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SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS THURSDAY 18TH, FRIDAY 19TH & SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2018

CLT's pantomime is fast approaching and tickets are flying out of the Box Office! Christmas is over and long dark evenings are ahead so come and enjoy some fun and entertainment to brighten up the winter blues. The large cast of nearly 30, all ages and sizes (including the "dwarfs") is sprinkled with familiar faces and a lot of new recruits. CLT is renowned for its outstanding shows and this colourful pantomime is no exception. Don't miss it!

Performances in Compton Village Hall are on Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January, at 8pm each evening (doors open 7.30pm) and a matinée on Saturday at 2.30pm (doors open 2pm). Tickets are £10 each for all performances and are available from the Box Office on 07964 515103, or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/CLT. For postal bookings, send your request with cheque, payable to 'Compton Little Theatre', and a stamped self-addressed envelope to CLT Box Office, 49 The Oval, Godalming GU7 3JZ.

Why not enjoy a meal prior to the show at Lemongrass next door to the Village Hall? On Thursday evening take advantage of their special Sunset Menu which is available from January 1st. See separate article below. Enjoy the normal menu on Friday or Saturday, supper before the evening shows or lunch before the Saturday matinée. Booking is essential on 01483 810594, making sure you indicate that it's 'pre theatre'.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As a consequence of Ash Dieback, Guildford Borough Council have advised the Parish Council that they intend to fell around 60 ash trees on Compton Common. When undertaking visual tree inspections, they have found that the trees are affected by the disease within 1-3 years, and in some cases trees have died altogether within a very short period of time.

As the disease compromises the structural and physiological condition of the trees, GBC unfortunately have no other option but to remove ash trees on the Common within falling distance of The Street. They intend to retain all the veteran ash on the Common and will monitor these trees annually to check for disease. The work is scheduled to start in January and will take approximately 8 days to complete.

DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS REMAINS!

★ **CHRISTMAS TREES** at **Artington Park & Ride** and **Onslow Village Hall Car Park** until Monday 15th January. Remember to remove all decorations.

★ **CHRISTMAS CARDS** in the bins at **Marks & Spencer in Guildford High Street** until Sunday 31st January and **Sainsbury's in Godalming** until Wednesday 13th January. **Compo shoppers, this could be the one for you on Tuesday 2nd and 9th.**

★ **USED STAMPS** to Jane Turner, details above. She will collect.

★ **SURPLUS GIFTS**. Jane Turner will happily accept these to use in local raffles, such as Compton Club and Compton Little Theatre, and for charities. Again, she will collect.

★ **IMPORTANT: GLITTER CAN'T BE RECYCLED**. Christmas wrapping paper and cards containing metal in the form of glitter or decoration is unsuitable. Put it out with your refuse, not with the recycling.

GOOD NEWS FROM SIMRANS! The fault has been identified and rectified and the Post Office and ATM will be back in business in a couple of weeks. The problem was with the ATM, due to failure in communications between the Internet, Broadband and the phone line, and the frequent power cuts which affect the area, resulting in loss of information. This has been a nightmare for Sid and his family, who have finally been vindicated and hope before long to be reimbursed the huge sum of money they were forced to pay as compensation for the alleged losses. A happy start to the New Year!

POP-UP RESTAURANT IN AID OF OAKLEAF

On Saturday 10th February from 8pm to 10pm, **Catherine Clark** will be hosting a pop-up restaurant for one night only in aid of Guildford's mental health charity, Oakleaf, at the Café Mila in Godalming. Catherine believes that suffering from depression is better treated by being open and honest about it. She has found, by talking about it, that there are many sufferers in the community who can also feel isolated and alone, and that there are many different ways of helping to cope with the illness. Oakleaf is the only mental health charity based in Guildford, working as a social enterprise to provide vocational training for those suffering from mental health issues.

Catherine's other aim is to raise awareness around food waste. She greatly admires the waste-not-want-not attitude of the cookery of the Second World War and therefore the evening will be a World War Two themed event and three course meal. In addition, there will be a representative from Oakleaf and a mindfulness teacher who will both briefly talk about the help they give to mental health issues. Catherine herself has found coping strategies such as sport, mindfulness, music and art, diet etc. are all important for mental wellbeing.

So for those who are interested or touched by the topic, or just plain supportive of the concept, please come to what promises to be an interesting and fun event. There will be a raffle with many prizes donated by Godalming High Street shops who support Catherine in her mission.

Advance booking is essential. Tickets are £20 per head, with all proceeds going to Oakleaf. Contact Catherine on 07532 208308 or kitchensink@hotmail.com to book your tickets or why not make up a table?

