

# COMPTON

# NEWS



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Summer may nearly be over but the **NEWS** is back with a packed autumn schedule. There's **CLT's** upcoming production, **GUILDFORD JAZZ AND SOUL FESTIVAL** plus loads of concerts, **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS** and plenty of events at the **COMPTON CLUB**. Don't forget, the deadline is always the 20th of each month and we want to hear about local developments and updates that you think are important to include.

**CLT's October Dinner Drama** takes place on a remote Greek island in the 1960s, with lashings of sun, sea, intrigue, mistaken identity and laughs. Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 October, 7.15pm, at the *Village Hall*. Tickets are £22, which includes a Greek meze-style dinner with dessert. Book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt) or email [tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).



On Sunday 20 October at 3pm the *Village Hall* will host panto auditions. More details to follow. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive CLT news about forthcoming productions, audition dates and social events, email [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).



**COMPTON CLUB** is delighted to be able to announce a schedule of events over the coming months. For full details, updates and opening times, visit the Club's new website [www.comptonclub.co.uk](http://www.comptonclub.co.uk):

Saturday 21 September, 70s & 80s Night — Saturday 5 October, local band **Groove Apprentice** — Saturday 26 October, Halloween Party — Saturday 7 December, switching on the Christmas lights — Tuesday 31 December, New Year's Eve Party.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the BOOK LAUNCH of **COMPTON VILLAGE, PAST & PRESENT**, by **Fiona Curtis**, on Friday 11 October at the Club. Further details will be announced in the October issue. To find out more about the book, visit <https://fionacurtis.wixsite.com/comptonhistorybook>.

The next **COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** meeting will be held in *Puck's Oak Barn, 7pm, Wednesday 18 September*. The agenda will be published three days before the meeting on [www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk). For enquiries please email the PC clerk **Joanna Cadman**, at [joanna@joannacadman.com](mailto:joanna@joannacadman.com), beforehand, as some Councillors are away and it may not be possible to be quorate. After September, the following meeting is Wednesday 20 November, where the budget for Financial Year 2025 will be discussed.



Regarding the playground, work will start on Monday 23 September to introduce some new items of play equipment. The old slide will be replaced with a zip wire, the accessible roundabout with a "rock and bowl" and part of the trim trail with a multi-play piece. This is the first stage of upgrading all the equipment in the playground and the Parish Council is very grateful to the **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION** for a generous financial contribution, and also the **SHEPHERDSMEAD TRUST**. Without their help it would have been much harder to get this first stage off the ground. Fundraising continues and further upgrades are hoped for next year.

As many of you are aware, the issue of traffic speed through Compton has been gaining traction.

Visit [www.cameras4compton.com/newsandviews](http://www.cameras4compton.com/newsandviews) to write to local politicians or to publish views on *Facebook* or *Instagram*. The website provides background and context to the case for average speed cameras for Compton. According to the Parish Council a "great deal of work" is going on behind the scenes to achieve a traffic-calming programme that will work for the village. Discussions continue with **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL** and the police and the Parish Council will report further as these bear fruit.

The latest additions to the **Compton History** website include an account of the Compton Club, which was first created at a meeting held in the Withies in 1928 and a history of the almshouses which stood between Polsted Lane and the school until the mid-nineteenth century. [www.compton-history.uk](http://www.compton-history.uk).

**SURREY POLICE BAND** presents *A Night at the Proms* on Saturday 21 September, 7pm, Normandy Village Hall, Guildford, GU3 2DD. This annual proms concert presents a varied programme of music with a flag-waving finale and is in aid of the Chief Constable's charity (nominated each year). Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. Free parking. There is a licensed bar and a range of soft drinks, tea coffee and homemade cakes will be available in the interval. Book tickets at [www.surreypoliceband.org.uk/upcoming-performances/](http://www.surreypoliceband.org.uk/upcoming-performances/) or call the Box Office on 0333 666 3366.

Before embarking on a tour of Africa, **Mark Jennings** will be hosting a classical guitar concert at *St Mary's Church Shackleford, GU8 6AE*.

