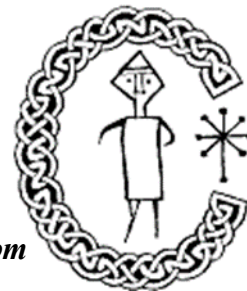


COMPTON

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Huzzah! Our annual Fete will soon be taking place on the recreation ground. It promises to be a fun-filled afternoon for all ages. Fingers firmly crossed for sunshine. We look forward to welcoming Compton residents and locals as well as their friends and families. There will be fun stalls with plenty of activities plus food and refreshments. See the enclosed FETE FLYER for full details of what's on.

REMINDERS

CASH Some stalls will accept cards this year, but many will still be cash-only. Coins are especially helpful, so do raid those coin jars before you come!

PARKING is limited, so please walk or lift-share wherever possible.

WATER If it's a warm day, do bring water with you. Bottled water will also be available to buy at the drinks stalls.

FOOD As last year, the BBQ will close at 3pm to allow the team to enjoy the fete with their families. Vegetarian burgers will be available alongside Wakelings sausages (bigger than last year) and burgers.

FANCY HELPING ON THE DAY? If you can spare even an hour, we would love your help. Volunteers are particularly needed for set-up/take-down, parking, bouncy castles, the Grand Draw, dog races, human fruit machine and maggot racing. Please contact Leni Coleman at elenidprice@hotmail.com / 07930 393709 or sign up at the Compton Club when it is open on Thursday and Friday evenings.

COMPTON CLUB The venue will be open after the Fete closes.

FETE RESULTS After the **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION AGM** at **6pm on Thursday 21 May**, all fete volunteers are warmly invited to the Club for the **announcement of results** and a complementary "thank you" drink, from **6.30pm**.

GRAND DRAW

Tickets are just **£1** each — and the prizes are fantastic:

1st Prize: £300 cash (kindly donated by **CAVENDER ESTATE AGENTS**)

2nd Prize: Dinner, bed & breakfast for two at **THE WITHIES**

3rd Prize: Private woodland sauna experience at **THE WAGGON SAUNA** (for up to 10 people)

Despite this amazing prize list, ticket sales have been slower this year — which means your chances of winning are even better, so don't miss out!

Full prize details are in the **FETE FLYER**.

How to buy Grand Draw tickets

Online – Scan the QR code to buy securely by card (until midnight, Friday 8 May). Tickets will be emailed to you.

Bank transfer – CVA Lloyds Business Account Sort code: 30-93-49 | Account: 00115047 (Ref: GD)
Then email sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com stating how many tickets you have bought.

In person – At the Compton Club (Thurs/Fri evenings) or at the fete at the Grand Draw stall.



SILENT AUCTION

This year the **Silent Auction** has been revamped online and it looks AMAZING, proving the perfect platform to showcase a fantastic and unique range of prizes that have been generously donated by the local community. It will be going live in the lead-up to the fete, giving all you potential bidders plenty of time to browse and start bidding early. Whether you're after a unique 'money can't buy' gift or feel like grabbing yourself a bargain, there's really something for everyone!

You can take part by visiting www.jumblebee.co.uk/silentauction2026.

Or simply **scan the QR code** to view the auction and bid online.

We encourage you to have a look and place your bids before the fete if you can, to help spread the activity and make things easier on the day. Bidding is so simple you can even set a maximum bid and let the system bid automatically for you. Bidding will remain open throughout the event and will **close at 4pm on the day of the Fete**.



Compton Village Welcome Pack has been updated and hard copies will be available at the Fete for newcomers to the village to pick up. It's FREE! An electronic version is also available, which is regularly updated. Contact **Jane Turner** at janeturner@mac.com if you would like one. Although it's designed for newcomers, it is full of useful information and facts so even longstanding residents of the village might enjoy it!

