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COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

It's the time of year when **SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION ARE DUE**. They are unchanged again this year, at £4 per family or £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples. The donations generously included by many people, over and above this modest subscription, are very much appreciated. Whether you receive the NEWS by hand through your door, in the post or by email, your contribution is truly valued and very welcome. The Village Association is a non-profit organisation. It is responsible for the **Village Website**, working on **Village Projects** in conjunction with the Parish Council, organising the **Village Fete**, managing the **Minibus** in accordance with the joint venture agreement with the Watts Gallery, as well as producing a **Welcome Pack** for newcomers to the village, a useful **Guide to Local Services and Organisations** and of course the monthly NEWS itself. Last year, subscriptions were received from only 169 households. There are, however, over 400 in Compton alone, and more in Littleton who also receive the NEWS. Please support us and help us to continue supplying the Parish with what we hope are useful services and projects, all carried out by volunteers.

Payment methods:

- **Bank transfer to the CVA account: Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047. Please put your surname and initials as the reference.**
- **Use the form enclosed with this NEWS to send your subscription to the Treasurer, David Hunt, at Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF, or leave it with Ken Miller at The Old Barn.**
- **Leave the form with your subscription in an envelope with the person who delivers your NEWS. Grateful thanks, as always, to our team of dedicated volunteers who deliver the NEWS and will collect the subs. Please could they let me know if there are envelopes to collect from them.**

COMPTON FETE

SATURDAY 18TH MAY – 12 NOON TO 4.30PM

Our traditional village Fete, with nearly all the stalls and entertainment organised and run by local residents, has become a fixture in many people's diaries. As well as providing family entertainment, with lots of activities for children of all ages, and also for their parents, grandparents, friends and visitors, we raise money to support a number of village organisations and also one or two local charities. This is how you can help:

- **Save the date** and bring your family and friends.
- Can you, your business or your employer donate a prize for the **Grand Draw**, or else something (maybe a service) which we can use in the **Silent Auction**? Plans are in hand to make sure the Grand Draw this year is the biggest and best yet. Do you have any contacts you might ask to donate a prize? Or might you be able to donate something yourself? **Contact Miranda Wells at wellsmiranda@icloud.com or call her on 07989 441927 if you can help.**
- Buy or sell the **Grand Draw tickets**, which will be distributed with the April Compton NEWS – this is an easy way to contribute and you can win £200 or one of many other super prizes.
- **Help us on the day**, to set up, take down, run a sideshow or help on a stall. If you can spare a few hours on the day, you will be making a major contribution to the success of the Fete. **Contact Peter Barnett on shadowland@talktalk.net, 01483 419601.**

In next month's NEWS, we will be asking for items for the stalls including plants, bric-a-brac, bottles, books, cakes, preserves. Start stockpiling now!

We look forward to seeing you at another fabulous afternoon of fun and games on Saturday 18th May.

Drivers needed for Compo!

Compo continues to provide an invaluable service for the village but another driver is needed to help with the Tuesday morning runs to Godalming. There is a small team who each drive about once a month to Sainsbury's

and Waitrose but we need another. The bus is modern and easy to drive. If you can spare a small amount of time on a Tuesday morning once a month, please contact Jon Maslin at j_maslin@hotmail.com.

Handbell Ringing

Haven't you always wanted to ring Handbells? New recruits are wanted for a good team which practises on Wednesday evenings in Normandy Village Hall. It will help if you know a little bit about music-reading. It's good for the brain cells, socialising and giving pleasure to other people! *Contact 01483 538373 if you are interested or would like to know more.*

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GUILDFORD JAZZ IN MARCH

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION MOSCOW DRUG CLUB Wednesday 13th March

A curious musical place where certain elements of 1930s Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, Nuevo Tango and Gypsy Campfire meet, have a few drinks and stagger arm in arm into the darkness of some Eastern European cobbled street on a mission to find the bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Watts are having an after-hours jam with the local Tziganes. Combining their original material with songs by the likes of Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Tom Watts and Bertolt Brecht, **Moscow Drug Club** provide an intoxicating and intimate musical experience. You are cordially invited to share a wry smile as you enter the darkly comic world of **Moscow Drug Club**... this way please, and mind the stairs!

