

Celebrating Guildford's heritage



Guildford High Street on Heritage weekend

Many of the boroughs most interesting properties were opened free of charge to the public for the annual Heritage Open Days weekend from Friday 10 September to Sunday 12 September.

There were over 100 things to see and do including tours, events, talks, exhibitions and activities that focused on local architecture and culture.

Joining the event for the first time was the Alexander Dennis Ltd factory at Slyfield, marking their 115th year in Guildford. They received over 750 visitors on the Saturday.

The event was organised by Guildford Borough Council, Guildford Town Guides and the Guildford Society. Meldrum Salter Edgley (MSE) kindly sponsored the event.

Christmas lights switch-on



On **Thursday 18th November**. This also marks the start of Thursday late night shopping for the town until Christmas.

Open or closed?

This was a topic of hot debate in Guildford last winter. Many stores have a policy of keeping their doors open at all times but this increases the cost of heating bills. A simple open sign on the door could solve the dilemma and reduce your costs. Email David Bott, Town Centre Officer with your opinion at david.bott@guildford.gov.uk

Largest audience yet



Cllr Terence Patrick, Chair of Guildford Summer Festival and Deputy Mayor with Nadine Ishani, Festival Administrator

Guildford Summer Festival was, once again a great success this year with well over 100 events taking place across the borough.

Thanks to everyone who participated. This year's Festival reported the biggest audiences yet.

We look forward to seeing you next summer - 18 June to 7 August! You can keep up to date with events organised by Festival Associates throughout the year at www.facebook.com/guildfordsummerfestival If you would like to find out more about how you can get involved next year contact Nadine on 01483 444713 or email summerfestival@guildford.gov.uk

Top-Secret Guildford

The official launch of the Secret Guildford brochure took place on Saturday 31 July.

You might think you know the town centre pretty well, but in the picturesque side streets there are shops, restaurants and historic sites which have until now been some of Guildford's best kept secrets.

The guide was the brainchild of Jane Lyons from The Keep, Castle Street and an ardent supporter of the Town Centre Management Group. She said: "I love Guildford but so many visitors aren't aware that there is so much more to explore off the main High Street and North Street."

This guide is designed as a map to Guildford's hidden treasures. A 'must have' for the run-up to Christmas to find that perfect gift!



Celebrating Secret Guildford Launch party with David Bott Town Centre Officer and members of the Secret Guildford project

You can pick up your free copy from the Tourist Information Centre, Tunsgate on: 01483 444333.

Guildford Book Festival coming soon!

The annual Guildford Book Festival 14 - 23 October, promises yet another exciting and varied programme of events featuring many of Britain's finest writers and personalities.

This year's line-up includes designer and broadcaster Kevin McCloud, BBC broadcaster Bill Turnbull, writer and comedian Arthur Smith, journalist and author Rachel Johnson, leading historians Dan Cruickshank and Michael Wood and distinguished actors Ron Moody and Steven Berkoff. Other Festival highlights include the ever popular Girls' Night featuring Jenny Eclair and



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Readers' Day which celebrates fiction. The Festival embraces a whole host of other subjects including crime, history and biography. There will also be a Festival Quiz and, for the first time ever, a Book Swap. As in previous years, workshops on a range of topics will feature in the programme including ones on writers' block and crime writing. Festival Box Offices are 01483 444789 or 01483 444334. Online booking will also be available through the Festival website at www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk The Festival brochure is also available to view online.

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Start your Christmas here!

Christmas in Guildford officially begins on Thursday 18th November when the town's Christmas Lights will be switched on by Boyzone star Shane Lynch.



The festive seasons begins

The annual celebration, which starts in the early afternoon, will see many returning favourites and some new secret stars entertaining thousands of people and will be an ideal opportunity to get in some early Christmas shopping with many of the town's stores opening until late.

The Christmas launch show will start at 6pm from the Guildhall balcony. Peter Gordon of 96.4 Eagle Radio will be joined by a host of special guests including Sarah-Jane Honeywell of CBeebies, Shane Lynch and many more.

The lights will be switched on at 7pm and will be followed by further attractions including The White Lion Walk Shopping Centre's spectacular fireworks display.



The High Street on Christmas Lights night

Don't miss out on one of the truly special events in the Guildford calendar.



