**COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL'S LATEST TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE**

Further to information published in last month's *Compton NEWS*, we still expect SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC) to issue its Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – effectively the final and only formal consultation with the village – in early October. We will have a maximum of 28 days to respond. As far as we know, the plans are unchanged, with a 20mph speed limit, a zebra crossing and speed tables and “cushions” at the western end of the village and barely any measures at the eastern end.

Around the time the TRO is announced, it is our intention to launch a petition to SCC, which will be the best opportunity for Compton's residents to express their views on the proposals. The petition will be made available on www.compton-pc.gov.uk/ and on social media.

We are now commissioning additional speed surveys as well as acoustics and vibration studies. The aim is to have as much information as possible available to the village at the time of the TRO.

Compton needs traffic calming measures and we continue to believe that average speed cameras (ASCs) are the best solution to the problem of speeding motorists. We are continuing to press our case with those who may have some influence on a decision to install ASCs. Installing cameras would mitigate the impact of SCC's proposed tables and “cushions” on those residents living closest to these, as well as addressing the speeding issue at the eastern end of the village where there have also been collisions in recent years.

**Compton Little Theatre (CLT) Dinner & Drama. Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 October, Compton Village Hall.**

We are delighted to present “*A Ballyhoo in Blighty*” - four fantastic, funny, one-act comedies by **Andrew Biss**. Don't miss the chance to see these clever vignettes brought to life by our wonderful cast under the expert direction of **Noel Ruddy**. Tickets are £24 and include a two-course supper. Doors open 6.45pm, dinner 7.15pm, curtain up 8.15pm. The Box Office is now open: www.ticketsource.com/clt or scan the QR code.



CLT summer 2027 production. *Do you have an idea for a production for May/June 2027 and ideally one you'd like to direct?* Following on from the success of our rehearsed reading of “Labour of Love”, we are looking for suggestions for next year. All ideas and formats welcome. This is a great opportunity for people who have never directed before. We can provide plenty of support for new directors, including insights from an experienced production team. Please email committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk for more information and to share your idea. Deadline for submissions is 31 October 2026.

**Compton Club's forthcoming events.** Popular local band THE FARLEYS is playing at the Club on Saturday 3 October. Doors open from 7pm and the band is on from 8:30pm.

Future events include Halloween Party on Friday 31 October— Club AGM on Friday 4 December — Christmas Party on Saturday 5 December.

Local events taking place during Heritage Open Days month

Godalming and Guildford are taking part in this national cultural initiative by unlocking the doors to a range of historical and unique properties that you can view for FREE in September.

Heritage Open Days will take place in **GODALMING** on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September. Participating properties include *The Pepperpot* on Market Street, *Godalming Masonic Centre*, *Charterhouse*, *Norney Grange* and *Munstead Wood*. Refer to the *Heritage Open Days Brochure* for the programme of events, which details opening times and also booking arrangements required for some properties. Available at:

www.thegodalmingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/Godalming%20Heritage%20Open%20Days%202026.pdf.

Across **Guildford**, from Friday 11 to Sunday 20 September, historic buildings, idyllic landscapes and vibrant parks and gardens will be participating. The theme for 2026 will be ‘Everyday histories’. From factory floors to kitchen counters, school desks to sailors' docks, serving halls to vegetable gardens, explore the different jobs, the skills these required, the people that did them and the places that housed them. To find out more:

www.visitsurrey.com/guildford/vents/heritage-open-days-in-guildford/.

✠ WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? ✠

Muddy Church. A space for all for wandering & wondering with God, for all the family, on the first Sunday of each month in term time. Restarts Sunday 6 September.

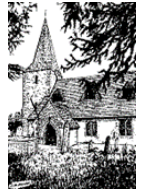
Fledglings. Out toddler group meets at Pucks Oak Barn on Monday mornings from 9am in term time. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com. Restarts Monday 7 September.

Inside Out meets Saturday 5 September, 10am-12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good. Just turn up or contact wardens@stnicholascompton.org.

Bell Ringing. Sunday service ringing 9.50am-10.30am (1st Sunday only 5.30pm-6pm). Bell ringing practice alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12pm. Practice sessions can also 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, please contact our Rector Sally at rector@stnicholascompton.org. Confidences will be respected.



SEPTEMBER SERVICES

*Please join us as we celebrate Harvest together. We will be collecting donations for **GODALMING MINSTER FOODBANK**.*

Wed 2	<u>10.30am</u> Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion	Sunday 20	<u>10.30am</u> Service of the Word
Sunday 6	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church — <i>Harvest</i> <u>6pm</u> Evensong	Saturday 26	<u>7pm</u> Harvest Supper — All welcome
Sunday 13	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion	Sunday 27	<u>10.30am</u> Harvest Holy Communion

*** Bargain Basement ***

Ercol dining table for sale. Based on round, drop leaf design. Happy to message photos on request. £300 ONO. Contact Sara on 07981 256908.

Hurtmore Honey from a local beekeeper who has sold honey in outlets including Watts Gallery and Shackleford Post Office. 1lb jar costs £6.75. Contact Sarah on 07715 117536 to arrange pick up or delivery.

