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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL's placemaking team is holding an **initial engagement session** to gather views and feedback on traffic-calming measures for the village. The team wants to hear residents' concerns regarding vehicle speeds along *The Street* and suggestions for potential speed reduction and traffic-calming measures. It is also an opportunity to ensure views regarding speed reduction/traffic-calming measures encompassing *Down Lane* and along the *New Pond Road* as far as the junction with *Binscombe* — also part of the village — are heard. According to the placemaking team, alongside comments/ideas regarding reducing speeds, residents are also encouraged to share with them the history of Compton as well as highlight heritage and placemaking elements, for example benches or planting. The team will start developing a first set of plans/designs to be consulted on after analysing the comments from the engagement.

The placemaking team's "Coffee & Chat" session will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 March, from 3.30pm until 7pm. Hot drinks will be available and there will be an area with crafts and materials for young children and families. For anyone unable to attend this event but who would like to provide feedback, scan the QR code or visit: <https://comptonvillage.commonplace.is/>. If residents have questions, email: comptonvillage@surreycc.gov.uk.



COMPTON'S Borough Councillors, **CATHERINE HOUSTON** and **DOMINIQUE WILLIAMS**, are holding their next Drop-In Ward Surgery on Monday 22 April 12-1pm at *St Mary's Church, The Street, Shalford, GU4 8BP*.

LOCAL PLANNING DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- The planning proposal for new homes on the site of **THE HARROW PUB**, on *The Street*, has been refused, due to the scale of the proposed housing, constituting inappropriate development. A new and revised application and/or an appeal against Guildford Borough Council's decision is anticipated. The PARISH COUNCIL will respond to either or both as required.
- **SAVE HISTORIC BINSCOMBE** thanks everyone who attended the WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL planning committee meeting on the evening of Wednesday 7 February and to those, including COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL, who took the time to object to the proposed development on the field between *Copse Side* and *Binscombe*. Though the application amassed over 500 objections and hundreds of petition signatories, the local councillors decided to waive through the proposals for 27 new affordable dwellings plus 50+ parking spaces on the three-acre field, metres from the Binscombe conservation area — not an insignificant development considering Binscombe consists of 40 houses. Despite a previous application with fewer dwellings having been overturned, at the 7 February meeting the councillors agreed the need for affordable new homes outweighed the previous conclusions by an independent government inspector in 2019 on the "harmful effect on the significance of the heritage asset". *Guildford Dragon* ran a piece on the recent decision: <https://guildford-dragon.com/waverley-planning-approval-for-green-field-site-a-decision-residents-were-dreading/>.

COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION. Thanks to many of you who have taken the trouble to pay the small annual subscription, which helps with the production of the NEWS. And many of you generously added a donation which is really appreciated. So far, subscriptions have been received from **110 households**. There are approximately 390 properties in Compton alone, and more in Littleton who also receive the NEWS. As the January and February NEWS were combined, it may have slipped your mind. Payment can be made by bank transfer to **Compton Village Association at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047 (Business Account)**. Please use the reference **2024 Sub**. Alternatively cheques payable to **Compton Village Association** can be sent to the **Treasurer David Hunt** at *Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF*.

COMPTON ALLOTMENT SOCIETY HAS PLOTS AVAILABLE. Seasoned gardeners and anyone new to growing fruit & veg are encouraged to apply. The Society offers a warm welcome. There are lots of opportunities for tea breaks, for making friends and asking advice. Contact **Jonathan Draper** on 07972 432 585.

- **COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** is organising the **village litter pick** on Saturday 16 March, starting at 10.30am at the Village Hall for volunteers to collect litter pickers, bags etc. It will finish back at the Village Hall from 11.30am with soup and rolls.
- The next Parish Council meeting takes place on Wednesday 20 March, 7pm at *Puck's Oak Barn*.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 May, 7pm, in *Watts Gallery*, followed by refreshments and networking in the *Old Kiln*. For more information, visit www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk.



