



## NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



### AUTUMN 2014



#### NEW ROMNEY SPEAKER'S DAY SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2014



The office of Speaker is an ancient jurisdiction and an honour that has been bestowed in political and civic life since the 12<sup>th</sup> century and rotated amongst five head ports and two ancient towns. The Cinque Ports – a group of 5 port towns on the south-east coast of England, which included New Romney, were granted special royal privileges, becoming quite prosperous. Rye and Winchelsea later became affiliated with the Cinque Ports and others followed until there were as many as 42 towns in the Confederation during the Middle Ages. Over time some towns fared less well, becoming little more than villages, leaving the 14 towns that form the Confederation today.

The day will start at approx 10.30am with a civic procession from the Marsh Academy to St Nicholas Church via the High Street, headed by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and the TS Veteran Sea Cadet Corps and followed by the Officers of the Confederation and 14 Cinque Ports Mayors. This will be followed by a church Service in St Nicholas Church at 11am, with a procession back to the Marsh Academy via Church Rd at approx 12.45pm. Celebrations will finish with a free concert in the Church, commencing at 4.30pm

#### COUNCILLOR PROFILE CLLR ROGER JOYNES JP



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney and Speaker of the Cinque Ports – Cllr Roger Joyne JP – was appointed to New Romney Town Council in 2005 and was this year re-elected for a 4<sup>th</sup> term as Mayor as well as being appointed Speaker of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports in 2014. He has been married to Mayoress, Jane, for 47 yrs, has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is a retired Chartered Engineer and was also a Sitting Magistrate to the Kent Commission, recently retiring from this after 23 years' service.



#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS



##### September

24/09/14

Planning & Environment Committee

##### October

04/10/14

Speaker's Day

06/10/14

Full Council

15/10/14

Planning & Environment Committee

20/10/14

Amenities Committee

27/10/14

Finance & General Purpose Committee

##### November

03/11/14

Amenities Committee Budget

05/11/14

Planning & Environment Committee

09/11/14

Remembrance Day Service

10/11/14

Full Council

17/11/14

Finance & General Purpose Committee

26/11/14

Planning & Environment Committee

##### December

01/12/14

Full Council

08/12/14

Amenities Committee

15/12/14

Finance & General Purpose Committee

17/12/14

Planning & Environment Committee



## NEW ROMNEY HIGH STREET FESTIVE LIGHTING



It is with great pleasure that New Romney Town Council can announce that it has taken the decision to purchase new festive lighting units for the Town and to make all necessary arrangements for their installation in the High Street area. Whilst installation is subject to KCC completing its replacement of street lights, the Town Council will be making every effort to achieve this in time for the 2014 festive season in order that residents and visitors can enjoy a display of Christmas lights fitted to the lamp-posts along the High Street once again.

The reinstatement of a festive lighting display is part of the Council's commitment to improving the area during the festive season and, indeed, throughout the year. Furthermore, following very careful budgetary considerations, it has been possible for the Council to approve this project without impacting on its local tax-payers.



## COMMUNITY HALL / SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE



New Romney Town Council is currently in the very early stages of an immense project to provide a new Community Hall/Sports Pavilion. Having carried out preliminary research, the Town Council is now ready to commence the process of public consultation. It is therefore setting up a Stakeholder Consultation Group in order to undertake the **first stage** of this process. It should be remembered that this will be a major and lengthy capital project.



## 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.



## OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE



New Romney Town Council is aiming to promote access to sport and exercise facilities for all age groups. They are therefore seeking to facilitate the installation of a '**free-to-use**' outdoor gym, which would incorporate a range of traditional and less traditional fitness apparatus for use by older teens (age 14+), right through to senior citizens, whether able-bodied or disabled. This would extend local access to free, healthy outdoor activity to all age groups, thereby assisting in improving the health and well-being of all those residents of the Parish of New Romney who wish to participate. In order to ensure that any proposed fitness equipment represents the wishes of those that might use it, New Romney Town Council would, therefore, like to ask you to spare a few moments of your time to complete the questionnaires that have been distributed at various outlets in the Parish.



## COUNCILLOR VACANCIES



There are currently vacancies on the Town Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Town Council for more information or visit our website:

[www.newromneytc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.newromneytc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

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