



COMPTON VILLAGE FETE REVIEW & RESULTS



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped make this year's COMPTON VILLAGE FETE such a fantastic day. Run entirely by our incredible team of volunteers, the 2025 fete brought our community together for a brilliant celebration of fundraising, fun and friendship.

The sunshine held, the Pimms flowed, the sausages sizzled, the races were fiercely fun, and the dog disorder was delightfully chaotic. From circus skills and stilt walkers to bric-a-brac, fabulous plants, the coconut shy, maggot racing, and the ever-popular Tea Shop at the Compton Club — this year run by the GODALMING AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE — there was something for everyone. And, of course, a big shout-out to the amazing Grand Draw and massive thanks to all our generous local supporters who donated such fantastic prizes.

We are thrilled to share that this year's fete raised a brilliant total of **£13,594**, up on last year and one of our best results to date. The Compton Club-run Beer Tent, the Allotment-run Plant Stall, Godalming and Villages Community-run Tea Tent, Greyfriars, Face Painting, Maggot Racing and Hook a Duck stalls all set new records. The proceeds will go towards supporting key village amenities, including the ALLOTMENTS, COMPTON CLUB, COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE, COMPTON NEWS, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH and the VILLAGE HALL. Additionally, we will be supporting our chosen charities this year: BRIGHT CANCER CARE, SOPHIE'S LEGACY and GODALMING AND VILLAGES COMMUNITY STORE. Details of the allocation of funds will be shared in next month's edition of the *News*.

Takings from each stall (2025 record profits highlighted in bold)

Plants & Produce, £3,269 ⌘ **Books, £360** ⌘ **Grand Draw, £2,297** ⌘ **Pimms, £546** ⌘ **Barbecue, £1,573** ⌘ **Fizz (Greyfriars), £468** ⌘ **Tea Tent, £1,402** ⌘ **Face Painting, £354** ⌘ **Cakes & Homemade, £1,148** ⌘ **Bits & Pieces, £224** ⌘ **Beer Tent, £1,286** ⌘ **Pick-a-card, £157** ⌘ **Human Fruit Machine, £122** ⌘ **Bric-a-Brac, £539** ⌘ **Bouncy Castles, £15** ⌘ **Teddy Tombola, £318** ⌘ **Maggot Racing, £112** ⌘ **Coconut Shy, £195** ⌘ **Ice creams, £694** ⌘ **Bottle Tombola, £813** ⌘ **Hook-a-Duck, £164.**

A very special thank you goes to our dedicated fete committee members and the many volunteers who gave their time and energy before, during and after the event – setting up, running stalls, keeping things running smoothly and tidying up afterwards. It's your hard work and community spirit that make this event possible year after year.

We can't wait to do it all again – so please mark **Saturday 9 May 2026** in your diaries... and if you'd like to volunteer or join our fabulous Fete Committee, do email wellsmiranda@icloud.com.



The **CLT Autumn production, "Bunkered"**, a comedy by **Lynn Brittney**, will run from

Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 October 2025.

With a small cast of four men and four women, the comedy will be directed by **Rachel Jenner**.

CLT is always keen to hear from people who are interested in getting involved behind the scenes. No experience necessary.

Roles include stage manager, prompt, front of house, make-up, set construction, set painting and costumes — perhaps you could help us source naval uniforms?

For more information and to let us know if you'd like to be added to our mailing list, please email info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.

Thanks to those of you who attended **COMPTON VILLAGE ASSOCIATION'S AGM**, during which the CVA's revised constitution was approved.

The CVA's Committee in full:

David Hunt **Chairman/Treasurer**

Jane Turner **Secretary**

William Douetil **Member**

Catherine Masterman **Member**

Liv Timberlake **Member**

Sara Verbruggen **Member**

Miranda Wells **Member**

COMPO Special thanks to **Richard Paxton** and **Jon Maslin**, who have both been absolutely instrumental in keeping this local amenity ticking over and on the road. If you or someone you know may benefit from this helpful minibus service, which provides lifts for local shopping errands and more, please visit www.compton-surrey.co.uk/minibus.

✠ WHAT'S ON IN JUNE AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH? ✠



Thank you to every one for supporting the Compton Village Fete.

✠ **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.

✠ **Inside Outside** meets on Saturday 7 June and 5 July, 10am to noon (every first Saturday of the month) to keep the church and churchyard looking good. Contact 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.