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Mags Allerton – RIP

We were very sad to learn of the death of **Mags** in January at the age of 76. She had been diagnosed with cancer last year, not long before she stopped working at **COMPTON CLUB**. Mags was a Guildford girl through and through, born on 3 July 1947 in St Luke's Hospital. She went to school in Witley and afterwards became a secretary, working for a variety of organisations. She met Colin in 1974, also a Guildford boy who was a welder, and they were married in Guildford. Mags and Colin had two children, Karen and Dan, and moved to Spiceall, Compton, in 1986. Mags devoted 22 years of her life to working at Compton Club, first in the old building and continuing in the newly built premises. She was a fixture! Not a day went by when she wasn't there, always ready to help. There will be a private cremation on Wednesday 28 February. We send our sincere condolences to Colin, Karen and Dan at this very sad time.

† † † WHAT'S ON IN MARCH AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? † † †

Please join us as we journey through **LENT & HOLY WEEK** and then celebrate the joy of the resurrection on **EASTER SUNDAY**, including an **Easter Egg hunt**.

† On Saturday 9 March, from 2pm eight teams of ringers will convene at **St NICHOLAS CHURCH** for the **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** six-bell striking competition. The Guild consists of four geographical districts and two teams from each will take part. This year, as a result of a previous qualifying competition, the **Compton band** will be one of those representing the Guildford District. The test pieces are each about five minutes long and each team chooses their preferred method. After a short warm-up to enable the teams to get used to unfamiliar bells, they will ring their piece with as few faults as possible. The judges will be listening with very sharp ears. For anyone curious about bellringing, or who would like to support the Compton ringers, this is a great opportunity to drop by and have a listen. The competition is expected to last for about two hours, after which the ringers will adjourn to Godalming Church for more ringing and a well-earned tea.

† **Muddy Church** — a space for wandering & wondering with God, on the first Sunday of the month (term-time).

† Toddler group **Fledglings** meets at **Pucks Oak Barn** on Monday mornings in term time at 9.30am. Contact: fledglingscompton@gmail.com to book or enquire.

† **Inside Out** meets on Saturday 2 March and Saturday 6 April, 10am to noon, (first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com.

† **Small Groups** meet every week during Lent. Please contact our Rector Sally if you'd like to come.

† **Bell ringing** practice is once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am, with bell-ringing on Sundays from 10am to 10.30am. 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

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Sunday 3	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church, including a visit to see newborn lambs. <u>6pm</u> Evensong.	Thursday 28	<u>7.30pm</u> Holy Week Maundy Thursday Communion.
Wednesday 6	NO service.	Friday 29	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Week Good Friday reflection.
Sunday 10	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion Mothering Sunday.	Saturday 30	<u>7.30pm</u> Holy Week Easter Vigil.
Sunday 17	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion & Baptism.	Sunday 31	<u>10.30am</u> Easter Celebration with Holy Communion & Easter Egg Hunt.
Sunday 24	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Week Holy Communion Palm Sunday.	Sunday 7 April	NO Muddy Church (School holidays).

MILFORD PROBUS' next lunch and talk is on Friday 15 March, 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm), at *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. The talk is titled "Britain's amazing aircraft industry. What happened to it?" Speaker **Andy Richardson** has been involved in aviation throughout his adult life, starting with an 18-year flying career in the RAF. In 1980, he took early retirement to pursue a second career focusing on international business development in the aerospace industry, including working with British Aerospace. His talk covers both the civil and military sides of aviation. Richardson was elected a Member of THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION in 1980, a Fellow of THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY in 2010, a Member of the AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY in 2012 and an Upper Freeman of THE HONOURABLE COMPANY OF AIR PILOTS in 2013. Visit www.milfordprobus.com or book a lunch (book the Monday before please) with **Jon Warnke**, jgwarnke@btinternet.com / 07818 602699.

On Thursday 21 March, 7.30pm-9pm, **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES** is holding its next lecture, where Vincent Raymond-Barker will give an illustrated and fun talk on the **TOUR DE FRANCE**. It will include stories and songs that celebrate the famous cycling race. Bar facilities available and good free car park. The lectures are held at the *Pavilion at Guildford Rugby Club, Guildford Road, Godalming, GU7 3DH*. Les Amitiés Françaises is part of a thriving French circle and always welcomes new members and visitors. To join or consult its programme and events, visit amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

GODALMING MUSEUM

- **A Glimpse over the Garden Wall: Opening the door to Munstead Wood**, runs from Tuesday 5 to Saturday 30 March. This exhibition's reveals the significance of garden designer GERTRUDE JEKYLL's home and creative sanctuary in Busbridge.

