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## COMPTON FETE

What an amazing day! Perfect weather. Large crowds throughout the afternoon enjoying all the attractions and sampling the food and drink. Things to buy, things to win, things to make, things to join in. Never a dull moment, and at the end of the day about 100 helpers went home, happy and exhausted! And then to crown it all, the profit for the afternoon was a record! **Subject to a few minor changes, the amazing sum of £11,522 was the result.** (The previous record was £11,244 in 2014.) A number of new stalls and attractions added to the fun – Bungee Bouncer, Maggot Racing and a Greyfriars Vineyard stand selling their delicious Sparkling Rosé. Many stalls made a record amount. Among them, Jon Maslin would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Bottle Tombola which surpassed itself this year.

Here are the details, with last year's figures in brackets. Figures in **bold underlined** indicate a record for that particular stall.

Grand Draw – £1,866 (£1,315)	Barbecue – £699 (£577)	Coconut Shy – £148 (£76)
Plants & Produce – £1,631 (£1,417)	Books & Music – £568 (£460)	Bits & Pieces – £125 (£187)
Cakes – <b><u>£1,099</u></b> (£682)	Silent Auction – £500 (£190)	Compton Little Railway – £96 (£119)
Beer Tent – <b><u>£1,027</u></b> (£519)	Pimms – £338 (£348)	Bat-a-Rat - £62
Teas – £932 (£801)	Greyfriars Wine - <b><u>£306</u></b>	Face Painting – £60 (£165)
Tombola – <b><u>£818</u></b> (£380)	Bouncy Castles – <b><u>£270</u></b> (£114)	Maggot Racing - <b><u>£48</u></b>
Bric-a-Brac – £775 (£1,084)	Hoop-La - £266 (£292)	Nail Painting - <b><u>£30</u></b>
Ice creams – £724 (£701)	Pick-a-Card – £210 (£200)	

*As agreed at the Village Association Annual General Meeting, this will be distributed approximately as follows, depending on any further income received:*

St Nicholas Church - £2,775	Compton Club - £2,150	Compton Allotments - £1,596
Village Hall - £1,170	Compton Little Theatre - £780	Compton NEWS - £600
Fete Equipment - £500	Skillway, Godalming - £1,951	

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE – FOR PLANNING, FOR ORGANISING, FOR HELPING, FOR COMING, FOR ENJOYING - AND IN PARTICULAR, TO THE FETE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PETER BARNETT.**

***NOTE FOR NEXT YEAR'S DIARY – COMPTON FETE WILL BE ON SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020***

### INTERNET PROBLEMS IN SPICEALL

Do you live in Spiceall and have you been having problems with the Internet dropping out on a daily basis, for nearly a year now? It has been slowly getting worse and after many visits from SKY and BT Openreach, the issue has been narrowed down to interference – or, as they call it, RAIN and/or SHINE. Normally the experts would wander around with a gadget and would be able, somehow, to track which house is causing the issue. In Spiceall's case, the interference is very short lived – maybe a minute or two, but this is enough to knock off the internet for up to 10 minutes. This means the teams are really struggling to pinpoint the house. They believe it is being caused by a faulty power adapter. There is a regular drop time between 7.15am and 7.45am, and then at other times during the day.

Openreach has asked the residents of Spiceall to gather information as to how far through the village this issue extends and also to ask if anyone can think of an electronic device they turn on regularly during these times and slightly later at weekends. The power source causing this issue will be faulty and in the past this has proved to be a fire source so it would be good for the owner to identify it and have it repaired or replaced. Often they are cheap copies of phone chargers, for example.

An email address has been set up for people to respond with any information they have, about the times their Internet goes down or any appliance they switch on regularly at the times in question. Please include your house name or number and postcode. If the faulty appliance can be identified, it might save the owner from a bigger problem in the future!

**THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS [COMPTONINTERNETISSUES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:COMPTONINTERNETISSUES@GMAIL.COM).**

**NEED GARDEN HELP NOW THAT SUMMER IS HERE? [JD GARDEN SERVICES](#) offers Strimming, Lawn Mowing, Clearing, Weeding, Pruning, Light Landscapes, Mulching, Topiary – and taking away garden rubbish!**

Joe Drummond is professional, hard-working and competent. Contact him on 07894 439121, [joedrummond@ymail.com](mailto:joedrummond@ymail.com).

