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### **THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE! PACK YOUR SUITCASE AND STAYCATION IN GODALMING – OVER 70 REASONS WHY!**

Godalming Town Council is delighted to announce its annual Staycation for Godalming residents, running from Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 August with an even bigger range of exciting and fun activities for individuals and families to enjoy. Staycation activities are mostly free or at a specially discounted Staycation price, with the added bonus that they are all really close to home so you don't have to worry about expensive travelling costs.

Godalming Town Council is pleased to welcome back regular favourites such as canoeing, tennis, swimming, fishing, bowling, brass band taster sessions, ballerina workshops, football, including the chance to play on Godalming Town Football Club's pitch, cricket, walks, flower arranging demonstration and ukulele lessons. As a special event this year we have Patrick Haveron's 'Fat Dads' Mountain bike ride with a stop off at the pub afterwards and Godalming Cycle Campaign's Family Friendly Cycle Ride.

Exciting new activities for 2018 including an introduction to authentic Tai Chi and Qui Gong down by the river. Bring the children to a creative writing workshop or one of the street dance sessions and the grown-ups can enjoy a free Rock Choir singing experience. If you or your children have always wanted to learn to play bridge and other card games then try your hand during Staycation. On Thursday 9 August there's a chance for grandparents, senior friends, relatives and youngsters to enjoy some interactive inter-generational time with a Virtual Reality short film and a chance to meet a local resident who'll be sharing her war time experiences. The second of our intergenerational events is a drop-in work shop to learn how to become a Tree Guardian with Roots for the Future.

Staycation week begins on Saturday, 4 August with the TST Staycation Live Music Festival at the Bandstand. On Saturday, 11 August, Godalming Town Council's "DOGALMING" will be taking place at Aarons Hill Recreation Ground between 12 – 4.00pm. Bring your four-legged best friend

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and enter into the fun. Categories include Best Puppy, Best Family Dog, Best Dressed, Best Veteran and Best in Show. Entries are on the day with prizes kindly donated by Nestlé Purina. Canine Partners will demonstrate with Warwick the dog what their amazing charity does to help transform the lives of people with physical disabilities. There will also be a family fete with fun side shows, Punch & Judy, hog roast, face-painting, tea tent and more.

The official Staycation programme can be found at [www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/Staycation](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/Staycation). Whether trying something familiar or something new, please mention Staycation when making a booking for a Staycation event or activity.

Councillor Nick Williams, Mayor of Godalming said “I’d like to thank the many organisations and individuals who have contributed so generously in helping to create the Staycation programme for our residents. Without their generosity of time and resource it would not have been possible to have so many different activities which provide for all age ranges. I very much look forward to seeing you throughout Staycation week.”

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Notes to editors: Staycation was introduced to Godalming in 2010 and has grown to be an annual week-long programme of activities which are generously donated by local groups and businesses to allow residents to try something new which in turn encourages sustainability.

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