- **MAYFORD ART GROUP'S** exhibition runs from Tuesday 2 to Saturday 21 April. Work in a wide range of styles, subjects and media will be displayed by local artists, with pictures and cards available for purchase.

- A rotating display of works by **SURREY GUILD OF CRAFTSMEN** members will be on display during the year and are available to buy.

- **GODALMING MUSEUM COFFEE CLUB** meets from 11am to 1pm on the third Monday of each month, where people in Godalming can meet to share memories, have interesting conversations and build new friendships.

- **GODALMING MUSEUM** is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. Please check www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk or ring 01483 426510 in opening hours for further details.





Review of Compton Little Theatre's Sleeping Beauty

A super moment in the first half was the appearance of the junior chorus and their rendition of 'Food Glorious Food', with altered lyrics. Another high point was Witless Will's ever longer monologue about buying spicy sausages from Sue at Sainsburys. An amazing feat, goodness knows how long it took him to perfect it! Henry Moore must be congratulated on his whole performance throughout. My young reviewers (grandchildren) thought he was the Bees Knees.

The sister fairies, Meadowblossom (Jayne Atkinson) and Nightshade (Gemma Taylor) were well balanced, with Nightshade being suitably scary with her wide sweeping gestures and evil glare, and Meadowblossom reassuringly conveying that all would be well in the end. Hugo Wilson as Bettie Biscuits was a great Dame, doing all the outrageous things Dames do with great aplomb.

The two guards, Spit and Polish, who flunked it by allowing Nightshade to enter the palace and place her curse on Princess Aurora, were ably played by Amy Aiello and Gayle Lafone. They were demoted to cleaners, then later on promoted to knights due to their brave actions.

There was a funny kitchen scene with the funky and faulty ice-cream machine. Whichever way it was tried, wherever people stood, it was always poor Will who got covered in ice-cream. At the party to celebrate Princess Aurora's birthday, Prince Gideon (Isabel Moore) with his feisty cousin Lady Jamie (Millie Ayshford) appeared. Jamie caught the attention of Witless Will.

The second half was faster paced, with more action to excite the young audience. Nightshade put a love potion spell on Prince Gideon, and spirited him off to her forest lair, so that he would fall in love with her as the first person he espied on waking. This duly came to pass, and the besotted Gideon then took over Spineless's role, waiting on Nightshade hand and foot, while the doughty but dim Spineless (Mandy Scully) was capturing the pursuers from the palace, dressed up as a wolf.

The pursuers, Meadowblossom, Spit and Polish, got picked off one by one, and imprisoned at Nightshade's lair, leaving poor Betty Biscuits all alone and desperate. Nightshade had warned of the dragon Ignacio who lived in the forest and he suddenly appeared. Kevin Drury was absolutely splendid as the dragon, who turned out not to be so scary as Nightshade had warned. He preferred to sing and dance, rather than fight, as we discovered when Will and Jamie appeared, also on the hunt for Prince Gideon. When a duel between him and the highly skilful swordsman Lady Jamie was mooted, he suggested a dance-off with Will, which both 'combatants' performed with great energy and skill. Eventually the prince was found, he was rescued from the spell, kissed, woke and fell in love with the Princess. The dragon was smitten with Betty Biscuits, and Will with Jamie, and vice versa of course. All ended happily ever after with the grand finale to the sound of Wham's 'Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go'.

Pauline Surrey, NODA rep

CLT SOCIAL EVENT – Thursday 21 March 8pm, Pucks Oak Barn. Join us for a night of entertainment and discussion about our plans for the coming year. The evening will include **CLT's AGM**, the formalities of which should be no more than 20-30 minutes. Drinks and nibbles on the house. No need to book, just turn up.

