



Godalming
Town Council

Supporting Our Community

NEWS

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Rescuing Boarden Bridge



Godalming, Old Boarden Bridge.

Godalming Town Council is delighted to announce that Boarden Bridge, the ancient crossing of the River Wey in Borough Road, is to be completely re-built by Surrey County Council. In addition, the approaches to the bridge from the Town are to be improved by Godalming Town Council.

The bridge, where many generations of Godalming's children have played 'pooh sticks', was closed in 2016 due to the safety of the structure. The challenge for both the Town and County Councillors was how the repairs would be financed.

The Town Council would like to publicly acknowledge its heartfelt and grateful thanks to the Caudle Memorial Fund who have generously agreed to finance the work for future Godhelmians. Without its support, it is doubtful whether this historic bridge would ever have been rescued.

The Caudle Memorial Fund was established in memory of the late Peter Caudle, for whom the Caudle Hall at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre is named, a lifelong resident of Church Street whose legacy continues to support Godalming Town and its residents.

Town Council to Re-open Public Toilets

NEWS FLUSH!

By the time you are reading this, the public toilets in Godalming and Farncombe village will be open!

The most important thing was to get the toilets re-opened for the community and once the legal transfer is complete, the Town Council will then turn its consideration into improving these facilities.

Our thanks go to all those members of the community especially the Farncombe Initiative who supported Godalming Town Council in its negotiations with Waverley Borough Council.



Boarden Bridge image from the Albert Watson Collection, Godalming Museum. Farncombe Toilets image from Get Surrey. Photos at top by Phil Kemp. www.theshutterstock.com.

Godalming Museum



After nearly 12 months of negotiations Godalming Town Council and Waverley Borough Council agreed the transfer of the ownership of the Godalming Museum to the Town Council.

However, the many residents and visitors to our town who enjoy the wide and varied exhibits and exhibitions held at the museum will hardly notice a difference.

The committed team from the Godalming Museum Trust will continue with the day-to-day operations of the museum. With a five-year support agreement from Waverley Borough Council in place, the Town

Council will be able to ensure that the excellent museum service, which is of so much benefit to the town, can continue.

The first benefit that users of the museum may notice will be the provision of Wi-Fi in all public areas of the museum, which will allow users to enjoy a cup of coffee in the museum's café whilst they continue with their research.

With the support of the Godalming Museum Trust, museum staff and the army of dedicated volunteers, the Town Council is confident that the Town's museum service will go from strength to strength.



The New Oglethorpe Hall



You may have heard the name General James Oglethorpe, a Godhelman of note, who in 1732 left Westbrook Place (now The Meath) in Godalming to establish the state of Georgia, USA.

Since that time General Oglethorpe has been fêted around the world with many statues, monuments and buildings named in his honour, but none as important to Godalming as the new Oglethorpe Hall at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre.



The Oglethorpe Hall and town councillors using the room for a meeting

Following the success of the first phase of refurbishment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre the demand for space was so great that the Town Council agreed to extend the centre and build another self-contained hall for community use.

The Oglethorpe Hall is now available for hire and those wishing to make use of this facility should contact Godalming Town Council on 01483 523575 or email office@godalming-tc.gov.uk.

For more information about the Oglethorpe Hall, please visit the council's website at www.godalming-tc.gov.uk.



Diary Dates 2018

Sat 31st March	First Farmers Market of 2018, thereafter the last Saturday of each month until October
Sat 7th April	Godalming Spring Festival, Town Centre
Sat 5th May	St Johns Church Spring Fair, The Bury's Field
Sun 13th May	Godalming Run
Sat 2nd June	Godalming Round Table Town Show, The Bury's Field
Sat 7th July	Godalming Summer Food Festival, Town Centre
Sat 4th–12th Aug	Godalming Staycation
Sat 11th Aug	Dogalming, Ockford Ridge
Fri 2nd Nov	Godalming Fireworks, The Bury's Field
Sun 11th Nov	Remembrance Sunday, 100th anniversary commemorations of the Armistice and unveiling of the new War Memorial
Sat 24th Nov	Godalming Christmas Festival, Town Centre
Sat 8th Dec	Godalming Town Day including Blessing of the Crib and the Town's Carol Service

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