



# Romsey Town Council Newsletter Summer 2018

## MAYOR'S SUMMER MESSAGE

**R**omsey is the most amazing place and its residents believe in it just as much as I do. In supporting every aspect of its life - shops, many and varied leisure activities, special events, clubs and societies, our schools, parks to name but a few. You are promoting our ancient town and its surrounding area to everyone. So why do we need to do it?

When I was Town Mayor 2004/05 we hosted the national conference for small market towns and the feedback from it was that Romsey is a very special and idyllic market town. Over the last 14 years we, as a Town Council, have worked hard to try and ensure this feedback remained true.

Recently we seem to have been surrounded by lots of disruption and I am sure there will be more within the town centre alterations. Traffic has increased and we are surrounded by lots of new houses BUT always remember the people who come in, come because they know Romsey is 'special' and they want to be part of it.

Romsey Future is looking at how our town develops over the next 20 or 30 years and in the next 12 months there will be lots of opportunities for YOU to have your say. Please make sure you take up this opportunity.

In 2018/19 can we make sure Romsey continues to be special and will you help me by continuing to support our many and varied activities. Please ...

- continue to shop here and keep our individual shops thriving
- keep our town litter and vandal free



*Photo by Bill Chandler*

- attend our Show in September, musical and other events
- support the Town, Country and Farmers Markets
- attend and support the many and varied film shows at the Town Hall to name but a few

and there will be other special events like the recent yarn bombing in the next months.

If there is something you would like to happen let me know or tell your local Town Councillor or come to the Town Council meetings which are held every two months and have your say.

We welcome new ideas and especially welcome YOUR feedback.

Support and keep OUR local market town thriving.

**Dorothy Baverstock**  
**Romsey Town Mayor**

# Romsey Town Council

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# TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Romsey is a quaint Hampshire market town with an eclectic mix of independent and national retailers and eateries. Much of the street layout and buildings date back hundreds of years and form part of an important conservation area enjoyed by residents and visitors. The narrowness of the road network means repairs and enhancement by nature are disruptive as the recent closure of Bell Street demonstrated. However, Bell Street is now very much open for business and the businesses need our support to get "back on their feet".

Prior to the recent enhancements, Bell Street was a road with a very poor surface, no surface water drainage and pavements that were damaged and too narrow for modern push chairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. There were few drop kerbs making it very difficult for anyone with a wheeled conveyance to pass another, cross the road or even turn into the shops.

The removal of the kerbs now means anyone can access the street, the shops and cross where they wish and the risk of falling off the kerb has been removed completely.

During the enhancement works two new businesses opened and leases on a further two units were signed, welcomed confidence from the business community that the redesigned public space would attract additional shoppers.

Romsey's flagship store Bradbeers has a main

entrance in the street and compliments the rest of the retail offered that includes ladies and gents fashion, homewares, restaurants and cafes, a Skin Spa, antiques and brocante, specialist quilting shop and a family butchers.

It's a street to be enjoyed and explored by young and old alike, there is plenty of nearby parking on and off road, it is close to the bus station and enjoys easy access to the rest of the town. Worth a reminder all public car parks in Romsey are reasonably priced and free after 4pm daily, also all-day Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Town Centre Management in Romsey is the responsibility of Romsey Town Council who working in partnership with TVBC arrange a number of events through the year and provide the Christmas lights across the town that are so much enjoyed by visitor and resident alike. The Town Council are planning future events located in the newly refurbished Bell Street starting with a French Market in March 2019.

There is a list of events on page 6, the ever-popular Antiques Markets will be back in October but ahead of that you can enjoy the Beggars Fair and Food Festival which this year will have a stronger vegan element. We are also delighted to present another InsideOut Art Trail on Sunday 1st July and would be pleased to hear from any artist who wishes to have a stall, indoor tables are available as well as outdoor space.

