

ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL '25 THEN AND NOW

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Royston
Arts
Festival

19 - 28 Sept 2025



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WELCOME TO THE 2025 ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Our festival theme this year, 'Then and Now', was chosen in the hope that the festival might make something of the 400th anniversary of the death of King James I in 1625 or perhaps the accession of King Charles I. You will see from the programme cover that we have achieved some success in this respect thanks to the efforts of Royston Arts Society members from which 'King Crow' was chosen. We also hope to have some members of the Marquess of Winchester's Regiment around on Saturday 27th September to talk to members of the public with an interest in the English Civil War costumes, weaponry or history.

Several contributors have also taken up the festival theme without quite going back to 1625 but their efforts are nonetheless very welcome, so thank you everyone who has made an effort to contribute to the arts festival in one form or another.

We lost a few committee members after the 2024 festival but fortunately have recruited a couple more including Martin Berry, Rotary Club's Kite Festival Organiser and some of his team have kindly signed up to be Creative Royston volunteers for this year's arts festival. They will be organising this year's Gala In The Gardens on Saturday 20th September for which I am very grateful because without them it would not be happening.

Last year our Opening Night Concert, featuring folk duo 'Megson', was a big success. This year we have gone one better in having two excellent bands in the shape of 6-piece multi-instrumental group 'Tin Giants' and critically acclaimed 4-piece 'Bird In The Belly'. This year's tickets are much cheaper in line with our policy of promoting affordable art and you can check out the podcast listed on page 4 to hear some of the music from both bands.

The arts festival could not happen without all the contributions from our volunteers, other local societies, businesses and individuals, nor without our sponsors listed on the back page. In particular, I would like to thank our Premier Partner, Johnson Matthey, and also the Brian Leslie Racher Trust and Royston First for their regular sponsorship and significant funding. I hope everyone enjoys the festival and if you do perhaps consider getting involved with our friendly team next year. More volunteers are always welcome!

Carl Filby

Chairperson, Creative Royston

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**19 - 28
SEPT**

Royston Arts Festival 2025 Podcast
Festival Concerts Preview Podcast
Students Art Exhibition
Royston Historic Town Trail
Royston Printmakers Exhibition
The Royston Trio Open Studio
Jean Kosse Gallery | Shape of Silence

Music, Podcast
Music, Podcast
Exhibition, Arts
History
Exhibition, Arts
Exhibition, Arts
Exhibition, Arts

**WED 17
THU 18**

Talk: Discovering the works of E.H. Whydale
Then and Noun...Royston Writers Circle

Talk, Art
Workshop, Literature

FRI 19

Festival Opening Night Concert:
Tin Giants and Bird In The Belly
Grown Up Glazing
CADS presents: Virtual Reality

Music, Performance
Workshop, Crafts
Drama

SAT 20

Paint The Market
Jennie Vee Students Art
Print on the Press
Gala In The Gardens
CADS presents: Virtual Reality
Hungrytown: Live

Workshop, Arts
Exhibition, Arts
Workshop, Arts
Stalls, Food, Entertainment
Drama
Music, Performance

SUN 21

Stagecoach Musical Theatre Workshops
Come and Create: Playful Patterns!
International Cookery Experience (Tunisian)
International Cookery Experience (Indian)

Workshop, Drama
Workshop, Craft
Workshop, Cookery
Workshop, Cookery

TUE 23

Between Borders: Then and Now

Workshop, Literature

WED 24

Theatretrain Minis
Royston Cave – Then and Now
Johnson Matthey - Clean Air Technology

Workshop, Drama
Exhibition, History, Film
Talk, History, Technology

THU 25

Theatretrain Express
Royalty in Royston:
James I and his links to Hertfordshire
Royston Live
Talking to a Pie about Walking the Dog

Workshop, Drama
Talk, History
Music, Performance
Talk, Literature, Wellbeing

FRI 26

Theatretrain Tinies, Minis and Main Company
Grown Up Glazing
Organ Recital
Royston Arts Society 2025 Autumn Exhibition

Workshop, Drama
Workshop, Crafts
Music, Performance
Exhibition, Arts

SAT 27

Jennie Vee Students Art
Photography Exhibition
Royston Arts Society 2025 Autumn Exhibition
The Marquess of Winchester's Regiment
Local Writers Book Fair
Craft, Create and Celebrate
First Impressions: Kids Printing Workshop
Ten Years of Royston MusicFest Podcast
Print and Prosecco

