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COMPTON FETE – SATURDAY 13th MAY

Another enjoyable and successful Village Fete is on the horizon and we hope to match our success of previous years to raise funds for local causes and charities. Our traditional Fete, with nearly all the stalls and entertainment organised and run by local residents so that all the money we raise goes towards our charitable aims, has become a fixture in many people's diaries. We provide family entertainment, with lots of activities for children - Juggling Jake, Punch and Judy, Children's Races, novelty Dog Races, Music, Tombola, Coconut Shy, Bouncy Castle, Cakes, Ice Creams, Pimms, Beer – the list is endless!

The success of our Fete depends on the contribution made by local residents. 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 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 13th 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 welcoming you all to another fabulous afternoon of fun and games on Saturday 13th May.

COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Following last month's reminder that Subscriptions to the Village Association are due, we have to date received £256 from 106 households, who added an amazing £711 in donations, making the total received so far £967. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity. Next month we hope to report that a good number of the remaining 300 households have been equally generous! You can pay by **bank transfer** to the Association's **account no. 00115047, sort code 30-93-49** (adding your surname 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 and it will be collected. The amount has not changed for many years - £4 per family or £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples.

The Village Association's **Annual General Meeting** is on Friday 28th April at 8pm in Compton Club. The accounts for the year will be presented, as well as a report on *Compo*. A recommendation will be made on the distribution of this year's Fete proceeds, as well as which local charities should benefit. Please come along to give us your views.

❧ ❧ ❧ VILLAGE MATTERS ❧ ❧ ❧

COMPTON CLUB bookings are on the increase and more staff are needed to work at daytime functions. In particular, part-time bar staff are wanted, mainly in the evenings, but daytime shifts are also occasionally required. Experience is preferable but not essential as training is provided.

Please contact Mags Allerton at the Club on 810268 if you are interested or would like more information.

COMPTON SPEEDWATCH. The team continues to contribute to the Surrey Police Speed Awareness scheme. In January, for example, 446 vehicles were reported for speeding. There are three teams in Compton who regularly monitor traffic speeds through the village and the Priorsfield Road. Each team does one or two sessions a week at three-weekly intervals. They would like to add a fourth team. Volunteers receive training by the police and the next training session is on Tuesday 25th April in Guildford, from 6pm. *If you would like to take part, contact Nick Palmer on nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com or Jon Maslin on j_maslin@hotmail.com.*

BELL RINGING. Some new talent has been recruited since the last Compton NEWS and the band of ringers is being built up following the departure of some members to pastures new. If you are thinking about learning to ring, or perhaps returning to ringing, now is the time! Practice is held most Tuesday evenings. *Contact Phil Gorton on 420763, phil.gorton@btinternet.com.*

DRIVERS FOR COMPO. More drivers are needed to help with the regular Tuesday morning shopping run to Godalming. All you need is a full, clean driving licence and be under 70 years of age. Full training will be given. *If you can spare a Tuesday morning now and again, contact Jon Maslin on j_maslin@hotmail.com.*

Compo rides again!

After a difficult start with the minibus not being in accordance with the specification that had been ordered, new *Compo* is settling in well. With better heating, a radio, SatNav and a reversing camera, the drivers are thoroughly enjoying the experience. This *Compo* is owned by Watts Gallery, where it is parked, under a joint venture between the Village Association and the Gallery, but it is still the village minibus and continues to do the weekly shopping run to Godalming on Tuesdays. **If you wish to hire the vehicle for special occasions, contact Visitor Services at the Gallery on 01483 813589.**

The first *Compo* was launched by The Lord Nugent of Guildford, a member of the Privy Council who had been MP for Guildford for 16 years, on 10th December 1988, the brainchild of Peter Jelffs and Jeremy Drakeford who helped to set up the scheme – and Peter is still involved today! The vehicle was a VW LT23 high roof, long wheelbase 15-seater, purchased at a special price from Colborne Garages. Initially, priority was given to the morning and afternoon runs to the local schools. The service was then extended to provide shopping and other expeditions.

The second *Compo* was purchased in 1993, a power-steered Ford Iveco 45.10, seating 16 plus the driver, able to accommodate up to 4 wheelchairs.

