

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



PRESS RELEASE

STAY PUT & DIG IN

An exciting community archaeology project is the latest innovation for Godalming's third Staycation.

Staycation 2012 takes place this year from 11 to 19 August with a variety of events and activities aimed at the whole family. This year, for the first time, families will have the opportunity to unearth some of Godalming's fascinating past. Under the supervision of archaeologists from Surrey County Council volunteers young and old will dig a series of test pits at locations across the town's centre and help with the washing, identification and cataloguing of finds. The project has been made possible with a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

On hearing the news from the Heritage Lottery Fund the Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Liz Wheatley said "I am thrilled that this exciting project can go ahead and grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for its support. I hope that many residents will take this hands-on opportunity to explore our town's past and I certainly look forward to digging in myself."

Test pits will be dug each day from Tuesday 14 August to Saturday 18 August; these pits will be at a number of locations across the town and culminate on Saturday 18 August with some test pits at the Phillips Memorial Ground (between the Memorial Cloister & Ss Peter & Paul Church) as part of the Staycation "Family Party in the Park". All finds from the test pits will be washed, identified and displayed at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre from 14 to 17 August and on Saturday 18 August at the Family Party in the Park. Anyone wishing to participate in this project should contact Louise Goodfellow at townclerk@godalming-tc.gov.uk or on 01483 523575.

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Notes to editors

About Staycation

This summer will see the third Godalming Staycation promoted by Godalming Town Council. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and community groups a vast range of exciting and fun activities are offered for individuals and families to enjoy between 11 and 19 August this year. These special events and activities have the added benefits of either being completely free or at a specially discounted Staycation price and are close to home so individuals don't have to worry about travel costs either. The exciting activities include boating on the River Wey, swimming, cupcake making, cookery

demonstrations, canoeing, town trails, the TST Staycation Live music festival, a fantastic Family Party in the Park, cycling, street dance, junior bowls, bandstand concerts and so much more. Website:

www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/staycation/htm

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30,000 projects, allocating £4.7billion across the UK. Website: www.hlf.org.uk