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ROAD WORKS IN DOWN LANE

Thames Water will be carrying out water mains replacement work in Down Lane, commencing on Monday 29th October and lasting approximately 7 weeks until 10th December. The water pipes have burst 8 times over the last two years, which has necessitated these major engineering works. This will take place in two phases between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm Saturday and 9am to 1pm Sunday. Access for pedestrians, dismounted cyclists and equestrians will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access for emergency vehicles, residences and businesses will be maintained via the diversion route, which will be signed. There will also be limited access for residents but please allow extra time to reach your properties as equipment may have to be moved to allow you in and out. If you know that there is a specific time when you need to leave your house, it is worth telling the workmen in advance so that they are prepared.

Phase One: Starting on Monday 29th October. Road closed from the Compton end of Down Lane up to the pond outside Watts Gallery.

Phase Two: Starting during the week commencing 19 November. Road closed from the pond to the top of Down Lane.

Thames Water have agreed NOT to work on Sunday 4th, Sunday 11th and Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th November.

➤ ➤ ➤ A MISCELLANY OF VILLAGE MATTERS ◀ ◀ ◀

➤ Jean Miller held another very successful **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** in the Old Barn on 28th September, raising an incredible £1,380 – 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 along 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.

➤ **BELL RINGING.** Compton Tower has recently welcomed two new recruits. One has returned to ringing after a break of 47 years (!) and the other is learning the skill for the first time. Together with the established team, they will be ringing at 12.30pm on Sunday 11th November to celebrate the centenary of the Armistice. Compton is one of numerous towers taking part in this act of respect; church bells throughout the British Isles and further afield will be heard at this time. Earlier in the day, the bells will be rung half-muffled for the Service of Remembrance. **When the church bells rang out on 11 November 1918 to announce the end of the war, 1400 bell ringers, from all walks of life, had perished in the conflict – a small fraction of the total killed in the war but a significant proportion of the ringing community. To commemorate them, one of the Compton ringers, Anne Nixon, has crocheted 1400 woollen poppies and they will be displayed in the church during November.**

The next ringing practices will be held at Compton on Tuesday 13th November and at Puttenham on Tuesday 20th November, both at 8pm. Learners and returners are very welcome. Contact Phil Gorton on 01483 420763, phil.gorton@btinternet.com, if you are interested.

➤ **COMPTON SPEEDWATCH** has been active for a number of years and is always looking for volunteers to continue its weekly activities. Full training is given by the police, who are running two sessions in Guildford in November: Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th, from 12pm to 3pm. For more information contact Nick Palmer at nicholas.palmer6@btinternet.com or Jon Maslin at j_maslin@hotmail.com.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles, using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated, even across County borders, enforcement and prosecution follow. Can you spare a few hours every month to help reduce the speed of vehicles driving through the village?

➤ **KD FINE ART** have some wonderful new stock in time for Christmas so pop in and have a look and get ahead of the game with your Christmas shopping! They are also offering a 10% discount on all framing but be quick if you need it for Christmas as they are getting very busy! **KD is open every day from 10.30am to 5pm.**

➤ **BOOK NOW FOR COMPTON CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER!** Saturday 8th December – arrive 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 for adults, £12.50 for children under 10 years, and are available now from the Club bar – to be paid in full on booking. **Make up a party with your friends!**



REVIEW OF CLT'S DINNER & DRAMA *TWO PLAYS WHAT GO WRONG*

I must admit to some curiosity as to what Compton Little Theatre's latest offering was going to be all about. However, within minutes I was laughing at the wonderfully crafted humour and tongue in cheek, coarse acting in the two pieces, **PRESENT**

SLAUGHTER followed by **A FISH IN HER KETTLE**.

In **PRESENT SLAUGHTER**, we see a variety of characters living in a Noel Coward world of feigned affections and crisp diction. Steven Webb was brilliant as Oliver with his delicate affectations and prim and proper mannerisms. Lavinia, played by Lucy Watson, was a deliciously crafted performance, excellent dancing and speech patterns as clear as an art deco cocktail glass. Roger Smithers played the short-sighted (Les Dawson styled) Pianist with great skill, visual humour and a constantly changing array of facial expressions. Antoine (Robin Matthews) gave a hilarious and physical performance with a lovely line describing dragging a fellow actor across the floor as being like "dragging a wet croissant". Mimi (Polly Murray) was an excellent Maid who caused much laughter and sauce. Tennis players Binky (Andrew Payne) and Bunny (Gayle Lafone) were very funny as over the top, 'jolly hockey stick' characters. The hilarity was topped off by the Paramedic (Julia Foster) who administered heart massage in a musically rhythmic way, and Prompt (Gaye Culmer) who acted with aplomb all the way through the action on stage.

