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The Village Association is a non-profit organisation and is responsible for many village publications and services:

- Village Website
- Village Projects in conjunction with the Parish Council
- Village Fete
- Managing the minibus, Compo, in accordance with the joint venture agreement with the Watts Gallery
- Welcome Pack for newcomers to the village
- Guide to Local Services and Organisations. A new one will be out soon
- Compton NEWS. Whether you receive the NEWS by hand through your door, in the post or by email, your contribution is truly valued and very welcome.

PAYMENT METHODS

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- Use the form enclosed with the News - either a printed copy or electronic if you receive this by email - to send your subscription to the **Treasurer, David Hunt**, at **Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF**. Cheques payable to **Compton Village Association**.



CLT QUIZ IS BACK IN 2024. Following the success of last year's quiz night to raise funds for **COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE**, the team has decided to hold another. The Village Hall opens its doors at 7.30pm for an 8pm start on **Saturday 2 March**. Teams are a maximum of six. Tickets for the evening are £10 per person.

It includes dinner as well as some fiendishly tricky questions, for sinking your literal and figurative teeth into. Last year's quiz sold out fast so early booking is advised. Let CLT know by sending an email to info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk or phone 07827 303416 to book your place.

Tickets are still available for **SLEEPING BEAUTY**, on 11-13 January 2024. The panto promises to deliver plenty of puns, a dame, bad and good fairies, a handsome prince and a fair maiden, plus hapless sidekicks. All good family fun so do book tickets soon. Performances: Thursday 11, Friday 12 and Saturday 13 January 2024 at 7.45pm plus a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are £12 per person and are available via tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk and www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt.

THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS. RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF A PAST AGE, BY RICHARD JEFFERIES

This little book has been flying off the shelf, so to speak! There were over 100 advance orders before anyone had even seen it and repeat orders are now coming in. It is truly a little gem. If you would like a copy – at only **£5** – contact Jane Turner at jane.turner@mac.com, or call **07763 146448** or **01483 810789**.

News from Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

— There is a new recycling policy related to what are called “bring sites”, where large bins are located for residents to fill with waste for recycling. Now that all materials can be collected kerbside, the bring sites are being removed. More information can be found at www.guildford.gov.uk/recyclingsites.

— Sign up and support a good cause today. All for just **£1** a week, residents in GBC are in with the chance of winning weekly cash prizes of up to **£25,000**. Find out more at www.guildford.gov.uk/article/27000/It-s-win-win-when-you-play-our-Guildford-Community-Lottery and to select causes to support, follow this link: www.guildfordlottery.org/support/find-a-good-cause.

— GBC has an online hub with links to provide support and advice for people struggling with the cost of living: www.guildford.gov.uk/article/26989/Your-online-support-hub.

— An exhibition highlighting the work of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and its agents during the Second World War is at **Guildford Museum** until **13 April 2024**.

SECRET GUILDFORD: LOCATIONS AND SECRET AGENTS OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE IN WORLD WAR TWO is being curated by the Secret WW2 Learning Network in partnership with **Guildford Museum, Castle Arch, Quarry Street, GU1 3SX**. The free exhibition is supported by Friends of Guildford Museum. Details about the exhibition and further information about Guildford Museum, such as opening times, can be found at www.guildford.gov.uk/whatsonatguildfordmuseum.

— Residents can sign up to GBC's digital newsletter to find out what is going on in the Borough at www.guildford.gov.uk/aboutguildford.

† † † WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? † † †

Thank you for celebrating Christmas with us in our beautifully decorated church, made possible with the help of our wonderful wardens, choir and various local volunteers.



- † **Muddy Church** — a space for wandering & wondering with God, on the first Sunday of the month.
- † Toddler group **Fledglings** restarts on 8 January 2024. It meets at *Pucks Oak Barn* on Monday mornings in term time at 9.30am. Contact **Catherine** at fledglingscompton@gmail.com / 07779 022419.
- † **Inside Out** meets on Saturday 6 January and Saturday 3 February, 10am to 12 noon, (first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com.
- † **Small Groups** meet very week during Lent. Please contact our Rector Sally if you would like to be part of one of these.
- † **Bell ringing** practice takes place once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am. The group rings on Sundays from 10am to 10.30am. Contact phil.gorton@btinternet.com.
- † If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, please contact our Rector, Sally: stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com. Confidentiality will be respected.

Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

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SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK WORSHIP

JANUARY

Wednesday 3 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
 Sunday 7 10.30am Muddy Church – The three kings
6pm Evensong – Epiphany
 Sunday 14 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 21 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 28 10.30am Holy Communion

FEBRUARY

Sunday 4 10.30am Muddy Church – All you need is love
6pm Evensong
 Wednesday 7 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
 Sunday 11 10.30am Holy Communion
 Wednesday 14 10.30am Ash Wednesday service
 Sunday 18 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 25 10.30am Holy Communion

For those who haven't had the chance to see it, the Christmas tree in **WATTS CHAPEL** is a sight to behold. The 10-foot tree, aglow with 3000 lights, has been donated by **Hans Christmas Andersen**. It was erected by **Watts Gallery staff and garden volunteers** and is adorned with handmade decorations from Guildford's **Halow** charity, which supports people aged 16+ who have learning disabilities and autism (www.halowproject.org.uk). The tree will remain in the chapel until Twelfth Night so pop along.

COMPTON PHONE BOX's festive inspiration is "Food Glorious Food", with pudding, mince pies, turkey drumsticks and sprouts. It runs until 6 January and is in aid of **Crisis at Christmas**. To donate, visit justgiving.com/page/c-sharple-1702038646881. Thanks to **Hans Christmas Andersen** for trees, **All for Love London** for decorations and **Sarah Louise Dix Upholstery** in Farncombe for the fabric and materials to make the giant mince pies.

When you take down your Christmas Cards, take a bit of time to go through them and let **Jane Turner** have any without glitter. A Puttenham resident recycles them to support an Anglican church in Austria. Jane also collects used stamps for the **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL HOSPICE** and will also happily receive surplus Christmas presents to distribute to various local raffles and charities. She will collect. Contact janewturner@mac.com, or 07763 146448 / 01483 810789.



The first **COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** meeting in 2024 will be held on Wednesday 17 January, 7pm at *Pucks Oak Barn*.

Details of 2024 meetings will be published in due course. For more information, visit www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk.



While **COMPTON VILLAGE FETE** is still a few months away, the **Fete Committee** would love to hear from anyone who may want to get involved on the day (Saturday 18 May), to help set up in the morning, to marshal car parking, to participate in running any stalls for some of the time, or work with a team to take down the fete at the end of the day. Whether you can spare just one hour, or several, your help will be invaluable (there are also plenty of opportunities to lend a hand in the weeks running up to the Fete)! If you are interested in being part of the fabulous, friendly team of people who will be volunteering to ensure the Fete's success in 2024, please email **Miranda Wells**, Chair, Compton Fete Committee, with an idea of how much time you can spare and your contact details, at wellsmiranda@icloud.com.

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♪ **Godalming Choral Society** is inviting people to join. The Society welcomes singers in all voice parts, with no formal audition, who enjoy a broad range of music. Under its Musical Director, **Paul Jeanes**, the 2024 programme promises to be varied. It includes works by **Will Todd**, **John Rutter** and **George Shearing**. For anyone interested in joining this vibrant choir, rehearsals take place on Tuesdays at 7.30pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Centre, Godalming*.

♪ The next concert, which is also open to new singers to participate in, will commemorate the centenary of the death of **GABRIEL FAURÉ**, and will feature his **REQUIEM** and **CANTIQUE DE JEAN RACINE**, two of his most popular choral works, as well as the **NELSON MASS** by **HAYDN**. The concert starts at 7.30pm, 23 March 2024 at *St John's Church, Farncombe*. For further information e-mail secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk or visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

1960s SOUL JAZZ: THE MUSIC OF HORACE SILVER AND THE ADDERLEY BROTHERS

Wednesday 10 January, with food & drink from 7.15pm and jazz from 8pm.
Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.

Pianist Horace Silver's urgent, rhythmic piano style was complemented by his great ear for a catchy tune. Many of his compositions have become core jazz standards, and a few, such as "Song For My Father" have become iconic. The show is a whistlestop journey through the amazing output of Silver and the hits of the great **ADDERLEY BROTHERS**.

DENNIS ROLLINS

Wednesday 7 February, with food & drink from 7.15pm and jazz from 8pm,

Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.

British trombone player **Dennis Rollins** has established a reputation as an artist of excellence and has lent his unique talents to some of the top jazz and pop personalities such as **COURTNEY PINE**, **BLUR**, **MONTY ALEXANDER** and **JEAN TOUSSAINT**. He has won many Jazz Awards.

MARK KAVUMA & THEO ERSKINE QUINTET

Thursday 22 February, with food & drink from 7.15pm and jazz from 8pm.

Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.

