



# Romsey Town Mayors 1883 to date (2018)

The main list is taken from the board in Romsey Town Hall Council Chamber. Where other sources suggest a missing entry, or an alternative name/spelling, this is shown beside the name entry. The most common of these other sources is Dr John Latham (1740-1837), the first local historian in Romsey. The earliest references are mostly gleaned from details of witnesses to deeds held in the Winchester College Muniments.

## Pre-Incorporation

Date	Council Chamber Board	Other sources	Further Information
1507	N/A	John Peczy	Winchester College
1509	N/A	William Scragge	Winchester College
1573	N/A	Thomas Curtylde	John Latham
1578	N/A	William Pratt	Will of John Browne
1579	N/A	William Raynolde	John Latham
1580	N/A	W. Venables	John Latham

## Post 1607 Charter of incorporation of Romsey Borough

Note: When more than one person is found in the same year, this sometimes indicates that those who held the position either side of the mayoral year (originally running from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, i.e. 29 September to 29 September). Very occasionally, it is a case of replacement in the event of death or illness. Often, however, no explanation is offered, other than one source or another being completely wrong.

Date	Council Chamber Board	Other sources (Dr. Latham unless specified in next column)	Further Information or Comment
1607		John Bloyse (Blowes, Blows, Bloys)	? clothier / named as first charter mayor in James 1's charter dated 06 April 1607
1608		Walter Godfrey	Clothier – involved in opposing Middlebridge repair charge on town of Romsey
1609		John Aish	
1610		? John Hayward (any time between 1610 & his death in 1619 aged 58)	Gentleman/Charter Alderman. See memorial tablet on right of High Altar in Romsey Abbey.
1611-1619	-	-	-
1620		Moses Pyle	
1621		? Richard Adderley	Not specifically named as mayor, but first to sign corporation indenture with executors of Anthony Edmondes re £100 charity endowment
1622	-	-	-
1623	Peter Osgood		Witness as Mayor to purchase document re first town hall.
1624	-	-	-
1625	Sandy Holmes	Standly Holmes	Yeoman
1626		John de Maris DeMaris)	Shoemaker/cordwainer



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		Antony Brasby	? Fellmonger: died 1662/uncertain
1627		Thomas Brackley	Clothier
		William Godfrey	Yeoman
1628		Walter Godfrey	Yeoman
1629		Christopher Hopkins	
1630-1637	-	-	-
1638	Walter Godfrey		2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1639		Christopher Hopkins	2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1640-1644	-	-	-
1645	Richard Wale		Yeoman
1646-1648	-	-	-
1649	John Maris (Demaris)		2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1650		Anthony Brackley	
1651	John Coxe		Cordwainer
1652	James Elcomb		Gentleman
1653	John Brasby	John De Maris	
1654	William Bloyse		Clothier
1655	William Knight		Mercer
1656	Richard Wake	Richard <b>Wale</b> correct)	Clothier
1657	John Maris Demaris)		Shoemaker 3 <sup>rd</sup> term
1658	Arthur Brasby	Antony Brasby	? 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1659	John Cone	John <b>Coxe</b> (correct)	2 <sup>nd</sup> term as mayoral year ran from 29 Sept 1659 – 29 Sept 1660. First to sign oath of allegiance to Charles II at end of May 1660
1660	Stephen Ken	Stephen <b>Kent</b> (correct)	Woollen draper
1661	Thomas Brackley		Clothier
1662	Thomas Cuffley		Mercer
1663	William Bloyse		Gentleman
1664	Richard Puckridge		Clothier
1665	Nicholas Pace		
1666	Alexander Gape	Alexander <b>Gass</b> (correct)	Clothier
1667	John Demaris		4 <sup>th</sup> term
1668	Richard Wale		Probably repeat mayoralty
1669	Edigius Fertum	Guy Edidius Fentum or Giles Fencham Trentham	
1670	John Mountain		Tallow chandler
1671	William Kent		
1672	John Coxe		3 <sup>rd</sup> term
1673	John Kent		Silk Merchant
1674	William Freeman		
1675	Thomas Burbank	Stephen Kent	Probably dependent on time of year of changeover
1676	Thomas Burbank		? 2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1677	Walter St Barbe	Walter Bell	NB. No trace of a Walter St Barbe found thus far.
1678	Henry Squibb		



