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HURRY! HURRY! GET YOUR TICKETS FOR COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE'S DINNER & DRAMA, TWO SHORT COMEDIES, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH, FRIDAY 5TH AND SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER, AT 8PM EACH EVENING IN COMPTON VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT SLAUGHTER is a pastiche on Noël Coward's *Private Lives*. Two slick professional actors, well up to the task of portraying cut glass characters straight from Coward's pen, give a charity performance working with – or rather against – a local am-dram group. Everything is going simply swimmingly until... well, that would be telling, wouldn't it!

A FISH IN HER KETTLE is an attempt at a French farce: think spotted underpants, men hiding in cupboards, a cast attempting to perform at break neck speed but not quite up to it, a few rivalries within the cast and a Parisian set that was not built quite right!

This is always a popular event and seating is limited so it is wise to book early. *Tickets, which include dinner, are £20 for Thursday, a Charity night in aid of the Samson Centre for Multiple Sclerosis in Guildford, and £17.50 for Friday and Saturday. They are available by phone on 07964 515103 or email to info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk. Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.* There are no on-line bookings for this production. 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.

*** * * * MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING * * * ***

Jean Miller will be hosting the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 28th September from 10.30am to 1pm in **The Old Barn**, in Jean and Ken's garden behind Old Barn Antiques. Parking is available in the Church Car Park. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's largest fundraising event for people facing cancer, as Jean is herself. The first ever Coffee Morning took place in 1990 and since then, it has raised over £200m for Macmillan. Last year, Compton raised over £1,000 so let's see if we can improve on that this year! If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, you can text a donation instead – just text 70550 and use the code JAM RPF4 to donate £5. (Texts cost £5 plus your standard network charge. £5 will go to Macmillan.) **Jean would appreciate any offers of cakes, raffle prizes, or help on the day. Please contact her on 01483 810522. But most importantly, come along on the day and support this really worthwhile cause.**

MORE THEATRE!

WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY is a new play by Claire Parker, inspired by the real-life stories, songs and the spirit of the women who won the right to vote a century ago. It's 1914. Windows smashed. Women on the run. A former suffragette returns to the quiet village of her youth but when her friend, the charismatic leader of the Actresses' Franchise League, swoops in, a plan is hatched to spread the 'advanced views' of the ladies.

Last year, Claire's play *Rotten Perfect* played to sell-out performances in Watts Gallery. Her new play takes as its inspiration many of the Surrey suffrage campaigners and their creativity. This delightful comedy-drama about the suffragettes is produced by Godalming-based LynchPin Productions Theatre Company and will be performed in the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Godalming on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm. It will also tour Bramley, Peaslake and Guildford.

Tickets are £14 plus booking fee and can be obtained from www.brownpapertickets.com. Search for When The Cat's Away.

*** * * BARGAIN BASEMENT * * ***

Seago 2.3 Roundtail Dinghy. Never used and still in its original canvas bag. Cost £400. Will accept very near offer. Buyer collects. *Contact Sandra on 01483 419601.*

★ ★ ★ THINGS TO DO ★ ★ ★



★ **THE RICHMOND DOG SHOW** will be held in Forge Meadow, Loseley, from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September. The Richmond Championship Show is one of the oldest established and best known dog shows in the UK calendar and entries are received from all over the British Isles, The Republic of Ireland and Continental Europe. More than 150 breeds can be seen over the course of each show and the top awards are keenly contested.