Mark Kavuma is fast becoming one of the best young trumpet players on the British jazz scene.

Kavuma has had two gigs as guest soloist with **Wynton Marsalis** and his **Jazz at Lincoln Centre Orchestra**.

Performing his brand new album, **Ultrasound**, Mark will bring together different elements from within the London jazz scene to create a unique, exciting, and fresh sound. With **Theo Erskine** on tenor sax, **Noah Stoneman** on piano, **Michael Shrimpling** on double bass and **Shane Forbes** on drums.

Visit guildfordjazz.org.uk to book

MILFORD PROBUS CLUB's next date in the diary is Friday 16 February, where **Helen Naylor** will reveal how the arrival of coffee in London in the 1600s fostered an age of hard-headed creativity that laid the foundations of economic, scientific and artistic growth. During the period the Stock Exchange and the insurance industry burst into life, facilitating the expansion of Britain's global trade. Coffeeshouses cemented the foundations of some of our greatest societies and institutions in science, literature and the arts, as well as charities such as the **RSPCA**.

The talk follows lunch, which begins at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12 noon), at *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. Milford Probus is a club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men and women who enjoy convivial company, informative talks and wider activities. Prospective members are welcome to join lunches as paying guests before committing to membership. Visit www.milfordprobus.com or book a lunch (book the Monday before please) with **Jon Warnke**, jgwarnke@btinternet.com / 07818 602699.

NORMANDY VILLAGE SHOP & CAFÉ is recruiting for a full-time café manager/supervisor, a part-time cook and a part-time barista. All three are paid roles and the store is looking for candidates with some experience in similar jobs/roles, who ideally live nearby. There is some flexibility on hours, while reliability is key as the roles can include operating tills, as well as opening and closing up. To apply, contact karen.dunn@normandyshop.co.uk or call 07866 427 537. Normandy Village Shop & Café is open from Monday to Saturday. For details of opening times and other information **visit www.normandyshop.co.uk**.

Calling all Francophiles! **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES** is holding talks in **January** and **February** and is open to new members and visitors. On Thursday 18 January, at 7.30pm, **Brigitte Thibaut** will give an illustrated talk (in French) on the history of the **BORDEAUX VINEYARD**, which originated in Roman times. In the Middle Ages, the marriage of Henry Plantagenet and Eleanor of Aquitaine opened up the Bordeaux region to English demand and eventually the global market in the present day.

The following lecture will be held on Thursday 22 February, at 7.30pm, when **Dawn Marley** will discuss how the French language still plays an important part in everyday life in Morocco. The talk is also on Zoom (link to be emailed) for those unable to attend in person. Both talks will be given in the pavilion of the **Guildford Rugby Club, Guildford Road, Godalming, GU7 3DH**. There is a bar on site and free car parking at the venue. To join or consult Les Amitiés Françaises' programme and events, please visit amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

🌿 Wild About Compton 🌿

🌿 For people aged 18-24 who are considering a career in the environmental sector or conservation, **My Green Future** is a 12-week environmental volunteer programme developed by **Surrey Wildlife Trust, Surrey County Council, Surrey Hills Society** and **National Trust**. It starts on Tuesday 20 February, with sessions held every Tuesday for 12 weeks. For details, visit www.surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering-opportunities.

🌿 Winter is the best time to plant a tree, which is a great way to enhance a garden, large or small. Come the spring and summer, a tree can be a great way to attract wildlife into the garden, giving birds space to breed, shelter and hibernate. Native trees are best for helping native insects and animals to thrive. For tips, visit www.surreywildlifetrust.org/actions/how-plant-tree. Local social enterprise **Roots for the Future** (rootsforthefuture.co.uk/) plants trees on people's behalf, through TreeBay. Trees can be dedicated to someone or planted in memory of a loved one.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



Happy New Year from Watts Gallery! Why not kick off 2024 with a visit to the Arts and Crafts gem on your doorstep.

