



# Romsey Town Council Newsletter Summer 2017

## MAYOR'S SUMMER MESSAGE

It is a huge honour and a privilege for my family for me to become the Town Mayor of Romsey for 2017/2018.

I was born in Southampton, but have lived in Romsey for the past 44 years having met and married my wife Teresa, a Romsonian in 1973. Together we have raised 3 children and now have 6 grandchildren. Throughout these years, I have made many friends and acquaintances from all walks of life in the local area.

It never ceases to amaze me how many charitably minded volunteers there are in Romsey, all quietly working away unsung, behind the scenes for their groups and Charities. I wish to pay tribute to all of them, and hope to meet and support as many of these groups and charities as possible, during my year of office, by setting up a community chest to help fund them in the vital work they do in our community.

Romsey is a thriving centre for Scouting, Guiding, Sea, Air and Army Cadets. I look forward to joining them on Civic occasions and to visiting many of them at their premises during the year.

As a small Market Town, Romsey has a number of independent shops serving our community and we are fortunate to have markets three times a week, as well as popular Farmers Markets, selling direct to the public on the first Sunday of the month.

This year, Romsey Festival takes place from 1-16 July including the Beggars Fair on the 8th of July which always attracts thousands of visitors to the Town. We also have a summer carnival and a winter one which is on the same night as the Christmas light switch on.

During the year, there are numerous musical events held in the Town, many in our wonderful Romsey Abbey. We have several choirs in the Town all performing to extremely high standards and there is a long history of bands performing in concerts throughout the year.

The Romsey Show is held at Broadlands in September and is one of the highlights of the calendar year.

I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead as your new Mayor, and hope to meet as many of you as possible, during this time.



**Cllr Ian Hibberd,  
Romsey Town Mayor**

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# TOWN CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT



Always know its summer in Romsey when the bunting goes up, thanks to Ian Richards and his small band of volunteers. This summer we have some fantastic events in the town, many as part of the Romsey Festival. 1st to 16th July details can be found on their website [www.romseyfestival.org](http://www.romseyfestival.org) and in the Festival programme leaflet which has been delivered to most local households and is available to pick up from the TIC, the Town Hall, Romsey Abbey and many local businesses. The 2017 Festival includes about 120 events offering over 160 separate performances.

On Sunday 2nd July the Rotary will be running the Mayor's Picnic in the Park and we will be running "InsideOut" an art trail extending from the Signal Box down the canal, Plaza, Cornmarket to the Park and Abbey South Garth

Beggars Fair once again takes over the town centre, this year on Saturday July 8th from 11am, with some of the venues remaining open until 10pm. An amazing mix

of performances promising something for all tastes, we expect over 100 acts performing at some 25 venues across the town. The Youth Festival in the Romsey War Memorial Park will provide entertainment and space to relax for our younger residents and families brought to you by the team from Youth in Romsey. Please respect the no alcohol rule in the Park and on the streets for your safety and the enjoyment of all our visitors. Now this event has grown in size and more businesses in Latimer Street are involved it has been decided to close that road between 10am and 5pm to improve pedestrian safety.

Carnival week runs from 16th July with the grand parade on Sunday 23rd July, lots of events through the week raising money for local charities.

September 3rd our streets will again be filled with people enjoying the delights of our annual FoodFest in addition this year we will have a Teenage Market in the Town Hall, with young people showcasing their craft skills and developing experience as young entrepreneurs.

Then our minds turn to Christmas, but more of that in our next newsletter!!

**Mark Edgerley,**  
**Romsey Town Centre Manager**  
**telephone 07850 449484**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### Full Council

25 July 2017  
12 September 2017  
14 November 2017

### Building & Town

13 June 2017  
15 August 2017  
17 October 2017  
19 December 2017

### Finance & Resources

11 July 2017  
5 September 2017  
7 November 2017

### Planning

15 June 2017  
6 July 2017  
27 July 2017  
17 August 2017  
7 September 2017  
28 September 2017

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**Would you like to grow your own vegetables?**  
**[www.romseytownallotments.org.uk](http://www.romseytownallotments.org.uk)**  
**or call 01794 514838 for more details**





## ROMSEY TOWN HALL PRESENTS

Upcoming Film Shows at 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm at Romsey Town Hall.

