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It's that time of year again! CLT is excited to bring Compton **RED RIDING HOOD**, written by CLT's talented writing duo **Frazer Woodhams** and **Fred Pollard**. It's the story of Red, the eponymous heroine who is joined by her slightly dotty Granny, a couple of hapless wheeler-dealers, a conniving and ruthless property developer, an outrageous panto Dame and, of course, a Big Bad Wolf! Good and evil battle it out to save the village of Rosewood. With plenty of laughs and great songs, it's guaranteed to be fun for all the family. The box office is now OPEN. Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 January 2025. Compton Village Hall, 7.30pm and Saturday matinee 2.30pm, £12. Book online www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt or email tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.

Everyone's favourite local haunt **COMPTON CLUB** is hosting a **Halloween Party** on Saturday 26 October. So get dressed up as something spooky, come on over and have the fright of your life. From 6-8pm, fun for kids (don't forget to bring a torch to make a Patronus Wand), then from 8pm until late, shake your bones at the **Devilish Disco**. Last orders for **Pig Out Pizza** will be at 9pm.

- Spooky Sidekick for every kid in fancy dress
- £10 bar credit for the best adult in fancy dress

On Saturday 7 December the Club is hosting a **Christmas Lights Party**. More details will be available on the website www.comptonclub.co.uk.

DON'T FORGET, the Club is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 7pm.



Places are still available for a **Fundraising Quiz** at 7pm on Saturday 9 November in the **Village Hall**, organised by **COMPTON QUIZ MASTERS Jo Ayshford** and **Rhona Wilkie**. Jo's granddaughter, 14-year old **Millie Ayshford**, has been given an opportunity to travel to Eswatini, Africa, next year to help at a neighbourhood care point, which provides access to food and early education for children. To undertake this opportunity, Millie will need to pay all her travel and accommodation costs. The quiz will help raise funds for Millie's trip — a truly worthwhile cause. The price is **£12** per ticket, including supper and a pay bar. Teams are a maximum of six people. Email rhonawilkie@hotmail.co.uk to enter a team and provide any dietary requirements.

SUSTAINABLE FASHION is a fashion show and exhibition with a difference. Taking place on Wednesday 30 October, 5-6pm in Compton Village Hall, this event will feature a unique collection of upcycled, sustainable and repurposed fashion pieces handmade by an Upper Sixth student at Godalming College. The aim of the event is to demonstrate upcycling and to raise awareness of how "slow fashion" and sustainability are better for the environment. **FREE** entry. Scan the QR code for more information or email offshoredesigns@yahoo.com.



At last, the **Welcome Pack**, published by **Compton Village Association**, has been updated by **Jane Turner** and over 30 copies have been sent out to people who requested one or who have recently moved into the village. "Recently" means within the last 5-7 years, or even if you've been in the village a long time but would simply like to be reminded of what we offer. It's full of information about organisations, societies, venues for hire, history and a lot more. The Welcome Pack is **FREE**. If you would like a copy, contact Jane Turner on **07763 146448**, janeturner@mac.com.

For those who missed the book launch of **Compton Village – Past & Present** by **Fiona Curtis**, copies are available to purchase, for **£20** each. With Christmas approaching, the book would make a thoughtful gift for anyone who lives in or has resided in the village. Collection can be arranged, either with a bank transfer in advance or cash on collection. For mailings, please provide full address and include an additional charge of £5.50 in the bank transfer for tracked postage and packing. Bank transfers should be made to the Compton Village Association account at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047 and reference Book. Details for ordering as follows: David Hunt — david.hunt0808@gmail.com/07831 768970 OR Jane Turner — janeturner@mac.com/07763 146448.

Some copies are available to buy at the **COMPTON CLUB** also for £20. Copies also retail at Watts Gallery for £25. The book launch discount has been made possible through the **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**.

British Summer Time ends. **DON'T FORGET** to put the clocks back one hour on the night of Saturday 26 October.

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



† **Muddy Church**, a space for all for wandering & wondering with God, is on the first Sunday of every month (except school holidays).

† Toddler group **Fledglings** is on Mondays, 9am (term-time) at *Pucks Oak Barn*. Contact: fledglingscompton@gmail.com.

† **Inside Outside** meets on Saturday 2 November, 10am to noon (first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact 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.

† **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.rector@gmail.com. Confidentiality will be respected.

Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

Sunday 3 November 10.30am Muddy Church Autumn
3pm Service in Memory of Loved Ones
An opportunity to remember those you love but no longer see, no matter how long ago the loss

Wednesday 6 November 10.30am Book of Common Prayer Communion

Friday 8 November 4pm Quiet Fireworks at the Rectory
Free family fireworks, food & fun

Sunday 10 November 10.15am Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 17 November 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 November 10.30am Holy Communion
6pm Advent Carol Service

For more details visit www.stnicholascompton.org

After a friendly lunch, on Friday 15 November **Milford Probus'** members and visitors (always welcome) will hear a gripping personal tale of one of the great sailing races. In October 1976 *The Times* advertised for crew for the **1977/78 WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE** on *Great Britain II*, a 77-foot sloop. Ian Worley, an experienced sailor who felt like a change from stockbroking, seized the chance to enter the nine-month race. *Great Britain II* set off with a largely novice crew. Doubts about their capabilities proved wrong. They completed the race, respected and experienced, taking overall first place for first boat home. Worley's film of the race went out on cinema release with the James Bond film *Moonraker*. Lunch is at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm), *Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ*. If interested visit www.milfordprobus.com, or book a lunch (book the Monday before please) with Jon Warnke (jgwarnke@btinternet.com/07818 602699).

On Thursday 14 November, 7.30pm-9pm, at Les Amitiés Françaises' next lecture **Karen Serres** will talk (in French) about the French artist, **Georges Seurat** and his paintings of the French northern coast. The lecture is also on Zoom. The talk takes place at *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Oglethorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY*. To consult the group's programme and to book, visit amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com/programme/.



What's on at GODALMING MUSEUM in November and December

- The Centenary of **GODALMING OPERATIC SOCIETY** exhibition will run from Tuesday 12 to Saturday 30 November. Godalming Operatic Society was founded in 1924. Its first production was **Gilbert & Sullivan's** *The Yeomen of the Guard* in February 1925 and The Centenary exhibition will illustrate how the Society has been at the forefront of Godalming's rich musical heritage since that year.

- **Chance to Chat Coffee Session with the National Trust** is on Saturday 16 November, 10am to 12pm. Come and meet the team from Munstead Wood and talk about the future of **GERTRUDE JEKYLL'S** former home. The sessions will be very informal.

- Godalming Museum Coffee Club is on Monday 18 November, 11am to 1pm. Come along to get to know like-minded folks, have a coffee, or a tea, and chat about Godalming's past. All welcome. No booking required.

- During the **Town Christmas Fair** on Saturday 30 November, visit Santa in the Godalming Museum Garden from 10am until 4pm, accessible via the rear entrance off *South Street Car Park*. (Go along the passage to the left of the Town Council Offices.) As well as meeting Santa, write a Christmas Wish Letter and post it in the Post Box to be delivered to Reindeer Land. Thanks to The Caudle Trust and Priory Antiques for supporting Santa's Grotto. Please note last entry will be at 3.30pm.

- Godalming Museum's Christmas Shop is open until Tuesday 24 December. The shop will offer a wide selection of Charity Christmas cards, beautiful, sustainable decorations and gifts for all the family, including stunning Hilary Webb jewellery, Selbourne pottery, and the Museum's bespoke Godalming Calendar by local water-colourist **Miri D'Ambrosio**.

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

The construction of a new **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL** Hospice building for people in Surrey and Hampshire moves one step closer as the charity's "Your New Hospice Appeal" hits a major £5 million fundraising milestone. There is the final £1 million left to raise to reach the £6 million appeal target, to complete this vital project. The new facility will replace the old Hospice in Farnham, which was no longer fit for purpose, nor able to cope with the increasing demand for palliative care in the local area, which is being driven by an ageing population and the pressures facing the NHS. The new Hospice will include wellbeing and therapy suites, consulting rooms and a specialist 18-bed In-Patient Unit. Donations large and small are urgently needed to finish building this much-needed Hospice, which has not received NHS funding. To get involved or to find out more information please visit www.pth.org.uk/newhospice.

Phyllis Tuckwell is seeking **volunteer retail drivers** and **drivers' mates** to help move stock between its shops and warehouses, located throughout its catchment area of west Surrey and north-east Hampshire. It's a physical role, with a lot of lifting and carrying involved. In addition to being fit and healthy, drivers must also hold a full driving licence. Volunteers will be given introductory and ongoing training, including manual handling training. To find out more about this rewarding role, please contact Phyllis Tuckwell's Voluntary Services team on 01252 729400 or email voluntary.services@pth.org.uk.

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♪ Come and join **BLACKHEATH & BRAMLEY CHORAL SOCIETY'S (BBCS)** joyful pre-Christmas celebration, *Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and Carols Through the Ages*, on Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm, at *Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR*. Tickets £18 in advance (£20 at the door). Under 18s free. NUS card £5. Tickets available from choir members or from boxoffice.bbcs@gmail.com. Tickets also available via [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk). BBCS is a friendly choir that aims for high standards and always welcomes new members.

♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** is holding two concerts this month. The Portuguese singer **João Ferreira** returns with a beautiful repertoire ranging from Baroque/Classical arias by HANDEL, VIVALDI and MOZART interspersed with other popular and more recent well-known Italian and Portuguese arias. Ferreira will once again be accompanied by **Guy Murgatroyd** on piano and a Fado guitar duo. This concert will take place on Saturday 2 November. On Saturday 30 November, the **CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL** commences with **Lisson Piano Trio** performing works by BEETHOVEN, BRAHMS and DVORAK. The festival continues with **Bodman String Quartet** performing works by HAYDN, DEBUSSY and others on Saturday 7 December. All concerts start at 7pm at *Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA*. To book, visit <https://conservatoireconcerts.org.uk>. Admission is FREE with a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses.

♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY'S** rehearsals are now underway at the *Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, Godalming, GU7 1DY*, under Musical Director **George de Voil**. He is leading the singers in an exciting programme for its Christmas concert, at 7.30pm on Saturday 30 November at *St. John's Church, Farncombe, GU7 3EJ*. The concert will include SCHUBERT'S MASS IN G MAJOR, BOB CHILCOTT'S 'ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT', GERALD FINZI'S 'IN TERRA PAX' & JONATHAN DOVE'S 'SEEK HIM THAT MAKETH THE SEVEN STARS'; and of course some carols for choir and audience. For further information and tickets, visit godalmingchoral.org.uk.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

Nat Steele & Mark Crooks

Friday 1 November

STAN GETZ and CAL TJADER had an especially successful partnership in the late 1950s, leading an all-star sextet.

Tenor player **Mark Crooks** and vibraphonist **Nat Steele** celebrate this collaboration, playing selections from the 1958 album, plus standard and originals by Tjader and Guaraldi.

From 7.30pm.

*Cranleigh Arts Centre,
1 High Street, Cranleigh
GU6 8AS.*

SoulTime!

Wednesday 6 November

SoulTime! Is an exciting jazz quartet co-led by pianist Leon Greening and trumpeter Steve Fishwick. SoulTime! pays homage to Bobby Timmons whose compositions, such as 'This Here', 'Dat Dere', and 'Moanin', were pivotal for groups like Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers and The Cannonball Adderley Quintet.

From 7.15pm.

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road,
GU1 4RP.*

Redtenbacher's Funkestra

— **Brothers in Funk**

Friday 15 November

Stefan Redtenbacher's Funkestra continues the successful BEAT series with an exciting mix of fresh, high energy jazz funk, inspired by the legendary Funk Brothers, Average White Band and Brecker Brothers.

"A pure slice of unalloyed, joyful Funk." – **Steve Rubie.**

From 7pm.

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

Moscow Drug Club

Thursday 21 November

A heady and waggish mix of jazz, French musette, Latin grooves and New Orleans Swing, combining their original material with songs by the likes of JACQUES BREL, TOM WAITS, LEONARD COHEN and EARTHA KITT. **Moscow Drug Club** delivers an intoxicating and intimate musical experience you won't forget.

From 7pm.

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road, GU1 4RP.*

Visit www.guildfordjazz.org.uk to book

Bookings for **GODALMING'S PANTO JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** are now open. The show will run from Saturday 14 until Saturday 28 December 2024 at *Godalming Borough Hall*. Jack and the Beanstalk will feature spectacular song and dance, colourful costumes and lots of fun and laughs for the whole family. Tickets: **£15–£23.50**. **Pay What You Can** tickets are also available and are for the exclusive use of people who cannot afford full price and would not be attending a pantomime without this scheme. It is not an opportunity to get a discount if able to pay full price. There will be a minimum the production can accept due to overhead increases. If in need of financial support, email info@wyschproductions.com.

Schools, nurseries or clubs receive one FREE teacher/minder ticket per 10 tickets purchased.

Email info@wyschproductions.com to arrange.

A public talk titled **Ladywell: A Global Journey of Faith — The Life and mission of the Franciscan Sisters** will be held on Saturday 23 November 2024, from 10.15am to 12pm at the **FRANCISCAN CENTRE LADYWELL** in Godalming, Surrey. Sister Jane Bertelsen, Congregational Leader of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), will share the rich history and global mission of the FMDM. The event will explore the spirituality of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi and the impact of the sisters' work worldwide. Tickets are £5 per person or £12 for a group of three, with under 25s free of charge. Advance booking is recommended online via **Ticketsource** (search "Ladywell"), www.ticketsource.co.uk/guildford-district-knights-of-st-columba with proceeds supporting both Ladywell Convent and the Guildford and District Knights of St Columba.

Friendly family based in Compton looking for **part time nanny/housekeeper** to help with two boys, aged 10 and 13.

Year-round position from 3pm until 7.30pm with the option of longer working hours in school holidays.

Please email sophiefb@me.com if interested.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS



✦ Explore **CICELY MARY BARKER'S** enchanting world through original artwork and personal sketches in *Flower Fairies™: The Magical World of Cicely Mary Barker*. Learn about Barker's life, see some of the beloved Flower Fairies illustrations and enjoy interactive activities along the way. Alongside the exhibition, embark on an adventure across the Watts Gallery grounds with a Tree Fairy Trail inspired by Barker's botanical illustrations and traditional folklore.

✦ **Jonathan Chiswell Jones: 50 Years a Potter** enters its final weeks in the Watts Contemporary Gallery. Browse stunning lustreware by one of the world's leading makers before the exhibition closes on Sunday 24 November. On Thursday 28 November, the annual printmaking exhibition **In Print** returns. The prints in this year's show celebrate the natural world in many different forms.

✦ Award-winning photographer and former artist in residence, **Emma Brown**, will be holding tintype portrait sessions in the Artist in Residence Studio from Friday 8 until Sunday 10 November. Discover the chemistry behind how the photos are developed while getting your special, unique portrait taken.

✦ To celebrate Mary Watts's 175th birthday anniversary, Watts Gallery is delighted to present **Mary Watts: A Legacy Reimagined**, an exhibition featuring the work of five artists that have previously worked at Watts Gallery as artists in residence and exhibitors. This exhibition demonstrates the artistic responses that emerged during each artist's time at Watts Gallery, drawing on Mary's enduring legacy of community-building, collaboration and creative empowerment.

✦ Enjoy creative time as a family with weekly Clay Club sessions on Sundays. Sessions this month explore magical moments, making a coil pot, and Christmas!

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

NORNEY CREATIVE ARTS GROUP is holding an exhibition in *Shackleford Village Hall, GU8 6AE*, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November, 10am to 4pm each day. Free entry, refreshments available and plenty of parking.

Is your child a budding artist who loves to doodle? Join **CARTOON CLUB** — a fun and friendly group for kids who love to draw! Led by local artist **Sarah Jane Vickery**, these hour-long Zoom classes are held every Saturday at 3pm (term time). Each week features a new, exciting topic to inspire creativity and imagination. Perfect for kids who want to explore their artistic talents in a supportive environment. To join visit: www.sarahjanevickery.com or email sarahjanevickery@gmail.com.

On Tuesday 12 November, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING'S** talk is *Medieval Barcelona. A World Apart*. Catalonia has a long and turbulent history of continuous opposition, emphasising always its separate culture and language. Its medieval architecture and art reflect this search for a distinct identity during its early, formative years. We will explore this theme, in Catalan Romanesque architecture, in the Gothic quarter of Barcelona, which contains the most complete collection of 13th to 15th century buildings in Europe, and in the exceptional collection at the National Museum of Catalan Art (MNAC), which has the finest group of pre-Giotto, pre-Renaissance painted murals in Europe. 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 £5. Visit www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2024.htm.

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.

Sandra's popular yoga classes will continue until December. Mondays and Fridays, from 10.30am until 12pm. The classes are full-ish with enthusiastic attendance, so email Sandra if interested at willpower24@talktalk.net.

DATES FOR NOVEMBER

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

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, 9am (term-time).

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

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Sat 26th Oct – Halloween Party, Compton Club, from 6pm.

Sat 26th Oct – **Turn back the clocks one hour. BST ends.**

Wed 30th Oct – Sustainable Fashion event, Village Hall, 5-6pm.

Fri 1st – Guildford Jazz, Cranleigh Arts Centre, GU6 8AS, 7.30pm.

Sat 2nd – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Wed 6th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 7.15pm.

Sat 9th – Rhona & Jo's Quiz at the Village Hall, 7pm.

Tues 12th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Thurs 14th – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

Fri 15th – Milford Probus Club lunch, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from 12 noon.

Fri 15th – Guildford Jazz, The Boileroom, GU1 4LS, 7pm.

Sat 16th – Chance to Chat Coffee Session with the National Trust, Godalming Museum, GU7 1AQ, 10am.

Wed 20th – DEADLINE for December issue of the NEWS.

Sat 21st – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 7pm.

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th – Norney Creative Arts Group, Shackleford Village Hall, GU8 6AE, from 10am.

Sat 30th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Sat 30th – Blackheath & Bramley Choral Society's pre-Christmas celebration, Holy Trinity Church, GU1 3RR, 7.30pm.

Sat 30th – Godalming Choral Society Christmas Concert, St. John's Church, GU7 3EJ, 7.30pm.