

# COMPTON

# NEWS



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## Saturday 18 May, from 12 noon to 4.30pm



You can find all the latest **FETE** news at [www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete). Proceeds will be shared between various village causes, including: the **Allotments** (50% of the plant stall, plus 10% of profit), **Compton Club** (50% of beer stall, plus 25% of profit), **Compton Little Theatre** (50% of tea 'tent', plus 10% of profit), **Compton NEWS** (£800), **St Nicholas Church** (50% of cakes & preserves stall, plus 15% of profit) and the **Village Hall** (15% of profit). Given the unfortunate continued need, this year our chosen charity (25% of profit) will again be **Godalming & Villages Community Store**. We're looking forward to seeing you on what will be a fun day for all ages. Don't forget to bring plenty of cash!

### Volunteers needed

**Stall volunteers.** The Fete is run purely by volunteers and your village needs you! In particular, we are looking for helpers for the Bouncy Castles, Barbeque, Beer Tent, Parking, Pick-a-Card and the Loseley ice cream van. If you can volunteer even an hour of your time, please contact **Miriam Morris** on [morisclare77@gmail.com](mailto:morrisclare77@gmail.com).

**Set up/take down volunteers.** Many hands are needed to set up in the morning and take down at the end of the day. A regular but small team put in a lot of work before the event and on the day, starting at an unsociable hour, planning and managing the layout, hanging the bunting, transporting tables, chairs, litter bins, stakes and ropes and, most importantly, directing car parking. They can always do with more hands at the pump! Please contact **James Saunders**, [jameswgsaunders5@hotmail.com](mailto:jameswgsaunders5@hotmail.com) or **Nick Palmer** on 01483 810663 /[nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com](mailto:nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com).

### Stall contributions needed

**Grand Draw & Silent Auction prizes:** **Nicky Wilson**, [nickythomson@gmail.com](mailto:nickythomson@gmail.com) / 07808 524146.

**Bric-a-Brac:** **Nia Griffiths**, 07811 460505. Please drop off your clean bric-a-brac from Fridays to Mondays only (but not Easter weekend please) at *Broadstone Cottage, Withies Lane, Compton, GU3 1JD*, in the glazed porch. Other days please text first. Please note: no books, no clothes, no big pieces of furniture and no electrical items.

**Bits and Pieces:** **Maureen Butler**, 01483 811618.

**Cakes and Preserves:** **St Nicholas Church**, which runs the cake stall, welcomes all donations. Contact **Carole Cooles**, [carolecooles@gmail.com](mailto:carolecooles@gmail.com) / 07578 895 040.

**Cakes & Biscuits for the 'Tea Tent' in the Compton Club:** This is run by members of CLT who can't make all the goodies themselves so need lots help to provide a fantastic array of sweet and savoury items. Email [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk) or contact **Rhona Wilkie**, 01483 861792.

**Books/DVDs/CDs as well as tiny prizes for Pick-a-Card:** We're talking little items you find in hotel bathrooms or anything for children that will fit on the face of a playing card. **Jane Turner**, 01483 810789.

**Plants & Produce:** **Richard Bennett (Ben)**, 07703 403133.

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◆ **COMPTON CLUB** is back and open for business, on Thursday and Friday evenings, 5pm to 10pm. The bar will be open, while snooker, pool and darts will be available.

◆ There may be last minute changes to opening times so the best way to keep updated is to join the Whatsapp group: <https://tinyurl.com/The-Compton-Club> or scan the QR code.

◆ To keep costs low, the Club will be run by volunteers, so we ask members to help out where they can and to keep the place tidy overall. The Club will be cashless and membership cards are required for purchases. Any visitors will need to be signed in by members as before.

◆ Paid members from 2023 will have their membership extended until Monday 30 September 2024. An AGM will be held soon.

New members are welcome to join, just pop in to the Club on a Thursday/Friday evening. Please do support what could be a fantastic community facility! Thank you for your support and patience. We look forward to seeing you back in the club!

**Ian, Tim, Humphrey and Will (CC Committee)**



The **COMPTON VILLAGE PRE-FETE FAMILY FUN DAY** will be held on Friday 19 April, from 5pm, at the **Compton Club**. The fun includes:

- Compton Fete Poster colouring competition. All entries will be exhibited at **Watts Gallery's Old Kiln** from Friday 10 to Friday 17 May. Winners receive **unlimited bounces** on the bouncy castle on Fete day.
- **'Please Recycle'** posters designed by children to be used around the Fete.
- Teddy Bear activities! Kids will also have the chance to decorate the new Teddy Bear Adoption Centre for unwanted Teddies.
- Opportunity to buy **Grand Draw** tickets and sign up for our exciting **Silent Auction!**
- Drop off point for donations for the Fete stalls.
- Friendly faces eagerly anticipating your offer of help to volunteer for the Fete.
- More exciting things to be announced very soon: [www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete).



