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## Compton Village Fete

**Saturday 9 May, from 12 noon to 4.30pm**



With just a few weeks more to go, Fete preparations are underway. If you're a Facebook user, stay up to date with the latest news at [www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete). Proceeds from this day of fun in the (fingers crossed) sun will support local amenities, including the **ALLOTMENTS, COMPTON CLUB, COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE, COMPTON NEWS, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON VILLAGE HALL, village projects** as well as two charities: local foodbank **GODALMING AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE** and **ACTION FOR CARERS SURREY**. Action for Carers Surrey supports carers aged from just 5 years old up to 99 across Surrey, providing one-to-one help, advice, advocacy, support groups, drop-in Carer Hubs (including Godalming and Guildford), training and free activities.

A BIG thank you to **GUILDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL** and the **ASPIRE COMMUNITY GRANTS TEAM** who have awarded a grant towards the purchase of new gazebos for the Fete.

On the day, **Paul, Marilyn, Alyssa** and co will be opening the Fete at 12pm with a demonstration of their amazing roller skating skills. Don't miss out, come and see **MPSK8**, who are big supporters of the Fete. Music and high energy are guaranteed.

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

**Set-up/take-down volunteers.** A small but dedicated team works hard to prepare for the event and take everything down afterwards and they could always use more hands. Please contact **James Saunders** on [jameswgsaunders5@hotmail.com](mailto:jameswgsaunders5@hotmail.com) or **Nick Palmer** on 01483 810663 / [nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com](mailto:nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com).

**Stall volunteers.** Help is needed for the Bouncy Castles, BBQ, Tea Tent, Coconut Shy, 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 **Elenid Coleman** at [elenidhafcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:elenidhafcoleman@gmail.com).

### **STALL CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED**

**Tea Tent (in the Compton Club).** This beloved spot provides a relaxing space for visitors to enjoy a cup of tea and homemade treats. Godalming and Villages Community Store will be providing a warm and welcoming space again this year. It's fabulous to have them on board and for such a worthy cause too. 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 (vegan/veggie versions too). Bring your baked goods (with ingredients lists) to Compton Club from 10am on the morning of the Fete.

**Grand Draw.** Some incredible prizes have already been secured but more are always welcome. If you can contribute, please contact **Sarah Metcalfe** at [sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com) / 07884 438974.

**Bric-a-Brac.** Please hold on to your Bric-a-Brac donations. A time and place for drop offs will be provided in next month's *NEWS*. No books, clothes, large furniture, or electrical items, please.

**Books/DVDs/CDs as well as tiny prizes for Pick-a-Card.** Books: no dictionaries, compendiums, reference. We welcome fiction, non-fiction, children's. Pick-a-Card prizes: 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, contact **Sarah Metcalfe** at [sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com) / 07884 438974.

**Bottle Tombola:** From bottles you may have left over (sealed/unopened) from Christmas to those hotel luxuries (sealed/unopened) you have stored away for a rainy day, this stall needs to be well stocked as it is a firm favourite! Contact **Danielle Rowe** at [daniellerowe@hotmail.com](mailto:daniellerowe@hotmail.com) if you have any donations.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

This year, the Fete Committee are delighted to be taking the **Silent Auction** online for the first time. Look out for details of the lots along with instructions on how to bid in the May *NEWS*.

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- **COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** will hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 15 April, 7pm, at **COMPTON CLUB**. There will be a report on the Parish Council's year and refreshments but most importantly of all this meeting will be your opportunity to discuss the proposed traffic calming measures for Compton, study the plans and ask questions.

- Enormous thanks to the enthusiastic and industrious team of litter pickers who scoured the village and collected a huge amount of all types of rubbish on Saturday 21 March. It's a sad reflection on society today that there is even a need for this but without the team of keen enthusiasts who turn out annually, our village would be a mess. This year the Borough Council excelled themselves by collecting the mound of rubbish in record time but even in that short time, large items such as furniture and white goods had been added to the pile. At least we should be thankful that there isn't a mountain on our doorstep!

