



Godalming Town Council **NEWS**



- Spring 2016 -

A New Look for an Old Friend – the new Wilfrid Noyce Centre

Refurbishment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre is finally complete and will be officially opened by the Mayor, Councillor Anne Bott, on Saturday 12 March in the presence of members of the Noyce Family.

The centre will continue to provide a home for many of the town's community groups, including theatre groups, a choir, soft play, pilates, dance and much more. It will also provide a good value venue for your important event – that special party or wedding reception.

If you would like more information on the Wilfrid Noyce Centre as a venue please contact us on 01483 523575 or email office@godalming-tc.gov.uk.



Top photos by Phil Kemp (www.theshutterbox.co.uk)



Neighbourhood Plan Exhibition



From 22 March to 16 April 2016 there will be a Neighbourhood Plan exhibition at Godalming Museum (109a High Street, Godalming, GU7 1AQ). The exhibition will explain the Neighbourhood Planning process in general and the specific work that has been done so far by the team working on the Neighbourhood Plan for Godalming and Farncombe.

We will outline the findings of our questionnaire to all households and share some of the possible options for inclusion in the Plan. Most importantly we will be giving you the opportunity to have your say on the future of our town.

Annual Town Meeting Council Chamber, The Burys Thursday, 14 April 2016 at 8pm



Our regular readers will know that every year we let you know about the Annual Town Meeting.

It's such a little known, but potentially powerful, part of local democracy that we think it bears repeating year after year. It's a good place to raise your burning questions with local decision-makers or draw attention to a local issue that you feel passionately but which doesn't get the attention it deserves, why not take it direct to the Annual Town Meeting.

Anyone on the electoral roll for Godalming (that is, all Godalming voters), can attend, speak and vote at the meeting. It's the ideal place to put any question you wish to the Town Council. There is no need to submit your question in advance or put it in writing: simply put up your hand at the meeting and you will be able to ask your question.

We can't guarantee your question can be answered in full on the night – but we'll try and if we can't then we will respond in writing within a week. The Town Council's Annual Report will be circulated at the meeting and copies of the report are available from 15 April 2016 from the Town Clerk or from the Council's website, www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/annual-report.htm.

If you want any advice or further information about the town meeting please e-mail the Town Clerk; townclerk@godalming-tc.gov.uk or call her on 01483 523575.

Godalming Town Council Mayor's Awards for Volunteers

Do you know someone who gives up his or her time for the benefit of others in Godalming or Farncombe? The Town Mayor's Award for Volunteers is run each year to find local unsung heroes who deserve a public 'thank you' for their voluntary work.

Volunteers make a huge contribution to community life – supporting vulnerable groups, local heritage and cultural life, helping young people in sports and leisure activities, running playgroups and much more.

Nominating someone for the award is quick and easy. Simply download a form from the Town Council's website (www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/mayors-volunteer-award.htm) or request one by calling the Town Council offices on 01483 523575. Return the form to Godalming Town Council by Friday, 25 March 2016. Awards to the recipients will be made at the Annual Town Meeting on 14 April 2016.

Godalming Town Community Run 2016

To be held on 15 May 2016 this popular community run over 1km, 5km or 10km is once again being organised by Sport Godalming, Charterhouse Club and Waverley Harriers and supported by Godalming Town Council.

Entry forms and further information about the run can be found at www.godalmingrun.org

Meet our newest Councillor



Elected on 11 February Councillor Ollie Purkiss won the by-election in the town's Central & Ockford ward.

Councillor Purkiss is the first Liberal Democrat candidate elected to the Town Council since 2007.

Town dates for your diary

- Summer Food Festival - Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 2 July 2016
- Staycation 2016 – Saturday 6 August to Sunday 14 August 2016
- Heritage Open Days – at venues all over the town and surrounding areas Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September 2016
- 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 2016
- Christmas Festival & Light Switch-On – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday 26 November 2016 (lights switched on at 5pm)

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