STALLS THAT NEED DONATIONS

CALLING ALL BAKERS. Like last year, **GODALMING & VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE** will be running the Tea Shop in the Compton Club. The Store's volunteers are busy baking and would appreciate donations. Best selling cakes include millionaires' shortbread, chocolate cake, coffee & walnut cake as well as anything with cream on top. Gluten free cupcakes, cheese straws, sausage rolls, including vegan versions, are also popular. Please drop all donations at the Club on Friday evening or Saturday morning at 11am with an ingredients list (for those with allergens). Bakers are also advised to label their cake tins with their name along with the ingredients list. For more information or to confirm an intended donation please email **Miranda Wells** at wellsmiranda@icloud.com.

Books. We are very short of books this year and need a lot more to make the stall worthwhile! Please go through your shelves and have a good sort through. Think of the space you could create to make room for a new collection! We welcome hardback and paperback, fiction and non-fiction, prose and poetry, and humour. But please – no reference books, Reader's Digest compendiums, or dictionaries. Books can be left at the **Paxtons, Laburnum Cottage** in the Avenue. Phone 01483 415390 to arrange a convenient time to drop them off.

Bottles. The ever-popular **Bottle Tombola** is back again this year and we need any bottles you might be able to spare. Perhaps you have left over fizz from Christmas or unused bottles of shampoo that you've bought too much of: All bottles are welcomed and really appreciated BUT they must be unopened/sealed. Please drop donations at the Compton Club on a Thursday or Friday evening or contact **Danielle Rowe** on 07957 417 943 / daniellerowe@hotmail.com to arrange drop-off in Compton at a different time.

Bric-a-Brac. Please contact **Catherine Masterman** on 07552 356290, to organise drop off with her in Compton. Please note: no books, no clothes, no big pieces of furniture and no electrical items.

Cakes and Preserves for the Cake Stall. The stall, run by St Nicholas Church, welcomes all donations. **Carole Cooles** at Carolecooles@gmail.com, 07578 895040.

Plants and Produce. Contact **Richard Bennett (Ben)** on 01483 502372.

Tiny prizes for Pick-a-Card. Contact **Jane Turner** on 07763 146448. Anything for children that will fit on the face of a playing card — Mini toys, covered sweets, cracker prizes, bathroom bits...

We are looking forward to seeing you on what promises to be another fantastic day for the whole village.

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

You are very welcome to join us as we celebrate Ascensiontide & Pentecost!

† **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.

† **Inside Out** meets Saturday 2 May 10am to 12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Just turn up or contact 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.

† **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.

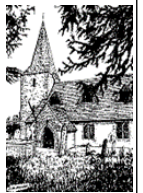
Confidentiality will be respected.

Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

SERVICES

Sunday 3	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church — Bob the Builder <u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 17	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 6	<u>10.30am</u> BCP Holy Communion	Sunday 24	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Sunday 10	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion, followed by <i>Annual Meeting</i>	Sunday 31	<u>10.30am</u> Service of the Word

Visit our website for full details of upcoming services & events: stnicholascompton.org.



Former Compton resident **Veronica Franklin-Gould** has been awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours in recognition of her outstanding contribution to arts, health and dementia. Inspired by her mother, who found listening to a wonderful young cellist enabled her to speak again, Veronica founded the charity *Arts for Dementia* in 2011 to develop high-quality art programmes at cultural venues, with the aim of re-energising and inspiring people living with early-stage dementia.

Veronica moved to Compton with her young family in 1985 and lived on the Hog's Back for many years. She has published a number of books – small and large – about the village and particularly about G F Watts and Mary Watts. Her first in 1990 was entitled simply *Compton Surrey* and gave a brief history of people, places and buildings in the Parish. This was followed by the story of the building of the Watts Chapel and another, in 2001, entitled *Archibald Knox and Mary Seton Watts – 'Modern Celtic Art' Garden Pottery*. There followed two important works – *G.F. Watts – The Last Great Victorian* in 2004 and more recently *Valiant Seton – Mary Fraser Tytler of Aldourie* in 2024.

Veronica received her honour from Princess Anne at Windsor Castle, accompanied by her two children Cindy and James. We send our heartiest congratulations to her on this richly deserved honour.