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1679	Edward Day		
1680	William Baker		
1681	Henry Jacob		Shoemaker or cordwainer. Probably related to Giles Jacob author of great law dictionary
1682	John Mountain		Tallow Chandler
1683	John Kent		2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1684	William Kent		
1685	Isaac Knight		Mercer
1686	Thomas Burbank		? 3 <sup>rd</sup> term
1687	Walter Bell		
1688	Stephen Rolfe		
1689	John Dale	John <b>Wale</b> (correct)	Latham – spelling probably correct as the Wale family were long established
1690	Peter Elcombe		Clothier
1691	William Freeman		
1692	Henry Squibb		
1693	Edward Day		
1694	Edward Hunt		
1695	William Baker		
1696	Edward Hunt		
1697	John Good		
1698	John Aish		
1699	John Storke		Clothier
1700	Thomas Burbank		? 4 <sup>th</sup> term
1701	Henry Squibb		
1702	John Vale (? Wale)		
1703	John Gifford		Clothier
1704		Edward Keele	Could be Gentleman or grocer/shopkeeper or barber/periwig maker.
1705	William Freeman		
1706	Richard Puckeridge		
1707	-	-	-
1708	Thomas Burbank		? 5 <sup>th</sup> term
1709	Walter Bell		
1710	Daniel Warren		? gentleman or Maltster
1711	Thomas Adams		
1712	John Ballard		
1713	Thomas May		Saddler
1714	Thomas Cuffley		Fellmonger
1715		Thomas Cuffley	? until September
1716	Andrew Martin		Carpenter and Baker
1717	Edward Keele		
1718	John Montague	John <b>Mountain</b> (more likely)	
1719	Henry Jacob		
1720	Moses Pyle		
1721	Benjamin Fyfield		Tanner
1722	Thomas Puckeridge		
1723	Daniel Goss	Daniel <b>Gass</b> (correct)	



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1724	Richard Body	Richard <b>Bodycoat</b> (more likely)	
1725		Bodycoat / Freeman	Probably an overlap
1726	Thomas Puckeridge		
1727	Edward Kerly		Gentleman, Mayor after resignation of Alex Goddard (Latham vol 1)
1728	Edward Keele		
1729	Thomas Adams		
1730	William Freeman		
1731	Thomas May		Miller
1732	John Burbank		Mercer
1733	George Hunt		Gentleman
1734	Richard Pearce		
1735	Andrew Master	Andrew <b>Martin</b> (more likely to be correct)	
1736	Henry Dunn		
1737	John Mountain		
1738	Daniel Goss	Daniel <b>Gass</b> (correct)	Butcher
1739	Edward Keel		
1740	John Coles	John Cole	
1741	John Jessings	John Jennings	
1742	John White		
1743	Thomas Comley		Wine & Spirit merchant
1744	John Adams		
1745	William Freeman		
1746	Alexander Fryer	Alexander Frier	? Cordwainer
1747	Thomas May		
1748	Timothy Jones		Mercer
1749	Thomas Puckeridge		
1750	Godwin Seward		
1751	George Hunt		Clothier
1752	John Hockley		Gentleman
1753	Robert Godfrey		Gentleman
1754	Richard Pearce		? Baker
1755	John Coles		
1756	Daniel Goss	Daniel <b>Gass</b> (correct)	
1757	Thomas Comley		Maltster
1758	John Adams		
1759	William Coles		
1760	Alexander Fryer		2 <sup>nd</sup> term
1761	Thomas May		
1762	Thomas Hall		
1763	Thomas Jones		
1764	Godwin Seward		
1765	John Hockley		Gentleman
1766	Robert Godfrey		Gentleman
1767	Robert Pearce Junior		
1768	Henry O'Neill		Surgeon/Apothecary
1769	Daniel Goss	Daniel <b>Gass</b> (correct)	
1770	Thomas Dawkins		Postmaster
1771	William Grist		Tanner



