

Roll of Honour

Professor Sir Martin Sweeting OBE, Executive Chairman of Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd (SSTL), based on the Surrey Research Park, has become the first recipient of the new prestigious Guildford Roll of Honour Award. The new honour recognises and celebrates local innovation, creativity and commitment to the borough, and is the result of a collaboration between Guildford Borough Council and the University of Surrey.

Professor Sweeting has won both national and international acclaim for his work spanning three decades in the development and manufacture of a new generation of highly reliable and cost effective space satellites. He was nominated for the Roll of Honour Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the economy and profile of Guildford worldwide.

The award was presented to Professor Sweeting at a ceremony held at the Guildhall at the end of June, which was attended by local dignitaries and key business people in the borough. A specially commissioned honours board detailing Professor Sweeting's name, with space for future Roll of Honour recipients, will now be on permanent display at the Guildhall.



Professor Sir Martin Sweeting OBE, Executive Chairman of Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd

Town Centre masterplan update

Following on from a successful consultation period during June and July, Guildford Borough Council is formulating a masterplan for the Town Centre to 2030.

Early engagement was very informative, with over 500 responses received, including challenges facing the Town Centre and areas and specific sites needing improvement.

The responses will be considered when drafting the masterplan as well as those previously received for the 2006 draft Town Centre Area Action Plan consultation. There will be an opportunity for consultation on the draft masterplan from December 2011 to January 2012. Please visit www.guildford.gov.uk/towncentremasterplan to view the responses received to date and to view the draft masterplan in early November.

This is your chance to have your say on the issues important to you and your business, and influence the future success of Guildford.

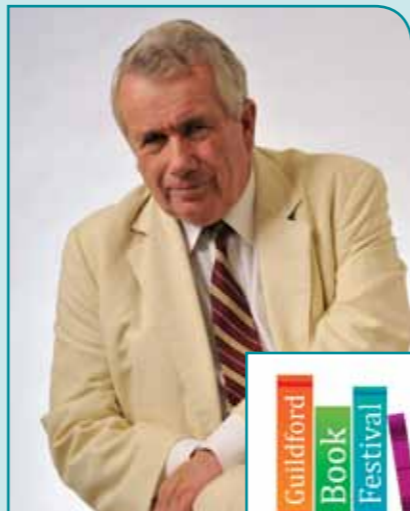
For more information please email planningpolicy@guildford.gov.uk or call 01483 444471.



Consultation on the Town Centre masterplan

Guildford Book Festival 13 to 22 October 2011

Get under the covers of Guildford Book Festival this year. There are ten days packed with more than 80 events and over 100 speakers including household names – Sarah Raven, Martin Bell and Victoria Hislop, to mention just three.



Martin Bell

You can delve into history with Neil Oliver, learn how to bake the perfect cake with Dan Lepard, stretch your brain with Johnny Ball and discover fiction's light and dark sides with writers from Ceri Radford to Marika Cobbold. And who better to bring the Festival to a rousing finale but our good friend Barry Cryer.

Other highlights include a range of workshops, talks and discussions covering a range of genres including fiction, crime, history, cookery and biography.

The Festival is open to all and we're sure you'll find something of interest!

Brochures are available from various points around Guildford, including the Tourist Information Centre and The Electric Theatre.

Box Offices:
01483 444789 / 444334
www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk



TownWatch Guildford's Town Exclusion Scheme up and running

A new scheme run by the Guildford Town Centre Management Group has been launched to help retailers identify and ban repeated offenders from their businesses, and reduce crime in our town. The scheme is completely free to join and provides a banning list with photographs of known shoplifters. Members simply sign an information sharing protocol and receive the banning list quarterly.

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Another Christmas cracker in Guildford!

Photo's from 2010!

Enjoy the start of Christmas in Guildford on Thursday 24 November with the official town centre Christmas lights switch-on.

Celebrations and events are planned throughout the day to mark the start of the Christmas shopping season and late night opening.

Organised by Guildford Borough Council in partnership with the Town Centre Management Group, 96.4 Eagle Radio and White Lion Walk Shopping Centre the annual Guildford Christmas Lights event provides a fantastic draw to our town across the whole of Surrey.

Festive activities include:

- A Christmas craft market throughout the day
- A balcony show and mascots parade
- Entertainment and music from a variety of performers
- Donkeys on Town Bridge – thanks to local charity Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice
- Newfoundland dogs pulling Christmas sleighs – thanks to the Newfs in Action
- Visits by Father Christmas from his grotto in Debenhams
- Christmas face painting

From 6pm Peter Gordon of 96.4 Eagle Radio will comper the evening's entertainment from the Guildhall balcony. He'll be joined by Surrey-born actress, dancer and entertainer Bonnie Langford, star of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Terence Patrick for the official lights switch-on at 7pm. This will be followed by a spectacular firework display, sponsored by White Lion Walk Shopping Centre.