Compo three was launched on 18th November 2000 – a new model Ford Iveco 40 C11 long wheelbase.

And now, 29 years from the first, we have *Compo* four, a very smart dark blue Peugeot Boxer, still serving the village, hopefully for many more years.

➤ ➤ ➤ ➤ THINGS TO DO ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

SAM KNIGHT LIVE will perform songs from the Rat Park Era, Pop, Soul, Motown and Rock & Roll, at the Compton Club on Saturday 11th March from 7.30pm ‘til late, in aid of the **POPPY APPEAL**. Come and listen to Sam Knight and dance the night away with your friends. *Tickets are £17.50 each, to include a two-course dinner, and are available from Jo Ayshford on 07791 209408. jo.ayshford@virgin.net.* Full payment is required at time of booking, and please state any special dietary requirements.

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY CHAMBER CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA, conducted by Russell Keable, will perform a selection of music by Haydn (the “Nelson” Mass), Tippett (Five Negro Spirituals) and Handel (Coronation Anthem “Zadok the Priest”), on Sunday 5th March at 3pm in Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road. Entry is FREE but there will be a retiring collection.

Don't miss the unique production of **FRESHWATER** by Virginia Woolf, being performed as a play reading in costume by **Compton Little Theatre** in the Watts Gallery on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March at 7.30pm each evening. This comedy gave Virginia Woolf the chance to lampoon the personalities, ambitions and pretensions of the eminent Victorians GF Watts, Alfred Tennyson, Julia Margaret Cameron and Ellen Terry, and is a skit on their lives on the Isle of Wight. The play is directed by Mike Hough, with an outstanding cast comprising Jane Bryant, Margaret Davies, David Ford, Sue Leach, Andy Smith, Helen Turner, Colin Walkinshaw and Steven Webb. *Tickets are £15 each, £12.50 concessions for Watts Gallery*

Friends and Patrons, and are available at <https://wattsgallery.digitickets.co.uk/events/9331?catID=8237> or by phoning 813593.



GODALMING SANITARY STEAM COMPANY LAUNDRY. Explore the story of Godalming Laundry and those who worked there at a very interesting exhibition at Godalming Museum from Tuesday 28th February to Saturday 8th April. Founded in 1884, the laundry did washing, specialist cleaning and dyeing for households, institutions and the military. The exhibition will include archive photographs, newspaper coverage of related events, excerpts of recorded interviews with laundry workers, and details of other laundries in the Godalming area which operated over the last 100 years.

Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm in wintertime, and 10am to 5pm in summertime. Admission is FREE but donations are welcomed.

JAZZ @ THE PAVILION **DEREK NASH QUARTET** Wednesday 8th March

Much-loved alto sax player **Derek Nash** is a vibrant and charismatic performer. An evening of the best of swinging modern mainstream jazz, infused with catchy melodies and infectious rhythms.

*Guildford Rugby Club. Music from 8pm.
Tickets £14 in advance from*

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ **SARAH DOWLING QUARTET** Tuesday 28th March

Gifted with immensely emotional vocals, **Sarah Dowling** is known for her unique interpretations of classic ballads, as well as the energy and vigour with which she tackles the up-tempo standards from the American Song Book. She is joined by rising star **Gabriel Latchin** on piano, top jazz drummer **Steve Brown**, and **Marianne Windham** on bass.

Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from the Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 444789.

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★ **RED NOSE DAY** this year is on Friday 24th March. **Seale Natural Health** will be holding a **MASSAGEATHON**, with other therapies, in **Seale Village Hall** on **Saturday 25th March** from **10am to 4pm** to help raise money for this annual event which helps so many good causes in the UK and abroad. Try one (or two!) of the therapies on offer – Bowen Technique, Hypnotherapy, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Reike, Sports Massage, Swedish Massage. Taster sessions for 20 minutes are only £10. *If you would like to book a particular therapy, to avoid disappointment phone 01252 246824 or email sealenaturalhealth@gmail.com. Otherwise, just turn up on the day.*