## Grand Draw prize list (and it keeps on getting bigger). £1 a ticket.



**First Prize: £300 CASH!**

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

**Third Prize: Photography by Zoe — a family photo shoot including all digital images**

Other fantastic prizes (in no particular order) include:

A year's Compton Club membership plus £25 credit or £50 credit to an existing member – 'Friend' membership for Watts Gallery – 2 Greyfriars Vineyard tours and a bottle of sparkling wine – 6 free classes with Progressive Pilates – Build Your Own Soccer Drone Kit – Coffee and Waffles for 2 at Waffles and Stuff – £20 voucher for Fledglings, Compton – Beauty Secrets Head Back and Neck Massage – £30 voucher at The Squirrel Inn – 2 tickets at Compton Little Theatre's Autumn Production – Roots for the Future Forest Bathing Session voucher £35 – Mane Chance Tea and Tour – £20 Cook Voucher – £20 voucher to spend at Natter Café – A veg box from Farnham Community Farm – Wakelings £20 voucher – The Establishment Hair wet cut and blow dry – 3 £10 vouchers for Gym Jams Soft Play – Large Yankee Candle & Selection of Soaps – 2 tickets to the Godalming Gag House donated by The Guildford Fringe Festival – A box of Tropic organic beauty products – A bottle of Champagne from Majestic Wine – Sunday Lunch for two at The Star in Godalming – An afternoon Tea Experience donated by Burns and Webber – 6 free Pilates sessions – £20 voucher for Joyful Outdoors Laughter yoga – An Albury Vineyard Tour & Tasting plus a £5 discount on any bottle purchases of Albury Sparkling Wine on the day – 6 free yoga sessions with Yoga Flow – 2 bottles of red wine from Waitrose – Catwalk Ladies Fashion necklace – £10 voucher for Urban Beauty – Free child and adult entry to Little City, Compton – A Bottle of Mumm Champagne – ECB Chilly's water bottle – £15 Squires Garden Centre voucher – Cut and blow dry, Richard Harrington HAIR.

### Buying Grand Draw tickets

1. Credit or debit card: Scan the QR code or visit <https://supportmylocal.org/store/compton-village-association>. We will send your confirmation and tickets directly to you.



OR

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 **Nicky Wilson** at [nickythomson@gmail.com](mailto:nickythomson@gmail.com), stating your name, phone number, how many tickets you require and how much money you have transferred. We will fill in the tickets for you and enter them into the draw.

Alternatively if you receive a paper copy of the News, you will find some tickets with it. Please return all counterfoils clearly marked with your phone number / email and cash / cheques (payable to **Compton Village Association**) to:  
*Nicky Wilson, Oak Lodge, The Street, Compton GU3 1EG.*

If you'd like any more tickets for the Grand Draw, you can pick them up from the Club or the Withies or contact Nicky Wilson, [nickythomson@gmail.com](mailto:nickythomson@gmail.com) / 07808 524146.

### There will also be a SILENT AUCTION with fabulous prizes including:

A Surrey Cricket Club Shirt signed by Alec Stewart OBE – Face painting for up to 20 children by Face my Paints (2 hours) – 2 Hanging baskets planted up by Bridget Bagnell – Bespoke hand-knitted dog jumper for your four-legged friend.

Following last month's reminder, **2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS to COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION** have been received from 138 households, fewer than half the households receiving the NEWS. At £4 per family / £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples, a year, the sub is well within most budgets. When buying your Grand Draw raffle tickets, why not also pay the subscription (see below).

While the village publications, including the NEWS, and the website, rely on people volunteering their time (in terms of content, production and distribution) the subscriptions do not just cover the printing and web costs. They also enable the CVA to raise funds to support village projects. In the main these must be a Compton Parish Council initiative but there is scope to use funds to support other events (for example the Coronation Picnic), enabling the printing of a forthcoming book on Compton and supporting the Compton Club by granting it a £5,000 loan facility should they require it.

Here's how the CVA subscriptions support and enable the various publications and services that are so unique to Compton: Village Website — Village Projects in conjunction with the Parish Council — Village Fete — Managing the minibus, **Compo**, in accordance with the joint venture agreement with the Watts Gallery — Welcome Pack for newcomers to the village — Guide to Useful Organisations (updated Guide enclosed with this NEWS) — Compton NEWS.

#### Payment methods

- Bank transfer to the **Compton Village Association** account at **Lloyds Bank: Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047. Business account**. Please use the reference **2024 Sub**.
- Post your subscription to the **Treasurer, David Hunt**, at *Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF*. Cheques payable to **Compton Village Association**.



