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COMPTON VILLAGE FETE Saturday 17 May, from 12 noon to 4.30pm



With just a few weeks more to go, we're getting ready for the FETE. If you're a Facebook user, stay up to date with the latest news at www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete. Proceeds from this day of fun in the (fingers crossed) sun will benefit a range of local causes, including the Allotments, Compton Club, Compton Little Theatre, Compton NEWS, St. Nicholas Church, the Village Hall, and various village projects. This year, we are also supporting two very worthy charities based at ROYAL SURREY COUNCIL HOSPITAL: BRIGHT CANCER CARE and SOPHIE'S LEGACY. BRIGHT Cancer Care (one of Ken Miller's chosen charities) focuses on improving the lives of people affected by gastro-intestinal (GI) and hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) cancers. Sophie's Legacy provides essentials for parents staying with their children in hospital, including snacks, as well as organising pizza nights for children. Funds raised will be directed to local projects at Royal Surrey County Hospital. We can't wait to welcome you to this year's Fete. Don't forget to bring plenty of cash to take full advantage of all the great activities and stalls!

THE FETE IS RUN PURELY BY VOLUNTEERS AND YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Stall volunteers. Help is needed for the Bouncy Castles, BBQ, Tea Tent, Beer Tent, Parking, Pick-a-Card, the Loseley ice cream van and many other stalls. Even an hour of your time will make a big difference! To volunteer, please contact Danielle **Rowe** at daniellerowe@hotmail.com or on 07957 417943.

Tea Tent. This beloved spot, in the Compton Club, provides a relaxing space for visitors to enjoy a cup of tea and homemade treats. Historically run by members of the Compton Little Theatre, they only have time to run the legendary Human Fruit Machine this year but will still be baking delicious cakes. If you're interested in running the Tea Tent or helping out, please contact Miranda Wells at wellsmiranda@icloud.com or on 07989 441927. If you have a food safety certificate, we'd really love to hear from you.

Set up/take down volunteers. A small but dedicated team works hard to prepare for the event and take everything down afterwards. They could always use more hands! Please contact James Saunders, jameswgsaunders5@hotmail.com or Nick Palmer on 01483 810663 /nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com.

STALL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

Grand Draw. We've already secured some incredible prizes, but more are always welcome. If you can contribute, please contact **Sarah Metcalfe** at sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com or 07884 438974.

Bric-a-Brac. Please drop off your clean bric-a-brac on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays (excluding Easter weekend) at Broadstone Cottage, Withies Lane, Compton, GU3 1JD, in the glazed porch. No books, clothes, large furniture, or electrical items, please. For other days, text first. Nia Griffiths, 07811 460505.

Cakes and biscuits for the Tea Tent. We always need more cakes and sandwiches than you can imagine! Popular items include Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle, coffee and walnut cake, cheese straws, cheese scones, chocolate cake, and sausage rolls. Bring your baked goods (with ingredients lists) to the Compton Club from 10am on the morning of the Fete.

Books/DVDs/CDs as well as tiny prizes for Pick-a-Card. We're talking little items you find in hotel bathrooms, small toys, trinkets or anything for children that will fit on the face of a playing card. Jane Turner, 07763 146448.

Plants & Produce. Have you got an abundance of plants or home-grown produce? Contact Richard Bennett (Ben), 07703 403133. Teddy Tombola. Do you have any unwanted cuddly toys needing new homes? Could you lend a hand to wash a bag of teddies? If you can oblige then contact Sarah Metcalfe at sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com or on 07884 438974.

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CLT is holding its Annual Gathering on Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm in Pucks Oak Barn, GU3 1EG. All are invited. You will hear about exciting plans for productions and events in 2025 and beyond. In addition to the brief formalities associated with an AGM, the Annual Gathering will be a social event. CLT would also love to

hear your ideas about the shape and future of Compton's wonderful community theatre group. There will be complimentary drinks, nibbles and entertainment. Email info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk for more information. We hope to see you there. If you would like to be kept up to date with our plans, please sign up to be on our mailing list: committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.



