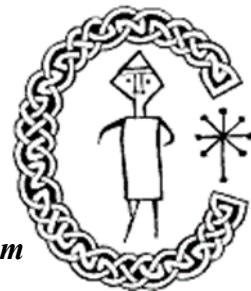


# COMPTON

## NEWS



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#### Traffic Calming Proposals

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL** is holding a meeting on Tuesday 8 July to consider and approve proposals for traffic-calming in Compton. These proposals have been drawn up following the meetings with Compton residents earlier this year and having taken note of the many representations submitted. Once approved, there will be six to nine months of detailed design work with construction beginning in summer

2026. Compton Parish Council has established a working group to liaise with SCC during this design phase and to inform the village of progress. This group comprises **William Bagnall, Rev. Sally Buddle, David Hunt** and **Nick Wyschna**. Once detailed plans are known, these will be communicated via the *News* and other sources.

#### Bummoor Copse tree-felling update

**COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL** has arranged a meeting with **LOSELEY ESTATE** concerning the tree-felling at Bummoor Copse and the Spiceall area, following concerns and issues raised by local residents regarding this activity. The Village will be kept apprised of any outcomes.

#### Upcoming PC meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Wednesday 16 July and on Wednesday 17 September, at 7pm at *Puck's Oak Barn*. The agenda for these meetings will be published on the Parish Council's website three days beforehand. Visit [www.compton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.compton-pc.gov.uk).



The box office for CLT's October comedy drama *"Bunkered"*, a comedy by **Lynn Brittney**, will be open from Friday 11 July.

The performance runs from Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 October at the *Village Hall*. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt).

We are also looking for a Prompt to join our production team. No experience necessary but you would need to be available to attend rehearsals from September onwards. Email [committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk](mailto:committee@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk) if you would like more information.

**GODALMING THEATRE GROUP'S *For the Love of Musicals*** offers audiences an eclectic mix of songs and medleys from popular stage musicals — songs that will evoke every emotion and make you laugh and cry.

Musicals have a timeless quality that appeals to every generation and GTG's talented cast of all ages brings you a perfect blend of entertainment, creativity, and artistic expression.

Join us this summer, with all the family, for a magical live performance. Immerse yourself in the world of musical theatre for an unforgettable experience that will leave you with lasting memories. We guarantee you'll leave the theatre humming the tunes! Wednesday 23 to Saturday 26 July. All performances start at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on the Saturday at 2.30pm. The venue is *Godalming Baptist Church, GU7 1BA*. Director **Keith Thomas**. Choreographer **Alison Chapman**. Musical Director **Liam Forrester**. Visit [gtguk.com](http://gtguk.com) to choose your seats and pay online or call the Box Office 07402 484 484. A £1 booking fee per transaction applies for telephone bookings.

## Phyllis Reeves – 1922-2025

Not many people around today will have known Phyllis (Phyl) Reeves, who recently died at the age of 103. She led a very full and interesting life, based in and around Compton, with connections to many people, places and organisations we still know today. It's worth remembering this special local woman whose death marks the passing of a bygone era that not many people will have experienced.

Phyllis was born at Berthorpe Lodge, Puttenham Heath Road, on 15 January 1922, her parents working for the Tuckwell family. Her claim to fame in later life — in all the Phyllis Tuckwell Shops where she volunteered — was that she had, as a little girl, attended Phyllis Tuckwell's wedding to Sir Edward Tuckwell, who founded the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in memory of his wife.

Before the by-pass was built, Compton and Puttenham were very much an entity. Between the wars Phyl's mother, Alice Merrett, and Lady Boston of Monkshatch ran a Health & Welfare Clinic in the Village Hall. During the war, her family moved to the Greyfriars Estate on the Hog's Back and her working life started at the small wartime factories that had taken over part of Watts Gallery, so her life became more Compton-based. There were dances at the Village Hall, which was what is now Moors Cottage before the current Village Hall was built in 1934, with the doors wide open and dancing in the street!

In 1944 Phyl married her beloved Tom in St Nicholas Church, in Compton, on a special licence as he had returned from Gibraltar only three days before. Tom's family lived in Binscombe, where his father had settled, returning from WWI with General Longbourne of Loseley. The father and his three sons were all working on the Loseley Estate when war broke out. The boys went into the services and on return they were offered jobs and houses, both rare commodities in 1945.

