



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2016



COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT



New Romney Town Council, being committed to celebrating **Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday** in an appropriate way, organised a free commemorative open air concert, which took place on St Martin's Field, New Romney, on the weekend of the Queen's Official Birthday. Hythe Town Concert Band, being the Town's closest Cinque Port band, performed this special commemorative concert.

Despite the very inclement weather on the day, Councillors, Town Council staff and willing volunteers, together with the Town Mayor and her Consort, braved the rain and cold to set up the concert stage and audience seating area and ensure that the Town was able to celebrate this very special anniversary. In true New Romney form, despite the very kind offer of the Romney Marsh Community Church to provide an alternative indoor venue should the need arise, community faith was rewarded when the weather took a turn for the better just in time for the concert to go ahead outdoors as planned.

The programme of patriotic music performed by the Hythe Town Concert Band struck just the right chord with the very appreciative crowd which had assembled on St Martin's Field. The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Patricia Rolfe, said of the event: 'Despite the early inclement weather, we were very pleased that so many local residents came out to enjoy the celebration of our Queen's official birthday – and the sun eventually shone as we joined together in singing 'Land of Hope and Glory' to our sea of waving union flags'.

Thanks go to Derek Linch Haulage Ltd, B E Ames Ltd, Carl Edgar – Scaffolder and Romney Marsh Community Church for their practical support in staging this event as well as all those Councillors and Council Staff that braved the poor weather to ensure its success and all those local businesses that provided raffle prizes in support of the Mayor's charity fund-raising on the day.

COUNCILLOR PROFILE - COUNCILLOR PETER COE DEPUTY MAYOR OF NEW ROMNEY



I joined New Romney Town Council in December 2009 and have served on the three Standing Committees since that time. I served as Chairman on the Amenities Committee for the Civic Year 2014/15 and have been Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee since March 2015, a post which I enjoy, working with fellow Councillors for a bright and prosperous future for the Parish. I also represent the Town Council on several outside bodies. I am currently in my second term as Deputy Chairman/Deputy Mayor of New Romney; a post I am proud to hold in supporting the Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney.



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS 2016



AUGUST

22

Amenities Committee

SEPT

7

Planning & Environment Committee

12

St Martins Field Charity

12

Full Council

26

Finance & General Purposes Committee

28

Planning & Environment Committee

OCT

10

Full Council

17

Amenities Committee

19

Planning & Environment Committee (Budget)

24

Amenities Committee (Budget)

NOV

9

Planning & Environment Committee

14

Full Council

21

Finance & General Purposes Committee

28

Finance & General Purposes Committee (Budget)

30

Planning & Environment Committee

DEC

5

Amenities Committee

12

St Martin's Field Charity

12

Full Council

21

Planning & Environment Committee



COMMONWEALTH DAY FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY



New Romney Town Council was, once again, proud to participate in celebrating Commonwealth Day on Monday 14th March 2016 as part of a Commonwealth initiative which this year saw yet more 'history in the making' as more than 850 Commonwealth Flags flew high in locations throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and Commonwealth Countries.

The Town of New Romney held its second Annual Commonwealth Day Flag-Raising Ceremony at the Princess Diana Memorial Gardens (Flagstaff Land), Littlestone Road. The ceremony was attended by Councillors, Civic Dignitaries, local school pupils, members of local uniformed services / cadet forces and members of the public, thereby joining Heads of State and Prime Ministers, Lord Mayors and Mayors, Lord Provosts, other Town Councils and Local Authorities, schoolchildren and college students, guides and scouts, sea, air and army cadets, charities and community groups, Commonwealth ex-servicemen, major shipping lines and disabled crewman and woman manned ships, as well as many others around the world in raising more than 850 Commonwealth Flags in a shared celebration of this amazing family of nations that encompass the globe.



TOWN SPRUCERS



In this special year in which the nation has joined together in commemorating the Queen's 90th birthday, New Romney Town Council bought in the services of the 'Town Sprucer Team' to assist in cleaning and brightening up the Town for local residents and visitors to the area.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Patricia Rolfe, when publicising this Town Council sponsored activity, said: 'In the spirit of the Clean for the Queen campaign, New Romney Town Council secured the services of the Town Sprucer Team as it wanted our historic Cinque Port Town to sparkle in this very special year. It invokes a strong sense of civic pride when the street scene is clean and well cared for.' She added that it was hoped that local residents and businesses would engage with the idea and take action themselves, for instance, by clearing any litter outside their own properties or cleaning their street sign.

