

# COMPTON

# NEWS



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As many of you will be aware, the Compton Club Committee has taken the tough decision to close the venue, temporarily, from Sunday 9 July. Like many businesses and organisations within the wider hospitality sector, the Club has struggled to run in these straitened times and is no longer financially viable. Even though the Club's events manager Kayleigh Savage has done a sterling job of booking many events, these will not cover the shortfall in the near-term.

The committee is determined to re-open the club for members as soon as we can but in a way that is financially sustainable and would like to invite club members and all who are interested to a village meeting to be held at the Club. This will be open to everyone and will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 18 July. The purpose of the meeting is to update everyone on the current situation, to put forward the Committee's ideas for the future and to discuss these and other ideas for possible ways forward. If you have any suggestions for improving the future viability of the Club, please email the Treasurer, **Tim Carter**, at [timcarter405@gmail.com](mailto:timcarter405@gmail.com). Everyone will also get the opportunity to ask questions at the meeting and we will be looking for offers of help whatever the future scenario.

Ian Ranger, Chairman



◆ Compton Parish Council now has a full cohort of councillors, for the first time in several years. **Stephen Mallet** remains as Chairman, with **Ramsey Nagaty** as Vice Chairman. Fellow councillors are **Kristan Hecker-Meschede**, **Sarah James**, **Julia Palca**, **James Saunders** and **Chris Sharples**.

◆ The Parish Council continues to meet every other month from January, at Pucks Oak Barn, next to The Harrow site. The agenda includes traffic, planning applications, the playground, the local plan and other items of local interest. Residents are welcome to attend and may pose questions or make requests at the start of the meeting. The next meeting dates are on Wednesdays on 19 July, 20 September and 15 November and start at 7pm.

◆ Parish clerk Joanna Cadman has been meeting with playground works companies, ahead of meeting with the playground committee, to discuss proposals, to be followed by further discussion with the Parish Council regarding funding.

Compton and other local residents are reminded that the planning application for the site of **The Harrow** pub, on The Street, remains open for reviewing and comments. The proposal for five dwellings has received an objection from Compton Parish Council on the grounds of overdevelopment. View the proposal at: <https://tinyurl.com/HarrowPlanningApp>

## Delivering the NEWS

As well as the NEWS being delivered to about 350 properties in Compton and Littleton, Jane Turner sends out over 600 by email. Over the years, the list of those who receive it by email has increased. At the same time, a fair number continue to prefer to receive a hard copy delivered to their door. This will not change.

However, for those who receive a hard copy but are happy simply to receive the issue by email only, then do let Jane know so that she can amend her records and update the delivery schedule. Please contact Jane with your address so she can adjust the numbers for delivery and also your email address to be added to the online distribution.

Jane's details: [jane.turner@mac.com](mailto:jane.turner@mac.com) / 01483 810789 / 07763 146448.



◆ All are welcome to join Compton Little Theatre for a picnic on Saturday 9 September, 12.30pm. The event is free and anyone who attends just needs to bring food and refreshments. Venue and more details to follow. For more information, email [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

◆ CLT's October dinner and drama production is **Murdered to Death** by **Peter Gordon**, a spoof of the best of **Agatha Christie** stories and traditions. The play is set in a country manor house in the 1930s, naturally, with a cast of characters that include a bumbling police inspector and a well-meaning local sleuth who seems to attract murder wherever she goes. Performances are from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 October, in Compton Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm and the play starts at 7.45pm. Tickets are £22 and include a two-course meal. Email [tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk) or call/text 07964 515103 to book.

◆ Don't miss out on news about events and productions by following CLT on Facebook or Instagram, or sign up to CLT's distribution list by emailing [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

As agreed at the **Village Association Annual General Meeting**, the **£14,710** in takings from this year's Compton Fete will be distributed approximately as follows, depending on any further income received:

Godalming & Villages Community Store – £3,695

Compton Club – £3,302

Compton Allotments – £2,679

Village Hall – £2,112

Compton Little Theatre – £1,584

Compton NEWS – £700

St Nicholas Church – £638



**Compton NEWS is taking a summer break and will be back in September. The next deadline is 20 August.**

## † † WHAT'S ON IN JULY & AUGUST AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH † †

**Inside Out** next meets on Saturday 5 August, 10am-12 noon to keep the church and churchyard looking good – do join us!



Sunday 9 July 10.30am Eucharist    Sunday 23 July 10.30am Eucharist  
 Sunday 16 July 10.30am Eucharist    Sunday 30 July 10.30am Eucharist

Weds 2 Aug 10.30am **BCP Holy Communion**  
 Sunday 6 Aug 6pm Evensong    Sunday 20 Aug 10.30am Eucharist  
 Sunday 13 Aug 10.30am Eucharist    Sunday 27 Aug 10.30am Eucharist

*Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle*

### Wild About Compton

‡ St Nicholas has introduced a churchyard management plan to conserve the unique environment; a tiny, but rare, survival of ancient, uncultivated grassland.