✠ **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

JUNE

Sunday 1 10.30am Muddy Church — *Pentecost*
 6pm Evensong
 Wednesday 4 10.30am Book of Common Prayer
 Holy Communion
 Sunday 8 10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

Sunday 15 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 22 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday 29 10.30am Holy Communion
 Sunday July 6 10.30am Muddy Church Party

www.stnicholascompton.org

Tony Bugbird – RIP

We were very sad to learn that Tony died on May 23rd, having been unwell for some time. Tony and Judith lived in the Old School House before moving to be near their daughter Robbie in Dunsfold. Apart from being a highly respected and gifted photographer, Tony was one of Compton's stalwarts, quietly doing things in the background when they were needed. He was very involved in the development of Compton Club when the original building was demolished to make way for housing and the new club house which we now enjoy. It is perhaps fitting that one of the current Committee who keeps the Club going lives in the Old School House today!

As a photographer, Tony was well-known, locally and further afield, and he was very generous with his time and expertise for the community. For many years he had a studio in what is now the Old Kiln at Watts Gallery. For years CLT used the Old School House to rehearse the very young children for the pantomime. In the 1980s, the village bonfire (yes, we did have one!) was held on the piece of land in front of the Old School, complete with rockets and sparklers and a Burger van, until Health & Safety put a stop to it. Tony is survived by his wife Judith and their daughter Robbie, to whom we send our sincere condolences and love. Funeral details will be announced later.



CAN YOU HOLD A TUNE AS WELL AS A BEER? COMPTON CLUB is hosting a *Karaoke & BBQ Night* on Saturday 28 June, from 5.30pm. Club is open Thursdays and Fridays from 7pm.



Following the **Annual Parish Meeting** last month, COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL wishes to thank residents for valuable engagement regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. It is important to stress that it presents an opportunity for residents to have a greater say when it comes to influencing where and how new development should occur. The Parish Council will provide more details in due course. In the meantime, for anyone interested in learning more in general about Neighbourhood Planning, here are a couple of helpful sources of information:

- UK Government's website — www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2.
- Countryside charity, CPRE — <https://tinyurl.com/yt7kxprt>.

The Parish Council has also promised to act on very strong views on Loseley's tree-felling in Bummoor Copse. Residents have been invited to email the clerk with comments at joanna@joannacadman.com.

🌿 Wild About Compton 🌿

A GROUP OF COMPTON RESIDENTS have been seeking to engage with relevant authorities and wider stakeholders concerning the timing and the nature of the tree-felling in Compton by LOSELEY ESTATE's appointed contractor SILVEROAKS FORESTRY LTD, which has included historic woodland **Bummoor Copse** (designated a *Site of National Conservation Interest* by both SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL and the SURREY WILDLIFE TRUST). The tree-felling coincided with nesting season for many wild birds, during April and May, just as iconic bluebell flowers began to emerge. While the FORESTRY COMMISSION appears satisfied that the activity has met the conditions of the tree-felling licences awarded to the landowner, it has resulted in questions around precisely what work will be undertaken to restore Bummoor Copse, since the impact of such extensive logging appears irrevocable. The need to balance objectives of forestry/woodland management are recognised in "**The UK Forestry Standard**" (the core reference point for UK sustainable forest management), which advises that owners and managers "also need to consider the impacts of their decisions beyond the forest boundary and engage with others if the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity is to be achieved".

Recent coverage includes:

www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/woman-left-tears-after-trees-31712651

<https://guildford-dragon.com/tree-felling-has-caused-stomach-churning-distress-parish-council-told/>

On **Thursday 19 June (7.30pm until 9pm)** **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES'** guest speaker **Thierry Viennois** will give an illustrated talk on the famous writer of the Romantic era, Stendhal. The lecture is also on Zoom (link to be emailed) for those unable to reach Godalming on that day.

Les Amitiés Françaises is part of a thriving French circle and always welcomes new members and visitors. To book, visit www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

Talks take place at the **WILFRID NOYCE COMMUNITY CENTRE, Ogletorpe Hall, Crown Court Car Park, Godalming, GU7 1DY.**

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♫ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** invite you to save the date for a spectacular Opera Festival, comprising two evenings of wonderful arias from well known operas, favourites from musical theatre and musicals. These concerts will be held on **Saturday 14 June and Saturday 5 July** at *Godalming Baptist Church*, starting at **7pm**. Highly talented young singers from music conservatoires will be performing. For booking and more details please visit www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk.

These events are brought to you FREE but we rely on your generous donations to cover all fees and expenses in order to continue offering you high quality music in Godalming.

♫ **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.** For further information e-mail secretary@godalmingchoral.org.uk or visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

Jazz in the Vineyard — Celebrating Horace Silver **Saturday 7 June**

This concert, taking place at the stunning High Clandon Estate Vineyard brings a celebration of the distinctively funky soul jazz of the late, great American pianist and composer Horace Silver, from an all-star quintet. It features award-winning UK jazz trumpeter **Steve Waterman** and **Clare Hirst**, a UK saxophonist with a distinguished career in pop and jazz

Matinee performance 1pm and Evening performance 6.15pm

High Clandon Estate Vineyard, East Clandon GU4 7RP.

