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COMPTON FETE

Yet again, we were blessed with wonderful from an event in Windsor, there was a stalls, games, refreshments and also had an effect on numbers as there was scheduled to start an hour later than usual, crowds were already building up before the official opening. It is impossible to thank everyone who played a part in making the day such a success but, in no particular order, mention must be made of the Unsung Heroes from the village who turn out early in the morning to put up all the tents and then descend like locusts at the end of the afternoon to take them all down again! Then there is the regular (small) team who put in so much work before the event and on the day, starting at an unmentionable hour, planning and marking the layout, hanging the bunting, providing litter bins, stakes, ropes, transporting tables and chairs. And last but not least, all the individuals and organisations who run the stalls and sideshows, arrange the sound and music, provide the floats, count the money – you know who you are. An enormous THANK YOU to you all. The afternoon would not be complete without our professional and colourful host, David Ford, who brings his own special touch to the proceedings.

Subject to a few minor changes, an amazing profit of £8,401 was the result. No records were broken this year but a few stalls made an increase on last year. Here are the details, with last year's figures in brackets. Figures in **bold underlined** indicate a record for that particular stall.

Plants & Produce – £1,417 (£1,605)
Grand Draw – £1,315 (£1,438)
Bric-a-Brac – £924 (£1,038)
Teas – £801 (**£1,171**)
Cakes – £682 (£873)
Ice creams – £701 (£662)
Barbecue – £577 (£877)

Beer Tent – £519 (£517)
Books & Music – £460 (£637)
Tombola – £380 (**£749**)
Pimms Tent – £348 (£455)
Hoop-La - £292 (**£314**)
Pick-a-Card – £200 (**£266**)

Silent Auction – £190 (£240)
Bits & Pieces – £187 (£160)
Face Painting – £165 (£216)
Compton Little Railway – £119 (£97)
Bouncy Castle – £114 (£206)
Coconut Shy – £76 (£116)

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

Compton Club - £1,878

Village Hall - £1,523

Compton Allotments - £1,317

St Nicholas Church - £1,255

Compton NEWS - £600

Prostate Project Urology Centre - £914

Challengers, Guildford - £914

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 ON SATURDAY 18th MAY 2019



MY THREE ANGELS by Sam & Bella Spewack, directed by David Ford, will be on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th & Saturday 16th June, at 8pm each evening in the Village Hall – doors open at 7.30pm. At a mere £10 per ticket, this will be a wonderful evening's entertainment, professionally produced by your own local theatre group, right on your doorstep. Don't miss it. ***Tickets are available from the Box Office on 07964 515103, or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/CLT.***

Why not enjoy a meal prior to the show at Lemongrass, next door to the Village Hall? Booking is essential on 01483 810594, making sure you indicate that it's 'pre theatre'.

Looking ahead to the autumn, CLT's Dinner & Drama on 4th, 5th & 6th October will consist of two short farces by Michael Green. **A Fish in her Kettle** is a spoof on a French farce: think spotted underpants, men hiding in cupboards, a cast attempting to perform at breakneck speed but not quite up to it, a few rivalries within the cast, and a set that was not built quite right. In **Present Slaughter** the action moves to the French Riviera where two slick, professional actors, well up to the task of portraying cut glass characters straight from Noel Coward's pen, give a charity performance working with – or rather against – a local am dram group. Everything is going simply swimmingly until they are engulfed by the consequences of an unfortunate accident on the set. CLT veterans Gordon Ayshford and Clive Grant will co-direct the production and there is a wide range of male and female roles – small, medium and larger, but none with too many lines.

AUDITIONS are in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd June at 8pm and Saturday 23rd June at 2pm. If you are interested in taking part, want a script or details of the auditions, helping back stage, or you can't make the audition dates but would like to be involved, contact Clive on clivewgrant@me.com or Gordon on gordonayshford@yahoo.co.uk.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT COMPTON CLUB?

◆ Saturday 16th June at 8pm – **CHARITY RACE NIGHT**. A fantastic night full of fun and raising money for a great children's charity *Dreams Come True*. Admission is FREE but proceeds from the betting will go to the charity.