Members of the public are admitted free of charge but there is a charge, payable on arrival at the venue, of £10 for use of the public car parking facilities. The entrance is from New Pond Road and the show opens at 7.30am daily. The public may bring their own dogs, aged 4 months or over, to the show provided they enter them on arrival as “spectator” dogs, for which there is a fee of £5 per dog, and they agree to complete and sign a written undertaking to keep their dog(s) under control at all times. *Full details are available at <http://richmonddogshow.org.uk/index.php>*

★ **SURREY GAME & COUNTRY FAIR** will be in the Front Park, Loseley, on Sunday 23rd September from 9am to 5pm. The Fair brings together all manner of rural pursuits including clay shooting, gun dog demonstrations, falconry, terrier racing, tractor and horse ploughing, as well as vintage tractor displays, a food hall and food theatre, and spectacular main ring entertainment. Something for every member of the family. On-the-day ticket prices are Adults £11, Children aged 5-16 £5, Seniors £10, Family £30. Children under 5 go free. Early Bird discounts available on line until 12 noon on Friday 21st September. *Full details of the event are available on the website: <http://www.surreycountyshow.co.uk/surrey-game-country-fair/about-the-fair.htm>.*

<p style="text-align: center;">JAZZ AT THE PAVILION ANDREW CLEYNDERT QUARTET with ALEX RIDOUT <u>Wednesday 12th September</u></p> <p>Nominated for the British Jazz Awards every year since they started, bassist Andrew Cleyndert has played and toured internationally with the cream of the UK’s musicians, as well as a string of international soloists. His quartet features the BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year Alexandra Ridout on trumpet.</p> <p><i>Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm. Tickets £14 in advance from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ STAN SULZMANN with KATE WILLIAMS <u>Tuesday 25th September</u></p> <p>One of the biggest names in British jazz, saxophonist Stan Sulzmann is joined by renowned pianist Kate Williams, daughter of guitarist John Williams, for an evening of intimate jazz. Highly recommended! <i>‘It simply doesn’t get any better than this’ – John Kelman.</i></p> <p><i>Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.</i></p>
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➤ It will not have gone unnoticed that the Post Office at **SIMRANS** in Farncombe is up and running again, much to the relief and delight of everyone who uses its services and who were hugely inconvenienced during its lengthy and unnecessary closure.

➤ **SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE**

This year’s annual ‘**RIDE & STRIDE**’ will take place on Saturday 8th September, which once again coincides with Heritage Open Weekend, so you could include FREE visits to other notable public buildings, some of which are usually closed to the public or charge an admission fee. The idea is to raise money for church restoration and repair. Cyclists (and walkers) are given a list of churches in their area. They map out their own route to visit churches by bike or on foot, and then get friends to sponsor them for every church they visit. The money which is collected is divided into two: half to the church of the cyclist’s choice (i.e. your church) and the other half retained by Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need and which apply for a grant.

Sponsorship forms and other details can be obtained from:

David Baskerville, 01483 427405, houndog@care4free.net or **Christopher Bell**, 01483 810257

VICTIM SUPPORT (VS) is an independent charity dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents in England and Wales. They provide specialist help which supports people to cope and recover to the point where they feel they are back on track with their lives. Volunteers play a wide range of vital roles within Victim Support, giving generously of their time to help people move beyond crime.

VS always needs new volunteers to join their local Surrey team. If you are keen to help and can spare some time, see their website www.victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/being-volunteer, or email SurreyVolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO "PICK A POCKET OR TWO"?

GODALMING THEATRE GROUP (GTG) is performing **OLIVER** from Tuesday 9th to Sunday 14th April 2019. With music, lyrics and book by Lionel Bart, this familiar, much loved musical needs no introduction and will be directed by well-known thespian and founder member of GTG David Dray, and local actor/director Andrew Culley. **Auditions will take place on Sunday 2nd September for adults, and Sunday 9th for children**, to find around 20 talented local boys and girls aged 9 to 16 years to star as Oliver, The Artful Dodger, Workhouse children and members of Fagin's gang.

GTG first staged **Oliver** in 1974 and that production starred their now President Ben Elton as the Artful Dodger, and this new production's director, David Dray, as Fagin. So who knows where the young stars of this planned 2019 production might end up!

If your child has what it takes, then log on to www.gtguk.com and click on 'Audition for Oliver!' and you will be sent an audition form and further information.

FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS – ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON

From Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September, Compton Church will be decorated with a stunning display of flower arrangements over Heritage Weekend. Everyone is invited to take part in what is hoped will be a village event. The display will incorporate paper doves, representing Peace and Hope – *Les Colombes* – which recently adorned Salisbury Cathedral, designed by Michael Pendry. This is particularly relevant as later this year we will remember the end of World War 1, 100 years ago. *If you would like to help with the displays, getting the church ready, and providing tea and coffee, please contact Marian Williams on 810321 or Sarah Baskerville on 427405.*

RING OUT THE BELLS – NEWS FROM THE TOWER

Compton residents may have noticed that the bells have been silent on Tuesday evenings since the end of May. The Tower Captain took a well-deserved summer break, although ringing for Sunday services and weddings has continued. The first practice of the autumn is scheduled for 8pm on Tuesday 11th September at Compton.

A few months ago, Phil and Sally Gorton made a superhuman effort to clean the ringing room and rid it of all manner of detritus that had accumulated over the last 23 years. It has been spruced up in other ways too, with a new bench, new coat hooks, a notice board and other improvements. The walls are being lime washed, the woodwork repainted and the carpet replaced, so if the flies dare to return in the winter, they won't know the place. (Ringers may have difficulty recognising it too!)

The newly refurbished ringing room will be open from 12pm to 4pm on Sunday 9th September, during the Church Heritage Flower Festival.

New members to the bell ringing band are always welcome, whether you are a complete beginner or a "ready-made ringer". Should anyone have bell ringing relatives or friends staying, we would be very pleased to see them at our practices too. Anyone over the age of about 11 can learn to ring; you don't have to be particularly strong or musical. Please note that at Compton you need to have no problem climbing a ladder as this is how we access the ringing room.

If you are interested in learning to ring, or for further information, please contact the Tower Captain, Phil Gorton, on 01483 420763, phil.gorton@btinternet.com

MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH, FARNCOMBE

REED MAXFIELD 4TH ALBUM FUNDRAISER Friday 21st September

Philippa Reed and **Chris Maxfield**, better known as **REED MAXFIELD**, have performed a number of times at St John's. This concert is an important evening as it will help them raise funds for the recording and release of their 4th album. This will be the first opportunity to hear all the songs from the album, most of which have been recorded in the church in August.

Doors & Bar open 7pm. Show starts 7.45pm. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door. Available from Record Corner, Godalming; Julian Lewry on 01483 421520 or julianlewrymusic@aol.com; or from www.WeGotTickets.com at £11 including online booking fee.

DIRE STRAITS UK (DIRE STRAITS TRIBUTE) Saturday 29th September

DIRE STRAITS UK is the most authentic sounding tribute to Dire Straits working today. The band have painstakingly studied and recreated the arrangement, sounds and playing styles of the original members to produce a show worthy of the name "Dire Straits". St John's Church was one of **Dire Straits UK's** very first big shows in February 2017, which started them on the path to some truly memorable shows throughout 2017 and set them up for an explosive 2018. They are making a welcome return with a set featuring Dire Straits' hits and album tracks.

Doors & Bar open 7pm. Show starts 7.45pm. Tickets £16 in advance, £19 on the door. Available from Record Corner, Godalming; Julian Lewry on 01483 421520 or julianlewrymusic@aol.com; or from www.WeGotTickets.com at £17.60 including online booking fee.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



● **HERITAGE OPEN DAY.** Confusingly, this year there are TWO Heritage Weekends – 8th-9th September and 15th-16th September. The Gallery has chosen the second and there will be FREE admission between 11am and 5pm on Sunday 16th. Discover the many attractions on the site and help make 1,000 poppies for the Gallery’s WW1 centenary event.

● **LOVING VINCENT.** Watts Screen Outdoor Cinema, Watts Gallery Lawn (12A). Friday 7th September. Doors open 6.30pm. Tickets £11.50; Friends £10.35. Pre-booking required.