Exhibition, Arts
Exhibition, Arts
Exhibition, Arts
History, Performance
Event, Literature
Workshop, Crafts
Workshop, Arts
Music, Podcast
Workshop, Arts

SUN 28

Come and Create: Playful Patterns!
Photography Exhibition
Royston Arts Society 2025 Autumn Exhibition
"A Noise Annoys" by Jude Simpson
Royston Arts Festival Finale Concert

Workshop, Craft
Exhibition, Arts
Exhibition, Arts
Poetry, Performance
Music, Performance

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL 2025 PODCAST

First broadcast in two parts on Royston Radio as a Community Voice Arts Festival Special this is an updated version provided by Unicorn Folk which now funds the former Royston Radio podcast account. It contains interviews with some of the participants and performers for the 2025 festival and also some of the music that you may hear at the Finale Concert on Sunday 28th September and the Organ Recital on Friday 26th. **Free event.**

Available from late August, throughout the festival and beyond.

Online: unicornfolk.uk

FESTIVAL CONCERTS PREVIEW PODCAST

The 2025 festival includes three concerts by some of the best contemporary musicians around. Two of the bands have strong local connections, one is based in Brighton and the other is US-based on tour in the UK.

Listen to some of the music likely to be played by Tin Giants and Bird In The Belly at our Opening Night Concert on Friday 19th; at Meldreth Village Hall on Saturday 20th by Hungrytown, and on Thursday 25th by Smith & Brewer at Royston Live. Then book your tickets, all at bargain prices - live music is always better! **Free event.**

Available from late August, throughout the festival and beyond.

Online: unicornfolk.uk

STUDENTS ART EXHIBITION

Enjoy an exhibition by the students of King James Academy Royston (KJAR) featuring artwork created during their Arts Week in June under the guidance of a visiting artist sponsored jointly by Creative Royston and the Friends of KJAR. The artwork is all linked to the time of King James I and includes a paper chain mosaic crown, interpretations of the union flag, poetry, a fairy world (Midsummer Night's Dream inspired), witch art etc.

Free event.

Early September - Saturday 27th September. Normal library opening hours.

Royston Library (venue 4)

ROYSTON HISTORIC TOWN TRAIL

Collect a Town Trail Guide and explore Royston's fascinating past on this guided walk around Royston town centre, including the building where King James I reportedly signed the death warrant of Sir Walter Raleigh. 45 minute trail, and the full 1.5 hour trail available. Funded by Royston First.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free event.**

Permanent trail always available, throughout the festival and beyond.

Royston Town Centre, Trail Guides at Royston Library (venue 4)

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

ROYSTON PRINTMAKERS EXHIBITION

Exhibition of prints made by the group working at the Museum.

Some prints will depict old Royston.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend** no booking required, drop in.

Thursday 11 September - Sunday 9 November, Thursdays - Sundays 10am - 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 6)

THE ROYSTON TRIO OPEN STUDIO

Three local artists, Sue Hartga, Joan Munden, and Sue Sanders, known as "The Royston Trio" are holding a joint open studio of art works and a display of printmaking techniques old and new reflecting the theme of the festival.

Suitable for: all ages

Free to attend no booking required, drop in.

The venue will be open on the following days and times throughout September:

Friday 19: 12 noon - 5pm

Saturday 20: 11am - 4pm

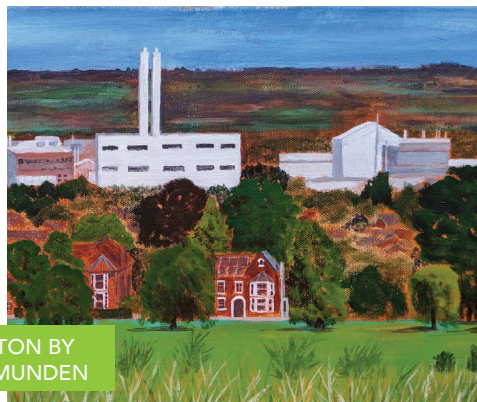
Sunday 21: 1 - 4pm

Friday 26: 12 noon - 5pm

Saturday 27: 11am - 4pm

Sunday 28: 1 - 4pm

21 Morton Street, Royston (venue 18)



ROYSTON BY
JOAN MUNDEN

JEAN KOSSE GALLERY | SHAPE OF SILENCE

An intimate open-house photography exhibition by Royston-based artist Jean Kosse.