Doors open 30 minutes before each show

Refreshments available to purchase before the performance starts.

**Monday 19h June 2017 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm**

**LA LA LAND (12) 2 Hours 8 mins approx. Starring: Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling**

*Tells the story of Mia [Emma Stone], an aspiring actress, and Sebastian [Ryan Gosling], a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. Set in modern day Los Angeles, this original musical about everyday life explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams.*

**Monday 3rd July 2017 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm**

**FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM (12) 2 Hours 15 minutes approx. Starring: Eddie Redmayne and Katherine Waterston**

*Explore a new era of the Wizarding World before Harry Potter.*

*It's 1926, Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) arrives in New York City for a meeting with the Magical Congress of the United States of America. He doesn't arrive alone, however – in his magical suitcase live a menagerie of dangerous creatures.*

**Monday 10th July 2017 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm (Part of the Romsey Festival)**

**PHILOMENA (12A) 1 Hour 38 mins approx. Starring: Judi Dench and Steve Coogan**

*A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her son, who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent.*

**Monday 31st July 2017 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm (Part of the Romsey Festival)**

**JACKIE (15) 1 Hour 40 mins approx. Starring: Natalie Portman and Billy Crudup**

*Biographical drama that follows First Lady Jackie Kennedy in the days after her husband's assassination in 1963. Known for her dignity and composure in front of the cameras, behind closed doors Jackie struggles to cope with the loss of her partner and the weight of the world that now rests on her shoulders.*

**Tickets available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/romseytowncouncil](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/romseytowncouncil) or Romsey Town Hall and are non-refundable**

## REMEMBERING ROMSEY'S ROYAL VISIT 8TH JUNE 2007

The 8th June 2017 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Royal Visit to Romsey of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

The visit, organised by Town Councillors, Mike Richardson, Julian Jones and the Town Clerk Judith Giles, working with the High Steward, Lord Brabourne, marked the 400th Anniversary of the granting of Romsey's Charter by James I.

The visit began with a special Charter Service in Romsey Abbey taken by Canon Neil Crawford-Jones at the end of which I invited HM The Queen to view the Charter. The Royal party left the Abbey and proceeded to unveil the Portland stone Charter column carved by Gary Breeze and which was presented to the town by the Romsey and District Society.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh undertook a 'walkabout', meeting hundreds of Romsey residents who crowded into Church Street and the Market Place. There was a strong but discreet security presence as this was the first walkabout HM and HRH had done since the 9/11 attack in 2001. As it happened everything went very smoothly. The crowds were packed in between the barriers and the buildings and some of those near the front passed flowers across which HM received and then handed to the Lady in Waiting.

One gentleman reached forward with the finest bunch of perfect sweet peas as it was possible to envisage. HM remarked on them favourably and then passed them to an attendant with the words, "I want you to keep those."

The next stage was to introduce HM The Queen to 80 guests who represented different organisations in the town and who were waiting to be presented in the Town Hall's Council Chamber. HM The Queen worked the room with consummate ease and charm. I then invited HM to sign Rod Hoyle's commemorative scroll\* after which the Royal Party returned to Broad-lands, via Bell Street.



**Cllr Mark Cooper,  
Town Mayor 2007-08**



\*The Hoyle Scroll is now located in the foyer of the Town Hall



# ROMSEY 2017 TOWN CENTRE EVENTS

<b>Friday 30th June</b>	Music concert in the Park - Synfonisch Blaasorkest Heemstede
<b>Saturday 1st July to Sunday 16th July</b>	Romsey Festival details at <a href="http://www.romseyfestival.org">www.romseyfestival.org</a>
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	Romsey Rotary Mayor's Picnic
<b>Sunday 2nd July</b>	Romsey InsideOut Art Trail
<b>Saturday 8th July</b>	Beggar's Fair
<b>Sunday 23rd July</b>	Summer Carnival Parade
<b>Sunday 23rd June</b>	Music concert in the Park, Flautissimo
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	Music concert in the Park, Michelmersh Silver Band
<b>Sunday 6th August</b>	Teenage Market, Romsey Town Hall
<b>Sunday 13th August</b>	Music in the Park, Southampton Concert Wind Band
<b>Sunday 27th August</b>	Music in the Park, City of Southampton Albion Band
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b>	Romsey Food Festival & Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b>	Music in the Park, Lockerley Silver Band
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b>	Teenage Market, Romsey Town Hall
<b>Saturday 9th September</b>	Romsey Show
<b>Saturday 23rd September to Saturday 30th September</b>	Romsey Film Festival
<b>Sunday 1st October</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Saturday 14th October</b>	Romsey Business Fair, Crosfield Hall
<b>Sunday 15th October</b>	Art, Design, Homes & Interiors Market
<b>Sunday 5th November</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 12th November</b>	Remembrance Day Parade
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	Romsey Christmas Light Switch On & Winter Carnival Parade
<b>Saturday 2nd December</b>	Small Business Saturday
<b>Sunday 3rd December</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	Romsey Late Night Shopping & Lantern Parade
<b>Monday 18th December</b>	Carols in Romsey Market Place
<b>Sunday 24th December</b>	Christmas Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Tuesday 26th December</b>	Boxing Day pre 1976 Car & Bike Meet