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1772	John Bartlett		Doctor
1773	Thomas Hall		Brewer
1774	Gordon Seward		
1775	Henry O'Neill		Doctor
1776	John Tarver Junior		
1777	Richard Pearce		
1778	Richard Trodd		Brewer & Maltster
1779	Joseph Mortimer		Woolstapeler
1780	Thomas Dawkins		
1781-1785	-	-	-
1786	John Bartlett		
1787	Godwin Seward		
1788	Thomas May		
1789		I Jones	
1790	-	-	-
1791	William Biggs		Brazier
1792	Joseph Mortimer		
1793	Joseph Mortimer		
1794	Thomas Hall		
1795	Henry O'Neill		
1796	William Godfrey		
1797	William Trodd		
1798	William Price		
1799	John Latham		Common Brewer / Spirit Merchant
1800	William Charles Daman		Gentleman / Attorney
1801	J. S. Hollis	1790 – 1825 (J. J Hollis)	Books/printing/stationery
1802	Godwin Seward		Surgeon/Apothecary
1803	James Caster		
1804	Thomas Hall		
1805	Thomas Coleman		Doctor
1806	William Price		
1807	John Lathom	John <b>Latham</b> (correct)	
1808	William Charles Daman		
1809	John Young		Auctioneer
1810	Henry Trook	Henry Foot	
1811	Henry Holmes		Attorney
1812	Thomas Hall		
1813	James Aldridge		Gentleman
1814	William Henry Lintott		Merchant / Flax Mill
1815	Charles Hall		Brewer
1816	Samuel Thorp	Samuel <b>Sharp</b> more likely	
1817	Robery Godfrey Longcroft		? Brewer
1818		Thomas Coleman	Doctor named in Latham Bancruptcy doc (D10)
1819	Benjamin Sharp		
1820	James Aldridge		
1821	William Henry Lintott		
1822	Charles John Hall		Brewer
1823	Samuel Sharp		
1824	James Chaldecott Sharp		



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1825	Godwin Withers		Draper
1826	Moses Pepper		Draper
1827	Richard Sweeper		Silversmith
1828	James Aldridge		
1829	John Reynolds Beddome		Doctor
1830	William Henry Lintott		
1831	James Aldridge & Josiah George		
1832	Henry Hall		
1833	Isaac Purchase		Shopkeeper
1834	George Sharp		
1835	John Reynolds Beddome		
1836	John Reynolds Beddome & Joseph May		
1837	Josiah George		Grocer
1838	Moses Pepper		
1839	Isaac Purchase		
1840	Thomas Colcott		
1841	George Sharp		
1842	John Reynolds Beddome		
1843	Josiah George		
1844	Francis Taylor		Doctor
1845	Moses Pepper		
1846	Josiah George Junior		
1847	Isaac Purchase		
1848	R. L. Fluder & Josiah George		Timber merchant Common brewer
1849	Thomas Colcott		
1850	Harry Potter Curtis		Solicitor / Town Clerk
1851	John Reynolds Beddome		
1852	Josiah George		
1853	Josiah George		
1854	Francis Taylor		Doctor
1855	Francis Taylor		
1856	John Reynolds Beddome		
1857	John Reynolds Beddome		
1858	John Reynolds Bedome		
1859	Robert Lillington Fluder		
1860	Robert Lillington Fluder		
1861	Josiah George		
1862	Christopher Legg Lordan		Printer
1863	William Overbury Purchase		Grocer / Wine merchant
1864	Charles Dyett		Grocer
1865	Christopher Legg Lordan		
1866	William Overbury Purchase		
1867	Francis Cressey		Brewer
1868	Francis Cressey		
1869	Charles Dyett		
1870	Charles Dyett		
1871	William Bentley George		
1872	William Overbury Purchase		
1873	Walter Edmundbury Godfrey		Draper



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1874	Charles Fluder Smith		
1875	William Overbury Purchase		
1876	William Overbury Purchase		
1877	John Frederick Osborne		Founder of Osborne House School
1878	Charles Dyett		
1879	Walter Edmundbury Godfrey		
1880	Walter Edmundbury Godfrey		
1881	Charles Dyett		
1882	William Overbury Purchase		
1883	William Roles		Plumber
1884	William Roles		
1885	John Frederick Osborne		
1886	William Overbury Purchase		
1887	William Overbury Purchase		
1888	Walter Edmundbury Godfrey		
1889	Walter Edmundbury Godfrey		
1890	John Tuck		Jeweller / Watchmaker
1891	William Roles		
1892	William Bentley George		
1893	Henry Drew		
1894	Henry Drew		
1895	George Wheeler		
1896	John Tuck		
1897	Henry James William Guard		Shopkeeper – large clothing store
1898	Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley PC.		Owner of Broadlands Estate
1899	Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley PC.		
1900	Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley PC.		
1901	Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley PC.		
1902	Rt. Hon. Evelyn Ashley PC.		
1903	Edward Minors Meddings		Mill Owner
1904	Edward Minors Meddings		
1905	William Pinnick		Shopkeeper / Saddler
1906	William Pinnick		
1907	William Pinnick		
1908	James Coleclough		Strong's Brewery manager
1909	Edward Ernest Newman		
1910	George Edward Melsom		
1911	William George Prince		
1912	William George Prince		
1913	Richard Bowen		Hotelier (White Horse Market Place)
1914-1918	Richard Bowen		Stayed in position throughout WWII
1919	Charles Thomas Waters		
1920	Fred Freemantle		
1921	Foster Lake Footner		Solicitor
1922	William Henry Summers		Owner/Head of Osborne House School
1923	William Henry Summers		
1924	George Percival Jupe		





