



Godalming
Town Council

NEWS

- Spring 2018 -



The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to attend the Annual Town Meeting



Whilst most residents will be unaware of the importance of the Town Meeting, it is a little known, but potentially powerful, part of local democracy and we'd like to encourage Godalming residents to attend. As part of this year's meeting, as well as the presentations of

the Mayor's Volunteers awards, the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro, will update the meeting on the work of the Surrey Police in our area.

The Town Meeting is your opportunity to raise your questions with local decision-makers or draw attention to a local issue that you feel passionately about but which in your view 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 (although it would help us to research the answer if you did), you can simply just raise your hand at the meeting and you will be able to ask your question. If we can't answer you in full on the night, we will respond to you 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 20 April 2018 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 him on 01483 523575.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, The Burys on Thursday 19 April at 8pm.

New Godalming Town Clerk

Andy Jeffery, the Acting Town Clerk to Godalming Town Council, has been appointed to the position of Town Clerk. This was confirmed at a meeting of the Full Council on 11 January 2018.

Stefan Reynolds, Chairman of the Council's Policy & Management Committee said: *"Andy has been with the council since 2011 and amongst many other things was responsible for the refurbishment and extensions at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre. As Acting Town Clerk since 2017, he has been instrumental in working with councillors to take on responsibility for the museum and the toilets in addition to many other initiatives, and we all look forward to working with him in his new role"*.

Anne Bott, Town Mayor, added: *"The Council was unanimous in making the appointment recognising Andy's many strengths which have been and will continue to be invaluable as the Council goes forward"*.

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Godalming Town Council Mayor's Awards for Volunteers



One of the pleasures of the Annual Town Meeting is that it allows the Mayor to celebrate those from our community who help others. The Mayor's Award for Volunteers aims to recognise those who give up their time for the benefit of others in Godalming or Farncombe.

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, sports groups 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 the closing date Friday, 6th April 2018. The website also lists previous recipients of the awards – an astonishing 64 individuals in the twelve years of the award.

Spring Festival Saturday, 7 April 2018

Don't forget to spring into Godalming on Saturday, 7 April 2018 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. For more information or stall holder's application form visit the website at www.godalming-tc.gov/spring-festival/.

Godalming Run Sunday, 13 May 2018

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.

Register for the 5k or 10k before midnight on Sunday, 18 March at www.godalmingrun.org for your early bird discount.

Sign up for the 1k Fun Run for just £3 per person.

Town dates for your diary



Sat 31 Mar	First Farmers Market of 2018 thereafter last Saturday of each month until October
Sat 5 May	St Johns Church Spring Fair, The Bury's Field
Sat 2 June	Godalming Round Table Town Show, The Bury's Field
Sat 7 July	Godalming Summer Food Festival, Town Centre
Sat 4-12 Aug	Godalming Staycation
Sat 11 Aug	Dogalming, Aarons Hill Recreation Ground
Fri 2 Nov	Godalming Fireworks, Town Centre
Sun 11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, 100th anniversary commemorations of the Armistice and unveiling of the new World War memorial
Sat 24 Nov	Godalming Christmas Festival, Town Centre
Sat 8 Dec	December Godalming Town Day, Town Centre

Town Council Grants Scheme



Each year Godalming Town Council grants over £50,000 to a variety of community groups and projects, with support ranging from £150 to £30,000.

Previously Councillors considered applications once every quarter that included one-off projects ranging from a few hundred to several thousand pounds as well as applications from organisations that apply each year for funds to support annual events or for funding of the operational costs of a service.

This system posed quite a challenge to the Councillors as they were often left comparing apples with pears. Councillors needed a new system to reflect the differing types of applications received, which is why starting from April 2018, Godalming Town Council will be using a new Grants Scheme in order to be able to support as many organisations as possible.

Having been funded for many years from the Grants Budget the Council decided that the Heritage Open Days, the Godalming Run and the Town Day, as events which promote the town, will in future be funded from the **Town Promotion Budget**, this decision released additional funds, which for 2018 will mean the Council has an overall Grants Budget of £58,000.

The new Grants Scheme will see grant applications placed in one of three categories.

The first and largest of these categories, will be for the support of organisations who provide a benefit to the residents of Godalming and who are seeking funding to support ongoing costs. These applications will be considered for a **Service Level Agreement** with funding being predicated upon the organisation meeting agreed objectives or targets. The Council has allocated a total of £33,000 to this category.

The second category is the **General Grants Fund** to which organisations who wish one off funding for a specific project can apply for support. A total of £20,000 has been allocated to this element of the Scheme.

Finally but no less important, is the creation of a **Council Community Fund** of £5,000. This fund will enable local councillors to put forward ideas which they feel would be of benefit to their local community or which community groups and residents in their area have identified as being of benefit to the area. This fund will support small projects under £500 per application.

For more information, please contact the Town Council on 01483 523575 or visit the website at www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/grants/.

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