**DUNSBOROUGH PARK** in Ripley will be opening its gates for the National Garden Scheme on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm to 4pm, showcasing roses and summer bedding with the beautiful long Rose Walk boasting wonderful David Austin roses, e.g. Queen of Sheba, Brother Cadfael, the Alnwick rose, Gertrude Jekyll and Cecile Brunner, to name a few – as well as the scented Bourbon roses. Also on show will be the wonderful blue and white herbaceous borders and other points of interest are the Old Romantic Biloba hedge and the beautiful tranquil Water Garden with folly bridge. The Sweets family have generously offered this day in memory of Nick Eyles to raise money for the Prostate Project, which assisted in the funding of the new Urology Department at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. **Entrance is £7 for adults, children Free.**

◆ ◆ **SPECIAL CRUISES ON THE WEY & ARUN CANAL, LOXWOOD** ◆ ◆

◆ The first evening cruise of the season is **PICNIC & PIMMS SUNSET CRUISE** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm to 10pm. This offers passengers the opportunity to experience a leisurely summer evening trip on the canal, sipping a glass of Pimms and tucking into a delicious individual picnic. *Tickets cost £21 per person and must be booked in advance.*

◆ **FATHER'S DAY BACON BUTTY BRUNCH TRIP** is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 9.45am to 12 noon. *Tickets are £14 for adults and £10 for children, bookable on line.*

*Bookings can be made online via the Trust website [www.weyandarun.co.uk](http://www.weyandarun.co.uk). For further information contact The Wey & Arun Canal Trust Office on 01403 752403, [office@weyandarun.co.uk](mailto:office@weyandarun.co.uk).*

**JAZZ AT THE PAVILION**  
**MATT WATES SEXTET**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

A firm believer that music should regain the swiny melody it once held, **Matt Wates** leads his sextet with seamless harmony, delivering perfect jazz notes with humour and evident pleasure. He maintains that jazz should be fun to listen to as well as to perform. And with this band, it certainly is! Advance booking highly recommended. *Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm. Tickets £15 in advance from [www.guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk).*

**ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ**  
**SHERYL BAILEY QUARTET**  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

US guitar virtuoso **Sheryl Bailey** has been described as “a sizzling guitar goddess” and “one of the most compelling tones of her generation”. She is now Professor at Berklee College of Music and at The Collective in New York. Sheryl is appearing for one night only at the Jazz Café, alongside **David Gordon** on piano, **Marianne Windham** on bass and **Paul Cavaciuti** on drums. Not to be missed!  
*Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.*

**WATTS GALLERY NEWS**

★ There is still time to see **MOONSCAPES** which runs until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the main Gallery, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the first moon landing in 1969.

★ This will be followed by an exhibition of work by **JOHN FREDERICK LEWIS** (1804-1876), which opens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July and runs until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This monographic exhibition will feature a wide variety of the vivid and detailed paintings and drawings the artist created during his travels throughout Europe and the Middle East. More details next month

★ Alexander Creswell's stunning exhibition **JOURNEYS IN THE HOLY LAND** runs until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June in the Contemporary Gallery. This will be followed by **ART FOR ALL** (in the Contemporary Gallery and the Old Kiln) from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. This exhibition celebrates the art made by members of the *Art for All* programme throughout the year. See inspiring work, hear stories of individuals from Surrey-based community groups and prisons participating in the programme, and purchase original art.



**EVENTS, TALKS AND WORKSHOPS**

**SHAKESPEARE AND THE MOON**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm. Watts Gallery  
Age 16+. Tickets £12.50. Friends £11.25.

Drawing inspiration from the Moonscapes exhibition, writer **DR DANIEL SWIFT** will explore some of the Moon's appearances in Shakespeare's plays, focusing particularly on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in which the moon is worshipped as a goddess and yet also brought on-stage as a badly-dressed character.

**MEET & MAKE: TEXTILES**  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 11am to 4pm. Clore Learning Studio  
Ages 13-17. Tickets £25. Friends £22.50

Meet textile artist **NORMA KENNEDY** and create a moonscape felted artwork using the *nuno* felting technique. Use wool fibers combined with fragments of lace, silk and yarn to create a lightweight textural fabric that will simulate lunar effect surface texture and pattern.

*For information about events and to book tickets, phone 01483 813593 or visit [www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk)*

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Bonfires are something of a necessary evil but for those who suffer from asthma or breathing problems, they can be more incapacitating than just a simple nuisance. They are also a health risk as the smoke is known to be carcinogenic. Please be aware of your neighbours and if you do have to light a bonfire, try to avoid weekends,

make sure it's well away from other houses and the wind is in the right direction. Don't leave them smouldering for long periods or overnight. Spread a little neighbourly love!

