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## COMPTON FETE

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY – 1PM TO 5PM ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



Yes, the day is nearly here. Planning, organising, collecting items for stalls, baking, sorting, are all in full swing. There are some areas which need more help than others so PLEASE think about what you can do for the following:

- ▶ The **BOTTLE TOMBOLA** needs lots and lots of bottles, of all descriptions. Think outside the box! Wine, beer and spirits are of course much in demand but what about other things, such as ketchup, olive oil, bubble bath, shampoo, soft drinks? Use your imagination! **Contact Jon Maslin on 429461, who does need everything in advance so that items can be labeled and the tickets prepared.**
- ▶ The **TEA TENT**, which is actually set up in the Compton Club, is run by a small number of volunteers who really need more help baking and making – last year they did most of it themselves. Cup cakes, little sandwiches, biscuits – anything that will go with a cup of tea! **Jo Ayshford, 07791 209408, and Rhona Wilkie, 07827 303416, would appreciate knowing in advance if you are able to bring something along on the day.**
- ▶ Equally **Sarah Baskerville on 427405** would appreciate contributions to the **CAKES & PRESERVES** stall – jams, chutneys, cakes, biscuits.
- ▶ **PICK-A-CARD**, the game for young children, can never have enough tiny prizes as every one is a winner and the children love it! Everything must fit on the face of a playing card – toys, puzzles, sweets (covered), little packets of Smarties, etc. **Jane Turner is happy to collect anything that you can offer, preferably in advance.**
- ▶ There will be a new **DOG RACE** this year, in place of the obstacle race (but musical dog chairs will be kept), which will need a lot of monitoring. Please stand by to be available to help towards the end of the afternoon.
- ▶ Finally – A lot of help is needed to **SET UP IN THE MORNING** and **TAKE DOWN IN THE EVENING**. There are also gaps to fill **MANNING THE SIDE SHOWS**. You don't have to spend all day in one place – the more volunteers there are, the less time you will have to commit. Are you new to the village? It's a great way to meet other enthusiastic people who make it all happen. **Contact Richard Paxton, 415390.**

**The allocation of profit from this year's Fete has been agreed and was reported at the Village Association AGM:**

Allotments – 50% of Plants & Produce

St Nicholas Church – 50% of Cakes & Preserves

Compton Club – 50% of Teas & Beer Tent

Compton NEWS - £600

The balance will then be split as follows:

Village Hall 25%

Compton Club 20%

Church 15%

Allotments 10%

Charities 30%

The charities chosen this year are Challengers in Guildford and the Prostate Project for the Urology Centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, who will receive 15% each.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING EVERYONE TO ANOTHER FABULOUS DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT!**

### ◆ ◆ ◆ THE VILLAGE SIGN ◆ ◆ ◆

An amazing crowd of at least 100 people turned out on a sunny May Day evening to join in the unveiling of the new village sign. And what a sign it is! Standing tall and proud on the grass verge just beyond the Godalming-direction bus stop in the centre of the village, the terracotta images on either side replicate Mary Watts's designs in the Chapel and the figure of the Medieval Knight, scratched on the wall of St Nicholas Church, is carved on the side of the oak post. It is a work of art and something to be admired and treasured for generations to come. The idea of a village sign was first proposed by Chris Lovell, sadly no longer with us, for the Millennium, but it never took off because of cost. The new sign is funded by the Parish Council, Village Association, Watts Gallery and an anonymous donor. It is the brainchild of Chris Sharples, whose hard work and determination eventually made it happen. Well done Chris, and thank you to the professional team for the finished article.

### ★ ★ ★ A WONDERFUL BENCH FOR THE BUS STOP! ★ ★ ★

The Shepherdsmead Trust, on behalf of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, has generously donated a brand new bench for the Bus Stop in Down Lane, thanks to their Trustee Paul White who lives in Priorsfield Road. John Waterfall has laid paving slabs underneath and behind it, and bolted it down. You can once again wait in comfort for the bus to Guildford! But don't stop there! The Waterfalls have suggested putting a bench on the other side of the road for people going towards Godalming, who currently have to stand in the parking area or in the road itself. It doesn't have to be brand new so if you have one to spare and can deliver it, contact the Waterfalls on 01483 810430. Thank you, kind readers of the NEWS!

### A LETTER FROM TED CORNER, CHAIRMAN OF COMPTON CLUB

Hello! Yes – you - reading this!

