



Godalming
Town Council

NEWS

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A Third Hall at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre



We're not sure if we can mention that august publication the Surrey Advertiser here; but, if you happen to read contract advertisements, you will know that Godalming Town Council is looking to add a third hall to the newly refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre.

This additional space was part of the original plans for the 2015 refurbishment but at that time we did not have the funds to build it. So popular is the new "Wilfie" that we find ourselves turning some potential users away and so the Town Council has taken the decision to proceed with the extra hall and some additional storage.

The new hall will be known as the Oglethorpe Room after General James Oglethorpe (1696-1785) founder of the colony of Georgia, now the State of Georgia, in the United States. General Oglethorpe's family home was Westbrook Place

in Godalming (now the Meath Home) and he was MP for this area from 1722 for a time.

Business will continue as usual at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre throughout construction of the new hall. The space will be self-contained with an independent entrance and its own lavatory and kitchenette. If all goes according to plan we hope to have the first users in our new hall by September 2017.



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

Annual Town Meeting

Council Chamber, The Bury's

Thursday, 20 April 2017 at 8pm

We can hardly believe that it has come round again but it is nearly time for the Annual Town Meeting.

It's a little known, but potentially powerful, part of local democracy and we'd like to encourage Godalming residents to attend. It's a good place to raise your burning questions with local decision-makers or draw attention to any local issue that you feel passionately about but which doesn't get the attention it deserves.

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 21 April 2017 from the Town Clerk or from the Council's website, www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/annual-reports.

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.

Church Street Godalming

Those of you who stroll down Church Street will now be able to enjoy one of the best views of Godalming whilst relaxing on a newly installed bench seat. The bench dedicated to the memory of the late Peter Caudle, lifelong resident of Church Street, was made possible by a kind donation from the Caudle Memorial Trust.



Godalming Farmers' Markets

To herald the arrival of Spring (we hope!) Farmers' Markets resume in Godalming High Street on Saturday, 25 March from 10am to 4pm. Further markets will be held on 29 April, 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 26 August, 23 September and 28 October 2017.

Godalming Town Council Mayor's Awards for Volunteers



One of the things that happens at the Annual Town Meeting is the presentation of the Mayor's Awards for Volunteers. There is still time to nominate 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) or request one by calling the Town Council offices on 01483 523575. Return the form to Godalming Town Council by Friday, 31 March 2017.

The website also lists previous recipients of the awards – an astonishing 64 individuals in the twelve years of the award.

Spring Festival Saturday, 1 April 2017

Don't forget to spring into Godalming on Saturday, 1 April 2017 for a variety of craft and gift stalls; delicious food, drink, live music and entertainment.

There will be a Punch & Judy show, Kiddies' Corner with crafts and activities including face painting and traditional performances by local Morris dancers.

Godalming Run Sunday, 14 May 2017

Whatever your age the Godalming Run is always great fun.

Take part with the kids in the 1K Fun Run or challenge yourself in the 5k and 10k races.

To find out more and to ensure you reserve your place visit www.godalmingrun.org for more information

Town dates for your diary



Friday, 10 March

Saturday, 3 June

Saturday, 1 July

Saturday, 5–Sunday, 13 August

Friday, 3 November

Sunday, 12 November

Saturday, 25 November

Saturday, 9 December

Mayor's Charity Film Night – Grease (contact us for details)

Town Show & Carnival – The Bury's Field

Summer Food Festival

Staycation

Godalming Fireworks - The Bury's Field

Remembrance Sunday

Christmas Festival & Light Switch-on

Blessing of the Crib and Carol Service

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