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➤ ➤ ➤ ➤ THINGS TO DO ◀ ◀ ◀ ◀

➤ Don't miss **DAVID FORD'S FREE VALUATION DAY** on Thursday 9th November at Compton Club from 11am to 4pm. David is a familiar face on our TV screens, in *Dickinson's Real Deal* and *Secret Dealers*. As well as FREE valuations, he 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! A good opportunity to delve into the far corners of 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 and 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.*

➤ A **CHRISTMAS FAIR** organized by Guildford & Godalming Cats Protection will be held on Saturday 18th November in Milford Village Hall from 11am to 4pm. A variety of exciting stalls will include books, cakes, Christmas gifts, glass goods and of course Cats Protection goods too. Tea and mince pies will be available, as well as their famous bacon butties. Never too early to stock up for Christmas!

➤ **THE DAVID REES-WILLIAMS TRIO** was formed in 1988 and has performed in a diverse selection of concerts and festivals in the UK, Europe and the USA, specialising in a programme uniting the best of classical and jazz. They will be playing at Guildford United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road, on Sunday 19th November at 3pm. *Tickets are £15, available from Guildford Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444333, tic@guildford.gov.uk. Children 16 and under admitted free with accompanying adult.*

➤ The **PROSTATE PROJECT** presents an evening with **CLASSIC FOLK**, including music by Saint-Saëns, Elgar, Schubert, Paganini, Boccherini, and more. The Unitarian Church magazine's opinion was: "...*violin mastery... virtuosity on guitar... beautiful singing... a concert to lift the spirits.*" You can enjoy this musical treat on Saturday 25th November from 7.30pm in Compton Village Hall. Tickets are £20, which includes supper, and there will be a Cash Bar. *They are available from events@prostate-project.org.uk or phone 07724 465883.* All proceeds will go towards The Prostate Project.

➤ **TWO LOCAL EXHIBITIONS LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS:**

- **GUILDFORD ART SOCIETY'S AUTUMN EXHIBITION** is at Guildford House, Guildford High Street, from Saturday 4th to Saturday 25th November, 10am to 4.30pm – excluding Sundays.

- An **ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION** in Shackleford Village Hall on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November, 10am to 4pm. A display of original paintings, mosaics and other crafts by local artists. *All works are for sale in both exhibitions. Great choices for Christmas presents!*

➤ **LOOKING FOR A LOCAL VENUE TO WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR FRIENDS?** After being disappointed last year when trying to find a family New Year's Eve event locally at a price that was within a tight post-Christmas budget, a group of enthusiastic individuals have organized a **COMMUNITY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** for Sunday 31st December at Compton Club. The evening starts at 7pm with the first hour dedicated to the children, with music, fun and games for all ages, organized by the leader of Farncombe Brownies and her team. This will be followed by a Disco with music through the decades, a grand raffle and a finger buffet. The evening ends at 12.30am. Cost is only £6 per person and £3 per child up to and including 10 years. There is a Licensed Bar at the Club. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of finger food, which will be added to the buffet to help keep the cost low. Dress code: smart party attire preferred. *Tickets are available from Compton Club on 810268 or from Julia Foster on 01483 415023.*

★ ★ ★ ★ **BARGAIN BASEMENT** ★ ★ ★ ★

Vauxhall Astra Van, 1680 cc. 2006. Diesel. In excellent condition. Much loved, well maintained and regularly serviced by local car mechanic. Need to sell reluctantly. Full MOT. **£1,000 o.n.o.**

Call Claire on 07944 562535.

REVIEW OF CLT'S *AFTERNOON AT THE SEASIDE* BY AGATHA CHRISTIE



Passing through the delightful village of Compton, I have often seen the posters for a Dinner and Drama production by Compton Little Theatre, but as I can now say with regret, I never managed to get there.

An Afternoon at the Seaside though, complete of course, with a Fish and Chips supper, just as the summer was ending, plainly couldn't be missed! We arrived to be greeted by Front of House folk in very appropriate headgear – boaters, sunhats galore - and were directed to our tables. We were on 'Bucket and Spade'. Others were on 'Beachball', 'Deckchairs', 'Sandcastle' etc. Various other seaside accoutrements were to be found about the Hall – a board of postcards, naughty and nice ones, was on the wall near the bar, and one of those 'pop your head in here for a jolly seaside snap' stands too, stood at the back, plus the sounds of beach laughter and sea gulls calling. Wonderful! The tasty fish and chips, very efficiently served on place mats which were pages from 1960s newspapers, added yet another reminder of days gone by.

Thus the mood was set for this light-hearted piece by Agatha Christie, ably directed by Rhona Wilkie, a fond depiction of the typical British Day Out at the Seaside, the Hiring of Beach Huts, and so on. I really wouldn't know how American Agatha-Christie-Performing groups would carry this off, the whole thing was so quintessentially British, right down to the seldom exposed whiter than white legs! A day on the beach, with cups of tea, sandy sandwiches, buckets and spades, is of course a marvellous chance to people-watch. And people-watch we certainly did!