So Phyl and Tom's life together began at Loseley, Phyl going from gardener's daughter to gardener's wife. Her heart and soul went into making a home and family for her two daughters, Rosemary and Heather. The home was a welcome place for their cousin Rodger who lived next door and a number of POWs who worked on the Estate, many of whom remained life-long friends, plus many others too, over the years. The family was also involved with all the new developments at Loseley Park, which came thick and fast and included opening the house to the public, setting up the garden and preparing some fields to create a Market Garden operation, which included Organic Vegetables and Pick Your Own soft fruit, years before these trends became mainstream.

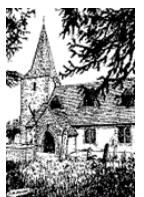
Phyl's community spirit still found time for Compton; belonging to the Mothers Union, Young Wives and the Women's Institute. This led to many crafts and hobbies, flower shows at the British Legion, jumble sales, whist drives, plays and choirs. She would get around on her pushbike with Rosemary on pillion, before swapping it for a trusty moped and eventually a much loved Morris Minor, which enabled Phyl to take several older members of the WI to attend their social events. She enjoyed driving until she was 98!

On retiring in 1986, Tom and Phyl moved to Godalming, where she led a different but still very active life. She spent her days keeping in contact with friends on the phone and writing letters, knitting socks for her grandson, and in the last 18 months or so she enjoyed life on the internet with her iPad. Her mind was as active as it had ever been, recalling events throughout her life and in the world today. She did the crossword and the puzzles in the newspaper every day and could still pick a winner at the races on the TV.

Phyl died peacefully in her sleep at home, with Rosemary and Heather by her side. At her request, there will be no funeral but in line with the Guides' movement, a "Thinking Day" instead on Tuesday 1 July when you can spend a few moments thinking about Phyl, wherever you are. She was a Guide at heart throughout her life, from Brownie through to a Guide Ranger. If you wish to make a donation in her memory, please send it to any charity of your choice.

*Talking of Centenarians, we also remember with sadness Mary Westmacott who has died in Littleton at the age of 101. Mary, the mother of Sarah More-Molyneux, was a much loved and respected member of the community, and a regular churchgoer at St Nicholas Compton. It is truly the end of an era with the death of these two remarkable women. We send our heartfelt love and sympathy to their children — Rosemary and Heather, and Sarah — and their families.*

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



† **Muddy Church** is on the first Sunday of every month at 10.30am in term-time only (No Muddy Church in **August**)

† Toddler group **Fledglings** is on Mondays, 9am (term-time) at *Puck's Oak Barn*. The group finishes for holidays on Monday 14 July. Contact [fledglingscompton@gmail.com](mailto:fledglingscompton@gmail.com).

† **Inside Outside** meets on Saturday 5 July and 2 August, 10am to noon (every first Saturday of the month) 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.

### JULY

Wednesday 2 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 6 10.30am Muddy Church — *Summer Party & Picnic*  
6pm Evensong

Sunday 13 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 20 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 10.30am Holy Communion

### AUGUST

Sunday 3 6pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 6 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 10 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 10.30am Holy Communion

**Choral Evensong:** Preces and responses — Ferial, Psalm 30, Nunc dimittis — WALMISLEY in D minor, anthem: How beautiful upon the mountains — STAINER, organ voluntary: Claire de lune — DEBUSSY

On Friday 15 August after a friendly lunch, members of **MILFORD PROBUS CLUB** and visitors (always welcome) will benefit from an informative and thought-provoking talk on Victorians At Leisure. Speaker **Richard Marks** is a professional historian whose current research focuses on industrial and social change during the Victorian era.

The nineteenth century saw a shift towards shorter working days and increased leisure time. Richard's talk will explore the consequences of this shift, including the growing popularity of theatres and music halls among all social classes; the wide array of Victorian pastimes, from collecting cigarette cards and trainspotting to studying botany and other sciences and playing some inventive parlour games. Come and find out how the Victorians spent their time away from work. Lunch and talk just £32. Lunch is at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm). If you are interested, visit [www.milfordprobus.com](http://www.milfordprobus.com) or book lunch (book the Monday before please) with Miranda O'Brien: [miranda.obrien@btinternet.com](mailto:miranda.obrien@btinternet.com) / 01483 423398.