The display will feature fine art and street photography, offering a quiet reflection on the everyday — fragments of light, silence, and emotion caught in black and white. Jean's work often reflects on time, memory, and change capturing quiet urban moments that feel suspended between past and present. The festival theme "Then and Now" resonates naturally with the atmosphere of the photography.

Suitable for: over 18s

Free to attend.

Friday 19 - Sunday 28 September:

Mondays - Thursdays 5 - 7pm & Fridays - Sundays 11am - 7pm

4 Manor Yard, Royston (venue 13)

PRE FESTIVAL

TALK: IN ERNEST, DISCOVERING THE WORKS OF E.H. WHYDALE

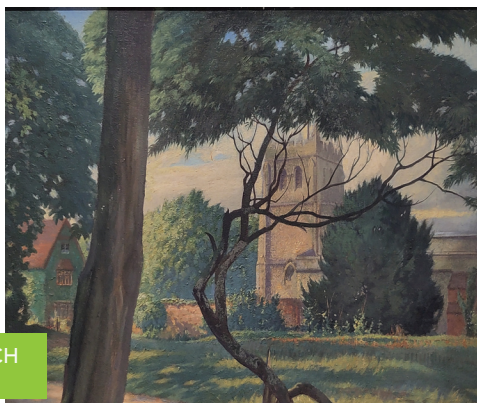
As the Great War ended a talented painter moved from London to Royston to enjoy the peace, quiet and slow way of rural life. Ernest H. Whydale spent the remainder of his life capturing the rolling countryside, working animals and local folk going about their daily lives. Royston Museum now holds the largest collection of Whydale's work in the world, this talk will explore his prints and paintings, from personal caricatures to Royal Academy worthy works. This talk will be presented by Rhi May (she/her), an illustrator from Royston, Hertfordshire. She currently works as the Visitor Experience Officer and in-house designer for Royston Museum, creating visual materials and interpretation to bring people closer to history.

Suitable for: 16+

Tickets £5, booking required, visit www.roystonmuseum.org.uk

Wednesday 17 September, 7.15 - 8.30pm
Royston Museum (venue 6)

ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH
BY E H WHYDALE



THEN AND NOUN...ROYSTON WRITERS CIRCLE

Always wanted to write, but lack the time or the motivation? Need some literary friends to make your writing sessions more fun? Join Royston Writers Circle for an evening of wordplay! No preparation necessary, just bring your pen and paper/laptop/tablet and write on the night!

Suitable for: Over 18s

Free to attend but please register in advance hello@roystonwriters.org or roystonwriters.org

Thursday 18 September, 8 - 10pm

Royston Town Hall, Committee Room (venue 1)

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

FESTIVAL OPENING NIGHT CONCERT: TIN GIANTS AND BIRD IN THE BELLY

A concert featuring the 6-piece multi-instrumental 'Tin Giants' much in demand for festivals in 2025 plus 'Bird In The Belly' a 4-piece band from Brighton with 3 critically acclaimed (inc The Guardian & Observer) albums under their belt.

See 'Festival Concerts Preview' on page 4 to hear some of the music.

Suitable for: all ages

Tickets: £13 inc booking fee, £15 CASH on door, CASH BAR

www.ticketsource.co.uk/creativeroyston

For more details and ticket links use QR code:

Friday 19 September, Doors open 7pm, Start 7.30pm, Finish 10.15pm

Royston Parish Church (venue 2)



GROWN UP GLAZING

A lovely social evening for adults to attend either with a group of friends or alone to paint pottery. We provide refreshments, additionally you are welcome to bring alcohol if you wish.

Suitable for: 18 and over

Booking in advance, £15 deposit at the time of booking, this will be deducted from your invoice on the evening. Visit www.glazed-creations.co.uk

Friday 19 September, from 7 - 9.30pm

Glazed Creations, Royston (venue 7)

CADS PRESENTS: VIRTUAL REALITY

CADS presents the one-act play Virtual Reality by Alan Arkin - a surreal black comedy where nothing is as it seems - followed by a cabaret-style entertainment.

