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STAYCATION

2nd 10th August

Godalming Town Council's Staycation 2014, launched on Saturday 2nd August with the free Staycation Live Music Festival at the Phillips Memorial Park where thousands of people flocked to enjoy the warm weather and live music. Staycation week continued with many new events and activities with record numbers of the local community taking part in something new such as Croquet or an old Staycation favourite, fishing at Marsh Farm. Kayaking run by the Go Godalming Canoe Club saw 94 people turning up to have a paddle! The Kumon Mathathon had a large number of people keen to test their mental maths skills and those who came to trip the light fantastic at the Wilfrid Noyce Tea Dance, hosted by the girls from Planet Dance really enjoyed the Cha Cha, quick step, foxtrot and waltzes. Godalming Youth Band encouraged youngsters to try a brass instrument at the bandstand and then gave a small concert on Thursday in the Park. Other activities at the Phillips Memorial Park included making hazel animals and witches broomsticks. Exciting new activities included anti-gravitational yoga, have a go at Morris Dancing, a master class in sign language and the culmination of the week saw the first ever Staycation Farncombe Family Fete, on 9th August at Canon Bowring's Field. A packed afternoon of Punch and Judy shows, free pony rides, entertainment, BRIO Train Fest and side shows run by Woolsack Rotary Club, Godalming Lions the RNLI and more resulted in a very relaxed afternoon of family fun. Councillor Andrew Wilson, Mayor of Godalming said "there was a fantastic atmosphere at Saturday afternoon's Staycation Farncombe Family Fete where everyone amongst the large number of attendees seemed to enjoy themselves. We will definitely repeat the event next year". The week long Staycation activities concluded with art workshops run by a professional artist. Godalming Town Council is grateful to the many local businesses, individuals and organisations who generously gave their time and energy to enable the community to be able to holiday at home.

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