Prince Charming, Shane Lynch, to switch on this years Christmas lights

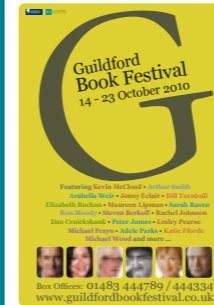
Special Christmas event

Look out for information on a special Christmas event on **Saturday 20 November**. Special offers, entertainment and more will really launch the Christmas experience in Guildford. Visit www.guildford.org.uk



Launching on 27th September.

For details visit: www.getsurrey.co.uk or listen to Eagle Radio 96.4fm



Heroes Welcome - Guildford's official launch

Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Marsha Moseley will host the official launch of the Heroes Welcome scheme in Guildford at the County Club on Wednesday 3 November at 7.30 am.

Spaces are free, but limited so to avoid disappointment book now.

The scheme gives local businesses the opportunity to show their support for British Services personnel and their families by offering discounts, service upgrade or special acknowledgement.

John Senior, national co-ordinator of Heroes Welcome will be at the event to talk to local businesses about the success of the scheme.

Kevin Lorimer, Chairman of Guildford Town Centre Management Group and Manager of the County Club said "We are

immensely proud of our British Servicemen and women and are proud to support them wherever we can.

We are sure that many businesses will want to show their support".

To register contact Kate Walton, Civic Secretary on 01483 444031 or email: kate.walton@guildford.gov.uk



Cpl Rob Kelly and Cpl Chris Hill with Mayor Cllr Marsha Moseley



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Guildford Borough Council, Legal & General, Sainsbury's, Tunsgate Square and White Lion Walk.



Town Centre Officers' corner



With the summer now firmly behind us all thoughts in Town Centre Management now switch to Christmas and how we can support residents, visitors and businesses alike

in the festive period. We are preparing for a star-studded 'lights night' and will work with businesses over the coming weeks to help make this year a real experience in the town.

Looking back we have successfully launched Secret Guildford, a guide to the businesses in the side streets of the town, and continue to strive to maintain Guildford as a successful and attractive town.

The Town Centre Management website is now in full swing with the new diary and news function so check it out at www.guildford.org.uk.

And finally on a personal note, a huge thank you to all the members of the town community who supported me financially and morally in my climb of Kilimanjaro. I am pleased to announce that I, along with all 11 from the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy Team, made it to the summit on Friday 20 August raising significant funds to support the chaplaincy in their important work.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if I can support your business in any way.

Sincerely, David Bott,
Town Centre Officer

A warm welcome...



Limelight photographers, 1a Friary Street, opened their first High Street Studio portrait gallery on Friday 3 September with a visit from someone very special!



Pandora Jewellery at 76/78 High Street was opened by Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Marsha Molesey on Friday 3 September.



Primark opened its doors to the public on Thursday 9 September in the Friary Centre.



Loungin, who have joined the range of high quality stores in Tunsgate Square Shopping Centre selling beautiful individual and creative furniture to live with and lounge in.



Bar Des Arts, opened recently in Millbrook, opposite the Yvonne Arnaud theatre. A sophisticated wine/cocktail bar in the evenings which during the day transforms into a peaceful café.



A new look for New Look New Look re-opened in Friary Street on Saturday 17 July. The revamped store had a ceremonial opening with the official cutting of the ribbon by Store Manager Rob Durrant.

Marks and Spencer Simply Food opened recently in Guildford Railway Station.

Tesco Local opened on Bridge Street.

Angels conquer Kili

On Friday 20 August, after five days of walking, scrambling and camping the 12 strong Town Centre Chaplaincy Kilimanjaro team reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest point in the continent of Africa. The adventurers ranging in ages from 21 to 62 walked for up to 12 hours a day to reach the top.

Team leader Jon Bircher, said: "Kilimanjaro was an immense, intense and thoroughly life changing journey. Personally I also found the mountain a deeply spiritual experience which greatly helped us achieve the glorious summit to the roof of Africa."

The two groups totalling 18 volunteers managed to raise over £20k for Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy which runs the street angels programme and a further £6k for Tanzanian charities in nearby villages. Whilst there Town Centre Officer David and three others went to see the work of Mkombozi, a charity providing outreach,



residential and educational support for street children in the Moshi and Arusha districts. The second group went to a local village and were involved in redecorating a primary school.

