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COMPTON VILLAGE FETE REVIEW & RESULTS



What a day! On **Saturday 9 May COMPTON VILLAGE FETE 2026** drew crowds of visitors, who helped raise funds for many local causes. We are delighted to announce

that this year's Fete made **£16,182**, beating our previous record of £15,145 in 2022. In addition to record profits, this year's fete featured:

- A record number of stalls
- A record number of volunteers
- And, quite possibly, a record amount of fun squeezed into one afternoon.

2026 beneficiaries

The Allotments, £2,986 - Compton Club, £2,982 - St Nicholas' Church, £2,948 - Compton *NEWS*, £900 - Village Hall, £2,385 - Compton Little Theatre, £1,192. Our chosen charities, Godalming & Villages Community Store and Action for Carers Surrey, will receive £1,596 and £1,193 respectively.

Takings from each stall (2026 record profits are highlighted in bold)

Grand Draw £2,856, Silent Auction £1,144, Tea Tent £808, **BBQ £2,134**, Ice Creams £945, Bottle Tombola £1,057, Bric-a-Brac £699, Cakes and homemade £1,125, **Plants & Produce £3,588**, Pimm's £603, Beer Tent £1,194, Fizz (Greyfriars) £389, Bouncy Castles £50, Books £445, **Face Painting £376**, Pick-a-card £180, Bits & Pieces £168, **Maggot Racing £190**, Teddy Tombola £365, Human Fruit Machine £149, Hook-a-Duck £129, Coconut Shy £23, Stocks £69 — it's not all about the money, but about the fun had and it certainly was!

The Grand Draw and Silent Auction were phenomenally successful. This is the first year that the Silent Auction has attracted bidding in excess of a thousand pounds — thanks in large part to it going online. But the profitability of both is due to the *talent* and *generosity* of our local supporters and residents who donated such a fantastic array of prizes. Compared with previous years, takings across most stalls were up on average, including Human Fruit Machine, Greyfriars, Pimm's, Ice Creams, Bottle Tombola and the Beer Tent. Stalls were exceptionally busy throughout the afternoon.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, skills, equipment, cakes, plants, prizes and muscle power, as well as the many who came on the afternoon. One couple had come from over 15 miles away because they had seen the Fete advertised online and thought it looked like a lovely way to spend the afternoon. Whether you were parking cars, flipping burgers, serving drinks, selling tickets, entertaining crowds, setting up gazebos or clearing up at the end, every contribution mattered. The Fete is run entirely by volunteers and is a fine example of what community spirit can achieve.

Finally, a very special thank you to this year's wonderful committee: **Leni Coleman, James Kent, Sarah Metcalfe, Miriam Morris, Nick Palmer, Danielle Rowe, James Saunders** and **Sara Verbruggen**.

We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year! Please save the date for **Compton Village Fete 2027**, which will be held on **Saturday 8 May**. If anyone is keen to get involved next year, please do get in touch.

Thank you again and best wishes,

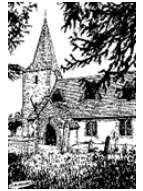
Miranda Wells,

Chairman, Compton Village Fete Committee



Following the **Annual Parish Meeting** in the Compton Club in April, Compton Parish Council's traffic committee has been working on obtaining answers to the questions raised regarding proposed traffic calming measures. The traffic committee is waiting for information from our County Councillor, **Matt Furniss** (Conservative) Surrey County Council (SCC) and our MP, **Jeremy Hunt** (Conservative), all of which will be shared with residents once received. Efforts are also being made to ascertain the basis for SCC's decision-making process through Freedom of Information requests. The Parish Council has been advised that the public consultation will open this month and it will hold another public meeting, if deemed necessary.

† WHAT'S ON IN JUNE & JULY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? †



Please note there will be no **Muddy Church** or **Fledglings** during August (summer holidays).

At the Annual Church Meeting the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** said a very big thank you to **Ros Lawson**, who steps down after six years as a Churchwarden. We are so very grateful to Ros for everything she has done during this period. Her dedication, her wisdom, her guidance and her kindness have been greatly appreciated.

Ros's services as a Churchwarden stretch far beyond the last six years. She has been warden for 18 out of the last 25 years. She bid farewell to John Fellows in 2012 and cleared out the old Rectory as it was deemed not viable as a clergy house. The Churchwardens kept it safe until Handpost Cottage next door was purchased for the incoming Rector, Caroline Burnett. A new Rectory was built on the garden of the old one and after Caroline left, there were challenging times when St Nicholas Compton split from the United Benefice of Shackleford and Peperharow with Compton. Ros was Churchwarden again when Julian Hubbard stepped in and saw St Nicholas through the three national lockdowns. Sally Buddle was then appointed at the end of 2022. Ros's co-Churchwarden, Mike Winterbotham now carries on single-handed.