*The Spirit of Spain* is on Sunday 8 September at 3pm. £15 entry, free for under 14s (cash only at the door). Ticket enquiries, 07756 023934.

† † † WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? † † †


ST NICHOLAS has a new website, which will feature all of its news, regular events and Church services. Visit [stnicholascompton.org](http://stnicholascompton.org).



- † **Muddy Church** is on the first Sunday of every month (except school holidays).
- † Toddler group **Fledglings** is held on Mondays, 9.30am at *Pucks Oak Barn* and restarts on Monday 9 September. Contact: [fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com) to book or enquire.
- † **Inside Out** meets on Saturday 7 September, 10am to noon (first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact [stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com).
- † **Bell ringing** practice is once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am, with bell ringing on Sundays from 10am to 10.30am. Contact [phil.gorton@btinternet.com](mailto:phil.gorton@btinternet.com).
- † **Baptisms, weddings & funerals:** Please contact our Rector Sally if you would like to mark a family milestone at St Nicholas.
- † If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, contact our Rector, Sally: [stnicholascompton.lector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.lector@gmail.com). Confidentiality will be respected.

*Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle*

Sunday 1 September	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church <i>Summer of Sport</i>	Sunday 15 September	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
	<u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 22 September	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 4 September	<u>10.30am</u> Book of Common Prayer	Sunday 29 September	<u>10.30am</u> Service of the Word
Sunday 8 September	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion		

 A Part Livery vacancy is available at **CLOCK BARN FARM**, a warm and friendly livery yard in beautiful surroundings, in *Busbridge, Godalming*.  
Package comprises good sized stable, full daily muck-out, shavings and hay, individual turnout, an appropriately sized paddock with an automatic water trough, secured by electric fencing. It also includes turn-in and turn-out with rug changes and feeds twice a day. Owners must provide feed/supplements and instructions.  
Facilities include use of 20x40 metre sand school, large jumping paddock and one-mile circumference canter track. Access to great hacking. Text/WhatsApp **Isabel** on 07941 491286.

**MANE CHANCE** is holding an Open Sunday on 15 September, 2pm–4pm. The afternoon includes a tour of the sanctuary, plus a chance to meet the rescued horses and chat to the team about the work Mane Chance does, with complementary refreshments. £3 for adults. £2 for children over 5 (under 5s free), to cover the costs of putting on the event: [www.manechancesanctuary.org/Open\\_Sunday\\_Sept.html](http://www.manechancesanctuary.org/Open_Sunday_Sept.html).

Why not sponsor a horse or pony at Mane Chance? From as little as £2/m you will receive a sponsorship certificate, a colour photo of your horse and e-updates, a birthday card and an opportunity to visit your horse on allocated days. There are many ways to get involved with the charity which rescues horses and also provides multiple outreach opportunities within the local community. [www.manechancesanctuary.org](http://www.manechancesanctuary.org).

**Don Quidam, Kevin McNab's** horse, is recovering back at home at **Coneycroft**, following the **Paris Olympics**. During cross country, McNab who won a silver medal in the **AUSTRALIAN TEAM Eventing** at the Tokyo Olympics, sensed **Don Quidam** was going lame and made the decision to stop to avoid risking further, serious injury, costing the team's medal hopes. **Don Quidam** is doing well, according to updates on **MCNAB EVENTING** on *Facebook*.

⌘ Wild About Compton ⌘

An initiative between **SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST (SWT)**, **NATURAL ENGLAND** and the **LAND APP** aims to enhance and connect habitats in the west of the Surrey Hills. It forms part of an ambitious nature recovery project, **Heathland Connections**, which aims to protect at least 30% of land in Surrey for nature's recovery by 2030. The County is home to some of the finest examples of lowland heathland in the UK which support nightingales and Grayling butterflies. But these heathland reserves are fragmented and at risk. The project will increase a range of connective habitats between the heathland areas and the wider landscape and identify opportunities to support key species, in areas nearby, including **Milford, Elstead** and **Waverley Abbey**.  
Heathland Connections is funded by Natural England and SWT is one of the partners collaborating with landowners and land managers. Other partners include **The Surrey Hills Board, Surrey County Council, Waverley Borough Council, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC)** and the **RSPB**. SWT has contacted **ST NICHOLAS CHURCH** to be part of nature's recovery in the Heathland Connections area but for anyone else in Compton who would like more information, email [nbs@surreywt.org.uk](mailto:nbs@surreywt.org.uk) or visit [surreywildlifetrust.org](http://surreywildlifetrust.org).

