



Supporting Our Community

OUR LATEST NEWS



Honorary Freeman Scheme

In 2011 Godalming Town Council adopted its first policy for the according of a title of Dignity, which allows the council the power to confer the title of "Honorary Freeman/Freewoman" of the Town of Godalming to persons of distinction who have demonstrated outstanding service and/or contribution to the wellbeing of the town, or exceptional feats of endeavour or achievement that bring credit to the community.

Honorary Freewoman of Godalming Mrs Zadie Caudle



In a moving ceremony in the Council Chamber on Thursday 15 March, 2019, Zadie Caudle graciously accepted the title of Honorary Freewoman of Godalming Town and was honoured for her generosity and services to Godalming, its residents and the natural and built environment.

This honour was bestowed to her by the Mayor of Godalming and Zadie is the first freewoman so honoured by Godalming Town Council. Zadie is recognised by the Town in her own right though her honour encompasses the memory of her beloved husband Peter Caudle.

Zadie created the Peter Caudle Memorial Trust which has supported many town initiatives that have or will provide benefit to the community for many years to come.

These initiatives include:

- the reinstatement of the historic Boarden Bridge; once the only access across the River Wey, which had deteriorated to the point that it had to be closed for public safety (without Zadie's support it is unlikely Boarden Bridge would have ever been restored for public use);
- as one of the last generation with a direct memory of those who fought in the Great War, Zadie supported the dedication of the 'New' 'Godalming War Memorial, which for the first time commemorates all those from the town who died in 20th century conflicts;

- beautification of the town centre by being instrumental in the creation and design of Floral Godalming and providing the required infrastructure to launch the scheme;
- supporting the patient reception area of the Mill Medical practice;
- supporting The Bury's Scout HQ to create an outside learning centre;
- supporting the internal refurbishment of the historic and iconic Pepperpot.
- supporting improvements to the communal facilities at Broadwater Park Community Centre;
- providing a public bench for people to enjoy the beauty of Church Street and heritage bollards to protect the listed iron stones;
- the provision of a state of the art kitchen in the newly refurbished Wilfrid Noyce Centre and retractable tiered seating, which now provides a much sought after and popular modern community facility;
- supporting the renovation of the Cellar Café.



Left: Zadie Caudle receiving her award from the Mayor. Right: John Young was awarded the title of dignity of Honorary Freeman of Godalming in May 2012. Pictured here with Zadie Caudle.

Major Graham Hodgson MBE



Whilst Graham has been previously recognised by the Town and indeed, possibly more importantly, by Her Majesty the Queen, for his outstanding contribution to our community, this year Godalming Town Council felt it appropriate to make a special mention in the Town's Annual Report, of

Graham's service to the Town's annual Remembrance Day parade.

It is no exaggeration to say that, despite all that he has done for our community, Graham is probably best known to Godhelmians as Major Hodgson, the Parade Marshal of the town's Remembrance Day Parade and Act of Remembrance, a role he has proudly carried out for the last 28 years.

So it is with great reluctance, but with heartfelt thanks, that, following the poignant and moving 2018 Remembrance Day Parade, which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice and the unveiling of the new Godalming War Memorial, the Town Council has accepted Graham's decision that the Parade Marshal's baton should be passed to the next generation.

Annual Town Meeting and Mayor's Volunteers Awards

As well as being an opportunity for the community to "have your say", the annual meeting is where the Mayor's Volunteers Awards are presented.

Volunteers, who give up so much of their time to serve the community, are the town's unsung heroes. In Godalming we are fortunate to have so many volunteers, volunteering in so many different areas. On Thursday, 18 April the Mayor of Godalming Councillor

Nick Williams was able to say thank you to eight worthy volunteers who were nominated by other members of the community.

The Mayor's Volunteer Award recognises the service to the community of the nominees for their outstanding contribution to others.

