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UPDATE TO CVA SUBSCRIPTIONS & FETE GRAND DRAW RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASING

Compton Village Association (CVA), a non-profit organisation, delivers many benefits for our community, including: **Village Website**, **Village Projects** (with the Parish Council), **Compton Fete**, management of the minibus 'Compo' (with the Watts Gallery), provision of a **Welcome Pack** for new residents, a **Guide to Local Services & Organisations**, plus **The Compton NEWS**. **2023 subscriptions** remain good value at **£4 per family / £2 for individuals and Senior Citizen couples**, though additional donations are always appreciated.

Methods of payment:

1. **NEW: By credit or debit card.** Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or visit: <https://supportmylocal.org/store/compton-village-association>. ****Village Fete Grand Draw 2023 tickets can also be bought at the same time! (See below)****

2. **Bank transfer** (referenced 'Sub') to the Compton Village Association account at Lloyds Bank, Business Account: Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047.

3. **Cash or Cheques** payable to *Compton Village Association*. Complete the enclosed form and deliver your subscription to the Treasurer, David Hunt, at Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF.



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PURCHASING ADVANCE TICKETS FOR THE VILLAGE FETE GRAND DRAW

Compton Fete HQ has organised some fabulous Grand Draw prizes, including a top prize of **£300 cash!** Tickets are **£1 each**. This year, paper tickets **will not** be sent out with the NEWS but can be **BOUGHT ONLINE** with credit/debit cards. For anyone preferring to purchase paper tickets **please see Method 2 below**.

An online option for pre-fete ticket sales offers more convenient purchasing, reduces our environmental footprint and printing costs, whilst allowing volunteers to channel all their efforts into ensuring a fantastic Fete on the day!

Methods of payment:

1. **Credit or debit card.** We will email your confirmation and tickets directly to you. *As referred to already, you can also pay your CVA subscriptions at the same time!* Scan the QR code on this page with your smartphone camera or visit: <https://supportmylocal.org/store/compton-village-association>.

2. **Bank transfer, cheque or cash.** Please follow these steps:

(i) **By 26 April at the latest** contact Sarah on 07884 438974 or comptonvillagefete@gmail.com and tell her your name, address and how many tickets you want to buy (£1 per ticket); your blank tickets and a pre-addressed envelope will then be sent to you with the MAY edition of the NEWS;

(ii) Fill out ticket stubs and return them in the pre-addressed envelope **before 10 May**, with either cash, OR a cheque payable to *Compton Village Association* OR a note stating that you have paid by bank transfer (referenced 'GD') to the Compton Village Association account at Lloyds Bank, Business Account: Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047.

In addition, tickets will shortly be available to purchase at the Compton Club and can also be bought on the day, Saturday 13 May, from the Grand Draw Stall.



♦ Stand-up comedy is **BACK** at the **Compton Club** on **Friday 3 March, 8pm** (bar opens at 6pm). **Gag House Comedy's** line-up on the night features Ross Smith, Danny Buckler, Martin Graham and Stephen Carlin. The goal is to reach an audience of 70 people, for a great atmosphere, with a cash bar. Booking: <https://gaghousecomedy.com/events/compton-gag-house-comedy-club-3-march-2023/>.

♦ **BINGO** dates are **Saturday 4 and 18 March, 7pm**.

♦ **The Decades** band night is on **Saturday 8 April, 8:45pm**. Members: free admission, non-members £5 on the door.

♦ **Premier Race Nights** in aid of **Dreams Come True Children's Charity**, **Saturday 22 April, 8pm**. **Premier Race Nights** are non-commercial events where participants place bets on the outcome of recorded horse races and prizes are won. The charity has been running these events across the south-east and has raised more than £320,000 since 2007.

To book, contact Kayleigh, events manager: events@comptonclub.co.uk / 07983 395891.

Pre-Fete Family Fun Day on

Friday 14 April, from 4pm, Compton Club:

featuring:

- ♦ Teddy Bear Hunt.
- ♦ Compton Fete 2023 poster colouring competition
- ♦ Tickets for the Grand Draw.
- ♦ Drop off point for Fete donation items
- ♦ Volunteer sign-up sheet.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will start at 1am on **Sunday, 26 March**, so **don't forget** clocks go forward one hour on the night of **Saturday 25 March**.



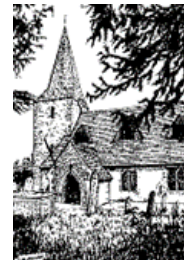
**COMPTON & ARTINGTON PARISHES INVITE EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITIES TO
THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH ON SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023, FROM MIDDAY ONWARDS,
ON **COMPTON VILLAGE GREEN.****

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC, DRINKS, CHAIRS AND BLANKETS.

THE COMPTON CLUB BAR WILL BE OPEN!
FURTHER ENTERTAINMENT DETAILS TO COME ...

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

I wanted to share the good news that work on the North Door is finally due to start this month and also take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to, or has otherwise been involved in, this project. We look forward to stonemasons being onsite over the Easter period.



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To keep St Nicholas church and churchyard looking lovely, we need some help. We plan to meet on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon in order to do some gardening if it's fine outside or cleaning inside if the weather is poor. **Always good coffee and cakes for the workers.**

The next two gatherings will be Saturday 4 March and Saturday 1 April.

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The Church is hosting activities for children, to mark Easter, from 10:30am in the church/churchyard:

Sunday 5 March — Muddy Church

Friday 7 April — Good Friday Gardens

Sunday 19 March — Mothering Sunday

Easter Sunday — Easter Egg Hunt!

Sunday 2 April — Muddy Palm Sunday

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Nature playgroup **Fledglings**, for 0-4s, meets every Monday, term time, at Pucks Oak Barn from 9.30am. Contact Catherine at fledglingscompton@gmail.com / 07779 022419.

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Sunday 5 March	<u>8am</u> Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Sunday 2 April	<u>10.30am</u> Palm Sunday All Age Service
	<u>6pm</u> Evensong		<u>6pm</u> Evensong
Sunday 12 March	<u>10.30am</u> Sunday Worship with Christening	Thursday 6 April	<u>7pm</u> Maundy Thursday Communion
Sunday 19 March	<u>10.30am</u> Mothering Sunday Service	Good Friday 7 April	<u>10.30am</u> Reflection at the Cross
Sunday 26 March	<u>10.30am</u> Parish Eucharist	Sunday 9 April	<u>10.30am</u> Easter Sunday Celebration
			<i>Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle</i>



**PARISH COUNCIL
REMINDERS**

The term of office of members of **Compton Parish Council** ends in May, when elections

are held for new Councillors for the new four year term. If you are interested in becoming a Compton Parish Councillor, please consider attending the next Parish Council meeting, on Wednesday 15 March, 7pm, Pucks Oak Barn.

The next **Annual Parish**

Meeting is on Wednesday 19 April,

7pm, at the Compton Club. If planning to attend, email: joanna@joannacadman.com www.comptonparishcouncil.co.uk.

Litter seems to be everywhere — please join the *Compton Litter Pick* on Saturday 11 March, starting at 10.30am at the **Compton Club**, finishing back there for soup and rolls at midday. Litter pickers, high-vis vests and rubbish bags supplied.

SHACKLEFORD TODDLER GROUP. Rosa Garret, an experienced early years teacher, and church warden, is starting a NEW Toddler Group at **St. Mary's Church Shackleford**, GU8 6AE. Activities include crafts, toys, tea and coffee, plus singing at the end. No charge for entry. The group is held on Mondays, from 9.15-11.15am, until June, starting 13 March. Please text 07756 023934 with any enquiries.

MILFORD PROBUS CLUB. Nigel Jewkes, Chair of the Trustee Board for **Waverley Citizens Advice**, will be speaking at a *Milford Probus* lunch on Friday 21 April, about the growing pressure placed on Citizens Advice. How do we go about approaching the current demands of those struggling with difficult situations? Join us at the Masonic Hall in Godalming for lunch at noon prior to this talk. Contact Jon Warnke jgwarnke@btinternet.com to book your place. Milford Probus is a group for professional retired or semi-retired businesspeople.

BEWARE OF BURGLARS. In February, the police were called out one night to several burglaries in Compton, most probably committed by a gang from outside the area, they concluded. Some properties were unoccupied at the time but their intruder alarms were activated when the burglars gained access. In one case – and the police say this is quite common – the intruders entered via a first floor window and never went downstairs, suggesting it is important to have at least one sensor upstairs. While, in these cases, the alarms were set off, alerting neighbours and keyholders, this did not prevent the burglars from entering the houses, though it would have made them aware that their time was limited. If you have an intruder alarm, switch it on when you go out, even if only for a short time. Make sure all your valuables are locked away safely and don't leave car keys in an obvious place!

Godalming Theatre Group (GTG), by arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh, presents:

KIPPS - THE NEW HALF A SIXPENCE MUSICAL.

Julian Fellowes' of Downton Abbey fame has added his magic touch to this much-loved musical, based on the H.G. Wells novel "KIPPS: The Story of a Simple Soul", in a timeless and contemporary way, while a brilliantly infectious new score, by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, complements the original David Heneker classics with a joyous energy.

Set at the turn of the century, the timeless story of Arthur Kipps, who dreams of a better and more fulfilling world, is familiar to many who will remember Tommy Steel in this iconic role. When Arthur unexpectedly inherits a fortune that propels him into the upstairs, downstairs world of English society, it confuses everything he thought he knew about life.

Join a stellar GTG cast for what promises to be a 'Flash Bang Wallop' of a musical experience.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).

Director – David Dray.

Musical Director – Steven Bean.

Choreographer – Alison Chapman.

Box Office: gtguk.com or for Group Bookings of 20 or more please call the Box Office: 07402 484484.

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♪ **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** will be celebrating 160 years of the Choral Society, with a concert on Saturday 1 April, at 7.30pm, Godalming Borough Hall, so book your ticket early. The concert will commemorate a performance by the choir in 1863 at the opening of the Hall and will feature some of the music performed in 1863, including movements from **Handel's Messiah**.

Another for the diary is a **Come and Sing Day** on Saturday 20 May, featuring the **Vivaldi Gloria**.

Visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk or e-mail secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk.

♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** invite you to its next concert of the season, which will take place on Saturday 11 March at Godalming Baptist Church, 7pm. **Aquillae String Quartet from Guildhall** will be performing three delightful quartets, by **Haydn (The Fifths)**, **Dvorak (The American)** and **Mendelssohn's Op 13 in A minor**. Booking is recommended via www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk or by emailing suzanne.cacciottolo@gmail.com.

These concerts are FREE with a retiring collection towards musicians' fees and expenses. We are grateful for your generosity.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

BEAT AT THE BOILER ROOM

WITH THE BANGER FACTORY Friday 17 March, from 7pm.

"Full of energy, vibe, blues, rhythm, gospel and emotions, **The Banger Factory** is the finest and most exciting live act on the scene." This band is like a family. The gang of brothers that exude tons of joy when witnessed on stage. Each one of them is at the top of their game.

MICK FOSTER QUINTET – CELEBRATING GERRY MULLIGAN

Wednesday 8 March, from 7.15pm, Guildford Cricket Pavilion.

Mick Foster's fantastic Quintet celebrates the music of acclaimed jazz musician, composer and arranger *Gerry Mulligan* and the "cool" West Coast Jazz style of the early 1950s, especially the original 1952-53 recordings with Chet Baker which would prove enormously influential and set the groundwork for many other groups. With Mick Foster (baritone sax), Paul Higgs (trumpet), Rob Barron (piano), Marianne Windham (bass) & Tristan Mailliot (drums).

LOUISE BALKWILL QUARTET

Thursday 23 March, from 7.15pm, Guildford Cricket Pavilion.

Award-winning jazz vocalist **Louise Balkwill** makes her first appearance at Guildford Jazz with a show that boasts burning, vocalese-infused bebop and sultry, swinging blues. Louise has become renowned for her heartfelt and daring renditions of much-loved jazz classics and hidden gems from the Great American Songbook. Her appearance at *Guildford Jazz* follows a significant year for her in 2022 with the release of her debut album 'First Class', two international tours with the Puppini Sisters, plus winning the Riga Jazz Stage international jazz voice competition.

Booking: guildfordjazz.org.uk

GODALMING MUSEUM

- **THE NEEDLE AND THE THREAD** exhibition continues until Sunday 19 March with **Elizabeth Blake's** extensive collection of handsewn quilts, featuring her own designs and chosen fabrics. **Susie Darnton** has created ceramic buttons of various sizes, shapes, textures and patterns. With no two identical, visitors can enjoy looking at them and handling them, and imagining how they could be used.

- **Rob Heanley** displays his skill as a wildlife artist from 24 March to 9 April. His work illustrates his interest in the light, textures and colours of his subjects' habitats.

- On Wednesday 29 March, from 7.30pm, **Alan Smith** at the Octagon, Godalming Parish Church will be giving a lecture entitled *Balchen's Victory: The Loss and Rediscovery of an Admiral and his ship*. Admiral Sir John Balchen, born in Godalming in 1870, saw action in battles against the French and Spanish across 60 years and three separate wars. Tickets £5, available from Godalming Museum or on the door on the night.

- From 1 March, Godalming Museum is open for five days a week, Wednesday-Sunday from 11am to 3pm. From 1 April, opening times are Wednesday-Saturday 10am to 4pm, and Sunday 11am to 3pm. www.godalmingmuseum.org.uk / 01483 426510.



WATTS GALLERY NEWS



Watts Gallery Trust undertook a consultation last year to re-examine where **Physical Energy** – G F Watts's monumental sculpture, re-cast in 2017 to mark the artist's bicentenary – should be sited. The initial proposal was to place the sculpture on the strip of land that runs between the A3 exit slipway and Down Lane. People who responded to the consultation felt that this was not the most suitable position, as it would not be widely accessible. Displaying *Physical Energy* within the grounds of Watts Gallery – Artists' Village would enable more visitors to access it in order to explore Watts's most ambitious sculpture, its association with Cecil Rhodes, and what it means to people today. Our Trustees have accepted the consultation's findings in full and will announce a new location soon. To find out more visit www.wattsgallery.org.uk and the link "Art & Artists".

- ✦ This month, **Halima Cassell: From the Earth** marks the first time a contemporary solo show has been shown in the Historic Galleries. The show explores Halima's dynamic works in clay from all over the world and includes a piece commissioned for Watts Gallery, inspired by the works of G F and Mary Watts.
- ✦ 13–18-year-olds have the opportunity to join artist **Yeside Linney** for an exciting workshop on creating abstract paintings on Saturday 4 March. Spaces are limited so book early.
- ✦ The ceramics theme continues with a workshop on Saturday 4 March, creating egg cups inspired by the works of Mary Watts with artist **Luisa Cacciotti**.
- ✦ Practise mindfulness and work on your sketching with an all-new workshop, **Slow Gaze in Nature**, in the Limnerslease woodland. Join a meditation session followed by the chance to draw the surrounding nature.
- ✦ Join us on **International Women's Day**, Wednesday 8 March, for a selection of talks and tours about Mary Watts and Evelyn De Morgan, taking place throughout the day across the site.

Tickets for all our events can be booked at wattsgallery.org.uk.

On Tuesday 14 March, **THE ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk will be on **Secrets of Affluent Mayfair**. Just north of Piccadilly, in the city of Westminster, is the historic district of Mayfair, now one of the most affluent neighbourhoods in the world. Discover the humble early roots of this area and later its aristocratic appeal and learn about famous gardens, such as Berkeley Square and Grosvenor Square, posh shops, private members' clubs, stately Georgian townhouses, public art and many hidden corners. The talk is by **Ian Swankie**, an official guide at Tate Modern, Tate Britain, Guildhall Art Gallery and St Paul's Cathedral, as well as a qualified and active freelance London guide who leads regular tours for various corporations and organisations. Since 2012, he has led a popular independent art lecture group in his hometown of Richmond in West London. He is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Art Scholars. Talk starts at 10.30am but doors open at 9.45am for tea and coffee, at Normandy Village Hall, Guildford GU3 2DT. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a £5 donation to the Society. Visit: <http://wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2023.htm#March>



** FARM/ Loseley Park Produce Sale **

MONTHLY, starting on Saturday 15 April 2023, 9am-2pm at Tithe Barn at Loseley Park, GU3 1HS.

Purchase treats such as brownies, croissants, coffee and other baked goods as well as homemade jams and chutneys made onsite by our kitchen team.

As the season improves weather-wise, we will be selling produce from the gardens and many more items, including our beef. Parking is included onsite on the Loseley estate using the Stakescorner road entrance.

Well-rotted 3, 2 or 1 year-old MANURE, free on collection, easy access.
BEECH LOGS free on collection. Lengths of 1 ft or 2 metres, ready for cutting and seasoning. 07900 303220 (please call during work hours).

Sue's PROGRESSIVE PILATES is held at **Compton Club** every Tuesday from 9.45am to 10.45am. Fun and friendly and open to new members of all ages and abilities, with 50+ especially welcome. TO BOOK FOR APRIL contact: sue@progressivepilates.co.uk / 078811 750654 / www.progressivepilates.co.uk.

DATES FOR MARCH

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

Compton Club open 7pm to 11pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

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

Pilates, Compton Club, Tuesdays, 9.45am-10.45am.

Bingo, Compton Club, Saturdays 7pm, 4th and 18th.

Fledglings, Pucks Oak Barn, Mondays, 9.30am.

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Fri 3rd – Gag House Comedy Club, Compton Club, from 6pm.

Sat 4th – CLT Quiz Night, Compton Village hall, from 7pm.

Weds 8th – Mick Foster Quintet, Guildford Cricket Pavilion, 7.15pm.

Sat 11th – Annual litter Pick, Compton Club, 10.30am.

Sat 11th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, 7pm.

Mon 13th – Toddler Group, St. Mary's Church Shackleford, from 9.15am.

Weds 15th – Compton Parish Council Meeting, Pucks Oak Barn, 7pm.

Fri 17th – The Banger Factory, BEAT, Boiler Room, from 7pm.

Tues 14th – "Secrets of Affluent Mayfair", Normandy Village Hall, 10.30am.

Mon 20th – Deadline for April NEWS.

Thurs 23rd – Louise Balkwill Quartet, Guildford Cricket Pavilion, 7.15pm.

Sat 25th – Clocks go forward ONE HOUR, from midnight.