On Thursday 19 September, **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES** holds its next lecture, at *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Godalming, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm–9pm*. During the lecture, in French, **Christian Michel** will discuss the institutions of the French state. The lecture is also on Zoom (link to be emailed) for those unable to reach Godalming on that day. To consult the group's programme and to book, visit [www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com](http://www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com).

On Friday 20 September after a friendly lunch, members of **Milford Probus** and visitors will hear the case for geothermal energy. Renewable and clean forms of electricity production (wind, solar, hydro, etc) are helping to decarbonise energy supply. Geothermal energy has enormous potential globally and can be used to decarbonise electricity production and also heating. Speaker **Peter Clutterbuck** has a degree in engineering from *Cambridge University* and has spent years developing energy projects around the world, including for **BP**. His interest today is in geothermal and other forms of renewables. Lunch is at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm), *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. If interested visit [www.milfordprobus.com](http://www.milfordprobus.com), or book a lunch (book the Monday before please) with Jon Warnke ([jgwarnke@btinternet.com](mailto:jgwarnke@btinternet.com)/07818 602699).

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♪ After a summer break **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** is back with an exciting season of concerts. The next one is on Saturday 14 September, 7pm at *Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA* and features three rising stars from the prestigious **PURCELL MUSIC SCHOOL** – Shlomi Shahaf (violin), Phoebe Papandrea (piano) and Yoko Afi (cello), accompanied by Debbie Shah on piano. To book visit [www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk](http://www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk). Attendance is FREE with a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses.

♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** starts practising the autumn programme on Tuesday 3 September, 7.30pm and it will be an exciting time with new music director, **George de Voil**. Come along, all voices are welcome. The Choir meets every Tuesday, 7.30pm in the *Wilfrid Noyce Centre*, just off the Crown Court car park in Godalming. The ability to read music helps but is not a prerequisite as sound tracks are provided. The autumn concert is on Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm at *St John's Church Farncombe* and it will include a **Schubert Mass** and seasonal music by **Finzi, Dove** and **Chilcott**. For details, e-mail: [secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk](mailto:secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk).

### GUILDFORD JAZZ AND SOUL FESTIVAL

#### Emily Masser & Alex Clarke Quintet

Wednesday 4 September  
Just 20 years of age and attending The Guildhall School of Music, Masser is an astonishing vocalist. Clarke was a finalist at the *BBC Young Jazz Musician of the Year 2020*. Her hard-swinging, melodic approach is reminiscent of Scott Hamilton and Lester Young, with bop influences of Phil Woods and Cannonball Adderley. **Rob Barron**, drummer **Steve Brown** and Guildford Jazz's **Marianne Windham** on bass will accompany the singers.  
Food & drink from 7pm.  
Jazz from 8pm.  
*Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, GU1*

#### Tony Kofi & The Organisation Friday 13 September

The band performs a hard-hitting selection of tunes in blues, jazz, and funk idioms, including tunes by Pat Martino, Joe Henderson and Joe Sample.  
Food & drink from 7.15pm.  
Jazz from 8pm.  
*The Stoke, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 4JN.*

#### Pete Roth Trio

Wednesday 18 September  
This band creates jazz for a new generation of music enthusiasts who look beyond the ordinary jazz conventions.  
Jazz from 8pm at *Growler & Cans, 24 Chertsey St, Guildford, GU1 4HD.*

