



## MAYORS WINTER MESSAGE

What a wonderful Mayoral year I have had so far! Since Mayor Making in May I have had the opportunity to meet many of you at all the events and functions to which I have been lucky enough to be invited. Along the way I have met the many unsung heroes who provide the support needed for the smaller organisations and also some of those who benefit from their input. This all goes to prove what a wonderful community spirit exists in Romsey and one that is always cheerful and welcoming.

As I promised in my speech at Mayor Making back in May, I have recently completed the 25.5 mile stretch of 'Walk the Test Way' in support of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test and to raise funds for my 'Community Chest'. I was ably supported in this by my husband, Paul. If you would like to add to the funds that I have raised it is not too late to do so – just check out my Just Giving Page. My Community Chest will be divided up at the end of my Mayoral year in May 2020, so if you are a member of, or know of a worthy local charity please contact Heather at the Town Hall (01794 512837 or email [info@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:info@romseytc.org.uk)) and she will let you have an application form.

Now, autumn has arrived and we will soon be thinking about Christmas. Romsey at Christmas is a great place to be, the town looks particularly lovely with the lights strung up, the Christmas tree in the Market Place and the smaller trees put up by the shops above their doorways. As Romsey Town Mayor I am particularly looking forward to Christmas this year. It all starts with the Winter Carnival Procession and the Lights Switch On which is held on Saturday 23rd November



*Romsey Town Mayor, Cllr Janet Burnage, on her way to the Mayor's Picnic accompanied by Mr W Gidley, President of the Rotary Club of Romsey Test*

and then a couple of weeks later on Friday 6th December to see the lovely Lantern Parade and the rescue of Santa from the Town Hall during our late-night shopping event! Finally, we have the Carols in the Market Square on Monday 23rd December.

Romsey is a wonderful town in many ways – but it is you, the residents of Romsey who make it what it is, a community that is there for everyone and I am extremely proud to be Mayor of such a great town.

I may be a little early saying this – but I wish you all the best for the coming festive season and I hope to see many of you at the Winter Carnival.

Cllr Janet Burnage  
Romsey Town Mayor

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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

A complete list of Council Meetings, along with Agendas and Minutes can be viewed on our website at [www.romseytc.org.uk](http://www.romseytc.org.uk)

### Full

#### Council

12 November 2019

21 January 2020

17 March 2020

14 April 2020

19 May 2020

26 May 2020

### Building

#### & Town

17 December 2019

11 February 2020

7 April 2020

9 June 2020

### Finance &

#### Resources

5 November 2019

7 January 2020

3 March 2020

5 May 2020

30 June 2020

### Planning

14 November 2019

5 December 2019

2 January 2020

23 January 2020

13 February 2020

5 March 2020

26 March 2020

16 April 2020

7 May 2020

# TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT

Well that was summer, fantastic weather and lots of great events all blessed with bright sunny days. Our two largest events the Beggars Fair and the Romsey FoodFest once again drew record crowds from near and far. All the feedback received has been really positive, a special thanks to those that walk, cycle and use public transport to get to Town Centre events, you make valuable space available for visitors to the town.

We also want to congratulate the Romsey Show Team for a fantastic event this year, lots to do for the whole family, be it in the trade areas or entertainment. Beggars Fair once again ran the music stages which offered a much-needed excuse to sit down for a short while to enjoy the wonderful “street food” on offer and to listen to some great music.

We are busy planning future events. By the time this article is published we will have completed the first Romsey Storytelling Festival and another Antiques Fair. Planning for our 2020 events includes Antiques Fairs on 17th May, 18th October and 6th December. We are always interested in hearing from local traders who might wish to take part. Please also contact us if you are interested in advertising in our event brochures, good publicity for you and you help us put on even more exciting events.

Christmas in Romsey is such an important part of all our social calendars. Our Contractors are busy making up replacement strings of lights and testing the fixings. The Christmas Tree is on order and fear not there is provision in the Market Place to fix the tree in its normal position.