## Grand Draw prize list. Just £1 a ticket.

First Prize: £300 CASH kindly donated by CAVENDER ESTATE AGENTS

Second Prize: WITHIES INN, Compton — Dinner, Bed & Breakfast for 2

Third Prize: Exclusive woodland sauna experience at THE WAGGON SAUNA for up to 10 people


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

- \* **Airhop** – 4 free bounce passes \* **Beauty in the Garden** – Shellac Manicure \* **Bocketts Farm** – 2 tickets \* **Charterhouse Club** – 2-week membership \* **Compton Club** – 1 year membership plus £25 credit or £50 credit to an existing member
- \* **COOK** - £20 voucher \* **The Cricketers, Farncombe** – Main meal for 2 \* **Curchods Godalming** - An afternoon tea experience \* **Cyder House, Shackleford** – £25 voucher \* **Fledglings** - £20 voucher \* **Fountain Beauty Therapy** - Stress Reduction Massage \* **Giggleville** - Family Play Session \* **Greyfriars** – 2 vineyard tour tickets - **Guildford Fringe** - 2 tickets for Godalming Gag House \* **Harringtons of Guildford** – Cut & blow dry voucher \* **Huskins** - Cocktail treat for 2
- \* **The Kings Arms & Royal Hotel** - £70 voucher \* **Loseley Park** – 1 year Friends Membership \* **The Ragged Robin** – 3 course meal and a glass of Prosecco for 2 \* **Snap Fitness Godalming** – 3 personal training sessions and 1 month's membership \* **Squires Garden Centres** – £15 voucher \* **The Star, Godalming** – Meal for 2
- \* **Stellantis & You Guildford** – MOT voucher \* **Wakelings** - £20 voucher \* **Watt's Gallery** – 1 year 'Friend Plus' Membership \* **Wayfarer's Rest** – 5 hours of games and 5 free hot drinks \* .

### BUYING GRAND DRAW TICKETS

1. Credit or debit card. Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to buy securely online until midnight on 8 May. Your confirmation and tickets will be emailed to you.
2. Bank Transfer to the CVA Lloyds Business Account, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047, quoting the reference GD. Email [sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com) with your name and amount transferred.
3. Alternatively, readers who have the *Compton NEWS* delivered will receive 10 tickets and instructions on how to purchase enclosed with this month's edition.



 **CLT Quiz Night. Saturday 25 April, 6.30pm for 7pm, Village Hall. Jo Ayshford and Rhona Wilkie** will once again be hosting one of their legendary quiz nights. Tickets are £14 each which includes a two-course supper and there's also a pay bar. Teams of six max! To enter a team, book and provide any dietary requirements, email Rhona at [info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

**Compton Fete.** CLT will once again be running the Human Fruit Machine. Come along and see if you can win a prize. If you would like to take part in the Human Fruit Machine for a one-hour slot during the afternoon, please email [info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

**CLT Summer Production.** A rehearsed reading of *Labour of Love* by **James Graham**, Saturday 6 June, 7.30pm (doors from 7pm), Village Hall. James Graham is the acclaimed author of TV's *Sherwood* and theatre productions such as *Dear England* and *Punch*. This rehearsed reading is for one night only. Tickets £5 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt). To be involved in any of the behind the scenes roles or to help with front of house, email [info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

*Step into the heat, breathe in the forest air and let your stresses melt away in the heart of nature.*

**THE WAGGON SAUNA AT HAMPTON ESTATE** opens its doors on 2 April. This off-grid, wood-fired sauna in Seale, with cold water therapies and views of the beautiful Surrey Hills, is bound to be popular, so head to [www.thewaggon sauna.co.uk](http://www.thewaggon sauna.co.uk) to book your place or click on the QR code.



Located opposite ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, on *The Street*, **OLD BARN ANTIQUES** stocks a wide collection of antiques and quirky items with welcoming and helpful staff. If you haven't been, do pay them a visit and peruse to your heart's content. Opening times are Thursdays to Saturdays, 10am to 4pm.