CLT extends a 'huge thanks' to everyone who joined its AGM and social event on Thursday 21 March and is looking forward to another successful year for CLT.

Auditions for CLT's next dinner drama (Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 October) will be held on Sunday 30 June.

Many of you will be very happy to know that CLT will once again be running the **HUMAN FRUIT MACHINE** at the Fete. Come along, join in the fun and find out more about what we have planned for 2024.

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to join us - either as committee members or ad hoc help on productions. This could be acting, directing, stage management, props, costume, make-up, front of house, etc. If you would like to be kept up to date with our plans, please sign up to be on our mailing list. Email [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

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



† **Muddy Church** and **Fledglings** are taking a break due to school Easter holidays. Muddy Church restarts on Sunday 5 May (first Sunday of each month) while toddler group **Fledglings** restarts on Monday 15 April, 9.30am at *Pucks Oak Barn*. Contact: [fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com) to book or enquire.

† **Inside Out** meets on Saturday 6 April and Saturday 4 May, 10am to noon (first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact [stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com).

† **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](mailto:phil.gorton@btinternet.com).

† If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, contact our Rector, Sally:

[stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com). Confidentiality will be respected.

*Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle*

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| Sunday 31 March   | <u>10.30am</u> Easter Celebration with Holy Communion & Easter Egg Hunt. | Sunday 14 April | <u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion   |
| Wednesday 3 April | <u>10.30am</u> Book of Common Prayer                                     | Sunday 21 April | <u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 7 April    | <b>NO Muddy Church (School holidays)</b><br><u>6.30pm</u> Evensong       | Sunday 28 April | <u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
|                   |  | Sunday 5 May    | <u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church   |

At the **Guildford Diocesan Guild** annual Striking Competition last month, the Compton bell ringers achieved a commendable second place, an excellent result out of a guild of 64 towers. The Compton band is a thriving group which practises regularly and rings for Sunday morning services. It has a good mixture of very accomplished ringers and progressing learners and has reached the stage where it can accommodate a couple of new starters. Contact **Phil Gorton** on 01483 420763 or [StNicholasCompton.bellringers@gmail.com](mailto:StNicholasCompton.bellringers@gmail.com).

**MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** welcomes **Ian Honeysett**, the convenor of the **Godalming Writers' Group**, who will be giving a talk on Friday 19 April. After lunch, Milford Probus members and visitors will learn about how a few aspiring writers first met in Wetherspoons pub nine years ago and how that first meeting has led to the publication of four anthologies of short stories with local themes, ranging from the fantastical tale of *Mary Tofts the Rabbit Woman*, the failure of the gunpowder plot, as well as cautionary stories of parking and the Covid pandemic. The talk starts at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm) and takes place at *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. Visit [www.milfordprobus.com](http://www.milfordprobus.com) or book a lunch (book the Monday before please) with **Jon Warnke**, [jgwarnke@btinternet.com](mailto:jgwarnke@btinternet.com) / 07818 602699.

**LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES'** next talk is on Thursday 16 May, 7.30-9pm. **Christine Nivet** will give an illustrated talk (in French) on **BERTHE MORISOT**, French Impressionist artist, who was a founding member of the Impressionist group. The talk will be held at the *Pavilion at Guildford Rugby Club, Guildford Road, Godalming, GU7 3DH*. Bar facilities available and good free car park. To join or consult our programme and events, visit [amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com](http://amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com).

The **ANTIQUÉ AND VINTAGE FAYRE** will be held on Saturday 13 April in *St Mary's Church, Shackleford, GU8 6AY*, 12.30pm to 4pm. There will be a raffle and refreshments and tables to hire for **£10**.

To book a table, send a text to **Rosa Garrett** on 07756 023934.

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♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** will be holding two concerts this month. On Easter Monday, 1 April, 4pm, at *St Michael and All Angels Church Pirbright*, **Paul Bambrough**, on harpsichord, will be accompanying the young upcoming tenor **Stephen Mills** as they present a programme of Baroque Works and Arias. Then, on Saturday 20 April, 7pm it will host a concert of piano trios by BEETHOVEN, RACHMANINOV and SHOSTAKOVICH performed by **Mozaika Piano Trio** at *Godalming Baptist Church*. For more details and booking for these concerts, please visit [www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk](http://www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk) or email [suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com). No admission fee but a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses.

♪ Preparation of **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY'S** summer concert, in June, will start on Tuesday 9 April, 7.30pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming*. The choir will be singing *The Sprig of Thyme* by JOHN RUTTER and a selection of English songs by CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD, GEORGE SHEARING and CLIFFORD BARTLETT. The performance will be on Saturday 22 June, St John's Church, Farncombe. For further information e-mail [secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk](mailto:secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk) or visit [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk).

