



Creative
Royston

Royston
Arts
Festival

24 – 27 Sept 2026

... and throughout
September

ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL '26

ABOVE AND BEYOND

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Inspiring science, enhancing life

WELCOME TO THE 2026 ROYSTON ARTS FESTIVAL BROUGHT TO YOU BY CREATIVE ROYSTON!

We started out the year with just five people on the festival committee carrying on from last year, but fortunately have been joined by three others who have taken on some or all of the responsibility for marketing, volunteers and organising the Gala In The Gardens. Nevertheless it has been a difficult year for some of us owing to personal and family illness or bereavement, which is one reason behind the rather dramatic appeal in the style of Lord Kitchener on the opposite page kindly fronted by Elizabeth Freeman our Town Mayor.

Thanks to our sponsors, in particular Premier Partner Johnson Matthey but also the Brian Leslie Racher Trust and Royston First. We would love to put on more events but the majority of our committee members still work and we could use a few more, perhaps newly retired. Ideally, you'd have an interest in the arts, but the main attributes required are organisational and communication skills, attention to detail and perseverance. If you want more details please email me: chair@creativeroyston.org and copy to volunteers@creativeroyston.org.

The festival belongs to the people of Royston and it needs the people of Royston to keep it going!

This year we have focused on one main weekend, and whilst there are fewer events we have now opened up the whole of September to embrace and celebrate our local arts scene. Rotary Club members have once again volunteered to join the festival committee and organised the Gala In The Gardens this year on Saturday 26th. Thanks also to Melbourn Village Fete for kindly supplying the marquees.

Thank you also to all of our event organisers, individuals, local arts groups and businesses which have helped in one way or another. That includes the town council and staff which I am pleased to see are becoming much more proactive and involved in the community and I hope that Creative Royston will be able to work with The Royston Venue to provide more and better entertainment opportunities in the town.

Finally, the arts festival could not happen without all the contributions from our volunteers. All performers at the Finale Concert also provide their services for FREE as do many of the other contributors. Thank you to them and to all the members of the festival committee - it has been a pleasure working with you this year, as always!

I hope everyone enjoys the festival and if you do please consider getting involved with our friendly team next year. More volunteers are always welcome!

Carl Filby

Chairperson, Creative Royston

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Cover artwork: produced by King James Academy Royston art students - see exhibition details on page 4

A woman with short white hair, wearing a purple shirt with white polka dots, is pointing her right index finger directly at the camera. She is standing in front of a large, two-story stone building with a triangular pediment. The building has a central arched window and a dark door. Above the door is a small crest. The sky is blue with some clouds, and tree branches are visible at the top of the frame.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

YOUR FESTIVAL
NEEDS YOU TO GO
ABOVE
AND BEYOND

PLEASE SEE CHAIR'S
WELCOME OPPOSITE

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

PRINT & PROSECCO WORKSHOP

Enjoy a chat and a glass of bubbly in a relaxed evening of printing with the Royston Printmakers. Carve a lino block to make your own prints on our Victorian printing press. Basic drawing (or tracing) skills required, but not printing experience!

Suitable for: 18+. Tickets £20 online from roystonmuseum.org.uk

Friday 4 September, 7 – 9.30pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)



FILBY'S FOLK ON MERIDIAN1 - PODCASTS

Over the course of 2 shows (119 & 120) first aired on the new Meridian1 radio station, learn how 'folk' music is a much broader and entertaining genre than you might think!

FREE online at unicornfolk.uk/filbys-folk-podcasts

Friday 4 September onwards



TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK: ABOVE AND BEYOND

An exhibition of artwork by KJAR students inspired by the festival theme 'Above and Beyond' including the artwork used for the front cover of the festival programme.

Thanks to Royston Arts Society and Royston Library for the use of the display space.

Tuesday 8 September until Saturday 3 October, Library opening times

Royston Library (venue 5)

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

ROYSTON MOVIE FESTIVAL

Join us for an outdoor screening of the much-loved classic E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial! Follow Elliott and E.T. on an unforgettable adventure filled with friendship, laughter, excitement and a little movie magic. E.T. is the perfect film for a fun evening under the stars. Popcorn, drinks & sweets available.

Suitable for: All ages. Tickets: Prices vary, see website:

www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/royston-movie-festival

Saturday 12 September, Doors open 6pm for 7.30pm

St Mary's School, Royston (venue 13)



WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

ENDANGERED ALPHABETS AND THE FUTURE OF WRITING

Writer/guitarist/soccer coach Tim Brookes gives a talk about the preservation of minority writing cultures and the dangers threatening them from digital tools and AI. He created the Endangered Alphabets Project to safeguard the world's minority alphabets and taught himself to carve and preserve them in beautiful woods. His talk will encompass all phases of his work and be illustrated by his remarkable carved art.