This was followed by **A FISH IN HER KETTLE**. Set in a stylised Paris, with a wonderful Eiffel Tower painted on the scenery, this was an eclectic cocktail of farce, witty plays with dialogue, *Acorn Antiques*, *Benny Hill* and physical pranks. In this piece we saw a House Manager, Jane Turner, who was certainly not to be messed with! Felix (Robin Matthews) was again superb and physical with a particular tumble that Del Boy Trotter would have been proud of. Antoinette, played by Gayle Lafone, was a controlled tour de force with several moments of great timing. Victor was played by Andrew Payne who had a wonderfully inane smile throughout and was always in his stylised character, which was a joy to watch.

Doctor Henri (Noel Ruddy) was a shaking, short-sighted character who got himself into all sorts of trouble. Noel played him with great skill and he must surely be a contender for the next "Should have gone to Specsavers" advert? Hugo Wilson cast a striking figure as Captain Bidet and he should be rightly flushed with pride. Mandy Scully was an excellent Eugenie with a great delivery of "La Grippe". Sue Leach was a powerful Lucille with strong diction as she pronounced to Victor "How strong your arms are!" Steven Webb was an hilarious Count Otto and Julia Foster again gave another lovely performance as the Cook. It concluded with the Merry Minstrels of Polly Murray, Roger Smithers and Lucy Watson who were suitably coarse in the final bows. Gaye Culmer, once again played the Prompt with skill and good timing.

As usual with Compton Little Theatre, the two productions had creative and high-quality scenery, lighting, sound, props, costumes and make up and no doubt an army of stage crew who all performed seamlessly. The management of props and the recycling of bloodied clothes was mind-boggling! The two directors, Gordon Ayshford and Clive Grant, should rightly feel very proud and they both deserve special praise.

Together with copious quantities of delicious food provided by Jo Ayshford and Rhona Wilkie, a slick Front of House team effortlessly moving among the crowded tables, and a table groaning with raffle prizes, Compton Little Theatre once again showed it had a big heart and produced a wonderful evening of wit, entertainment, fun and laughter.

Well done to all involved and bring on the Panto next!

Contributed by Mike Hough

GUILDFORD JAZZ IN NOVEMBER

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION
KAREN SHARP/STEVE WATERMAN QUINTET
Wednesday 7th November

Karen, on tenor sax, and **Steve**, on trumpet, bring their all-star quintet to Guildford. Expect first class musicianship and an outstanding evening of live jazz, in the intimate and welcoming jazz club at the "Ronnie Scott's of Surrey"!

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

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ
PHIL DEGREG WITH ALAN BARNES
Tuesday 27th November

Renowned US piano star **Phil DeGreg** is accomplished and comfortable in a wide range of jazz styles ranging from mainstream to bebop. For this unique performance he is joined by one of the all-time greats, saxophonist **Alan Barnes**. Also featuring **Marianne Windham**, bass, and **Nat Steele**, drums.

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

MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH, FARNCOMBE

IAN MCNABB (THE ICICLE WORKS) SOLO SHOW
Friday 23rd November. Tickets £14 in advance, £17 on the door

KIKI DEE & CARMELO LUGGERI
Friday 30th November. Tickets £20 in advance, £24 on the door

Doors & Bar open 7pm. Show starts 7.45pm. Tickets available from Record Corner, Godalming; Julian Lewry on 01483 421520 or julianlewrymusic@aol.com; or from www.WeGotTickets.com

PUTTENHAM 125

PUTTENHAM GOLF CLUB celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2019. The club was founded in 1894 by a group of Army Officers, Charterhouse Masters and local businessmen, including Andrew Hichens of Monkshatch in Compton. The Compton connection continued with Bob Turner of Greyfriars being Club President during the Second World War. Today Puttenham is a thriving, modern, members' golf club with a mature picturesque, tree-lined course and active men's, ladies' and seniors' sections.