**Prospective members are invited to join lunches as paying guests while considering membership. We have a friendly bar and plenty of parking.**

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♫ After a successful and very enjoyable opening to its **Opera Festival**, on Saturday 14 June, **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** invite you to the second part of the festival, on Saturday 5 July, 7pm at *Godalming Baptist Church*. Do not miss out on a spectacular evening of wonderful arias, well known operatic ensembles and popular tunes from famous musicals. Book your seats at [www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk](http://www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk). Admission 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*. Tickets are available for £20 (free for under 18s,) from Record Corner, Pound Lane, Godalming, or you can buy them on [www.godalmingchoral.org.uk](http://www.godalmingchoral.org.uk), or purchase them on the evening at the door.

### GUILDFORD JAZZ

#### Noa Levy & Paul Edis "Portrait in Evans" featuring Alan Barnes

Thursday 3 July

This concert brings together San Francisco jazz vocalist Noa Levy and UK pianist and composer Paul Edis for a transatlantic collaboration, featuring special guest saxophonist Alan Barnes.

The performance offers a fresh perspective on the work of jazz pianist Bill Evans through rarely heard vocal interpretations.

8pm

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

#### The Wonder of Stevie

Sunday 20 July

Voted one of Britain's top soul singers, mesmeric vocalist **Noel McCalla**, award-winning saxophonist **Derek Nash** (Jools Holland's R&B Orchestra) and their world-class live band present a catalogue of STEVIE WONDER hits including Superstition, Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Isn't She Lovely, I Wish, Sir Duke, Master Blaster and many more.

1.30pm

*Wood Street Village Green  
Guildford GU3 3EU.*

#### July Britannia Jazz Jam

Tuesday 29 July

All instrumentalists and singers very welcome — bring your instrument and sit in with the band or just come along for a drink and the music!

Free entry, all welcome.

9.30pm

*The Britannia Pub,  
9 Millmead.  
Guildford GU2 4BE.*

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

**Find your voice with expert coaching** Looking to boost confidence in public speaking, perfect a dialect, or refine your communication skills? Whether you are preparing for a wedding speech, boosting confidence for presentations, overcoming vocal challenges, or have a child that wants speech and drama lessons, tailored sessions from an experienced vocal coach can help you to strengthen your voice, enhance clarity and develop presence.

Visit [www.virginiaangusvocalcoaching.co.uk](http://www.virginiaangusvocalcoaching.co.uk).

**Local food festival** The GODALMING & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S Food Festival takes place on Sunday 6 July from 10am to 4pm. 2025's event brings you flavours from around the world to tempt your taste buds. Godalming High Street will be packed with stalls from fabulous traders and producers. Find out more at <https://godalming-tc.gov.uk/godalming-food-festival/>.

**Reach for the sky** with PHYLLIS TUCKWELL'S *Spinnaker Tower abseil!* Enjoy incredible views from the top of this iconic building, before abseiling down the side to raise money for the hospice charity.

The abseil will take place on Saturday 4 October, from 1pm, at the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. It's open to anyone aged 14 or over, no matter what your fitness level or experience.

Registration for the abseil is £30, with a minimum fundraising target of £250. Visit [www.pth.org.uk/news-and-events/events/upcoming-events/spinnaker-abseil/](http://www.pth.org.uk/news-and-events/events/upcoming-events/spinnaker-abseil/) to sign up!

**Local charity brings West Africa closer to Surrey Hearts** THE GUILDFORD & DISTRICT KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA warmly invite the public to an inspiring morning talk, "*From Godalming to Burkina Faso*", on Saturday 20 September, from 10.30am to 11.45am at *Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church, West Byfleet*.

This uplifting event will feature Gillie Nicholls-Penny, founder of LES AMIS BURKINA FASO, a remarkable Godalming-based charity offering vital support to some of the world's poorest communities. Les Amis Burkina Faso empowers vulnerable communities through education, healthcare and sustainable development with a special focus on women and long-term change.

Tickets are just £5 and advance booking is encouraged at [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (search 'Burkina Faso'). All proceeds directly support the charity's transformative work.



