



## NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Godalming Town Council's Remembrance Sunday was particularly poignant this year as, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh month of 2018, the Godalming War Memorial was rededicated to remember all those who died in 20th Century conflicts.

281 Godalming men fell during WW1 but not all of their names are recorded on the Memorials which can be found in St Peter & St Paul's Church, St John's Church

Farncombe, Busbridge Church, The United Church or the Fire Station.

During the last four years both Godalming Town Council and Godalming Museum have recorded as accurately as possible the list of 281 Godalming names who fell during WW1 plus subsequent campaigns. Four new plaques have been engraved and installed on the wall next to the existing plaques commemorating those who died in WW2.

## NEW MEMORIAL GARDEN HONOURING 281 GODALMING WW1 MEN



As well as the four new memorial plaques, work has been carried out over the summer months by the Godalming Joint Burial Committee to build a new memorial garden in the Victorian Nightingale Road Cemetery.

The garden was officially opened by the Mayor of Godalming, Councillor Nick Williams, on Saturday 10

November during the weekend of commemorations of the 100th anniversary of the armistice.

Based on an idea from Councillor David Hunter, the memorial garden will serve to honour the 281 men from Godalming who died in the Great War, together with all those in the Godalming Community who were affected by the war.

The garden has been designed by Michele Clackson who won a competition organised by the Go Godalming Association's Godalming in Bloom Committee.

The garden design brief included the necessity to provide a garden of interest for visitors throughout the year and a space for peace, relaxation and contemplation whilst remembering the sacrifices that were made by the local community during the First World War.

The Godalming Joint Burial Committee hope residents and visitors will enjoy the peace and tranquillity within the garden especially those connected with the 281 fallen of Godalming.



### Town Dates for your diary...

Fri 7 Dec  
Fri 15 Dec  
Sat 8 Dec  
Sat 8 Dec

Farncombe Christmas Light Switch on 5pm  
Godalming Dementia Friendly Screening (see p31)  
Godalming Town Day  
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Santa Fun Run

## GODALMING FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME



Godalming has a history of flooding with four notable events in recent years, in 1968, 1990, 2000 and 2013.

During the most recent 2013 flood, the Meadow and Catteshall Road area was flooded, with access from Meadow to Godalming severely restricted. To reduce flooding in the Meadow/Catteshall area and to create resilience to those homes and businesses affected by the 2013/14 flooding of the Meadow and Catteshall Road area a flood wall is being built along the banks of the Hell Ditch with a demountable flood barrier on Catteshall Bridge Road. This will reduce the likelihood of flooding to at least 90 properties in the area.

The Plan is for construction to take place from both ends and work towards the middle (near Catteshall Bridge). To see newsletters (including site map) and more information on GFAS please visit <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/godalming-flood-alleviation-scheme>.

The Godalming Flood Alleviation Scheme (GFAS) is a partnership project between the Environment Agency, Godalming Town Council, Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council, Thames Water, Scottish and Southern Electricity, Regional Flood & Coastal Committee, the Godalming Flood Group, and supported by the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP.

## TOWN IMPROVEMENTS

Godalming Town Council is undertaking a number of significant improvements to areas in Godalming including the public toilets at Crown Court, noticeboards, a new bench at Spring Grove and Green Lane and most noticeably improvements to the treasured and iconic pink building at the top of the high street, where works

to refurbish The Pepperpot have been identified, along with works needed to be able to offer Godalming businesses a centrally located modern meeting and training room.

An internal refurbishment will mean that a suitable environment will be created, not only to meet the needs of Godalming's small and medium business market, but also assist the Town Council's desire to enhance the educational provision of Godalming Museum by providing a safe classroom environment for visiting school groups.

The refurbishment to Godalming's iconic Pepperpot has been made possible, once again by the generosity of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust.

Peter was a staunch guardian of the historic character of the town and especially the Church Street area and we are sure he would approve of our plans to give the old Council Chamber "a new lease of life". The support of The Peter Caudle Memorial Trust will ensure that the refurbishment of the building will be carried out sympathetically and in keeping with its listed status.

### PUBLIC TOILETS CROWN COURT

As part of the continued improvement programme of the public toilets, a number of improvements will be made to upgrade the Crown Court facilities to offer a more pleasant experience including replacing the existing WC's and making good and re-painting of all woodwork and replacing existing lighting with LED fittings.

### NOTICEBOARDS

Godalming Town Council is responsible for public noticeboards that are available at various sites around Godalming and Farncombe. These 'open' boards are at locations listed on the Godalming Town Council website (Streetscene). Two new noticeboards will be installed in Crownpits and Borough Road over the next few weeks.

### NEW BUS SHELTER

Residents of Furze Lane & Northbourne will soon see work to install a new shelter at the bus stop at the end of Furze Lane. This shelter is being installed by Godalming Town Council with funding made available from Section 106 Funds.

### NEW PUBLIC BENCH

Godalming Town Council will be providing a new public bench at the bus stop in Spring Grove, which should be installed before Christmas 2018.

## A GREENER LOOK FOR GREEN LANE SHOPS



Godalming Town Councillors and Members of the Farncombe Initiative (a volunteer group dedicated to making improvements and building a sense of community in Farncombe and Binscombe) were recently involved in a planting session in the area around the Green Lane shops.

The green areas surrounding the car parks had become tired and most of the trees and shrubs had died. Two action days took place in September – a group of volunteers and residents took part in preparing the ground for new planting and on Saturday 29 September, the newly prepared areas were planted with carefully chosen shrubs and plants.

As you can see from the picture, the area is looking very smart. Further improvements are in the pipeline as the area will benefit from some new benches and planters too.

## FLORAL GODALMING



Having received many lovely comments from residents and visitors about the new floral planters and hanging baskets throughout our town, Godalming Town Council is making plans to bring back the delightful blooms for 2019.

Having already received pledges from local businesses to sponsor a flower trough, bollard planter or a hanging basket to brighten up our town centre with a glorious splash of colour and magnificent blooms in 2019, it is also possible for residents to celebrate a loved one in a completely unique way by sponsoring a hanging basket or trough in Godalming town centre.

Our floral displays are at their peak during the summer months and it would be a lovely way to mark a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or even to remember a special friend or relative.

*If you would like to support Floral Godalming in 2019, please contact [community@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:community@godalming-tc.gov.uk).*

## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A COUNCILLOR?

Would you like to make a difference to your area or improve the lives of local people? Are you passionate about the area you live in? Would you like to represent your community? Town Council elections are being held in May 2019. If you live or work in Godalming and are over 18, you have an exciting opportunity to stand as a Town Councillor.

As a local councillor, your residents will expect you to represent their area and:

- respond to their queries and investigate their concerns;
- communicate council decisions that affect them;
- know your patch and be aware of any problems;
- know and work with representatives of local organisations, interest groups and businesses;
- represent their views at council meetings; and
- lead local campaigns on their behalf.

If you wish to find out more about the work of GTC please call the Town Clerk on 01483 523575 to have an informal chat or see [www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/supporting-our-community](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/supporting-our-community).

## GODALMING DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CINEMA SCREENING

Visiting the cinema is a great pleasure which most people take for granted. People affected by dementia find it difficult to continue to participate in this form of entertainment.

Under the Town Council's Community Grant Scheme, £500.00 was awarded to support Dementia Friendly Godalming, Godalming Film Society and the Town Council in a pilot Dementia Friendly Cinema Screening at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre on Saturday, 15 December.

The matinee screening of *It's A Wonderful Life* starts at 2.00pm, door open at 1.15pm. For more details, please visit <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/event/dementia-friendly-film-screening-its-a-wonderful-life/>

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