



ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - June 2025



MAY FAYRE

Despite a chilly start to the day, Priory Memorial Gardens was soon packed with visitors joining in all the fun at our Annual May Fayre. Opened by the Town Mayor, Cllr John Rees, there were lots of things for people to enjoy. As well as charity stalls and sideshows, and an array of food options. There was a funfair tailored for children, a miniature ride-on train, novelty dog show, music courtesy of the Royston Town Band, free face-painting and, of course, Professor Crump was there too. There was lots of things for everybody - you could also try your hand at basketball thanks to the Royston Stallions basketball club. The weather was very kind to us and the rain stayed away!

The Royston Rotary Club again held their Classic Car Show across the road in the Town Hall Car Park.



News From Royston Town Twinning Association

This year's 9th German school visit from Royston's twin town of Großalmerode from Friday 28th – Sunday 30th March was a roaring success thanks once again to the wonderful hospitality and generosity of spirit of host families in Royston and the surrounding area.

Having started their trip with a day in Cambridge, the group of 23 students aged between 15 and 17, led by teachers Andreas Bernart and Miriam Niemczyk, were greeted by their host families as well as Royston's Town Mayor Cllr John Rees, President of Royston & District Twinning Association. German students were matched with teenagers their own age and where possible with similar interests.

Playing board games, enjoying typically English culinary delights and visiting towns such as St Albans enabled them to improve their English, develop intercultural understanding as well as experience British family life and forge friendships.

Before returning to Großalmerode on Wednesday 2nd April, the group also enjoyed a few days sightseeing in London.



News From Royston Cave

The winter months have given the cave a well-earned rest. Repairs made to the utility infrastructure above the cave have ensured that water, after rainfall, is no longer entering the southern side, which has been excellent news. The public season has now begun, and we are excited to welcome all our visitors to the cave, and to our lovely town. With the 400th anniversary of the death of King James I, it really does highlight how much history we have to offer the people who come from both near and far. Our wonderful guides are constantly updating their knowledge, and strive to present a balanced and informative tour, so why not pop along and learn not just about the cave, but maybe also a bit more about the town you live in

Visit our website www.roystoncave.co.uk for more information.

Mayor's Community Awards

Each year, The Royston Town Mayor awards individuals or groups that have made a significant contribution to the Community. At this year's Town Meeting the Mayor awarded certificates to -

Paul Bowes of Bow Books for his voluntary work with local organisations to encourage children as well as adults to read books.

Linda Bance for her voluntary work and commitment to bringing music to the people of Royston and setting up singing groups for all ages.

Claire Fremann for her voluntary work curating at Curwens Gallery to showcase the work of local artists.

Graham Pfaff for his tireless voluntary service as Royston's Town Crier for over 20 years.



Royston Town Council Annual Green Award

This year marks the very first of the Town Council's Annual Green Award where we recognise an individual or group who have gone above and beyond to positively impact the local environment.

This year's winner was the **ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**. They are pictured here with their stall at last year's Royston Arts Festival.



Activities Event For Over-60s

Royston Town Council are arranging an "Activities Afternoon" for Royston residents over the age of 60. This event will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 18 June from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be a choice of activities for everyone, such as dominos, cards (but no gambling please!), flower arranging, board games and a chatty table where you can sit and chat about anything (well, almost anything - just keep it clean and avoid politics!).

You will also be served free refreshments - tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits - in fact, the whole event will be completely FREE!

Just call the Town Hall on 01763 245484 to book your place.

Holi Festival

Back in March, Royston Town Council, in association with the Royston Indian Society, held its very first Holi Festival - the traditional vibrant Hindu festival of colours, welcoming the arrival of Spring. It was a wonderful family-oriented event held in Priory Gardens with Indian street food and music.



TOWN COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to our newest Town Councillor, Tim Johnson, recently elected to represent Meridian Ward

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