



Godalming

Town Council

**Annual Report
2018-19**



MAYORAL REVIEW



I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for giving me the opportunity to serve Godalming as Mayor 2018/19. It has been a great privilege and honour and Jeanne and I have enjoyed meeting so many people in our community over the last year.

Many events stand out over the year, but first of all I wish to thank the Town Clerk and the Council's Staff for all their help, encouragement and advice given to us and I think that I have, in the main, followed their advice.

The year started off with the Town Show and procession to The Burys; this year it was in a 'Castle' much to some people's amusement and one grand-daughter's delight in riding and waving as the carnival moved through Godalming before enjoying the stalls and events on The Burys. This year was again a great success especially with the schools' and children's clubs and activity groups.

My Civic Service at Ladywell Convent was especially meaningful and many guests were kind with their remarks and I would like to thank the Sisters for their hospitality on this special day.

During the annual Staycation I think we managed to get around most of the events; I even found myself doing tai chi, which was an experience. We enjoyed the canoeing, but I was warned that if I fell in the chains must be saved first. I did not fall in, but it was clearly expected that I might.

It was so good and encouraging to see how our community works and how so many people get involved in Staycation activities.

The next major event was the Heritage Weekend which again was very busy. It was interesting visiting the local churches around Godalming, including Hambledon and Hascombe, and learning about their history and also going around Charterhouse and discovering more of its history. We made it a little late to Barrow Hills School, but the headmaster was kind enough to show us around on our own and again thanks to everyone involved in organising the Heritage Weekend, which is another great example of our community working together.

Visits to Broadwater and Rodborough Schools and seeing how they were planning for the future of our children was especially pleasing, the enthusiasm at both schools was palpable especially within the excellent drama production of Les Miserables that we were treated to.

Godalming in Bloom was very enjoyable although my allotment was not up to scratch and I had to explain that it was fallow this year due to my other duties! But at least on the odd Sunday when I was able to work the allotment I could enjoy the music coming from the Bandstand.

I also enjoyed the music at the Tilford Bach Society Conservatoire Concerts held at the Godalming Baptist Church, these are great community events for Godalming and the concerts were always full.

Another event which I will remember was addressing 30 Chinese students in the Chamber with Euan from our Chamber of Commerce and trying to explain how a Mayor is elected. Their questions were very much to the point and I don't think I have ever had more photos done at one time! I understand that this will continue to happen which is a good example of how we can show our best to the world.



MAYORAL REVIEW



As the autumn term began we attended King Edward's Admissions Day and later in the year also attended King Edward's events at St Brides and The Mansion House in London.

As a lead up to Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, we attended Guildford Cathedral and saw the poppies falling down on the outside in remembrance of the fallen. But this was nothing compared to the enormous pride I felt for our town as the community turned out in honour of their war dead. It was a solemn occasion, but I had a number of people thanking me for the event, but the thanks should be for all the hard work done by the Council's staff beforehand, our Parade Marshal, Major Hodgson, the service veterans, clergy, uniformed organisations, scouts and other youth groups and the many others from our community who attended on the day. It is very humbling taking the salute and thinking of the sacrifice made by so many.

In March, the Mayor's Quiz Night for charity at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre was filled to capacity and we made £1,128.22 which will be split between my two charities, which are The Baden Hall in Farncombe and Citizen's Advice Waverley.

Throughout the year we visited The Meath several times and took part in their Purple Day in Godalming and Guildford, The Meath is a great charity which we should all support.

Towards the end of my mayoralty year, I had another humbling experience when I was able to do, what only one previous Godalming Town Mayor has had the honour of doing, and that was to bestow the title of Freewoman of the Town of Godalming upon Mrs Zandie Caudle. Throughout this review you will see examples of the great work of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust.

Finally, I would like once again to thank all those many people in our community, who give up their time to support others and the many events and activities which make Godalming such a great place to live and work.

N. Williams

Councillor Nick Williams
Mayor of Godalming 2018/19

Floral Godalming



Re-opening of Boarden Bridge – 8 May 2018



Introduction – Godalming Town Council provides a range of services to the town’s residents including its flagship town centre venue the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Broadwater Park Community Centre in Farncombe and the town’s iconic Peppercot. It also funds the Godalming Museum, public toilets in Godalming and Farncombe, two cemeteries, sixteen acres of allotment sites, Floral Godalming flower displays in the town centre, Christmas Lights in Farncombe and Godalming retail centres and a range of festivals and markets. The Council also runs the Staycation holiday programme, the town’s fireworks display and annual Remembrance Parade and assists in the management of the monthly Farmers’ Markets. As well as supporting the Godalming Dementia Action Alliance, the Town Council also supports many events run by community organisations such as the St John’s Spring Fair, Sport Godalming’s Community Run, the Round Table’s Town Show, Staycation Live Music Festival and Churches Together’s Town Day, all of which help make Godalming such a vibrant community.