Tickets £10 each online via www.cadsroyston.org.uk or by phone on 07856 599039

Suitable for: 18 and over

Friday 19 September, Doors 7 for 7.30pm

Icknield Walk First School, Royston (venue 14)

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

PAINT THE MARKET

The Friends of Therfield Heath en plein-air group will be in Royston Market, sketching and painting the scenes around them. Come and have a go, or just chat to us, and find out more about our outdoor painting sessions in and around Therfield Heath & Royston

Suitable for: all ages

Free to attend no booking required, drop in

Saturday 20 September, 9am - 1pm

Royston Market (venue 11)

JENNIE VEE STUDENTS ART

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Suitable for: all ages

Free to attend

Saturday 20 September, 9am - 1pm

Curwens Solicitors Non Profit Community Art Gallery, Royston (venue 8)

PRINT ON THE PRESS

At the heart of the museum stands our 150-year-old printing press, used to print the town's newspaper up to the 1960s. Drop-in and have a go at inking, placing and printing your own memento.

Suitable for: all ages

Free to attend no booking required, drop in

Saturday 20 September, 10am - 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 6)



ROYSTON MUSEUM'S
PRINTING PRESS

SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

GALA IN THE GARDENS

The staging of this popular event would not have been possible this year without the kind assistance of members of the Rotary Club of Royston who joined Creative Royston as volunteers and in one case as a member of the festival committee. They brought us their experience of organising Royston Kite Festival and other events and took the lead in organising the range of family oriented entertainments and activities that you would normally find at this event. Expect children's entertainment & free face painting and henna art; music; food; workshops and a wide range of stalls both commercial and publicising ongoing activities and opportunities in the town.

Free to attend

Saturday 20 September, 12 noon - 4pm

Priory Memorial Gardens (venue 3)



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Saturday 20 September, Doors 7 for 7.30pm

Icknield Walk First School, Royston (venue 14)

HUNGRYTOWN: LIVE

Hungrytown are a USA based duo who have a rich sound that straddles indie folk, psych and '60s pop. They are touring the UK promoting their music and the recently released album Circus for Sale. This is beautifully constructed music, full of emotion and quiet drama. See 'Festival Concerts Preview' on page 4 to hear some of the music.

Suitable for: all ages

Tickets: £10, www.ticketsource.co.uk/meldreth-village-hall-trustees

Saturday 20 September, Doors 6.45pm, starts 7.30 - 10pm

Meldreth Village Hall (venue 21)

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

STAGECOACH ROYSTON & BALDOCK MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS

Minis (Age 2-4) This free parent and child class will build students' creativity and imagination, as well as helping them develop key skills such as memory and motor skills. Designed as a gentle introduction to the performing arts, these classes are a wonderful way for you and your child to enjoy time together in a fun, supportive environment.

Earlys (Age 4-7) This dynamic class for children aged four-seven is all about building confidence, making friends and expanding children's imaginations. This 60-minute session will teach children how to sing, dance and act in a fun and engaging format.

Free to attend no booking required

Sunday 21 September, 9.30 - 10.15am (minis) and 10.45 - 11.45am (Earlys)

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Royston (venue 16)

COME AND CREATE: PLAYFUL PATTERNS!

Floral. Geometric. Animal. Our love of pattern can be seen throughout history, from interlocking Celtic designs to ornate Victorian florals. Drop-in for some relaxed pattern creating, from simple methods to more complex, try your hand at making your own designs.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend** no booking required, drop in

Sunday 21 September, 10am - 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 6)

INTERNATIONAL COOKERY EXPERIENCE

Explanation & tastings: How to cook a Tunisian lunch (Omok houria and tajin)

Suitable for: over 25s. **ONLINE booking ONLY** ends 11pm on Saturday 20th

Tickets: £5 inc booking fee, www.ticketsource.co.uk/creative-royston

Sunday 21 September, 12.30 - 2pm Doors open 12.15pm

St Thomas Catholic Church, Royston (venue 15)

INTERNATIONAL COOKERY EXPERIENCE

Explanation & tastings: How to cook South Indian food (Idli, Dosa, Sambar & Chutney) Suitable for: over 25s. **ONLINE booking ONLY**

ends 11pm on Saturday 20th

Tickets: £5 inc booking fee, www.ticketsource.co.uk/creative-royston

Sunday 21 September, 3 - 4.30pm, Doors open 2.45pm

St Thomas Catholic Church, Royston (venue 15)



TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

BETWEEN BORDERS: THEN AND NOW

An evening with Kay Blayney focusing on Between Borders: Then and Now and inviting the audiences to reflect on neighbouring lands through time, uncovering past connections that shape the present. This creative experience captures the spirit of place, time and evolving identities of Cambridge and Royston. Kay taught Drama for a number of years at Parkside Community College in Cambridge and then became Head of Creative and Expressive Arts across the Parkside Federation Academy. Kay has been writing for many years and was short-listed for the Eastern Region Escalator Award. Kay's passion is creating a space that is inclusive and celebrates people, place and community.