Advance booking recommended.

Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm. Tickets £15 in advance from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ TONY WOODS QUARTET Tuesday 19th March

A very welcome return to the Jazz Café from award-winning alto saxophonist Tony Woods, a recipient of awards for saxophone, outstanding performance and the soloist's prize at the Dunkirk International Jazz Festival. He has also performed at the Royal Festival Hall, the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Room, Pizza Express Jazz Club and Ronnie Scott's.

Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.

FARNCOMBE MUSIC CLUB - MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

BIG COUNTRY Saturday 2nd March

Scottish rock legends performing all their classic hits in this acoustic show which will almost certainly be one of the highlight gigs of 2019 – not just in Farncombe but anywhere! Over 75% of tickets already sold so be quick!

Tickets £25 in advance, £30 on the door.

FLEETWOOD BAC (FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE) Saturday 16th March

The show focuses on the 'Rumours' era of the band, still the 5th biggest-selling album of all time. It also features several songs from the Peter Green days, plus some of Stevie's biggest solo hits, in a theatrical two-hour show, including costume changes and an acoustic section. Over 50% of tickets already sold!

Tickets £18 in advance, £22 on the door.

TOM RUSSELL Saturday 30th March

Tom Russell is the best songwriter of his generation following Bob Dylan, and the greatest living folk-country songwriter. He is making his 10th appearance in Farncombe – a record by any act. His set will include songs from his new album *October in The Railroad Earth* which is released in March.

Tickets £22 in advance, £25 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

HAYDN – THE SEASONS

Godalming Choral Society are performing Haydn's **THE SEASONS**, conducted by Sam Hayes with soloists and instrumental ensemble, in the Hall at Charterhouse School on Sunday 7th April at 7.30pm. There will be a Bar beforehand and during the interval.

Tickets are £15 in advance from the Godalming Choral Society website <https://godalmingchoral.org.uk>, Record Corner in Godalming, or from the Box Office on 07505 203468. They will be £20 on the door.

VERDI - REQUIEM

The combined choirs of Blackheath & Bramley Choral Society and Kingston Orpheus Choir on their 75th Anniversary, with The Chameleon Arts Orchestra, Conductor David Condry, will be performing Verdi's glorious **REQUIEM** in Guildford Cathedral on Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £15 and £20, Concessions £8. Available from boxoffice.bbc@gmail.com or orpheustickets@hotmail.com

PHIL GORTON is very grateful to those who shared with him documents and information about their houses in Compton Parish to help him with his **HOUSE HISTORIES**. If you missed it last month, or meant to get in touch and didn't get round to it, please contact Phil on 01483 420763, phil.gorton@btinternet.com.



~~COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE~~ will not be putting on a summer show this year. Their next production will therefore be the Dinner & Drama in October. This will be **GHOST WRITER** by David Tristram, which will be directed by Robin and Jane Matthews

A theatre company decides to stage a new production of Hamlet, fronted by TV soap star Julian Dando, and backed by a cast of second-rate hams. At the last-night party is one Edward Pinfold, a promising young playwright and husband of the talented but tempestuous actress Ruby, who played Ophelia. Tragically, that very night, Ruby (a renowned reveller with a reputation for burning the candle at all three ends) is found dead in bed - an overdose of naughty pills and booze. The Theatre world went into a state of mourning that barely lasted into the afternoon.

One year later, however, Edward remains deeply affected. Unable to face the emotional torment of living in the house he shared with Ruby, he has moved into the attic room of one of his oldest actor friends, Alex. We join the story on the first anniversary of Ruby's death. Ruby returns 'from the other side' to get to the bottom of her death. She believes she was murdered and ropes Alex into finding out Who Dunit? She already has her suspects, she just needs to convince Alex that she isn't a figment of his imagination. The plot thickens and we unravel some great characters and reveal who is the murderer.

Put the dates in your diary now for a fun night out with a great comedy and dinner. Performances are on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October at 8pm each evening.