2018/19 saw Godalming Town Council continue to both manage its existing programme of community events and activities, whilst also working to develop new opportunities and facilities for the town. During the previous 12 months Godalming Town Council has achieved:

Efficient Delivery of Services – Having welcomed a new Facilities Supervisor to the staff team, Godalming Town Council continues to deliver services as efficiently and effectively as possible within its available resource.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) – Possibly not the most exciting achievement to include in the annual review, but nonetheless an important piece of work conducted over many months to ensure that Godalming Town Council, Godalming Joint Burial Committee and the Godalming Museum were ready for the implementation of the new data protection regulations on 25 May 2018.

Article 4 Direction – Godalming Town Council has consistently raised concerns about the changes in Permitted Development Rights that have allowed the conversion of office space to residential dwellings without the need to have it considered by the Local Planning Authority. Godalming Town Council, commissioned an impact study on the effect on both the employment sector and the local retail sector resulting from the loss of office-based employment in Godalming. The Council has presented this evidence to the Local Planning Authority requesting that an Article 4 Direction be imposed on the area surrounding the Godalming Railway Station to remove this automatic right. If this is accepted, an Article 4 Direction order would mean that any developer wishing to convert an office space to residential would have to make a planning application, which could then be considered by the local community and Planning Authority.

Localism – Godalming Town Council, along with the Waverley area Surrey Highways team, has worked with the County Councillors for Godalming North and Godalming South to identify some long standing issues relating to footpaths, alleyways, culverts and land drainage, which have concerned local residents. Being more local, Godalming Town Council has been able to undertake some of this work more effectively and at a lower cost than Surrey County Council, which, in turn, has meant that more areas of concern have been addressed. Godalming Town Council is delighted to be able



Blocked pipes caused flooding at Chalk Road

to report that such was the success of this localism partnership that it has been agreed to continue the partnership into 2019/20.



Repair of hand rails at Cliffe Rise

The Wilfrid Noyce Centre – The Wilfrid Noyce Centre has remained in the news, not only is it home to many of the town’s leading community organisations, it has also seen a wide range of entertainments through Eclectic Music Live productions who have showcased artists such as Lucky Peterson, Albert Lee, and Andy Fairweather-Low amongst others.

Re-opening of the Boarden Bridge – Working with Surrey County Council Countryside Access Team and Barnwood Carpentry, a Farncombe based specialist timber building contractor to complete this project, the Town Council was delighted to ask Mrs Caudle to officially re-open Boarden Bridge and re-establish the historic crossing over the River Wey. The ribbon was cut at 1.00pm on 8 May. The funding for the renovation project was kindly donated by The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust so it was indeed fitting that Mrs Caudle was the first Godalming resident to cross over the newly renovated bridge.



Floral Godalming – Godalming Town Council, supported by The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust, introduced Floral Godalming into the Town’s retail centre. Floral Godalming added interest and vibrancy to the town with colourful flowers and plants for everyone to enjoy from June through to October. The Town Council was delighted that, in this first year of Floral Godalming, it won the Gordon Devereux Rose Bowl for Civic Pride at Go Godalming’s Godalming in Bloom competition and the environmental category of the Godalming Trust’s Civic Design Awards 2018. The Town Council received many positive comments from residents and businesses alike. One local resident said “It brightens my day to see these magnificent flowers in our town” and a local business owner said “the planters, troughs and baskets have been a joy to see and have made Godalming beautiful”.

Godalming Museum – As the proud owners of one of the oldest buildings in Godalming, the Council continues to work with the Godalming Museum Trust to ensure the building remains a safe, welcoming location to house the town’s museum. The Town Council’s first full year of ownership of the building has seen the modernisation of the IT systems that not only provide for the visitor facing areas such as the library and archive records, but equally importantly the backroom functions and staff support systems. Additionally, in keeping with all other public buildings managed by Godalming Town Council, free public access Wi-Fi has been installed throughout the museum galleries and coffee shop.



In following its seven year maintenance and improvement plan for the museum, 2018 saw the Town Council upgrade the lighting and heating systems as part of the refurbishment of the Local History Gallery, install new emergency lighting throughout the building and renew significant parts of the museum's electrical systems.

Additionally, the Town Council, with support from Waverley Borough Council, has submitted a planning application to replace the existing means of escape staircase. The design of the replacement staircase, which it is hoped will be installed in 2019/20, will allow for the future provision of a disability accessible toilet at ground floor level.

Refurbishment of Public Conveniences – Having secured the future of the town centre and Farncombe village public toilets, Godalming Town Council has undertaken a programme of refurbishment of each of these facilities.

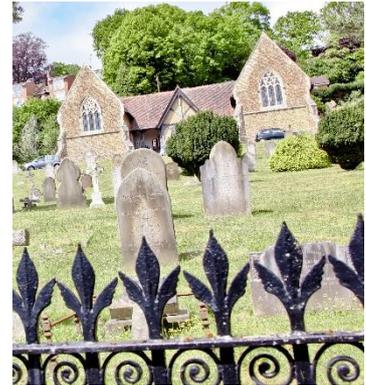
Memorial Garden – As part of the commemorations over the weekend of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, Councillor Nick Williams, Mayor of Godalming, officially opened the newly-created Memorial Garden at Nightingale Road Cemetery, which honours the 281 men from Godalming who died in the Great War, together with all those in the Godalming community who were affected by the war.



