



Godalming Town Council NEWS

- Autumn 2015 -

Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre

Many residents will have noticed the work currently being undertaken on the Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre. We hope you've found the time to read our information boards at the site. At the time of writing (5 August 2015) all work is progressing well and on budget.

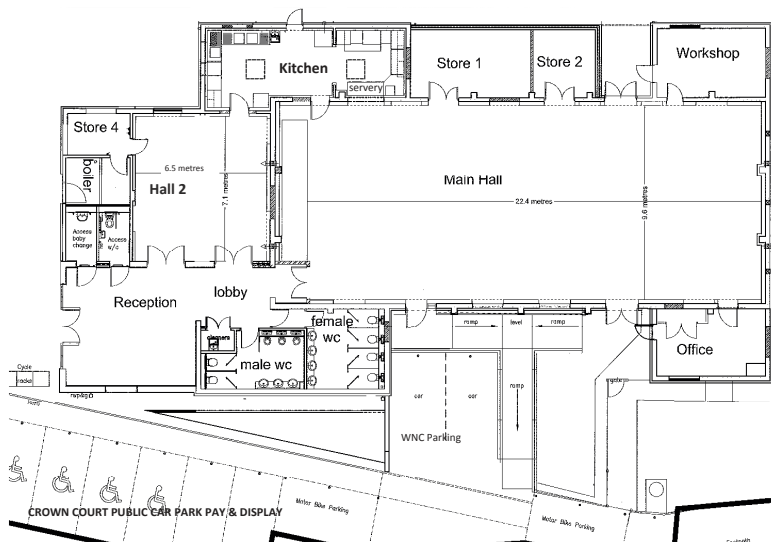


timbers above the "Wilfie's" internal barrel ceiling. To be honest no-one was quite sure what we would find when the ceiling was removed but the uncovered timbers (pictured) are dry and sound. Sadly they will be covered again as the work continues.

The Town Council's appointed contractors Gee Construction Limited have already transformed the building and some of us have been privileged to have the opportunity to admire the remarkable roof

When the refurbished Centre is complete (hopefully by early November) there will be two refurbished halls, new lavatories, an extended foyer, a newly equipped kitchen and more useable storage space.

Floor Plan of the Refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre



Photos by Phil Kemp. www.theshutterbox.co.uk



Staycation

As we go to press we are in the midst of Staycation 2015 and it's a challenge to apply fingers to keyboard when we would prefer to be out supporting all the fantastic organisations and volunteers providing myriad activities to enable Godalming's residents to holiday at home.



Did you learn how to dowse or make Eton Mess or decorated sushi? Did you experience the tranquillity of Ladywell Convent or the Quaker Meeting House? The list of events amounts to more than 70 great reasons to have stayed at home for that summer week.

We hope that you enjoyed some of what was on offer – Staycation Live the free weekend music festival at the bandstand; the Farncombe Family Fete on “chippy” field, golf, tennis, croquet, netball, karate, swimming, kayaking, music, dance and organised walks.

We would love to hear your feedback and your suggestions for events for next year (contact us at office@godalming-tc.gov.uk).

Staycation 2016 will be held from Saturday 6 August to Sunday 14 August 2016 inclusive.

Town dates for your diary

- **Proms in the Park** – Godalming Bandstand 5pm on Saturday 12 September 2015 with The Heroes Band supporting Help for Heroes
- **West Surrey at War** - the Burys Field 1pm to 4.30pm on Saturday 12 & 12noon to 3pm on Sunday 13 September 2015
- **Heritage Open Days** – at venues all over the town and surrounding areas Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September 2015
- **Farmers' Market** –Godalming High Street 10 am on Saturday 26 September 2015
- **Remembrance Sunday** – Parade departs The Bury's at 10.25am, marching to the War Memorial (Phillips Memorial Park) for a service of Remembrance at 10.45am on Sunday 8 November 2015
- **Christmas Festival & Light Switch-On** – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday 28 November 2015 (Lights Switched-On at 5pm)

First World War Commemorations

One of the most important things we considered when planning town commemorations of the First World War was to avoid a flurry of activity in August 2014 followed by a second series of events in November 2018. The “Great War” was a long drawn-out affair which irrevocably changed society both nationally and locally; we wanted to reflect that.

We are grateful to Godalming Museum for providing monthly information about the impact of the war on Godalming and Farncombe. This information may be read every month on the town's two commemorative boards – one in the Undercroft of The Pepperpot and the other out-

side Farncombe Day Centre (St John's Street). The commemorative board is pictured right.

