



New Romney Town Council – Press Release

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“New Romney celebrate Royal Birthday with a Concert fit for a Queen”

Flags were flying and the sun shining on Sunday for a Royal Birthday Concert on St Martin’s Field, organised and co-ordinated by New Romney Town Council.

At the start of the event, the Town Mayor, Councillor Peter Coe welcomed everyone before asking for a minute’s silence in memory of all those who have been victims of the recent national disasters. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe read out the Queen’s Birthday message that had been released the previous day, it read as follows:



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Today is traditionally a day of celebration. This year, however, it is difficult to escape a very sombre national mood. In recent months, the country has witnessed a succession of terrible tragedies.

As a nation, we continue to reflect and pray for all those who have been directly affected by these events. During recent visits in Manchester and London, I have been profoundly struck by the immediate inclination of people throughout the country to offer comfort and support to those in desperate need.

Put to the test, the United Kingdom has been resolute in the face of adversity. United in our sadness, we are equally determined, without fear or favour, to support all those rebuilding lives so horribly affected by injury and loss.

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17th June, 2017.

The newly formed group of “New Romney Morris Men” then entertained revellers with a range of traditional dances and music. Many people commented on their expertise and that it was good to see both men and women taking part in this traditional source of entertainment. Hythe Town Concert Band then took to the stage delivering a programme of suitably light and refreshing summer melodies. The concert finale saw flags flying around the park as British classics – ‘Jerusalem’ and ‘Pomp and Circumstance’ rang out from the stage.

Whilst the sun blazed, many of the audience resorted to sitting in the dappled shade under the trees on the edge of the park and there was a run to the centre when the Ice Cream van appeared in the interval!

Following the concert, the Mayor, Councillor Peter Coe observed: *“The Concert appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended for much of the afternoon albeit that the extreme heat did become a concern for some towards the latter part of the event – a factor that the Council did, however, pre-empt, with supplies of water on hand if needed to ensure the safety of those attending.”*

The event is now in its second year and it is hoped to expand and develop it so that it becomes 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 the Mayor is grateful for contributions to the Charity Raffle by many individuals and organisations including, Littlestone Golf Club, Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway, Capelli's, The George, Lydd, W & E Rolfe and others.

A very British event celebrating our most treasured British sovereign.

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