CLT's summer production will be a rehearsed reading of "Labour of Love", a play by **James Graham** – author of TV's *Sherwood* and many acclaimed theatre productions including *This House, Ink, Dear England* and most recently *Punch*. It follows MP David Lyons, parachuted into Parliament with Tony Blair's generation of centre-left politicians. Unfolding over decades, across multiple election nights, through economic booms and busts, this wickedly funny clash of values and class reflects a shifting political landscape that still resonates in 2026. Although this performance will be a rehearsed reading rather than a traditional play, our incredible cast will bring the dialogue superbly to life. The performance is on Saturday 6 June, 7.30pm at the *Village Hall*. Tickets are £5 and are available on www.ticketsource.com/clt or email tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.

CLT will once again be running the **Human Fruit Machine** at the Fete and we are always on the lookout for volunteers to join in the fun. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved at info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk. It is great fun!

MILFORD PROBUS CLUB'S next lunch & talk is on Friday 19 June. After lunch, members of the Club and visitors (growing in number and always welcome) will hear from **David Bickerton**, an admired speaker in the field of military history, about the battle of the River Plate. This was the first major naval battle of WW2, fought between the German pocket battleship *Admiral Graf Spee* and three smaller British cruisers. The battle followed a three month hunt for Graf Spee which had sunk nine British merchant ships. It lasted 80 terrifying minutes and left over 100 men dead and many more wounded. Lunch and talk are just £34. Lunch is at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm). *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. Visit www.milfordprobus.com or book lunch (book eight days before) with Miranda O'Brien: miranda.obrien@btinternet.com / 01483 423398.

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.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE is excited to share that their Open Gardens are back from May to August. This event gives you the chance to explore over 40 beautiful private gardens across Surrey and Hampshire, with entry fees helping to fund the care the Phyllis Tuckwell provides to local patients and families living with advanced or terminal illnesses. Some gardens will also be selling refreshments, raffle tickets and plants, raising even more for the charity. If you're receiving this by email then click [here](#) to download your brochure. If you'd like a physical copy, please get in touch with the Fundraising Team at support@pth.org.uk or call 01252 729446.

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♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** is hosting a Guitar and Violin Concert on Saturday 23 May, 7pm at Godalming Baptist Church. **Arie Dekasian** (guitar) and violinist **Polina Sharafyan** will be performing 14 Armenian Folk Miniatures arranged for violin and guitar by Arie himself. The programme also includes *Histoire du Tango* by PIAZZOLLA and three versions of *Ave Maria* by SCHUBERT, BACH and CHARLES AZNAVOUR. The musicians are supported by the Tillett Trust. Booking on www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk. Admission free with a retiring collection. Your generous donations are much appreciated.

Derek Nash

Wednesday 6 May

Irrepressible saxophone star of the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, **Derek Nash** is one of the hottest, funkier players on the UK scene. He exudes an irresistible exuberance as both bandleader of his distinguished group *Sax Appeal* and as a distinguished jazz soloist and composer in his own right. With **David Newton**, (16 times winner of the British Jazz Awards for Best UK Jazz Piano Player) on piano, **Sebastian de Krom** on drums, and **Marianne Windham** on bass.

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

Lunchtime Jazz

Monday 11 May

Guildford Jazz anchor **Marianne Windham**, recipient of the 'Services to Jazz' Award in the 2026 Parliamentary Jazz Awards, brings her chosen instrument to the fore to explore the role of the bass in the history of jazz and considers the bassists who have influenced her playing and musical journey. With the brilliant and versatile **Steve Lodder** (whose career includes touring with the pop group *Simply Red* and musical collaborations with Paul McCartney) on piano and **Martin Pyne** on drums.

2pm

*Guildford Institute
Ward Street GU1 4LH*

Kofi-Baptiste

Thursday 21 May

Two of the UK's finest saxophonists, **Denys Baptiste** and **Tony Kofi** celebrate one of the most iconic partnerships in jazz history: Julian "Cannonball" Adderley & John Coltrane. Steeped in the Coltrane tradition, the tenor playing of Baptiste combines technical authority with emotional depth while altoist Kofi is renowned for his fearless improvisation, powerful sound and deep-rooted connection to the jazz tradition. With **Bruno Heinen** (piano), **Mikele Montoli** (bass) and **Winston Clifford** (drums).