I have been Chairman of Compton Club for several years and I have constantly been puzzled by the lack of local support for the Club. Most recently, I held the Chairman's Charity Night, to support the Samson Multiple Sclerosis Support Group in Guildford. Two locals donated raffle prizes, five villagers (all members), six members (the organising team), two committee members and forty-eight non-members or villagers attended and had a great evening. But where were the members and locals?

People tell me that the Club is a great venue, but why don't you locals support it more on a regular basis?

- Is it what is put on at the Club?
- Is there something you don't like at the Club?
- Is there something you would support in droves?

We've looked at running film evenings but at present, without support, it's not financially viable.

So come on, write to me - Ted, Chairman, Compton Club – in total confidence, but with a name and phone number for my eyes only. Give me either general criticism, specific criticism, what you don't like about the Club, or what you would support, and we'll see what can be done. I need some input. PLEASE – put pen to paper and give me some clues.

**TED CORNER, CHAIRMAN**

### WATTS GALLERY NEWS

**PAPERMANIA.** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May. 10am to 5pm. FREE with admission

Joint us for our annual 19<sup>th</sup> century-inspired paper crafts festival on early May Bank Holiday. See demonstrations by contemporary makers, artists and performers:

- ◆ Paper Marbling – make beautiful sheets of marbled paper, a form of paper decoration favoured by the Victorians.
- ◆ Paper Cone Baskets – create a traditional springtime gift basket decorated with collaged papers and ribbon.
- ◆ Morris Dancing – enjoy performances of this traditional folk dance by the Pilgrim Morris Men.
- ◆ Folk Music – enjoy folksy tunes from The Catteshall Band.
- ◆ Maypole Dancing – join in a dance around the Maypole to celebrate the spring season.
- ◆ Artist in Residence – see Artist in Residence Florrie Thomas at work creating intricate paper cuts.
- ◆ Paper Craft Demonstration – see artist Anne Henry creating paper sculptures.



**FILM IN THE GALLERY - SUFFRAGETTE**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Doors open 6.30pm. £15. Friends £13.50. Pre-booking required

Introduced by award-winning writer of *Suffragette*, and in association with Venture Cinema, enjoy a screening of *Suffragette* to coincide with the centenary celebrations of women being allowed to vote, and Mary Watts's contribution to the Suffrage Movement. Directed by Sarah Gavron and starring Carey Mulligan, Ben Whishaw, Helena Bonham Carter, Samuel West and a host of other well-known stars.

**MAY HALF TERM.** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Drop-in 10am to 4pm. Free with Admission. Clore Learning Studio at Limnerslease.

Stop by during May Half Term for fantastical family fun, with activities taking place all week. Paint ceramic tiles with fantastic beasts, hear tales of curious creatures from a storyteller and craft clay sculptures inspired by William De Morgan's mythical ceramics.

***For information about events and to book tickets, phone 01483 813593 or visit [www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk)***

### RETAIL AND ADMISSIONS MANAGER

Watts Gallery Trust is looking for an **Experienced Manager** to lead the Retail and Admission operations. This is an exciting time in the development of Watts Gallery - Artists' Village and the successful candidate will play a key role in the development of the Pottery Building, which is the home of our commercial activities.

- You will have the drive and commitment to continue our excellent track record in welcoming visitors and offering an exciting shopping experience that maximises sales and enhances our reputation.
- You will lead an experienced team of part-time staff (currently six) and volunteers.
- You will be commercially minded, sales driven, have an eye for detail, have experience of managing retail and ticketing systems, and be passionate about delivering excellent service.
- You will work closely with the Commercial Manager and will play an important role in developing an outstanding front of house operation across the Artists' Village.

***Please send your CV with supporting statement to Jo Wilks, Commercial Manager, [commercial@wattsgallery.org.uk](mailto:commercial@wattsgallery.org.uk)***

***Closing date: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Interviews will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the Watts Gallery***



CLT's summer production in June of **MY THREE ANGELS** by Sam & Bella Spewack, directed by David Ford, is taking shape so don't delay getting your tickets. Performances are on 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm each evening in Compton Village Hall.