Suitable for: 14 plus

Tickets £6 online from roystonmuseum.org.uk

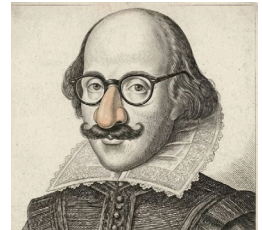
Wednesday 16 September, 7.15pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

FAKESPEARE: FROM BARD TO WORSE

Two one-act comedies with Shakespearean connections: Ruby of Elsinore, by American Bruce Kane, sees the eponymous court hairdresser cutting the hair of (and exchanging banter with) Ophelia, Gertrude, Claudius, Hamlet and even the ghost. To Be, or Not to Bother? - a brand-new play by David Tristram has the members of the Little Grimley Drama Society attempting to put on an evening of iconic scenes from the Bard with minimal resources and even less talent.



Not suitable for: Children

Tickets are £15 (£12 concessions - seniors and full-time students) available from 1 August. Online from cadsroyston.org.uk or via the Box Office phone 07856 599039.

Thursday 17 September, Doors open 7pm for 7.30 – 10pm

The Royston Venue at Royston Town Hall (venue 2)

ROYSTON WRITERS CIRCLE - OPEN MEETING

Royston Writers Circle was founded in 1979, and has been meeting almost every month since! If you're someone who loves the written word but can never find the time to write, or who is looking to meet fellow local writers for inspiration and feedback, then come along and meet the gang! All abilities and experience levels welcome.

Suitable for: 18 to 25 + Over 25s

Please register your interest at www.roystonwriters.org

Thursday 17 September, 8 – 10pm

Royston Town Hall (Committee Room) (venue 1)



FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

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The Royston Venue at Royston Town Hall (venue 2)



SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

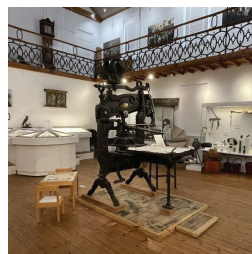
PRINTING PRESS DEMO DAY

Step back in time and experience the magic of printmaking! Join us for a demonstration of our historic 150-year old printing press – the very one that once printed the Royston Crow. Watch the process in action and have a go at creating your own print to take home.

Suitable for: All ages. **FREE** Drop in roystonmuseum.org.uk

Saturday 19 September, 10am – 4pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)



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The Royston Venue at Royston Town Hall (venue 2)

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENING

Join us for the official opening of the Arts Festival at the Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery. Enjoy an exclusive first look at the exhibition, hear a welcome from the Arts Festival team, meet some of the exhibiting artists, and celebrate the start of the festival with a complimentary glass of fizz in a relaxed gallery setting.

Suitable for: 18+

FREE but advance booking required due to limited capacity.

www.tickettailor.com/events/nicholaspennfineart/2307313

Wednesday 23 September, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery, Royston (venue 11)



THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

THEATRETRAIN TINIES

Dancing, Acting, Singing and a lot of fun in our confidence, skills building class just for 3 year olds.

Suitable for: Under 5s

FREE Contact us directly at royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or via www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston/new-customers

Thursday 24 September, 2 – 2.45pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 14)

MYTHICAL CREATURES

Participants will create their own original print drawings themed around mythical creatures of their choice.

Guidance around the technique, general printmaking and examples to help inspire the participants will be provided. Monoprinting will be used to create the prints via both drawing and manipulating ink. It is fast and fun and participants can expect to leave with several pieces of art.

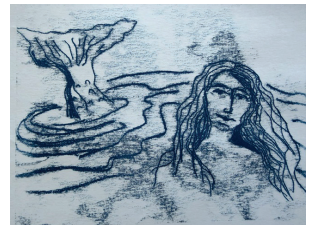
Suitable for: 18+

Tickets: £5 online

www.ticketsource.com/creative-royston

Thursday 24 September, 2.30 – 4pm

The Old Schoolhouse, Royston (venue 7)



THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

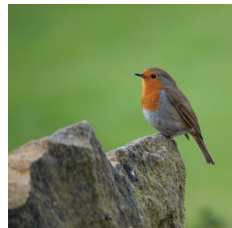
DISCOVER BIRDSONG

A relaxed walk that helps you tune into the hidden birdsong woven through everyday urban life. We'll help you notice birdsong and recognise some amazing local species by sound. Binoculars are provided - just bring your curiosity and desire to slow down and listen to the world around you.

