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AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE BY AGATHA CHRISTIE
THURSDAY 5th, FRIDAY 6th AND SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER, AT 8pm EACH EVENING.

SOLD OUT for Friday! But tickets are still available on Thursday, a charity performance in aid of the Samson Centre for MS in Guildford, and Saturday. ***Tickets are £20 for Thursday and £17.50 for Saturday, which includes a seaside supper of Fish & Chips and ice cream! They are available by phone on 07964 515103 or email to info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk. Please state whether you prefer Fish & Chips, Sausage & Chips or the Vegetarian alternative. There are no on-line bookings for this production. Doors open at 7.30pm and the main course will be served at 8pm.*** Payment can be made by cheque, payable to *Compton Little Theatre* and sent to CLT Bookings, 49 The Oval, Farncombe GU7 3SZ, or by Bank Transfer to Compton Little Theatre's account at Lloyds, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00575218, giving your name as the reference.

Compton Little Theatre's January pantomime will be ***Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs***, on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January in Compton Village Hall. The King is dead, long live The Queen! But which one? Deep in the Enchanted Forest, on a quest to remain the fairest of them all, the Queen Regent and her Magic Mirror plot to destroy the Princess Snow White before she comes of age and claims the throne of Compton. Fortunately, the handsome Prince Derek and his trusty sidekick Sir Geoff are on hand to save the day. Armed only with their wits and a series of dazzling show tunes, they recruit a crack team consisting of a nursemaid, a woodland creature and seven diverse ex-performers (who may not be as vertically challenged as their name suggests) who prepare to battle the forces of evil. Will they succeed in taking back the Kingdom? All will be revealed!

Auditions will be held on Sunday 22nd October at 3pm in Compton Village Hall. Remember, there are lots of support roles which require people – costumes, Front of House, prompt, stage crew, etc. - so even if you don't want to act, please come along and offer your help.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ THIS AND THAT ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

◆ **A 70/70/70 CHALLENGE!** **Bridget Bagnall**, who lives at Brook House in New Pond Road, is well known to her local friends as someone who, over the years, has run countless marathons to raise money for local charities. She can often be seen, in all weathers, training in and around the village. As she approaches her 70th birthday, **Bridget is planning to walk 70 miles in 70 hours** (three days' walking) to raise an enormous sum (hopefully with a 7 in it!) to help the 700 families now in the care of **SHOOTING STAR CHASE**. She will start at Ham House on the Thames on the morning of Monday 10th October and end on the coast at Shoreham on Wednesday 11th. Shooting Star Chase provides hospice respite and end of life care for children and teenagers with life limiting conditions, as well as a wonderful 'help at home' service. It also gives much needed support to the families (including siblings) of the children in their care. Please support Bridget in this fantastic undertaking by sponsoring her. This can be done by letting her have cash or a cheque (made out to *Shooting Star Chase*), sent to her at 2 Brook House, New Pond Road, Compton GU3 1JL, or by her Just Giving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bridget-bagnall70, which easily deals with Gift Aid.

◆ **SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST (SWT)**, based in Pirbright, is the only organisation concerned solely with the conservation of all forms of wildlife in Surrey and manages 82 sites, including Puck's Oak Barn and Orchard in the centre of the village, covering almost 5% of the land area of the County. They are hoping to raise the charity's profile and attract new supporters, and they are also looking for new *Membership Recruiters*. Why not become a "Membership Ambassador"? Full and part-time positions are available for anyone interested in working for the only organisation concerned solely with the conservation of Surrey's wildlife. *To find out more, call Brendan Kilby on 07967 575258.*

Spring Forward – Fall Back! Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at midnight on **Saturday 28th October** and enjoy an extra hour in bed!

* * * * LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER * * * *

* **DAVID FORD** – as seen on ITV in *Dickinson's Real Deal* and *Secret Dealers* - is holding a **FREE VALUATION DAY** on Thursday 9th November at Compton Club from 11am to 4pm. As well as offering FREE valuations, David is also willing to purchase items, which you may want to sell. Bring your treasures along for a Top Cash offer – gold, silver, jewellery, pictures, bronzes, oriental items and all antiques. At a recent valuation day at Watts Gallery, David identified a rare Oriental libation cup, which made £46,000 for the client! Who knows what you might have lurking in the attic!