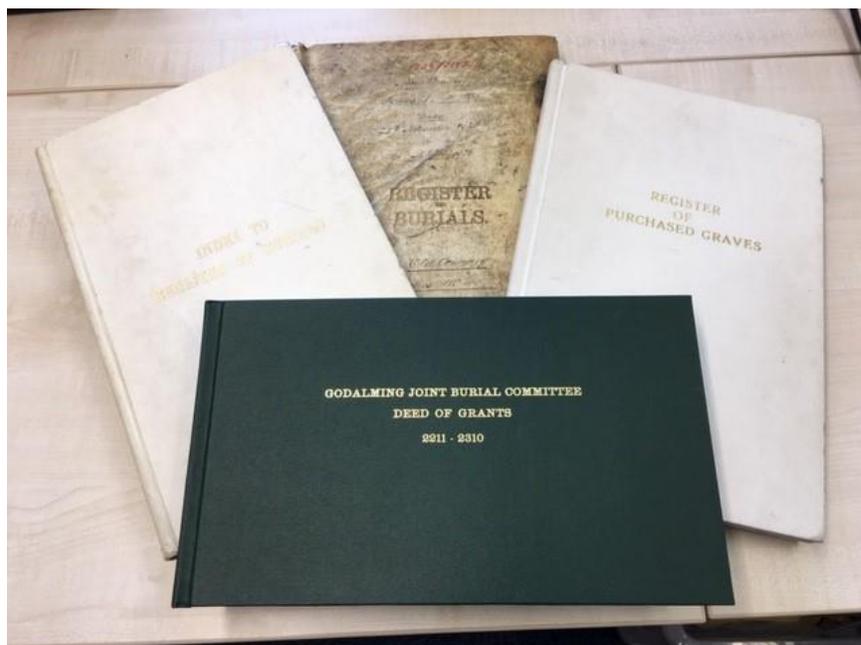
Work on the garden was been carried out over the summer months by the Godalming Joint Burial Committee to a design by Michele Clackson, who won a competition organised by the Go Godalming Association's Godalming in Bloom Committee. The garden design brief included the necessity to provide a garden of interest for visitors throughout the year and a space for peace, relaxation and contemplation. The Godalming Joint Burial Committee and the Town Council hope people will enjoy the peace and tranquillity within this garden.

Cemetery Management – In March 2019, the Council’s Support Services Team introduced a specialist Cemeteries Management Software that will not only link the cemetery records to the Council’s invoicing and accounting systems, but will also streamline the paperwork required to fulfil the Council’s duties to the Joint Burial Committee. The efficiency gains will give staff more time for the most important area of the Council’s bereavement service, the family, friends and relatives of the deceased.

Nightingale Cemetery – The Victorian Nightingale Cemetery has served the Godalming and Farncombe community for over 160 years, but space is now at a premium. To enable residents to continue to have a choice, the Burial Committee plan to use the latest mapping techniques to help identify unused capacity in the cemetery, which will allow burials to continue to take place in this beautiful and tranquil cemetery.



Safeguarding Burial Records – Some of the most important documents held by the Town Council and the Joint Burial Committee are Godalming’s burial records, which go right back to 1857 and the first burial in Nightingale Cemetery. To enable easier public access and inspection and to preserve these valuable but vulnerable source documents, all the burial records held by Godalming Town Council on behalf of the Joint Burial Committee have now been digitised. Investigations will be made to deposit the original documents with the Surrey History Centre.





Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan (GoFarNP) – Passes Examination –

Although, despite our best efforts, the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan will not be put to a referendum on 2 May to coincide with the Local Elections, Godalming Town Council is nonetheless pleased that, subject to some modifications, The Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan has successfully passed examination and has been recommended by the Independent Examiner to proceed to referendum. This takes the local community a step closer to having a greater say over the future of the area in which they live.

The Council were especially pleased to read the comments of the Independent Examiner, who commented that the plan “is a well prepared and laid out neighbourhood plan, which focuses on matters that have been identified as important to the local community...” he continued: “I must congratulate Godalming Town Council for preparing what is a locally distinct neighbourhood plan, which seeks to deliver on the expressed priorities of the residents of Godalming and Farncombe. The plan will provide a sound basis for dealing with planning applications in the parish over the next decade or so.”

The GoFarNP sets out policies to create a *‘balanced community’*. One of its principal aims is to accommodate growth and housing need, which strikes a balance between much needed housing (development) and the need to protect all the aspects and character of our neighbourhood that makes Godalming and Farncombe so special.

The Town Council would like to record its thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who worked on the Neighbourhood Plan, which has been a real community effort.

Staycation – Residents of Godalming were kept busy during Staycation week (4-12 August). Starting with the Staycation Live Music Festival on Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 August, visitors enjoyed the glorious weather whilst listening to some eclectic bands and performers down by the river.