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♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** is well into its fun and rewarding rehearsals for the next eagerly anticipated performance, which will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 23 March 2024 at *St John's Church, Farncombe*. The choir will be commemorating the centenary of the death of Gabriel Fauré, singing his *Requiem* and beautiful *Cantique de Jean Racine*, two of his most popular choral works, with the *Nelson Mass* by HAYDN. If interested in joining, rehearsals restart on Tuesday 9 April, 7.30pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming*, and will include *The Sprig of Thyme* by JOHN RUTTER and works by CV Stanford and George Shearing. Email: secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk or visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk.

♪ **Conservatoire Concerts** has the pleasure of presenting one of the UK's most promising young chamber ensembles for the next concert. Wind quintet, **ENSEMBLE RENARD**, will be performing at *Godalming Baptist Church* on Saturday 9 March at 7pm. The programme includes works by MOZART, SCHUMANN, MENDELSSOHN, BARTOK and more. Free admission with a collection towards musicians' fees and expenses. Book at www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk or email suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

STEVE WATERMAN, THE MUSIC OF MILES DAVIS, Friday 1 March.
Jazz trumpet player Steve Waterman celebrates the career of Miles Davis. With music from the 1950s album 'Kind of Blue', through to 'Tutu', one of the last albums Miles recorded. Jazz from 8pm. *Cranleigh Arts Centre, 1 High Street, Cranleigh GU6 8AS.*

ROB BARRON TRIO, LEONARD BERNSTEIN REIMAGINED, Tuesday 5 March.
Leonard Bernstein was one of the titans of music-making in the 20th century and he wrote many songs that have become jazz standards. Rob devotes the first half to "West Side Story". The second half captures music from Bernstein's "Candide", "On The Town" and more. Jazz from 8pm. *Performing Arts Studio, University of Surrey GU2 7XH.*

Visit guildfordjazz.org.uk to book

BEAT AT THE BOILERROOM: YAMAYA, Friday 15 March.
Yamaya is one of the best live bands in Britain delivering powerful original music eclectically drawn from Afrobeat, Ethio-Jazz, Dub, Mbalax, Jazz, and other distinctly UK styles. Doors open 7.30pm. Gig times 8.30pm to 10.30pm. *Boilerroom, Guildford GU1 4LS.*

SAM BRAYSHER PLAYS KURT WEILL, Thursday 21 March.
Although composer Kurt Weill is best known for "Mack The Knife" and "September Song", Sam Braysher looks at his lesser known pieces, including his Weimar-era early work with Bertolt Brecht. Food and drink from 7pm. Jazz from 8pm. *Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.*

An Evening with the Surrey Police Band. On Saturday 9 March at *Emmanuel Church, Stoughton, Guildford GU2 9SJ*, the **SURREY POLICE BAND'S** annual concert in aid of **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE** will offer an entertaining night of music. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance, which starts at 7pm. Soft drinks, tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be available in the interval. There is free parking in the roads, but if visitors require use of the Church car park for better accessibility, do tick the relevant box upon booking, due to limited spaces.

Details of the concerts and booking information: www.surreypoliceband.org.uk/upcoming-performances/ box office: 0333 666 3366.

Wild About Compton

Applications for **SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST'S Wilder Schools September 2024** cohort open. It's free to take part in the programme, so do share with your local school. Visit <https://www.surreywildlifetrust.org/what-we-do/schools-educators/wilder-schools>.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



- ✦ Celebrate the arrival of spring across the site with a tour led by Verey Head Gardener **Chris Sharples** on Tuesday 12 March. Learn which flowers are in bloom this month and discover more about the ongoing restorative work by the Watts Gallery Estates Team.
- ✦ Enjoy free entry to the site on Saturday 16 March with **National Lottery Day**. Discover the story of George and Mary Watts by exploring their home and art studio, Limnerslease, visit the magical Chapel created by Mary with the local community and let the kids run wild in the Verey Playwood and across the site with one of our free family trails. Valid when you show a National Lottery Ticket, Instant Win Game or scratch card.
- ✦ Opening on Tuesday 19 March is our next temporary exhibition, **Edo Pop**. Step into the bustling metropolis of Edo, now known as Tokyo, and explore the dynamic history of one of the largest and most prosperous cities of the nineteenth century. The exhibition will be showing Japanese woodblock prints from the nineteenth century, generously loaned by art historian and collector **Frank Milner**. Alongside the exhibition, Tokyo-born contemporary artist **Hiroko Imada** will be exhibiting a site-specific installation in the Sculpture Gallery.
- ✦ Don't miss the chance to see the Watts Contemporary Gallery exhibition, **Roots and Journeys**, before it closes its doors on Saturday 16 March. From Sunday 24 March until Sunday 16 June, explore seashore, hedgerow, and the countryside with **Angie Lewin: Patterns of Nature**, a solo exhibition celebrating one of Britain's best-loved artists.
- ✦ Immerse yourself in the world of ceramics and create your own unique set of small dishes and trinket trays on Friday 15 March. **DON'T FORGET, Compton residents get 10% off admission at Watts Gallery! Valid with a proof of address.**

