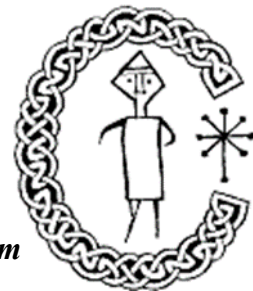


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COMPTON VILLAGE FETE Saturday 17 May, from 12 noon to 4.30pm



COMPTON VILLAGE FETE 2025 is almost upon us. Taking place on the recreation ground, the afternoon promises to be a lot of fun in the sun (fingers crossed) for all ages. We look forward to welcoming Compton residents and locals as well as their friends and families. There will be fun stalls with plenty of activities plus food and refreshments. See the enclosed FETE FLYER for full details of the afternoon.

REMINDERS

CASH The Fete is almost entirely cash only, so please bring plenty of it, including change!

PARKING Always limited, so do please walk or lift-share wherever possible.

WATER Do be prepared and bring water with you, especially if it is forecast to be sunny and warm. A few bottles of water will be available for sale at all drinks stalls.

FOOD Like last year the BBQ will close at 3pm to allow the team to enjoy the fete with their families. There will be vegetarian burgers available as well as the usual Wakelings sausages and burgers.

FANCY HELPING ON THE DAY? If you can spare even an hour to lend a hand then **Leni Coleman** would love to hear from you: elenidprice@hotmail.com, 07930 393709. Volunteers are needed, especially for **set-up / take-down, Parking, Bouncy Castles, Pick-a-Card, Dog Races, Maggot Racing and Hook a Duck**, so get in touch if interested. Sign-up sheets are available at the **COMPTON CLUB** on Thursday and Friday evenings.

GRAND DRAW Tickets are only **£1** each. If you have not bought them yet, don't delay and miss out on the opportunity to win some **AMAZING PRIZES ... First Prize £300 CASH!, Second Prize The Withies – dinner, bed and breakfast for two.** The full prize list can be found in the FETE FLYER.

Proceeds will be shared between various village causes and this year's chosen charities, **BRIGHT CANCER CARE** and **SOPHIE'S LEGACY** to support their respective activities at THE ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL. BRIGHT Cancer Care focuses on improving the lives of people affected by gastro-intestinal and hepato-pancreato-biliary cancers. Sophie's Legacy provides essentials for parents staying with their children in hospital. The Grand Draw contributes a significant sum to the overall takings so let's see if we can break the record.

COMPTON CLUB will be open after the Fete closes.

HOW TO BUY YOUR GRAND DRAW TICKETS

1 **Online sales by credit or debit card.** Scan the QR code using your smartphone camera and tap on the link, or visit <https://supportmylocal.org/store/compton-village-association/product/compton-village-fete-grand-draw-2025/> to purchase tickets securely online. Tickets are available in multiples of five and will be emailed directly to you. **Please note that online sales will close at midnight on Friday 16 May.**

2 **Bank Transfer to the CVA.** Lloyds Business Account, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047, quoting the reference GD. Please send an email to **Sarah Metcalfe**, sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com, stating your name, phone number, how many tickets you have bought and how much money you have transferred. We will fill out the stubs and enter them into the draw.

3 **Cash or Cheque.** Contact Sarah Metcalfe at sarah.metcalfe17@gmail.com or on 07884 438974. Alternatively, if you get a paper copy of the *NEWS*, you should have received 10 tickets inside a pre-addressed envelope last month. Please return your completed stubs clearly marked with your phone number / email and cash / cheques (made payable to 'Compton Village Association') to: *Sarah Metcalfe, 17 Spiceall, Compton GU3 1JQ.*



COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION'S AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 30 May. Everyone is invited. One item for approval at the AGM will be the CVA's revised constitution. From 8pm **ALL FETE VOLUNTEERS** are invited to the Club for the announcement of the fete results and a complimentary "thank you" drink.

STALLS THAT REQUIRE CONTRIBUTIONS



CALLING ALL BAKERS. This year the *Tea Shop in the Club* will be run by **GODALMING & VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE** (the charity that benefited from the Fete for the previous two years). The Tea Shop will be situated in the members area of the Compton Club.

The Godalming & Villages Community Store volunteers are busy baking and would appreciate donations. Here's their wish-list: **coffee & walnut cake, chocolate cake, lemon drizzle cake, fruit cake, child friendly decorated cup cakes (but not too many), gluten free cupcakes, cheese straws, sandwiches, sausage rolls and vegan rolls.** Please drop all donations at the Club on Friday evening or Saturday morning at 11am with an ingredients list (to guard against allergens). For more information or to confirm an intended donation please email Miranda Wells wellsmiranda@icloud.com.