Custom made BARJO Tailgate for a Dascia Logan Estate which has been slightly modified to fit a larger VW estate. Included are a backseat barrier, stair gate and a flat dog mattress to fit in the boot. FOR SALE for only £200. Call 07954 282788.

Compo — minibus service — shopping trips to Godalming

Let *Compo* take the strain! Leave your car at home, save fuel and meet other Compton residents along the way. About four Compton residents use the regular shopping run to Godalming on Tuesday mornings. However, **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION** is keen for more people to use *Compo* in order to ensure that the service will continue as it is a scheduled bus service. If you hold a Bus Pass, the service is FREE but it is available for everyone. If you are young enough and do not qualify for a Bus Pass, the return fare to Godalming is £4. *Compo* will collect you from your home at approximately 9.15am and return you to your door with your shopping at around 11.30am, without the hassle of negotiating the traffic, roadworks and parking.

To book a place, contact **Margaret Cox** on 01483 810518 – preferably at least the day before – so that she can advise the driver to pick you up.

Local hospice charity **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** is delighted to announce that it has been awarded a grant of £30,000 from BBC CHILDREN IN NEED to support its specialist bereavement programme for primary school aged children. The three-year grant will provide £10,000 per year towards LITTLE RAYS, a six week after-school group which Phyllis Tuckwell runs for 5–12-year-olds who have experienced the death of a loved one. The sessions are delivered by trained professionals and volunteers with specialist experience in supporting children through bereavement and provide a safe and supportive environment where children can explore their thoughts and feelings through play, craft and storytelling. They can also learn practical emotional coping skills that they can use in everyday life, helping them to understand and navigate their grief.

The grant will enable Phyllis Tuckwell to continue providing this vital service free of charge to local families, ensuring that children affected by bereavement receive the specialist support they need.

If you would like to find out more about Little Rays and Phyllis Tuckwell's other bereavement support services, visit www.pth.org.uk/your-care/our-services/counselling-and-bereavement.

After lunch on Friday 18 September members of **MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** and visitors (always welcome) will learn the story of a successful escape from the Titanic as it sank on 15 April, 1912. **Angela Young's** talk is about the "Titanic Papers", found when her great-grandmother, Noël Rothes (Countess of Rothes), died in 1956. Rothes (the aristocrat) and Thomas Jones (the able seaman) were in the same lifeboat and helped at least 25 others to survive. The Countess became a celebrated Titanic heroine for taking the helm of the lifeboat and steering it overnight. The papers include letters by Jones, newspaper cuttings, memorabilia and evidence given to inquiries into the disaster. Angela weaves a fascinating story from these.

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.

LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES' next talk is titled *Bordeaux: hier et aujourd'hui*. Thursday 17 September, 7.30pm. *Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY*.

For an overview of the talk (in French), visit www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

PROBUS CLUB OF GODALMING meets monthly in Godalming for a lunch followed by a speaker. The Club's next lunch for members will be on Friday 2 October. The speaker, **Ian Arthur**, will recount anecdotes from the life of a police firearms officer. The Club also meets every month in a local pub for coffee and a chat. It organises walking, pétanque and 10-pin bowling groups as well as a Christmas lunch. Visit www.godalmingprobus.com or e-mail the Secretary at pcgcommittee@gmail.com.

♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪♪ MUSIC ♪

♪ **Conservatoire Concerts** is hosting its *Rising Stars* concert on Saturday September 12 at 7pm, *Godalming Baptist Church GU7 1BA*. The concert features students from the PURCELL SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS, including **Luca Boston** (piano), **Emily Carrington** (oboe), **Khanui Erdenebat** (violin) and **Tristan Hermanto** (piano). Programme includes music by composers CHOPIN, DEBUSSY and FRANCK. For programme details and to book, visit www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk.

♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** is seeking new members. You are welcome to come to our Open Evening on Tuesday 15 September at 7.20pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Godalming GU7 1DY*. Contact our membership secretary **Pauline** at p.powlesland@btinternet.com if you are interested in joining the choir.

GUILDFORD JAZZ is hosting the **GUILDFORD JAZZ & SOUL FESTIVAL** in September which includes seven paying events:

Steve Waterman
Thursday 3, 8pm

Trumpeter Steve Waterman's Octet celebrates the music of Miles Davis - one of the most iconic and influential figures in the history of jazz. Featuring **Alan Barnes** (alto sax), **Dave O'Higgins** (tenor sax), **Karen Sharp** (baritone sax), **Mark Nightingale** (trombone), **Gareth Williams** (piano), **Marianne Windham** (bass) and **Clark Tracey** (drums).
Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP

The Mantecas
Saturday 5, 5pm

The Mantecas are a London-based, Salsa, Latin Jazz and Boogaloo band known for filling dance floors wherever they play. From Glastonbury to The Jazz Café, they've built a reputation for high-energy performances that blend infectious Afro-Latin rhythms, punchy brass and irresistible grooves. Featuring Cuban flutist and singer **Ludys Hernandez**. Bring a picnic and get ready to party!
Guildford Castle, Castle Street, GU1 3UW