* **DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?** Enjoy a **BRIDGE AFTERNOON** with your friends on Friday 17th November at 2pm in Compton Village Hall in aid of St Nicholas Church roof repairs. Tables are £36, to include a delicious tea and prizes. There will also be a splendid raffle. Bring your own table, cards and tablecloth. *For more information, and to reserve your place, contact Marian Williams on 01483 810321.*

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

IN PRINT: BRITISH LANDSCAPES

Watts Contemporary Gallery – Friday 13th October to Sunday 7th January 2018



British Landscapes is the theme of this year's annual selling print exhibition, which opens on Friday 13th October in the Watts Contemporary Gallery, above the Visitor Centre. It brings together work by 13 contemporary print makers to celebrate the diversity of contemporary practice in this medium. From the coasts of Norfolk, Northumberland, Sussex and Wales through to the countryside of Yorkshire, Shropshire, Dorset and Devon – as well as local Surrey scenes of Box Hill and Oxshott Heath – this exhibition demonstrates how the landscape is an endless source of fascination for artists. Using wood engraving, linocut, collage, etching, screen-printing and solar plate etching, it shows the wide range of techniques employed by today's artists to depict landscape in print.

Featured artists are Kit Boyd, Stuart Brocklehurst, Angela Brookes, Anne Burnham, Louise Davies, Mary Gillet, Anne Gournay, Gloria Holden, Jennifer Jokhoo, Andy Lovell, Howard Phipps, Judith Robertson and Richard Shimell.

*The Watts Contemporary Gallery is open every day from 10.30am to 5pm and Admission is FREE.
Regrettably there is no disabled access to the Watts Contemporary Gallery at the present time.*

MONICA TAKVAM, who has been the Artist in Residence for 2017, is holding an exhibition to showcase her work during the year called **FIELDWORK AND OTHER LANDSCAPE STORIES**, an exhibition of photography and sound, exploring language, our perception of nature and the landscape. Monica is a visual artist and photographer based in London. After graduating from the University for the Creative Arts in Farnham in 2007, her work has been published and shown in numerous national and international exhibitions. It is often concerned with how we see. She uses photography and sound to examine the language of images, sight, perception and blindness. The exhibition will be in the Watts Contemporary Gallery until Sunday 8th October, 10.30am to 5pm. Admission FREE

● ● ● **EXCITING WORKSHOPS TO FILL OCTOBER HALF TERM** ● ● ●

COSMOS

Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th

Drop in 10.30am to 4pm

FREE with admission. All ages

CLAY COMETS

Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th

10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm

£9.50. Ages 5+

LITTLE STARS

Tuesday 24th to Sunday 29th

10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

FREE with admission. Under 5s

THE MAKE SPACE

Sunday 29th

Drop in 11am to 4pm

FREE with admission. All ages

MUSEUMS AT NIGHT

Saturday 28th October, 4pm to 9pm

Bring the whole family to discover the mystery and wonder of the galaxy that inspired Watts in a Cosmos-themed late night opening. Visit the pop-up planetarium, create glow-in-the-dark paintings and make a twinkling constellation in a jar. Hear astrophysicists talk about Watts' thought-provoking painting *Sower of the Systems* and enjoy music and cocktails under the stars.

Most activities free with admission. Drop by the Tea Shop to try seasonal food and drinks.