**Mark Edgerley,**  
Romsey Town Centre Manager  
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**Bell Street**

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr Ian Hibberd, has a Community Chest of charitable donations that were made during his year, along with the funds raised from his Charity Choir Concert. These funds are to be distributed to local charities so if you would like to make a claim on behalf of your charity please contact Heather Stevens on 01794 512837 or email [info@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:info@romseytc.org.uk) to request an application form.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### Full Council

24 July 2018  
25 September 2018  
13 November 2018

### Building & Town

12 June 2018  
14 August 2018  
16 October 2018  
18 December 2018

### Finance & Resources

3 July 2018  
4 September 2018  
6 November 2018

### Planning

28 June 2018  
19 July 2018  
9 August 2018  
30 August 2018  
20 September 2018  
11 October 2018  
1 November 2018  
22 November 2018  
13 December 2018





## ROMSEY COMMUNITY CINEMA

Upcoming Film Shows at 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm at Romsey Town Hall.  
 Tickets £6.50 / Doors open 30 minutes before each show  
 Refreshments available to purchase before the performance starts.

**Monday 2nd July 2018 3.30pm and 7.00pm**

**THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG) 1 hr 45 min approx.**

**Drama starring Hugh Jackman and Rebecca Ferguson**

Inspired by the imagination of P.T. Barnum, *The Greatest Showman* is an original musical that celebrates the birth of show business & tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

**Monday 16th July 2018 3.30pm and 7.00pm**

**DARKEST HOUR (PG) 2 hr 5 min approx.**

**Drama starring Gary Oldman & Ben Mendelsohn**

A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials.

**Monday 30th July 2018 3.30pm and 7.00pm**

**THE POST (12A) 1 hr 56 min approx.**

**Drama starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks**

A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

**Monday 13th August 2018 3.30pm and 7.00pm**

**FINDING YOUR FEET (12A) 1 hr 51 min approx.**

**Comedy starring Imelda Staunton and Timothy Spall**

On the eve of retirement, 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers her husband has been having an affair and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

**Monday 3rd September 2018 3.30pm and 7.00pm**

**Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool (15) 1hr 45 mins approx.**

**Drama starring Annette Bening and Julie Walters**

Hollywood actress Gloria Grahame finds romance and happiness with a younger man, but her life changes forever when she is diagnosed with breast cancer in the 1970s.

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

Romsey Town Hall is the perfect venue for Marriage, Civil Partnerships, Receptions and Parties.

It's also a great place for Business Meetings, Seminars, Concerts and Courses.



For more information contact our Event's Manager, Debbie Forder on 01794 512837

## ROMSEY TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

Since the last Newsletter Councillor John Parker has awarded grants from his Mayors Community Chest to the following:

Makaton Charity	£60.00
Friends of Romsey Signal Box	£250.00
Romsey & District Carers Forum	£250.00
Romsey Open Gate Stroke Club	£250.00
Jane Scarth House	£250.00
Romsey Blind Club	£250.00
Romsey Foodfest	£250.00
HOPE Committee - Woodley Fun Day	£250.00
Romsey Opportunity Group	£250.00
Romsey Family Support Group	£250.00
Romsey Young Carers	£250.00
Romsey Foodbank	£171.49
ROMDAG	£200.00
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)**



# ROMSEY 2018 EVENTS

<b>Sunday 1st July</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 1st July</b>	Romsey Rotary Mayor's Picnic
<b>Sunday 1st July</b>	Romsey InsideOut Art Trail
<b>Sunday 8th July</b>	Flautissimo - Romsey War Memorial Park Bandstand 2.30 pm
<b>Sunday 8th July</b>	Demfest at Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
<b>Saturday 14th July</b>	Beggar's Fair
<b>Sunday 22nd July</b>	Summer Carnival Parade
<b>Sunday 5th August</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 5th August</b>	Michelmersh Silver Band – Romsey War Memorial Park Bandstand 2.30pm
<b>Sunday 12th August</b>	Southampton Concert Wind Band – Romsey War Memorial Park Bandstand 2.30pm
<b>Sunday 26th August</b>	City of Southampton Albion Band – Romsey War Memorial Park Bandstand 2.30pm
<b>Sunday 2nd September</b>	Romsey Food Festival & Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 2nd September</b>	Lockerley Silver Band - Romsey War Memorial Park Bandstand 2.30pm
<b>Saturday 8th September</b>	The Romsey Show
<b>Sunday 7th October</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 14th October</b>	Rotary – Walk the Test Way
<b>Sunday 21st October</b>	Art, Design, Homes & Interiors Market
<b>Sunday 4th November</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Sunday 11th November</b>	Remembrance Day Parade
<b>Saturday 24th November</b>	Romsey Christmas Light Switch On & Winter Carnival Parade
<b>Sunday 2nd December</b>	Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Friday 7th December</b>	Romsey Late Night Shopping & Lantern Parade
<b>Monday 17th December</b>	Carols in Romsey Market Place
<b>Sunday 23rd December</b>	Christmas Hampshire Farmers Market
<b>Wednesday 26th December</b>	Boxing Day pre 1976 Car & Bike Meet