To find out more or to make a donation you can go to <http://www.justgiving.com/guildfordchaplaincy/Donate>

Summary of Events

October
16 - 30 Guildford Arts Society Exhibition at Guildford House Gallery
14 - 23 Guildford Book Festival.
www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk

November
1 - 20 Guildford Arts Society Exhibition at Guildford House Gallery
2 Guildford Farmers' Market
5 Guildford Lions firework fiesta
14 Remembrance Sunday
18 Christmas Lights switch on and start of late night shopping on Thursdays
20 Make a day of it - launching Christmas in Guildford see www.guildford.org.uk

December
7 Guildford Christmas Farmers' Market
12 Mayor's Christmas Concert

February
1 Guildford Farmers' Market

March
1 Guildford Farmers' Market
4 - 23 Guildford International Music festival

Bike thefts alert

Remember to lock your bike in a safe, well lit area. For more information visit: www.guildford.org.uk

News in brief...

70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain

The Parks and Countryside team have put together a special floral tribute in the Castle Grounds to mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The display highlights the courage and dedication of the RAF. To launch the display a lone piper from Gordon's School Pie and Drum Band entertained visitors while they enjoyed refreshments at the NAAFI, specially created for the day in the Bowls Club Pavilion.



Mayor Cllr Marsha Molesey with Servicewomen

The Fox Way - a specially created walk around Guildford

If you love the varied countryside surrounding Guildford and love walking try out the Fox Way. This is a newly created 39 mile circuit of walks split into seven easy stages, taking you along scenic footpaths. The book costs £6.95 and can be purchased at the Tourist Information Centre, Tunsgate on: 01483 444333 or directly from Richard Fox by emailing: rjfox@tlc.eu.com.



Guildford - six of the best parks in the country

Six of Guildford's parks have won Green Flag Awards - ranked among the best green spaces in the country. Stoke Park, Sutherland Memorial Park (Burpham), the Castle Grounds, Allen House Grounds, Guildford Crematorium grounds and Riverside Nature Reserve was recognised with an award. For more information visit www.greenflagaward.org.uk



Castle grounds in bloom

Free workshops in Bookkeeping and Starting your own business

Enterprise First is offering 'Be your own boss' and 'bookkeeping' workshops in November at Guildford Borough Council offices, Millmead. Spaces are limited. For more information and to book your space visit www.enterprisefirst.co.uk



Addicted to wedding cake?

Keith Churchouse local businessman and President of Guildford Committee of Surrey Chambers, has released a new book - 'Addicted to Wedding Cake, the journey of divorce'. This follows his first book 'Sign Here, Here and Here'. To read Keith's book reviews visit www.amazon.co.uk. Keith's books are available from Waterstone's, Guildford.



Keith Churchouse with his new book

Get your opinion heard

Guildford Society sponsored by Guildford Borough Council, is holding its Open Forum meeting on Thursday 11 November from 2.00pm to 4.45pm. This year's theme is Streetscape. The purpose of the meeting is to gain public opinion on specific town centre topics. All are welcome. For more information visit www.guildford.gov.uk/streetscape



Who's who in Town Centre Management



Name
Natalie Ashton

Organisation
Surrey Advertiser

Job
Marketing and Promotions Manager

I've been the marketing manager at Surrey Advertiser for the past two years but I've worked in Guildford for four years now. **Why I love working in Guildford** Guildford is a great place to do business and I love working here. Guildford is a thriving and historic town in a great location that's perfect for shopping and socialising. It has the charm of a market town but from a business perspective it punches well above its weight making it one of the most competitive economies in the South.

What's coming up

The Surrey Advertiser and 96.4 Eagle Radio are about to launch the Toast of Surrey Business Awards 2011. I always get excited at the prospect of these awards. They highlight everything that is great about Surrey and we always get some great stories out of it too, but it does rather take over my life for six months of the year!

Top Tip

Looking ahead I think networking is going to be even more important and I would encourage all businesses to join Surrey Chambers of Commerce and groups like Town Centre Management group and letting your voice be heard by key decision makers and local government.

Maintenance work within the town centre

Repair work to High Street cobbled setts

Work on parts of the cobbled setts in Guildford High Street started in August. The work is due to complete by mid November. For more information contact David Bott, Town Centre Officer, on 01483 444331 or email david.bott@guildford.gov.uk

Gas Main replacement work in Friary Street

Gas Main replacement work has started in Friary Street and will soon commence in North Street and Onslow Street. However, due to the discovery of unexplained pipework there have been some significant delays. For more information contact David Bott, Town Centre Officer on 01483 444331 or email david.bott@guildford.gov.uk