Lunchtime Jazz
Monday 7, 2pm

Saxophonist **Alan Barnes** and pianist **Dave Newton** have been playing duets together for decades, displaying an unrivalled musical empathy that can only come with long experience.
Guildford Institute, Ward Street, GU1 4LH

Dele Sosimi
Friday 11, 8pm

Dele Sosimi has been at the heart of the global Afrobeat scene for over 40 years, blending funk grooves, traditional Nigerian music, African percussion and an underlying sense of jazz. Plus support act **The Joe Garland Band**.
The Boileroom, Stoke Fields, GU1 4LS

Hejira

Friday 18, 8pm

Celebrating the greatest songs of Joni Mitchell, seven-piece band Hejira are fronted by **Hattie Whitehead**, who not only sings masterfully with Joni's poise and pitch-accuracy but also plays guitar in the style of Joni Mitchell, incorporating various open tunings which lend an instant authenticity to the colour of the songs.
Surrey University, Stag Hill, GU2 7XH

Iain Ballamy

Wednesday 23, 8pm

Saxophonist Iain Ballamy's career highlights include performing with **Hermeto Pascoal**, **Carla Bley** and, in a live BBC broadcast, playing Richard Rodney Bennett's *Concerto for Stan Getz* with the BBC Concert Orchestra. Iain's quartet includes guitarist **Rob Luft**, who featured on Iain Ballamy's latest, highly acclaimed, album 'Riversphere', plus **Nick Pini** (bass) and **Corrie Dick** (drums).
Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP

CK Gospel Choir
Friday 11, 7.45pm

CK Gospel Choir is a dynamic collective of London-based vocalists known for their unique blend of close harmonies, "gospel fusion", infectious energy and world-class performances. CKGC have spent almost 20 years captivating audiences across the UK and Europe, bringing gospel, soul, professionalism and unforgettable sound to every performance.
St Nicholas Church, Bury St, GU2 4AW

www.guildfordjazz.org.uk

WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER



Watts Gallery is now six open days a week, including Tuesdays, until 27 October. Future changes to opening times will be updated in the *NEWS*.

- ✦ With the summer holidays coming to an end, September brings a last chance to catch "Beyond Strawberry Thief" before it closes on Sunday 13 September. The exhibition showcases around 35 vibrant nature paintings by Guildford-based artist **Rosalinda Kightley** in Watts Contemporary Gallery. Don't miss this colourful response to the ideas of William Morris.
- ✦ *The Art of Wallpaper: Morris & Co* is our major exhibition celebrating William Morris, one of Britain's most influential designers, which runs until Sunday 10 January 2027. If you can't make it to Compton in person, a new online talks series exploring the exhibition begins on Tuesday 8 September.
- ✦ Watts Gallery is taking part in HERITAGE OPEN DAYS this month, providing free entry across two weekends: 12 and 13, then 19 and 20 September. It's a wonderful, no-cost way to explore the Historic Galleries, Limnerslease and Watts Chapel at your own pace, so do come and discover (or rediscover) what's on your doorstep.
- ✦ For anyone wanting to be creative:
 - There's a Morris-inspired collage workshop, Pattern & Nature, on Saturday 12 September.
 - The monthly *Inspired at Watts* artist-led session returns on Sunday 20 September.
 - For a look behind the scenes, our Collections Curator's tour starts up again on Thursday 24 September.
 - Rounding off the month, artist **Freddie Yauner** joins us on Sunday 26 September for Mirroring Nature, bringing his mirrored masks to the grounds for a fresh way of looking at the natural world.
- ✦ There's plenty for younger visitors too. Watts Tots, our session for little ones, returns on Friday 4 September, with more sessions through to December. Our weekly Clay Club also continues throughout the month for budding young potters.
- ✦ Our monthly "pay if and what you can" day falls on Wednesday 2 September.

Remember: Compton residents get 50% off admission! Valid with a proof of address

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



GODALMING MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Godalming in Miniature, an exhibition of oil paintings of Godalming in miniature, is presented by local artist, inventor and musician **Kevin Gorton**. It closes on Saturday 26 September.

The Great Godalming Quiz-Off. Friday 18 September 6.30pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Godalming GU7 1DY*. Come alone or with friends and test your general knowledge. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and have a fun evening. All proceeds go to Godalming Museum. £10 per person. Contact the museum to book your team.

Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk / 01483 426510.

Compton Village Welcome Pack has been updated. Don't forget, it's FREE and is available in both printed and electronic versions. Contact **Jane Turner** at janewturner@mac.com if you would like one. Although it's designed for newcomers, the pack is full of useful information and facts so even longstanding residents of the village might enjoy the latest version!

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, 16 September, 18 November, 7pm.
Deadline for OCTOBER Compton NEWS Sunday 20 September.
St Nicholas Sunday service bell ringing, 9.50am-10.30am (except first Sunday of every month, 5.30pm-6pm).

Watts Gallery Shop & Café. Tuesdays 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 to 4pm.
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.