**THE REV CAROLINE BURNETT**

**PRIEST IN CHARGE OF THE UNITED BENEFICE OF COMPTON WITH SHACKLEFORD AND PEPE HAROW**

Caroline announced to the congregation in St Nicholas church, Compton, that she will resign from her position in September this year. Here is what she said:

"I'm sad to be announcing that I have resigned from the role of Priest in Charge of Compton with Shackleford and Peper Harow.

I came here six years ago after a demanding time, both personally and professionally, in the two parishes where I'd served since my ordination in 2003. Since being here there have been further personal demands, including the death of my mother, which have left me feeling separated by distance from family and friends. I feel the need now to establish a place where Tim and I can live that I can call home permanently.

I will continue to serve here until the end of September and my last service will be at St Nicholas Compton on 29<sup>th</sup> September when we celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels, to whom the upper sanctuary in this beautiful church is dedicated.

This will be a long goodbye, but I will say now how much I have valued the love and support you have all shown."



◆ Compton Little Theatre will be performing **LAST TANGO IN SHERE VILLAGE** by David Tristram at Burrows Lea Country House, Hook Lane, Shere GU5 9QG on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. *Shere Village Amateur Dramatic Society is in trouble. The membership has dwindled to four – the audiences aren't much bigger – and if they don't come up with some rent money soon, they're going to be thrown out. "There's only one thing that sells tickets these days," argues Gordon the Chairman. "Sex". Thus begins the chaotic and hilarious build-up to an evening of extraordinary home-grown drama – an evening the locals would never forget!* **Tickets are £28 per person, which includes supper. To book, call 01483 205620 or email [enquiries@burrowslea.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@burrowslea.org.uk).**

◆ Auditions for the **AUTUMN DINNER & DRAMA** will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm in Compton Village Hall. **GHOST WRITER** by David Tristram is a mystery/thriller and will be directed by Robin and Jane Matthews. The cast consists of 3 males and 3 females. Performances are on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October. *Edward is a promising young playwright and husband of the talented but tempestuous actress Ruby. Tragically, Ruby is found dead in bed: an overdose of naughty pills and booze. A year later, Edward remains deeply affected and has moved into the attic room of one of his oldest actor friends, Alex, who is gay. We join the story on the first anniversary of the death of Ruby Pinfold. May she rest in peace. Contact Jane on 07525 429299, [jane@limelightportraits.co.uk](mailto:jane@limelightportraits.co.uk), if you would like to be involved, either on stage or behind the scenes. Lots of help is needed for CLT's Dinner & Drama productions.*

◆ And finally – join CLT for an evening of **BARBECUE AND KARAOKE** in Compton Village Hall on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 4pm to 11pm. Bring your own BBQ food and a picnic chair if you want to sit outside. Salads, bread, desserts, condiments, paper plates and plastic cutlery will be provided and there will be a Cash Bar. The BBQ will be up and running by 4.30pm and the Karaoke from 6.30pm. Bring your friends and come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter!

**GODALMING MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS**

**COMPTON ARTISTS** until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. These artists are all members of a dynamic art class who meet in Compton Village Hall under the leadership of Ronnie Ireland. The members have diverse approaches to their subject matter, choice of media and style, which provides stimulation and new ideas.



**NANCY WILKS – GODALMING: AROUND AND ABOUT.** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Busbridge resident Nancy Wilks' third exhibition at Godalming Museum reflects a long-standing affection for the town. Her vibrant pastels convey a strong sense of place, catching the essence of the moment and highlighting something special – an unexpected view, the play of light, the changing seasons.

Nancy will hold **MEET THE ARTIST** sessions on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 10am to 12pm and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2pm to 4pm, at the Museum. At the same time, in the adjoining Arts and Crafts Gallery, there will be a small display called **I CREATE ART**. This is a local, after-school, art club for children aged 7-11. The Club's aim is to inspire children to start on a lifelong journey of creating art.

**CLAY MODELING FOR ALL**

Have fun making small ornaments, animals, jewellery, tea light holders and other novelty items with Vali, a mature, experienced facilitator for Creative Arts. All materials are provided and the clay needs no kiln.

Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm to 3pm at The Holistic Horse & Pony Centre, Rydings Farm, Ockham GU23 6PF. One session is £10, or pay for all four for £30. **For information and to book contact**

### PARISH COUNCIL

- Compton Parish Council held its annual meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May and were very pleased to welcome new councillor **Julia Palca**, who lives in the Avenue. With six councillors now in place (**Julia, Alistair Burtenshaw, Peter Graham, Ramsey Nagaty, Kanak Patel** and **Chris Sharples**) there is one vacancy and enquiries are welcome from anyone who is interested in their village and would like to contribute to making a difference. To learn more, contact Joanna Cadman, the Clerk, at [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com).
- Following the Borough Council's adoption of the Local Plan, the Parish Council held a further, extraordinary, meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May to discuss Richard Kimblin QC's assessment of Compton PC's case and his advice that there were three grounds for a legal challenge. These grounds are in relation to the Blackwell Farm site allocation and Policy P2 (specifically Main Modification 9, which permits "infill" development outside settlement boundaries). Members agreed to proceed to a legal challenge in order to protect the Parish and further details will be made public once the claim has been filed.
- Guildford Borough Council have undertaken a further review of the air quality in the AQM area in The Street and are of the opinion that it would be improved if cars are prevented from turning right into Down Lane from the direction of the village, using instead the roundabout at Compton Nurseries and turning left into Down Lane.
- The Parish Council's handyman will lay the new path to the playground in the next month, which will improve access in wet weather. Work will also be done to tidy the trees on the common in June.

**THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 7PM IN PUCK'S OAK BARN.**

### COMPTON VILLAGE HALL

- The Village Hall Management Committee was delighted to welcome **three new Trustees** at their AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Bridget Bagnall, Marc Silver** and **Ian Timberlake** were elected and will make a significant contribution to the existing team of **Richard Paxton** (Chairman), **Jane Turner** (Deputy Chairman & Minutes Secretary, representing the Village Association), **Jo Ayshford** (representing Compton Little Theatre), **Gaye Elvidge** (representing St Nicholas Church) and **Peter Graham** (representing the Parish Council). Sarah and David Baskerville have now moved out of the village and will step down in due course from their roles of Bookings Secretary and Treasurer respectively but have indicated they are happy to continue until replacements for these roles have been found. Jo Ayshford will take over as Bookings Secretary in September. The Baskervilles were warmly thanked for their enormous contribution to the running of the Hall since they were first involved. Sarah took over Bookings in 1995 and added this to the Secretary's role in 2010. David became Treasurer in 2004. Between them they have given a total of 39 years to the management of the Hall!
- **The Hall will be redecorated**, inside and out, during the summer. The work will be carried out in two phases, between 22<sup>nd</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> August, and then 13<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August. It was last redecorated five years ago, in 2014.

### MANE CHANCE SANCTUARY

#### BOOST FROM NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND AND ITV'S THE PEOPLE'S PROJECTS

**MANE CHANCE SANCTUARY** at Monkshatch is celebrating a significant **£50,000** boost to its income, thanks to *The People's Projects*, a collaboration of The National Lottery Community Fund and ITV. Public voting on the campaign over recent weeks was a resounding YES for Mane Chance and the cheque was presented at the Sanctuary on 18<sup>th</sup> April, much to the delight of actress Jenny Seagrove, the founding Trustee of the charity, who was there to receive it.

*Mane Chance* was founded in 2011 and is home to 31 rescued horses. Set in 67 acres of rolling countryside in Compton, it also provides a vital stress management resource to the local community through its programme *Chance2Be*, improving the lives of many people of all ages. The ground-breaking success of *Chance2Be* is underpinned by the rehabilitation of the herd who are gently encouraged to learn to trust humans again and to work with visitors from the local community, who benefit from the peace and confidence they get by spending time with these horses.

The £50,000 donation means that *Mane Chance* can now purchase a much-needed minibus, enabling the team to offer transport to members of the local community who otherwise couldn't reach them.

The charity relies heavily on the help of local volunteers and is always pleased to hear from people interested in helping out. **For further details, contact Abi Smart on [abi@manechancesanctuary.org](mailto:abi@manechancesanctuary.org), 01483 351526.**



#### **ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR JUNE**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Evensong

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>** – 8am Holy Communion (1662)

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am – All-Age Communion with Baptism

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup>** – 10.30am Said Holy Communion

#### **DIARY DATES FOR JUNE**

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

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Puttenham Village Fete, Jubilee Field, 1pm-4pm**

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Bell Ringing Practice, Compton, 8pm

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30 for 8pm

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Dunsborough Park, Ripley, Open Gardens in aid of the Prostate Project, 12pm-4pm

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Auditions for CLT's *Ghost Writer*, Compton Village Hall, 3pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – *Shakespeare and the Moon*, Watts Gallery, 7pm

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – CLT's *Last Tango in Shere Village*, Burrows Lea, 7.30pm

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for the July NEWS**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – *Meet & Make: Textiles*, Clore Learning Studio, Limmerslease, 11am-4pm

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Bell Ringing Practice, Puttenham, 8pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Jazz at the Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – CLT's BBQ and Karaoke, Compton Village Hall,  
7.30pm