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PETER PAN BY J.M. BARRIE

Watch out – it's a crocodile. It's BEHIND YOU! Yes, it's true! Peter Pan is coming to Compton Village Hall. Specially adapted for Compton Little Theatre by Adam Lees and directed by Adam with Rhona Wilkie, performances will be on Thursday 17th, Friday 18th and Saturday 19th January at 8pm each evening and also at 2.30pm on the Saturday.

Do you think you have what it takes to help the cast of this enchanting story to avoid being eaten by a hungry, ticking crocodile? Can YOU save Peter Pan from the dreaded Captain Hook? Do you believe in fairies? If so, this year's CLT pantomime is for you and your family. With audience participation encouraged, fully immerse yourself in the story of the boy who never wants to grow up as he meets his new best friend, Wendy, and brings her to the magical land of Neverland, with Wendy's brothers Michael & John and their unlucky-in-love Nanny, the hilarious dame Nursey, insisting they come along too.

Marvel at the magic of a trendy fairy, laugh out loud at a comedic tribe of Indians and meet a beautiful but feisty, all-knowing mermaid. Sing-along, shout out and dance in the aisles of this musical treat - but watch out, Hook and his dim-witted side kick Smee are always nearby, on the hunt for Peter Pan. And who knows where the crocodile will be hiding!

Tickets are on sale now. They are £10 for all seats for all performances and are available from the Box Office on 07964 515103, by email to tickets@comptonlittletheatre.co.uk, or visit www.ticketsource/clt. Don't miss your chance to be entertained this January, after being exhausted by the Christmas and New Year festivities – get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment as CLT's pantomime is invariably a sell-out.

Why not enjoy a meal prior to the show at Lemongrass, next door to the Village Hall?

Ideal for supper or lunch, before the evening show or the Saturday matinée.

Booking is essential on 01483 810594, making sure you indicate that it's 'pre theatre'.

Peter Pan is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Samuel French Limited.

This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French.

COMPTON WAR MEMORIAL

It will not have gone unnoticed that the War Memorial has been refurbished to a very high standard, thanks to the Parish Council with the help of a grant from The War Memorials Trust. The work was set in motion nearly a year ago so that it would be finished for Armistice Day this November. On November 11th, more than 80 people assembled around the Memorial and heard the names of those who perished read out in the time-honoured way, with a bugler playing the *Last Post* and *Reveille* after the two minutes' silence.

The London Stone Conservation Company made their base in the churchyard and used the latest in technology to clean the monument. The thick lichen on the surface of the stone tablet set into the wall behind the Memorial, installed after WWII and listing the names of the men of Compton who died in both World Wars, was removed using a super-heated steam cleaner and where the sandstone had de-laminated, a hydrophobic conservation grade adhesive was injected repeatedly into the area and pressure applied thereon. The names were re-painted in enamel. The damaged and flaky areas of the Memorial received a nano-silicate treatment which re-integrated tiny silica particles back to the vulnerable areas to create support. The broken finial from the top above the lantern - which had been missing for many years and discovered in the undergrowth behind the Memorial - was pinned back with stainless steel pins and any broken areas were built up using wire and resin, then carefully colour matched. The semi-circular wall behind the Memorial was repointed with lime mortar and the ground around it repaired to match the original design.

St Nicholas Church readily agreed to supply electricity to the lantern and it will now be alight every hour of darkness - just as Mary Watts intended when she designed it in 1922. Special thanks are due to Parish Councillor Chris Sharples, who donated a beautiful Arts & Crafts copper lantern to hold the light, and to Joe Ward of London Stone Conservation for his skill and dedication in carrying out the restoration.

