



Godalming
Town Council

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Godalming Town Council is delighted to announce that it has a new website. Still a valuable source of information about the Council, our new

site has a cleaner, crisper look and importantly works well on smartphones and other portable devices. If you want you will be able to access the site when you are on the go.

We have a lot of information on the site. Much of it is data that we have a legal obligation to make public to ensure that our decisions and actions are as transparent as possible. We are accountable to you, so you will be able to find the agendas and minutes of our meetings; details of our budgets and expenditure; who your Town Councillors are and how to contact them. The site also has details of the services that we offer and how to contact the Council office and staff.

We also want to make the website a mine of useful information about our community. There is a section called "Discover Godalming" that we know would benefit from more data. We would welcome your suggestions about anything else we should include.

We also need information about your events – details of how to submit these are available on the website. We should be grateful if you would make time to take a look at our website and let us have your comments by completing the "Contact" form on the website (towards the top right corner on your computer screen).

A Neighbourhood Plan for Godalming & Farncombe



Things are moving fast on the Neighbourhood Plan front. With the recent publication of Waverley Borough Council's draft Local Plan, Godalming & Farncombe's Neighbourhood Plan volunteers are drawing their evidence together and drafting the plan for our community. Don't forget that if you want to respond to Waverley's draft then you must respond to Waverley and do so soon – check their website for details.

The Neighbourhood Plan has to plan for whatever housing numbers Waverley says our community should accommodate – if those numbers change then the Neighbourhood Plan will realign in response to that. What is emerging from the neighbourhood plan process is that rather than argue about numbers we want to influence the size and type of housing that is built in Godalming and to work on ways of improving the movement of traffic around our community.

Watch this space – we will have more information for you in our December newsletter.

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

Godalming Musical Firework Extravaganza

Friday, 4 November

'Music of the Movies'

After many years of dedicated work, the Godalming & Villages Lions have retired from organising the town's annual bonfire. On behalf of the community, Godalming Town Council would like to thank the Lions for so many years of enjoyment.

Friday, 4 November will now see a new and exciting firework event for Godalming (but no bonfire). The Rotary Clubs of Godalming, the Round Table and the 41 Club, along with Godalming Town Council, supported by Waverley Borough Council, are delighted to host a great family fun event with a torch-lit procession, funfair and fireworks. Plus hotdogs and burgers, candyfloss, mulled wine, a beer tent, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will all be available to purchase on the night.

The firework and funfair site will open at 6.30pm and the firework display will be set off at 8pm. Why not be-

gin the evening by taking part in the torch-lit procession? The procession starts from the bottom of Church Street. Torches will be available to buy from 6.30pm and at 7.15pm, the procession will set off via the High Street, for the Bursys. Once the procession arrives at The Bursys the fireworks will dance to the 'music of the movies'. The only place to see and hear all the firework show will be on The Bursys field.

This will be a great evening by the community for the community. Only those on The Bursys field will be able to see the fireworks 'dancing to the music'. Tickets are limited and are available for purchase in advance at www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/fireworks or <https://godalmingfireworks.eventbrite.co.uk> Great value Family tickets at £15.00 are available for two adults and up to three children under 16 years old, which will give you entry to the fireworks and funfair and to take



part in the torch-lit procession. Just print out your ticket and bring it to Crown Court to get your entry wristbands then either take a stroll to join the procession in Church Street or enjoy the fun of the fair by The Burys field.

Individual Adult tickets £6.40, children's (under 16 years old) tickets £3.50 are also available. Child ticket holders must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder.

We need your support to make this event a success. Profits from the event will help Godalming Rotary Clubs and Godalming Round Table continue assisting local charities and good causes.

Entry and exit from Crown Court Car Park will be limited between 7.45 and 8.30pm; other car parks are available throughout the town (Waverley Borough car parks are free after 6.30pm), but the best way to travel is by foot!