*Tickets are £10 each and are available from the Box Office on 07964 515103, or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/CLT](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/CLT). For postal bookings, send your request with cheque (payable to 'Compton Little Theatre') and a stamped self-addressed envelope to CLT Box Office, 49 The Oval, Godalming GU7 3JZ.*

**PLEASE READ THIS!** CLT is in a quandary. Founded in 1982, it has been producing a variety of outstanding shows in Compton Village Hall with great zeal and enthusiasm every year since then. They offer three productions a year – a pantomime or musical in January, a play in the summer, and then the ever-popular “dinner & drama” in the autumn. The standard is extremely high and the ticket prices are very low. Over the years they have produced a mixture of well-known, amusing, serious, less known plays and pantomimes. Who remembers Black Comedy, Abigail's Party, An Inspector Calls, the unforgettable Oedipus, A Man for All Seasons, The Wizard of Oz, Under Milk Wood, The Importance of Being Earnest, Shadowlands, which had the audience crying in their seats, Blithe Spirit, 'Allo 'Allo, Rebecca, Are You Being Served, Oliver! Fawlty Towers, The Vicar of Dibley, Steel Magnolias? The list goes on and on and every one has been a huge success. The Village Hall, which is transformed into a theatre with sophisticated raked seating, lighting and sound, is now up to professional standards and the ambience in the Hall is terrific, especially for the ‘dinner & drama’ autumn shows.

BUT – and it's a big BUT – the one thing it lacks is AUDIENCE. While the January and autumn shows are very popular and usually sell out quickly, the summer plays struggle to fill the seats. And these offer West End-quality performances right on your doorstep. CLT needs your support. Have you ever been to one of our plays? If you have, and you are a regular fan, then thank you. But if you haven't, you don't know what you're missing. Surely you can find time to spend one evening, with friends, enjoying superb entertainment and **MY THREE ANGELS** in June will be a good place to start. Come on – surprise us!

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➤ ➤ ➤ ➤ **A MISCELLANY OF MATTERS** ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

◆ **TEA, SCONES & SUFFRAGETTES.** Join LynchPin Productions Theatre Company at the Wilfred Noyce Community Centre, Godalming, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 4pm to 6.30pm for a special fundraising Afternoon Tea, with an interactive rehearsed reading of an original script by Oliver Church, along with rousing songs of the time, to celebrate the centenary of **Women Getting The Vote**. Discover what the local Godalming suffragettes were up to. There will be tea, scones, cucumber sandwiches and cakes, plus many great raffle prizes to be won and competitions for the best vintage costume, best vintage hat and best banner, and a licensed cash bar. *Tickets are £20, £10 students and children 12-16, available at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) (search “LynchPin”).*

◆ **Help** is sought with **housework** at a four-bedroom cottage in Compton. 2-3 hours every fortnight is anticipated, with flexibility on time. Contact Nigel Weir on 07802 234134 or [nigelbeweir@gmail.com](mailto:nigelbeweir@gmail.com).

◆ **CALLING ALL BUTTERFLY ENTHUSIASTS AND GARDENERS!** The charity *Butterfly Conservation* is running a project in the local area to encourage a range of rare and threatened butterfly and moth species. The **SMALL BLUE PROJECT** is focussing on restoring habitat for Britain's smallest butterfly, *Cupido minimus*, or the Small Blue. They would like to hear from any landowners who have open land on the chalk and would like to support the project. The Small Blue leads a precarious existence and is entirely reliant on one plant, Kidney Vetch, *Anthyllis vulneraria*, which is a plant of open chalk downland, requiring plentiful bare ground to be able to spread. *Please get in touch for more information or to get involved – [fhaynes@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:fhaynes@butterfly-conservation.org) or 07843 039323.*

◆ **TODDLER SENSE** is designed for children aged 13 months to 4 years and Sally Cook has started holding classes in Compton Village Hall every Thursday. Each class is 55 minutes long and includes a combination of unstructured and structured activities. It begins with Adventure Play which is free play time and uses a range of equipment such as bouncy castles, balance beams, soft play blocks, tunnels etc. After 'Tidy Up Time' comes the structured part of the session which encourages children to develop concentration, strength, balance, coordination, rhythm and turn taking through activities such as puppet shows, musical instruments, dancing, building, and lots more. There really is something for everyone and with a different theme each week.