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1925	Francis Harry Dewing		
1926	William George Prince		
1927	William George Prince		
1928	Baldwin Holman		
1929	Foster Lake Footner		
1930	Foster Lake Footner		
1931	William Henry Summers		
1932	William Henry Summers		
1933	William Henry Summers		
1934	Robert Charles Chambers		Manager of Strong & Co. Ltd
1935	Maj. Gen. Sir Richard Luce -	KCMG	Keen local historian
1936	Maj. Gen. Sir Richard Luce -	KCMG	
1937	Robert Charles Chambers		
1938	Robert Charles Chambers		
1939	Robert Charles Chambers		
1940	Robert Charles Chambers		
1941	Robert Charles Chambers		
1942	Robert Charles Chambers		
1943	Robert Charles Chambers		
1944	Robert Charles Chambers		
1945	Leopold Ernest Allan		
1946	Leopold Ernest Allan		
1947	Reginald Gordon Symes		
1948	Reginald Gordon Symes		
1949	John Bartram Shoveller Atlee		Solicitor
1950	Leopold Ernest Allan		
1951	Leopold Ernest Allan		
1952	Robert Charles Chambers		
1953	Robert Charles Chambers		
1954	George Ramell Taylor		
1955	Leopold Ernest Allan		
1956	Henry George Mackrell		
1957	Robert Ayshford Duke		Mill Owner
1958	Henry George Mackrell		
1959	Henry George Mackrell		
1960	Reginald Henry Harvey		
1961	George Ernest Lane		
1962	Penelope Aldwyth Wellington		First Lady Mayor
1963	Penelope Aldwyth Wellington		
1964	Penelope Aldwyth Wellington		
1965	Wallace George Waterman		
1966	Wallace George Waterman		
1967	Tom Viney		Of the Romsey Advertiser
1968	Herbert William Malpas		
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1970	Albert Alfred Mitchell		
1971	Lucy Rose Jackson		Head Teacher
1972	John McKinlay		
1973	Leonard Alfred Saint		Pharmacist (Boots)





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### Post 1974 Local government Reorganisation

Romsey became part of Test Valley Borough Council – no longer a borough in its own right. But the position of Town Mayor was retained, even though there is a separate mayor for Test Valley Borough Council.

1974	Cllr. L.A.H. Moore
1975	Cllr. G. David Johnson
1976	Cllr. E. Honor Quick (Mrs)
1977	Cllr. B. Palmer
1978	Cllr. Maureen A. Malpas (Mrs)
1979	Cllr. Peter D. Brans
1980	Cllr. Peter J. Rowlandson
1981	Cllr. G. David Johnson
1982	Cllr. Pam H. Gale (Mrs)
1983	Cllr. Pam H. Gale (Mrs)
1984	Cllr. G. M. Street
1985	Cllr. G. M. Street
1986	Cllr. G. M. Street
1987	Cllr. Air Commodore A. M. (Peter) Ruston CBE DFC
1988	Cllr. Roger Shaw
1989	Cllr. Charlie Mead
1990	Cllr. Charlie Mead
1991	Cllr. Mark Cooper
1992	Cllr. Charlie Mead
1993	Cllr. B. W. Widger
1994	Cllr. Alan Marsh
1995	Cllr. Charlie Mead
1996	Cllr. Charlie Mead
1997	Cllr. Sandra Gidley (Mrs)
1998	Cllr. Max Buckmaster
1999	Cllr. Sylvia Sherlock
2000	Cllr. John Burgess
2001	Cllr. Cheryl Collier
2002	Cllr. Mike Richardson
2003	Cllr. Mike Curtis
2004	Cllr. Dorothy Baverstock
2005	Cllr. Jill Gethin
2006	Cllr. Mike Richardson
2007	Cllr. Mark Cooper
2008	Cllr. Karen Dunleavey
2009	Cllr. John Ray
2010	Cllr. Mike Curtis
2011	Cllr. Ian Hibberd
2012	Cllr. John Burgess
2013	Cllr. Mark Cooper
2014	Cllr. Ian Richards
2015	Cllr. Peter Hurst
2016	Cllr. Dorothy Baverstock
2017	Cllr. John Parker
2018	Cllr. Ian Hibberd