Throughout Staycation week there were many new activities, as well as old favourites, for residents to enjoy. This year, three Street Dance classes were introduced and a new creative writing class held at The Pepperpot, which produced some sterling work. Children and adults learnt to play Bridge and other card games, there was a tree-planting workshop as well as a craft workshop making mini wooden beach huts from reclaimed materials and two Tai Chi classes. All through the week, residents could be found enjoying and learning new things including flower arranging demos, ukulele playing, learning to play a brass instrument, tennis, fun cookery classes, football, cricket, handbell ringing, tennis, fishing,

bowling, swimming and canoeing. A big success was the intergenerational afternoon where seniors and young people alike got together to play traditional games, enjoy cake, reminisce and hear a talk from a local resident about her WWII experiences.



Godalming Town Council is one of the few local councils in the UK to organise such an extensive Staycation programme for its residents. Over the last 9 years, the community has supported Staycation and this year was no exception.



Flood Alleviation Scheme – 2018 saw the start of the construction phase of the Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme. Godalming Town Council is a major contributor to this scheme, contributing both land for the scheme as well as a direct contribution of £25,000 and an ongoing maintenance commitment. Whilst the pilings were completed at the beginning of 2019, work continues on the cladding of the steel pilings, drainage and pumping stations and ultimately reinstatement of the allotments. Godalming Town Council would like to record its thanks to the Farncombe & District Allotment Association and in particular the allotment holders at Catteshall and Meadow allotments for their patience and forbearance during this significant disruption and disturbance of their normally tranquil and quiet pastime.

Farncombe Initiative – The Town Council continues to support the Farncombe Initiative, which has seen local residents identify and undertake improvement projects within the Farncombe area.

The Farncombe Initiative group has continued to meet on a regular basis and pursue a range of projects identified by local people as of benefit to the community. Its strength remains in its roots in the local community and the contribution of group members. The Initiative covers a wide range of work including expansion into the Binscombe area with improvement projects for the shopping area in Green Lane. Working with Waverley environmental officers on rubbish collection issues, the Farncombe Initiative organised litter picking events in the area.

The group has developed an excellent relationship with South West Trains who have provided the funding for environmental improvements at Farncombe station. In connection with this, the group is developing a station art project.



Green Lane before improvement project

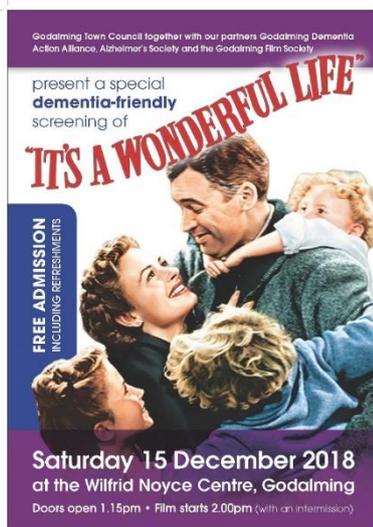


Green Lane after improvement project

Economic Development – Working with the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce, Godalming Town Council has helped to sustain the economic vibrancy of the primary retail area, through its support of farmers' markets, annual festivals and Christmas light displays. Additionally, Godalming Town Council has supported a feasibility study into the possibility of creating a Business Improvement District, the outcome of which should be known later in the year.

Grants – The Town Council provided grants to community organisations and projects totalling £57,598.40 (see section on grants on page 26). The largest of the grant awards being made to Citizen’s Advice Waverley (CAW).

Dementia Friendly Godalming – A visit to the cinema for those living with dementia can be a challenging experience. People affected by dementia often have to give up the things they love due to inaccessible and unsupportive environments, this can include visiting the cinema. By allowing people living with dementia to continue to see films, cinemas have an important part to play in tackling the social impact of dementia.



As part of Godalming Town Council's work towards achieving a dementia friendly community, it formed a partnership with Godalming Dementia Action Alliance, Alzheimer's Society and the Godalming Film Society to pilot a free dementia-friendly screening of "It's A Wonderful Life", which was shown just before Christmas at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Godalming. The screening allowed people living with dementia to chance to enjoy a film in a relaxed friendly environment.

Pepperpot Refurbishment - Although Godalming can trace its market roots back to 1563, it wasn't until the 15th Century when a market hall was built on what is now the site of The Pepperpot. Used as a Court House and a prison, it also importantly held the town clock.

This ancient building was replaced in 1814 with the only surviving part of the original building being the bell, which even today still rings the hour. The bell cupola gave the building its distinctive shape and created its nickname. Being an "impediment to traffic, The Pepperpot avoided the 1913 attempt to have it demolished. Having survived, it continued to be the focal point of important civic proclamations such as the deaths, coronations and Jubilee's of our Monarchs and declarations of war and peace.



With the Council having moved out of The Pepperpot to the Borough Hall in 1910, it needed a new lease of life and in 1921 The Pepperpot not only became the first home of the

Godalming Museum but also the location of the first *female* public conveniences in Godalming. Although the exterior of The Pepperpot was restored in 2010 to its iconic pink colour, the interior had been in slow decline since the museum relocated in the mid 1980's.

