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COMPTON FETE



SATURDAY

18TH MAY – 12 NOON TO 4.30PM

Yes, the day is

nearly here! Planning, organising, collecting items for

stalls, baking, sorting, are all in full swing. Some areas need more support than others so PLEASE do your best

to help:

▶ The **BOTTLE TOMBOLA** needs lots and lots of bottles, of all descriptions. Think outside the box! Jon Maslin needs these well in advance so that they can be sorted and labeled up so please don't leave it until the last minute! *Contact Jon on 429461. He will be happy to collect.*

▶ The **TEA TENT**, set up in Compton Club, is run by a small number of volunteers from Compton Little Theatre who would really appreciate offers of cup cakes, tray bakes, little sandwiches, biscuits. *Jo Ayshford, 07791 209408, joayshford56@gmail.com or Rhona Wilkie, 07827 303416, rhonawilkie@hotmail.co.uk, would appreciate knowing in advance if you are able to bring something along on the day. Anything that will go with a cup of tea!*

▶ A number of **STALLS AND SIDESHOWS** still need volunteers throughout the afternoon, particularly the Bouncy Castles for children and infants and this year the new Adult Bouncy Bungee Run! You can sign up on line at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044baba82cabfb6-compton> but if this looks a bit complicated and is out of your comfort zone, *do contact Miriam Morris on 07881 925656, morrisclare77@gmail.com.*

▶ Of course the **GRAND DRAW** is the most important feature of the Fete in terms of the money raised. Have you bought your tickets and returned the stubs and money to Ken Miller? Could you sell some more to your friends? You will see in the Fete programme, distributed with the May NEWS, the names of friends and supporters who have contributed prizes, which promises an amazing selection of truly magnificent prizes. *Miranda Wells on 07989 441927, wellsmiranda@icloud.com, is happy to supply more Grand Draw tickets. Please contact her.*

▶ Don't forget – if you have any special **MUSIC REQUESTS**, let Ken Miller know in advance on 07702 640767, speeds.ken@gmail.com so that he can programme them in to play during the afternoon.

▶ **DOG DISORDER** needs a number of 'dog wardens' to help with the races so stand by to give a hand towards the end of the afternoon.

▶ Of course a lot of help is needed to **SET UP IN THE MORNING, TAKE DOWN IN THE EVENING** and help with **CAR PARKING**. A regular team of energetic enthusiasts turns out to do an amazing job but there are never enough hands so if you would like to join them, contact *Richard Paxton on 415390, paxtonrichard@gmail.com.*

THE AGREED ALLOCATION OF PROFIT FROM THIS YEAR'S FETE WAS REPORTED AT THE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION AGM:

Allotments - 50% of Plants & Produce

St Nicholas Church – 75% of Cakes & Preserves

Compton Club – 50% of Teas & Beer Tent

Fete Equipment - £500

Compton NEWS - £600

The balance will then be split as follows:

Village Hall 15%

Compton Club 15%

St Nicholas Church 25%

Allotments 10%

Compton Little Theatre 10%

Skillway, Godalming 25%

We look forward to welcoming everyone to another fabulous afternoon of fun and entertainment!

LOCAL THINGS TO DO

▶ **JANE AUSTEN BALL.** LynchPin Theatre invites you to party like it's 1799 at a Jane Austen Ball to be held at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming, on Friday 17th May, commencing at 7.30pm for 8pm. Enjoy a glorious Regency supper as actors bring to life the characters from Miss Austen's novels. Learn to dance like Regency folk as the 'Mistress of the Dance' gently guides you through the steps and learn about the 'language of fans' - all to live music of the period. Beginners welcome! Inspired by the Regency era, you can dress to impress if you choose and there are fabulous raffle prizes to be won throughout the evening. *Tickets are £35 (reductions for group bookings), available from Guildford Tourist Information: www.tickets.visitguildford.com, Tel 01483 444334.*

▶ **SAM KNIGHT AT BURROWS LEA.** On Saturday 25th May Burrows Lea Country House, Hook Lane, Shere GU5 9QG will be hosting a spectacular evening of music and food with Sam Knight. Sam is a young, dynamic singer who performs the classic swing hits from the Rat Pack Era, as well as Pop, Motown, Soul, Reggae and Rock n' Roll. Many people will remember his performance at Compton Club in February this year, which was a sell-out. **Tickets are £20 for an evening to sing, dance and have dinner in a beautiful setting at the top of the Surrey Hills.** They are available from 01483 205620 or email enquiries@burrowslea.org.uk.