Compton Club's normal hours remain Thursday and Friday from 7pm. On Saturday 18 April the Club is hosting an **Ibiza Night** with loads of 90s club classics, 7pm til late.

Check out [www.comptonclub.co.uk](http://www.comptonclub.co.uk) or <https://chat.whatsapp.com/.JnU4sdkaxZRHy7RZz6eotm>.

There is a growing turnout for **Women Who W(h)ine**, who all met up at the Club on Thursday 19 March. Great to see so many new Club members as a result. As a reminder, WWW meet-up dates for the rest of 2026 are: Thursdays, 28 May, 16 July, 17 September, 19 November and 14 January 2027, from 7pm. If you know of anyone else who might like to join, please do ask them and let **Jane Turner** know so they can be added to the list, at [janewturner@mac.com](mailto:janewturner@mac.com).



Spring and summer is a popular time of year for home renovation projects. But if DIY is not your thing or you just don't have the time, Surrey Hills Decor & Restoration (SHDR) undertakes painting & decorating (exteriors as well as interiors), sanding & varnishing and small tiling jobs. Contact **Sara** on 07981 256908 / [sara@vbfreelance.com](mailto:sara@vbfreelance.com) to arrange a quote.

**GUILDFORD QUILTERS EXHIBITION** is being held in *Cranleigh Village Hall, GU6 8AF*, from Tuesday 12 to Sunday 17 May, 10am to 5pm. Browse their exquisite handmade quilts, cushions and gifts as they celebrate 40 years of Guildford Quilters. Take the opportunity to explore the vibrant village of Cranleigh. FREE Entry. Demonstrations. Refreshments. Traders' Tables. Charity Raffle (supporting Dementia UK and Cranleigh Lions). Visit them at [www.guildfordquilters.co.uk](http://www.guildfordquilters.co.uk).

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

You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection this Easter!

† **Muddy Church** A space for wandering & wondering with God for all the family on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am (term-time only).

† Toddler group **Fledglings**, every Monday (term-time only) at 9am at *Puck's Oak Barn*.  
[fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com).

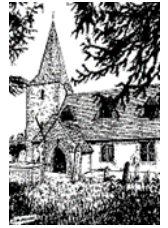
† **Inside Out** meets Saturday 4 April 10am to 12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Just turn up or contact [stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com).

† **Bell ringing** Sunday service ringing is 9.50am to 10.30am (first Sunday of every month it is 5.30pm to 6pm instead). Bell ringing practice alternate Tuesdays 10am to 12pm. Practice sessions can be arranged at other times to suit those who cannot manage a weekday morning. Contact [phil.gorton@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.gorton@btinternet.com).

† **Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals**. Please contact our Rector, Sally, if you would like to mark a family milestone at St Nicholas.

† If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, contact our Rector: [stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com).

Confidentiality will be respected.



*Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle*

### SERVICES

Thursday 2	<u>6pm</u> Maunday Thursday Holy Communion	Sunday 12	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Friday 3	<u>10.30am</u> Good Friday Vigil	Sunday 19	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Sunday 5	<u>10.30am</u> Easter Sunday All Age Celebration with Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday 26	<u>10.30am</u> Service of the Word

Visit our website for full details of upcoming services & events: [stnicholascompton.org](http://stnicholascompton.org).

**Sir Jeremy Hunt MP** takes part in a Q&A session with **MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** on Friday 17 April. Before the monthly lunch, members of Milford Probus club and visitors (always welcome) will have a Q&A session starting at midday with our local MP for Godalming and Ash. Our distinguished guest served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 2022 to 2024, Foreign Secretary from 2018 to 2019, Secretary of State for Health from 2012 to 2018, and Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport from 2010 to 2012. He has been our Conservative Party MP since 2005. Discussion and lunch cost £34. You must come for both, arrive by noon and book by Thursday 9 April. *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. Visit [www.milfordprobus.com](http://www.milfordprobus.com) or book with Miranda O'Brien: [miranda.obrien@btinternet.com](mailto:miranda.obrien@btinternet.com) / 01483 423398.