Just as the public rescued the old market hall in 1814, The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust has rescued The Pepperpot in 2019. Through the kind generosity of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust, the Town Council, who own The Pepperpot, has been able to undertake an extensive refurbishment of the interior rooms to provide a centrally located modern meeting and training room. The Pepperpot now provides an affordable option to meet the needs of the local SME business community who may not have their own facilities to host meetings, interviews or training events.



In homage to its former occupants, The Pepperpot will also provide a safe environment to enhance the education provision of school groups visiting the Godalming Museum or holding field trips in the town. The new lease of life for The Pepperpot meeting room, along with the ever-friendly greengrocer in the Undercroft, means The Pepperpot is once again not only the iconic symbol of the town but also a community hub.



THANK YOU

Godalming Town Council wishes to thank the many wonderful organisations, individuals and volunteers who give freely of their resources to the Council and their community.



Music in The Park
Godalming
2018



GODALMING GOOD NEIGHBOURS





Godalming in Bloom 2018 – Floral
Godalming, Winner of the Gordon Devereux
Rose Bowl for Civic Pride

The Godalming Trust Civic Design Awards 2018 – Floral Godalming and the Broaden Bridge Community Planting – Winner of the Environmental improvements category



The Godalming Trust Civic Design Awards 2018 – Oglethorpe Hall at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre – Winner of the Community category

Waverley Design Awards 2019 – Although Godalming Town Council has always believed the Wilfrid Noyce Centre to be the jewel of its community venues, it was extremely pleasing for it to be recognised at the Waverley Design Awards 2019. Whilst being commended in the community buildings category was praise indeed, the fact that the residents of Waverley Borough voted the Wilfrid Noyce as the People's Choice for Design was especially pleasing.





GODALMING REMEMBERS

Remembrance Day – After 100 years Godalming has finally honoured all those from the town who fell during 20th century conflicts. Strange as it might seem Godalming did not have a central war memorial that honoured all those from the town that had died in the service of the country. However, on Sunday, 11 November 2018, that omission was finally rectified.

Godalming’s Remembrance Day started with the Town Mayor, Councillors, Clergy and other dignitaries, joining with representatives of the armed forces, service veterans, the emergency services, cadet forces, scouts, guides and other youth organisations in a solemn procession, led by Godalming Band, through Godalming to the Parish Church for a Service of Remembrance to mark the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. As part of the service Captain Chris Cook Royal Navy extinguished the Godalming vigil light, which was lit in a WW1 trench lantern on 4 August 2014 and had been kept alight in the Parish Church for the 51 months since as a mark of respect to those from Godalming who served in the Great War. On completion of the church service over 1,500 residents gathered at the War Memorial in the Phillips Memorial Ground where the Rector of Godalming, the Reverend Jane Vlach led the Act of Remembrance to the fallen of the town.





GODALMING REMEMBERS



Mr Mike Slocombe (Left) of Godalming Woolsack Rotary Club and Mr Clive Graham of Godalming Rotary Club laying wreaths on 11 November 2018 on behalf of their organisations

Godalming War Memorial – During the service, four new memorial plaques, which commemorate the names of 281 Godhelmians who died during the First World War along with one Godhelmian who died in during the Korean War, were dedicated to their everlasting memory. The new plaques were installed next to the existing plaque naming those from the town who died during WW2. This means that, for the first time ever, Godalming's War Memorial records the names of all those from the town who died serving their country during 20th century conflicts in one place.



Godalming War Memorial

The original stone cross above was dedicated in 1921 to those from the town who had fallen in the service of the country during 'The Great War'.

The names of those who fell in the Second World War were added to the memorial wall by Godalming Town Council to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1939-1945 war.

On the centenary of the Armistice, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 2018, Godalming commemorated, for the first time on one memorial, all those from the town who fell in 20th century conflicts.

The installation of the stone tablets bearing the names of those who fell in the 1914-18 and Korean wars was made possible by support from Godalming Town Council, public subscription and the kind generosity of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust.



GODALMING REMEMBERS

The plaques were funded by the kind generosity of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust. Mrs Zadie Caudle, widow of the late Peter Caudle said “Although born just a few years after the First World War, my late husband Peter, a lifelong Godhelmian, grew up surrounded by many of the Godalming families who lost fathers and sons during that terrible war. There are now very few of us left who still remember grandfathers who served during the First World War, not that it was called that then, and even fewer left whose fathers served in that war. We are the last generation who have a living memory to link us with those young men who served and died and I know that Peter would be extremely pleased that at long last we will have a fitting memorial to their memory located in the Phillips Memorial Park near his beloved Church Street.”





GODALMING REMEMBERS

Major Graham Hodgson MBE – Whilst Major Graham has been previously recognised by the Town and indeed, possibly more importantly, by Her Majesty the Queen, for his outstanding contribution to our community, this year Godalming Town Council felt it appropriate to make a special mention in the Town's Annual Report, of Graham's service to the Town's annual Remembrance Day parade.



It is no exaggeration to say that, despite all that he does for our community, Graham is probably best known to Godhelmians as Major Hodgson, the Parade Marshal of the town's Remembrance Day Parade and Act of Remembrance, a role he has proudly carried out for the last 28 years (missing only 1 due to ill health).