The evening is in aid of the **HARRY EDWARDS HEALING SANCTUARY** at Burrows Lea which was founded in 1946 by the world-renowned spiritual healer Harry Edwards and is dedicated to promoting health and wellbeing through their spiritual healing service. You do not have to be ill to benefit from Spiritual Healing as it also supports good health and wellbeing. Find out more about Harry Edwards and Burrows Lea on <https://www.harryedwardshealing sanctuary.org.uk>

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➤ Are you looking for help with catering for a special occasion or an unexpected event? **KITCHEN SINK CATERING** offers inspired catering for every occasion – Paella Parties, Funeral Catering, Dinner Parties, Canapés, Afternoon Tea, Special Birthdays. **CATHERINE CLARK** is based in Guildford and is ready to help with suggestions and ideas. Contact her on 07532 208308, mail@kitchensynkcatering.co.uk or visit her website on www.kitchensynkcatering.co.uk.

➤ **SPECIAL CRUISES ON THE WEY & ARUN CANAL, LOXWOOD.** The first of the popular **Cream Tea Voyages** will be on Thursday 23rd May. These trips offer an opportunity to appreciate the beautiful West Sussex countryside while enjoying a cup of tea and delicious scones, cream and jam. The trips take approximately 1½ hours and depart at 2.15pm and 4.30pm. **Tickets cost £14 per person and should be booked in advance via the Trust website www.weyandarun.co.uk.**

➤ **GREYFRIARS VINEYARD.** You may have tasted one of their award-winning sparkling wines or simply seen their sign on the A31 Hog's Back on the way to Farnham, but **Greyfriars Vineyard** is now open for wine tastings and sales every Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm. There is no need to book. There are always wines to taste and their entire range of wines (14 at the last count) is available to buy by the bottle. They are also gearing up for a special Cellar Door Opening on Saturday 4th May between 10am and 4pm in honour of the first ever Surrey Day. They will be open for free tastings of their brand new wine release, a Sparkling Blanc de Noirs, and freshly baked local cakes by Esther from Mint Cakery, with all cake sales going to charity.

The vineyard, Compton's local, is also launching their popular programme of vineyard tours and tastings throughout the spring and summer with tours running twice a day, every Saturday from 27th April to 7th September. The tours are 90 minutes and cost £20 per person. This includes a relaxed walk through their beautiful vineyards, a discovery of how they make their sparkling wine, a tasting of multiple wines on their viewing deck overlooking the Surrey Hills, a souvenir tasting glass, and a 10% discount on their full range of wines. Advance booking is recommended but for last minute bookings do call the vineyard for availability. May's Tour dates are:

- Saturday 4 May – 11am or 2.30pm
- Saturday 11 May – 11am or 2.30pm
- Saturday 18 May – 11am or 1.15pm
- Saturday 25 May – 11am or 2.30pm

For more information on the tours and to book your place, visit their website at www.greyfriarsvineyard.co.uk, give them a call on 01483 813712, or pop in and see them anytime Tuesday to Saturday between 10am and 5pm.

➤ **BLUEBELL TIME.** Bluebells are a curiously British thing. The sight of masses of Bluebells is unique to the British Isles and now is the time to see them locally at Bunmore Woods, the Ridge Path below Mark Way, and along the North Downs Way from Watts Gallery to the Loseley estate. Take a walk in the sunshine to see this most British of natural sights and get to know our wild flowers. Bluebells have played an important role in Compton. Readers may remember the story of the Bluebells around the War Memorial after WW1: One year the local Girl Guides placed bluebells in jars on the memorial as several of them had lost their father in the War. Local residents, who were better off, moved them to the back of the Memorial and put theirs in the front. The mothers all collected at the Memorial and said their men were not at the back during the war, they were "at the front", so they moved the bluebells to the front of the Memorial again, where they belonged. Nothing more was said about it.