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

- The Gallery is offering **2-FOR-1 ENTRY** for Compton residents for the whole of January, from Wednesday to Sunday (Tuesday is half-price day anyway!). Take your copy of the NEWS, or the voucher at the end, to the Visitor Centre to enjoy this generous offer for the village. Remember, the Gallery is closed on Mondays.
- A new selling exhibition opens in the Watts Contemporary Gallery on Saturday 13th January of work by Surrey-based artist **DIANA CROFT**. The exhibition features a series of stylized prints derived from sketches of the South Downs and the Surrey Hills, where she lives. All prints are for sale and the exhibition runs until Sunday 18th February.
- **THE REPAIR CAFÉ AT WATTS** – Saturday 13th January from 11am to 4pm in the Clore Learning Studio at Limnerslease. Bring along your worn, torn and broken items and learn how to repair them with the friendly volunteer team of expert fixers from Guildford Repair Café. FREE with admission.
- The **TEA SHOP** is looking for waiters and waitresses to work with their friendly team. Working hours are flexible. Contact *Jo Wilks, the Commercial Manager*, on 01483 901800, commercial@wattsgallery.org.uk, for more information or if you are interested.



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

GODALMING MUSEUM EVENTS



A fascinating exhibition called **STICKS AND STONES** will take place at the Museum from Tuesday 9th to Saturday 27th January. **MERVYN MEWIS** is a woodworker, furniture and musical instrument maker, teacher and demonstrator. He has invited stone carver and sculptor **SIMON KEELEY** to join him in exhibiting some of his exceptional work as well, to make a display of very high quality, hand-made exhibits.

MIDWEEK AT THE MUSEUM – GALLERY TALKS

Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm. **MERVYN MEWIS** will talk about *A Sense of Place – Our Historic Woodlands*.

Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm – **SIMON KEELEY** will talk about *My Life and Works*.

Tickets £5 from Godalming Museum or at the door.

The second in the series of **WEDNESDAY LECTURES** will be given by **ANTHONY ISAACS MBE**, Chairman of the Waverley Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). The lecture is entitled *The Gill Family and Eashing Park* and takes place on Wednesday 31st January at 7.30pm for 8pm at the Octagon, Godalming Parish Church. *Tickets £5 from Godalming Museum or at the door.*

NEWS FROM LEMONGRASS

Lemongrass is open again 7 days a week, from 12 noon to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to 10.45pm. There will be no deliveries in future but Take-Aways enjoy a 10% discount. From January, they are offering a special **Sunset Menu** from Sunday to Thursday for £14.95. This is for one starter or soup, and one main, including Jasmine Rice (with a vegetarian option) and a bottle of Chang Beer.

Phone 01483 810594 to book a table.

ROGER SEAMAN R.I.P. 1942-2017

It was a shock to learn of Roger's untimely death on 23rd November. Roger was well known in Compton as the Proprietor of The Harrow from 1974 to 2000. He was a gregarious host with a wicked twinkle in his eye, and a fierce guardian of the car park, which many learned to their cost! He was born in Hounslow and had one sister, Barbara, describing his early years as "the best childhood anyone could have". He shared a love of dog and horse racing and football with his Dad and he became a semi-professional, playing for Hounslow Nomads and Chelsea Youth. His first job was in the aircraft industry – living in Hounslow, he took a great interest in the variety of aeroplanes flying in and out of Heathrow. In 1970 he became a Publican where his people skills served him well. After moving to Compton, he married Susan in 1978 and their daughter Caroline was born in 1979. He was a devoted family man, sharing his love of football and golf with Caroline who excelled at the latter, while Susan also took up the game. They enjoyed many overseas holidays together, including skiing. Nothing daunted him. During one trip to Paris, when he was 70, he chased a mugger into the Metro who had hit Caroline over the head! Roger was one of life's colourful characters and we send our sympathies to Susan and Caroline.

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➤ Start the new year by improving your posture and general wellbeing by joining **MELISSA'S PILATES CLASSES** on Wednesday mornings at 10am in Compton Village Hall. All abilities and ages are welcome. Contact Melissa on 07754 096286, mel@pilatesbymelissa.co.uk for more information.

➤ **EVERYDAY FIRST AID**. Everyone (over 16) is welcome to join a FREE First Aid session run by the British Red Cross in Compton Village Hall on Thursday 25th January from 10am to 12.30pm. The theme of the session will be *Helping Older Adults*. To book a place, email Sarah Baskerville on sarahb@care4free.net. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

➤ In May last year, the NEWS carried a short article about converting your old 35mm slides and storing them digitally. **Roy Chapman**, who lives in Almsgate, has taken this up as something of a retirement hobby for which he makes a small charge and the proceeds are given to the rebuilding of Binscombe Church in Barnes Road (www.binscombechurch.org). The target is £1,700,000, of which £658,000 has been raised so far. If you would like to save your historic and precious slides so that you can view them on your computer, or print them in a book, contact Roy on 07833 564478, chaproy63@gmail.com. He is currently working on several hundred slides for the Editor of the Compton NEWS and her husband, who are enjoying a nostalgic trip down memory lane from the last 60 years!

➤ **FIRST AID CLASSES** will be held in Compton Club during **February** as follows:
Monday 5th February, 9am to 5pm. Combined 1-day Emergency First Aid at Work and Emergency Paediatric First Aid Course. £81.96 per person.

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, 9am to 5pm. Combined 3-day First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid Course. £204.06 per person.