In association with Venture Cinema, enjoy an outdoor screening of *Loving Vincent*. It is the world’s first fully painted feature film, exploring the life and work of Vincent van Gogh. The film will start with an animated short: *A is for Autism*, directed by Tim Webb. ***If raining, the event will take place in Watts Gallery.***

● **DR MARIANNA TIDCOMBE: THE PRISON DIARY OF ANNIE COBDEN-SANDERSON**
Wednesday 26th September, 7pm to 8pm. Tickets: £12.50. Friends £11.25. Pre-booking required.

Annie Cobden-Sanderson was the daughter of Victorian statesman Richard Cobden and wife of T J Sanderson, co-founder with Emery Walker of the Doves Press and friends with William Morris and Jane Burden. Annie was instrumental in advancing the cause of female suffrage and her imprisonment in 1906 prompted a wave of protest; George Bernard Shaw called her ‘one of the nicest women in England suffering from the coarsest indignity’. In this talk, historian and biographer Marianne Tidcombe will bring to light Annie’s extraordinary life and her friendship with other advocates of women’s suffrage in the Arts & Crafts movement.

● **‘MAKE’ FESTIVAL.** Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September, 11am to 4pm. G F and Mary Watts were makers. They taught young artists, shared ideas and built a creative community that was open to all. There will be dozens of ways to make items in various forms – Make Space with Architecture, Autobiography with Illustration, Time with Animation, History with Clay. Make an Impression with Printing, Nature with Textiles, Make Some Noise! There will be Maker Demonstrations over the two days, e.g. see behind the scenes at KD Fine Art and learn more about the history, tools and materials of the framing industry. *Saturday & Sunday, from 1pm*; Discover with Steven Scott how a Swedish-style wooden spoon is made, from trunk to table. *Saturday only*; Find out about the moulding and casting process in modern bronze sculpture, led by Richard Atkinson-Willes of the Talos Art Foundry. And much, much more – something for everyone! *Book tickets on line at www.wattsgallery.org.uk. Adults £11.50, Students £5.75, Children FREE.*

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



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 2nd – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 6pm Sung Evensong

SUNDAY 9th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 19th – 10.30am Said Communion

SUNDAY 23rd – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

SATURDAY 29th – 7.30pm Holy Communion in the Upper Sanctuary – Feast of St Michael and All Angels

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

TUESDAYS – Bell Ringing Practice at 8pm in St Nicholas Church. Starts again on Tuesday 11th September.

THURSDAYS – Art Classes in The Old Barn, 10am-12 noon.

Sat 1st – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Mon 3rd – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Fri 7th -Sun 9th – Festival of Flowers, St Nicholas Church, Compton

Fri 7th-Sun 9th – Richmond Dog Show, Forge Meadow, Loseley

Fri 7th – *Loving Vincent* outdoor cinema (12A), Watts Gallery Lawn, 6.30pm.

Sat 8th – Surrey Churches Ride & Stride

Sun 9th – Bell Ringing Room open, St Nicholas Church, 12pm-4pm

Wed 12th – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sun 16th – Heritage Open Day, FREE Admission, Watts Gallery, 11am-5pm

Mon 17th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

THURS 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWS

Fri 21st – *When the Cat’s Away*, Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming, 7.30pm

Fri 21st – *Reed Maxfield*, St John’s Church Farncombe, 7pm

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd – MAKE Festival, Watts Gallery, 11am-4pm

Sat 22nd – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sun 23rd – Surrey Game & Country Fair, Front Park, Loseley, 9am-5pm

Tues 25th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Wed 26th – *The Prison Diary of Annie Cobden-Sanderson*, Watts Gallery, 7pm-8pm

Fri 28th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10.30am-1pm

Sat 29th – *Dire Straits UK*, St John’s Church Farncombe, 7pm