We began with the arrival of two of the Beach Hut folk, George and Mrs Crum (Stephen Pugh and Mandy Scully). Mrs Crum had obviously delighted in kitting out her colourful beach hut with all the latest bits and pieces, knick-knacks and contraptions. The hen-pecked husband George – or was he? - put up with his wife's constant comments on everyone and everything she observed, with a wry sense of humour, and a far more tolerant and worldly-wise attitude. We also had a harassed mother with her two unruly offspring (we heard, but didn't see them, but were only too aware of them though!)

Along charged the intensely annoying young lad bashing his beach ball into everyone and kicking up sand as he raced about. The wonderfully grumpy Beach Attendant (Robin Matthews) took the 4d fee for the deckchairs, philosophising on human nature all the while. All this on a gloriously sunny sandy beach – great set and lighting.

Arthur Somers (Gordon Ayshford) stayed put doggedly in his deckchair, overcoat and cap on, while his much younger and, sorry Arthur, much more attractive wife Noreen (Lucy Watson) flirted very visibly with the handsome young Bob (Andrew Payne). Poor Noreen reminded us all of our youth – trying to change from a wet swimsuit under the ever-too-small beach towel!

Then Mrs Gunner, 'Mom', turned up with a flourish, followed meekly by Percy, her downtrodden son. Mom was played to perfection, complete with Hyacinth Bucket type 'posh' accent, by Jane Turner, who I am told played the same role at CLT's previous production of this seaside extravaganza some 30 years ago! Poor Percy (Hugo Wilson) was at his mother's perpetual beck and call, and seemed destined to remain so forever. His situation was immediately spotted by George Crum, who determined to help the lad on the road to manhood and liberty if, in any way, he could!

Enter the Girl in the Bikini, who livened up the scene at Little Slipping-on-Sea considerably with her slinky walk, sophistication, and sexy French accent! Amy Aiello made the role her own, and must have had great fun doing so. The liberation of Percy had begun!

This being an Agatha Christie play, there was obviously a crime involved. No murder this, but a stolen emerald necklace. The plodding Inspector Foley (Noel Ruddy) put his mind to the task of solving it.

So, there were revelations, transformations, liberations, arrests, a twist in the tail, and of course marvellous character cameos – all human life was here! A superbly jolly evening in convivial surroundings – well done, Compton Little Theatre. I look forward to the next one! *Contributed by Pauline Surrey, NODA representative*

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION
SUE RICHARDSON QUINTET
Wednesday 8th November

This show features trumpet player **Chet Baker's** beautiful music, recalling the smoky jazz clubs of the 1950s.
Featuring **Sue Richardson** (trumpet/flugelhorn/vocals), **Andy Panayi** (saxes and flute), **Neal Richardson** (piano), **Paul Cavaciuti** (drums) & **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
JOSEPHINE DAVIES
Tuesday 28th November

Winner of the Perrier Young Jazz Award, **Josephine Davies** is a saxophonist and composer at the forefront of the contemporary British jazz scene. Joining her are **John Turville** – piano, **Paul Clarvis** – drums and **Marianne Windham** – bass.
Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 444789.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



Watts Gallery is looking for **traditional makers selling high quality, festive crafts or delicious food** to join them for their **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS WEEKEND** on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. The weekend celebrates festive heritage crafts and contemporary artistic practice inspired by Victorian Arts & Crafts and a passion for the handmade. Numbers are limited and stallholders will be based outdoors, in gazebos. *If you would like to be part of this event, contact Rebecca Macpherson on 01483 8135976, buying@wattsgallery.org.uk.*

Over the **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS WEEKEND**, families can enjoy printmaking, willow making, sensory activities, pottery, family trails in the woodlands, and a Victorian Father Christmas. Traditional Carols sung by local choir groups, seasonal homemade food and drink, and the stunning illumination of the Oak Tree will ensure a warm festive atmosphere. There is 20% off adult Admission booked online before November 12th on www.wattsgallery.org.uk. Kids go free and all activities are free with admission. Don't miss out!

LAST CHANCE TO SEE TWO MEMORABLE EXHIBITIONS:

- **G F WATTS – ENGLAND'S MICHELANGELO** closes on Sunday 26th November. This amazing collection of works by Watts, on loan from prestigious galleries, museums and private owners, will soon be returning to their original homes. They will probably never be exhibited together in one place ever again so don't miss the opportunity to feast your eyes on some remarkable masterpieces.
- **MONUMENTAL MURALS** and **A LIFE IN ART: G F WATTS 1817-1904** closes on Sunday 5th November. Known internationally in his day as 'the greatest painter since the old masters', Watts was the first living artist to stage a solo exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, as well as being one of the four original founders of the Tate, and contributing to the foundation of the National Portrait Gallery by donating, over several years, 40 to 50 of his best portraits of the great and good of his time, called 'The Hall of Fame'. Discover the medium that propelled Watts to world renown in **MONUMENTAL MURALS** and see studies for some of his best-loved paintings in **A LIFE IN ART**.
- A **NEW EXHIBITION** will open on Tuesday 21st November and will run until Sunday 18th February, devoted to the artist **HELEN ALLINGHAM** (1848-1926). After her marriage she moved with her family to Witley where she started to paint the beautiful countryside around her and particularly the picturesque farmhouses and cottages of Surrey and Sussex for which she became famous. The exhibition will seek to reassert the reputation of Helen Allingham as a leading artist and as a key figure in Victorian art.

