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THE NEWS IS BACK ON TRACK!

Here we are again, with a printed copy. A big thank you to all our distributors who have returned to duty to deliver the NEWS to your homes. We are delighted to welcome Anne Rasmussen to this happy band, who is taking on the Priorswood round following the very unexpected death of Roger Seymour. Many of you have opted to receive the NEWS by email and this has been noted. **If, however, you receive this through your door but are happy/would prefer to get it by email, please let the Editor know** (details above) – and apologies to those who have already indicated their preference but who have slipped through the net.

A CAUTIONARY TALE – FOLLOW UP

A reader of the NEWS reports that last December, his car was stolen one night from his drive. It was recovered in Dagenham by the police, two days later. It was probably heading overseas but the thieves had cut the wiring loom – it is thought, looking for a tracker – and probably realised that they had caused too much damage. The repairs took about 8 weeks as some parts had to be imported from Germany and cost £6,000 – mainly labour. What no-one had told the owner, including the insurers, was that if a key was left unshielded in the house, the thieves can boost the signal which lets them open the car and drive off with no fuss. It's not just leaving the keys close to the front door – thieves are also known to walk around outside a house and if they see the keys left out in a back room, they can still boost the signal.

Moral of the tale: Buy a Defender signal blocker for your car keys – they are not expensive!

A NEW VENTURE

Many people will remember Cherylin who was a familiar face at The Withies for 35 years. Circumstances persuaded her to put her energies into her own business venture and when lockdown was obvious that it was going to be long term, she decided to buy a **VINTAGE COFFEE VAN** with Ivan, with whom she has worked for 5 years. Within five weeks they had bought their vintage Citroen van and decided on fresh ground coffee, freshly made waffles with various toppings, and other sweet delights like lemon drizzle, muffins, cookies and carrot cake or Victoria sponge. Recently they have added sausage rolls and cheese straws as a savoury option. They can be found on Meadow, by Broadwater Lake near Guildford & Godalming Rugby Club. They are open every day from 9am to 5pm and they have been totally overwhelmed by the wonderful comments from the local community and visitors from much further afield. You can find them on surreywafflesandstuff on *Instagram* and *Waffles and stuff* on *Facebook*. Do drop in and sample their delights and you can be sure to find a warm and friendly welcome.

COMPTON CLUB

The Club is OPEN on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6pm to 11pm, with **Happy Hour** between 6pm and 7pm with reduced price drinks! Payment by contactless card only. The Pool and Snooker tables will be available, along with Darts, on the evenings they are open.

There are additional events during October for which **booking is required**. Call Mags on 01483 810268, Patrizia on 07365 276608 or email events@comptonclub.co.uk.

Friday 2nd – **Pool Compton Team Game** to define a formation of the Compton Team. Free registration.

Call Tom on 07985 493461

Saturday 3rd – **Eat and Play Bingo** (light food before the start). Food price: £10 members, £12 non-members

Saturday 10th – **Quiz Night with Ploughman's Supper**

Friday 16th – **Pool Compton Team Game**. Free registration. Call Tom on 07985 493461

Saturday 17th – **Eat and Play Bingo** as above

Saturday 24th – **Oktober Fest** with Sausages & Chips. £4 members, £6 non-members. Start at 6.30pm

Friday 30th – **Pumpkin Carving Competition** with Special Prize! Free registration. Start at 6pm

Saturday 31st – **Trick or Treat?** Halloween Spooky Cake competition. Start at 6pm

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal on 1st October. The cost for 2020-21 remains the same at £12. Payment at the Bar by card only please.

THIS & THAT

➔ ➔ ➔ **SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK** ← ← ←

Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday 24th October before going to bed!

➤ **Starting Sunday 4th October**, the collection point for the **GODALMING COMMUNITY FOOD STORE** is moving from Compton Club on Tuesday mornings to Compton Telephone Box on Sundays up to 5pm, when everything will be collected. As winter closes in, this is a much safer and more secure location for your donations. Try and remember to add a few items to your weekly shop. Not just food, but cleaning materials, household and personal items are also welcome, such as washing up liquid, shampoo, toothbrushes, roll-on deodorant, Gents shaving foam/gel & razors, plasters, antiseptic cream, toilet rolls, and anything else you think might be useful. Please only leave donations on Sundays, up to 5pm – don't leave items at any other time. The proceeds from the Harvest collection at St Nicholas church this year will also be given to the Community Food Store.