➤ ➤ ➤ **DECEMBER IS A BUSY MONTH IN COMPTON CLUB** ◀ ◀ ◀

- Local Pop Group **STOOPID CUPID** is performing light-hearted songs from the late 1950s and early 1960s in the Bar at Compton Club at **8pm** on Friday 7th December. *Stoopid Cupid* was formed when Gordon Ayshford on bass joined David Haskins on guitar to work on a set of old cover versions. Belinda Haskins now joins them on the bongo drums! Their set presents an eclectic mix of songs from artists including Neil Sedaka, Connie Francis, Chubby Checker, Little Eva, The Searchers, the Everly Brothers, as well as less well-known names whose songs you will recognise. Come along and join in for a nostalgic evening of music and fun! Admission is FREE!
- **TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR COMPTON CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER!** Saturday 8th December – arrive at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £25 for adults, £12.50 for children under 10 years, and are available from the Club bar – to be paid in full on booking. *Make up a party with your friends!*
- **THE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on Friday 14th December, starting at 7.30pm. It is important for ALL members to attend this meeting, to learn the financial results for the past year, hear plans for the future, and to have your say about what you would like to see at the Club in the coming months.
- The Club's popular **CHRISTMAS BINGO** (7pm for 8pm start) will be held on Saturday 15th December and will be followed by the **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**, with a top prize of £100 cash plus many more prizes. If you want to join in, just come along on the evening, or come into the Club any evening and buy some raffle squares at £1 a go.
- **WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR FRIENDS** on Monday 31st December. The evening starts at 7pm and from 7.30pm to 8.30pm there will be music, fun and games for children of all ages. This will be followed by a Disco with music through the decades and a Grand Raffle. The evening ends at 12.30am. The cost is only £7.50 per adult and £3 per child up to and including 10 years. There is a Licensed Bar and everyone is invited to bring their own buffet food. Nibbles, party poppers, etc., will be provided. Dress code: smart party attire preferred. *Tickets are available from Compton Club on 01483 810268 or from Julia Foster on 01483 415023.*

GUILDFORD JAZZ IN DECEMBER

JAZZ AT (THE PAVILION) ST JOHN'S CHURCH, FARNCOMBE
"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
ALAN BARNES ALL STAR OCTET
Wednesday 19th December

A family night out that is also a treat for the jazz connoisseur. It will delight anyone who loves music or literature – or just Christmas!
This suite of pieces takes the audience through the characters and scenes of *A Christmas Carol*. Readings from the original Dickens tell the story, and after each scene eight virtuoso musicians bring the characters and scenes to life, switching from hilarity to pathos with a skill that would have done credit to Dickens himself!
St John's Church, Farncombe. Music from 7.30pm. Tickets £15 in advance (£5 for Under 16s) from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ
JACQUI HICKS QUINTET featuring MARTIN SHAW
Tuesday 11th December

One of the UK's finest jazz and soul vocalists, **Jacqui Hicks** is known for her work with Shakatak and Matt Bianco. For this special Christmas Jazz Café, she will be accompanied by one of the country's leading jazz trumpeters, **Martin Shaw**, who is equally at home playing trumpet and flugelhorn in a pop or classical setting.
Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £14, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.

FARNCOMBE MUSIC CLUB - MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

ANY COLOUR YOU LIKE – PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE
Saturday 8th December. This very popular Pink Floyd tribute is a fundraiser for the Trinity Trust Team youth project. A stunning sound and light show, supporting TTT's important work with young people in the Godalming area.
Tickets £14 in advance, £17 on the door

KOKOMO
Friday 14th December. British soul pioneers Kokomo built their reputation in the 1970s with awesome live shows. They make a welcome return to St John's Church which hosted a packed first reunion concert in 2014, after an incredible 30 years apart. The band features most of the original members and is grooving as well as ever!
Tickets £16 in advance, £19 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

★ ★ ★ **THINGS TO DO** ★ ★ ★

★ **CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR ANIMALS!** Everyone is invited to a short Carol Service, led by the Rev. James Rattue, Rector of St John's Farncombe, on Friday 28th December at 5pm at St Francis Church, Littleton, followed by a walk to Orange Court Farm, to sing carols to the sheep in the barn, and then back to the church for mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is most welcome, with children and friends. Contributions of mince pies, plates of small nibbles and soft drinks will be gratefully received. Wrap up warm, bring a lantern or torch, and wear appropriate footwear for the weather!



