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COMPTON FETE

Well, the gods were smiling once again on Fete day in Compton! A heavy, but brief, shower right at the start sent everyone scurrying for shelter and covering their stalls in plastic but after that the sun came out, the crowds descended, and another hugely successful day was enjoyed by hundreds of people. Compton Fete is a fixture in many people's diaries from year to year, and they come from far and wide. Clearly we have a formula that works – free entry, free parking, free children's entertainment, free races for children and dogs, and many free attractions on various stalls. For the rest, nothing is very expensive and everything is run by the villagers and their friends, for the benefit of the village. **An amazing £10,572 profit was the result – which may be subject to some minor changes.**

Here are the details, with last year's figures in brackets. Figures in **bold underlined** indicate a record for that particular stall. Several records were broken again this year.

Plants & Produce – £1,605 (£1,793)	Ice creams – £662 (£541)	Face Painting – £216 (£245)
Grand Draw – £1,438 (£1,848)	Books & Music – £632 (£541)	Bouncy Castle – £206 (£242)
Teas – £1,171 (£940)	Beer Tent – £517 (£539)	Bits & Pieces – £160 (£193)
Bric-a-Brac – £1,038 (£882)	Pimms Tent – £455 (£471)	Coconut Shy – £116 (£229)
Cakes – £873 (£825)	Hoop-La - £314 (-)	Compton Little Railway – £97 (£153)
Barbecue – £877 (£1,070)	Pick-a-Card – £266 (£162)	Eggstravaganza – £72 (£103)
Tombola – £749 (£649)	Silent Auction – £240 (£341)	

As agreed at the Village Association Annual General Meeting, this will be distributed as follows:

Compton Club - £2,418	Village Hall - £1,574	Compton Allotments - £1,590
St Nicholas Church - £2,010	Compton NEWS - £600	
Meath Epilepsy Trust - £1,180	Samson Centre for MS - £1,180	

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE – FOR PLANNING, FOR ORGANISING, FOR HELPING, FOR COMING, FOR ENJOYING - AND IN PARTICULAR, TO THE FETE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PETER BARNETT.

NOTE FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY – COMPTON FETE WILL BE SATURDAY 19TH MAY 2018

COMPTON VILLAGE PROJECTS

At the recent AGM of Compton Village Association, it was agreed that £24,500, previously belonging to the Minibus Fund, should be re-allocated and used in future for village projects. This money is no longer needed for the minibus due to the joint venture with Watts Gallery for the new *Compo*.

As a result, the CVA now has a total of £34,000 available for village projects and it will be working very closely with the Parish Council to identify how this sum could be used in the best interests of the village. The Parish Council also has funds available for this purpose and the village is fortunate in having this resource at a time when local authorities have limited budgets.

The Parish Council and the CVA are therefore now asking all Compton residents where they would like to see this money spent. We have sufficient resources available to make a real difference if we opted for a major project or we could support a number of smaller ones.

If you have an idea (or ideas) which you think could improve the village in some way, please let Ken Miller know. He can be contacted at speeds.ken@gmail.com, Tel: 01483 810522 or South Cottage, the Street, Compton, GU3 1EB. Please copy the Parish Clerk, Joanna Cadman, at joanna@joannacadman.com, into your email.

MEMORIES OF COMPTON POTTERY – CORRECTION!

The email address for Louise Boreham, given in last month's NEWS, was incorrect. Editor's error! If you have been trying to contact Louise with information about Compton Pottery but failed to get through, the correct address is glenelgird@hotmail.co.uk. This might look the same in print but the last three letters of the first word are LRD (in lower case!). Many thanks to those who persevered and contacted me, so that I was able to sort out the correct address.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



PHYSICAL ENERGY – AN INVITATION TO AN EXHIBITION, DISCUSSION, TEA AND DRINKS, AT THE OLD KILN, WATTS GALLERY, BETWEEN 5PM AND 7PM, ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE.