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

➤ ➤ ➤ ➤ **THINGS TO DO** ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

➤ Come along to the Guildford & Godalming **CATS PROTECTION QUIZ** on Friday 6th October, 7pm to 11pm, at the Wilfred Noyce Centre in Godalming. Bring your own liquid refreshment. Tables of 6, and it's not all about Cats! *Tickets are £10 per person, to include a fish supper/veggie burger, and are available from Cecilia at ceciliakirkby@yahoo.co.uk, 01483 421770.*

➤ Friday 13th is not always about bad luck! How about a bit of fun on Friday 13th October? **MANE CHANCE SANCTUARY** is holding a fundraising **BINGO** night at 7.30pm in Compton Village Hall. Bring your friends, your family, your neighbours, your granny, and pack the Hall for an evening of fun and laughter! Entry for all cards on the night is £12.50, which includes a Ploughman's Supper and lots of prizes. *For further information or to book your place, email tickets@manechancesanctuary.org.*

➤ Don't miss **THE SAMMY RIMINGTON BAND** on Saturday 14th October, 7.30pm at Puttenham Golf Club. *The New York Times* said "Sammy Rimington's playing demonstrates the clarinet's matchless range of funky virtuosity, which makes jazz's past as real as its future." *Tickets £20, including a choice of Sausage & Mash, Chicken or Vegetable Curry, available from events@prostate-project.org.uk or 07724 465663.* All proceeds will go to The Prostate Project – giving men a better chance of beating prostate cancer.

➤ **RONNIE IRELAND** has been running **ART CLASSES** in Compton Village Hall over the past year and would welcome new members keen to try their hand or improve their technique. There is a good mix of members, using a variety of media, developing their ideas. There are regular slide shows and demonstrations, along with themes to think about and interpret. The emphasis is on developing your own approach rather than copying a set formula or style. Ronnie is a professional artist and qualified teacher, exhibiting and giving demonstrations and lectures throughout the south of England. Classes are on Tuesdays during term time, from 10am to 1pm. *For more information, contact Ronnie on 07836 763386, ronnieireland2@gmail.com.*

➤ **INTRIPLICATE** – Friday 20th October, 7.30pm at Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road. The flute, oboe and piano trio **INTRIPLICATE** was formed in Manchester in 2001 and the ensemble performs regularly across the United Kingdom. The trio's recordings have been played by the BBC and they enjoy a busy performing schedule. **Claire Fillhart** (flute), **Sally Richardson** (oboe) and **Claire Dunham** (piano) will perform a varied programme with music by Madeleine Dring, G P Telemann, Geoffrey Robbins, David Lloyd-Mostyn, Handel, Thomas Pitfield, Lenny Sayers and Malcolm Arnold. *Tickets at £15 are available from Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 155 High Street, Tel: 01483 444333. Children 16 and under admitted free with accompanying adult.*

✻ ✻ ✻ **VILLAGE MATTERS** ✻ ✻ ✻

✻ There has been a lot of speculation about the **TREE ON COMPTON COMMON**, which is covered in protective sacking. Parish Councillor Chris Sharples enquired from the Borough Council what it was all about and Hendryk Jurk, Countryside Manager in Parks & Leisure Services, sent this explanation:

"The tree is one of the ancient ash pollards, which unfortunately is now showing signs of ash die-back disease, as are many other trees on the site. As the ivy was recently removed from around the tree during the works last winter, the sacking is intended to protect the tree from direct sunlight as it was before with the ivy covering, as the shock of increased exposure to sunlight (relative to light levels before, when the ivy was present), in combination with ash die-back disease, may be too much for the tree. In short, we are trying to give this ecologically and culturally significant tree the best prognosis we can in the face of ash die-back disease. There is mounting evidence that ancient ash trees have some tolerance to the disease relative to the younger age classes, so it is well worth a go.

We are also treating this and the other veteran/ancient ash trees on the common with compost tea root drench and foliar applications, which improve the soil biological activity in the root zone and introduce beneficial fungal endophytes to the leaves, both of which help to enhance the trees' natural resilience and resistance to pathogens. The latest research indicates that this could help ash trees to overcome ash die-back disease."