★ The Milford Branch of South West Surrey Conservative Association invite you to **CHRISTMAS CRACKER 2018** with entertainment for the whole family – including Musicians, Readers, Singers and a Mini-Pantomime. This will be held at Chimneys, Lower Moushill Lane, Milford (by kind permission of Baroness Bottomley) on Friday 7th December from 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. *Tickets are £15 to include mulled wine and mince pies, and are available from Jennifer Leigh on 01483 420025, jenniferl@leigh45.net.*

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



○ **THE BIG GIVE 2018** runs from Midday on Tuesday 27th November to Midday on Tuesday 4th December. G.F. and Mary Watts believed that art could overcome inequality and change lives. Inspired by their vision, Watts Gallery offers vulnerable and socially isolated people the chance to explore, make, exhibit and sell art. The result can be life changing. This important campaign raises over £50,000 for the Gallery's *Art for All* Learning Programme each year. During the Big Give week, donations must be made on the Big Give's webpages, using a debit or credit card. Every £1 donated will be matched by another £1, and Gift Aid can be claimed. The Hazelhurst Trust are providing the match funding for the seventh year running, for which the Gallery is truly grateful.

○ **AN EVENING WITH CAROL ANN DUFFY.** Friday 7th December, 7pm to 8pm. Tickets £30, Friends £27. Pre-booking required. Carol Ann Duffy is one of Britain's best-loved poets and playwrights. Appointed the first female Poet Laureate in 1999, she has written for both children and adults, receiving many awards for her work. In this special evening event, she will reflect on the writings of Christina Rossetti before reading from her own latest collection, *Sincerity*. Ticket includes a glass of white wine and 10% off the *Christina Rossetti: Poetry in Art* exhibition book, together with a book signing.

○ **CHRISTINA ROSSETTI IN SONG.** Saturday 15th December, 7pm to 8.30pm. Tickets £15, Friends £13.50. Pre-booking required. Singer **AMANDA PITT** performs a wide repertoire from opera to contemporary music. She has sung at many of the major London venues and around the world and has had many successful collaborations with the pianist David Owen Norris. Come and enjoy the festive spirit with *Love Came Down at Christmas* and *In the Bleak Midwinter*, along with other songs set by Christina Rossetti and her family and friends.

○ **Don't miss out!** Make use of the very generous 20% discount at the Gallery shop, valid up to Sunday 23rd December. Perfect for that last minute feeling of panic! Take along the voucher at the end of the NEWS to claim your discount.

Important News: In case you missed it last month, Gallery opening times have changed. 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

The new **LITTLETON VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL** was unveiled on Tuesday 6th November at St Francis Church. It is set in the roadside wall of the church and was constructed by local stonemason Chris Anstey of Anstey & Stone. It records the names of Littleton men killed in both World Wars. This account was written by Laurence McCraith, aged 8 years.



“On Tuesday the 6th of November, the Littleton war memorial was dedicated. It had 11 names on it. One of them was my ancestor Alfred White. I am very pleased he is on the memorial. I am proud of him because he fought bravely for our beautiful country. He died like so many others and that makes me feel sad. But when I went to Littleton, it didn't make me feel sad but pleased that he would be remembered alongside ten other courageous men.

It was a privilege to meet so many people at the dedication service. I was surprised when I was asked to lay the remembrance cross for Alfred White but when I laid the cross, I did it, not just in memory of him, but thinking of everyone, including German soldiers, who had died in the war.

Mummy read a poem called *The Western Front* by Alfred Noyes. My Grandad read it at a special service at Littleton in 2016. Sadly he passed away in February and I was thinking of him and my Great Nanny who is 93 and is Alfred White's niece. They would both have loved to have been there on this special day and I look forward to telling my Great Nanny all about it.

At the end of the service we showed pictures of Alfred White and family to some of those who came to the service. I could not believe we were in the same building where he had gone to school in the 1890s.

This was an important day for me and my family and I am so thankful to all the people who made this happen and for the hospitality of the village and the More-Molyneux family. I hope that I will be able to show others this memorial as I grow up, to keep the memory alive of those who died, from Littleton and every village, in every country, who fought in these terrible wars.”