Suitable for: All ages

Standard ticket is £20. Choose £10 Concession price for all festival bookings directly from www.naturenell.com/book-online (Under 5 are Free)
Thursday 24 September, 6 – 7.30pm

Start from Priory Memorial Gardens, Royston (venue 4)



FESTIVAL LATE NIGHT

The Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery will remain open into the evening, giving visitors the opportunity to browse the exhibition outside normal opening hours. It's a chance to enjoy the artwork at a more relaxed pace, meet local artists, and explore the gallery after hours.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in, no booking required.

Thursday 24 September, 6 – 9pm

Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery, Royston (venue 11)



AUTHOR TALK

Royston Library have high hopes of staging a talk linked to the festival theme. Please see festival website for update: creativeroyston.org
Royston Library (venue 5)

ROYSTON LIVE FOLK CLUB

Thursday's Band is a spellbinding mix of free-flowing strings, locked down guitars, and vocal harmony. Their songs are mostly original, and come seasoned with folk, country, cajun and classical.

Suitable for: All ages

Tickets on the door or email roystonfolkclub@outlook.com

Suggested donation £10

Thursday 24 September, 8 – 11pm

The Old Bull Inn, Royston (venue 10)

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

THEATRETRAIN MINIS

Dance, Act, Sing, Fun! Build basic skills in the arts along with developing confidence, communication, friendship and social skills.

Suitable for: Under 5s

FREE Contact us directly at royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or via www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston/new-customers

Friday 25 September, 3.45 – 5.15pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 14)



THEATRETRAIN MAIN COMPANY

Dancing, acting and singing classes in an evening of fun and engaging sessions led by the Theatretrain team! Learn lots of new skills in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Students have lots of extra opportunities such as theatre trips, exams, shows and more!

Suitable for: 5 to 13, 13 to 17

FREE Contact us directly at royston@theatretrain.co.uk

or via www.theatretrain.co.uk/royston/new-customers

Friday 25 September, 4 – 7pm

Stage Right Studios, Royston (venue 14)

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

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 young people aged 8 to 13.

Suitable for: 8 - 13

FREE Drop-in roystonmuseum.org.uk

Friday 25 September, 4 – 6pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)



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

2026 EVENTS AT A GLANCE

ALL EVENTS CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 4

Royston Museum: Print & Prosecco Workshop

Filby's Folk On Meridian1 - Podcasts

TUESDAY 8

Royston Library: Exhibition of Artwork:
Above and Beyond

SATURDAY 12

Royston Movie Festival

WEDNESDAY 16

Royston Museum: Endangered Alphabets
and The Future Of Writing

THURSDAY 17

Cads Present: Fakespeare: From Bard To Worse

Royston Writers Circle - Open Meeting

FRIDAY 18

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SATURDAY 19

Royston Museum: Printing Press Demo Day

Cads Present: Fakespeare: From Bard To Worse

WEDNESDAY 23

The Art Room: Festival Preview Evening

THURSDAY 24

Theatretrain Tinies

Monoprinting Mythical Creatures

Nature Walks: Discover Birdsong

The Art Room: Festival Late Night

Royston Library: Author Talk

Royston Live Folk Club

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONS,
AMENDMENTS & CANCELLATIONS:
creativeroyston.org



FRIDAY 25

Theatretrain Minis
Theatretrain Main Company
Royston Museum: First Impressions
The Art Room: Collecting Original Art:
A Beginner's Guide
Organ Recital: Parish Church
Royston Arts Society: Autumn Exhibition

SATURDAY 26

Royston Museum: Outside The Exhibit
Priory Quilters: Exhibition of Quilts
Royston Arts Society: Autumn Exhibition
Photography Exhibition
Bow Books For Kids
Book Fair: Parish Church
Gala In The Gardens: Food, Stalls & Free Entertainment
Royston Cave Tours
Royston Library: Cosmic Crafting
Cells To Stars: Nature In 3 Lenses
Perfect Ten!: Jude Simpson

SUNDAY 27

The Art Room: Locals That We Love
Priory Quilters' Exhibition Of Quilts
Royston Arts Society: Autumn Exhibition
Photography Exhibition
Family Folk Day With Megson
Royston Cave Tours
Finale Concert: Parish Church

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 2

Music At The Museum

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

COLLECTING ORIGINAL ART: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

Thinking about buying original art but not sure where to start? Join us for an informal evening exploring how to begin collecting original artwork with confidence. We'll discuss how to choose pieces you love, understand different mediums and pricing, care for your artwork, and why collecting original art is such a rewarding way to support artists. Whether you're looking to buy your first piece or are simply curious about the world of art collecting, everyone is welcome.