Suitable for: 18+. **Free to attend** but pre-booking required via Bow Books, enquiries@bow-books.co.uk or 01763 793279

Tuesday 23 September, two sessions: 6pm and 7.15pm

Bow Books, Royston (venue 10)

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

THEATRETRAIN MINIS

Fun and engaging session in dance, drama and singing for children aged 4-5 years

Free session and goody bag!

To reserve your place, email royston@theatretrein.co.uk

or visit www.theatretrein.co.uk/royston

Wednesday 24 September, 4.30 - 6pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 17)

ROYSTON CAVE — THEN AND NOW

Visit to see old photographs and drawings of the carvings and cave. We will also have on display artefacts found within the cave and other interesting items., no booking required. This is not a tour, unguided. Comparing the cave through the years since its discovery in 1742, as it was then to how it is now. As this is a drop-in event, if capacity at the cave has been reached you may need to wait a few minutes before entry is permitted. Suitable for: all ages. Suggested donation of £2 for charity

Wednesday 24 September

Drop in between 6pm and 7.30pm

Royston Cave (venue 5)



ROYSTON CAVE

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

JOHNSON MATTHEY - PIONEERING CLEAN AIR TECHNOLOGY FOR OVER 50 YEARS

With over 1.3 billion JM catalytic convertors – and 1 in 3 cars globally using one - JM has cleaned polluted air for more than 50 years. The world's first autocatalyst was invented at the Royston site in 1974, with systems today removing over 98% of vehicle emissions. We will look at the history - and the future – of making a cleaner planet.

Suitable for: over 16s. **Free entry** on the night

Wednesday 24 September, 7 - 8.30pm

The Old Schoolhouse, Royston (venue 9)

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

THEATRETRAIN EXPRESS

Dancing, singing, acting for abilities aged 6 – 18. **Free session** and goody bag!

To reserve your place, email royston@theatretrein.co.uk

or visit www.theatretrein.co.uk/royston

Thursday 25 September, 5.30 - 7pm

Coombes Community Centre, Royston (venue 20)

ROYALTY IN ROYSTON: JAMES I AND HIS LINKS TO HERTFORDSHIRE

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies present a talk on King James I and his links to Royston and Hertfordshire, researched and delivered by Sarah Kerrison.

Tickets £5, bookable at the library or online www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Thursday 25 September, Doors open 6.45 for 7pm

Royston Library (venue 4)

ROYSTON LIVE

'Smith and Brewer' in concert. The duo has played together all over the UK, toured with 10cc, Ralph McTell and Fairport Convention, amongst a busy performing schedule.

Tickets £9 in advance from roystonfolkclub@outlook.com or £12 on the door.

Thursday 25 September, 7.30 for 8pm

The Old Bull Inn, Royston (venue 12)

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

TALKING TO A PIE ABOUT WALKING THE DOG

A presentation and small discussion forum about Katy Fraser's memoir-come-toolkit. Life well lived in the neurodivergent/ADHD world, exploring healing practices, support and advice.

Free to attend but pre-booking required via Bow Books, enquiries@bow-books.co.uk or 01763 793279

Thursday 25 September, 7.30pm

Bow Books, Royston (venue 10)

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

THEATRETRAIN TINIES

Dancing, singing and acting in engaging skill building sessions for 3 year olds.

Free session and goody bag!

To reserve your place, email royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or visit www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston

Friday 26 September, 2 - 2.45pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 17)

THEATRETRAIN MINIS

Dancing, singing and acting in a creative and skills building session for 4 & 5 year olds.

Free session and goody bag!

To reserve your place, email royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or visit www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston

Friday 26 September, 3.45 - 5.15pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 17)

THEATRETRAIN MAIN COMPANY

Singing, dancing and acting in fun, skill building sessions for ages 6-18 years.

Free session and goody bag!