So it is with great reluctance, but with heartfelt thanks for all he has done for the town, that, following the poignant and moving 2018 Remembrance Day Parade, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice and the unveiling of the new Godalming War Memorial, the Town Council has accepted Graham's decision that the Parade Marshal's baton should be passed to the next generation.



TITLE OF DIGNITY

On the 28 March 2019, Members of Godalming Town Council were delighted to confirm the title of **Honorary Freewoman of the Town of Godalming** upon Mrs Zadie Caudle for her generosity and services to Godalming, its residents, and the natural and built environment. As such she joins Mr John Young, Honorary Freeman of the Town of Godalming in being recognised with the Council's highest title of dignity.



The citation supporting Zadie's nomination is reproduced below.

"Mrs Zadie Caudle has resided in Godalming for many, many years, and along with her late husband Peter, has played an active part in the life of Godalming. The town and villages have gone through many changes, yet the town has retained its identity and inherent history to which Peter and Zadie have contributed in many different ways.

Peter and Zadie, throughout their lives, worked together to preserve the historic heart of the town, not only by ensuring that Church Street's historic buildings are maintained to the highest standard, but also by nurturing new and small independent businesses. As a leading opponent to the demolition of significant parts of Church Street for the construction of a relief road in the 1970's, which led to the creation of the original Town Centre Conservation Area, Zadie has continued to work for the protection of the towns historic character.



TITLE OF DIGNITY

Although a private person, who does not seek the limelight, Zadie does have a deep love of Godalming and its people, which through her philanthropic ethos has been of inestimable benefit to local organisations and community groups over the years and with the sad departing of Peter, and despite her loss, Zadie has unstintingly carried on, and built upon this long commitment to 'their' town where they enjoyed their life together. As part of her commitment to the town, Zadie created The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust, which has supported many town initiatives that have or will provide benefit to the community for many years to come.

These initiatives include –

- the reinstatement of the historic Boarden Bridge; once the only access across the River Wey, which had deteriorated to the point that it had to be closed for public safety (without Zadie's support it is unlikely Boarden Bridge would have ever been restored for public use);
- as one of the last generation with a direct memory of those who fought in the Great War, Zadie supported the dedication of the 'New' 'Godalming War Memorial, which for the first time commemorates all those from the town who died in 20th century conflicts;
- beautification of the town centre by being instrumental in the creation and design of Floral Godalming and providing the required infrastructure to launch the scheme;
- supporting the patient reception area of the Mill Medical practice;
- supporting The Burys Scout HQ to create an outside learning centre;
- supporting the internal refurbishment of the historic and iconic Peppercot.
- supporting improvements to the communal facilities at Broadwater Park Community Centre;
- providing a public bench for people to enjoy the beauty of Church Street and heritage bollards to protect the listed iron stones;
- the provision of a state of the art kitchen in the newly refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre and retractable tiered seating, which now provides a much sought after and popular modern community facility;
- supporting the renovation of the Cellar Café.

Zadie's love of the town, in which she met and married her husband, shines out in every conversation and she has, by her actions, kept Peter's memory alive and does so with such grace.

Zadie Caudle has more than demonstrated her outstanding commitment to the wellbeing of the town and its residents, and has without doubt, made an exceptional personal contribution to the promotion, achievement and delivery of community services.

Zadie Caudle should be honoured by the Town in her own right, though of course any honour, and Zadie would want it thus, will also encompass the memory of her beloved husband, Peter Caudle."



TITLE OF DIGNITY



Mr John Young, Honorary Freeman of the Town of Godalming with Mrs Zadie Caudle, Honorary Freewoman of the Town of Godalming – Seated on the heritage bench, dedicated to the memory of the late Peter Caudle, located on the ironstones by the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

April 2019

Review of Progress and Achievements – November 2018 marked the centenary of the end of the First World War. Guest Curators Hilary Underwood and Andy Jeffery created an exhibition “Remembering the First World War”, which was on display in the museum in September and October and in the Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre for Remembrance Day. Andy Jeffery’s month-by-month history of Godalming and Farncombe during the First World War, based on archives in Godalming Museum and the Surrey History Centre was on display during the exhibition and continues to be available in the Museum’s local studies library, along with the updated Borough Roll of Honour.



In September, the Museum took its exhibition on Witley Camp and some of the artefacts excavated from the First World War camp rubbish dump to the unveiling of a new memorial on Witley Common to the Canadian soldiers who served there in both World Wars. This exhibition was on show again for Heritage Weekend at the former Stoughton Barracks in Guildford. The Museum also worked with Godalming Junior School to deliver presentations and workshops during its Remembrance Week.

The Museum celebrated the peace with Godalming’s twin towns Joigny and Mayen, by hosting an art exhibition on the theme of light, featuring work by artists from all three towns. The exhibition opened in Joigny, came to Godalming in January and went on to Mayen.