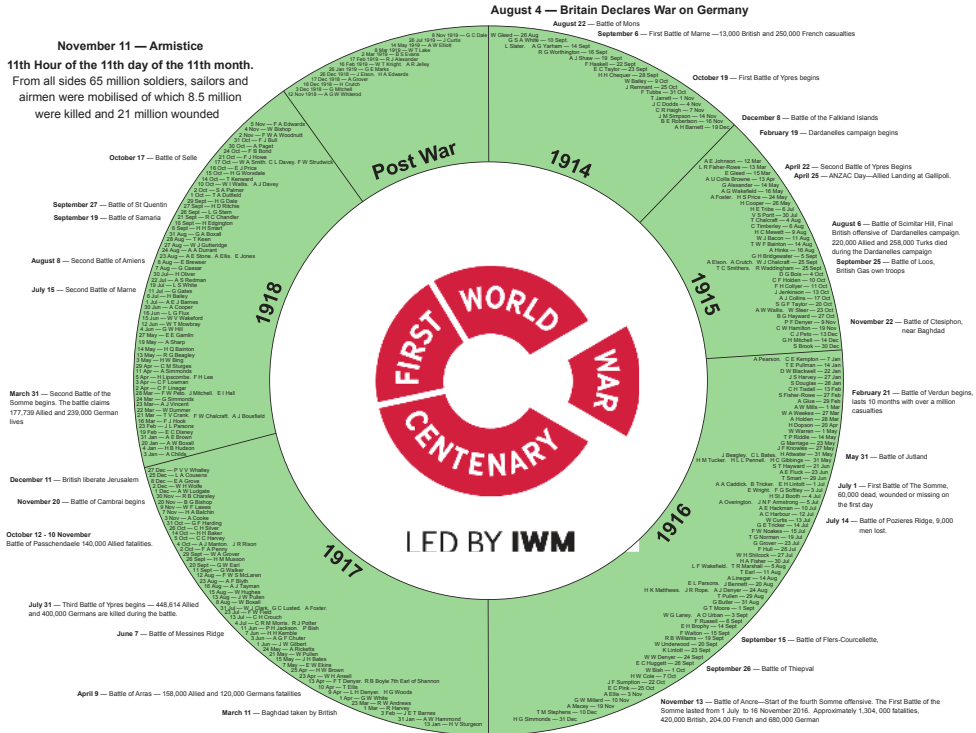
September 2015 marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Loos (25 September to 10 October 1915) during which a number of the community's sons died. This month Godalming Town Council will be supporting Waverley Borough Council's event “West Surrey's War 1914 – 18” to be held on the Burys Field, Godalming on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September 2015.

In 2016 we hope to commemorate the Royal Navy's role in the tragic conflict and focus on the Battle of Jutland (31 May to 1 June 1916).



Godalming Commemorates

Shown below, in chronological order, are some of the main events of the First World War with the 281 names of those recorded as fatalities in the Godalming 'Roll of Honour' and (where different) the Memorial Plaques of St Peter & St Paul Church, Godalming, St John the Evangelist Church, Farncombe, Godalming United Church, Busbridge Church (formerly St John the Baptist), Godalming Fire Station and the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Also recorded are those who died post 11 November 1918 as a direct result of injuries received during the war. In 1919 when the 'Roll of Honour' was being created by Nora Easterbrook, a student from the Godalming School of Art, she did not have access to the records we can use today, which is why there are more names shown here than in the 'Roll of Honour'. Each month Godalming Museum will display below some further details of those who died and how Godalming was affected by the War.



The names listed below are those who are remembered in either the Godalming Roll of Honour or on the town's Memorial Plaques, but for whom the date of death has not been discovered. If you can help with information on any of those listed below or you know of a Godalmingian who died during the First World War who is not listed here please do let us know.

- Henry Barker. Frederick J Brown. Henry C Clarke. Daniel Robertson. G T Thomas. H F Thompson. Frederick WA Woodford



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Picture of Godalming High street at outbreak of war

The First World War Centenary Partnership Programme is led by the Imperial War Museum (IWM)

GODALMING MUSEUM



Godalming Town Council wishes to thank the curator and volunteers of Godalming Museum for the support provided to this First World War Centenary Project.

The Museum is open Tue-Sat
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