To reserve your place,

email royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or visit www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston

Friday 26 September, 4 - 7pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 17)

THEATRETRAIN
WORKSHOPS



FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

GROWN UP GLAZING

A lovely social evening for adults to attend either with a group of friends or alone to paint pottery. We provide refreshments, additionally you are welcome to bring alcohol if you wish.

Suitable for: 18 and over

Booking in advance, £15 deposit at the time of booking, this will be deducted from your invoice on the evening. Visit www.glazed-creations.co.uk

Friday 26 September, from 7 - 9.30pm

Glazed Creations, Royston (venue 7)

ORGAN RECITAL

Following the success of last year's organ recital, the Revd Dr Steven Sivyver returns to provide another evening of varied music, which will include some well-known and popular pieces such as Widor's Toccata. Marking the anniversary of the death of King James, Steven will include a piece that may well have been known by King James, as well as the more contemporary composition for royal occasions, Walton's Crown Imperial.

Suitable for: over 13s

Tickets are £10 for adults or £3 for under 18s in advance through the church website: www.roystonparishchurch.org.uk or directly at bit.ly/45jr7xM or on the door.

Drinks will be available from 7pm and during the interval.

Friday 26 September, 7 - 9pm

Royston Parish Church (venue 2)

ROYSTON ARTS SOCIETY 2025 AUTUMN EXHIBITION

This is Royston Arts Society's major annual open exhibition.

Suitable for all ages.

Free to attend no booking required.

Friday 26 September, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Royston Town Hall, Heritage Hall (venue 1)



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SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

JENNIE VEE STUDENTS ART

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Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend**

Saturday 27 September, 9am - 1pm

Curwens Solicitors Non Profit Community Art Gallery, Royston (venue 8)

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Royston Photographic Society present a display of around 50 photographic prints taken by their members.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend** no booking required

Saturday 27 September, 10am - 4pm

Royston Town Hall, Upper Hall (venue 1)

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Saturday 27 September, 10am - 5pm

Royston Town Hall, Heritage Hall (venue 1)

THE MARQUESS OF WINCHESTER'S REGIMENT

Civil War re-enactors in 17th century costume will interact with Arts Festival visitors at various festival venues across Royston including: Royston Museum 10.30am, Royston Parish Church 11.45am, Royston Library 1pm and the Old Bull Inn at 2.15pm (timings approximate). James I had a secondary court in Royston, died exactly 400 years ago in 1625 and was succeeded by his son Charles I whose disagreements with Parliament were the cause of the English Civil War. Come and see the historical costumes and talk to the people in them; maybe take a 'selfie' or two, and possibly witness a march from one venue to another, numbers and traffic permitting.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free event**

Saturday 27 September, 10.30am - 3.15pm approx

Locations around Royston Town Centre



THE MARQUESS OF WINCHESTER'S
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SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

ROYSTON BOOK FAIR

Come and meet your next favourite author! 30 local writers will be gathering to showcase their books, with book signings, talks and readings covering fiction, non fiction and poetry. From the very young to the young-at-heart, we guarantee that there will be something for everyone as Royston Arts Festival celebrates the literary talent that surrounds us.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend** no booking required

Saturday 27 September, 12 noon - 4pm

Royston Parish Church (venue 2)

CRAFT, CREATE AND CELEBRATE

In our Centenary Year, we will be looking at the history of Hertfordshire Libraries, creating individual Reader's Tickets, booklists and collage bookmarks.

We will be looking at how libraries looked and operated in the past, and how those contrast with the modern-day library service.

Children's event for ages 4-10. **Free to attend** no booking required.

Saturday 27 September, 2 - 3.30pm

Royston Library (venue 4)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: KIDS PRINTING WORKSHOP

Explore the basics of relief printmaking using our 150-year-old press. Draw your design, make your printing block, ink up and print! Wouldn't it be nice to have your very own print hanging on your wall?