◆ Saturday 23rd June at 7.30pm – **SAM KNIGHT**, performing the classic swing hits from the Rat Pack era, as well as Pop, Motown, Soul and Rock 'n' Roll hits, old and new. Wine, dine and dance the night away! **Tickets are £20 each, to include a two-course dinner, available from Jo Ayshford on 07791 209408 or Rhona Wilkie on 07827 303416.**

◆ ◆ ◆ **TWO GREAT VILLAGE ASSETS!** ◆ ◆ ◆

★ **THE VILLAGE SIGN**. Emily Wells, aged 9, took part in the unveiling of the Village Sign on May 1st and wrote this charming message about her experience: *"It was a breath-taking moment as the children of Compton and I pulled off the cover revealing the sign. To begin with, I walked over to Compton Club – my parents were at a parents' evening. When I was there, I got given a beautiful pink rose and watched the Morris Men dance. There was a woman wearing a horse costume and she asked me if I wanted to wear it for a bit. I thanked her and put it on. I was allowed in the parade behind the Morris Men. I took the costume off and gave it back to the kind woman. I lined up and was given some rope to help pull the cover off. We all pulled hard and landed in a heap on the floor. We all looked up at the beautiful sign and I felt as if I'd never leave this wonderful place."*

★ And now, to complement the magnificent sign, the **TELEPHONE BOX** has been completely restored, thanks to the generosity and very hard work of a village resident who wishes to remain anonymous. It was finished just in time for the Fete and decorated with Union Jacks and a picture of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to celebrate their wedding on the same day.

HOW LUCKY WE ARE IN COMPTON TO HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO GIVE FREELY OF THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO ENHANCE OUR BEAUTIFUL, ANCIENT VILLAGE.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



● **NEW EXHIBITION** from Tuesday 19th June to Sunday 28th October: **JAMES HENRY PULLEN: INMATE – INVENTOR – GENIUS**. James Henry Pullen (1835-1916) was a celebrity in his day. He spent over seventy years in an asylum, devoting his time to ingenious invention, designing and constructing fabulous wood and ivory boats and a fourteen-foot 'Giant'. He was visited by the Royal Family, appeared in Dickens's *All the Year Round*, and was dubbed a 'genius' by the *Harmsworth Magazine*. Pullen was unable to communicate with those around him, as a result of which he was classed by contemporary doctors as an 'idiot savant' – a nineteenth-century term describing someone who combines a severe mental disability with an extraordinary skill. This exhibition, the first ever gallery show devoted to Pullen's work, seeks to promote a reassessment of Pullen, emphasising his status not as a mechanical copyist but as an innovative artist of imagination and wit.

● **ART FOR ALL**. Celebrating ten years of the *Art for All* programme working with Surrey-based community groups and prisons. See inspiring work and stories of individuals participating in the programme and purchase original art. Watts Contemporary Gallery & Old Kiln, Tuesday 19th June to Sunday 8th July.

● **SURREY RESIDENTS OPEN DAY** – Saturday 9th June, 11am to 5pm. This year, in partnership with Surrey County Council, Watts Gallery will be offering FREE entry to all Surrey residents (upon production of a current 2018 utility bill, library card or driving licence). If you haven't visited Watts Gallery yet, now is your chance! Discover Victorian paintings and sculpture in the Watts Gallery, and engage with history and art at the Watts Studios in Limnerslease. Enjoy a quiet moment in Watts Chapel, then explore the woodlands and grounds, before treating yourself at the Tea Shop and browsing art for sale in the Watts Contemporary Gallery, as well as the wonderful selection of gifts, books, clothes, hats, jewellery, cards, and much more, in the Shop. *Please note: The Special Exhibition space will be closed for the installation of the James Henry Pullen exhibition.*

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

SURREY ARTISTS' OPEN STUDIOS.

An opportunity to visit artists' studios in and around Surrey, from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 17th June, 11am to 5pm daily and Thursday evenings 6pm to 8.30pm. 273 artists will be showing their work in 162 studios, scattered right across the County. For details of the Open Studios, visit the SAOS website on www.surreyopenstudios.org.

Compton's own artist, DAVID CRICK, is displaying his marine and landscape paintings in oil and watercolour, both framed and unframed, at his studio at 2 Angel Court, Eastbury Lane, Compton. He will be open on Saturday and Sunday 2nd & 3rd, 9th & 10th and 16th & 17th June, from 11am to 5pm.