➤ **THE COMPTON PHONE BOX** has been making headline news not just locally, but nationally as well! It now has its own Instagram account – #comptonphonebox – so you can read about its history and keep up to date with the latest designs!

➤ **PARKINSON'S UK** is holding its annual Guildford Cathedral abseil on Saturday 18th May from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Each year, the event raises vital funds and awareness for Parkinson's to continue to find better treatments and a cure whilst supporting those living with the condition. If the thought of descending 160 thrilling feet is not really your cup of tea, do think of supporting them. *Visit their website at www.parkinsons.org.uk to donate to this excellent cause, close to many of us. For more information phone 020 7963 3912 or email fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk.*

JAZZ AT THE PAVILION
FREDDIE GAVITA & ALEX GARNETT QUINTET
"BLOWIN' THE BLUES AWAY"
Wednesday 8th May

Trumpet player **FREDDIE GAVITA**, winner of the 2017 British Jazz Awards, and **ALEX GARNETT**, one of the leading saxophonists in the UK and mainland Europe for over two decades, present their tribute to the iconic Horace Silver album, *Blowin' The Blues Away*. Described as "one of Horace Silver's all-time Blue Note classics... one of Silver's finest albums, and it's virtually impossible to

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ
GABRIEL LATCHIN QUINTET
"THE MOON AND I" TOUR
Tuesday 28th May

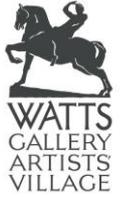
Pianist and composer **GABRIEL LATCHIN** will be playing as part of the tour for his new release *The Moon and I*. Taken from a lyric in Hubbell and Golden's *Poor Butterfly*, the title is a tip of the hat to the opening tune he performed recently at Wigmore Hall with Christian McBride and Renee Fleming.

dislike”, this classic LP includes the well-known tracks *Peace* and *Sister Sadie*.
Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm.
Tickets £15 in advance from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

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

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

TWO EXHIBITIONS CURRENTLY ON VIEW IN THE GALLERY



★ **MOONSCAPES** until Sunday 23rd June in the main Gallery. In the 50th anniversary year of the first moon landing, this exhibition explores the fascination that artists and scientists have long had with the earth's closest cosmic neighbour. Bringing together dramatic moonlit landscapes by William Holman Hunt, symbolist paintings of moon goddesses by Evelyn De Morgan, some glorious paintings of moonscapes by Abraham Pether and his sons Sebastian and Henry, and with early lunar photography, this exhibition explores the full artistic inspiration that 19th-century artists found in the moon.

See the *Orrery Planetary Model* by W & S Jones, on loan from the Science Museum, London; the *Cosmoscope* by Simeon Nelson, Rob Godman and Nick Rothwell, a colossal light and sound sculpture on the front lawn. Begun in 2016, *Cosmoscope* was part of a major interdisciplinary research project by leading biomedical, astro and experimental physicists at UCL, Oxford and Durham; and the stunning and beautiful *Moon Cabinet*, an intricate piece of craftsmanship by Rupert Senior.

★ **JOURNEYS IN THE HOLY LAND: ALEXANDER CRESWELL** until Sunday 9th June in the Contemporary Gallery. This new collection of small watercolours are on show for the first time. Creswell's work has been likened to JMW Turner and David Roberts but his fluency with light is quite his own. All artworks are for sale.

EVENTS, TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

MOON JARS

Saturday 11th | 10am - 5pm | £90 | Friends £81 |
Foyle Learning Studio | Pre-booking required

Moon jars are traditional Korean porcelain ceramic vessels, so called because of their shape and milky glaze. Join potter **José Carvalho** in this day-long workshop exploring the history and techniques of the Moon Jar, learn more by hand-building in terracotta before moving on to glaze and decorate a bespoke, hand-thrown porcelain Moon Jar to keep.