Grand Draw prize list. Just £1 a ticket.

First Prize: £300 CASH!

Second Prize: The Withies Inn, Compton — Dinner, Bed & Breakfast for 2



OTHER FANTASTIC PRIZES KINDLY DONATED BY OUR GENEROUS FETE SUPPORTERS INCLUDE:

* Airhop - 4 free bounce passes * Beauty in the Garden - £25 voucher * Beauty Secrets - Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage * Birdworld - 1 Child ticket * The Bluebell, Dockenfield - £50 voucher * Compton Club - 1 year membership plus £25 credit or £50 credit to an existing member * COOK £20 voucher * Bridget Bagnell - 2 planted hanging baskets * Michelle Calvert - hand-knitted bespoke dog jumper - Curchods Godalming - An afternoon tea experience * Face My Paints - 50% off children's facepainting party for max 30 children * Fledglings - £20 voucher * Giggleville - Family Play Session * Greggs - £20 voucher * Greyfriars - Bottle of fizz and 2 vineyard tour tickets * Guildford Fringe - 1 family ticket for selected performance of Cinderella Panto at Godalming Borough Hall (2 adults/2children or 1adult/3children) * Guildford Fringe - 2 tickets for Godalming Gag House in June at Godalming Borough Hall * The Kings Arms and Royal Hotel, Godalming - £75 voucher * Mane Chance - Tea and tour * Majestic Wines - A bottle of Chateau Le Pey Saincrit (Bordeaux Supérieur) and a bottle of Champagne * MPSK8 - Children's roller disco party for 30 children (excluding venue) * Ninja Warrior Guildford - 2 free tickets * Scentsation Floristry - Voucher for a floristry workshop * Squires Garden Centres - £15 voucher * Surrey Cricket Club - 2 tickets for the One Day International at the Kia Oval between England and West Indies on 3 June 2025 * Tarin Woods Hair - £25 voucher * Wild Wood Guildford - £25 voucher for a Kids course or Extreme Wild course (minimum age 6 years old) * Wakelings - £20 voucher.

Our amazing prize list continues to grow, so do check out the May edition of the NEWS for the final tally.

BUYING GRAND DRAW TICKETS

1. Credit or debit card: Scan the QR code or visit www.compton-surrey.co.uk/compton-village-association to buy tickets online. We will send your confirmation and tickets directly to you.



2. Cheque or cash, or Bank Transfer to the CVA Lloyds Business Account, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047, quoting the reference GD. Please send an email to Sarah Metcalfe at sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com, stating your name, phone number, how many tickets you require and how much money you have transferred.

Alternatively, if you receive a paper copy of this issue of the News you can purchase the tickets distributed with it and return them to Sarah Metcalfe at 17 Spiceall, or you can pick them up from the Club, or you can contact Sarah Metcalfe on 07884 438974.



COMPTON CLUB is hosting a Band Night on Saturday 3 May

featuring Groove Apprentice. Doors open at 7pm.

Local residents Nick & Charlotte Wyschna are producing a comedy club at COMPTON VILLAGE HALL on Saturday 26 April. COMPTON GAG HOUSE COMEDY CLUB'S lineup will include Matt Richardson (Nevermind The Buzzcocks, Celebrity Juice, Sweat The Small Stuff), Russell Arathoon, Tom Elwes and Ashley Frieze. Doors open at 7.15pm. Show starts at 8pm. There will be a pay bar and the promise of many laughs throughout the night. All profits from the comedy club will be donated to a charity yet to be decided. Book tickets in advance at https:// gaghousecomedy.com/events/compton-gag-house-comedy-club-26-april/.

† What's on in April at St Nicholas Church? **†**

- Muddy Church is on the first Sunday of every month (except school holidays) at 10.30am.
- **†** Toddler group **Fledglings** is on Mondays, 9am (term-time) at *Puck's Oak Barn*.

Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com.