The single day on Monday 5th is if you want training for emergencies only. The full three days is more comprehensive and covers all aspects of First Aid at Work and Paediatric First Aid.

To book, email info@theresponsegroup.co.uk.

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION

FREDDIE GAVITA/CHRIS ALLARD QUINTET

Wednesday 10th January

Trumpet player **Freddie Gavita**, a member of Ronnie Scott's Jazz Orchestra, soloist with the BBC Big Band, and featured on the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall, brings his quintet of some of the hottest musicians in town, to the intimate "jazz club" atmosphere of Guildford Jazz at The Pavilion. A perfect New Year pick-me-up!

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

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ

ANITA WARDELL QUARTET

Tuesday 23rd January

Award winning vocalist **Anita Wardell** is also a skilled writer and performer of vocalese. Anita is a musician who uses the voice as her instrument, displaying precision and agility, mixed with heartfelt emotion. An outstanding evening of world class jazz in the intimate setting of the Jazz Café.

Highly recommended!

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

THE LOSELEY CHAPEL AT ST NICOLAS CHURCH, GUILDFORD

This little known building is of particular interest to those who know Loseley and is well worth a visit. St Nicolas church is at the entrance to the George Abbott car park, near the town bridge. The current building is the third church on the site. Paintings of the first church, c. 1140-1836, show the Loseley Chapel with perpendicular architecture with windows on the west, east and south walls. Only the last is there today. The church was prone to flooding and was demolished in 1836. The second church lasted for only 40 years, from 1837 to 1876, and the Chapel had to be considerably reconstructed when it was built. The present St Nicolas church was built in 1877 so the Loseley Chapel has had to endure some significant changes across time. The new church was some six feet higher than its predecessors and there was now no access to the Chapel from the church itself. Entry was only via the door in the west wall. In 1977 the Parish Centre was built, surrounding the Chapel with buildings. By 2016, it was in poor condition, damp and desolate. Parts of memorials had fallen off the walls and others had to be taken down for safekeeping. In September 2016, a major programme of restoration and conservation was started and was completed in May 2017.

The Chapel contains the memorials of the More, later More-Molyneux, family of Loseley, which was in the parish of St Nicolas (spelled "St Nicholas" until 1877). Until July 1983 the More-Molyneux family owned the Chapel, when ownership was transferred to the Rector, although the family remained responsible for the family monuments. Information about the Chapel and its occupants is contained in the Loseley Archive held in the Surrey History Centre and the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, USA.

Connected with the people in the memorials in the Chapel are John Donne, who was married to George More's daughter Ann; Samuel Pepys, whose 'Uncle Wight' mentioned often in his Diary, was a neighbour and friend of Poynings More; and William Shakespeare – William and George More owned the theatre at Blackfriars where *The King's Men* put on the first performances of some of Shakespeare's plays. The Loseley Archive forms one of the best sources for both the history of 16th/17th century theatre, and of John Donne.

Thanks to Catherine Ferguson for this information



ST NICOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON. SERVICES FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY 7TH – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Sung Evensong

SUNDAY 14TH – 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

SUNDAY 21ST – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion. **Preacher: Bishop Jo Wells of Dorking***

SUNDAY 28TH – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

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

* **Bishop Jo** was ordained in 1995 in the first wave of female priests. Between 1995 and 2001 she served as Chaplain and then Dean of Clare College, Cambridge. Immediately prior to her appointment as Bishop of Dorking, she was Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. She is married to Sam who is vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, central London, and they have two children, Laurence (13) and Stephanie (12). Jo's interests include art, renovation and textiles. Compton looks forward to welcoming her to our beautiful church. All are welcome.

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

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

Fri 5th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Sat 6th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

Mon 8th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Wed 10th – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 13th – Repair Café at Watts, Clore Studio Limnerslease, 11am-4pm

Wed 17th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

WED 17TH – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PUCK'S OAK BARN, 7PM

Wed 17th – Midweek Talk *A Sense of Place – Our Historic Woodlands*, Godalming Museum, 7.30pm

Thurs 18th, Fri 19th, Sat 20th – CLT's *Snow White*, Village Hall

Sat 20th – Bingo, Compton Club, 8pm

SAT 20TH – DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWS

Mon 22nd – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 23rd – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Wed 24th – Midweek Talk *My Life and Works*, Godalming Museum, 7.30pm

Thurs 25th – First Aid Course, Village Hall, 10am-12.30pm

Fri 26th – Country Music with *Hank Lee Travis*, Compton Club, 8pm

Wed 31st – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 31st – Wednesday Lecture *The Gill Family and Eashing Park*, The Octagon, Godalming Parish Church, 7.30pm for 8pm



2-FOR-1 ENTRY TO WATTS GALLERY DURING JANUARY

AVAILABLE FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY (CLOSED MONDAYS)

Bring this voucher with you. Enjoy the new hang in the historic galleries, the Helen Allingham Exhibition, the De Morgan Collection, and Watts's Great Studio and the Mary Watts Gallery at Limnerslease.

Top off your tour with a visit to the Tea Shop!