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion
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WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR MAY



✦ Opening on Thursday 21 May, **WATTS GALLERY** presents a vibrant exhibition celebrating one of Britain's most influential designers. *The Art of Wallpaper: Morris & Co.* explores the beauty, craftsmanship and enduring appeal of WILLIAM MORRIS's iconic designs. Get up close to original wallpapers from the archives of Morris & Co. and discover the connections between William and May Morris and the circle of artists associated with Watts Gallery. Exhibition runs until Sunday 10 January 2027.

✦ *Fired Legacies: The Ceramic World of Rich Miller* is on display in **Watts Contemporary Gallery**. In his first major solo show, ceramicist and Channel 4's *The Great Pottery Throwdown* judge **Rich Miller** delves into his own heritage and explores intersections with British colonial history. All works for sale, free entry above the Shop. Exhibition on display until Sunday 28 June 2026.

✦ See a unique dinner service installation in **Limnerslease**, created by nine artists from HMP SEND. Inspired by the *Famous Women Dinner Service* designed in the 1930s by artists VANESSA BELL and DUNCAN GRANT, the *Women of 'Our Time' Dinner Service* imagines a range of contemporary guests – male and female – that Mary Watts might invite to a dinner party. On display until Monday 31 August 2026.

✦ Discover more to the Watts Gallery collection with a Collections Curator tour with **Penny Hines** on Thursday 14 May. Step behind the door marked 'Private' and enjoy "An hour in the archive" with **Hilary Underwood** on Thursday 21 May.

✦ Surrey residents enjoy 2 for 1 entry to Watts Gallery on Saturday 9 May with proof of address. And it's our monthly 'Pay if and what you can' day on Wednesday 6 May. Explore everything Watts Gallery has to offer at a reduced price.

✦ The May half term is right around the corner! Have an adventure with a day out at Watts Gallery. Enjoy a range of free-with-admission activities, from dress-up stations to giant games. Plus, enjoy an exciting new family trail inspired by The Art of Wallpaper exhibition. Discover art in a playful way and search for a group of cheeky wombats hiding across the site with the William Morris Wombat Trail, also included with admission.

For more information and to book tickets, visit wattsgallery.org.uk/whats-on

On Tuesday 12 May, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is *Drawn from Life: The Extraordinary Art and Life of Augustus John*, by **David Haycock**. When **AUGUSTUS JOHN** died in 1961 he was described in *The New York Times* as 'the grand old man of British painting and one of the greatest in British history'. John was only in his mid twenties when, in the early 1900s, he was widely acknowledged as one of the most talented and promising young British artists – a Welsh rival, perhaps, to GAUGUIN or PICASSO. This lecture explores John's extraordinary life, including his early achievements, his position as one of the most exciting and outrageous young British artists before the Great War, his slow decline after it and his troubled status as 'the last Bohemian'. 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



GODALMING MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS IN MAY

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

Face Value. A vibrant collection of paintings from **Jeanne Paxton** reveals personalities behind faces. Until Saturday 16 May.

Godalming Town Guided History Walk. Come and learn about Godalming's fascinating and surprising industrial past with an easy walk around the town, lasting about 1.5 hours. Free and no booking required.

Saturday 9 May, 2.30pm. Meet at the Pepperpot.

Power to the People — A lecture by **Professor Craig Underwood**. In the 1820s, discoveries by OERSTED, AMPERE, OHM and FARADAY laid down the fundamentals for the practical generation of electrical power by mechanical means. Within 60 years, such power was being made available to the public for the first time. Godalming was the pioneer of this revolution, attaining the first public supply in 1881. The story then moves to the USA and two giants of invention: EDISON and TESLA and their competing ideas. Tesla won out in the end, and his work led to the efficient and reliable electricity supply we receive today. This lecture tells the story. Contact the Museum for further details and tickets.

Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. 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, 20 May, 15 July, 16 September, 18 November, 7pm.

Deadline for JUNE Compton NEWS — Wednesday 20 May.

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

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.