- Small Groups Every week during Lent. Please contact our Rector Sally to be part of one of these.
- Inside Outside meets on Saturday 5 April, 10am to noon to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com.
- Bell ringing practice is held once or twice a month on <u>Tuesdays at 10am</u>, with bell ringing on <u>Sundays from 10am to 10.30am</u>. Contact phil.gorton@btinternet.com.
- If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, contact our Rector, Sally: stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com. Confidentiality will be respected.

Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

APRIL

Sunday 6 <u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church — *Easter is coming* Friday 18 10.30am Good Friday — an hour & visit to see the lambs at the cross 10.30am Easter Celebration 6pm Evensong Sunday 20 10.30am Palm Sunday Holy Communion Sunday 13 Communion with Easter Egg Hunt 6pm Maundy Thursday Communion 10.30am Holy Communion Thursday 17 Sunday 27

www.stnicholascompton.org

Light cleaning required at St Nicholas. Do you have two hours free a fortnight? The work can be done whenever the church is open and not in use for services or ceremonies. £60 a month for 4 hours. Vacuum cleaner provided plus polish and dusters. Apply to Ros Lawson, churchwarden: stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com.

St Nicholas' choir will be singing again on Sunday 6 April at 6pm. Come and join us for this service of themed music and prayer for Lent after which we'll be gearing up for our Easter celebrations Palm Sunday (April 13) and Easter Day (April 20). Interested? email Richard Dacey: stnicholascompton.organist@gmail.com.





After an enjoyable lunch on <u>Friday 11 April</u> **MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** members and their guests (always welcome) will hear a talk on the key aspects of later life planning: how to protect assets and wealth to be passed on to loved ones. Professional adviser **David Brittain** (of SILVERTIME LEGAL) will cover wills and trusts, probate, lasting powers of attorney and inheritance tax planning. This will be an informative talk and discussion, not a sales pitch.

Milford Probus is a club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men and women who enjoy comradeship, informative talks and wider activities. <u>Lunch is at 12.30pm</u> (pre-lunch drinks from <u>12pm</u>), *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. If interested, visit www.milfordprobus.com, or book a lunch — the Monday before — with **Jon Warnke** (jgwarnke@btinternet.com/07818 602699).

On Thursday 17 April, from 7.30pm until 9pm Les Amttiés Françaises' guest speaker, Brigitte Whiteing, will talk about Madagascar, an island country in the Indian Ocean.

Les Amitiés Françaises is part of a thriving French circle and always welcomes new members and visitors. To find out more, visit www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

Talks take place at the WILFRID NOYCE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY.

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☐ CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS have the pleasure of inviting you to a concert of Classical and Romantic works performed by the piano and violin duo Aleksandra Myslek and Eleanor Corr, on Saturday 5 April, 7pm at Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA. Programme includes works by Mozart, Schumann, Symanowski and Chopin as well as Franck's well known masterpiece, the Violin and Piano Sonata. To book, visit https://conservatoireconcerts.org.uk. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

Vimala Rowe with John Etheridge "Blue Spirits" trio

Wednesday 2 April
Rowe and Etheridge are ideal
partners, alike in their search
for musical adventure and
authenticity. Etheridge has
been described by Pat
Metheny as "one of the best
guitarists in the world".

7.15pm Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP.

Rod Youngs Quartet featuring Denys Baptiste

Friday 11 April
MOBO-nominated Youngs
brings his quartet to Guildford
to celebrate the music of the
iconic Blue Note Record label.
Youngs has established himself as one of the most expressive and versatile drummers on
the contemporary music scene.
7.30pm

The Stoke, Guildford GU1 4JN.

Lunchtime jazz: The Terence Collie piano trio

Monday 14 April
The first in a new series
of monthly lunchtime jazz
concerts in the historic
Assembly Room in the
Guildford Institute, which has
a grand piano. Lunch is from
12pm to 2pm and the
performance is from 2pm
to 3pm.

12pm Guildford Institute, Guildford GU1 4LH.