In recognition of this 125 year milestone, the club is offering full membership at an annual subscription of £1,250, with the intention of keeping the subscription at this level for three years. This is much lower than other local members clubs' subscription rates. If you are interested in joining the club, please drop in for details or call the club office on 01483 810498.

In addition, the club is offering Compton residents a special midweek green fee offer of £25 per person, teeing off after 11am. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please call the Golf Shop on 01483 810277 and quote CN1810.

★ ★ ★ THINGS TO DO ★ ★ ★

★ **LOSELEY HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR.** Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th November, 9am to 5pm (9am to 4pm on Sunday). Indulge yourself, your family and friends with stunning fashions and accessories, leather bags and belts, dazzling jewellery from sparkly fashion to graceful diamonds, scarves in lustrous velvets and satins, luxurious soaps and skincare. Decorate your home and table with elegant candles, platters and bowls and tasty treats. Visit the Specialist Food area brimming with scrumptious cakes, wines, cheeses and meats. Pleasurable Christmas shopping, free easy parking, free cloakrooms for coats and heavy shopping, coffee shops, wide aisles with easy access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. *Tickets £5.50 Adults, £5 Seniors, £3 Students, Children Free.*



★ **AN ITALIAN JOB - A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING.** Saturday 10th November, 7.30pm, Compton Village Hall. *The Man in the Moon* Children's Theatre group is organising a fun evening for the whole family. Surely there is no better way to celebrate a special occasion with a loved one than to take them out for a meal? And when it comes to cuisine, there is nothing better than Italian food. Which is why, tonight, the Baldini restaurant is full to bursting with guests, and all the waiting and kitchen staff are busy, busy, busy! With a restaurant packed to overflowing, the last thing anyone needs is a murder... When a body is discovered in the kitchen, the unsuspecting diners are drawn into the investigation and it's up to them to solve the case!
Tickets available from paul@themaninthemoon.co.uk, 01428 644633, 07825 167317: £15 a head to include two courses - choice of pizza or spaghetti bolognese (meat, veggie and vegan options available). There will also be a cash bar and raffle.

★ There is still time to book for **CREATIVITY – A KEY TO WHOLENESS. PLAY WITH CLAY.** Make four or five small items: tea light holders, dishes, bowls, candle holders, plaques, etc. A relaxing and fun afternoon. Saturday 10th November, 1.30pm to 4.30pm in Puck's Oak Barn in Compton. (Not suitable for children.) *Tickets are £25. Details and bookings from Val on 01483 351762.*

★ **GUILDFORD IN HARMONY** Choir Concert is being organised by local mental health charity *Oakleaf* to bring people together for an evening of music. **DAME PENELOPE KEITH**, who has been patron of *Oakleaf* for the last 18 years, will introduce the concert featuring different choirs, which will include Bellow Fellows, Guildford Vox, Guildford Jazz Choir, Everyman, and Guildford County School's Chamber Choir. The Concert is on Saturday 24th November at 7pm at the Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead. *Tickets are £10, or £5 for under 16s. To book, contact Katy Munson at Oakleaf on 01483 303649, katymunson@oakleaf-enterprise.org.*

★ Local Pop Group **STOOPID CUPID** are performing light-hearted, silly songs from the 1960s, live in the Bar at Compton Club on Friday 7th December from 8pm. Come and sing along in a relaxed environment and bring your friends.



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 2nd – 8am Holy Communion for All Souls, **Watts Chapel**

SUNDAY 4th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

SUNDAY 11th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); **10.15am Remembrance Service, followed by Commemoration at the War Memorial**

WEDNESDAY 21st – 10.30am Said Communion

SUNDAY 25th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



CHRISTINA ROSSETTI: VISION & VERSE. Tuesday 13th November to Sunday 17th March 2019.

In an exploration of the celebrated Victorian poet's significant connection with visual art, this new exhibition will bring together paintings, illustrations, works on paper and photography. Presenting portraits of the poet and highlights of the many visual images inspired by her words – alongside her own intriguing and virtually unknown drawings – it will consider Christina Rossetti's complex attitude to visual art, recognising the enduring appeal of her verse to visual artists from the 1850s through to the present day.