- ✦ Following a small fire in an external building on 30 November, we have temporarily closed the **Historic Galleries** (including the *De Morgan Exhibition*) as well as the *Victorian Virtual Reality* exhibition. There is still plenty to see onsite with a half price ticket! Discover more about **GEORGE AND MARY WATTS** in **Limnerslease**, their home and studio in Compton. Explore our grounds and spot many different types of wildlife. Take a short walk to the beautiful Watts Cemetery Chapel, designed and created by Mary Watts with the local community. Please continue to check our website for updates.
- ✦ Until 14 January, browse prints that spark joy in our annual printmaking exhibition, *In Print: Joy*, at **Watts Contemporary Gallery**. In the next exhibition, *Roots and Journeys*, seven Surrey-based artists will take you on a voyage around the globe, from 18 January to 16 March.
- ✦ February half term is right around the corner! Discover different ways of making by experimenting with painting, pottery and more at our fun family days on Tuesday 13 and Saturday 17 February. Older kids can learn how to print onto fabric with a **Watts Creatives** session on Saturday 10 February (for 13 to 18-year-olds).
- ✦ Discover more about the incredible architecture and craft of the buildings that make up **Watts Gallery — Artists' Village**. Join one of our regular walking or Chapel tours to hear more.
- ✦ Unleash your inner Mary Watts and join one of our pottery workshops. We have a five-week course led by ceramicist **Luisa Cacciotti**, starting on Tuesday 20 February. You can also make your very own ceramic mug on Saturday 20 January.
- ✦ Take inspiration from our grounds and bring your sketchbook pages to life with a sketching workshop on Saturday 24 February. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BOOK TICKETS: www.wattsgallery.org.uk.

On Tuesday 9 January, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING'S** talk will be "**Sixty Years On, Life in Britain as seen in 1960s Films**". There are four elements to this lecture, which will be given by **Colin Schindler**. The first is a look at the emergence of the North in *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, *Room at the Top*, *A Taste of Honey*, *This Sporting Life* etc. The second will explore Swinging Britain – Julie Christie in *Darling*, Michael Caine in *Alfie*, the Beatles in *A Hard Day's Night* and the *James Bond* movies. The third will look at the last days of the Empire as seen in Tony Richardson's *Charge of the Light Brigade*, *Zulu* and, comically, *Carry On Up the Khyber*. The final part will address the drastic change in the depiction of sex, from Dirk Bogarde in *Victim* (1961) to Alan Bates and Oliver Reed famously wrestling nude in *Women in Love* (1969).

On Tuesday 13 February the talk, presented by **James Lindow**, is titled "**Domenico Ghirlandaio — A Forgotten Renaissance Master**". Domenico Ghirlandaio (1449-1494) was one of the most successful artists of the fifteenth century. Born in Florence, Ghirlandaio established one of the leading studios producing works ranging from small devotional images to prestigious fresco cycles for churches in the city. Ghirlandaio's success led him to Rome during the 1480s as part of a team of artists commissioned for the Sistine Chapel. Though a significant amount of his work remains in Florence, he is largely unappreciated today. To his contemporaries, however, Ghirlandaio's style and organisational skills were greatly admired, leading the sixteenth century biographer Giorgio Vasari to claim he deserved to be "celebrated with extraordinary praise after his death".

Talks start promptly at 10.30 am but doors open 9.45 am for tea and coffee. The venue is **Normandy Village Hall, Manor Fruit Farm, Glaziers Lane, Normandy, Guildford Surrey GU3 2DT**. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of £5. Visit www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2024.htm.

Suffering from fatigue, stress, anxiety, chronic pain, or emotional issues? Holistic therapist **Lucie Dun** (Eden Method and Biofield Tuning certified practitioner) offers energy-balancing sessions where she helps clients feel better through a variety of relaxing protocols that include reflexology, acupuncture, or healing frequencies of sound and empowers them with techniques for their self-care. For more information and contact details, visit her website: <https://equilibriumenergies.com/>.

Wendy Taylor's "Strictly style" FITSTEPS and YOGA FLOW classes resume in 2024 at *Compton Village Hall*. FitSteps runs in term-time on Wednesdays, 10-11am. **YOGA FLOW** runs in term-time on Wednesdays at 11.15am to 12.15pm. Classes are suitable for beginners and improvers. To book, email wendygtaylor@gmail.com.

DATES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Yoga, Compton Village Hall, Thursdays & Fridays, 10.30am-12 noon.

Fledglings, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am.

◇◇ **January 2024** ◇◇

Tues 9th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Weds 10th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, from 7.15pm.

Thurs 11th to Sat 13th – Sleeping Beauty, Village Hall, 7.45pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

Weds 17th – Parish Council Meeting, Pucks Oak Barn, 7pm.

Thurs 18th – Les Amitiés Françaises, Guildford Rugby Club, GU7 3DH, 7.30pm.

Fri 19th – Milford Probus Club lunch, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from 12 noon.

◇◇ **February 2024** ◇◇

Weds 7th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, from 7.15pm.

Tues 13th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Fri 16th – Milford Probus, Godalming Masonic Hall, from 12 noon.

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