



Godalming
Town Council

NEWS

- Christmas 2016 -



Shop Local this Christmas in Godalming & Farncombe



We are doing our best to support our local retailers, not just at this festive season and we would like to encourage you to do so too. From toys to TVs, clothing, jewellery and quirky little gifts our community is blessed with a fantastic range of unique and diverse shops offering something for everyone.

Once again we have festooned Godalming with Christmas Lights to make the town centre more attractive for our residents and encourage footfall. This year you may have noticed some differences since new lights have been purchased to replace some of the High Street's Christmas trees which after nine years were getting a little tired. Last year BBC Surrey suggested that Godalming's lights could be the prettiest town centre lights in the county. We certainly thought so.

On Saturday, 3 December, from 10am for the rest of the day there will be free Christmas parking in all Waverley owned car parks. This coincides with the national Small Business Saturday initiative so, with the Chambers of Commerce, Waverley will be encouraging people to shop locally and support the retailers on the High Street.

Broadwater Park Community Centre - A great space for all!

Broadwater Park Community Centre is a great community space with its own free parking facilities located just off Summers Road in Farncombe and close to Godalming. It is within the grounds of the



picturesque Broadwater Park and flanks Godalming Leisure Centre.

There are two halls for hire which can be used for various activities and the centre is a very popular venue for children's parties. The Community Centre currently plays host to several art classes on different days throughout the week. Daytime and evening art classes on offer include contemporary drawing and painting, oils, water colour and life drawing, all delivered by expert teachers. Dance classes are held throughout the week and at weekends including modern, ballet, tap and street dance. A wide range of Pilates is on offer on most days including post-natal, men's Pilates, advanced Pilates, restorative Pilates and chair-based Pilates. Godalming Chess Club has its home at Broadwater Park Community Centre and you can find music for children classes and textile workshops, it also plays host to one of the top three photographic clubs in Surrey.

Whether you are looking to start a new Bridge club, join an existing activity or book a children's party, you are always welcome. For more information about what's on at BWPC visit www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/BroadwaterPark or email the Centre Manager at projects@godalming-tc.gov.uk.

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The Farncombe Initiative



- supported the introduction of Christmas lights in the village and helped with the switch-on event;
- softened the landscape around Farncombe Street shops with the planting of an ornamental tree in a new planter.

Plans for the future include:

- the addition of further public seating;
- commemorating local resident Jack Phillips of the RMS Titanic fame by placing a 'blue plaque' in the village.

Can you help? Do you like your neighbourhood to be attractive and tidy? Do you enjoy co-operating with others to strengthen a sense of local community?

The Farncombe Initiative is active in all these areas and is open to all residents in Farncombe who would like to be involved. To find out more contact projects@godalming-tc.gov.uk.

The Farncombe Initiative is a group of local residents that seeks out ways to improve the environment and build the community in Farncombe.

Residents volunteer to take part in the group which is supported by local councillors and town council staff. It meets in the evening at a local venue about 6 times a year. Members may simply attend to offer ideas and take part in the discussion. Many are also happy to spend a small amount of time between meetings helping to turn ideas into reality.

Since the group was formed in 2013, it has:

- arranged for improvements in the village centre including the resurfacing of pavements and the placing of a "Farncombe Village" sign;
- helped to keep local streets tidy by organising litter picks;
- surveyed public seating and championed the installation of a new seat by the footbridge rail crossing in Marshall Road;



Godalming Fireworks - Thank You



We would like to thank all those of you who bought tickets and attended Godalming's first Musical Fireworks Extravaganza this November.

With our partners, we are very proud to have hosted this new community event for Godalming. After many years of stalwart service Godalming & Villages Lions decided this year that they could no longer organise the annual bonfire and fireworks display. The Town Council agreed that Godalming should not be left without this seasonal event and that it would facilitate the event in a new form. This would not have been

possible without the commitment and support of both Rotary Clubs of Godalming, Godalming Round Table, the 41 Club and Godalming District Scouts.

A big thank you to all volunteers from these organisations who helped ensure a safe and enjoyable occasion; truly an event by the community for the community. We also need to thank our sponsors, VantagePoint, Surrey Groundwork Contractors and Shorts Hire of Milford. The evening started with what can only be described as a seriously impressive torchlit procession through the heart of our town centre made even more special by being led by the Godalming Band, to whom we also give our thanks.

If you have something to say about this new event then we would appreciate your feedback and ask you to fill in our short on-line survey which is open until 16 December 2016.

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GodalmingFireworks

Town dates for your diary

- Town Day including Blessing of the Crib & Town Carol Service – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 10 December 2016 (Blessing of the Crib at The Pepperpot at 3.30pm, Carol Service at Ss Peter & Paul Church at 4.00pm)
- Mayor's Charity Band Night – Saturday, 25 February 2017 at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre. Details to be confirmed. In aid of Skillway
- Mayor's Charity Film & Supper Night – Grease at 7pm on Friday, 10 March 2017 at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre. In aid of Skillway
- Spring Festival – Godalming High Street from 10am on Saturday, 1 April 2017
- Godalming Town Show – The Burys Field on Saturday, 3 June 2017
- Summer Food Festival – Godalming High Street from 10am on Saturday, 1 July 2017
- Heritage Open Days – at venues all over the town and surrounding areas Saturday, 9 & Sunday, 10 September 2017



- Staycation 2017 – Saturday, 5 August to Sunday, 13 August 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, 12 November 2017
- Christmas Festival & Light Switch-On – Godalming Town Centre from 10am on Saturday, 25 November 2017 (lights switched-on at 5pm)

Farmers' Markets 2017

- South West Surrey Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd Farmers' Markets in Godalming High Street. Eight are planned for Saturdays in 2017 on the following dates:

25 March, 29 April, 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 26 August, 30 September and 28 October.
All markets are held from 10am to 4pm.

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