For more information on Christmas in Guildford, visit www.guildford.gov.uk or call the Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444333.



Peter Gordon with former Mayor of Guildford and Shane Lynch, 2010



Firework switch-on winner with Steve Colney from White Lion Walk



White Lion Walk Mascot



Mascots parade

London 2012 Olympic Torch shines on the High Street

To help Guildford share in the excitement of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, Lloyds TSB brought the London 2012 Olympic Torch Tour to the High Street this summer.

Over 1,000 people visited the interactive roadshow and had the opportunity to have their photo taken with the prototype London 2012 Olympic Torch, learn about the history of the Olympic Torch Relay and find out how to nominate someone to carry the Olympic Flame in the Olympic Torch Relay 2012. They were joined by Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Terence Patrick and Austin Playfoot, Olympic Torch bearer during the 1948 Olympic Torch Relay the last time the Games came to London.

Lloyds TSB took a prototype of the London 2012 Olympic Torch on a tour of the UK over the summer. The 80-day tour visited many of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay Celebration Sites and travelled extensively throughout the UK.

As the National Presenting Partner for the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay, Lloyds TSB is helping take the Olympic Flame to all corners of the UK. The Olympic Torch Relay will be a 70-day celebration, starting in the UK on 18 May 2012, travelling thousands of miles and bringing the London 2012 Games to almost every community across the UK.

It will arrive in Guildford on 20 July.



Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Terence Patrick and Austin Playfoot

Toast of Surrey Business Awards 2012

Launching on Friday 7 October.
For details visit www.getsurrey.co.uk



visit www.guildford.org.uk

A warm welcome...

With the British Retail Consortium reporting the national town centre vacancy rate in the UK as 11.2% (May 2011 - high streets and shopping centres), it's great to see Guildford bucking the trend with a fantastic range of new stores, developments and venues coming to the town.

Other great new additions to Guildford



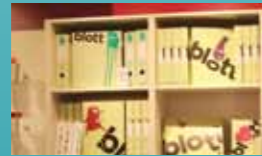
Calvin Klein Underwear – opened on the High Street at the end of July



CAU Restaurant – opened on Upper High Street in June



Chesca and Harvey Jones Kitchens who opened in Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre in July



Blott – new stationery store which opened on the High Street at the end of August



Card Factory, Hemingway and Belle Maison who opened in White Lion Walk in June and July



Catwalk – Ladies fashion store that opened in Angel Gate at the beginning of September



Yumi – female clothing store which opened in White Lion Walk in September

Westfield Friary Centre re-launch

- A £40m investment has been made to reposition Guildford's largest shopping centre. Exciting new stores include leading national and international fashion retailers Hollister, Urban Outfitters, Kurt Geiger, Mango, Nine West, River Island, Schuh and Republic. The Westfield multi million pound face-lift will also include a range of new mall finishes, upgraded entrances and a new look Food Court. The official re-launch will take place late November; however a number of the new stores have already opened their doors for business.



Westfield Friary Centre - re-launch

Radisson Edwardian Guildford

- New £60m four star hotel, complete with two restaurants, destination bar, spa, gym, swimming pool and conference facilities for up to 400 delegates. The hotel opened on Upper High Street on 29 September.



Radisson Edwardian Guildford

G Live

- Guildford's new state-of-the-art entertainment venue, with seminar rooms, café bar and a 1,000 seated or 1,700 standing capacity auditorium. This new £25m venue will provide top class entertainment, and a fantastic new facility for local people, businesses and visitors. The venue opened on Upper High Street on Saturday 24 September.



Alvin Hargreaves, Director, G Live, Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Terence Patrick and CEO of Qdos Entertainment, Nick Thomas

One to watch...

The redevelopment of a key town centre site is now underway, with the recent announcement of award winning supermarket Waitrose coming to Guildford. The major regeneration project in Haydon Place will comprise of a mixed use development, incorporating the supermarket, homes and additional community facilities. The next stage will involve the planning application which is likely to be made at some time during the early part of 2012.

Visit www.guildford.gov.uk for more information and for details of the planning consultation.

News in brief...