Auditions will be held on Sunday 9th June at 3pm in Compton Village Hall. There are some great parts in this production so if you are interested in auditioning, please contact Jane or Robin Matthews on 07860 551435, 07525 429299 or email Jane at jane@limelightportraits.co.uk. But if treading the boards is not your scene, why not get involved in another way? We are always keen to welcome new people to Compton Little Theatre whether on, behind or in front of our stage. To take your first step, just email info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk to let us know you are interested.

CALEB LOVEJOY'S ALMSHOUSE CHARITY: COTTAGE VACANCY FOR A SINGLE PERSON OF 55 YRS +

A one-bedroom, unfurnished, two-storey cottage will be available in Spring 2019. Situated close to Guildford town centre and within walking distance of the main line station, the cottage consists of a porch, lounge, kitchen, shower-room, upstairs bedroom and shared garden. A weekly maintenance charge is payable which includes heating, hot water, 24-hour emergency call system, communal lighting, water rates, gardening and window cleaning. Applicants must currently reside within Guildford Borough. May suit a retired person in receipt of Housing Benefit.

Further information is available at www.caleblovejoy.com.
Email enquiries to clerk@caleblovejoy.com or phone 07903 313201.

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➤ **LYNCHPIN THEATRE** presents a rehearsed reading of David Garrick's 18th century comedy **MISS IN HER TEENS**. "Sixteen... that's a ticklish age... I have observed she does not eat, nor she does not sleep; she sighs, and she cries, and she loves moonlight; these, I take it, are strong symptoms." Performances are on Friday 22nd March at Café Mila in Godalming and on Tuesday 26th March at the Electric Theatre in Guildford, both at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 for Café Mila and £11 for the Electric Theatre, available on the door or from www.tickets.visitguildford.com and the Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.

➤ **CLAY MODELLING MORNINGS/EVENINGS FOR EVERYONE**. Are you interested in making small items with 'air dry' clay such as tea light holders, dishes, animals, bowls, plaques, etc. The first one will be held in late March in the Compton/Godalming area – venue to be confirmed depending on numbers. Please contact Val to register your interest: 07745 909012.

➤ **LOOKING FOR HELP IN THE GARDEN NOW THAT SPRING IS IN THE AIR?** Local experienced and insured gardener brought up in Compton, has all his own power tools, available for weeding, clearing, digging and mowing. Also some small projects. *Call Joe for a free quote on 07894 439121.*



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR MARCH

SUNDAY 3rd – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong
WEDNESDAY 6th ASH WEDNESDAY – 7.30pm Holy Communion
SUNDAY 10th – 8am Holy Communion (1662)
SUNDAY 17th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion with Baptism
WEDNESDAY 20th – 10.30am Said Communion
SUNDAY 31st MOTHERING SUNDAY – 9.30am Sung Holy Communion

PARISH COUNCIL

Saturday 23rd March: ANNUAL LITTER PICK. The annual Compton Litter Pick starts at Compton Club at 10.30am and finishes there at mid-day for soup and rolls. Hi-viz jackets, litter pickers and bags will be provided but bring your own gloves and wear suitable footwear. Please join us and help to spruce up the Parish for the Spring.

Wednesday 10th April: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. Starting at 7pm in Compton Village Hall, the theme for the Annual Meeting this year is *The Future of Compton*. As always, there will be delicious refreshments and a great opportunity to network with neighbours and make decisions that will affect our lovely village. Come and help us shape our village for the future. *It would be helpful to know numbers for the catering. Please let Joanna Cadman know if you can come, details below.*

Thursday 2nd May: LOCAL ELECTIONS. The Parish Council term is four years, which will come to an end on 2nd May when local elections will be held for Parish and Borough seats. If you are interested in your village and its place in the Borough, and would like to be more involved, please contact the Clerk, Joanna Cadman, to find out more on 01483 268627 or joanna@joannacadman.com. Please give this some consideration. It is not an onerous job, being a Parish Councillor, but one that gives a great deal of satisfaction as it enables you to be part of the decision-making process regarding village matters and also to be involved in the bigger picture. In these challenging times, it is vital to have people to fight our corner and protect our interests. **The last day to put your name forward for election as a Parish Councillor is Wednesday 3rd April and this has to be done via a nomination form, available from the Clerk or from the Electoral Services Team at Guildford Borough Council.**