CLT's Human Fruit Machine. We will need some volunteers on the day, for an hour or two, to help run this really fun attraction that has been a big hit with visitors and volunteers alike at past fetes. Intrigued? To find out more, email: committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.

Books/DVDs/CDs. Jane Turner: 07763 146448.

Bottles. The ever-popular **Bottle Tombola** is back again this year run by new volunteers. They would appreciate any bottle donations that you can give. Please call Judy on 01483 426419 to arrange delivery/collection or drop donations at the Club on a Thursday or Friday evening.

Bric-a-Brac. Nia Griffiths: 07811 460505. Please drop off on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at Broadstone Cottage, Withies Lane, Compton, GU3 1JD in the glass porch. Other days please text first. Ideally final drop off on Sunday 4 May and no drop offs on the day. Please note: no books, no clothes, no big pieces of furniture and no electrical items.

Cakes and Preserves for the Cake Stall. Run by ST NICHOLAS CHURCH which welcomes all donations. *Carole Cooles*, Carolecooles@gmail.com, 07578 895040.

Plants and Produce. Richard Bennett (Ben): 01483 502372.

Tiny prizes for Pick-a-Card Jane Turner: 07763 146448. Anything for children that will fit on the face of a playing card. Mini toys, covered sweets, cracker prizes, bathroom bits...

We are looking forward to seeing you on what will be a fun day for all ages.

✠ WHAT'S ON IN MAY AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? ✠

It was great to see so many people in church over Easter – do continue to worship with us this month as well. Full details can be found at stnicholascompton.org.

A very warm welcome to **Fiona Proffitt** who is our new Administrator. Do contact her to say hello at stnicholascompton.office@gmail.com.

Don't forget to stop by our Cake Tent and Fledglings stand at the **COMPTON VILLAGE FETE** on Saturday 17 May.

- ✠ **Muddy Church** is on the first Sunday of every month (except school holidays) at 10.30am.
- ✠ Toddler group **Fledglings** is on Mondays, 9am (term-time) at *Puck's Oak Barn*. Contact fledglingscompton@gmail.com.
- ✠ **Small Groups** Every week. Please contact our Rector Sally to be part of one of these.
- ✠ **Inside Outside** meets on Saturday 3 May, 10am to noon (every first Saturday of the month to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com).
- ✠ **Bell ringing** practice is held once or twice a month on Tuesdays at 10am, with bell ringing on Sundays from 10am to 10.30am. Contact phil.gorton@btinternet.com.
- ✠ If you would like someone to pray for you or with you, contact our Rector, Sally: stnicholascompton.lector@gmail.com. Confidentiality will be respected.

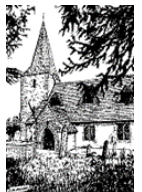
Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

MAY

Sunday 4	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church — <i>Jonah and the Whale</i>	Sunday 18	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
	<u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 25	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 7	<u>10.30am</u> Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion		
Sunday 11	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion		

www.stnicholascompton.org

COMPTON'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING is on Wednesday 7 May, from 7pm at the **COMPTON CLUB**. Please come along. It is an opportunity to find out what the Parish Council has been up to over the last year and discuss issues spanning, planning, traffic calming and a potential Neighbourhood Plan. There will be refreshments.





CLT will once again be running the hugely popular **Human Fruit Machine** — lots of silly fun for all the family. Come along and have a go on the day. If you can spare an hour, we are always on the look out for volunteers to help us, either as the Human Fruit Machine or giving out prizes. Email pj_bevan@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like to get involved.

We are very excited to tell you that the **CLT Autumn drama** will be "**Bunkered**", a comedy by **Lynn Brittney**, with a cast of four men and four women. Auditions will take place on Sunday 1 June at 3pm in the *Village Hall* so please come along if you're interested in auditioning. Obtain an audition pack by emailing committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk. If you'd like to get involved in a non-acting role, please get in touch as we will be putting together the Production Team soon. No experience necessary.

On Thursday 22 May (7.30pm until 9pm) French actors are the subject of **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES'** guest speaker **Annie Kean**. JACQUES TATI, DANIEL AUTEUIL, JOSIANE BALASKO and more will be discussed. The lecture will also be on Zoom (link to be emailed).

Les Amitiés Françaises is part of a thriving French circle and always welcomes new members and visitors. To book, visit

www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

Talks take place at the

WILFRID NOYCE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY.

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♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** have the pleasure of inviting you to a "Flute and Piano Duo" on Saturday 3 May, 7pm at *Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA*. Two accomplished musicians, Flautist **Daniel Shao** and pianist **Simon Callaghan** will be performing **POULENC's** famous flute sonata, **BORNE's** *Carmen Fantasy*, two Arabesques by **DEBUSSY** on piano and other works by **MOZART** and **TCHAIKOVSKY**. To book, visit <https://conservatoireconcerts.org.uk>. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses.

♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** is starting its summer season of performances with **ROSSINI's** last work, the *Petite Messe Solennelle*. According to conductor **George de Voil**, "One of Rossini's best-loved works, this masterpiece is neither small nor solemn; it overflows with drama, a truly touching work which will thrill the audience." Saturday 5 July, 7.30pm, St. John's, Farncombe, GU7 3EJ. For further information e-mail secretary@godalming.org.uk or visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

BEAT: Jazz Funk Double Bill - Motet & The Joe Garland Band

Friday 9 May

Motet delivers a danceable groove and the band is joined by the vocalist,

Debby Bracknell who has sung for artists such as **MARIAH CAREY**. The Joe Garland Band is group of young musicians from London who perform boisterous, groovy jazz funk and fusion

7.45pm

*Boilerroom, Stoke Fields,
Guildford GU1 4LS.*

Andy Baker & Mark Lockheart Quintet

Wednesday 14 May

An all-star line-up featuring a rare UK appearance from trombonist Andy Baker and tenor saxophonist Mark Lockheart, a key figure in the development of British jazz who is well known to jazz audiences from his performances with Loose Tubes and Polar Bear.

7.15pm

*Guildford Pavilion,
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP.*

Lunchtime jazz: Nicolas Meier and Alex Hutton

Monday 19 May

Drawing from a love of Turkish, Middle Eastern music, Flamenco, Tango mixed with jazz, Nicolas' versatility and musical fluency are well known, while pianist **Alex Hutton** is a fine composer.

12pm

*Guildford Institute, Guildford
GU1 4LH.*

Nicolas Meier World Group

Thursday 29 May

The World Group has a unique sound, incorporating Middle Eastern, Turkish, jazz and fusion influences.

Meier's career has included three years of touring with **JEFF BECK** and subsequent recordings with bassist **JIMMY HASLIP** and **VINNIE COLLAIUTA**.

7.15pm

*Guildford Pavilion,
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP.*

Visit www.guilfordjazz.org.uk to find out more and to book

MALLETS AT THE READY. Croquet is a sport requiring skill and tactics that can be played by people of all ages and abilities. Why not come along to the **GUILDFORD AND GODALMING CROQUET CLUB** to our FREE open day on Sunday 18 May between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. We will show you how to play. Please wear flat-soled shoes. This summer, we will also be holding our pay-and-play sessions every Thursday from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, running from 1 May to 29 August. £10 per session (£5 for under 18s), which is payable on the day. Includes equipment and coaching. For details and directions visit www.guilfordandgodalmingcroquetclub.co.uk.



The Trustees and Volunteers of **PUTTENHAM BARN BUNKHOUSE**, a charity -run converted barn, invite you to join our **20TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!** The

TANNERS HATCH CEILIDH BAND (with caller) will be leading the party with music and dance from 8-11pm on Saturday 17 May at Marwick Hall, Puttenham, GU3 1AS. Tickets £17.50 (concessions available). Contact *01483 424 767*, or ceilidh@puttenhambarn.uk. Tickets include vegetarian snacks, please bring your own drinks.

On Saturday 21 June — the longest day of the year — **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** will host its beautiful summer sunset *Walk for the Wards* at the stunning **HAMPTON ESTATE** near Seale. This walk to remember loved ones will be held so that participants finish as the sun sets over the beautiful Surrey countryside. The owners of the Hampton Estate have very kindly opened some of the estate's private land for the event, offering participants a unique opportunity to explore not only public but also private areas of the estate. Choose between a five or 10 mile route. Dogs are welcome (on a lead). At the end of the walk, all participants will receive a hot drink and a bag of tasty treats, to sit and enjoy as the sun sets. Sign up at www.pth.org.uk/walk-for-the-wards.

SANDRA BILLINGE is hosting a six-week **Summer Yoga** course at the *Village Hall* on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1 May until 19 June, from 10.30am until 12pm. No experience necessary. Open to all. Available on a drop-in basis, with chair Yoga as an option. Look forward to seeing you! To book, email sandrabillinge29@gmail.com.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR MAY