Guildford pubs and clubs ID project trial

Using a fake, forged or borrowed ID has become harder in Guildford following the launch of a new scheme in the town. The scheme, being piloted by PubWatch, gives door supervisors the power to seize such IDs. The aim of the scheme is to prevent under-age people gaining access to venues using non-genuine identification and deter the use of older siblings ID. The scheme is being initially trialled at Dusk (North Street) and Lloyds (Onslow Street) but is likely to be rolled out to all participating members of Guildford's PubWatch in the future.



Guildford pubs and clubs ID project trial

Hire a Brompton bike for less than £2 a week

South West Trains has joined forces with Brompton Bicycles to offer 50 bikes for hire in a bid to encourage passengers to combine bike and train travel. Bikes are available from Guildford train station.

Rental rates range from less than £2 a week for up to a year's hire for season ticket holders, to £15 per week for non season ticket holders.

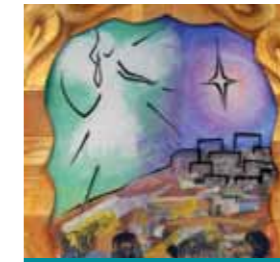
For more information email bromptonbikes@swtrains.co.uk



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Advent calendar concludes 400 years of the King James Bible celebrations

Look out for the Guildford advent calendar in town centre shop windows this December! The project, devised by Churches Together in Guildford will be displayed in 24 shops each hosting a piece of art by local community groups. A new window display will be opened each day from 1 to 24 December illustrating part of the Christmas story with a different verse from the King James Bible. Trail maps will be available in schools, churches, participating shops and the Tourist Information Centre from Thursday 24 November.



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Charity takes starring role!

Shooting Star CHASE, the local children's hospice service, is this year's charity partner for the Guildford Christmas Lights ceremony. On Thursday 24 November an army of volunteers including corporate supporters will be on the streets of Guildford collecting donations and highlighting the great work of the hospice.

The charity's Director of Care, Bridget Turner, and a teenager supported at Christopher's hospice will join 96.4 Eagle Radio's Peter Gordon on the Guildhall balcony to help with the official lights switch on.



Nurses Fiona and Kylie caring for Guy at Christopher's hospice

Congratulations to White Lion Walk Shopping Centre

Who won three Green Apple Environment Awards in the national campaign to find Britain's greenest companies, councils and communities. The centre, which was up against more than 500 other nominations, will be presented with its Green Apple Awards at a presentation ceremony in the House of Commons on Monday 14 November.



Congratulations to White Lion Walk Shopping Centre

Having a good night out this festive season is as easy as 1, 2, 3

As part of a seasonal crackdown on anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related violence and disorder, Guildford Pubwatch* is reminding people in Guildford how to enjoy themselves... safely.



1. Carry your ID and proof of age
2. Drink responsibly
3. Plan your journey home in advance – taxi marshals will again be there to help over the Christmas period, thanks to the Safer Guildford Partnership** and Pubwatch.

By working together they hope to make Guildford a great destination for a fun and safe night out for everyone.



* Guildford Pubwatch is a scheme run by local pubs, bars and clubs to maintain a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

** The Safer Guildford Partnership is Guildford's Crime and Disorder Reduction partnership, working closely with neighbourhood police teams.

Calendar of Events 2011/12

October

- 4 Guildford Farmers' Market, High Street. 10.30am to 3.30pm
- 7 Service for the Judiciary, 10.30 – with procession from the Guildhall to Holy Trinity Church
- 13-22 Guildford Book Festival – visit www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk for programme details and to book online
- 28 The Sixteen, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Guildford Cathedral, 7.30pm. Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 01483 444777

November

- 1 Guildford Farmers' Market, High Street. 10.30am to 3.30pm
- 13 Remembrance Sunday Service and Procession, 11am
- 18 Last Night of the Proms, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, G Live, 7.30pm. Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 08447 701797
- 24 Guildford Christmas Lights switch on – plus start of late night shopping

December

- 6 Guildford Farmers' Market, High Street. 10.30am to 3.30pm
- 10 The Glory of Christmas, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm. Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 01483 444777
- 11 Mayor's Christmas Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church, 7pm
- January
- 13 A Night in Vienna, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, 7.30pm. Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 01483 444777
- 27 Romantic music by Candlelight, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Holy Trinity Church, 7.30pm. Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 01483 444777

February

- 25 Stainer's Crucifixion, Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Guildford Cathedral, Tickets www.guildfordphilharmonic.co.uk or call 01483 444777
- 7 Guildford Farmers' Market, High Street, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Maintenance Work

A programme of infrastructure upgrades will continue over the next twelve months with further gas main replacement and the re-paving of large sections of North Street.

For full information on these ongoing schemes visit www.guildford.org.uk/town_disruption.

