

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL STAYCATION 2015 – 1 to 9 August

Godalming Town Council's Staycation has once again been a great hit with residents, attracting record numbers of participants. The week began on 1 & 2 August with the hugely successful free Staycation Live Music Festival at the Phillips Memorial Park, organised by local promoters TST. Thousands flocked to enjoy the warm weather and live music. As the music finished Staycation continued with over 70 different activities taking place in and around Godalming during the week.

Many favourite Staycation events returned for another year including kayaking, tennis, croquet, yoga, golf, karate, swimming and football. Newcomers included tai chi, Bollywood dancing, lessons on making sushi and an opportunity to try dowsing. Leading the way on many activities was the Godalming Town Mayor, Councillor Anne Bott who has supported a wide range of the week's activities. Anne has bowled, kayaked, done Zumba and pilates, enjoyed the tranquillity of Ladywell Convent and the Quaker Meeting House, tried her hand at dowsing and making Eton Mess, in short thrown herself wholeheartedly into Staycation. In particular Anne fulfilled a long held wish to "have a go at drawing" when she joined an art class at Broadwater Park Community Centre. Cllr Bott said "I joined with twenty others to experience Kim O'Neil and Paint Modern's exciting, interesting and relaxed approach to drawing, which on this occasion saw us using charcoals. Whilst it would be fair to say I did not 'shine' I am very proud of my drawing which has joined my Mayor's 'mementos'". The Mayor went on to say "Staycation has been busier than ever this year as there is so much on offer for people to have a first-time experience in creative and physical activities"

Following on from last year's successful event, Farncombe Family Fete, returns on 8th August at Canon Bowring's Field from 12.00noon. There will be a Punch and Judy show, pony rides, Hog Roast, Sing 'O' Lingo, live music and entertainment, fun side shows run by town organisations and more. Godalming Town Council would like to express its thanks to the many local businesses, individuals and organisations who generously give their resources to enable the community to be able to holiday at home.

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Notes to Editors:

Godalming Town Council first introduced Staycation in August 2010.