2018 also marked the centenary of women gaining the vote. In April the Museum welcomed Denise Jones and her “Here, Hear” public embroidery project inspired by the embroideries

GODALMING MUSEUM

created by suffragettes in Holloway prison. Over the summer, the Museum lent the banner designed by Gertrude Jekyll for the Godalming branch of the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies to the National Trust's "Gardening Women" exhibition at Sissinghurst. The Museum also supported the Surrey History Centre's "March of the Women" project, recording and telling the story of the campaign for the vote in Surrey.

Another loan from the collection was to Waverley Borough Council. The Godalming Museum Trust conserved and framed a watercolour of HMS Hambledon by Lt-Colonel T H L Speight DSO, accessioned into the collection in the 1980s, and lent it to Waverley Borough Council to hang beside a plaque commemorating Hambledon's adoption of HMS Hambledon during War Week in 1942.

A highlight of the year was the start of the work on the new local history galleries at the Museum. This was made possible by a grant from Waverley Borough Council, generous donations from private individuals, a substantial sum from the Museum Trust's reserve funds and by Godalming Town Council undertaking to upgrade the heating and lighting. The new galleries consist of:-

- a knitting workshop;
- a Victorian/Edwardian kitchen;
- visible storage for the Museum's social history collection; and
- space for changing exhibitions.



Mr John Young in the new knitting workshop at Godalming Museum

The galleries have been designed by Barry Mazur and the work is being directed, with his usual skill and meticulous attention to detail, by our volunteer Building Manager, John Young – Honorary Freeman of the Town of Godalming.

Education – 324 school children visited the Museum in 12 groups. A further 600 children enjoyed workshops in schools. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated work of the Museum's Education Volunteer who led sessions on Jack Phillips and the Titanic and on Gertrude Jekyll (in costume). An estimated 820 students made use of the Museum's loan boxes, ranging from children in reception classes to students on teacher training at Roehampton University. Comments from students and teachers have included:-

"We were so happy when we arrived. We were patient and careful. We found a flint and a piece of pottery and a Roman coin. It was amazing!"

"Thank you Anne for teaching us about Gertrude Jekyll. We have loved using the Puss in Boots costumes and the Cats' Tea Party basket."

"We cannot thank you enough for the fantastic workshops you ran during our Remembrance Week. The children were both fascinated and moved by the story of Arthur and they really enjoyed being up close to the artefacts."

The Museum has also provided work experience for students at school and at university and volunteering opportunities for young people working towards their bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Volunteers – The Museum depends on, and is deeply grateful for, the hard work and good will of its team of 70 volunteers who generously give their time and expertise to facilitate the practical day-to-day operation of the Museum, to develop and deliver its services and to keep it financially viable.

Visitors and Service Users – The Museum counted 16,558 service users in 2018-19.

Comments from visitors this year have included:-

“I love the photos and totally adore the courtyard garden with the stunning Annabelle Hydrangeas” (visitor from Bognor Regis)

“A wonderful day in Godalming following a family history trail – my grandmother emigrated to Melbourne, then Sydney from Godalming in 1869” (visitor from Canberra, Australia)

“It has been an incredible day at the museum. Extremely child friendly and I wish we would have this in London. Presented beautifully. It was so nice and the staff were excellent. Thank you” (visitor from London)

“We had wonderful genealogical help from Paula. We loved the museum!” (visitor from Kansas, USA)

“Wonderful historical records and most helpful team in the local history library who went out of their way to assist my research. Thank you” (visitor from Sydney, Australia)

“This is an amazing resource. We stumbled upon it on the High Street and were really impressed with the variety of exhibitions, café and provision for different ages. So much thought has gone into this place. Well done! Fantastic!” (visitor from Sussex)

“Thank you for such a wonderful exhibition of the First World War. I have found 4 family members names in your Roll of Honour and I have learned a lot today. Your staff are so friendly and helpful too.” (visitor from Godalming)

In conclusion, Godalming Town Council wishes to thank The Godalming Museum Trust along with Waverley Borough Council, the Friends and Patrons of the Museum, the splendid army of volunteers and other supporters whose ongoing help makes the provision of a museum service for Godalming and the surrounding area possible.

As stated earlier in the report, Godalming Town Council has supported a wide range of organisations in the town with grant aid totalling £57,598.40. This is an important part of the Town Council's work recognising the huge contribution that these organisations make to the quality of life in our community.

In 2018/19 the largest of these grants was to the Citizens Advice Waverley (CAW) to ensure the continued provision of a CAW service in Godalming. This Council has provided a significant grant to the CAW for more than a decade.

As well as monetary grants, a number of organisations were also given grant aid in the form of free use of one of the Town Council's buildings for meetings or to facilitate an event (those grants are included below and a cash value put on the grant so that the support is properly accounted for).

One-off grants in 2018/19 included payments to Farncombe Day Centre to assist with the running of its minibus, which is a vital lifeline for the many elderly residents who use it. The Baden Hall in Tottenham Road was also supported with a grant of £4,750 towards the costs of replacing a failing boiler and central heating system at Baden Hall - the Headquarters for the scouting and guiding community of 1st Farncombe. The grant from the Town Council meant that the work needed to provide a much needed warm and safe environment for the enjoyment of all users, especially the very young who start Beavers at age six, could be carried out much earlier than planned.