MANE CHANCE SANCTUARY, MONKSHATCH – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS

* **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** at St Peter & St Paul Church, Godalming, on Sunday 9th December at 5pm. Actors **Martin Shaw** and **Jenny Seagrove** invite you to join them and other celebrity readers for the Service, where Shetland ponies from the Sanctuary will also be attending and there will be musical performances from Beau Dermott (from *Britain's Got Talent*), Damien Edwards and St Hilary's School Junior Choir. The Service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Octagon Room

* **NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK – 10am to 12 noon.** Whatever the weather, Mane Chance will be opening their gates on the morning of New Year's Day to enable you to walk around the Sanctuary, meet the rescue ponies and blow away the excesses of the festive season! Enjoy a bacon buttie (or veggie equivalent) with mulled wine or hot drink in the Barn. Dogs welcome on leads. Entry is £3 per adult, £1.50 per child over 5 – younger children and dogs FREE! Available on 01483 351526 or tickets@manechancesanctuary.org. Early bird discounts available if you book and pay in advance!

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR DECEMBER



SUNDAY 2nd – 6pm Advent Carols

SUNDAY 9th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

FRIDAY 14th – 2.15pm Eastbury Manor Nursing Home Carols; 3.45pm Robertson Nursing Home Carols

SUNDAY 16th – 10.30am Said Communion; 6.30pm Carol Service

WEDNESDAY 19th – 10.30am Said Communion

SUNDAY 23rd – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

MONDAY 24th – 4pm Crib Service and Christingle; 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

TUESDAY 25th – 8am Holy Communion (1662); 10am Sung Holy Communion

POST-CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

We have been unable to get a definitive answer to some recycling questions but based on last year, this is what we can assume. There will be an update in the January NEWS.

★ Guildford Borough Council has **CHRISTMAS TREE** recycling depots until Monday 14th January at **Artington Park & Ride** and **Onslow Village Hall Car Park**. Remember to remove all decorations.

★ **CHRISTMAS CARDS**. According to their website, **Sainsbury's in Godalming** is collecting Christmas cards until Wednesday 16th January, helping to raise funds for the Forest Stewardship Council. (No cards with glitter, please.) **Compo shoppers on Tuesday 8th and 15th might find this useful**. Apparently **Marks & Spencer** is not collecting cards this year.

★ If you have been keeping **USED STAMPS**, please let Jane Turner know, contact details at the top of the NEWS. She gives them to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and will collect.

★ There are bound to be **SURPLUS GIFTS** looking for a good home! Jane Turner will happily accept these to use in local raffles and for prizes, such as Compton Club and Compton Little Theatre. Again, she will collect.

★ Finally, **glitter can't be recycled**. A lot of Christmas wrapping paper and cards contain metal in the form of glitter or decoration and sadly this is unsuitable. Put it out with your refuse, not with the recycling.

➔ ➔ ➔ CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES ← ← ←

KD FINE ART at Watts Gallery: Close at 5pm on Sunday 23rd December and open again at 10.30am on Tuesday 1st January.

WATTS GALLERY, STUDIOS AT LIMNERSLEASE, SHOP AND TEA SHOP: Closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Open on New Year's Day.



STILL TIME FOR 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 DECEMBER

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

Sat 1st – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm

Tues 4th – Bell Ringing practice, Compton Church, 8pm

Wed 5th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Fri 7th – *Stoopid Cupid*, Compton Club, 8pm

Fri 7th – Christmas Cracker 2018, Chimneys, Milford, 7pm

Fri 7th – Carol Ann Duffy, Poet Laureate, Talk, Watts Gallery, 7pm

Sat 8th – Christmas Dinner, Compton Club, 7pm

Sat 8th – Pink Floyd Tribute, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm

Sun 9th – Carol Service for Mane Chance, St Peter & St Paul Church, Godalming, 5pm

Mon 10th – Coffee Morning Christmas Lunch

Tues 11th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Fri 14th – Compton Club Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm

Fri 14th – Kokomo, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm

Sat 15th – Bingo & Christmas Raffle, Compton Club, 7.30pm

Sat 15th – Christina Rossetti in Song, Watts Gallery, 7pm

Tues 18th – Bell Ringing practice, Puttenham Church, 8pm

Wed 19th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 19th *A Christmas Carol*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7.30pm

THURS 20th – DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY NEWS

Fri 28th – Christmas Carols for Animals, St Francis Church Littleton, 5pm

Sat 29th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm

Mon 31st – New Year's Eve party, Compton Club, 7pm

Tues 1st **JANUARY** – Mane Chance New Year Walk, 10am-12 noon