Work on producing a “masterplan” for the area to the South of the Town Centre continues. So many people came forward with ideas that the next round of discussions have been slightly



delayed. Please watch local press and social media for further opportunities to add your comments, follow the consultation on [www.romseyfuture.org.uk](http://www.romseyfuture.org.uk) or email comment to [romseyfuture@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:romseyfuture@testvalley.gov.uk). Those of us working on this project value the time you give to be involved in the future of Romsey.

We continue to place additional material on the Romsey Town Council website. As always we welcome your comments and suggestions on this valuable resource, please pop into the Town Hall, Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm or email us at [info@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:info@romseytc.org.uk)

For details of all our events please check our website or follow our Twitter feed @destinationroms

If you have family and friends coming to stay over the Festive period there is lots of visitor information on the [www.VisitRomsey.org](http://www.VisitRomsey.org) website and VisitRomsey FaceBook page for places to visit, stay, eat and drink.

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Romsey Town Centre Manager,  
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# ROMSEY MARKETS



Since forming a partnership with Bradbeers to manage the Romsey Market we have attracted some new stalls, some will be occasional visitors to the Town but will increase visits if they can attract enough customers. We will be adding more details of stalls to the Romsey Town Council website in due course.

We are just about to launch new branding for the Romsey Markets and as the number of stalls increase, we will be making minor changes to the market layout with the longer-term aim to spread into the Market Place new public space.

A number of our regular stall holders are able to take your orders for special occasions. Bertie on the Flower Stall can provide cut flowers for all occasions and depending on the season pot plants and fruit. Brixham Fish, on a Saturday, offer a range of fresh fish mostly caught off the Devon Coast, they also smoke their own kippers and salmon and subject to availability can take orders for special occasions for collection on a Saturday morning.

A wonderful new stall available on the Friday Market is "On Point Sharpening Services" Becky is able to sharpen almost any home or garden implement on a same day basis.

Eileen Mills of Phoenix Woollen Mills returns to the Market for the winter with her hand made woollen hats, scarfs and mittens, great to keep

you warm in winter and they make amazing Christmas Gifts.

We also have two other regular markets we are pleased to support;



## Romsey Country Market

Offers home produced baked goods, fruit and veg, plants and craft items. Normally in the Town Hall on the second and fourth Friday\* of the month between 10 and 11.30am. This venture has proven so popular that opening hours and number of days are to be extended, details on their FaceBook Page and RTC website. The Country Market can also be found at special events in and around Romsey and occasionally in the General Market



## Romsey Makers Market

Normally on the first Saturday of the month\* in the Town Hall open from 10am to 3pm. This very popular makers market also has its own online shop [www.marketplace.romseymakers.co.uk](http://www.marketplace.romseymakers.co.uk) with a full range of craft and homemade items. There are extra markets planned in November and December with special lines for Christmas.

*\*Please check dates of Town Hall Events on our website [www.Romseytc.org.uk](http://www.Romseytc.org.uk) dates sometimes have to change to facilitate other uses of the building*



# Join us for a very special Romsey Christmas

Saturday 23rd November

Sunday 1st December

Friday 6th December

Saturday 7th December

Sunday 8th December

Saturday 14th December

Sunday 22nd December

Monday 23rd December

Romsey Christmas Light Switch On  
& Winter Carnival Parade

Hampshire Farmers Market  
Romsey Late Night Shopping  
& Lantern Parade

Romsey Makers Market at The Town Hall  
Christmas Brocante and Gift Market

Romsey Makers Market at The Town Hall  
Christmas Hampshire Farmers Market  
Carols in Romsey Market Place

Free Parking Sundays and Bank Holidays,  
all other days after 4pm (excludes Aldi carpark)

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More details on Romsey Town Council website [www.romseytc.org.uk](http://www.romseytc.org.uk)  
[www.visitromsey.org](http://www.visitromsey.org) and The Visitor Information Centre, Church St, Romsey

 Visit Romsey

## ROMSEY FESTIVAL 2020

4th to 19th July

**art, music, drama and more**

a celebration of Romsey's rich history, culture and talents



**MUSIC**  
and **ARTS**,  
**CRAFTS** and  
**ENTERTAINMENT**

events for all ages, young and old

[www.romseyfestival.org](http://www.romseyfestival.org)

# 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.

Tickets are available from

[www.romseytc.org.uk](http://www.romseytc.org.uk) or Romsey Town Hall  
Office between 9am and 3pm and are  
non-refundable

Gift Vouchers available

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**Monday 2nd December 2019**

**3.30pm / 7.00pm**

**YESTERDAY (12A)**

**1 hr 56 min approx.**

Comedy starring Lily James and Jack Malik

Jack is a struggling singer-songwriter. Then, after a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed...and he finds himself with a very complicated problem indeed.