In the Watts Bicentenary year, as well as celebrating his art, philanthropy and musical connections, Watts Gallery Trust, with support from Surrey County Council and Guildford Borough Council, is seeking to site a bronze cast of *Physical Energy*, Watts's monumental equestrian sculpture, on the outer limits of its property. The idea is for the work to be enjoyed as public art, to mark the rich cultural heritage of Surrey and the South East, and to celebrate the strong connections with equestrian pursuits.

As part of the planning and consultation for this project, Watts Gallery Trust and Surrey County Council would like to invite Compton residents to visit *A Life in Art: G F Watts 1817-1904*, a small exhibition which includes a model and drawing of *Physical Energy*, and to enjoy tea, cake and drinks, while discussing the proposed siting of this monumental sculpture, of which three other bronzes exist – one in Kensington Gardens and two in Africa.

Please reply to developmentofficer@wattsgallery.org.uk or just turn up. We look forward to welcoming you.

G F WATTS: ENGLAND'S MICHELANGELO **TUESDAY 20TH JUNE TO SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**

G F Watts (1817-1904) had a career spanning over 70 years, and he inspired many household names including Rossetti, Tennyson, Leighton, Picasso, Lucien Freud and Barack Obama. Celebrating 200 years since his birth, *England's Michelangelo* explores Watts as a painter, social activist and philanthropist.

Explore the major themes of Watts's art: colour, cosmos and celebrity. View the artist's most striking masterpieces, borrowed from public and private collections and showcased in his own historic picture gallery. See one of the nation's favourite portraits, *Choosing* (1864, National Portrait Gallery), displayed alongside powerful protest paintings and abstract canvases, such as *The Sower of the Systems* (1902, Art Gallery of Ontario), which is returning to the UK for the first time in over a century. At the heart of the show are Watts's most ambitious allegorical and Symbolist works, including the iconic *Hope* (1886, private collection) and *Love and Life* (1880s, private collection), which formerly hung in the White House. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to enjoy Watts at his very best.

PLEASE NOTE: THE MAIN WATTS GALLERY WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 30TH MAY TO MONDAY 19TH JUNE INCLUSIVE TO ALLOW FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE SPACE DURING THE SETUP OF THIS EXHIBITION. EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL DURING THIS PERIOD.

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

Tickets are still available for the fund-raising Summer Marquee Lunch on Monday 26th June at 12 noon, at Poplar Cottage, Compton, in aid of **The Samson Centre**, the Surrey-based charity for Multiple Sclerosis.

David Ford, Antiques and Art Valuer and star on *Dickinson's Real Deal* and *Secret Dealers*, will be on hand to answer questions, to value (for a small donation) any articles you might like to bring, and to talk about his interesting life both on and off camera, what made him follow a career in antiques, how he first got onto our television screens, and the unusual and valuable items that he has discovered along the way.

Tickets are £30 each, which includes a delicious two-course buffet lunch prepared by Catherine Clark of KitchenSink Catering, and wine. They are available from the Guildford Tourist Information Office on 01483 444334 or visit www.visitguildford.com.

JAZZ @ THE PAVILION **MOSCOW DRUG CLUB** Wednesday 14th June

Moscow Drug Club are a curious musical place where certain elements of 1930s Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, Nuevo Tango and Gypsy Campfire meet, have a few drinks and stagger arm in arm into the darkness of some eastern European cobbled street on a mission to find the bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Waits are having an after hours jam with local Tziganes! Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jaques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits and Bertolt Brecht, Moscow Drug Club provide an intoxicating musical experience. Highly recommended! Early booking advised.
Guildford Rugby Club. Music from 8pm. Tickets £14 in advance from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ **MARTIN SHAW** Wednesday 28th June

An evening of world-class, intimate jazz as top trumpeter **Martin Shaw** plays music from the repertoire of the great jazz trumpet legends. Martin is one of the UK's leading jazz musicians and is in demand for both live performances and studio dates. Advance booking recommended.
Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from the Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 444789.