This year's recipients were Cilla Batters for her 13 year service to the Phyllis Tuckwell shop in Godalming;

Andrew Crawte for his service to DisCASS, The Hub Godalming, and by providing advice on accessibility for Godalming Station. In addition and as a result of Andrew spending the past 3 years undertaking a Disability Discrimination Act survey of Godalming's Shops and Businesses, a guide will shortly be published which will benefit the community.

Vivien Gillman for her service to Skillway, the Cellar Café, The Warehouse Christian Trust, St Hilary's School, Godalming Rotary Club, Leonard Cheshire Hydon Hill Home, The Dan Eley Foundation and CHid Children's Home, India & UK Charity;

Ann Ketchell for service to Walk for Health, Dogalming and Godalming Community Events;

Claire Marshall for service to Northbourne Action Group, Binscombe Youth Club, Go Godalming Youth Canoe Club and Godalming Community Support;

Brian and Mary Mercer for their service to the Farncombe Day Centre.

All were presented with framed certificates and a Godalming town badge for their hard work and dedication.



From left: Claire Marshall, Cilla Batters, The Mayor, Andrew Crawte, Vivien Gillman and Ann Ketchell. Photo: Phil Kemp. Brian and Mary Mercer not pictured.

In Kind Direct



Head of Charities Charlotte Walsh from In Kind Direct (moving product for social good) gave a presentation at the Annual Town Meeting about the charity which was set up by HRH The Prince of Wales and how In Kind Direct can help charity's.

A number of local charities attended the Annual Town Meeting and a number have since registered with In Kind Direct.

For more information on how your charity's budget can be helped please visit [www. https://www.inkindirect.org/](https://www.inkindirect.org/)

Godalming Spring Festival



Godalming Spring Festival was held on Saturday, 6 April and despite not being the sunniest of days, bought people out to enjoy

the stalls in the town centre and the Artists Makers Market in Church Street.

Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan Passes Examination



Godalming Town Council is pleased to announce that the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan has successfully passed examination and has been recommended by the Independent

Examiner to proceed to referendum. This takes the local community a step closer to having a greater say over the future of the area in which they live.

Councillors wished to record their thanks to all those who have contributed to the neighbourhood planning

process over a long period of time; their efforts have enabled the Neighbourhood Plan to be brought to referendum.

Mr John Slater, the Independent Examiner, commented that the plan "is a well prepared and laid out neighbourhood plan, which focuses on matters that have been identified as important to the local community..." he continued: "I must congratulate Godalming Town Council for preparing what is a locally distinct neighbourhood plan, which seeks to deliver on the expressed priorities of the residents of Godalming and Farncombe. The plan will provide a sound basis for dealing with planning applications in the parish over the next decade or so."

Vote yes to the Neighbourhood plan on Tuesday, 9 July, 2019.

The full examiner's report can be viewed at <https://godalming-c.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/>

Dementia Friendly Film Screening



Godalming Town Council together with our partners, Godalming Film Society, Godalming Dementia Action Alliance and Alzheimers Society are delighted to present An American in Paris – a special Dementia Friendly free film Screening on Saturday 29 June at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre.

This is sponsored by the Go Godalming Association.

Sat 1 June	Godalming Round Table Town Show & Carnival, The Bury's Field
Sun 7 July	Godalming Food Festival, Town Centre
Sat 3–11 Aug	Godalming Town Council's Staycation
Sat 10 Aug	Dogalming, Aaron's Hill Recreation Ground
Fri 1 Nov	Godalming Fireworks, Town Centre
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday, Town Centre
Sat 30 Nov	Godalming Christmas Festival & Lights Switch-on, Town Centre
Fri 6 Dec	Farncombe Christmas Lights Switch-on, Farncombe Day Centre
Sat 14 Dec	Godalming Town Day, Town Centre



Town Dates
for your diary...

YOUR GODALMING TOWN COUNCILLORS

Below are the names of the councillors elected on 2 May 2019.

WARD	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS
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