**Monday 16th December 2019**

**3.30pm / 7.00pm**

**THE MAN WHO INVENTED  
CHRISTMAS (PG)**

**1 hr 44 min approx.**

Comedy/Drama starring Dan Stevens,  
Christopher Plummer and Jonathan Pryce

The true story of how the iconic author Charles Dickens, came to write the seminal yuletide novel A Christmas Carol in only six weeks. As the likes of Ebenezer Scrooge and The Ghosts of Christmases Past, Present and Future start coming to life in his head, Dickens began creating a masterpiece that gave birth to the Christmas we know and love today.

**Monday 13th January 2020**

**3.30pm / 7.00pm**

**RORY'S WAY (12A)**

**1 hr 47 min approx.**

Comedy/Drama starring Brian Cox, Rosanna Arquette and Thora Birch

Rory, a rugged Scotsman, reluctantly leaves his beloved Hebridean island and travels to San Francisco to seek medical treatment. Moving in with his estranged son, Rory sees his life transformed through a newly found bond with his grandson.

**Monday 27th January 2020**

**3.30pm / 7.00pm**

**CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?  
(12A)**

**1 hr 47 min approx.**

Comedy/Drama starring Melissa McCarthy and Richard E. Grant

Based on the true story of Lee Israel, a best-selling celebrity biographer in the 1970s and '80s, when Lee comes to the realisation that she's no longer en vogue, she spins her art form into a perilous web of lies, deceit and outright crime to get back on top.



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 Events Manager on 01794 512837



# USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	01794 518817	<b>Doctors Surgerys</b>	
Births, Deaths and Ceremonies	0300 555 1392	Abbeywell Surgery	01794 512218 /
British Red Cross			01794 517878
(Romsey Area Centre)	01794 513202	Alma Road	01794 513422
Citizens Advice Bureau	0344 411 1306	Romsey Hospital	023 8231 0350
Dial A Ride	01264 356808		
Dog Warden Services	01264 368463	<b>Dentists</b>	
Test Valley Borough Council	01794 527700	Community Dental Clinic	0300 123 5099
Hampshire Police	101	Abbey Orthodontics	01794 519589
Hampshire County Council	0300 555 1375	Romsey Dental Care	01794 522222
Hampshire Highways	0300 555 1388	Heatherstone Dental Practice	01794 513100
Hampshire Constabulary		Wordsworth House	
– Safer Neighbourhood Team	101	Dental Practice	01794 512319
Romsey Good Neighbours	01794 514854		
Romsey Library	0300 555 1387	<b>Chemists</b>	
Youth in Romsey	01794 500581	Lloyds Pharmacy	01794 522716
		Boots The Chemist Ltd	01794 513143

## GRANTS

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

<b>Romsey Charities Fair</b>	<b>£250</b>
<b>Romsey Opportunity Group</b>	<b>£250</b>
<b>Romsey &amp; Abbey Tennis Club</b>	<b>£250</b>
<b>Romsey Town Marshals</b>	<b>£250</b>

If you would like to apply for a grant for your organisation please contact the Chief Officer

Judith Giles Tel: 01794 512837

Email: [townclerk@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:townclerk@romseytc.org.uk)

## APPEAL FOR HELP – VOLUNTEER MARSHALS

You may or may not be aware that Romsey Town Council has a group of volunteer marshals WHO help with manning road closures at events held in the town. We are currently looking to add a few more people to our list so if you are interested in helping out please contact Heather on 01794 512837 or [info@romseytc.org.uk](mailto:info@romseytc.org.uk).



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