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COMPTON FETE – SATURDAY 19TH MAY

The important news for this year's Fete is that it will run from 1pm to 5pm, which is an hour later than usual. This is because Prince Harry's marriage to Megan Markle will be held at Windsor Castle that same morning and the late start to the Fete will give people the chance to watch it on TV if they wish!

We hope to match the success of previous years to raise funds for local causes and charities. Our traditional village Fete, with nearly all the stalls and entertainment organised and run by local residents, has become a fixture in many people's diaries. We provide family entertainment, with lots of activities for children of all ages, as well as for their parents, grandparents, friends and visitors. This is how you can help:

- Save the date and bring your family and friends from outside the village.
- Buy or sell the Grand Draw tickets, which will be distributed with the April Compton NEWS – this is an easy way to contribute and you can win £200 or one of many other super prizes.
- Can you or your business or your employer contribute a Grand Draw prize, or else something (or a service) that we can auction in our Silent Auction?
- Help us on the day. If you can spare a few hours on Saturday 19th May, you would be making a major contribution to the success of the Fete. Please contact Peter Barnett on shadowland@talktalk.net, 01483 419601.

In next month's NEWS, we will be asking for items for the stalls including plants, bric-a-brac, bottles, books, cakes, toys and games. If you have anything you wish to donate now, please do contact Peter, as above.

We look forward to seeing you at another fabulous afternoon of fun and games on Saturday 19th May.

COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Following last month's reminder that Subscriptions to the Village Association are due, we have to date received £758 in subscriptions and donations from 98 households. Thank you, everyone, for your support and generosity. By far the largest proportion, by households, is from seniors. This leaves a large number of families (or those under 60) who might like to pay their (tiny) dues. This figure is well below the amount we had received at the same time last year, so next month we hope to report that a good number of the remaining households have been equally generous! Please do support us. You can pay by **bank transfer** to the Association's **account no. 00115047, sort code 30-93-49** (adding your surname and initials as the reference - essential), or by cash or cheque (payable to *Compton Village Association*) and sent to the Treasurer David Hunt at Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton GU3 1JF. Poplar Cottage is set back from the B3000 down a rough track, next to The Old School. Alternatively, leave it with the person who delivers your NEWS. The amount has not changed for many years - £4 per family or £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples.

The 2018 GUIDE TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SERVICES FOR COMPTON VILLAGE, another service provided by the Village Association, is distributed with this month's NEWS. Contact Jane Turner, details above, if you would like extra copies or you would like an electronic version, which is continually updated.

The Village Association's **Annual General Meeting** is on Friday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Compton Club, at which the accounts for the year will be presented. An announcement will be made about the distribution of this year's Fete proceeds, as well as which local charity or charities should benefit. Please come along to support us.



Auditions for CLT'S summer production in June of **MY THREE ANGELS** by Sam & Bella Spewack will be held on Sunday 11th March at 3pm in Compton Village Hall. If you would like audition pieces, please contact Stephen Pugh on info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk - but you are free to just turn up. It would, however, be helpful to have an idea of numbers. The play will be directed by **David Ford** and has

a cast of 3 women and 7 men. There is plenty of scope for help behind the scenes – front of house, costumes, scene building, prompt, stage crew. Come along to the auditions if you would like to be involved. Performances are on 14th, 15th & 16th June.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS
A PRE-RAPHAELITE COLLECTION UNVEILED
THE CECIL FRENCH BEQUEST



This ‘forgotten’ collection, belonging to the Hammersmith & Fulham Council, brings to the Gallery an array of later Pre-Raphaelite paintings and drawings, including important works by Frederic Leighton, Lawrence Alma-Tadema, John William Waterhouse, Edward Burne-Jones and Albert Moore. This will be the Collection’s first museum showing since Watts Gallery Trust undertook its conservation in 2017-18 and is a collaboration with Hammersmith & Fulham Council. Discover these newly restored works, and learn about the mysterious figure of Cecil French – someone who devoted his life to championing Pre-Raphaelite art when it was unfashionable – and his friendship with former Watts Gallery Curator, Rowland Alston. The exhibition runs from Tuesday 6th March to Sunday 3rd June.

Join an expert guide for an insight into this fascinating ‘lost’ collection of eminent, late Pre-Raphaelites on Tuesday 27th March at 2pm, duration 40 minutes. £4 plus Admission. Pre-booking required.