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 7PM IN PUCK'S OAK BARN.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

From March 1st this year, the **OPENING TIMES** of the Watts Gallery and the Studios at Limnerslease will be from 10.30am to 5pm, Tuesday to Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays. The Tea Shop, Visitor Centre & Shop and the Contemporary Gallery will be open from 10am to 5pm daily, including Bank Holidays. Free admission is now available to all under 18s. **NB: From March 1st, half price admission will no longer be offered every Tuesday but on Bank Holiday Mondays only.**



RAYMOND BOOTH (1929-2015): DETAILING NATURE. WATTS CONTEMPORARY GALLERY

This new exhibition opens on Friday 1st March and runs until Monday 22nd April. It combines exquisite paintings and studies to tell the little-known story of one of Britain's most accomplished botanical, wildlife and natural history artists. For the first time, artworks uncovered by Booth's long-time friend and exhibition co-curator, Peyton Skipwith (found when clearing his studio after his death) will be on public display. These works offer an insight into the practice and working life of a reclusive artist, a private man 'immersed in his own world of poetry, plant cultivation, and... natural history.' All works are for sale and admission is FREE.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. Friday 8th March. The Studios, Limnerslease. Free with admission. Friends Free.

Join curators and experts to discover more about women in the Watts' circle. Learn how local women artists continue to be inspired by Mary Watts, with talks, pop-up exhibitions and workshops.

11am	Mary Watts: Home and Studio – <i>Desna Greenhow</i>
12pm	Contemporary Artist Talk – <i>Mary Branson</i>
1pm	Christina Rossetti and her Circle – <i>Tessa Kilgarriff</i>
2pm	Women in G.F. Watts's Art – <i>Olive Maggs</i>
3pm	Women's Clothing through History – <i>Hilary Underwood and Marion May</i>
4pm	Evelyn De Morgan – <i>Sarah Hardy</i>
6pm	Mary Watts's Diary readings and poetry readings – <i>Sarah Hardy and guests</i>

BARBARA STROZZI: HER FATHER'S VOICE. Friday 8th March, 7pm to 8pm in Watts Gallery. Paid bar available from 6.45pm. Tickets £15, Friends £13.50. Pre-booking required

On the 400th anniversary of the composer Barbara Strozzi's birth, be transported to a palazzo in Venice, where Strozzi's father (an opera librettist) is holding his meetings. Gain an insight into what life was like for an independent female musician, living in a cosmopolitan city alive with art and intellectual debate, at a time when opera was becoming popular and women were commonly confined to lives of prayer or servitude. In this debut performance, *Wise Child Theatre* and *Fieri Consort* present an immersive theatre experience, exploring the early years of the life of Barbara Strozzi, a 17th-century Venetian woman who became one of the most prolific composers of her time.

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

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH

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

Sat 2nd – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 2nd – *Big Country*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm

Mon 4th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Fri 8th – Barbara Strozzi: Her Father's Voice, Watts Gallery, 6.45pm

Tues 12th – Bell Ringing Practice, Puttenham, 8pm

Wed 13th – Jazz at The Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 16th – Volunteer Open Morning, Watts Gallery Old Kiln, 11am-12pm

Sat 16th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 16th – *Fleetwood Bac*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm

Mon 18th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 19th – Bell Ringing Practice, Compton, 8pm

Tues 19th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Wed 20th – Parish Council meeting, Puck's Oak Barn, 7pm

Wed 20th – Deadline for the April NEWS

Fri 22nd – *Miss in Her Teens*, Café Mila, 7.30pm

Sat 23rd – Parish Litter Pick, Compton Club, 10.30am

Tues 26th – *Miss in Her Teens*, Electric Theatre, 7.30pm

Sat 30th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 30th – *Tom Russell*, St John's Church Farncombe, 7pm