JUNE SERVICES

Wednesday 3	<u>10.30am</u> BCP Holy Communion	Sunday 14	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Sunday 7	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church - <i>Arable Parable</i>	Sunday 21	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
	<u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 28	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion

JULY SERVICES

Wednesday 1	<u>10.30am</u> BCP Holy Communion	Sunday 12	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Sunday 5	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church - <i>Summer Special</i>	Sunday 19	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
	<u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 26	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion

www.stnicholascompton.org



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 *Dear England* and *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 performed as a play, our incredible cast of Fred Pollard, Helen Turner, Sue Leach, Amy Aiello and Tony Rivers 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. Or scan the QR code.



Do you have an idea for a play you would like to direct? Have you ever wanted to direct two half-hour comedies? Or do you have another idea which could fit our dinner & drama production format? CLT is looking for volunteers who would like to direct something for our **October** production. In recent years, these have been full length dramas (*Bunkered*, *Anybody for Murder*, *Murdered to Death*) or two half-hour comedies such as *Blackadder*, *The Vicar of Dibley* or *Fawlty Towers*. If you've been to one of our October productions before, you know that this is our dinner & drama slot so we are looking for something which can fit around table dining. There is always plenty of help available and you will be supported by an experienced Production Team managing all the behind the scenes activities which are needed to bring a production to the stage. Performance dates are Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 October. Please get in touch to find out more or to share your ideas at info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.

COMPTON CLUB'S regular hours remain Thursday and Friday from 7pm. Check out www.comptonclub.co.uk or <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JnU4sdkaxZRH7RZZ6eotm>.

If England progresses in the FIFA World Cup, the Club will be open for the following games: Saturday 6 June from 3pm for England vs New Zealand, Wednesday 17 June from 8pm for England vs Croatia, Tuesday 23 June from 8pm for England vs Ghana and Saturday 27 June from 7pm for England vs Panama.

Saturday 4 July from 7pm is **80s Night** with **DJ Rollerball Paul** and fancy dress essential!

As a reminder, Women Who W(h)ine (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 janeturner@mac.com.



On Friday 17 July after a friendly lunch, members of **MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** will hear from **Hugh Thomas**, a highly rated speaker on international politics, diplomacy and influences on nations' policies. His degree in International Politics and a career involving overseas embassy postings, including Washington DC and Ankara, combine intellectual rigour with hard experience. Hugh's talk is on the balance of power today and keeping the peace. Questions and opinions will be welcome. 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' forthcoming talk (in French) is on Thursday 18 June, 7pm to 9pm. **Thierry Viennois** will give an illustrated talk on the 1943 raid in Grenoble during World War II and how it affected his family. The venue is *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY*. There are no talks in July and August. www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

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. Opening times are Thursdays to Saturdays, 10am to 4pm.

 **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 to arrange a quote.



Registration is open for the next sessions of **SEW LIKE A PRO**. Come and learn how to make beautiful curtains, blinds, cushions and lampshades, with a professional finish, to transform your home. Course starts Friday 25 June, 10am to 1pm for four weeks (Fridays), *COMPTON VILLAGE HALL*. £120. To register and for more information, please contact **Michelle** on sewlikeapro58@gmail.com.

One-day workshops for making lampshades are planned for July and September at the *Village Hall*. Find out more on Facebook @ **sew like a pro**.

Logs available. Lengths, free of charge. Rounds — small are £1, large are £2. Split logs are £5 for a small bag and £10 for a large bag. Call 07900 303220 to arrange collection.

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♪ *Tying the Choral Knot!* is **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY'S** summer concert. Wherever we are in our own lives we all enjoy going to a summer wedding — the flowers, the happiness and of course the music. Led by conductor **George de Voil**, Godalming's own choir is celebrating the wonderful range and variety of wedding music: something old, something new, something bold and something blue! June 27 at 7.30pm, *St John's, Farncombe, GU7 3EJ*. Tickets, £20 (free for under 18s) from www.godalmingchoral.org.uk or at the door.

♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** invites you to an evening concert of favourite operatic arias and popular songs from musicals on Saturday 27 June, 7pm at *Godalming Baptist Church*. Featuring four singers accompanied by **Guy Murgatroyd** on piano. Booking on www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk. Admission free with a retiring collection. Your generous donations are much appreciated.

Lunchtime Jazz

Monday 8 June

Multi-award-winning tenor saxophonist **Karen Sharp** is admired for her melodic, accessible yet distinctive, saxophone playing. With **Gareth Williams** (piano) and **Marianne Windham** (bass).

2pm

*Guildford Institute
Ward Street GU1 4LH*

Spillett-Gelato

Thursday 11 June

Tenor saxophonists **Ray Gelato** and **Simon Spillett** are two of the best-loved and entertaining musicians on the UK jazz scene. With **Gunter Kurmayer** (piano) **Marianne Windham** (bass) and **Pete Cater** (drums).

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

Andy Davies

Wednesday 24 June

An outstanding evening featuring the award-winning Welsh trumpeter **Andy Davies** and multi-award-winning guitar legend **Nigel Price**. Andy has released several albums with his quartet, most recently the critically acclaimed 'Rise of The Spider Monkey'. With **Marianne Windham** (bass) and **Jamie Murray** (drums).