**Romsey Markets every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (except 8th July & 26th December)**

**Romsey Country Market every Friday URC Abbey Hall, 10am to 11.30pm**

## ROMSEY MARKET

Today we enjoy the market stalls in the Cornmarket on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. They are the latest revival of a market tradition in Romsey that goes back for a thousand years or more.

Originally the Market Place was much bigger than it is today, with no buildings where now we see the town hall, the block containing the Corn Exchange and the shops on the abbey side. The market was controlled by the abbey and took place outside their gates, where they could keep an eye on it.

After the abbey was closed in 1539, the right to hold the market went to the lord of the manor of Romsey Infra. When the town was granted its borough charter in 1607, the town clerk was made clerk of the market. What the duties of the clerk were are not apparent, since the profits continued to go to the lord.

When the first Lord Palmerston bought Broadlands, he became lord of the manor and the market rights (and the profits) continued through the family with the estate. In 1828, the town raised the money to pay to move market day from Saturday to Thursday and that is how it continued.

By the end of the 19th century, the market was held fortnightly in the Market Place. Primarily it was a beast market, rather than the retail market stalls we see today. The council bought property in Middlebridge Street, meaning to move the market there, but their plans were not carried out. Corporation Cottages were built at the front of the site, and the market was moved to Newton Lane.

For many years, it was run by Woolley and Wallis who auctioned the animals that were sold there. Gradually small markets, such as ours, became uneconomic and Romsey market ceased in 1956.

Some years later, Charlie Coward started a small market with stalls in the yard of the Dolphin Inn. When Bradbeers acquired the Dolphin, they moved the market into the Cornmarket, and extended it to three days a week.

**Phoebe Merrick  
May 2017**



# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern 01794 518817

Births, Marriages  
and Deaths 0300 555 1392

British Red Cross  
(Romsey Area Centre) 01794 513202

Citizens Advice Bureau 03444 111 306

Dial A Ride 01264 356808

Dog Warden Services 01794 527700

Test Valley Borough Council 01794 527700

Hampshire Police 101

Hampshire County Council 01962 841841

Hampshire Highways 0300 555 1388

Hampshire Constabulary –  
Safer Neighbourhood Team 101

Romsey Good Neighbours 01794 514854

Romsey Library 0300 555 1387

Youth in Romsey 01794 500581

**ROMSEY HOSPITAL** 01794 834700

## DOCTORS' SURGERIES

Abbey Mead 01794 512218/830888

Alma Road 01794 513422

Nightingale 01794 517878/511513

## DENTISTS

Community Dental Clinic 01794 519589

Abbey Orthodontics 01794 519589

Romsey Dental Care 01794 522222

Heatherstone Dental Practice 01794 513100

Wordsworth House Dental  
Practice 01794 512319

## CHEMISTS

Lloyds Pharmacy 01794 522716

Boots The Chemist Ltd 01794 513143

Alliance Pharmacy 01794 513193

Superdrug Pharmacy 01794 513314

## Out of Hours Doctors Surgery

**Contact No** 0300 300 2012

## ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Since the last Newsletter grants have been awarded to the following:

Romsey Carnival Committee	£145.00
Romsey Lantern Parade	£500.00

If you would like to apply for a grant for your organisation please contact the Town Clerk, Judith Giles

**Tel: 01794 512837 Email: [townclerk@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:townclerk@romseytc.org.uk)**