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SINGLE PERSON ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a reliable **CLEANER** or **CLEANERS** to help in the house? Two ladies, who come highly recommended by a Compton resident, have a 4-hour slot (2 of them for 2 hours) available on Wednesdays and would like to find something locally as they come to Compton from Cranleigh. *If you are interested, phone Sarah Ball on 07985 611950. Excellent references can be provided!*

A one-bedroom, unfurnished, single storey Almshouse cottage is currently vacant, close to Guildford town centre and within walking distance of the station, which may suit a retired person. It includes the use of a garden, shared with three other residents. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and currently reside in Guildford Borough. The current weekly charge is £191 to include heating, telephone landline rental and Emergency Telecommunication System, water rates and gardening. Housing Benefit available for qualifying applicants.

*If you are interested, telephone or email for an application form to:
Lisa Lugt, Administration & Residents' Liaison Officer
Caleb Lovejoy Almshouses
clerk@caleblovejoy.com, Tel: 07391 958876*

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➤ **IN ACCORD IN CONCERT.** Compton's local *a capella* choir, **In Accord**, will be performing as part of the Farnham Flash and Guildford Fringe Festivals. It's a rare opportunity to hear them sing, as most of their gigs are for private functions. They would love your support!

For details of the **Farnham Flash** event on Wednesday 7th June at 7.30pm, email welcome@farnhamflashfestival.org.uk.

For the **Guildford Fringe Festival** event on Thursday 13th July at 8pm, details are at www.guildfordfringefestival.com.

➤ 1960s Tribute Band, **OUT OF THE SHADOWS**, is making its second appearance in Compton Village Hall on Saturday 10th June. Doors open at 7pm. Bar and snacks are available but you're welcome to bring your own food. Their music appeals to all ages – and if you love to dance, it's a must! Tickets are £12 (minimum donation) via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jon-Fairclough-OOTS-gig. Alternatively contact *Out of the Shadows* on their website www.outoftheshadows.info. There are limited tickets, so book early!

➤ **WEDDING SHOWCASE OPEN EVENING** at Loseley on Wednesday 14th June, 6.30pm to 9.30pm. An opportunity to view Loseley Park as it could look on your Wedding Day!

Please register your attendance by emailing weddings@loseleypark.co.uk or telephone 01483 405120.



➤ **NATURE'S PAINTBRUSH – WILD AND TAMED** until Saturday 10th June at Godalming Museum. **Helen Hiorns** is a local artist whose primary work is finely accurate watercolours of trees, plants and flowers, with a contemporary twist. She will be exhibiting with her sister **Susan Calverley Parker** who now lives in the Yorkshire Dales and whose landscape paintings are semi-abstract, mixed media works which explore how we influence our scenery.



➤ **BARBER'S SON – HAIRDRESSER'S DAUGHTER** presents **North, South, East, West – Monday 12th June to Saturday 8th July**, also at Godalming Museum. Artist **Susie Darnton** has chosen her childhood town of Godalming in which to create an alternative museum. This includes the last slice of bread from Hillyer's, an empty pill bottle from Duncan's, a sixpence delivered by the tooth fairy after a tooth was extracted by Peter Cordell, the telephone from 'Margery's', a sign from Messenger, May, Baverstock, and other ephemera which suggest stories and history. Alongside are paintings which recall the landscape of the locality, entwined with stories from children's books borrowed from 'Library Joan' on Friday evenings.

Godalming Museum: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Admission FREE. Donations welcomed.

➤ To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the joining together of the Methodist and United Reformed churches to form Godalming United Church, a **FLOWER FESTIVAL – Together with Flowers** – will be held in Godalming United Church on Saturday 10th June, 10.30am to 5pm, and Sunday 11th, 12 noon to 4pm.

