



New Romney Town Council – Press Release

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“Bells Chime to Herald the Start of New Romney’s Annual Summer Concert”

Just a week after the amazing success of the 24th New Romney Country Fayre, crowds thronged once more to St Martin’s Field to enjoy the Town’s annual Summer Concert – a free community event provided by New Romney Town Council. Now in its third year, the event became bigger and better with New Romney Town Council working in partnership with the local branch of the Royal British Legion and #LoveNewRomney - who were promoting the concept of a Free Community Picnic.

The event began with the presentation of prizes for the Royal British Legion’s badge competition in the presence of local picnic-ers. All local Romney Marsh Primary schools were invited to take part in the competition to create a design for a badge to acknowledge and commemorate the end of the World War I. Winners were chosen from each school and the RBL Special Prize was awarded to Amie from Lydd Primary School.

The local Romney Marsh Morris Dancers then took to the floor and no-one was left without a smile on their face as the men and women in their green and yellow, bell-laden costumes skipped and hopped around the field to the traditional tunes. Several members of the audience commented on the troupe’s musical and physical dexterity. And so the sound of bells heralded the start of an enjoyable afternoon of music and entertainment.

The City of Canterbury Brass Band then took central stage, presenting a range of World War I themed and other traditional and contemporary tunes as the audience basked in the glorious sunshine. Flags were flying and children playing as the band worked through their programme.

Councillor Peter Coe – Mayor of New Romney observed: *“This is a classic example of what can be achieved by community co-operation, with the Town Council, Royal British Legion and #LoveNewRomney all working together, enabling a great time to be had by all on a brilliant afternoon of grand entertainment in glorious sunshine. My heartfelt thanks go to all who were involved in bringing it to fruition, not just on the day, but from the concept.”*

Cherie Harris, - Branch Treasurer New Romney RBL, said: *‘As part of the 2018 Remembrance Commemorations, the New Romney Branch of the Royal British Legion held a ‘Thank You’ button badge competition for local schools. The children came up with lots of wonderful imaginative designs, but there could only be one winner from each school. We plan to turn these designs into button badges, so we as a community can*

say thank you to the World War One generation - all who served, sacrificed and changed our world.

A big thank you to the Town Council for their support, in particular allowing us to use the Town Concert for our prize giving. The afternoon was a great success and was enjoyed by the many that attended.'

Becky Maguire, of #LoveNewRomney also remarked as to what a lovely, enjoyable afternoon it had been.

The event is now in its third year and, with audience numbers increasing year on year, it is fast becoming another mainstay of the New Romney Community Social Calendar – as did the previous Open Air Concert that took place for many years on the same site.

The Town Council would like to thank the following for their help with logistical support: Derek Linch Ltd, Carl Edgar, B.E. Ames Ltd and W & E Rolfe & Son and participating Town Councillors. The Mayor is grateful for contributions to the Charity Raffle which raised £222.00 for his chosen charities: RNLI – Littlestone, New Romney Sea Cadets, Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance and New Romney First Responders.