Transatlantic Hot Club

Thursday 24 April
The Transatlantic Hot Club
was formed by Ben Creighton
Griffiths (Harp) and Adrien
Chevalier (Violin) in 2013
when they met whilst both
performing at a harp festival
on the French Caribbean
islands. Since then the "Club"
has performed in the UK, the
USA, France and Corsica.

7.15pm Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP.

Visit www.guildfordjazz.org.uk to find out more and to book

Enjoy a relaxing and engaging afternoon of amazing art and live music on Saturday 7 June at Greenhills Estate in Tilford, held in aid of local hospice care charity Phyllis Tuckwell. Stroll through the estate's gardens to the gallery, which will display original artworks and original limited edition prints by many well-known British artists, including Sir Peter Blake, Damien Hirst, Bruce Mclean and many more Royal Academicians. You'll also be able to see lithographic editions from King Charles III. In the gardens, you'll find the CCA Art Bus, a double decker mobile work of art designed by Sir Peter Blake in a Pop Art style, with a mobile gallery on the top deck and entertainment area at the bottom. It includes rare images of The Beatles. The art gallery, bus and gardens will be open for viewing and picnics from 1pm, with live music from 3-5pm. Tickets are £50 and include a welcome drink, plus summer berries and ice cream. Cream teas are also available to purchase in advance when booking. All are welcome to bring garden chairs, blankets and a picnic. There is a short walk from the car park to the venue, with wheelchair accessibility. To find out more about this event, and buy tickets, please visit www.pth.org.uk/greenhills-estate.



PUTTENHAM BARN BUNKHOUSE, a charityrun converted barn with a green ethos, is urgently looking for new local volunteer wardens. Guest hours are 5pm to 10am. Therefore, our wardens can do just one night if they wish. Wardens can book in for

set periods or as bookings come in. Free training is provided. This opportunity would suit anyone who likes nature/the outdoors/hiking or cycling and enjoys looking after guests. Customer service is very important. More info about the bunkhouse can be found at https://puttenhambarn.uk. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer warden at Puttenham Barn, please email **Tish** at support@puttenhambarn.uk.

Roots for the Future is offering unpaid carers a "green prescription" of eco-therapy sessions. Some sessions will be practicing mindfulness at the community garden in Farncombe. Others will be forest bathing sessions at Birtley woodland. Roots for the Future has funding from Surrey County Council which subsidises 80% of the costs so that the carer only needs to pay £5. We have funding for EIGHT sessions that will take place from Spring until early Autumn. If you or anyone you know is an unpaid carer, these sessions could help with maintaining wellbeing while caring for a loved one. Francesca, who will be running the sessions, is a trained mindfulness and meditation teacher, a trained forest bathing guide and a mental health first aider. To register your interest in these sessions check out https://rootsforthefuture.co.uk/wellbeing-in-nature-for-unpaid-carers/. Alternatively, email francesca@rootsforthefuture.co.uk to register interest.

Bargain Basement. Dog items for sale: Barjo tailgate guard, custom made for Dacia Logan estate (fits a VW Passat as well). See www.barjo.co.uk - Barrier for the back seat - Mattress dog bed to fit in the back of a car - Stair gate - Metal dog crate. £200 for everything or ONO. Also FREE: toddler car seat in good condition and two travel cots. Call 07954 282788.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR APRIL

- + Flower FairiesTM: The Magical World of Cicely Mary Barker comes to a close this month on Sunday 27 April. Discover the artist behind the iconic Flower Fairies books through Cicely's delicate illustrations and sketches, with playful moments along the way. Explore the exhibition in more depth with our final lunchtime curator tour on Thursday 3 April. Continue the magic into the Watts Gallery woodlands with an outdoor Tree Fairy Trail.
- At Watts Contemporary Gallery, visit the *Spirit of Charleston* which features the works of 10 artists embracing the exuberant spirit of Charleston Farmhouse near Lewes, created by the Bloomsbury Group's Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant in the early 20th Century. All works for sale. FREE entry. The gallery is located above the *Watts Gallery Shop*. Runs until Sunday 6 April 2025.
- → Opening on Thursday 10 April, Watts Contemporary Gallery presents HANDCRAFTED, an exhibition bringing together the works of eight craftswomen working in a variety of media in celebration of Mary Watts's 175th birthday anniversary.
- → The Easter holidays are fast approaching. Get creative as a family and join us to celebrate the final weeks of the Flower Fairies exhibition during Spring Family Days on <u>Thursday 10</u>, <u>Saturday 12 and Tuesday 15 April</u>. Embrace the arrival of spring at **Clay Club** on Sundays. Themes change fortnightly (see website for details)