Guildford-based award-winning artist-printmaker KATE ALGER is holding a paper flower making workshop at **SoulSpace** in the award-winning *Boathouse*, in *Millbrook, Guildford*. Mums can join her on Sunday 14 March for brunch and to learn how to make a Mothers' Day posy, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. £69/ticket, including all materials and brunch. The workshop is suitable for beginners. To enquire about booking, email kate.alger.art@gmail.com. Kate's artwork can be viewed at www.instagram.com/KateAlgerArtist/.

SURREY CONTEMPORARIES ART EXHIBITION, from Monday 26 February to Sunday 10 March, 10am to 4pm, *Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA*. Local Artists **NICKY FORD** and **DIANA UPCOTT** will be exhibiting at this ever-popular exhibition at Denbies where all the works are for sale. A great opportunity to visit the shop and have a meal in the restaurant, as well as browsing the exciting works of art by so many local artists.

On Tuesday 12 March, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING'S** talk will be "**The Glittering Canvas. Jewellery in Portraits 1850-1950**". Jewellery has always been one of the most personal of art forms. While its styles tend to follow in miniature developments across the decorative arts, its more intimate nature prompts a multiplicity of references, meanings and messages. In this lecture, V&A curator **Clare Phillips** guides the audience through a century of jewellery design - from the diamond-set naturalism and historicist revivals of the High Victorian period, through the glorious excesses of Art Nouveau enamels to the geometry of Art Deco and the emergence of a softer post-War style. From Queen Victoria to Alexander Calder jewellery will be our principal focus, with portraits illustrating the complete look, and adding context and biographical interest to the passing decades. Talks start promptly at 10.30am but doors open 9.45am for tea and coffee. The venue is **Normandy Village Hall, Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, Guildford Surrey GU3 2DT**. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of £5. Visit www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2024.htm.

BARGAIN BASEMENT Uncut logs in Hurtmore. Small cash donation welcome (for caring for rescue animals). Please call *07900 303220* between 10am and 3pm to arrange collection.

DATES FOR MARCH

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

FitSteps, Wednesdays, 10-11am (term-time) and Yoga Flow, Wednesdays, 11.15am to 12.15pm (term-time).

Fledglings, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am.

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Fri 1st – Guildford Jazz, Cranleigh Arts Centre, GU6 8AS, 8pm.

Sat 2nd – CLT Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Tues 5th – Guildford Jazz, University of Surrey GU2 7XH, 8pm.

Sat 9th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, 7pm.

Tues 12th – Surrey placemaking team event about traffic calming, Village Hall, from 3.30pm.

Tues 12th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Fri 15th – Milford Probus Club lunch, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from 12 noon.

Fri 15th – BEAT at the Boileroom, Guildford GU1 4LS 7.30pm.

Sat 16th – Compton Litter Pick, Village Hall, 10.30am.

Wed 20th – Parish Council Meeting, Pucks Oak Barn, 7pm.

WED 20th – DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE OF COMPTON NEWS.

Thurs 21st – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.

Thurs 21st – Compton Little Theatre AGM, Pucks Oak Barn, 8pm.

Thurs 21st – Les Amitiés Françaises, Guildford Rugby Club, GU7 3DH, 7.30pm.

Sat 23rd – Godalming Choral Society, St John's Church, Farncombe, 7.30pm.