

February 2019

Indie Spot of the month!

Tudor Antiques

Guildford's hidden speakeasy cocktail and private hire bar is known and popular for its quirky exclusive Thursday to Saturday evening service but did you know that they now offer a daytime business club? The business club is open to all who need a cool place to work, meet clients, utilise meeting room space and hold workshops.

They are open Monday to Friday from 10.00am – 3.00pm and also hold a fortnightly daytime networking group and many workshops with their business mentoring partners.

To find out more, pop along for a FREE coffee, have a chat and a look around!

www.tudorantiquesguildford.co.uk



Pancake Races

Charlotteville Jubilee Trust need your help to raise funds for Guildford Young Carers (The Mayor's chosen charity) at this year's Guildford Pancake Races on Tuesday 5th March.

They need:

- Sponsors
- Competitors
- Prizes
- Volunteers

Please get in touch ASAP if you can help in any way. For more information, get in touch with John Redpath:

pancakes@charlotteville.co.uk,
01483 598420.



Best Bar None

Following a very successful 2018 we are now in the process of beginning the recruitment for the 2019/2020 Guildford Best Bar None scheme. Last year we trialed the inclusion of restaurants and this was met very positively with a few nationals taking part. This year we are going to push this out to all licenced restaurants and encourage participation from both national and independent.

Best Bar None is an accreditation scheme that celebrates best practice operational standards in the licensed trade and is supported by the Home Office.

Participating in a Best Bar None scheme shows a willingness to address alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour through the promotion of good practice and education and a town operating a live scheme is acknowledged by the Home Office as having a positive effect on the night time economy.

Participating venues will be invited to the Best Bar None Awards on the 5th June at the Electric Theatre to celebrate their achievements.

For more information or to sign up for the awards then please contact Pete Lambert on **07711408142** or email pete@experienceguildford.com.



March Top 5

We put together regular online features to promote BID members and support key calendar events and activities. This is an opportunity to gain exposure for your business via our website and social media.

For March we are looking to write a piece about some of the top places in town to visit if planning Spring home improvements.

If you would like to be featured please email olivia@experienceguildford.com by Friday 8th March.

Healthy Guildford Day

To coincide with On Your Feet Britain Day on the 26 April 2019 Guildford Borough Council, with support from Experience Guildford, are planning the first 'Healthy Guildford Day'

If you are a business in the town who provides health and wellbeing services such as a gym, health food shop or wellbeing treatments and would be willing to offer taster sessions of your services to people who live or work in the town on or around the 26 April 2019 please contact

helen.barnsley@guildford.gov.uk or Mary-Anna.Sinnathamby@guildford.gov.uk.

Helen and Mary-Anna would also like to hear from business who may be able to host activities on the day.

The benefits of increased activity on your physical and mental health are widely recognised so this is a great opportunity to get Guildford on its feet and to promote the health and wellbeing industry in the town.

White Rabbit Trail

We are looking for 4 x businesses to take part in our annual Easter activity! The White Rabbit Easter Trail will run 15th – 18th April inclusive.

We write cryptic clues for each business, one of these clues will be posted on our Social Media accounts at 11am across the 4 days

Participants will be required to solve the clue which will lead them to the relevant business, they must then find the White Rabbit (provided by us, hidden by you) which they can then exchange for an Easter goodie bag (provided by us) at the till point/customer service area.

There will be one White Rabbit Easter Trail winner per venue, this will be the first person to find the White Rabbit & exchange it for the goodie bag (we will also provide some smaller consolation goodies for runners up).

If this sounds like an activity you would like to get involved in, please email sasha@experienceguildford.com. Spaces will be granted on a first come, first served basis.



Are You Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour?

Over the past couple of months we have seen a small spike in anti-social behaviour. This term covers a range of issues from street begging, drug misuse and dealing, public order offences, theft and burglary.

Experience Guildford works in partnership with Surrey Police and Guildford Borough Council to maintain a town centre that is vibrant, safe and welcoming. We would urge you to report issues to the Police, if a crime has been committed, and also report in to us via the DISC System. Your input is crucial to keeping Guildford the way it should be.

If you would like to know more about the DISC reporting mechanism, please ask one of the Town Rangers or email Pete Lambert (Town Safety and Venue Liaison Manager): pete@experienceguildford.com.

Dates for the Diary

- **1st February** – Six Nations Starts – Town Wide
- **4th – 8th February** – Father of Lies – The Star Inn
- **5th February** – Farmers' Market – High Street
- **5th February** – Chapel Street Traders Meeting – The Keep
- **8th February** – Jason Manford – G Live
- **11th – 16th February** – The Lady Vanishes – Yvonne Arnaud
- **12th February** – Town Centre Forum – Venue TBC
- **22nd February** – Guildford Lunch Hour Walk - Millmead
- **23rd February** – Hundred Watt Club – The Electric Theatre
- **27th February** – Business Enterprise Session – EG HQ
- **5th March** – Pancake Races – High Street
- **5th March** – Guildford Farmers' Market – High Street