**Vincent Raymond-Barker** will give an illustrated talk (in French) on the northern district of Paris, Montmartre on Thursday 16 April, 7pm to 9pm, for **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES**. Lecture takes place at *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY*. [www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com](http://www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com).

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♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** is hosting a Violin and Piano Concert, *La Belle Epoque*, on Saturday 25 April, 7pm, at *Godalming Baptist Church GU7 1BA*. Violinist **Joel Munday** and pianist **Julian Trevelyan** will present a programme based on French composers, such as FAURE, RAVEL, LILY BOULANGER and POULENC. Booking on [www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk](http://www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk). Admission free with a retiring collection. Your generous donations are much appreciated.

♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** will perform *King Arthur*, by HENRY PURCELL at *St John's Church Farncombe, GU7 3EJ*, on Saturday 18 April, from 7.30pm. Tickets, £20 (free for under 18s,) from *Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming*, from [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk) or at the door.

#### Chuck Israels

Wednesday 8 April

A rare European performance from the great American bassist **Chuck Israels**.

Chuck has worked with such jazz luminaries as BILLIE HOLIDAY, COLEMAN HAWKINS, STAN GETZ and JOHN COLTRANE. Chuck will be joined by tenor saxophonist **Fraser Smith**, guitarist **Jonas Metsäkylä** and drummer **Steve Brown**.

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion  
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

#### Lunchtime Jazz

Monday 13 April

Former winner of the *Young Scottish Musician of the Year* and a member of the HUMPHREY LYTTTELTON BAND, **Jo Fooks** is a wonderful tenor saxophonist with a mellow tone that's often compared to that of jazz legend Stan Getz. Joining Jo is the hard-swinging pianist **John Pearce**, whose career has taken him all over the world playing with such jazz royalty as ANITA O'DAY, PEGGY LEE and ART FARMER. Guildford Jazz anchor **Marianne Windham** completes the line-up on double bass.

2pm

*Guildford Institute  
Ward Street GU1 4LH*

[www.guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk)

#### Organik Trio

Friday 24 April

An evening of swing, grooves and inventive improvisation with the brilliant **Deirdre Cartwright**, voted 'Best Guitarist' at the *2019 British Jazz Awards* and presenter of the BBC's ground-breaking series *Rockschool*. Her new organ trio, Organik, features **Pete Whittaker** on Hammond Organ and **Gary Hammond** on percussion. You'll be treated to the sounds of the classic jazz organ/guitar trios of the 1960s plus some original takes on the music of THE BEATLES, DOORS, CURTIS MAYFIELD and KATE BUSH.

8pm

*Stoke Hotel  
Stoke Road GU1 4JN*

## WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR APRIL



- ✦ Spring is here, and **WATTS GALLERY** is looking much brighter with all the flowers beginning to bloom.
- ✦ **Women of Influence: The Pattle Sisters** enters its final weeks in the Historic Galleries. Don't miss the chance to discover the lives of seven remarkable Anglo-Indian sisters and their impact on Victorian society before the exhibition closes on Monday 4 May.
- ✦ Over in Watts Contemporary Gallery, there is still time to see the works of three wood engravers in **Lines & Lineage**, closing on Sunday 12 April. Opening on Thursday 16 April, CHANNEL 4's *The Great Pottery Throwdown* judge **Rich Miller** will be taking the stage in his first major solo exhibition, *Fired Legacies*.
- ✦ Round up the whole family for an exciting Easter holiday at Watts Gallery, with plenty of free-with-admission activities to enjoy and creative workshops on select days. See website for more information.
- ✦ Join us on Wednesday 29 April for a talk with author **Sarah King**, in the Old Kiln, 1.30pm to 2.30pm, as she discusses her latest book, ***A Reluctant Memsahib: At the Court of the Viceroy***. The book explores the journey of a woman living in Imperial India, revealing the realities faced by British women and the expectations placed upon them. A copy of the book is included in the ticket price. See our website for more information.
- ✦ To celebrate the final weeks of the **Women of Influence** exhibition, we invite our visitors to a special salon evening on Wednesday 29 April, in the Historic Galleries, 6pm to 8pm. Enjoy inspiring talks from the exhibition curators, followed by an exquisite performance by the **TURNER QUARTET**. Light refreshments will be available.