PETER JELFFS - 1922-2018

Many people will remember Peter who lived in Coombe Cottage, alongside the Village Hall, from 1982 until he moved to Normandy over 10 years ago. He died in February this year and his funeral was held in St Nicholas Church on Friday 2nd March. Peter was born in Wimbledon and qualified as an engineer, serving his apprenticeship at the Austin Motor Co. in Birmingham. As a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, he moved back to London to join his father's consultancy as a Junior Partner, based in the City. Learning the 'Oil Business' from the bottom, he spent most of his time travelling in the UK and Europe, measuring storage tanks in refineries and oil cargoes on ships. He was involved during the early days of the North Sea Oil development and made regular trips to Norway and to many of the Platforms. He travelled extensively during his working life – North & South America, Russia, the Middle East, Australia and the Far East were some of the areas he visited.

On moving to Compton, he became Chairman of the Village Association and was approached to try and organise transport for the children attending Binscombe and Broadwater schools. After long negotiations with Surrey County Council, a grant was awarded and with generous support from the village, the first *Compo* was launched in January 1989. After the Education Department took over transporting the schoolchildren, *Compo* continued to be used for regular shopping and social trips. His knowledge and dedication were invaluable in communicating with SCC and claiming the various grants and benefits due to *Compo*. He was a key player at the Village Fete which he enjoyed immensely, and was perpetually frustrated that he and many other residents were unable to reduce the noise and density of traffic through the village. He loved Compton, particularly the warm fellowship and community spirit. He had been rather reluctant to leave Surbiton but once here, he often said that he should have moved down earlier!

Last but not least, Peter had a deep Christian faith and was a loyal and regular member of St Nicholas Church. He became a Lay Pastoral Assistant, helping the then Rector Nigel Nicholson with Family Services and leading Home Groups. He loved sports and tried many during his younger years but he kept walking well into his 90s.

He and Joy, who survives him, were married 65 years, and they had three daughters. We send our love and sympathy to them all.

!!!! THINGS TO DO !!!!!

■ **ARTINGTON BIG LUNCH**, Royal Oak Field, Littleton Lane – in front of Littleton Farmhouse - on Sunday 10th June. BBQ sausages and burgers from locally sourced meat will be provided, the cost to be covered by donations on the day. Bring a bowl of salad and a pudding to share, as well as your own wine/beer. Some soft drinks will be provided. An idea of numbers would be helpful so please RSVP to clementinataft@outlook.com, 01483 539775.



➤ ➤ ➤ **AND AT LOSELEY** ◀ ◀ ◀

➤ Sunday 3rd June. An outdoor performance in the Walled Garden of Shakespeare's spellbinding masterpiece **THE TEMPEST** by The Lord Chamberlain's Men with an all-male cast in Elizabethan costumes, music and dance. Bring a chair and a picnic – no tables or umbrellas, please. Doors open 5.30pm, performance at 6.30pm. Refreshments and bar available. *Tickets through www.ticketsource.co.uk or details at www.loseleypark.co.uk.*

➤ Sunday 17th June. **BREAKFAST RUN**, starting at 8.30am. 11.4km of hilly fun (90% road and 10% dry trail), £23-£25 and a 1.4km race for kids too - £8! Register on-line at aat-events.com.

➤ Sunday 17th June. **NGS OPEN DAY**. 11am to 5pm. Garden open as part of the National Garden Scheme, which is the most significant charitable funder of nursing charities in the country, donating over £50 million so far. Loseley will donate the Garden entry fees to the scheme on the Open Day, which include The Queen's Nursing Institute, Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust, Hospice UK, Parkinson's UK and other guest charities. *Admission is £7.50 adults, £4 child. Light refreshments available.*

➤ Sunday 24th June. **GUTS JAZZ EVENING**, 4.30pm-8.30pm in the Walled Garden. Music starts at 5.30pm. A fabulous evening of live jazz with Pete Long, musical director of the acclaimed Ronnie Scott's Big Band, presenting a sensational jazz arrangement of Gustav Holst's *The Planets*, and a Tribute to Benny Goodman. The Farnham Big Band will perform the opening set. Bring your folding chairs and rugs, a picnic and favourite tipple or two. *Tickets £12 per person, £40 for a group of 4, or £15 on the door (under 16s free). Available from GUTS on 01483 408316, www.gutsfbc.co.uk.*

Do you need a Carer / Day Companion / Housekeeper?

An experienced and qualified carer/house companion/housekeeper is looking for a full-time position within the local area. Local references are available on request. Full Driving Licence, and use of own car if required.