Suitable for: age 7- 12

Free, booking required, visit www.roystonmuseum.org.uk

Saturday 27 September, 2 - 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 6)

TEN YEARS OF ROYSTON MUSICFEST PODCAST

Over the 10 years that MusicFest has been a part of Royston Arts Festival from 2015 to 2024 many musicians have played at venues across Royston such as the Old Bull Inn, Banyers House, Jolly Postie, Conservative and Golf Clubs and others sadly no longer in existence. Some of those musicians have gone on to greater things whilst others have become regular favourites amongst festival goers. MusicFest organiser Carl Filby brings you a selection of songs performed by those musicians with some commentary on their contribution to MusicFest and their current status. **Free event.**

Available from Saturday 27 September 6pm

Online: roystonmusicfest.uk

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

PRINT AND PROSECCO

A relaxed evening of printing and prosecco. Enjoy a glass and a chat after a long week whilst carving a lino block to make your own prints on our Victorian printing press. Basic drawing (or tracing) skills required, but no prior printing experience needed!

Suitable for: 18+

£10, booking required, visit www.roystonmuseum.org.uk

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Royston Museum (venue 6)

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

COME AND CREATE: PLAYFUL PATTERNS!

Floral. Geometric. Animal. Our love of pattern can be seen throughout history, from interlocking Celtic designs to ornate Victorian florals. Drop-in for some relaxed pattern creating, from simple methods to more complex, try your hand at making your own designs.

Suitable for: all ages. **Free to attend** no booking required, drop in

Sunday 28 September, 10am - 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 6)

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Royston Photographic Society present a display of around 50 photographic prints taken by their members.

Suitable for: all ages.

Free to attend no booking required

Sunday 28 September, 10am - 4pm

Royston Town Hall, Upper Hall (venue 1)



ROYSTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
EXHIBITION

ROYSTON ARTS SOCIETY 2025 AUTUMN EXHIBITION

This is Royston Arts Society's major annual open exhibition. Suitable for all ages.

Free to attend no booking required

Sunday 28 September, 10am - 5pm

Royston Town Hall, Heritage Hall (venue 1)

Visit creativeroyston.org for latest updates to the Festival programme.

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

“A NOISE ANNOYS” BY JUDE SIMPSON IN AID OF HOMESTART ROYSTON

Jude Simpson’s “A Noise Annoys” is a poetry show for all the senses! It features rhymes, noises, songs, surprises and lots of audience interaction. Bursting with joyful humour and witty wordplay, Jude takes the audience on a mind-bending journey through the sounds of language and the language of sounds. There is lots of joy, a healthy dose of nonsense, and a few heartfelt moments of beautiful hush. Presented by, and raising money for, Homestart.

Suitable for: families with ages 6+

Tickets in advance: £8 adults / £4 children

www.tickettailor.com/events/homestartroystonbuntingfordandsouthcambridgeshire/1784218

For more details and ticket links use QR code:

For further information or queries email: jude@judesimpson.co.uk

Sunday 28 September, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Market Hill Rooms, Royston (venue 19)



ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL FINALE CONCERT

A showcase of Royston’s local musical talent compered by Soprano Hannah Long and featuring Royston Town Band, WomenSing with Royston Ukulele Band, the Revd Dr Steven Sivyer, and pupils and students from King James Academy, Royston and Freman College, Buntingford.

Tickets: £7 adults £3 for 16 & under:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/creative-royston CASH BAR

For more details and ticket links use QR code:

Sunday 28 September, Doors open 4.30pm, Start 5pm, Finish 7.30pm-ish

Royston Parish Church (venue 2)



FINALE CONCERT



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2. Royston Parish Church, [SG8 9LG](#)
3. Priory Memorial Gardens, [SG8 9DX](#)
4. Royston Library, [SG8 9JN](#)
5. Royston Cave, [SG8 7BZ](#)
6. Royston Museum, [SG8 5AL](#)
7. Glazed Creations, [SG8 5AY](#)
8. Curwens Solicitors Gallery, [SG8 9AA](#)
9. The Old Schoolhouse, [SG8 9JL](#)
10. Bow Books, [SG8 9AS](#)
11. Royston Market, [SG8 9JS](#)
12. The Old Bull Inn, [SG8 9AW](#)
13. 4 Manor Yard, [SG8 7BZ](#)
14. Icknield Walk First School, [SG8 7EZ](#)
15. St Thomas Catholic Church, [SG8 7DB](#)
16. St Mary's Primary School, [SG8 7DB](#)
17. Stage Right Studios, [SG8 7AF](#)
18. 21 Morton Street, [SG8 7AZ](#)
19. Market Hill Rooms, [SG8 9LB](#)
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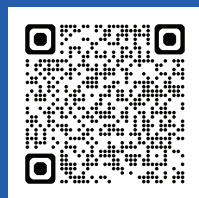
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