DON'T FORGET, COMPTON RESIDENTS GET 50% OFF ADMISSION! VALID WITH A PROOF OF ADDRESS. www.wattsgallery.org.uk.

MARY WATTS was mentioned in BBC podcast *You're Dead To Me: The Arts and Crafts Movement: William Morris* and his circle. The episode of the comedy-history podcast, hosted by **Greg Jenner**, is well worth a listen for anyone who wants to learn more about this movement and the artists at its forefront.

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00274qh.



GODALMING MUSEUM'S exhibitions in April include:

- Mary, Countess of Meath, A Life dedicated to Others runs until Saturday 3 May. Mary Jane Maitland, the 12th Countess of Meath, was the visionary founder of The MEATH EPILEPSY CHARITY. Learn about her work and legacy in a special exhibition accompanied by handcrafted items made by people currently supported by The Meath. Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. It is located next to the Town Council offices, by the Pepperpot, 109A High St, GU7 1AQ. Visit www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk / 01483 426510.

On Tuesday 8 April, ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's talk is More Than Just Buns. Eating out in Georgian London.

Georgians of all classes dined out in pubs, coaching inns, French ordinaries and confectioners. They also ate all kinds of street food and had an almost insatiable appetite for buns. On a "journey" through London we will discover the early morning drinks consumed on the street before dawn, 'nunchions' served at coaching inns, Billingsgate dinners, confectioners' cakes, syllabubs and ices, the proverbially thin ham dished up to diners at Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, as well as the Jewish takeaway foods of the East End and even London's first 'Indian' restaurant. Our journey will be illustrated from prints, paintings and broadsides of the period, some long neglected as a source for a forgotten but fascinating part of our Georgian ancestors' way of life. Lecturer **Peter Ross** has a BA in the History of Art, Design and Film, an MA in London history, a PhD and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. Until recently Principal Librarian at Guildhall Library, he has for 20 years lectured on a broad range of topics including the history of English books, portraiture, and London history.

Talks start at <u>10.30am</u> but doors open <u>9.45am</u> for tea and coffee. The venue is **Normandy Village Hall**, *GU3 2DT*. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of £6.

www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2025.htm

DATES FOR APRIL -

Sandra's Yoga, Compton Village Hall, Thursdays & Fridays, 10.30am-12 noon.

Fledglings, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, <u>9am</u> (term-time). Compton Club, Spiceall, Thursdays/Fridays,

7pm to 10pm.

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Sat 29th March – Turn clocks forward one hour.

Weds 2nd – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, <u>7.15pm</u>. Sat 5th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA, <u>7pm</u>.

Sun 6th – Choral Evensong, St Nicholas Church, <u>6pm</u>.

Tues 8th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy

Village Hall, <u>10.30am</u>.

Fri 11th – Milford Probus Club, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from <u>12pm</u>.

Fri 11th – Guildford Jazz, The Stoke, Guildford GU1 4JN, 7.30pm.

Mon 14th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Institute, GU1 4LH,

Thurs 17th – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

Sun 20th – COMPTON NEWS APRIL ISSUE DEADLINE.

Thurs 24th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 7.15pm.

Sat 26^{th} – Compton Gag Houe Comedy Club, Village Hall, $\underline{7.15pm}$.

Tues 29th – CLT Annual Gathering, Pucks Oak Barn, 7.30pm.

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Sat 17th – Compton Village Fete, Spiceall, <u>12 noon</u>.