SPECIAL EVENTS	WORKSHOPS
<i>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY</i> <i>Thursday 8th March – 11am to 5pm</i> Watts Studios, Limnerslease – FREE with Admission Join us for curator and expert-led talks and readings from Mary Watts’s diaries; a chance to see our new display, <i>Mary Watts: Pioneering Suffragist</i> ; and a special Book Launch with Dr Lucy Ella Rose , author of <i>Suffragist Artists in Partnership</i> .	<i>WATTS ACADEMY – SCULPTURE</i> <i>Saturday 10th March, 11am to 3pm</i> Clore Learning Studio, Limnerslease £25. Ages 13-16 Join artist Lauren Wilson for an experimental workshop inspired by the exhibition <i>Horses in Art Reimagined</i> , in Watts Contemporary Gallery. Use natural and artificial materials to explore ways of describing line, texture and form and create an individual sculpture.

● **HORSES IN ART REIMAGINED** in Watts Contemporary Gallery, above the Shop, runs until Sunday 15th April. This selling exhibition includes some of the foremost equine artists of today, working in varied media including sculpture, painting, printmaking and ceramics.

● **MARY WATTS: PIONEERING SUFFRAGIST**. A new display in the Mary Watts Gallery at Watts Studios, Limnerslease, runs until Friday 30th November. The eightieth anniversary in 2018 of Mary Watts’s death marks 100 years since the *Representation of the People Act* in 1918, which enabled all men and some women over the age of 30 to vote for the first time, and 90 years since the *Equal Franchise Act* in 1928, which finally gave women the right to vote at age 21 on the same terms as men. To coincide with this significant anniversary, this display will explore Mary Watts as a figurehead of non-militant feminism in her community. Mary not only attended suffrage meetings but also convened them at her home in Compton, Limnerslease.

For information about events and to book tickets, phone 01483 813593 or visit www.wattsgallery.org.uk

RAILWAY BRIDGE CLOSURE, NEW POND ROAD

The Bridge over the railway on the B3000, at the end of New Pond Road near the Crematorium, will be closed for replacement from Monday 23rd April until Friday 13th July. During this time, diversions are scheduled to be in place as follows. These are only proposed at the moment, until finally agreed with Highways England and Surrey County Council, but are unlikely to change from this.

New Pond Road will be closed from the Furze Lane/Stakescorner Road junction to the Summers Road junction.

The diversions start from the approach to the southbound slip road to Compton on the A3 (possibly earlier on the northbound). Traffic is redirected via the A3, Milford and Godalming back to the Crematorium area.

The exception is HGV traffic, which will be redirected via the A3 slip road and the Priorsfield Road A3 crossing, back up to the Hog’s Back eastbound, thence via Farnham Road, Guildford gyratory and Portsmouth Road to the Crematorium area.

There will be no alternative diversion routes signposted, but the routes above are signposted from all approaches. Furze Lane will be signed “Unsuitable for diverted traffic”. Stakescorner Road will be “For access only”.

Both routes are the same in the reverse direction, except that the HGV route takes the slip road from Farnham Road (westbound) directly onto the A3.

The diversion for cyclists, pedestrians and horse traffic is to be via Summers Road (which will be closed to vehicular traffic at the Crematorium end), Furze Lane, and Bourne Road.

THE BURROWS LEA INHERITANCE

Compton Little Theatre has agreed to support the **Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary** at Burrows Lea in Shere and are staging a **Murder Mystery Evening** on Friday 9th March at Burrows Lea Country House (Hook Lane, Shere GU5 9QG), 6.30pm for 7pm. The evening consists of a play in 3 short acts, performed for the guests, with a two course meal being served between acts. *Miss Frobisher is dying, and she has changed her Will one final time, to benefit her live-in help and her dog, cutting off her family entirely. The Will won't be legal until the signing tomorrow and, in advance of that event, the family has gathered...* Do you fancy being an amateur detective? Come along and join us! You will have to pay attention as there will be an opportunity for you to question the suspects at the end of the evening.

This charity was founded in 1946 by the world-renowned spiritual healer, Harry Edwards. The Sanctuary is dedicated to promoting health and wellbeing, providing retreats and healing to anyone who requires it. They also run cancer support groups and talks.

Tickets are £30 and are available by phone on 01483 205620 or by email to enquiries@burrowslea.org.uk.

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LOST AND FOUND. A man's purse was found on the pavement outside No. 15 Spiceall with no ID but containing some cash and two used train tickets to a destination in Europe. If this is yours and you can name the destination and identify the make of the purse, contact Paul Lackford on p.lackford@sky.com who will be delighted to reunite the purse with its owner!

LOCAL HONEY FROM LOCAL BEES! The bees of Compton were very busy last summer and you can have a full 1lb jar at the bargain price of £5.50. A donation from each sale will go to *Bees for Development*. Contact Sarah on 07715 117536 if you would like to scoop the last of her supplies before they collect again in August.