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

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◆ **COMPTON ART CLASS** is held in The Old Barn, The Street, on Thursday mornings from 10am to 12 noon. It is run by our local experienced artist, David Crick, whose wonderful paintings adorn many a wall in the village, and is aimed at beginners and improvers. There are a few vacancies in the weekly classes so if you want to start, or to improve your water colour painting, *phone David on 01483 810532 or email him on pandcrick@waitrose.com.*

◆ Looking for a **GAS OR HEATING ENGINEER**? Compton resident **David Reid** offers low cost, experienced heating and plumbing services: general plumbing maintenance, bathrooms, boiler changes and installations, full central heating systems and systems cleaning. *Contact David on 07790 126020, enquiries@d-rgasandheating.co.uk to discuss your needs.*

◆ Would you like occasional help to **WALK YOUR DOG** if you don't have time, or a regular arrangement? **WAG A TAIL** dog walking service is run by Compton resident **Karen** who will be only too happy to help out, at very reasonable rates. *Contact her on 01483 813789 or 07989 284014*

LOSELEY HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR is from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th November, 9am to 5pm Thursday to Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Sunday. Step into a creative world and rediscover the art of enjoyable Christmas shopping. Find special presents for special people – stunning fashions and accessories, leather bags and belts, dazzling jewellery, lustrous velvets and satins and luxurious soaps and skincare. Elegant candles, platters and bowls for the table, scrumptious cakes, wines, cheese and meats. Add that extra spice with olives, dips, chutneys and preserves. *Pleasurable Christmas shopping, easy parking, free cloakrooms for coats and heavy shopping, wide aisles and easy access for wheelchairs and pushchairs, and Coffee Shops to keep you going!*



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✱ Jean Miller held a very successful **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** in the Old Barn on 29th September, raising over £1,350 – a fantastic result. Jean would like to thank everyone who provided cakes, raffle prizes, and gave donations for the occasion, and particularly those who came and gave their support. In turn, **THANK YOU** Jean for your hard work in making the event such a success, for this truly worthwhile cause.

✱ The **PARISH MAGAZINE** needs someone (or two!) to take on the **HONORARY TREASURER AND ADVERTISING** roles as the current incumbents wish to retire after 10 years' service. The duties are interesting and not too onerous, dealing with local firms and parishioners. If you think you would like to take this on, please contact Katie and Ian Wattridge on 01483 422322, parish.mag3v@btinternet.com, who will be happy to give you more details.

✱ Yes, Christmas is coming! Are you looking for a stocking-filler, or a small present for a local friend or someone who used to live in the village and has moved away? What better gift than one of the little booklets on two interesting local subjects – **THE HISTORY OF COMPTON ALLOTMENTS** by Carolyn Maslin, and **COMPTON WAR MEMORIAL** by Jane Turner. They are full of stories and beautifully illustrated, and are only £5 each. *They can be obtained from Carolyn on 01483 429461 or Jane on 01483 810789.*

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER



THURS 2nd NOVEMBER – 8am All Souls Service, Watts Cemetery Chapel
SUNDAY 5th – 10.30am - Sung Holy Communion
SUNDAY 12th - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10am Remembrance Service followed by commemoration at 11am at the War Memorial
SUNDAY 19th – 10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism
SUNDAY 26th – 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer); 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Thurs 2nd – All Souls Service, Watts Cemetery Chapel, 8am

Fri 3rd – *Mike's Music*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 4th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

Wed 8th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

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

Thurs 9th – David Ford Free Valuations, Compton Club, 11am-4pm

Fri 10th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 11th – Charity Race Night, Compton Club, 8pm

Sun 12th – Remembrance Sunday – Commemoration at the War Memorial, 11am

Mon 13th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Wed 15th – Parish Council Meeting, Puck's Oak Barn, 7pm

Thurs 16th – Sun 19th – Loseley Park Christmas Fair

Fri 17th – Bridge and Afternoon Tea, Compton Village Hall, 2pm

Sat 18th – Cats Protection Christmas Fair, Milford Village Hall, 11am-4pm

Sat 18th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

Sun 19th – David Rees-Williams Trio, United Reformed Church, 3pm

MON 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWS

Wed 22nd – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Fri 24th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 25th & Sun 26th – Victorian Christmas Weekend, Watts Gallery

Sat 25th – *Classical Folk* Concert, Compton Village Hall, 7.30pm

Mon 27th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 28th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

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