ALEXANDER CRESWELL: THE ARCHITECTURE OF FAITH AND JOURNEYS IN THE HOLY LAND

Wednesday 15th | 7pm | £12.50 | Friends £11.25 | Watts Gallery
| Age 13+

Travel is an essential part of Creswell's work and his current Watts Contemporary exhibition, *Journeys in the Holy Land*, is a celebration of his recent trips to Jerusalem and the Holy Land. This evening will provide an insight into these journeys and the astonishing watercolour paintings he went on to produce.

WATTS LATE:

TO THE MOON AND BACK

Saturday 25th | 11am - 9pm | All
activities free with admission

The Gallery will be open until 9pm as part of *Museums at Night*, the UK-wide festival of *Lates* in museums and galleries.

See the exhibition, enjoy supper under the stars and join in for inspiring talks, activities and demonstrations by artists and space scientists.

MAY HALF TERM

Saturday 25th to Sunday 2nd June

Let your imagination take you to the Moon and back this Half Term. Make your own lunar landscape in creative workshops and hear stories from many moons ago. **Lunar Lanterns.** 25th May to 2nd June. 10am-4pm. Drop in. All Ages. Free with admission. *Decorate a paper lantern inspired by the surface of the Moon using collaged tissue paper and sequins.*

Many Moons Ago. Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June. 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm. Free with admission. Pre-booking advised. Recommended for under 5s. *A magical interactive storytelling session with moon-gazer Olivia Armstrong.*

Lunar Landscape Animation. Tuesday 28th to Sunday 2nd June. 10.30am-2.30pm & 2pm-4pm. £9.50 per child. Friends £8.55. Pre-booking required. Ages 8-12. *Make miniature models to create a group animation of an imaginary moon landing*

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

FARNCOMBE MUSIC CLUB - MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

BOWIESQUE

DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE

Friday 17th May

Bowiesque are a 5-piece live band who faithfully recreate all the hits and choice album cuts to deliver a true David Bowie tribute experience that will never be forgotten. Expect to hear *Space Oddity*, *Ziggy Stardust*, *Fame*, *Heroes*, *Let's Dance*, *China Girl* and many other Bowie classics.

CHRIS DIFFORD

Friday 31st May

Chris Difford (Squeeze) makes a much requested return to Farncombe following his triumphant concert to a packed audience in 2018, which saw him perform many of his numerous hits with Squeeze including *Take Me I'm Yours*, *Up the Junction*, *Goodbye Girl*, *Tempted*, *Labelled with Love* and *Cool for Cats*, alongside his own solo material and stories.

Tickets £16 in advance, £19 on the door.

Tickets £18 in advance, £22 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

PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting, held on 10th April, was well attended by approximately 50 people.

✦ **Pete Graham** chaired the evening on behalf of the Parish Council. He informed the meeting that **Chris Sharples** has been nominated to receive a **Mayor’s Award for Services to the Community** because of all he does, voluntarily and with little fanfare, to enhance the look of the village and make people smile. The meeting warmly congratulated Chris.

✦ **Alistair Burtenshaw**, Director of Watts Gallery, updated everyone on Gallery plans and events, including exciting news about the installation of Watts’s monumental bronze sculpture **Physical Energy** which will soon be erected on the edge of the slip road from the A3 southbound into Compton.

✦ **Fiona Curtis**, a former Chairman of Compton Parish Council, made a special trip from her home in Suffolk to give an excellent, if depressing, presentation on Guildford’s Local Plan and the impact of the proposed development of 1,800 houses on Blackwell Farm, an area of Green Belt to the north of the Hog’s Back and partly in Compton Parish.

✦ Everyone enjoyed a delicious supper supplied by **Sophie Ford** of Coombe Cottage, Compton, whose catering business **Scrumptious Catering** can be found at www.scrumptious-catering.co.uk. You can contact Sophie on 01483 811009, 07787 547948 or email sophie@scrumptious-catering.co.uk, to discover how she can take the stress out of your party or fill your freezer with family favourites or some more unusual Scrumptious signature dishes.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE THE AGM ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY, 7PM IN PUCK’S OAK BARN.