★ **THE PROSTATE PROJECT.** Can you help build the superb new Urology Centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital? **BUY A BRICK** for £10 and be remembered for ever! The Royal Surrey's ability to deliver the finest quality care is being hampered by a serious lack of dedicated space and this new Urology Centre, which was put on hold a year ago due to the Trust's funding problems, is now back on track. It is scheduled to open in September 2018 and a further £350,000 is needed to top up the Prostate Project's contribution. *You can buy a brick at www.mydonate.bt.com/events/buyabrick1 or phone Tim Sharp on 07989 865702 for more information.*



★ **HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE A "PAPERBACK WRITER"?** Why not start by trying your hand at writing for the benefit of the local community by contributing to the Parish Magazine? All that is required is imagination, inspiration and ingenuity! Take the first step by contacting the Editor, Christopher Bell, on 810257, christopherjcbell@gmail.com. **AND BY THE WAY, IT'S COMPTON'S TURN TO CHOOSE THE NEW EDITOR OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE – AGAIN, CONTACT CHRISTOPHER AS ABOVE. GO ON – HAVE A GO!**



WATTS GALLERY NEWS

MONUMENTAL MURALS

Tuesday 28th February to Sunday 5th November

MONUMENTAL MURALS is the first exhibition to explore the colossal, visionary mural projects of George Frederic Watts at Watts Gallery. As part of the major Watts 200 programme, celebrating the bicentenary of Watts's birth in 1817, this show will bring together, for the first time, two rare fragments painted by the artist in the 1850s for grand private homes, along with studies and drawings which illuminate other culturally significant mural projects undertaken during the key early period of his career. The exhibition will not only demonstrate Watts's mastery of this ambitious art form but also, importantly, highlight how his success in this medium laid vital foundations for his internationally acclaimed career as a painter.

Monumental Murals offers an exclusive opportunity to see two of Watts's most impressive fresco fragments: Painted by Watts for his great friend Lady Virginia Somers, *Apollo and Diana* (1854-55) hung over the fireplace of her London home in Carlton House Terrace; measuring nearly six metres across and weighing in the region of a tonne, the frieze-like *Achilles and Briseis* (1858-60) once embellished the now demolished entrance hall of Bowood House in Wiltshire.

Additional paintings, sketches and objects will illustrate Watts's other, public-spirited mural projects, including those at the Houses of Parliament and at Lincoln's Inn, where his gigantic *Justice: A Hemicycle of Lawgivers* presides over the Great Hall.

The exhibition will contextualise Watts as a trail-blazing muralist, whose huge ambition and ingenuity helped establish a native school of mural painting, and whose tenacious spirit refused to yield to the inescapable conservational challenges of painting on plaster in the cold, damp British climate.

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

➤ **ANNUAL LITTER PICK.** The Council's Annual **Litter Pick** is on **Saturday 25th March**, starting at the Compton Club at **10am** and returning there for soup at mid-day. Please join us for this much needed and very rewarding work. We will supply litter pickers, high vis jackets and bin bags. Bring your own gloves and wear suitable footwear.

➤ **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.** This will take place this year at **Watts Gallery** on **Thursday 6th April**. The theme will be Compton's heritage and we are promised some very interesting speakers on a subject close to all our hearts. We will start with a welcome drink at **7pm**, and supper will be served during the evening.

➤ The **PLAYGROUND** on the Green is to receive a Spring uplift at the beginning of March, with new fencing, an accessible roundabout and a trim trail. The Parish Council are delighted to be able to fund this work for a much used facility in the village, and look forward to seeing the new facilities being enjoyed over the months ahead.

➤ The **BUS SHELTER** at the top of the Street, nicknamed the Meat Pie Shelter, has now been completely renovated, cleaned, re-painted, repaired, and is looking splendid. Huge thanks to Nick Palmer, Jon Maslin and Richard Paxton who carried out the initial work, with contributions from others in the village – a community effort! A small amount of work is outstanding, after which there should be a 'bus shelter warming party'!

CLOCKS FORWARD!