✻ **WATTS CEMETERY.** Compton Parish Council and Watts Gallery are looking for volunteers to join a working party to tidy up the graves and their surrounds before the autumn. This has been arranged for Saturday 7th October, starting at 10am and finishing at mid-day. Refreshments provided. *If you can help, please email Joanna at joanna@joannacadman.com or ring her on 07711 566458.*

Plan for your big day at Loseley's **WEDDING SHOW CASE OPEN DAY** on Sunday 8th October from 11am to 3.30pm in the Tithe Barn. Everything you need to know to arrange your special day. Wedding suppliers will be exhibiting in the Tithe Barn and the Marquee. Admission and parking are free and there is no need to book. Refreshments will be available. *For more information, call 01483 405126, www.loseleypark.co.uk.*



The **KELLY'S CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE** in aid of **Challengers** is back at **Loseley Park** for a third consecutive year on Sunday 15th October. Registration is at 8.30am. With stunning 5k, 10k and half marathon routes through the Loseley estate, this event is a proper cross country event with tracks, trails and fields to cover. There is a 1.5k untimed children's route and a new, timed, 3k route designed with younger or less experienced runners in mind. Also NEW this year are two separate walking routes of 5k and 10k! All this, together with food, drink and fun activities. There really is something for everyone so come along and join in.

Kelly's cover all costs so every penny goes straight to **Challengers**, a wonderful charity providing play and leisure centres for disabled children and young people in the area, providing much needed support for their families. *More information and entries via www.charity.kellystorage.co.uk.*

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

- ◆ The Parish Council were sorry to receive the resignation of Perdita Hunt, following her retirement as Director of Watts Gallery earlier in the summer. She was a valued member of the Parish Council and made an enormous contribution in the two years that she was on the team. We wish her all the very best for the future.
- ◆ We look forward to welcoming Alistair Burtenshaw, the new Director, to our future meetings, and our on-going close association with Watts Gallery.
- ◆ Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of alternate months at 7pm in Pucks Oak Barn, the next being on Wednesday 15th November. Do come and find out what your Parish Council does - questions and requests are always very welcome. *Joanna Cadman, Parish Clerk, will be happy to hear from you on joanna@joannacadman.com, 01483 268627, 07711 566458. She is also available in the Pottery Office at Watts Gallery, above the Visitor Centre, on the first and third Thursday of every month between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. It is wise to check in advance, just in case she is unable to be there.*

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

- SUNDAY 1st** – 10.30am Harvest Festival Holy Communion; 6pm Sung Evensong for Harvest Festival
- SUNDAY 8th** – 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer); 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
- SUNDAY 15th** – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion
- WEDNESDAY 18th** – 9.45am Said Holy Communion
- SUNDAY 22nd** – 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer); 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
- SUNDAY 29th** – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion
- THURS 2nd NOVEMBER** – 8am All Souls Service, Watts Cemetery Chapel



DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

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| <p>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</p> <p>Mon 2nd – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am
 Thurs 5th, Fri 6th, Sat 7th – CLT's <i>Afternoon at the Seaside</i>, Compton Village Hall, Doors Open 7.30pm
 Fri 6th – Cats Protection Quiz, Wilfred Noyce Centre, Godalming, 7pm-11pm
 Sat 7th – Cemetery Working Party, 10am-12 noon
 Sun 8th – Wedding Showcase, Tithe Barn Loseley, 11am-3.30pm
 Wed 11th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm
 Wed 11th – Jazz at The Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm
 Fri 13th – Mane Chance BINGO, Village Hall, 7.30pm</p> | <p>Sat 14th – <i>Sammy Rimington Band</i>, Puttenham Golf Club, 7.30pm
 Sun 15th – Kelly's Cross Country Challenge, Loseley Park. Registration 8.30am
 Mon 16th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn 10am
 Fri 20th – <i>intriplicate</i>, Guildford United Reformed Church, 7.30pm
 FRI 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWS
 Sun 22nd – CLT's Auditions for <i>Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs</i>, Village Hall, 3pm
 Wed 25th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm
 Sat 28th – Museums at Night, Watts Gallery, 4pm-9pm
 SAT 28th – CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR AT MIDNIGHT
 Mon 30th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am
 Tues 31st – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm</p> |
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