the cave's floor, available to access for free from our website! Find out what was uncovered and how it changed modern interpretations of the way the cave was used.

Coming up: on Wednesday 21st June, we're celebrating Summer Solstice! Thought by many to be a Pagan site situated on two Ley lines, experience the longest day of the year at one of Britain's most unique attractions and bask in the cave's energy. Cushions and blankets will be provided. This is not a tour of Royston Cave but an opportunity to sit in peace, to meditate and... breathe. To book, or for more information, visit our website - roystoncave.co.uk/events

Improving Bus/Rail Connections

The Town Council have been in negotiations for Royston to become a Sustainable Travel Town. It is felt that as part of this a dedicated travel hub at Royston Station is essential. The vision is that bus and train times are synchronised in order that passengers could arrive by bus in time to catch their train, and when returning home have a bus at the station to take them the rest of the way.

Much work on this needs to be done, but there has been a first meeting with the rail company, who thought it was a good idea, and have gone away to consider the matter further. Town Councillors Mike Harrison and John Rees attended along with Cllrs Hunter and Green for North Herts Council and Cllrs Hill and Jarvis for Herts County. Also present were officers from County, District and Town Councils. We will keep you updated on developments.

Bird and Bat Boxes

Ten new bird boxes have been installed in the Green Walk and Stiles Plantations just in time for nesting season. Ten bat boxes have also been ordered and these will be installed this summer. Our thanks go to Shire Trees who have installed them free of charge.



May Fayre

Royston Town Council again organised the town's May Fayre. It was a wonderful event - despite a deluge of rain halfway through the event, the skies soon cleared again to let us all carry on enjoying the event. Many local organisations were present with stalls as well as a kids funfair, novelty dog show, miniature train rides and a large variety of food and drink options that suited everyone. There was also a Classic Car event in the Town Hall Car Park. Whatever your age there was something for everyone at the Fayre. The Council would like to give thanks to Tees Law and the Air Training Cadets for keeping the event clear of litter. The Scouts did a great job with catering and the Army Cadets gave demonstrations on CPR. A welcome new addition was Royston Radio who entertained us with music and PA announcements. The Royston Town Band - entertaining as ever - also played for us in their marquee.

Most of all, the Council would like to thank every one of you who came along to make it a day to remember.



Town Twinning

During March, King James Academy Royston hosted 33 German students and their teachers from Royston's twin town as part of a combined English and Music trip. The German students were paired up with Meridian students so they could experience school life in England.

The group were given a tour of Royston before heading off to Cambridge. Some of the students were also members of Musikzug, the Großalmerode band and they enjoyed two days of musical activities led by the Head of Performing Arts at King James Academy



ROYSTON TOWN COUNCILLORS

First, a warm welcome to Elizabeth Freeman, your new Town Councillor for Royston South Ward, elected at the recent by-election

A list of all Councillors with their contact details are given below, grouped by which Ward they represent. All Town Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity and are elected for a 4-year term of office. Councillors do not receive any payment nor do they receive any allowance for attending meetings.

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Community Toilets

Don't forget - there are public toilets at the top end of Fish Hill but you are also free to use the toilet facilities inside the **Jolly Postie** or **Banyers** during their normal opening hours. They are part of the Town's Community Toilet scheme and you don't need to purchase anything when you visit.

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