### GUILDFORD JAZZ

**Vasilis Xenopoulos & Paul Edis** – “Feels Like Home”, Wednesday 3 April. Xenopoulos (tenor saxophone) and Edis (piano) began playing together 20 years ago. They released their first album, *A Narrow Escape*, in 2016 to critical acclaim. Their latest recording ‘Feels Like Home’ features original music inspired by the many places they’ve called home over the years. Food & drink from 7.15pm and jazz from 8pm. *Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP*.

**Jazz at the Stoke – Jim Mullen Organ Trio**, Friday 12 April. Jazz guitarist Mullen made his name playing with a number of bands through the ‘70s and ‘80s, including **Brian Auger’s “Oblivion Express”**. The band he leads will perform a set ~of originals and jazz standards. Doors open 7.15pm, with jazz from 8pm. *103 Stoke Rd, Guildford GU1 4JN*. *Visit [guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://guildfordjazz.org.uk) to book*

**Denny Ilett & Chris Ingham Trio**, Thursday 18 April. Versatile guitarist/singer, encompassing swing, bebop, blues, rock and everything between, Ilett is equally acclaimed for his thrilling guitar playing, smooth vocalising and appearances at **Ronnie Scott’s** fronting his jazz salute to **JIMI HENDRIX** with the **ELECTRIC LADY BIG BAND**. “A knock-out player ... soulful and jazz-tinged” – *Guitarist*. Food & drink from 7.15pm, with jazz from 8pm. *Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP*.

## WATTS GALLERY NEWS



✦ **WATTS GALLERY** opened its doors for the very first time on 1 April 1904, so do join us on 1 April, which is Easter Monday, to celebrate our **120th anniversary** and immerse yourself in a day filled with creative activities perfect for the whole family. Discover highlights from the last **120 years** in a curated display, get hands-on with creative craft activities on the lawn and add your memories to a special anniversary banner. There is no fee though donations are most welcome on this celebratory day.

✦ **Edo Pop** exhibition: 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.

✦ 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. As well as water colours and prints, the exhibition features textiles and wallpapers using Angie's designs produced by St Jude's.

✦ Watts Gallery is thrilled to be taking part in the **Art Fund Brainwaves** tour, a project which highlights how people's brains are stimulated when they experience art in museums and galleries. Visitors of all ages are invited to the Historic Galleries on Sunday 14 April to take part by viewing art or artefacts while wearing a headset that is connected to an electroencephalogram (EEG) monitor. The brainwaves are then visualised on-screen in 3D and real-time.

✦ Workshops include a ceramics class on Friday 19 April so you can create your very own planter pot and a sketching class on Saturday 20 April. On Saturday 27 April, join artist **Anna-Marie Garrett** for a guided meditation in the grounds or in the Clore Studio, followed by mindful sketching and drawing. No experience necessary.

✦ Round up the family and join us for some family fun! From exploring the vibrant patterns of nature during our Family Days to getting hands-on with clay in ceramics workshops for children and teens, there's something for all the family to discover and enjoy.

**DON'T FORGET, Compton residents get 50% off admission at Watts Gallery! Valid with a proof of address.**

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS / BOOK TICKETS: [www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk).

On Tuesday 9 April, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING'S** talk will be "**The Splendours of the City Churches**". This lecture describes the immense variety of the Norman, Gothic, Wren and post-Wren churches in the City of London. In addition to their architectural merit, these churches contain hidden treasures – the monuments, paintings and woodcarvings of great craftsmen of the time. The lecture also includes stories of the many people connected with the churches, from medieval kings and queens, to religious leaders, statesmen novelists and film stars. Talks start 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](http://www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2024.htm).

### GODALMING MUSEUM

- **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](http://www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk) or ring 01483 426510 in opening hours for further details.



### DATES FOR APRIL

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

**FitSteps**, Wednesdays, 10-11am (term-time).

**Yoga Flow**, Wednesdays, 11.15am to 12.15pm  
(term-time).

**Fledglings**, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am.

**Compton Club**, Spiceall, Thursdays/Fridays, 5-10pm.

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Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Celebration, St Nicholas Church,  
10.30am.

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Watts Gallery 120th anniversary, all day.

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, St Michael and All  
Angels Church Pirbright, 4pm.

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,  
8pm.

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy  
Village Hall GU3 2DT, 10.30am.

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, The Stoke, GU1 4JN, 8pm.

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> – Antique and Vintage Fayre, Shackleford, GU8  
6AY, 12.30pm.

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,  
8pm.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Milford Probus Club lunch, and lecture Godalming  
Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from 12 noon.

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Fete Family Fun Day, Compton Club,  
5pm.**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist  
Church, 7pm.

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – COMPTON NEWS MAY ISSUE DEADLINE.**

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Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May – Compton Village Fete, The Green, noon.