*To find out more, email [Guildford@toddlersense.co.uk](mailto:Guildford@toddlersense.co.uk) or visit [www.toddlersense.com/guildford/](http://www.toddlersense.com/guildford/)*

◆ The **VILLAGE HALL WILL BE REDECORATED** inside and out during July and August, giving it a much-needed make-over. If you are interested in undertaking this work, please contact the Secretary Sarah Baskerville on 01483 427405, [cvhbookings@yahoo.com](mailto:cvhbookings@yahoo.com), **before the end of May.**

◆ **THE PARISH CLERK, JOANNA CADMAN**, is no longer able to hold surgeries in the Watts Gallery Visitor Centre on Thursday afternoons. If you have any issues you would like to raise, please contact her on [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com), 01483 268627, 07711 566458. She will be very happy to meet up with you wherever it is convenient, or have a chat on the phone.

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### LOOKING AHEAD - THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

● **THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN** invite you to enjoy Shakespeare's spellbinding masterpiece, The Tempest, performed in the open air by an all-male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance – just as Shakespeare intended! Bring a chair and a picnic (no tables or umbrellas, please) and watch this enchanting, fast-paced production of one of Shakespeare's finest plays. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the Walled Garden at Loseley Park. Doors open 5.30pm, performance from 6.30pm to 8.45pm. Refreshments and bar available. **Tickets from £8 to £16, Group Ticket price £40. Box Office 01483 405112 or [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Details from [www.loseleypark.co.uk](http://www.loseleypark.co.uk).**

● **ARTINGTON BIG LUNCH** will be held in Royal Oak Field, Littleton Lane – in front of Littleton Farmhouse - on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. BBQ sausages and burgers from locally sourced meat will be provided, the cost to be covered by donations on the day. Bring a bowl of salad and a pudding to share, as well as your own wine/beer. Some soft drinks will be provided. An idea of numbers would be helpful so please RSVP to [clementinataft@outlook.com](mailto:clementinataft@outlook.com), 01483 539775.

● **SAM KNIGHT** will be appearing at the Compton Club on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 7.30pm, performing the classic swing hits from the Rat Pack Era, as well as Pop, Motown, Soul, and Rock 'n' Roll hits old and new. Tickets are £20 each, to include a 2-course dinner. The proceeds will be divided between the Poppy Appeal and the Compton Club. **Call Jo on 07791 209408 or Rhona on 07827 303416 to book your tickets.**

### BUS SERVICE 42 – FARNCOMBE AREA

While the railway bridge at the end of New Pond Road is being replaced, the 42 Service will not be able to serve Farncombe until the end of July. Instead, a FREE shuttle bus funded by Network Rail between Godalming Bridge Street and Furze Lane/Birch Road will provide a guaranteed connection with service 42 to and from Cranleigh. During this time, all 42 buses will leave Guildford Bus Station ten minutes later than the current timetable between Guildford and Peasmarsh, but will operate to the normal timetable at all other points. (No service on Sunday or Bank Holidays.) *Contact Compass Bus on 01903 690025, [www.compass-travel.co.uk](http://www.compass-travel.co.uk), for timetable enquiries. If phoning, wait to speak to an operator!*



### ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON. SERVICES FOR MAY

**SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> ROGATION SUNDAY** – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> ASCENSION DAY**– 7.30pm Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** – 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE** – 6pm Sung Evensong

Come and join **THE MADDING CROWD**, a West End Band, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Rogation Sunday, for an Afternoon Workshop from 4.30pm to 5.30pm in the historic St Nicholas Church, Peper Harow, followed by Evensong for Rogation Sunday from 6pm to 7pm. Experience the music and dances that would have been familiar to Thomas Hardy and the characters he encapsulated in his novels and poetry.

*Further details from Jean Brand, 01428 684712, or see the website [www.maddingcrowd.org.uk](http://www.maddingcrowd.org.uk).*

### DIARY DATES FOR MAY

**TUESDAYS** – Bell Ringing Practice, St Nicholas Church, 8pm

**THURSDAYS** – Art Class, The Old Barn, 10am-12 noon

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Madding Crowd*, St Nicholas Church, Peper Harow, 4.30pm-5.30pm, Evensong 6pm-7pm.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Papermania, Watts Gallery, 10am-5pm

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – *Suffragette*, Watts Gallery, 6.30pm

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Jazz @ The Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – *Tea, Scones & Suffragettes*, Wilfred Noyce Centre, Godalming, 4pm-6.30pm

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – Bingo, Compton Club, 7pm

**SUN 20<sup>th</sup> – DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWS**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> – Bingo, Compton Club, 7pm

**Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Harry's Domino Evening & Raffle, in aid of Multiple Sclerosis. £2 entry fee. Play in pairs, from beginners to the experienced. Compton Club, 7pm**

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