Suitable for: 18+

FREE but advance booking is recommended due to limited seating.

www.tickettailor.com/events/nicholaspennfineart/2307319

Friday 25 September, 7 – 8pm

Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery, Royston (venue 11)



ORGAN RECITAL

Returning for another year by popular demand, the Vicar of Royston, Steven Sivyer, who used to be a professional organist who has performed across many venues both nationally and internationally, will provide an evening of organ music which will include well-known pieces and a piece that depicts 'Above and Beyond, the theme of this year's Arts Festival. Bar available when doors open or during interval.

Suitable for: All ages

Tickets £10 adult £3 under 18s in advance from the church website:

roystonparishchurch.org.uk

Friday 25 September, Doors open 7 for 7.30 – 9pm

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Royston (venue 3)



RAS AUTUMN EXHIBITION

This is Royston Arts Society's major annual open exhibition which in recent years has typically included 400 plus framed and unframed painting by 60-70 artists, both members and non-members.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in, no booking required.

Friday 25 September, 7.30 – 9.30pm

Royston Town Hall (venue 1) Lower Hall



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

OUTSIDE THE EXHIBIT

A range of short taster workshops from BEEE Creative in dance, film, story sharing, photography for all ages which celebrate the 'Above and Beyond' spirit by recognising the everyday heroes who help care for our environment and green spaces, inspiring our community to connect, create and take action.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop in sessions throughout the day to try a range of different activities.

Saturday 26 September, 10am – 3pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)

PRIORY QUILTERS' EXHIBITION OF QUILTS

Display of a range made by our members including our interpretations of a Mystery Quilt worked on over the past few months. We will hold a competition for members relating to the festival theme of Above and Beyond to be voted on by visitors to the exhibition. A quilt will be raffled which has been a collaboration of our members in aid of Garden House Hospice. Refreshments provided.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in, no booking required.

Saturday 26 September, 10am – 5pm

Market Hill Rooms, Royston (venue 9)



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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Images cover a wide range of subjects of interest to all ages. All visitors get to vote for their favourite image and society members will be there to answer any queries.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in, no booking required.

Saturday 26 September, 10am – 4.30pm

Royston Town Hall (venue 1) Upper Hall

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

BOW BOOKS FOR KIDS

Meet Helen Rose for a fun story telling and book signing for her new rhyming story paperback *The SuperSonic Fart* (with free Fart Chart!) Pictures by bestselling illustrator Garry Parsons.

Suitable for: ages 4 - 7

FREE to attend but ticket required...collect from Bow Books Kids, 12 Angel Pavement, Royston SG8 9AS. 07715 593516 enquiries@bow-books.co.uk

Saturday 26 September, 10am

Bow Books Kids, Royston (venue 8)

BOOK FAIR

Come and meet your next favourite author! Over 20 local writers will be gathering to showcase their books, 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 Drop-in, www.roystonbookfair.co.uk

Saturday 26 September, Midday – 4pm

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Royston (venue 3)



GALA IN THE GARDENS

Members of the Rotary Club of Royston have once again kindly joined forces with and become Creative Royston volunteers and committee members. They have used their considerable experience of organising Royston's Kite Festival to bring you a range of family oriented entertainments and a wide selection of stalls selling food and other commodities or publicising ongoing activities and opportunities in the town.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in

Saturday 26

September,

Midday – 4pm

Priory Memorial
Gardens, Royston

(venue 4)



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

ROYSTON CAVE TOURS

Public tours of the mysterious Royston Cave. See entry on page 17 for full details
 Saturday 26 September, Weekend tour times are 1pm, 1.45pm, 2.35pm & 3.20pm
 Tickets must be purchased online in advance: roystoncave.co.uk
 Royston Cave (venue 6)

COSMIC CRAFTING

A space themed story time, followed by a selection of space themed craft activities reflecting the festival theme, space being 'Above and Beyond' most things.

Suitable for: Children aged 4 - 10.

FREE Drop-in, no booking required

Saturday 26 September 2 - 3.30pm

Royston Library (venue 5)

CELLS TO STARS: NATURE IN 3 LENSES

Experience the natural world through 3 lenses: microscopes, binoculars and telescopes. We'll explore the micro world through microscopes, then walk towards Therfield Heath, observing urban birds along the way. Our journey ends at a prime viewing spot, where we'll observe the full Harvest Moon and night sky.

Suitable for: All ages

Standard ticket is £20. Choose £10 Concession price for all festival bookings directly from www.naturenell.com/book-online (Under 5 are Free)

Saturday 26 September, 5.30 – 7.30pm

Start from Priory Memorial Gardens, Royston (venue 4)



PERFECT TEN!