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

GUILDFORD JAZZ is also putting on two charitable events in June

On Saturday 6 June, vocalist **Sarah Jane Eveleigh** celebrates the legendary ladies of jazz, including ELLA FITZGERALD, SARAH VAUGHAN and PEGGY LEE. Bring a picnic or have pizzas on the lawn. On arrival, enjoy a complimentary glass of award-winning vintage cuvée from High Clandon Estate Vineyard. All proceeds go to **CHERRY TREES**, an organisation that provides home-from-home specialised short breaks for young people with complex disabilities. Matinée performance from 1pm, evening performance from 6.15pm, at *High Clandon Estate Vineyard, East Clandon GU4 7RP*. Tickets £40.

On Sunday 28 June bring a picnic and a bottle or two of your favourite tittle and get ready for an evening of salsa, samba and tango rhythms from the outstanding UK trumpeter **Steve Waterman** and his quintet featuring **Simon Allen**, tenor sax, **Alex Hutton**, piano, **Rob Statham**, bass and **Marc Cecil**, percussion, plus **THE FARNHAM BIG BAND**. Come rain or shine, this is always a fabulous event in this most beautiful of settings, raising money for GUTS, fighting bowel cancer. From 5.15pm (doors open 4.30pm) at *Loseley Park, Guildford GU3 1HS*. Tickets £22.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR JUNE & JULY



The Trustees at Watts Gallery are delighted to announce the appointment of **Gary Topp** as the new Director. Gary has held Director/CEO roles across several organisations in the UK and Australia including YORKSHIRE CULTURE (DCMS AGENCY), ARNOLFINI GALLERY, CURZON CINEMA and CULTURE CENTRAL. His most recent appointment was Director of Painshill Park. Gary said: "It is Watts Gallery's extraordinary mix of heritage, nature, architecture and the work and passions of G F Watts and Mary Seton Watts that makes leading the organisation such an exciting opportunity. I look forward to exploring and developing a refreshed contemporary purpose, rooted in these extraordinary historical foundations." He will take up his role on 15 June.

- ✦ *The Art of Wallpaper: Morris & Co.* is now open at **WATTS GALLERY**. Discover over 30 original wallpaper designs from the archive of Morris & Co and see the meticulous hand-printing techniques behind some of William Morris' iconic designs. As part of the exhibition, families can enjoy an exciting William Morris Wombat trail through Limmerslease. Follow the clues, spot the creatures and collect your stamp at the Visitor Centre.
- ✦ *Fired Legacies: The Ceramic World of Rich Miller* is on display in **Watts Contemporary Gallery** until Sunday 28 June. 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.
- ✦ From Thursday 2 July, Watts Contemporary Gallery presents *Beyond Strawberry Thief*. This exhibition, coinciding with *The Art of Wallpaper*, exhibits nature paintings and prints by **Rosalinda Kightley** and stained glass by members of the **BRITISH SOCIETY OF MASTER GLASS PAINTERS**.
- ✦ Discover more to the Watts Gallery collection with a Collections Curator tour with **Penny Hines** on Thursday 11 June. Step behind the door marked 'Private' and enjoy "An hour in the archive" with **Hilary Underwood** on Thursday 18 June.
- ✦ Painting conservator **Alexandra Earl** will be hosting a talk at Watts Gallery on Wednesday 15 July. This talk presents new technical and art historical research into the work of **Evelyn De Morgan**, focusing on *The Barred Gate* (c. 1919), an unfinished oil painting from the artist's late career.
- ✦ Enjoy creative time as a family at Watts Gallery this summer. Little ones can enjoy 'Watts Tots' sessions on Friday 12 June and Friday 10 July. Furthermore, discover creative workshops on select days and various activities that are free with admission. Craft a sunflower for a collaborative display, dress up as a Victorian painting, play giant games and much more.

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

On Tuesday 9 June, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is *The Brilliance of British Architecture* by **Ian Swankle**. In the field of world-class architecture, British talent has always been at the forefront and we have much to celebrate. In this talk, Ian tours architecture in the UK and overseas, highlighting the brilliance of some of those individuals who have made huge improvements to the built environment and enhanced the lives of those around them. Famous names like **Lutyens, Gilbert Scott, Foster, Hadid and Rogers** are discussed along with several lesser known but equally creative architects.

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**.

Please note, there will be no talk in July or August. The next talk will be on Tuesday 8 September.

www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2026.htm

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 janeturner@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!

Compton News is taking a summer break and the next issue will be published in **August**.

The next deadline is Monday 20 July. Enjoy the holidays!

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 July, 16 September, 18 November, 7pm.

Deadline for AUGUST Compton NEWS — **Monday 20 July**.

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 to 4pm.

Compo minibus service, every Tuesday morning to Sainsbury's (Godalming). Departs 9.15am and returns