MUSIC – MUSIC – MUSIC

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT Saturday 17th March, 7.30pm

Binscombe Church, in Barnes Road, Binscombe, presents a fundraising *Gospel Concert* for their Church Building Project with **The Wey Community Gospel Choir** – a choir with a big heart for sharing the joy and love of gospel singing. Featuring three Surrey-based gospel choirs and band directed by Rebekah Duncalfe and Billy Mavin. Entry is free, with refreshments, raffle and opportunities to donate on the night. *Please contact Anna on anna@binscombechurch.org, 01483 425652, if you intend to come, to get an idea of numbers.*

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY CHAMBER CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA Sunday 4th March, 3pm Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road

The programme will include *Robert Bridges Songs* by Gerald Finzi and *Beatus Vir in C* by Vivaldi. Conductor: Russell Keable
Free admission with a retiring collection.
Further information available from www.gurcms.org.uk/events/82

FRENCH CHORAL WORKS

Saturday 14th April, 7.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford

BLACKHEATH AND BRAMLEY CHORAL SOCIETY presents an evening of French choral works and organ music, featuring Duruflé's *Requiem* and Widor's *Mass*.

Mezzo-soprano Helena Condry, Organ Daniel Justin, Conductor David Condry.

Tickets £15 (students £8), available from Choir Members, by phone on 01483 454972, Guildford Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444344, or www.visitguildford.com.

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION **DAVE LEWIS QUARTET** Wednesday 14th March

An evening of soulful, funky, blues-drenched jazz from US tenor saxophonist **Dave Lewis**, well known for his distinctive tenor sound and individual approach. Featuring also **Robin Aspland**, piano, **Frank Tontoh**, drums and **Marianne Windham**, bass.

Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm. Tickets £14 in advance from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ **CRAIG MILVERTON "TRIBUTE TO OSCAR PETERSON"** Tuesday 27th March

British Jazz Award winning pianist **Craig Milverton** is probably the finest exponent of the music of Oscar Peterson in the UK. This show highlights all Oscar's great recordings, from his biggest hit *Tenderly* to the best selling Album *Night Train*. Also featuring **Dominic Ashworth**, guitar, **Nick Millward**, drums, and **Marianne Windham**, double bass.

Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200

BE BOLD FOR PARKINSON'S!

Join **PARKINSON'S UK** on Saturday 12th May for an exciting challenge and abseil 160ft down Guildford Cathedral! Once you've climbed the 249 steps to get to the top of the Cathedral Tower, you can experience the beautiful panoramic views of Guildford before making your descent. The views are spectacular, the challenge is terrifying, the cause rewarding. Are you up for it?

All abseilers receive a fundraising pack, sponsorship forms, and a T-shirt. You will be supported throughout your fundraising. Registration is £25 and everyone is asked to try and raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship. Minimum age to abseil is 8, and under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

The work of Parkinson's UK is totally dependent on donations and any support will help find a cure and improve life for everyone affected by this debilitating disease.

For more information or to book, visit www.parkinsons.org.uk/abseilguildford, phone 020 7963 3912, or email fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk.



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON. SERVICES FOR MARCH

SUNDAY 4th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Sung Evensong

SUNDAY 11th – **MOTHERING SUNDAY.** 9.30am Sung Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion.

THURSDAY 29th – **MAUNDY THURSDAY.** 7.30pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL – **EASTER DAY.** 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

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

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

FIRST & THIRD THURSDAYS – Parish Clerk available in the Pottery Office, Watts Gallery, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Sat 3rd – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm start

Sun 4th – University of Surrey Chamber Choir &

Orchestra. Guildford United Reformed Church, 3pm

Mon 5th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Thurs 8th – International Women's Day talks, Watts Studios, Limnerslease, 11am-5pm

Fri 9th – Murder Mystery Evening, CLT at Burrows Lea, 6.30pm for 7pm

Fri 9th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 10th – Sculpture Workshop, Clore Learning Studio, Limnerslease, 11am-3pm

Sun 11th – Auditions for CLT's *My Three Angels*, Compton Village Hall, 3pm

Wed 14th – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 17th – Gospel Choir Concert, Binscombe Church, 7.30pm

Mon 19th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

TUES 20TH – DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWS

WED 21ST – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PUCK'S OAK BARN, 7PM

Sat 24th – Litter Pick & Cemetery clear, meet at Compton Club, 10am

Sat 24th – Bingo, Compton Club 7.30pm for 8pm start

SAT 24TH – CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR AT MIDNIGHT

Tues 27th – Exhibition Tour, Cecil French Bequest, Watts Gallery, 2pm

Tues 27th – Electric Theatre Jazz Club, 7.30pm

Fri 30th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 31st – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm start

SUN 1ST APRIL – EASTER SUNDAY



BRITISH SUMMER TIME - SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK! DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU TO GO BED ON SATURDAY 24th MARCH!



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