Visit [www.guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk) to book

#### Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir Friday 20 September

Formed in 2006, SSGC is one of the UK's foremost gospel choirs and has performed in venues including the *Jazz Café, Albert Hall, St Paul's Cathedral, the 606 Club* and *Cadogan Hall*, as well as many festivals. In November 2023, the choir joined the LSO and LSOC on stage at the *Barbican* under the baton of **André Thomas** for their annual **Gospel Explosion**.  
From 7.30pm at *St Saviour's Church, Woodbridge Rd, Guildford, GU1 4PD.*

#### Simcock & Rebello

Thursday 26 September

One of the headline events and a rare coup for the Festival. the pairing of the gifted jazz pianists Jason Rebello and Gwilym Simcock will be performing together on two Steinway concert grand pianos. Both are stupendous improvisers who blend jazz and classical influences to mesmerising effect. Dovetailing beautifully creative originals, zestful standards and mercurial improvisations, this is a set from two of the most inventive pianists in jazz.

From 8pm at the *University of Surrey.*

### LOCAL CAUSES AND CHARITIES IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

With a new warehouse opening in *Guildford*, surplus food charity **FARESHARE SUSSEX & SURREY** is seeking volunteers to help get surplus food to charities and community groups across the area such as the **Hive Community Fridge** in Park Barn.

Despite Surrey's reputation of general wealth, alongside affluent areas are pockets of deprivation which are too often overlooked. *Children and the elderly are among the demographics suffering the most, with 15,739 (6.8%) children living in absolute low-income families, and 1 in 20 pensioners in poverty.* The Guildford depot is in desperate need of more volunteers, especially drivers, so it can operate at full capacity. Shifts are typically in the morning and last for an average of four hours. No previous experience is required, training will be provided. Contact the volunteer coordinator, [gemma@faresharesussexandsurrey.org.uk](mailto:gemma@faresharesussexandsurrey.org.uk) or visit [www.faresharesussexandsurrey.org.uk](http://www.faresharesussexandsurrey.org.uk).

Hospice care charity **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** is in need of more retail volunteers for its shops. There are 17 across west Surrey and north-east Hampshire, which sell donated quality second-hand items. The money that these shops raise helps to fund the vitally important supportive and end-of-life care that the charity provides for local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness.

Retail volunteers will serve and chat with customers, use the till, take receipt of and sort through new donations, as well as price up stock. Volunteers will be part of a friendly and welcoming team and will help make a difference to the local community. Phyllis Tuckwell has to *raise over £25,000 every single day* to offer all of its services, which are given free of charge to its patients and their families. The shops are critical in helping raise money. Interested applicants can volunteer in any of Phyllis Tuckwell's shops, but the *College Town shop near Camberley* is especially in need. Contact the team on 01252 729400 or email [voluntary.services@pth.org.uk](mailto:voluntary.services@pth.org.uk).

From **COMPTON FETE 2024's** chosen charity beneficiary ...

**Dear friends in Compton**, thank you for your generous donation to **Godalming & Villages Community Store** food bank. Once again your gift from funds raised at the fabulous Fete was one of the largest single donations we've received. Particular thanks go to anyone who visited the *Teddy Tombola*. The real work goes into collecting the cuddly creatures and ticketing them. We just arrive to collect the coins, match the tickets, enjoy seeing smiling faces and occasionally intervene to avoid tears when we see the "luck of the draw" hasn't delivered the desired prize!