For more information and to book tickets, visit [wattsgallery.org.uk/whats-on](http://wattsgallery.org.uk/whats-on)

On Tuesday 17 April, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is ***Seasonality & Decoration in Japan: Spring/Summer***, by **Pauline Chakmakjian**. The Japanese are highly sensitive to the changes of the seasons and decorate their homes and themselves according to the time of the year. From clothes to food to art objects, we will see and understand the motifs used for spring and summer, as well as explore the almost obsessive Japanese fascination with cherry blossoms.

Pauline is the author of ***The Sphinxing Rabbit Trilogy - Beatrix Potter for Freethinkers***. They may look like children's books but they really aren't. They tell the story of a charming bunny rabbit taking delight in capitalism, classical liberalism, blockchain technology and the finer things in life like travel, brandy and culture, as well as all things Japanese.

Talks start at 10.30am but doors open 9.45am for tea, coffee & biscuits. **Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DT**. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of **£10**.

[www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2026.htm](http://www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2026.htm)



## GODALMING MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS &amp; EVENTS IN APRIL

**Resonance** — *Exploring the abstract harmonies of Nature, Universe & Soul*, continuing to Saturday 18 April. The exhibition presents fluid acrylic paintings on canvas that blur the boundaries between land, sea and sky, inspired by the rhythms of nature and the vastness of the universe.

**Operation Morse!** Saturday 11 April. Help us celebrate Jack Phillips' birthday with an amateur special event demonstrating worldwide communications and Titanic's callsign. Learn morse code to send a message, and try a Morse code computer game.

**Surrey Artists – A lecture by Hilary Underwood**. Did you know that the great British landscape artists **TURNER** and **CONSTABLE** both painted in Surrey? It was the Victorians, however, who fully explored the county's artistic potential. The **PRE-RAPHAELITES**, **RED-GRAVE**, **COLE**, **FOSTER**, **ALLINGHAM**, **HOOK LAWSON** and **WATTS** are just some of the painters who depicted our varied landscapes and picturesque cottages. Contact the Museum for further details and to book tickets. The lecture is on Friday 17 April, starting at 7.30pm at the **Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY**.

**What Next?** A collection of paintings, photographs and collages from local community art groups, local artists and schools curated by **David and Shirley Faraday**. Tuesday 21 April to Saturday 13 June.

**Face Value**. A vibrant collection of paintings from **Jeanne Paxton** reveals personalities behind faces. From Tuesday 21 April to Saturday 16 May.

Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. [www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk) / 01483 426510.

## REGULAR DATES

**Fledglings**, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9am (term-time).

**Compton Club**, Spiceall, Thursdays & Fridays, from 7pm.

**Sue's Progressive Pilates**, Godalming Unitarian Chapel, Tuesdays, 9.45am.

**Parish Council** - Puck's Oak Barn, Wednesdays, 15 April (Annual Parish Meeting at Compton Club), 20 May, 15 July, 16 September, 18 November, 7pm.

**Deadline for MAY Compton NEWS** — Monday 20 April.

**St Nicholas Sunday service bell ringing**, 9.50am-10.30am (except first Sunday of every month, 5.30pm-6pm instead).

**Watts Gallery Shop & Tea Shop**. Wednesdays to Sundays and Bank Holidays, 10am.

**Watts Cemetery Chapel**. Open daily, 10am.

**KD Fine Art** (on Watts site). Monday to Saturday, 10.30am.

**Old Barn Antiques**. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10am.

**Compo** minibus service, every Tuesday morning to Sainsbury's (Godalming). Departs 9.15am and returns at 11.15 to 11.30am. Phone Margaret Cox, 01483 810158.