



# ROYSTON TOWN CRIER

News from your Town Council - March 2025



## Out And About With The Mayor

Cllr John Rees, your Town Mayor has been busy meeting the community and businesses of Royston including, amongst others, Remembrance Day parade, a Diwali event organised by Royston Indian Society, the Town's Christmas Lights switch-on, his "Carols With The Mayor" charity event at Royston Parish Church, joining Santa's Sleigh Ride to collect donations for Home-Start, visiting Melwood Grange Care Home and St George's Nursing Home on Christmas Day, various residents' events at Melbourn Springs and Margaret House Care Homes, plus Royston Fire Station's Christmas event. He was also invited to take the salute and inspect the Cadets at the ATC parade in Royston. Also, he can often be seen shopping at Royston Market and around the town visiting local shops and community groups.



## News From Royston Cave



Even though the cave has been closed for public tours this winter, we have been extremely busy. Our Christmas in the Cave, and Winter Solstice events were all sold out, and private tours have continued to be popular. We have also had great success in reducing the amount of water entering the cave, by a combined effort from local residents and utility providers. Hopefully these measures will protect the cave for many more years. We have also been in the spotlight on both TV and radio, as we look for new cave guides, which has sparked new interest from all over the region. This has timed well with the release of our 2025 public season tickets, which have started to sell fast. What an exciting year ahead we have!!

## May Fayre 2025

We are pleased to announce that this year's May Fayre will be held on Bank Holiday **MONDAY 5TH MAY**. Attractions will include an amateur dog show, historic vehicles, rideable miniature train, fairground rides, the Town Band, Punch and Judy, Professor Crump, face painting and a circus skills drop-in workshop with Topper. There will be a great range of food offerings such as loaded Mac & Cheese, hog roast, burgers, ice cream, and of course a bar. The deposit and return system to replace single-use plastic has continued to be a great success so will be back. The day is always a fun way to spend your Bank Holiday and a great way to help local charities and community groups too. If you would like to have a charity stall, please contact [enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk). More fun events for you to take part in will be announced soon - keep an eye on Social Media!!

## Town Council Community Grants Scheme

At their January meeting, the Town Council awarded a grant of £500 to the Bassingbourn Squadron of Air Cadets. This was to give financial support for an Anniversary Parade through Royston on 2nd February involving around 100 cadets from the around the region. The Bassingbourn squadron recruits a lot of cadets from Royston.

Also awarded a grant of £500 was the local branch of Cruse Bereavement Support to assist them in expanding their free, specialist bereavement services to residents in the Royston area

All local community groups and organisations are eligible to apply for a grant towards a specific project. Further details can be obtained from the Town Hall.

### Royston Town Bus Services

As part of their plan for Royston to become a sustainable travel town, the Town Council are looking at ways to improve bus routes in Royston. We are looking to get the Route 16 back to a 30 minute timetable. We are also working with our colleagues at both County Council and North Herts Council to schedule bus services to serve both Hedera Gardens and Meridian Gate linking to the Town Centre and the Rail Station plus Tesco Extra and the Royston Gateway stores.

### At Your Convenience

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.

Royston Town Council thanks the **Jolly Postie** and **Banyers** for their ongoing support of this scheme.

### The Mayor's Big Charity Quiz

It's back! **Thursday 27 March** at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Entry is £5 per person, teams of up to six people and a prize for the winning team. There will be a licensed bar and feel free to bring your own food. As usual, a huge raffle will be held with lots of prizes.

Book your places *now* by visiting the Town Hall Offices or phone 01763 245484 or email [enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@roystontowncouncil.gov.uk)

### 🐝 "Bee Friendly" Status For Royston? 🐝

John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance joined a recent meeting of the Council's Climate and Biodiversity Working Party to talk about the *Bee Part Of It* project. They are working in partnership with North Herts Council to establish a bee corridor in Royston and encourage the community to become involved. They want residents, schools, community groups and local businesses to plant bee friendly areas in their gardens, planters and borders. A launch event will take place in **Priory Gardens on Saturday 29th March from 10am - 2pm**, when a range of activities is planned including making seed bombs and constructing bug hotels. There will also be displays by local bee keepers, Culture Wood and the Wildlife Trust.

For more information about the project go to [www.north-herts.gov.uk/bee-part-it](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/bee-part-it) or scan the QR code on posters in local shop windows.

### Holi Festival

The Town Council are sponsoring a free Holi Festival at Priory Gardens on **SATURDAY 15 MARCH from 12pm**. This is an annual Hindu Festival of Colours that celebrates the arrival of Spring, one of the most popular and widely celebrated Hindu festivals celebrated worldwide. There will be dancing and singing plus a variety of Indian street food available.

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### Are You aged 60yrs or over?

The Town Council are organising a special event for you at The Town Hall on **Wednesday 26 March at 2pm**

You will be entertained to an afternoon dedicated to the history of Royston with talks by staff from Royston Museum and have the chance to look at old photos and reminisce with others.

Free refreshments too!

Book your place now at the Town Council Offices (see below)

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