**Annie Barker, Trustee/Volunteer**

## WATTS GALLERY NEWS



- ✦ Join us for the final weeks of *Edo Pop: Japanese Prints 1825 – 1895*. Step inside the world of 19th-century Japanese woodblock prints before the exhibition closes its doors on Sunday 6 October. To celebrate the final weeks, join art historian and owner of the prints on display, **Frank Milner**, on Thursday 19 September for an exclusive twilight tour of the exhibition. Discover more about the person behind the collection and have the rare opportunity to see some prints which are not on display.
- ✦ On Wednesday 4 September, WATTS CONTEMPORARY GALLERY welcomes **Jonathan Chiswell Jones** as he celebrates 50 years as a potter. Chiswell Jones is one of the world's pre-eminent makers of lustreware, with over 70 new works made for the exhibition. All works are for sale.
- ✦ Enjoy free entry to Watts Gallery on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September during **Heritage Open Days** and learn more about the unique history of Watts Gallery.
- ✦ Let your creativity flourish this September with workshops for all ages. Learn different ways to bring your sketchbook pages to life with our sketch workshop on Saturday 14 September. Explore the world of ceramics with a five-week pottery course starting on Tuesday 10 September, or make your own ceramic bathroom set with a two-hour workshop on Friday 27 September.
- ✦ Children can get creative with clay with our new **Clay Club**. Every Sunday starting from 15 September, join our Watts ceramicist to get hands-on and messy as a family to create clay masterpieces.
- ✦ Wedding bells are ringing at Watts Gallery. Discover an exclusive boutique wedding venue nestled in the woods of Compton at our first Wedding Showcase on Sunday 29 September. Featuring a curated selection of the region's most sought-after wedding creatives, the day will help you plan your perfect wedding day.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS / BOOK TICKETS: [www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk).

On Tuesday 10 September, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING'S** talk is *Illuminated Manuscripts – both pre- and post-Conquest periods*. The talk considers briefly how they were made and the difficulties faced by the scribes, some of whom complained bitterly in writing. The lecture considers the importance of the Correct Text, how errors were corrected and how some manuscripts are linked artistically to others through tracking how styles migrated and progressed over the years. Throughout the lecture, there is a theme of how the books were used, whether as sacred vessels for The Word or to jog the memory of day-dreaming monks. The audience will gain an awareness of the great diversity of styles and perhaps be surprised at the vast amount of material that survives and how much we know about the men and women who made them.

Talks start at 10.30am but doors open 9.45am 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](http://www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2024.htm).



**GODALMING MUSEUM** is opening its doors during **Heritage Open Days** (Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September). To find out more visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk). Bookings can be made in person at the Museum or by phoning **01483 426510** from 10am on Saturday 24 August. The venue does not take early bookings or operate a waiting list. Maximum of four tickets per person.

Why not treat a friend or loved one to afternoon tea in Godalming Museum's beautiful, Gertrude Jekyll inspired courtyard garden? For £25/pp, the spread comprises two savoury items, a selection of sandwiches, an assortment of cakes, scones, clotted cream and jam, washed down with bottomless tea or coffee. Vegetarian options are available. To find out more, or to make a booking, email [museum.volunteers@godalming-tc.gov.uk](mailto:museum.volunteers@godalming-tc.gov.uk).

[www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk](http://www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk) / **01483 426510**.

Wendy Taylor's **FitSteps** (non-partnered Latin and Ballroom dance exercise) and **Yoga Flow** classes continue to run at Compton Village Hall in term time. FitSteps runs on Wednesdays, 10am to 11am and Yoga Flow runs Wednesdays, 11.15am to 12.15pm.

Classes are suitable for beginners and improvers. To book, email [wendygtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:wendygtaylor@gmail.com).

### DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

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

**FitSteps**, Compton Village Hall, Wednesdays, 10-11am  
(term-time)

**Yoga Flow**, Compton Village Hall, Wednesdays,  
11.15am to 12.15pm (term-time).

**Fledglings**, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am  
(term-time).

**Compton Club**, Spiceall, Thursdays/Fridays,  
5-10pm.

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Wed 4<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,  
8pm.

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> – Mark Jennings, St Mary's Church Shackleford,  
GU8 6AE, 3pm.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy  
Village Hall, 10.30am.

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, The Stoke GU1 4JN, 8pm.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church,  
GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Growler & Cans, GU1 4HD, 8pm.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> – Les Amitiés Françaises, Wilfrid Noyce Community  
Centre, Godalming, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – COMPTON NEWS DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Milford Probus, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ,  
12pm.

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, St Saviour's Church, GU1 4PD, 7.30pm.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Surrey Police Band, Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DD,  
7pm.

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, University of Surrey, 8pm.