Following on from publicising the efforts of the town Sprucer Team, the Marsh Academy did, indeed, engage with this idea and, in partnership with the Town Council, organised two teams of pupils to undertake a short series of litter picks on Fairfield Road Recreation Ground and St. Martin's Field for which the Town Council was very grateful and particularly pleased to be able to assist the Marsh Academy in providing opportunities for its pupils to be able to engage with their local community.



COMMUNITY HALL/SPORTS PAVILION UPDATE



The Town Council has now not only appointed a Council Steering Group to progress the Community Hall / Sports Pavilion project but has also now appointed a professional Project Management Team and is preparing for the imminent appointment of an architect to draw up the building design, guided by the results of previous public consultation as to what facilities need to be provided within the build and thereby ensuring that the new facility will reflect the needs of the local community.

In order to secure the large-scale outside funding that will be required to see this project to fruition, it will be important to be able to evidence the fact that the proposed facility will be financially viable going forward. Therefore, the Town Council is about to engage in further public consultation to gauge the envisaged level of usage that the new facility can expect to achieve. The data collected through public consultation will not only be used to support its applications for match-funding from a range of outside funding sources but also its application for outline planning permission at the appropriate time. The Town Council, therefore, urges local residents to complete the questionnaire, when received (along with two further consultations that the Town Council is undertaking) in the coming weeks, in order that the greatest possible proportion of local opinion can be taken into account.



TOWN COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS



New Romney Town Council is preparing three consultation questionnaires in respect of three major projects that it is currently engaging in and for which it is important to seek the views and / or assistance of local residents. The questionnaires will be delivered to all addresses within the TN28 postcode area and will relate to the following projects:

- (i) Proposed Community Hall / Sports Pavilion (PINK Questionnaire)
- (ii) Proposed Town Bandstand (YELLOW Questionnaire)
- (iii) New Romney Community Emergency Plan (GREEN Questionnaire)

Please look out for your Town Council marked envelope, which is expected to be delivered during September, and return your completed questionnaires to the Town Hall using the postage paid reply envelope that will be enclosed. The Town Council values the support, assistance and opinions of local residents.



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.

Contact	Address	Telephone	Email
Town Clerk	Town Hall, High St, New Romney, Kent TN28 8BT	01797 362348	townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk
Cllr Mrs P Rolfe	Weystreete Farm, Wey Street, Snave, Kent TN26 2QH	01233 732247	townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk
Cllr Mrs E Gould	The Coltings, Cockreed Lane, New Romney, Kent TN28 8TW	01797 364772/07799 891739	elaine@thecathouse.co.uk
Cllr M J O'Neill	12 Priory Close, New Romney, Kent TN28 8HH	01797 458168	mikeandgill10@icloud.com
Cllr A Rodriguez	3 Richmond Drive, New Romney, Kent TN28 8UP	01797 363563	councillor.rodriguez@outlook.com
Cllr R Tillson	Ingles, Church Road, New Romney, Kent TN28 8EY	01797 362642	tillsonp@aol.com
Cllr Mrs B Lonbay Kapoor	Craythornes Court, Fairfield Rd, New Romney, Kent TN28 8HU	01797 364937/07503 099777	brionykapoor@gmail.com
Cllr P J Coe	c/o Town Hall	01797 362348	townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk
Cllr Miss J M Hiscock	Garden Cottage, 57 St Nicholas Rd, Littlestone, Kent TN28 8PU	01797 367040	janethiscock@tiscali.co.uk
Cllr D Lawton	c/o Town Hall	01797 362348	townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk
Cllr Mrs P Metcalfe	5 Cherry Gardens, Littlestone, New Romney, Kent TN28 8QR	01797 362348	townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk
Cllr D Evans	32 Taylors Lane, St Marys Bay, Kent TN29 0HB	01797 361517/07795 004170	de-beachboy@hotmail.co.uk
Cllr Ms P Snoad	c/o Town Hall	01797 362348	psnoad@hotmail.com
Cllr C W Butler	c/o Town Hall	01797 362348	Beantin57@outlook.com