Ticket holders who have mobility or other special requirements are requested to contact the Town Council prior to the 4 November to discuss access arrangements.



Other town dates for your diary

- **Proms in the Park** – Godalming Bandstand 5pm on Saturday, 10 September with The Massed Band of Farnham and Haslemere & Farnham Corps of Drums
- **Heritage Open Days** - at venues all over the town and surrounding areas Saturday, 10 & Sunday, 11 September
- **Farmers' Market** - Godalming High Street 10am on Saturday, 24 September and again on Saturday, 29 October
- **Remembrance Sunday** - Parade departs The Burys at 10.25am, marching to the War Memorial (Phillips Memorial Park) for a service of Remembrance at 10.45am on Sunday 13, November
- **Christmas Festival & Lights Switch-On** - Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 26 November (Lights switched-on at 5pm)
- **Town Day including Blessing of the Crib & Town Carol Service** – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 10 December (Blessing of the Crib at The Pepperpot at 3.30pm, Carol Service at Ss Peter & Paul Church at 4.00pm)

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100 FREE
Procession Torches
 courtesy of VantagePoint

One hundred special VantagePoint Family Tickets will be available to purchase from 1st September. Limited availability, buy now!

Just select Vantage Point Family Ticket at <https://godalmingfireworks.eventbrite.co.uk> and you will get a FREE procession torch included in your ticket price.

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Milford Horticulture Society
Tuesday 27th September 8pm

At the next meeting in Milford Village Hall, they will be joined by Paulo Arrigo of Franchi Seeds whose talk is entitled 'Italy from seed to plate'. This looks like an unusual evening of seeds, vegetable recommendations, recipes and accordion music! Do go along and join them. Talks are free for members and non-members and guests are very welcome to attend for a fee of £1 payable at the door. For more information on Milford Horticultural Society, its talks, visits and shows check the website www.milfordhortsociety.org.uk or contact Hilary Potter on 01483 415710 or email potters38@hotmail.com.

Cranleigh Decorative & Fine Arts Society
Wednesday 28th September 2pm & 7.30pm

The well known food historian and TV presenter, Annie Gray, will talk to the Society at Cranleigh Arts Centre. The Subject is 'To Please the Palate - Charm in the Eye - 400 years of Ephemeral Art'. Cranleigh DFAS meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month (except August & December) at the Cranleigh Arts Centre. Guests are welcome for a voluntary donation of £5. Membership information is available on their website www.cranleighdfas.org.

Julian Lewry Music
Wednesday 28th September

Jane Siberry will be at St. John's Church in Farncombe. Iconic and enigmatic, Jane is one of the world's most unique and gifted singer-songwriters and they are delighted to welcome her back to Farncombe to perform tracks from her wonderful current album 'Ulysses' Purse together with her other classics. Tickets are £16 in advance, £19 on the door. Then on Friday 30th September, there's something a little different. Do you remember Jake Thackray? He was always on TV way back with brilliantly clever songs. Well, Jake Thackray's biographer, John Watterson, presents 'An Audience without Jake Thackray' at St. John's Church, Farncombe. Jake was one of the finest songwriters of the 20th century and this show features old favourites - Sister Josephine, The Bantam Cock and The Widow of Bridlington - all mixed in with anecdotes about Jake. Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on the door. For tickets and more information, go to www.julianlewrymusic.com / www.facebook.com/farncombemusicclub. You can also call 01483 421520 or 07769 592452.

Les Amitiés Françaises
Thursday 29th September

They meet for a fascinating programme of lectures at the Baptist Church Hall, Queen Street, Godalming and their first presentation this season is on L'Affaire Dreyfus. The scandal scarred the French national conscience. Indeed, only last June, there was a question on this subject on the Baccalauréat. For more information on the French circle, visit the website, www.amitiesfrancaises.com. Pick up a brochure in any library or contact John Petty (john.petty@which.net). New members are welcome and are sure to meet people who have lived in France

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