



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL ONE-STOP SHOP



Shepway District Council's One-Stop Office at New Romney is on the move – but not very far! From 22 November 2017 it is moving from its current building in Church Approach to New Romney Town Hall where it will be open every Wednesday from 9am to 12noon. New Romney Town Council was very pleased to be able to work with Shepway District Council to offer space in the Town Hall to provide what will be a new and innovative one-stop service for local residents. ***“The move, which is just around the corner from the existing One-Stop Shop, will cause minimum disruption to local people who currently use the District Council's one-stop services. It makes good sense and is a great example of partnership working between the two councils,”*** said the Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Cllr Peter Coe.

Cllr Rory Love, Shepway's Cabinet Member for Customers, Communications and Digital Delivery, said that although an increasing number of customers now accessed council services through its website, he was keen to ensure that face-to-face contact remained part of the mix. ***“We want to tailor all our services to match the needs of our customers and moving our front office to New Romney Town Hall means that local people who choose to walk in and see us can still do so. With more of our customers doing business online, we no longer needed such a large building and a lot of space stood idle. Our old building has been let to The Computer Lady - a local computer repair service and training provider for small and medium sized businesses –where it will be put to better use.”***

COUNCILLOR PROFILE - COUNCILLOR MIKE O'NEILL



I was elected to the Town Council in April 2015 at the last series of elections, having been co-opted a year or so before then. I am married to my dear wife, Gill, and we have one daughter and two wonderful small grandsons. I am a member of all the Town Council Committees and I currently chair the Finance and General Purposes Committee. I represent the Town Council at the Kent Association of Local Councils which gives me the opportunity to speak to other Town and Parish Councillors and see how they do things, as well as being a Council representative for the local Allotments Association, which helps maintain effective working relations between the allotment holders and the Council. I sit on the Steering Group for the new Sports and Community Hall project, which is very exciting as it means I can help to bring about a fantastic facility that will serve the whole community for decades to come. It is a real pleasure to serve in this way and I hope to do so for the foreseeable future.



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2017/18



NOVEMBER

w/c 13	High Street Xmas Lights Turn On
20	Finance & General Purposes Committee Mtg
22	Planning & Environment Committee Mtg
27	Finance & General Purposes Committee Budget Mtg

DECEMBER

4	Amenities Committee Meeting
9	FREE Annual Christmas Concert
11	Full Council Meeting
13	Planning & Environment Committee Mtg

JANUARY

10	Planning & Environment Committee Mtg
15	Full Council Meeting
22	Finance & General Purposes Committee Mtg



NEW ROMNEY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



New Romney Town Council is pleased to announce that it will be hosting another **FREE** Christmas Concert in St Nicholas Church, New Romney on 9 December at 7pm; an event that has become so popular and brings the local community together in such a positive and enjoyable way to celebrate the festive period. The very popular annual concert, enjoyed by a large audience, is a light-hearted and uplifting way of commencing the Christmas season. The Hythe Town Concert Band are back by request and will perform a wide variety of festive musical styles and genres to suit all - and promises to provide a superb evening of musical entertainment for everyone.

Traditional refreshments will be served during the interval and there will be a raffle in aid of the Mayor's Charity Funds – New Romney Sea Cadets, Kent and East Sussex Air Ambulance and the RNLI.



COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES



A new bench was recently unveiled on St Martins' Field at the heritage heart of New Romney. Funded partly by a personal donation and partly through some of her charity fundraising over her two year tenure, former Town Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe, donated funds to benefit St Martin's Field Charity with the intention of leaving a lasting legacy for the benefit of all who live in, work in or visit the area. The bespoke bench features the Mayoral Crest and the Town and Cinque Ports Crests and commemorates the role of the Town Mayor. An inscription reads:

"To celebrate and acknowledge the selfless service of past, present and future Mayors of this Ancient Cinque Port Town – Ambassadors for Romney Marsh and leading lights of New Romney since 1563."

Councillor Rolfe observed: ***"Over the centuries, many good people have stepped forward to selflessly serve the residents of New Romney. The role of Mayor is as relevant today as it has ever been, particularly in leading the promotion of the Town, the Romney Marsh and the Cinque Ports."***

Former Town Mayors – Roger Joynes, Barbara Palmer and Carole Waters joined the project instigator and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe and the Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe who jointly unveiled the new symbolic heritage feature. Councillor Coe noted ***"I am delighted to see the implementation of the first project that is part of New Romney's recently developed Socio-Economic Plan."*** Past Mayor, Roger Joynes, remarked ***"It is an honour to be recognised in such a way and I hope it enables local residents to sit and enjoy our lovely heritage park"***.

A Commemorative WW2 bench was also recently installed at The Greens, Littlestone, following several months of successful partnership-working between New Romney Town Council and 1st New Romney Scout Group. The New Romney Scout Group – which had worked hard to raise the funds to purchase this beautiful WW2 bench – organised a 'Sausage Sizzle' and Dedication Service following installation of the bench at The Greens, which had been arranged and funded by New Romney Town Council. The event was a great success, enjoyed by all who attended and New Romney Town Council was delighted to have been able to work in partnership with this important community organisation to bring about the installation of such a lovely seating amenity for the benefit of our local residents and in recognition of our 'local heroes'.



Commemorative Bench
St Martin's Field



Commemorative WW2 Bench
The Greens, Littlestone



PRIDE OF NEW ROMNEY AWARDS 2017-2018



New Romney Town Council's 2017-18 'Pride of New Romney Awards' is currently open for nominations and the Town Council would be delighted to hear about any individual or group that is deserving of one of its awards. The Scheme was instigated by the current Deputy Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Patricia Rolfe, who explained that ***"it is important to celebrate the outstanding community service undertaken by many local individuals and organisations within our Town. These awards provide a means of expressing gratitude to those people and community groups who willingly demonstrate, by their conduct, words or actions, their commitment to the Town and by doing so, improve the quality of life for local people."***

The 2016-17 awards were formally presented by the Town Mayor in April 2017 to Mrs Veronica Bailey for 'service to the community by an individual' in recognition of her past work with the First New Romney Scout Group, Miss Rebecca Godden for 'service to the community by an individual under 18 years of age' in recognition of her service as the Mayor's Cadet, the new Romney Sea Cadets for 'service to the community by a community group or organisation' and the final 'Mayoral Star Award' – personally chosen by the Mayor – was presented to the New Romney branch of the Royal British Legion and accepted on its behalf by Colonel George Harvey (Ret'd) OBE. Councillor Rolfe highlighted the good work done and expressed her pleasure in being able to formally acknowledge their contribution to the community of New Romney.

It is hoped that the Award Scheme will continue to grow in strength and the Town Council would like to encourage nominations to be submitted by the community, which will be judged and awards given at the next Annual Town Meeting in April 2018.



2016-17 Pride of New Romney Award Winners



CONTACT THE TOWN COUNCIL



New Romney Town Council Offices are open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9.00am and 12.00noon. Telephone and email enquiries can also be received between 8.30am and 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8.30am and 3.30pm on Fridays. Outside these hours a telephone answer machine service is in operation to receive messages.

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