‡ During June, listeners to BBC Radio 4's **Today** programme were invited to leave voice notes about their favourite tree. If you have a BBC Sounds account, you can listen to some at [www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fyd1fv](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0fyd1fv) and feel inspired to plant one.

**A happy little 'tail'.** On Saturday 3 June Liv Timberlake, near the Harrow, was befriended by a friendly, but clearly lost, ferret. So the Timberlakes contacted Nick Palmer (of disbanded Pet Search), while Chris Sharples put a post on the Compton Phone Box Instagram site and Jane Turner sent a flurry of emails, in attempts to reach the owner. In the meantime, Mark Knight from Cypress Farm was contacted to temporarily rehome the mustelid. Having collected the ferret from the Timberlakes, Mark spotted a couple walking such a creature on a lead along The Street and stopped to ask whether they had lost an albino ferret. They had indeed and "Dionysius" was reunited with his delighted owner Chris Riddy, who lives in Silo Road and had responded to Chris Sharples' Instagram post. That this all occurred in *less than a couple of hours* is testament to the **Compton Grapevine!**

## WATTS GALLERY NEWS

- ✦ **Victorian Virtual Reality** opens on 4 July and explores the popularity of *stereoscopes*, with over 150 photographs borrowed from the Brian May Archive of Stereoscapy. This "must-see" exhibition runs until February 2024.
- ✦ **Reinvented: The Art of Upcycling**, in the Watts Contemporary Gallery (July and August), offers beautiful artwork created from unconventional sources. Free entry and works are for sale.
- ✦ Join yoga teacher **Susie Jewell** at Watts Gallery on 9 July for guided yoga and meditation before mindful sketching with artist **Charlie Betts** on a summer afternoon in the woodland.
- ✦ Try your hand at upcycling your much-loved denim with fabrics, threads, buttons and more with designer **Jeanette Farr** on 22 July.
- ✦ On 30 August, enjoy a glass of wine and try your hand at sketching in the sculpture gallery on this late summer evening. You'll be joined by artist **Mags Orson** who will help you with observational drawing.
- ✦ On Tuesday 1, Sunday 13 and Tuesday 22 August the Gallery is hosting **Summer Family Days**, featuring activities, stories and trails.

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



♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** is putting on a special joint performance of the wonderful Verdi's Requiem on Saturday 23 September at 4.30pm at the iconic *Theatre in the Woods at West Horsley Place*, the home of **Grange Park Opera**. Tickets are £35, £25 and £15 for under 18s, all including a drink; available at [www.thelittleboxoffice.com/gcs](http://www.thelittleboxoffice.com/gcs).

### WOOD STREET JAZZ FESTIVAL

Sunday 16 July, 12.30pm to 5.30pm, Wood Street Village Green, GU3 3EU.

In aid of Challengers, the Festival's artists include the leader of the Ronnie Scott's Big Band Pete Long on alto sax and trumpeter Ryan Quigley with "1960's Soul Jazz - The music of Horace Silver and the Adderley Brothers", plus local support acts, a superb Indian meal, a licensed bar and free parking.

### JAZZ AT GUILDFORD PAVILION

Wednesday 26 July, from 8pm, Woodbridge Road, GUI 4RP.

American-born Allison Neale's alto saxophone sound is widely regarded as one of the finest exponents on today's scene of the West Coast "cool jazz" style of Paul Desmond. "Art Pepper, Paul Desmond, early Lee Konitz hover around the edges of her playing, which floats like a musical butterfly before landing on a flower next to your heart" – *Melody Express*.

### JAZZ AT GUILDFORD CASTLE

Saturday 19 August, 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Vocalist Noel McCalla, award-winning saxophonist Derek Nash (Jools Holland's R&B Orchestra) and their world-class live band present a diverse catalogue of back-to-back Stevie Wonder hits including Superstition, Sir Duke, Master Blaster and many more. "Breathtaking" – *Sunday Times*.

For more details and to book visit [guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://guildfordjazz.org.uk)

On Tuesday 11 July, at 10.30am, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING** has invited Stella Diamond, who is the manager of one of the local charities the Society supports – The Therapy Garden – to present the history and current work that it undertakes. There will be an opportunity to purchase plants and other items to support this worthy local charity. All are welcome. *Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DT*. Donations by non-members are much appreciated.

## DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST

**Godalming Community Food Store**, Compton Telephone Box, Sundays 8am-5pm.

**Fledglings**, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am term time!

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Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Arts Society Woking Talk, Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Goes Wild, Friary Street, 10am.

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Wood Street, Guildford, 12.30pm.

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – **Compton Club meeting, at the Club, 7pm.**

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Parish Council meeting, Pucks Oak Barn, 7pm.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Milford Probus lunch, Godalming Masonic Hall, 12.30pm.

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, 8pm.

### AUGUST DATES

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Castle grounds, 5.30pm.

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – DEADLINE for the September issue of Compton NEWS.**