BRITISH SUMMER TIME STARTS ON SUNDAY 26TH MARCH. DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY 25TH.
(FOR THE DIARY, THEY GO BACK AGAIN AT MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER)



ALEXANDER MORE-MOLYNEUX, Loseley Park Managing Partner, has been talking to **Christopher Bell**, the editor of the Parish Magazine:

As many of you will know, Loseley Park has been my family's home for over five hundred years and four generations live here today – my wife Sophia and I with our children Cressida, twins Aubrey and Rocco and the most recent addition Zsa Zsa, my parents Michael and Sarah and my grandmother Susan. We continue to remember my beloved brother Christopher (1985–1997).

This spring is an exciting time for us as Sophia and I, with our four children, move into the main house, with my parents moving to live elsewhere on the Estate. The duties that my father has as Lord Lieutenant of Surrey – the Queen's representative in Surrey – will keep him and my mother busy but you may well see them around when you visit.

When our House Guides take visitors around the house, a question that is frequently asked is 'where does the family live?' The answer, that they live to the left of the entrance hall whilst also using the public parts of the house at Christmas and other special occasions, really does make Loseley special. We do not have a format that is rolled out across a number of houses – Loseley is 'our house' which, with its gardens, we have been privileged to open to visitors, of which there were over 16,000 in 2016, since my grandfather James took the step in 1951. As my father says, "Your grandfather was ahead of his time – other families followed suit!"

In Sir William More's library – he built the house starting in 1562 at a cost of £1,640 19s 7d (visitors love this detail!) – there is an 1870s map of the district which local people find particularly fascinating – does it show their own home? For those of you who have not looked around the house and gardens, I do encourage you to come and visit – we re-open on Monday 1st May. Come and have lunch or tea in the Wisteria Tea Room or in the garden by our historic mulberry tree, planted by Queen Elizabeth I. I am often around and would love to meet you.

So what events do we have on offer in 2017? The Loseley Spring Garden Show is an early date for your diaries – Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd April. This is immensely popular with local gardeners. All the plants are from local sources – none brought over from Holland for example – and we like to think of excellent quality, notably those grown by our gardener Burney and his team. Then, later on in the season, we have *The Garden Show at Loseley* - Friday 28th to Sunday 30th July - with a wide range of garden-related stalls.

Other major events are the Decorative Home & Salvage Show and the Richmond Dog Show in July (the latter is a forerunner to Crufts), and the Surrey Game & Country Fair in September.

You may remember hearing that we are planning to set up a Loseley Farm Shop. I am pleased to say that this project is progressing – planning permission has been granted by Guildford Borough Council and experts have shown that there are no newts that might have curtailed our plans!

So you will see that we are busy. As has been said for centuries in the Latin inscription over the inner door of the Entrance Hall, loosely translated, 'I am shut to envy, but always open to a friend'. And of course, don't forget to sample a Loseley Ice Cream when you visit – it's no longer made on the estate, but it's still delicious!



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH – ASH WEDNESDAY – 7.30pm Holy Communion

SUNDAY 5th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion, 6pm Sung Evensong

SUNDAY 12th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 9.30am Holy Communion with Hymns

WEDNESDAY 15th – 9.45am Said Communion

SUNDAY 19th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 10.30am, Holy Communion for Mothering

Sunday

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

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

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

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

Wed 1st – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Fri 3rd – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 4th – Vivace Chorus & Brandenburg Sinfonia, Guildford Cathedral, 7.30pm

Sat 4th – *ZRI: Schubert at the Red Hedgehog Tavern*, Watts Gallery, 7.30pm

Sat 4th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

Fri 17th - Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 18th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

MON 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWS

Mon 20th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Fri 24th & Sat 25th – *Freshwater* by CLT at Watts Gallery, 7.30pm

Fri 24th – Charity Race Night in aid of *Dreams come True*, Compton Club, 8.30pm

Sat 25th – Annual Litter Pick, Meet at Compton Club, 10am

Sat 25th – *Massageathon*, Seale Village Hall, 10am-4pm

Mon 6th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Wed 8th – Jazz @ The Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 8pm

Sat 11th – *Sam Knight* Live for the Poppy Appeal, Compton Club,
7.30pm

Wed 15th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Sat 25th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

SAT 25th – CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR AT MIDNIGHT

Tues 28th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Wed 29th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church,
2.30pm-4.30pm