You may have noticed that Compton Little Theatre are not putting on a summer production in June this year. However, they are not idle! They will be holding a **STAGE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP** in Compton Village Hall on Saturday 11th May from 2pm to 5pm. This is open to everyone who is curious to know what happens in the build up to a production and would like to

learn more. Run by **Jo Ayshford**, CLT’s Stage Manager supremo, the behind-the-scenes secrets will be revealed. No experience is necessary. **Contact Jo on 07791 209408, joayshford56@gmail.com, if you would like to take part.**

The **AUTUMN DINNER & DRAMA** is already in the pipeline. **GHOST WRITER** by David Tristram will be directed by Robin and Jane Matthews. **Auditions** are on Saturday 9th June in the Village Hall at 3pm and performances are on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday 5th October. **Contact Jane on 07525 429299, jane@limelightportraits.co.uk, if you would like to be involved.**

CLT welcome all their friends and supporters to an evening of **BARBECUE AND KARAOKE** in Compton Village Hall on Saturday 29th June. Details to follow in the June NEWS but make a note in your diaries.

A MILESTONE FOR THE COMPTON NEWS. Did you notice that this is the 350th issue of the Compton NEWS? Happy Birthday to us all! The first issue was May 1988 when the Editor was Les Williams who lived in Spiceall. Those were the days before computers and a humble typewriter was all that was needed. Les handed over to Jane Turner in October 1995 and she has been in the driving seat ever since. That first issue reported Scouts and Cubs, the idea for a village Minibus which came to be known as *Compo*, the Fete on 9th July, a report of Compton Little Theatre’s production of their pantomime *Sinbad the Sailor* which was to be followed by the summer production of *My Three Angels* (repeated in 2018), British Legion Bowls, and the subscription to Compton Village Association of 60p per person or £1 per household! Other activities in the village included Dance Club, Darby & Joan, Red Cross, Young Foresters, Bingo, Women’s Institute, “Meet Your Neighbour”, Youth Club, Mobile Library, Car Boot Sale. In those early days, the NEWS didn’t always appear regularly and was only distributed in the village itself. Now 500 copies are printed every month and it goes out to the whole of Compton Parish – Priorsfield Road, Priorswood, Priors Hatch Lane, Monkshatch, Down Place, Blackwell Farm and Jackson’s Corner, as well as Littleton village – and 430 are sent out on email, even as far as New Zealand. How times change!



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR MAY

SUNDAY 5th – 9.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong

SUNDAY 12th – 8am Holy Communion (1662)

WEDNESDAY 15th – 10.30am Said Holy Communion

SUNDAY 19th – 10.30am – Sung Holy Communion

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

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

Sat 4th – Cellar Door Opening, Greyfriars Vineyard, 10am-4pm

Tues 7th – Bell Ringing Practice, Compton, 8pm

Wed 8th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 8th – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 11th – Moon Jars, Watts Gallery, 10am-5pm

Sat 11th – Stage Management Workshop, Village Hall, 2pm-5pm

Fri 17th – Jane Austen Ball, Wilfrid Noyce Centre, 7.30pm

Fri 17th *David Bowie Tribute*, St John’s Farncombe, 7pm

Sat 18th – Compton Village Fete, 12pm-4.30pm

Sat 18th – Parkinson’s Abseil, Guildford Cathedral

Mon 20th – Deadline for the May NEWS

Wed 22nd – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Sat 25th – Sam Knight at Burrows Lea

Mon 13th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am
Tues 14th – Bell Ringing Practice, Puttenham, 8pm
Wed 15th – Alexander Creswell talk, Watts Gallery, 7pm

Sat 25th Watts Late, Watts Gallery 11am-9pm
Tues 28th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm
Fri 31st – *Chris Difford*, St John's Farncombe, 7pm