Immense thanks to Compton Club who readily offered their premises for the collection when it was first set up.



➤ There are just a few days left to visit the fascinating exhibition about Godalming's Saxon founders at **GODALMING MUSEUM**. *Godalming's Secret Cemetery* tells the story of the discovery and excavation of a remarkable archaeological site in the centre of the town, which turned out to be a 9th-12th century cemetery. This unique survival throws light on the earliest history of Godalming and particularly on the lives and deaths of its inhabitants. During October, the exhibition is open on Friday 2nd, Monday 5th, Saturday 10th, Monday 12th and Friday 16th. **Phone 01483 426510 to book your visit. If you are in town, it's worth checking the Museum front door for any visits available on the day. Visit the Museum's website www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk to find out more.**

➤ **KD FINE ART** at Watts Gallery is now fully open, Monday to Saturday from 10.30am to 5pm. Closed on Sundays. Well worth a visit for those unusual little gifts, not to mention having your precious pictures framed or reframed! Christmas is only around the corner.

➤ **NEED HELP WITH YOUR GARDEN?** *Guildford In Bloom* winner, **Heather Markham**, is offering her services as "The Guildford Gardener". Anything from pruning, weeding, planting, mulching, lawn care, leaf blowing to patio & path cleaning. Weekly, fortnightly or occasional jobs. Heather can also supply **well-rotted horse manure** - £2.50 per bag, £45 per trailer load. Please call her on 07944 799945.

➤ The accommodation offered by the **CALEB LOVEJOY ALMSHOUSE CHARITY** is still available, suitable for a single person of 55+ years. A one-bedroom, unfurnished, single storey cottage close to Guildford town centre and within walking distance of the main line station, consisting of a porch, lounge, kitchen area, shower-room, bedroom and shared garden. There is a weekly maintenance charge, which includes heating, hot water, a 24-hour emergency call system, communal lighting, gardening and window cleaning. Priority is given to applicants who have lived in Guildford and are in need. **Email enquiries to clerk@caleblovejoy.com or phone 07903 313201.**

WATTS GALLERY

From Thursday 1st October to Sunday 1st November, the new exhibition in the Watts Contemporary Gallery (above the Shop) will be **WATTS CERAMICS**. This group ceramics show will feature nine leading ceramicists and demonstrate the diversity of contemporary practice. Work will include terracotta, stoneware, earthenware and porcelain. All works are for sale. Admission FREE.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **EYE SPY TRAIL** until Sunday 1st November. Become an art detective and use the picture clues to find the artworks. Collect from the Visitor Centre. FREE with admission.
- ◆ **NATURE NOTEBOOK** until Sunday 1st November. Be a student of nature. Look closely, record details, capture truth. Use this trail in the woodlands and make art from nature. Collect from the Visitor Centre. FREE with admission.
- ◆ **FAMILIES SMARTIFY TOUR**. What stories do the artworks have to tell? Learn about some favourites from the Gallery collection on Smartify. Smartify is FREE to download to your device from Google Play and the App Store. FREE WI-FI is available in the Gallery.

OCTOBER HALF TERM – Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November

- ◆ Pick up a **CREATE KIT** (included with admission) at the Visitor Centre and be inspired to create a masterpiece from the historic galleries and the Ruskin temporary exhibition.
- ◆ **WATTS ACADEMY CLAY CLUB – Online**. £10, Friends £9, including clay, tools and access to online tutorial content. Play with clay and learn new skills, techniques and processes inspired by the work of Mary Watts. Collect your clay and all the materials you need in advance before setting up your own studio at home. Open to all ages – particularly suited to 11-17 year olds.