Below is a full list of all grants awarded by Godalming Town Council in the financial year 2018/19.

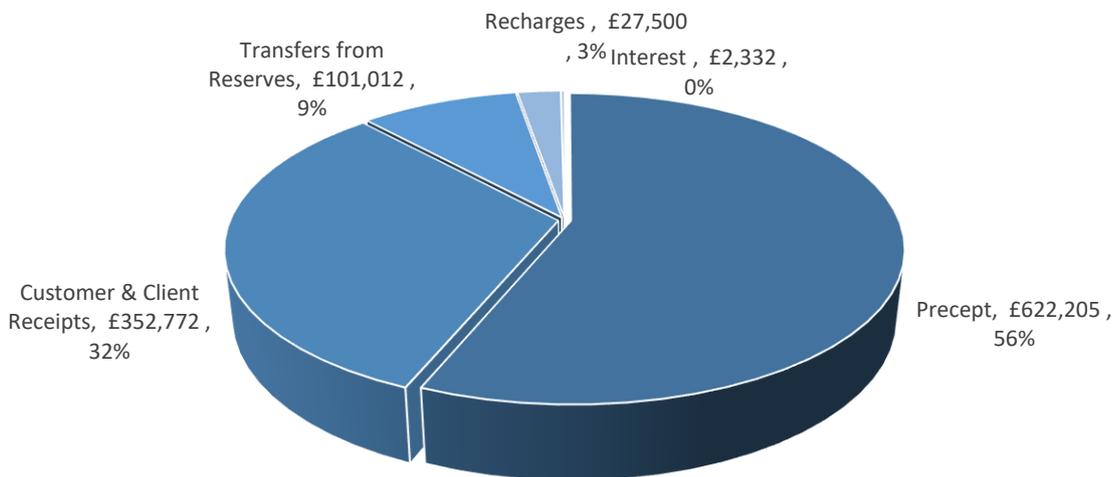
Citizens Advice Waverley	28,000.00
Farncombe Day Centre	4,953.00
Kids Out	500.00
St Peter & St Paul Parish Church	2,925.00
Surrey Youth Focus	1,500.00
Waverley Hoppa Community Transport	5,000.00
Farncombe & District Allotment Association (Grant Aid in Kind (GAiK))	28.00
Godalming & District Community First Responders (GAiK)	126.00
Godalming Cycle Campaign (GAiK)	168.00
Go Godalming Association (GAiK)	42.00
Go Godalming Association (GAiK)	86.00
The Clockhouse	1,000.00
Green Oak School	90.00
Boarden Bridge Community Planting (£500 Granted, only £392.40 spent)	392.40
The Cellar Café	825.00
Godalming Good Neighbours	2,000.00
Safe Drive, Stay Alive	500.00
Waverley Borough Council	300.00
Home Start in Waverley	1,163.00
The Baden Hall Management Trust	4,750.00
Dementia Friendly Godalming/Godalming Film Society/GTC	500.00
The Wharf	470.00
1254 (Godalming) Air Training Corps	2,280.00
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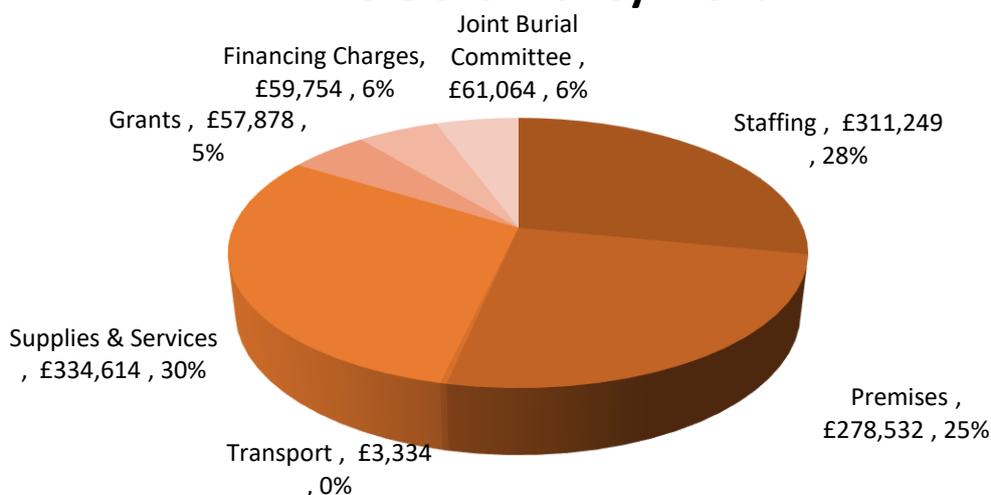
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Below is a summary of how the Council's budget (including overheads) was spent in 2018/19. Note that these figures are based on the most up to date actual figures available at the time of writing, but that they may be subject to change because the 2018/19 accounts have not yet been finalised.

Where the Money Came From



Where the Money Went



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