➤ **BUSBRIDGE OPEN GARDENS.** Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June, 2pm to 5pm. Enjoy a stroll around Busbridge with the unique opportunity to visit a variety of beautiful gardens, including *Godalming in Bloom* award winners. Refreshments, plants and produce will be on sale. Tickets and maps to visit as many venues as you wish over the weekend will be available from the gardens during the event, or in advance from The Cellar Café in Godalming. *Tickets are £5, children under 16 FREE, in aid of The Cellar Café and Cancer Research.*

**JONATHAN HOPE – ORGAN RECITAL
GUILDFORD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH – FRIDAY 2nd JUNE AT 7.30PM**

Jonathan is Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral and has a fast-growing reputation as one of the most dynamic young organists of his generation. He was educated at George Abbot School in Guildford and went on to the Royal College of Music. He has played with the Philharmonia Orchestra and increasingly accompanies the BBC National Chorus of Wales in Cardiff. He also broadcasts live on both BBC Radio 3 and 4. The programme includes Walton, Elgar and Liszt. **Tickets are £10, Children 16 and under FREE with accompanying adult, Students £3.**
Available from Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 01483 444333.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

● **BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR.** Do you have a couple of hours a month that you would be interested in giving to be involved in your local community? Compton Parish Council is seeking new Councillors, to take part in the decision-making process on what will work best for our community and our village and to be involved in working for the future, protecting our village against over development and caring for the environment. Email the clerk at joanna@joannacadman.com for more information.

● **WATTS CEMETERY WORKING PARTIES.** We are thinking of organising an occasional working party to tidy the graves in the cemetery. Graves are the responsibility of the family of the deceased, but it is often very difficult for them to get to the cemetery, either due to distance or their own infirmity, and we would like to help. If you would be interested in this project, please contact the clerk at joanna@joannacadman.com

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE



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

SUNDAY 11th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 9.30am Holy Communion with Hymns

SUNDAY 18th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 21st – 9.45am – Said Communion

SUNDAY 25th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 9.30am Holy Communion with Hymns

SUNDAY 2nd JULY – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Sung Evensong

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

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

Fri 2nd – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Fri 2nd – Jonathan Hope Organ Recital, Guildford United Reformed Church, 7.30pm

Sat 3rd – Wanborough Great Barn Open Day, 2pm-5pm

Sat 3rd – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

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

Wed 7th – *In Accord* in concert, Farnham Flash Festival, 7.30pm

THURS 8th – GENERAL ELECTION

Sat 10th & Sun 11th – Flower Festival, Godalming United Church

Sat 10th – *Out of the Shadows*, Compton Village Hall, 7pm

Wed 14th, Wedding Showcase Open Evening, Loseley, 6.30pm-9.30pm

Fri 16th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 17th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

Sun 18th – Wanborough Great Barn Open Day, 2pm-5pm. *Tea & Cakes served!*

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

TUES 20th – DEADLINE FOR JULY COMPTON NEWS

Wed 21st – *Physical Energy* exhibition and discussion, Old Kiln, Watts Gallery, 5pm-7pm

SAT 24th – SHACKLEFORD FETE, 12.30PM-4PM

Sat 24th & Sun 25th – Busbridge Open Gardens, 2pm-5pm

Mon 26th – Summer Marquee Lunch, Poplar Cottage, Compton, 12 noon

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS TO COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION received for the year so far amount to £1,516 from 168 households. This is a vast improvement on previous years and yet again, the generous donations added by so many of you far exceed the amount received in subscriptions! Many of you who live outside the Parish and have been receiving the Compton NEWS in the post have agreed to have it by email in future, which is a great help and saves a considerable amount in postage costs, not to mention time and effort! Of course, the NEWS continues to be delivered FREE to Compton and Artington by email or in person, with everlasting thanks to the 23 loyal volunteers who carry out this task every month, come rain or shine. 168 is still only a small proportion of the total number of households in these two parishes so if you haven't had a chance to renew your subscription, please do think about it. £4 per family, £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples. 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 David Hunt at Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton GU3 1JF.