In a truly special evening we celebrate and say a fond farewell to Jude Simpson, marking ten remarkable years as Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire's Poet in Residence. The performance will feature a wonderful mix of new material and favourite pieces from the past ten years, as Jude reflects on a decade of creativity and connection with Home-Start. Licensed bar and raffle. All proceeds to Home-Start.

Suitable for: All ages.

Tickets: £20, including light bites from www.hsrsc.org.uk/events

Saturday 26 September, 7 – 10pm

The Old Schoolhouse, Royston (venue 7)



SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

LOCALS THAT WE LOVE

A celebration of creativity from our local community, showcasing artwork by local artists, The Art Room tutors, and selected work created by our students. This exhibition celebrates the wealth of artistic talent in and around Royston, giving visitors the opportunity to discover and support local creatives.

Suitable for: All ages

FREE Drop-in, no booking required.

Sunday 27 September, 10am – 4pm

Nicholas Penn Fine Art Gallery, Royston (venue 11)

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Sunday 27 September, 10am – 4.30pm

Royston Town Hall (venue 1) Upper Hall

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

FAMILY FOLK DAY WITH MEGSON

Award-winning folk duo Megson perform a gentle, entertaining concert specially for younger children, featuring folk songs old and new from their WHEN I WAS A LAD & LITTLE BIRD albums.

Suitable for: 0 - 8 + parents, grandparents & guardians

Tickets £8 each or Multi buy – four tickets for £25 online from www.megsonmusic.co.uk

Sunday 27 September, 11.30am

The Old Bull Inn, Royston (venue 10)



ROYSTON CAVE TOURS

Public tours of the mysterious Royston Cave discovered by accident in 1742. Theories abound around its use by the Knights Templar, as a Freemason's Lodge or for a host of other purposes. Come and see for yourself.

Suitable for: All ages

Adult £10, Concession (65+, Student) £8, Child (3-15)* £4

Under 3* Free *must be accompanied by paying adult

Sunday 27 September

Weekend tour times are 1pm, 1.45pm, 2.35pm & 3.20pm

Tickets must be purchased online in advance: roystoncave.co.uk/visit

Royston Cave (venue 6)



The Marquess of Winchester's Regiment took part in the 2025 festival



SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

FINALE CONCERT

Not actually the final event of the festival but still a showcase of Royston's local musical talent compered by and featuring Soprano Hannah Long; pupils from King James Academy Royston and Freman College Buntingford; Revd Dr Steven Sivyer, St John The Baptist Church Choir, Royston Town Band & others ...



Suitable for: All ages

Tickets: £8 adults, £3 for 16 & under online from:

www.ticketsource.com/creative-royston

CASH BAR

Sunday 27 September,

Doors open 4.30 for 5pm start, finish around 7.15pm

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Royston (venue 3)

FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

The Friends of the Museum and Creative Royston join forces to bring you a rare opportunity to enjoy the brilliant 3Folk, consisting of Jane Ward (accordion), Simon Cooper (cello) and Bryan Causton (mandolin/guitar/bouzouki), and their eclectic mix of traditional folk, with a Celtic and European influence and a smattering of original compositions.

Also, a performance of 'Fen Song', a ballad of the Fen and a beautiful haunting sequence of poetry and folk music inspired by the East Anglian landscape, combining the words of the late Clare Crossman with songs by award winning singer- songwriter Penni McLaren Walker. Penni will be joined by Bryan Causton (mandolin/guitar), Fran Broady (violin & vocals) with Jeremy Harmer reading verse & poetry in place of Clare.

Suitable for: All ages

Tickets £15 online from roystonmuseum.org.uk CASH BAR

Friday 2 October, 7 – 9.30pm

Royston Museum (venue 12)



FESTIVAL VENUE MAP



1. Royston Town Hall, [SG8 7DA](#)
2. The Royston Venue, [SG8 7DA](#)
3. Royston Parish Church, [SG8 9LG](#)
4. Priory Memorial Gardens, [SG8 9DX](#)
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13. St Mary's Primary School, [SG8 7DB](#)
14. Stage Right Studios, [SG8 7AF](#)

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Brian Leslie
Racher Trust



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

All the local societies, businesses and individuals who put on events.
All our volunteers without whose assistance the festival would not be possible.
Staff and students of Royston's schools for help on a number of levels.
The Listing team for their help with publicity throughout the year.
Royston Town Council and staff for all their help during the year.

CREATIVE ROYSTON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Martin Berry, Liz Cox, Carl Filby, Fran Foster, Deb Fox, Rhian May,
Phil Oddy, Anna Stanley-Smith, Dinta Tailor

LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

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