Romsey Markets every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (except 14th July & 25th December)  
Romsey Country Market 2nd & 4th Friday every month Romsey Town Hall, 10am to 11.30pm  
Lunchtime Concerts in Romsey Abbey most Tuesdays from 1.10pm

## PALMERSTON STREET

Palmerston Street is a very attractive road although the constant stream of traffic can make it difficult to stop and admire the houses. It is also one of the younger of the medieval town's streets. It probably did not exist as more than a track before the 16th century after which it replaced Banning Street as the start of the road to Southampton.

When turnpike roads were established in the 18th century, Palmerston Street, then called Southampton Road, became the northernmost part of the turnpike road that led to Southampton. In 1865, Lord Palmerston arranged for the road to be diverted eastwards and the road beside Mile Wall was created. Meanwhile most of the old turnpike road was closed to the public. It can still be seen at the entrance to Burma Road. For a while it was called Park Street, and then re-named Palmerston Street.

The old manor house was built to serve the needs of Romsey Extra, although it came into Lord Palmerston's hands in 1808. Many of the houses in the southern part of the street were once owned by the Broadlands estate. In particular there was a large amount of land associated with the manor house until the 1960s when part of it was used to build Edwina Mountbatten House, and most of the rest was swallowed up by the creation of Broadwater Road.

In the late 19th and early 20th century, the Ward family lived in the old manor house. They were railway carriers and their work included bringing coal from the railway station to the town's gas works in Love Lane. Until 1908, Mr Mitchell had his motor works in the grounds of the manor house. He then moved to Fox Mill and ultimately to Middlebridge Street.

The Romsey Local History Society will be showing pictures of Palmerston Street from their extensive collection on the afternoon of Friday 10th August from 2.15 to 3.45. All are welcome.

**Phoebe Merrick**  
**20 April 2018**



Palmerston Street in the flood of 9 October 1960



A Sunday School procession on its way to Broadlands Park for tea in 1909



Children playing in the Tadburn at the end of Palmerston Street, 1906



The Manor House in 1930 with a shed at the side, where nowadays Broadwater Road is built.



# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	01794 518817	<b>DOCTORS' SURGERIES</b>	
Births, Deaths and Ceremonies	0300 555 1392	Abbey Mead	01794 512218/830888
British Red Cross (Romsey Area Centre)	01794 513202	Alma Road	01794 513422
Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 411 1306	Nightingale	01794 517878/511513
Dial A Ride	01264 356808	<b>DENTISTS</b>	
Dog Warden Services	01264 368463	Community Dental Clinic	0300 123 5099
Test Valley Borough Council	01794 527700	Abbey Orthodontics	01794 519589
Hampshire Police	101	Romsey Dental Care	01794 522222
Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1375	Heatherstone Dental Practice	01794 513100
Hampshire Highways	0300 555 1388	Wordsworth House Dental Practice	01794 512319
Hampshire Constabulary – Safer Neighbourhood Team	101	<b>CHEMISTS</b>	
Romsey Good Neighbours	01794 514854	Lloyds Pharmacy	01794 522716
Romsey Library	0300 555 1387	Boots The Chemist Ltd	01794 513143
Youth in Romsey	01794 500581	Superdrug Pharmacy	01794 513314
<b>ROMSEY HOSPITAL</b>	01794 834700		

## CASUAL WORKERS REQUIRED

ON AN AD-HOC BASIS IN ROMSEY TOWN HALL

Outgoing person with flexible attitude / No experience necessary

**£8.74 per hour**

For further details please contact:

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