

GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



PRESS RELEASE

SURREY ADVERTISER BRINGS DONOR AND GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL TOGETHER

A generous donation received as a direct result of coverage in the Surrey Advertiser on Friday 27 November 2015 means that Godalming Town Council is now able to purchase retractable tiered seating, a catering oven and other equipment for the Wilfrid Noyce Centre.

Following a meeting of Godalming Town Council held on 19 November 2015 the Surrey Advertiser reported that the Council's £1m refurbishment of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre was expected to be completed within budget but that some desirable items remained unaffordable. Upon reading that article the trustees of the Caudle Memorial Trust approached the Council and, after discussion, offered to fund the items in memory of the late Peter Caudle. Mr Caudle, a lifelong Godhelmian and a loving custodian of Church Street Godalming died in 2014 and left some money to be spent specifically to benefit the people of Godalming.

Speaking of the donation the Town Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Anne Bott said "This is such wonderful news. We are extremely indebted to the Caudle Memorial Trust for this very generous donation. It has enabled the Council to fulfil its aspirations for a fully equipped Auditorium and other enhanced facilities in the newly refurbished Wilfred Noyce Centre. It has provided a wonderful legacy for the whole community now and into the future. It is fitting that the late Peter Caudle, a truly local gentleman, businessman, resident and benefactor, should be marked in some significant way in the Centre and the Council will be looking at ways of ensuring that his memory lives on."

Stefan Reynolds Chairman of the Council's Policy & Management Committee added ""I'd like to thank the Surrey Advertiser for picking up and reporting the comments made at our last council meeting which has resulted in this wonderful gift. This will ensure that the refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre will have all the facilities we wanted, making it a brilliant multi-purpose venue for the people of Godalming"

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Notes to Editors:

Peter John CAUDLE LDS, RCS, Eng
2 November 1923 – 1 November 2014

Peter was born in Deanery House, Church Street on 2 November 1923. The only son of Harold, a dentist (practicing at Deanery House from 1922), and Lily Caudle (nee Keen - of Keens the Bakers, Upper High Street, Godalming).

Educated at Cranleigh School, Peter studied dentistry at Kings College in London and completed his National Service in the West Country. Peter joined his father's Dental Practice at Deanery House in 1948; working alongside him until his father retired.

Godalming, and especially historic Church Street, owes a huge debt to Peter and his father. As custodians they have preserved this special town and much of its picturesque appeal is hugely due to the love, care and attention lavished on it by the Caudle family.

Peter was a very modest, unassuming man; always fair in business and willing to help where he could. He lived a quiet, good and long life, living and working in Church Street.

Peter slipped peacefully away, in the beloved home in which he was born, just a few hours before his 91st birthday.