★ Explore Pre-Raphaelite works of art in a profoundly new way with a visit to ***Scented Visions: Smell in Art 1850 – 1915***. This exhibition offers a unique opportunity to discover Victorian art through a multi-sensory lens and features three bespoke scents created by **Puig** in collaboration with **Artphilia**. Alongside the exhibition, Head Gardener Chris Sharples has created a *Scent Seekers* trail through the grounds and gardens. On display until 9 November 2025.

★ *Watts Contemporary Gallery* opens a new exhibition on Thursday 10 July. ***Exploring Senses*** delves into how artists interpret the world around us through the act of drawing. Featuring a compelling collection of works by THE SOCIETY OF GRAPHIC FINE ART, this exhibition highlights the versatility of the drawn line. All works for sale. Until Sunday 7 September 2025.

★ Celebrate the *Scented Visions* exhibition with an exciting selection of exhibition-related events throughout July. Indulge in a curator tour followed by a Silent Pool Gin aroma masterclass on Saturday 5 July, join guest curator **Dr Christina Bradstreet** for a special talk on G F Watts's portrait, *Ellen Terry (Choosing)* on Friday 11 July, and deepen your connection to the works on display with a perfumed gaze experience on Saturday 12 July. See website for more details.

★ Delve into the world of ceramics with pottery in practice, a regular workshop every Friday, exploring different pottery techniques and themes each fortnight. During July, try your hand at tile painting and carved pottery.

★ Unleash your creativity on Saturday 19 July at ***Inspired at Watts***, a monthly artist-led workshop series at Watts Gallery. Discover new techniques and ideas, taking inspiration from our beautiful woodland and art collections. Welcoming all skill levels, these sessions offer a space to learn and experiment. All materials supplied.

★ Have an adventure during the summer holidays with a day out at Watts Gallery. Bring the whole family for a day of art, creativity, imagination, scent and sensory delight. Get crafty and creative during The Make Space and extra Clay Club workshops. On top of that, every day that the gallery is open, enjoy a range of free activities included with admission.

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** upcoming exhibitions and events include:

- **Godalming Photographic Club Summer Exhibition**. Tuesday 8 July to Saturday 26 July. Godalming Photographic Club's mission is to support a thriving community of photographers of all skill levels, where they can express their creative ideas, develop their technical skills and share their passion for photography. The prints on display span all styles and genres.

- **Surrey Artists: a talk by Hilary Underwood**. Friday 18 July, 7.30pm. *Wilfred Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY*. Did you know that the great British landscape artists, TURNER and CONSTABLE, both painted in Surrey? However, it was the Victorians who fully explored the County's artistic potential. The **PRE-RAPHAELITES**, REDGRAVE, COLE, FOSTER, ALLINGHAM, LAWSON and WATTS are just some of the painters who depicted our varied landscapes and picturesque cottages. Tickets £10 plus booking fee, available via Eventbrite, at the Museum, or on the door.

- **The Witley camps during WWII**. Tuesday 29 July to Saturday 6 September. Broken china, worn toothbrushes and empty inkpots excavated from the site of the WWII army camps on Witley Common along with a collection of photographic postcards of the camp are poignant reminders of the everyday lives of up to 20,000 men who were based there.

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.

## DATES FOR JULY & AUGUST

**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, from 7pm.

**St Nicholas service**, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 10.30am.

**Inside Outside**, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month.

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Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 8pm.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church, GU7  
1BA, 7pm.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Godalming Choral Society, St John's, Farncombe, GU7 3EJ,  
7.30pm.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – Godalming Food Festival, High Street, from 10am to 4pm.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> – Choral Evensong, St Nicholas Church, 6pm.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> – Watts Contemporary Gallery *Exploring Senses*  
exhibition opens.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> – Compton Parish Council meeting, Puck's Oak Barn,  
GU3 1EG, 7pm.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, Stevie Wonder, Wood Street Village  
Green, GU3 3EU, 1.30pm.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> – GTG's *For the Love of Musicals*, Godalming  
Baptist Church, GU7 1BA, 7.30pm.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> – Guildford Jazz, The Britannia Pub, Guildford, GU2  
4BE, 9.30pm.

◇ ◇ ◇ ◇ **AUGUST** ◇ ◇ ◇ ◇

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Milford Probus Club, Godalming Masonic Hall,  
GU7 1RQ, from 12pm.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – COMPTON NEWS SEPTEMBER ISSUE  
DEADLINE.**