VILLAGE ASSOCIATION SUBS

After such a successful Fete, under the guidance of the CVA, it would be rewarding to see more residents paying the very small subscription (£4 per family, £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples) to show their appreciation for their work – the Compton NEWS, Guide to Useful Organisations and Welcome

For further information, please contact Renata on 07823 330909.

Pack for newcomers, to name a few. To date for this year, £1,307 has been received in subs and donations from 164 households, out of a possible 400+. Please help to improve this!

SUE GAINES – RIP

Sue came to Compton from a very small, two-up two-down, cottage in Ash Vale in 1959, along with her husband Len (known to all as Erne) and her six young daughters Susan, Kathleen, Gillian, Jacqueline, Amanda and Sharon. She loved her new big house and quickly became friends with all the new families. Many an evening in those early days was spent playing rounders on the Recreation Ground with families from Spiceall, Almsgate and Fowlers Croft.

Sue was an amazing seamstress and was known for always being impeccably dressed. She made most of the girls' clothes, including their wedding and bridesmaid dresses. The girls' dresses were well known as the four youngest often had the same dresses on for the Compton school photos.

When Sharon, her youngest daughter, started school, Sue began work at Lanesborough boys' school in Guildford, first as washer up but she then took her City & Guilds exams and became Head Cook and then Housekeeper. She was much loved by all the boys at the school in her 25 years working there.

Sue and Erne travelled widely, including Hong Kong which they loved. She loved music and dancing and enjoyed ballroom dancing with Erne. When she retired, she went on to make desserts for the Harrow pub in Compton when it was owned by Roger Seaman and her eldest daughter Susan. Her treacle tart became legendary! She loved seeing her children, grandchildren and very many great grandchildren. The house was often buzzing with parties and lots of laughter. After Len passed away, she went on trips with her friends and neighbours and had much fun being part of a new group.

Unfortunately in the last few years, she suffered from macular degeneration which affected her dreadfully. She moved from her beloved Compton home in April 2017 to a care home but in spite of her failing eyesight, she continued to knit from touch until a month before she passed away peacefully on 30th April, five days before her 95th birthday. Her funeral on 24th May was attended by many people who came to pay their respects and say farewell to a beautiful lady.

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION LOIRE FUNK ALL STARS! Wednesday 13th June

An evening of Jazz Funk from the **Loire All Stars**, playing the sound and grooves of the late 70s and early 80s, including classic Herbie Hancock, John Scofield, Wayne Shorter and Weather Report.

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

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ ALEX CURTIS QUARTET FEATURING DAVE O'HIGGINS Tuesday 26th June

The highly enthusiastic audience reactions to the concerts of the **Alex Curtis Band** bear testimony to how well the band works together. Featuring special guest **Dave O'Higgins** on tenor sax, one of the most prolific and creative jazz musicians the UK has ever produced.

Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR JUNE

SUNDAY 3rd – 6pm Evensong
SUNDAY 10th – 9.30am Holy Communion
SUNDAY 24th – 10.30am Holy Communion
SUNDAY 1st JULY – 6pm Evensong

DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

TUESDAYS – Bell Ringing Practice is taking a break over the summer. Normal practice will resume in September, at 8pm on Tuesdays in St Nicholas Church. Ringing for Sunday services and weddings will continue as normal.

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

Sat 2nd – Bingo, Compton Club, 7pm for 8pm start
Sun 3rd – *The Tempest*, Walled Garden, Loseley, from 5.30pm
Mon 4th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am
Wed 6th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Sat 9th – Surrey Residents Open Day, Watts Gallery, FREE admission, 11am-5pm
Sat 9th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7pm for 8pm start
Sun 10th – Artington Big Lunch, Littleton

Thurs 14th, Fri 15th, Sat 16th – CLT's My Three Angels, Village Hall, 8pm

Sat 16th – Charity Race Night, Compton Club, 8pm
SAT 16th – DEADLINE FOR THE JULY NEWS. PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE!

Sun 17th – Breakfast Run, Loseley Park, starts 8.30am
Sun 17th – NGS Open Day, Loseley Garden, 11am-5pm
Mon 18th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am
Wed 20th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm
Fri 22nd – CLT Auditions, Village Hall, 8pm
Sat 23rd – CLT Auditions, Village Hall, 2pm
Sat 23rd – Shackleford Fete
Sat 23rd – Sam Knight, Compton Club, 7.30pm
Sun 24th – GUTS Jazz Evening, Walled Garden, Loseley, from 4.30pm

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