- ✦ Immerse yourself in the captivating world of Pre-Raphaelite art through the power of scent with our new exhibition, *Scented Visions: Smell in Art 1850 – 1915*, opening on Thursday 15 May. Created by **Puig** in collaboration with **Artphilia**, this exhibition offers a unique opportunity to discover Victorian art through a multi-sensory lens. Previously on display at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts. Runs until Sunday 9 November.
- ✦ *Watts Contemporary Gallery's* current exhibition is *Handcrafted*, bringing together the works of eight craftswomen working in a variety of media, from delicate paper sculptures by **Lucy Dorothy** to machine-embroidered portraits by **Cathy Cullis**. Meet some of the artists on Saturday 24 May to discover their craft and find out their inspiration. Exhibition on display until Sunday 1 June 2025. All works for sale, free entry.
- ✦ Join actor **Rowan Suart** for a captivating reading of Mary Watts' diary on Saturday 10 May. Imagine yourself in the atmospheric setting of *Limnerslease* as Rowan brings Mary's stories to life.
- ✦ Learn tips and tricks to bring your sketchbook pages to life at our monthly Saturday sketch workshop. This month, on Saturday 10 May, explore experimental mark making and playful sketching with artist **Kerry Tristram**.
- ✦ This May half-term, have an adventure across the Watts Gallery site with a puzzle trail inspired by our new exhibition, *Scented Visions*. Use all five senses to solve puzzles and crack codes to find the answers for a mega crossword. From Saturday 24 May until Sunday 1 June.

DON'T FORGET, COMPTON RESIDENTS GET 50% OFF ADMISSION! VALID WITH A PROOF OF ADDRESS.

www.wattsgallery.org.uk.



GODALMING MUSEUM's exhibitions and events in May include:

- *From a Distance, Godalming the Pandemic Years*. Matthew Gordon is a photographer and television producer based in Godalming. This exhibition comes from a 2020 project capturing life in the town during the pandemic and lockdowns. Tuesday 6 May to Saturday 17 May.

- *Water is Life: an Art Exhibition*. WHAT NEXT? is a charity whose goal is to support local communities across Waverley Borough by mitigating, preparing and adapting the impact of climate change and ecological damage.

This exhibition brings together Godalming people, local community groups and schools, who will be contributing their works of art to help convey the concept of "Water is Life". Tuesday 20 May to Saturday 14 June.

- *Lecture: The Battle of Guildown: Surrey and the Cornish March on London, 1497*. In 1497 thousands of Cornishmen, unhappy at the major increase in royal taxes, made a remarkable march across the south of England in a bid to present their grievances to the government of Henry VII and secure the dismissal of his chief ministers. In this illustrated lecture, historian **Julian Humphrys** will tell the story of that dramatic summer and discuss how Surrey found itself at the very centre of a national event. Friday 16 May 7.30pm to 9pm at the *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre*. Tickets £10 (plus booking fee) are available at the Museum in advance or at the door.

Godalming Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. It is located next to the Town Council offices, by the Peppercot, *109A High St, GU7 1AQ*. Visit www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk / 01483 426510.

On Tuesday 13 May, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is *London Bridged. 3,500 Years of Crossing the Thames*. Our ancestors may have built bridges over the River Thames as far back as the Bronze Age, 1,500 years before the Romans constructed London Bridge. In the 1,700 year wait for the next bridge, other crossings relied on watermen and horse ferries, as traffic jammed on London Bridge. The last 200 years have seen over 50 new crossings over and under the river. Some are great feats of engineering, while others are architecturally elegant. This lecture explores the way we have connected across the Thames and what that tells us about the culture of the capital through time. Speaker **Charlie Forman** is a member of the CITY OF WESTMINSTER GUIDE LECTURERS ASSOCIATION. Talks start at 10.30am but doors open 9.45am for tea and coffee. The venue is **Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DT**. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of **£6**. www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2025.htm.

DATES FOR MAY

Sandra's Yoga, Compton Village Hall, Wednesdays
& Fridays, 10.30am-12 noon.

Fledglings, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9am (term-time).

Compton Club, Spiceall, Thursdays/Fridays,
7pm to 10pm.

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Sat 3rd – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church,
GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Wed 7th – Annual Parish Meeting, Compton Club,
7pm.

Fri 9th – Guildford Jazz, Boileroom, GU1 4LS, 7.45pm.

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

Wed 14th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,
7.15pm.

Fri 16th – Godalming Museum lecture, Wilfrid Noyce
Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

Sat 17th – Compton Village Fete, Spiceall, 12 noon.

Sat 17th – Puttenham Barn Bunkhouse 20th anniversary
Ceilidh, Markwick Hall, GU3 1AS, 8pm.

Mon 19th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Institute, GU1 4LH,
12pm.

**Tues 20th – COMPTON NEWS JUNE ISSUE
DEADLINE.**

Thurs 22nd – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce
Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

Thurs 29th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,
7.15pm.

Fri 30th – CVA AGM followed by Fete results & drinks,
Compton Club, from 7.30pm.