LIFE DRAWING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – Thursday 22nd October, 6pm-8pm. £10, Friends £9. Suitable for ages 13-18 years. Course Leader **Rachel Mercer**. This **online workshop** is for young people who want an introduction to life drawing or those who want to learn more. Receive guidance on technique, proportion and learn the basics of anatomy, drawing from a partially-clothed life model.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Room with bathroom and additional small room for use as a study at Upper Ridgeway Farm, a delightful working farm in beautiful countryside in Thursley. Use of kitchen for making own breakfast but evening meal can be provided if required. **Contact Patricia Coles on 01428 604508.**

PARISH COUNCIL

- Compton Parish Council were very pleased to welcome **MR JAMES SAUNDERS** to the Council at its meeting on 16th September. Mr Saunders has filled the last vacancy on the Council and we look forward to working with him.
- Although it is now possible to hold meetings in public, the restrictions are so complicated and likely to be changeable that the Parish Council will continue to hold its meetings by Zoom, in line with government guidance, for the foreseeable future. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18th November at 7pm. Why not join us from the comfort of your own armchair? Just let me know and I will send a link to the meeting.
- Residents may have noticed that the village sign had a slight lean at the top, and was surrounded by chestnut paling for a couple of weeks. I am pleased to report that this lean, which was a result of the wood settling, has now been rectified and the sign is standing straight again.
- Surrey County Council plan to plant 1.2 million trees over the next ten years, and are open to ideas as to where they should go. Please let me know if there are public areas in Compton that you feel would benefit.
- Finally, please do remember that there is no such thing as a poo fairy – please clean up after your dog and take the bag home. Leaving it hanging on a branch is not effective or helpful.

Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk. joanna@joannacadman.com. 01483 268627 or 07711 566458

COVID-19

The new NHS Covid-19 App has recently been launched and is now available to download for anyone over the age of 16 in England and Wales. With multiple functions, and using privacy protected technology, the App is the fastest way for people to see if they are at risk from Coronavirus, so the more people who have it, the better. Depending on your mobile device, visit the App Store or Google Play Store and search NHS Covid 19 App to download. **For more information, visit the NHS Covid 19 Test and Trace App web page.**

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH



Services are continuing at the parish church through October. All are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for more details, including what is being done to keep safe during the pandemic. stnicholascomptonoffice@gmail.com

Sunday 4th October - 8am Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
Sundays 11th, 18th & 25th - 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October is the Harvest Festival when the church will be filled with flowers and the fruits of the harvest. Come and enjoy some beauty and cheer during this tough and difficult time. There will be something for all ages. The church will be open from 2pm to 5pm that day, and on Wednesday 7 October from 11am to 1pm. To keep you safe, timed tickets will be issued, which are free and available from stnicholascomptonoffice@gmail.com. Households are welcome. Spaces are limited, so apply now to avoid disappointment.

Also this month, the **Revd Julian Hubbard** will be installed as **Rector of Compton** by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday 4th October at a Zoom service at 6pm. The Annual Meeting at St Nicholas will be held on Sunday 18th October after the 10.30am service.

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Brown leather **two-seater sofa**. Very good condition. Length 162cm x Height 94cm. Free if collected from Hascombe. **Contact Jane on 01483 208468, janebrew@gmail.com.**

DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

- Sundays, 9am-5pm** – Godalming Community Food Store, Compton Telephone Box
- Wednesdays, 11am-1pm** – St Nicholas Church open for private prayer (NB: Wednesday 7th timed visits to the Flower Festival)
- Fri 2nd – Pool Compton Team Game, Compton Club
- Sat 3rd – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm
- Sun 4th – Harvest Festival Flowers, St Nicholas Compton, 2pm-5pm
- Sun 4th – Installation of Revd Julian Hubbard as Rector of Compton, St Nicholas Church, 6pm (Zoom)
- Wed 7th – Harvest Festival Flowers, St Nicholas Compton, 11am-1pm

- Sat 10th – Quiz Night, Compton Club, 8pm
- Fri 16th – Pool Compton Team Game, Compton Club
- Sat 17th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm
- Sun 18th – Annual Meeting, St Nicholas Church, 11.30am
- Tues 20th – Deadline for the November NEWS**
- Thurs 22nd – Life Drawing for Young People, Watts Gallery online, 6pm-8pm
- Sat 24th Oktober Fest, Compton Club, 6.30pm
- SAT 24th AT MIDNIGHT – CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**
- Fri 30th – Pumpkin Carving Competition, Compton Club, 6pm
- Sat 31st – Halloween Cake Competition, Compton Club, 6pm