SURREY RESIDENTS OPEN DAY – Sunday 4th November, 10am to 4pm. If you've never visited the Gallery (which has just won the *Tourist Destination of the Year* award at the Surrey Business Awards!) and you are a resident of Surrey, now is your chance. Surrey residents can enjoy FREE entry to the Gallery and Studios upon production of a current 2018 utility bill, library card or driving licence. After visiting the site, exploring the woodlands, and browsing art for sale in the Contemporary Gallery, treat yourself at the Tea Shop and then catch up on some Christmas shopping, making use of the 20% discount voucher included at the bottom of the NEWS!

ARMISTICE DAY – Sunday 11th November. The Gallery is hosting a number of events to mark the day:

- 11am – **Two minutes silence** in the Isabel Goldsmith-Patiño Gallery, reflecting on 100 years since the end of WW1.
- 10am to 4pm – Live **Poetry Readings** in the Gallery. See over 250 **terracotta poppies** made by local people and make one in the Foyle Pottery Studio between 12pm and 4pm to contribute to the display.
- 11.30am to 1pm – Drop in to the Watts Chapel and hear the **Fayrfax Consort** perform commemorative music by Renaissance composers, including Purcell, Alonso Lobo and Victoria. Please note, space is limited.
- 2pm – **The De Morgan Collection.** Remembering Evelyn De Morgan as an artist of peace. **Dr Richenda Roberts** will speak about a new De Morgan display, including Evelyn's ration book and a sketch for her painting, *1914*.

MRS PANKHURST'S PURPLE FEATHER – Talk by **TESSA BOASE** on Wednesday 21st November, 7pm to 8pm. Adults £12.50, Friends £11.50. Pre-booking required. Hear about **ETTA LEMON**, the forgotten and remarkable woman who led the anti-plumage campaign supported by G.F. Watts, leading it to eventual victory. She campaigned so doggedly, and for so long, against 'murderous millinery' that she became known as *Mother of the Birds*. **Tessa Boase** is a journalist and author of the successful *A Housekeeper's Tale*. Previously a commissioning editor for *The Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Telegraph* and *Weekend Magazine*, she continues to contribute to a wide range of national newspapers and magazines.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND – Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th November. 10am to 4pm. £13 Adults. Children and pre-booked Friends FREE. There will be festive crafts and activities for people of all ages, as well as choir performances and a visit from Father Christmas, together with artisan stalls for shopping and delicious food and drink.

Important News: Gallery opening times are changing.

From Thursday 1st November until Thursday 28th February, the Gallery and Studios will be open from 10am to 4pm, and the Visitor Centre and Tea Shop from 10am to 5pm.

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



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON YOUR DOORSTEP!

VISIT THE WATTS GALLERY SHOP FOR LOTS OF UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS.

Bring this voucher with you to receive a discount on your purchases.

20% off all purchases

Excludes purchases in the Watts Contemporary Gallery and a few selected items in the Shop (e.g. West Meon pots).

Voucher is valid for ONE transaction up to and including Sunday 23rd December 2018

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

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

Fri 2nd – Holy Communion for All Souls, Watts Chapel, 8am

Wed 7th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 7th – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 10th – *Play With Clay*, Puck's Oak Barn, 1.30pm-4.30pm

Sat 10th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 10th – *Murder Mystery*, Village Hall, 7.30pm

SUN 11TH – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mon 12th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 13th – Bell Ringing Practice, Compton Church, 8pm

Thurs 15th, Fri 16th, Sat 17th, Sun 18th – Christmas Fair,

Loseley House, 9am-5pm (4pm on Sunday)

Tues 20th – Bell Ringing Practice, Puttenham Church, 8pm

TUES 20TH – DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWS

Wed 21st – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

WED 21ST – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, PUCK'S OAK BARN, 7PM

Wed 21st – *Mrs Pankhurst's Purple Feather*, Talk at Watts Gallery, 7pm-8pm

Fri 23rd – *Ian McNabb Solo Show*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm

Sat 24th – *Guildford in Harmony* Choir Concert, Guildford Baptist Church, 7pm

Sat 24th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Mon 26th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 27th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Fri 30th – *Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm