

# COMPTON

# NEWS



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**CLT QUIZ NIGHT 2025.** Jo Ayshford and Rhona Wilkie will be holding a Quiz Night at **COMPTON VILLAGE HALL** on Friday 28 March to raise funds for **COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE**. Tickets are **£12** each, which includes supper. There will be a pay bar. Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Teams are a maximum of six. Email [rhonawilkie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rhonawilkie@hotmail.co.uk) to enter a team, book tickets and provide any dietary requirements. Jo and Rhona hope to see you soon for another fun and highly competitive night.

CLT's annual gathering will be held on Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm in *Pucks Oak Barn, GU3 1EG*. All are welcome to this social event. CLT also wants to hear your ideas about the shape and future of the theatre group. More details to follow in the April issue of Compton News. To stay up-to-date with news, events, social activities, auditions and performance dates, join CLT's mailing list by emailing [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk).

Local residents **Nick & Charlotte Wyschna** are producing a comedy club at **COMPTON VILLAGE HALL** on Saturday 26 April. **COMPTON GAG HOUSE COMEDY CLUB's** lineup will include **Matt Richardson** (*Nevermind The Buzzcocks*, *Celebrity Juice*, *Sweat The Small Stuff*), **Russell Arathoon**, **Tom Elwes** and **Ashley Frieze**. Doors open at 7.15pm. Show starts at 8pm.

There will be a pay bar and the promise of many laughs throughout the night. All profits from the comedy club will be donated to a charity yet to be decided. Nick and Charlotte will be asking for ideas on local charities on the night. Book tickets in advance at [GagHouseComedy.com](http://GagHouseComedy.com).



**COMPTON CLUB's** upcoming **Band Night** has been moved to Saturday 3 May, to make way for a **Pool Tournament** that will be held on Saturday 8 March, starting at 7pm. There will be cash prizes for the winner. Details on how

to sign up will be shared via Compton Club's WhatsApp group soon. The Club is open every Thursday and Friday evening from 7pm during March. Find out more about the Club, its events and how to join the WhatsApp group by visiting [www.comptonclub.co.uk](http://www.comptonclub.co.uk).



A successful and constructive meeting regarding traffic-calming was held at **COMPTON CLUB** on Wednesday 12 February, with more than 80 residents in attendance. It led to the drafting of a submission to **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**. This will be published on Compton Parish Council's website in due course for review.

**DON'T FORGET** that **COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** is organising the **ANNUAL LITTER PICK** on Saturday 22 March. It starts at 10.30am, at **Compton Club** and volunteers can return there for hot soup and rolls at midday. Many hands make light work of clearing all the rubbish discarded around Compton over the past year, so please join. Litter pickers, high-viz jackets and bin bags are provided, but please bring your own gloves and wear suitable shoes.

**REMINDERS:** The next PC meeting is on Wednesday 19 March, 7pm, *Pucks Oak Barn*. The **Annual Parish Meeting** is on Wednesday 7 May at 7pm, *Compton Club*. There will be drinks and food, and the opportunity to learn what the PC has been up to during the last 12 months.

**SHEILA CORBY**, a previous Compton resident and artist, will be holding **Painting Sessions** in *Puck's Oak Barn* from 1pm to 5pm, on Wednesdays starting on 26 February. This is a great opportunity for painters (and aspiring painters) to come along and have a go in a friendly and informal atmosphere. Parking is available and coffee & tea will be provided. There will be a small charge, to help with the rent. Contact Sheila on *07814 364305* / [sheilajcorby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sheilajcorby@hotmail.co.uk).

According to local resident **Will**, some of us could be owed money from **THAMES WATER**. With water bills set to rise, it's worth checking you are eligible for a *Surface Water Rebate* from the utility. Applying before April could result in a rebate of £175 (based on the current yearly discount and permitted five years of backdating), plus an ongoing yearly discount (2025/26: £50.16). To qualify, check whether your rainwater doesn't drain into the main sewer, then apply to Thames Water via its website. You'll need to provide evidence of where your rainwater goes, such as an invoice for a soakaway or photos proving your water drains to a stream or river. You'll also need proof of property ownership (e.g. Title Deeds).

Exactly 100 households have paid their annual **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (CVA)** subscription for 2025. But there are many more that have yet to pay. **You know who you are!** The CVA treasurer hopes to be deluged by at least a **further 75 bank transfers** in the next week. **£4** per family or **£2** for individuals and Senior Citizen couples. The Village Association is a non-profit organisation responsible for: Village Website • Village Projects in conjunction with the Parish Council • Village Fete • Welcome Pack for newcomers to the village • Guide to useful phone numbers • Managing the minibus, *Compo*, in accordance with the joint venture agreement with the Watts Gallery • *Compton NEWS*.

#### PAYMENT METHODS

- Bank transfer to the **Compton Village Association** account at **Lloyds bank: Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00115047. Business account**. Please use the reference **2025 Sub**.

- Use the form enclosed with the *NEWS* last month (February) - either a printed copy or electronic if you receive this by email - to send your subscription to the **Treasurer, David Hunt**, at *Poplar Cottage, The Common, Compton, Guildford GU3 1JF*. Cheques payable to **Compton Village Association**.

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



† **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](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com).

† **Inside Outside** meets on Saturday 1 March and Saturday 5 April, 10am to noon to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact [stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com). Confidentiality will be respected.

*Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle*

### MARCH

Sunday 2	<u>10.30am</u> Muddy Church — <i>Springtime &amp; pancakes</i> <u>6pm</u> Evensong	Sunday 23	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Wednesday 5	<u>10.30am</u> Ash Wednesday, followed by the first Lent group	Sunday 9	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion
Sunday 16	<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion	Sunday 30	<u>10.30am</u> Service of the Word — <i>Mothering Sunday</i>

Details of all Church services can be found at [www.stnicholascompton.org](http://www.stnicholascompton.org)

#### ST NICHOLAS is seeking to recruit a CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.

The role is for seven hours per week, working mostly from home, with occasional visits to church. **£15** per hour. Closing date 21 March.

Please contact Rector Sally for more details:  
[stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com).

Join **ST NICHOLAS'** monthly service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 2 March at 6pm. Music this month includes preces and responses:

*Psalm 99* – SMITH

*Nunc dimittis* - STANFORD IN BB

*Ave verum corpus* – MOZART

We're keen to welcome new singers to help the Church sustain this local musical tradition. Email Organist and Choirmaster **Richard Dacey** for more information: [stnicholascompton.organist@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholascompton.organist@gmail.com).



**DON'T FORGET**, the **COMPTON VILLAGE PRE-FETE FAMILY FUN DAY** is on Friday 28 March, 5pm at **COMPTON CLUB**.

The fun includes: Creative fun for the children - early bird opportunity to buy Grand Draw tickets - drop off point for any donations for the Fete stalls - friendly faces eagerly anticipating your offer of help to volunteer for the Fete - Usborne Books - Pig Out Pizza (5-9pm).

**COMPTON VILLAGE FETE 2025** will be held on Saturday 17 May, 12pm to 4.30pm. Facebook users can find the latest fete news at [www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete](http://www.facebook.com/ComptonVillageFete).

**Compton Fete Committee** is ALWAYS seeking volunteers. Please email [elenidhafcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:elenidhafcoleman@gmail.com). If you are interested in donating a prize to our Grand Draw, do email [wellsmiranda@icloud.com](mailto:wellsmiranda@icloud.com).

**REPAIR CAFÉ GODALMING** has been selected as a *Greener Futures* category finalist in the **STARS in SURREY** annual awards. For those of you unfamiliar with the Repair Café and who may need something fixed, monthly sessions (on **Saturdays**) are held in *Borough Hall, Bridge Street, GU7 1HT* (opposite Waitrose carpark) between 10am and 12.30pm. Upcoming sessions are on 22 March, 26 April, 24 May and 21 June.

Volunteers at these sessions have experience in bicycle maintenance, repairs to computers/mobile phones/game controllers/other electronics (though cracked screens on smartphones and tablets cannot be repaired by the team), mechanical problems, clothing and fabric repairs, toys, small electrical items and more.

During sessions, a PAT Tester is present for electrical items and sometimes a horticulturalist is on hand to provide gardening advice. Please do check before bringing items in to ensure these can be repaired.

Repair Café Godalming is also **looking for practical people** who enjoy fixing and mending, especially those with electrical skills.

To find out more visit <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/repair-cafe-godalming/>

#### Bargain Basement

Dog items for sale:

- Barjo tailgate guard, custom made for Dacia Logan estate (fits a VW Passat as well). See [www.barjo.co.uk](http://www.barjo.co.uk).

- Barrier for the back seat    - Mattress dog bed to fit in the back of a car  
- Stair gate    - Metal dog crate.

**£200 for everything.**

Also FREE: toddler car seat in good condition and two travel cots.

Call 07954 282788.

**SANDRA'S YOGA CLASSES** are held at COMPTON VILLAGE HALL on Thursdays and Fridays, from 10.30am until 12 noon. To book email [willpower24@talktalk.net](mailto:willpower24@talktalk.net).

On Friday 21 March **MILFORD PROBUS** members and their guests (always welcome and the numbers are rising) will be treated to a talk by **Andrzej Potocki**, who for 20 years in the 1960s and '70s lived near **ROALD DAHL** in the same village. His first ever job, at the age of 12, was collecting apples in Dahl's orchard. Over the years, he got to know Roald Dahl and his family well and many of the people and places that Dahl wrote about.

This is an informed view from personal experience. The talk also includes other aspects of Dahl's amazing life beyond his hugely successful children's books, including as an ace fighter pilot, a spy and inventor of medical equipment. Questions are welcomed.

Milford Probus is a club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men and women who enjoy comradeship, informative talks and wider activities. 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/07818 602699](mailto:jgwarnke@btinternet.com)).

On Thursday 20 March, from 7.30pm until 9pm **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES'** guest speaker, **Vincent Raymond-Barker**, will explain (in French) how the Parisian railway stations have been portrayed in history, art, songs and cinema.

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

To find out more, visit [www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com](http://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** will be holding two special concerts this month. The first, on Saturday 8 March will feature the acclaimed and upcoming popular **Wales Guitar Duo** who are quickly building a name for themselves with their versatile performance and enjoyable duo playing. On Friday 21 March, Conservatoire Concerts will be holding a special evening with South African pianist **Nina Schumann** who will be talking briefly about her conditions of Focal Dystonia and Parkinson's. Nina will also be performing a programme of works by BACH, RACHMANINOFF and more. Both events will commence at 7pm and take place 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**, under conductor **George de Voil**, is performing MENDELSSOHN's choral masterpiece *Elijah* with professional orchestra and soloists in the beautiful **MEMORIAL CHAPEL** at **CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL** on Sunday 30 March 2025. Mendelssohn's most monumental oratorio brings the bible story to life with operatic gusto. Come and be swept away. For further information and tickets, visit [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk).

### GUILDFORD JAZZ

#### Hexagonal: The Music of

#### **Bheki Mseleku and McCoy Tyner**

Thursday 6 March

This sextet, with African and Jazz influences, was formed in late 2016, to perform the music of two titans of jazz - American McCoy Tyner and

South African jazz pianist and saxophonist Bheki Mseleku. The band came from the experience of working and touring with both Bheki and McCoy, which brings authenticity to the group's music.

7.15pm

*Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4RP.*

#### **Benn Clatworthy**

Wednesday 19 March

From storming post-Coltrane energy to beautiful ballad playing, Los Angeles-based Benn Clatworthy has matured into a truly great tenor player. He was a huge hit with the Guildford Jazz audience on his last visit in 2013 for his emotional playing and his dry sense of humour.

7.15pm

*Guildford Pavilion, Woodbridge Road, Guildford, GU1 4RP.*

#### **Huw Warren: "Choro, Choro, Choro"**

Thursday 27 March

Celebrating Choro, the vibrant beating heart of Brazilian music, "Choro, Choro, Choro" explores music from the 1880s to the present day by composers such as Ernesto Nazareth, Chiquinha Gonzaga, Pixinguinha, and modern masters such as Guinga and Hermeto Pascoal.

Huw Warren has created several projects around the music of Brazil, including collaborations with Jovino Santos Neto, a critically acclaimed recording of Hermeto's music in 2009 and a trio record for CAM Jazz 'Everything in Between' in 2019.

8pm

*Performing Arts Studio (PATs), University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 7XH.*

Visit [www.guildfordjazz.org.uk](http://www.guildfordjazz.org.uk) to find out more and to book

On Saturday 15 March at 7pm the **SURREY POLICE BAND CONCERT**, in aid of **PHYLIS TUCKWELL** hospice charity, will be held at **EMMANUEL CHURCH**, *Stoughton, Guildford, GU2 9LS*. Adults **£10**. Children (aged 5-16) **£5**.

Book at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/surreypoliceband](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/surreypoliceband) or call 0333 666 3366.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**, in aid of the **PHYLIS TUCKWELL** charity, is back for 2025, with early bird tickets (£30) available now.

Organised by the **ROTARY CLUB OF FARNBOROUGH**, Music in the Park will be held on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July, at **King George V Playing Fields** in Farnborough.

Saturday's line-up will feature music from three amazing tribute acts: **NEW JOVI**, the ultimate tribute to *Bon Jovi*, the **UB40 EXPERIENCE**, fronted by *international Ali Campbell tribute vocalist Andy Bagnall*, and **Tony Lewis's Robbie Williams** tribute act. Sunday will take you back to the 1970s and 1980s, with the brilliant **LOST IN MUSIC**.

Since it was first launched in 2001, Music in the Park has raised **£525,000** for Phyllis Tuckwell, which provides palliative and end of life care for local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness such as cancer.

**Phyllis Tuckwell is also looking for more companies to sponsor Music in the Park**. Email [support@pth.org.uk](mailto:support@pth.org.uk) for more details. Gates will open at 5pm each day and the concerts start from 7.15pm, with fireworks at 10pm.

Early bird adult tickets are priced at £30 until Wednesday 30 April. From Thursday 1 May adult tickets will be **£35** and will be **£40** on the day. Tickets for children aged 6-17 years are **£10** and under-6 go free. Buy tickets online now at [www.pth.org.uk/music-in-the-park-2025](http://www.pth.org.uk/music-in-the-park-2025), by phone on 01252 729446 or by visiting one of Phyllis Tuckwell's shops in Aldershot, Ash, Camberley, Colledge Town, Farnborough, Farnham, Fleet or Frimley.

## WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR MARCH



- ✦ Discover captivating illustrations and sketches by **CICELY MARY BARKER** in *Flower Fairies™: The Magical World of Cicely Mary Barker* and follow the magic into the Watts Gallery woodlands with an outdoor Tree Fairy Trail. Enjoy a lunchtime tour on Thursday 20 March by Exhibitions Curator, **Corinna Henderson**. Exhibition runs until Sunday 27 April 2025.
- ✦ At **WATTS CONTEMPORARY GALLERY**, visit the *Spirit of Charleston* which features the works of 10 artists embracing the exuberant spirit of **CHARLESTON FARMHOUSE**, in Lewes, created by the **BLOOMSBURY GROUP's Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant** in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Discover vibrant colours and playful patterns. All works for sale. FREE entry. The gallery is located above the *Watts Gallery Shop*. Runs until Sunday 6 April 2025.
- ✦ Take inspiration from *Spirit of Charleston* exhibition and experiment with mixed media during our Saturday sketch workshop on Saturday 8 March, led by artist **Kerry Tristram**.
- ✦ Enjoy FREE ENTRY to the site on Saturday 15 March with **NATIONAL LOTTERY DAY**. Discover the story of **GEORGE AND MARY WATTS** by exploring their home and art studio, **Limnerslease**, visit the magical Chapel created by Mary with the local community and let the kids run wild through the Tree Fairy Trail and in the Verey Playwood. See Victorian art in the Historic Galleries, and make sure you see the Flower Fairies exhibition during your visit. Valid when you show a National Lottery Ticket, Instant Win Game or scratch card.
- ✦ Looking for crafty weekend activities for the kids? Head to **Clay Club**. Every Sunday, join our Watts ceramicist to roll, mould and create clay masterpieces as a family. Themes change fortnightly (see website for details)  
DON'T FORGET, COMPTON RESIDENTS GET 50% OFF ADMISSION! VALID WITH A PROOF OF ADDRESS.  
[www.wattsgallery.org.uk](http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk).



**GODALMING MUSEUM's** exhibitions in March include:

- **Charterhouse Art Takeover in Godalming** continues until Saturday 15 March. From textiles to photography and painting, there is a diverse range of ideas and media within the exhibition. Charterhouse students have worked extremely hard to produce wonderfully creative and exciting pieces. Visit **Godalming Museum** to see a body of the students' work, along with a list of other exhibiting venues.
  - **Along the Way and Beyond** runs from Tuesday 18 to Saturday 29 March. **Emma Thompson** returns to Godalming Museum with an exhibition sharing her journey along the river, through pictures composed uniquely in intricate needlepoint and tapestry.
  - **Lecture: Surrey and the New Space Revolution** by **Professor Craig Underwood**. *Wilfrid Noyce Centre*. Friday 21 March, 7.30pm-9pm. Underwood is Emeritus Professor of Spacecraft Engineering at the **UNIVERSITY OF SURREY**. As a former **BBC SCIENCE** correspondent and astronomer with doctorate from Jodrell Bank, he will discuss research and theories about life beyond earth.
- 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](http://www.godalmingmuseum.co.uk) / 01483 426510.

On Tuesday 11 March, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is **A Personal Heaven. The Paintings of Stanley Spencer**. One of the most original British artists of his generation, Spencer's art was dominated by his personal life and his profound religious faith. Cookham, his birthplace, was for Spencer an earthly paradise whose people and surroundings possessed a mystical quality. This was the setting for many of his great religious works and he spoke of "the rich religious significance of the place I live in". Despite the failure of his two marriages, Spencer continued to believe in the power of love and some of his most important works were inspired by his feelings for the two women whom he married.

The paintings inspired by his military service in World War I, concentrating on hope and redemption rather than on suffering, reveal a similar basic optimism. This lecture will examine the eccentric and visionary world of one of the most creative and imaginative British painters of the 20th century. The talk will be given by **Val Woodgate**, who is a lecturer and guide at TATE BRITAIN and TATE MODERN, for the ART FUND, and other organisations.

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](http://www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2025.htm)

## DATES FOR MARCH

**Sandra's Yoga**, Compton Village Hall, Thursdays

& 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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Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> – Choral Evensong, St Nicholas Church, 6pm.

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,

7.15pm.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Pool Tournament, Compton Club, 7pm.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church,

GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy

Village Hall, 10.30am.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – Surrey Police Band Concert, Emmanuel Church,

GU2 9LS, 7pm.

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – COMPTON NEWS MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE.**

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Milford Probus Club, Godalming Masonic Hall, GU7 1RQ, from 12pm.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA, 7pm.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Litter Pick, Compton Club, 10.30am.**

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Surrey University, GU2 7XH, 7.30pm.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Fete Family Fun Day, Compton Club, 5pm.**

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – CLT Quiz Night, Village Hall, 7pm.

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> – Godalming Choral Society 'Elijah', Charterhouse School Memorial Chapel, GU8 6AZ, 7pm.