Tickets £45 from <https://www.cherrytrees.org.uk/>

Tim Whitehead & Tony Woods **Quintet**

Wednesday 11 June

Whitehead and Woods are two of the UK's finest saxophonists.

Their styles are contrasting yet complementary, and they have been described as "blood brothers in music". With fantastic chemistry between these two great players, this will be an evening of exciting and passionate exchanges between two masters.

7pm

*Guildford Pavilion,
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP.*

Swing's the Thing! Enrico **Tomasso & Duncan** **Hemstock Quintet**

Friday 27 June

A lifelong friend of Louis Armstrong, Tomasso has five British Jazz Awards to his credit, while Hemstock brings his joy for music to every performance. With Will Barry on piano (winner of the coveted Musician's Company 2017 Young Jazz Musician of the Year).

7.30pm

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

Visit www.guildfordjazz.org.uk to find out more and to book

BARGAIN BASEMENT. Beechwood baby cot for sale complete with mattress. Both in excellent condition. £40. Contact 07973 720555.

ONLY £400,000 LEFT TO REACH NEW HOSPICE APPEAL TARGET. Last year, local charity PHYLLIS TUCKWELL launched an appeal to raise £6 million to build a new Hospice on its existing site in Farnham. One year on, thanks to the generosity of our incredible community, there is just £400,000 left to raise!

Once completed, the Hospice will enable Phyllis Tuckwell to offer its specialist care to many more people in West Surrey and North-East Hampshire who need its help. Phyllis Tuckwell is passionate about ensuring that the new Hospice really feels like home for those it cares for, and is launching its 'Feels Like Home' appeal, to help complete the build and pay for the finishing touches.

The new Hospice will include an 18-bed In-Patient Unit for patients who need symptom management or are in their last days of life; a Living Well suite where support programmes, art therapy sessions and carers groups will be held; therapy suites where patients can learn techniques to manage symptoms such as breathlessness and anxiety and private spaces for counselling sessions. It will also act as a base for Phyllis Tuckwell's community teams, whose specialist doctors, nurses, health care assistants and therapists visit patients who have chosen to spend their last days in the comfort and familiarity of their own home.

It's so important that this new Hospice feels like home for Phyllis Tuckwell's patients and families. The little touches will make it special. These will include fridges for its In-Patient Unit rooms, where favourite drinks and snacks can be stored for patients at the end of life; sofa beds so that relatives can stay overnight with their loved ones; plants for the garden; easels and paint brushes for art therapy sessions; and a TV and games for the family room, where relatives and friends can take some time out.

The care Phyllis Tuckwell gives is so important, but only around 25% of its costs are covered by Government/NHS funding. Despite this, it doesn't charge its patients, families or carers a penny for its services. Instead, it has to raise over £25,000 every single day, which it does with the generous support of our amazing local community. Visit www.pth.org.uk/givetoday or call 01252 729446 to make a donation.

SANDRA BILLINGE is hosting a **Summer Yoga** course at the *Village Hall* on **Wednesdays and Fridays, until 19 June, from 10.30am until 12pm.** No experience necessary. Open to all. Available on a drop-in basis, with chair Yoga as an option. Look forward to seeing you! To book, email sandrabillinge29@gmail.com.

WATTS GALLERY NEWS FOR JUNE



- ✦ 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**.
- ✦ **Watts Contemporary Gallery** is hosting ***Lasting Impressions***, an exhibition by the **RICHMOND PRINTMAKERS**. Opening on Thursday 5 June, the works span the abstract to the figurative using a variety of printmaking techniques. On display until Sunday 6 July.
- ✦ Develop your sketchbook pages in our Saturday sketch workshop on 14 June, led by artist **Mags Orson**. This month, explore abstraction and impressionism inspired by the landscape, focusing on responding to your five senses. Experiment with mark making, colours and form.
- ✦ To celebrate the Scented Visions exhibition, join Head Gardener **Chris Sharples** for 'A Scented Landscape'; an immersive guided nature walk exploring scent across the Watts Gallery grounds, followed by a delightful Silent Pool Gin Tasting on Saturday 14 June.
- ✦ Discover a fantastic array of pottery workshops and courses throughout June, led by resident potter, **Bahareh Khomeiry**. Choose between weekly taster sessions and longer courses, as well as pottery in practice, a regular workshop exploring different pottery techniques. Looking for a crafty weekend activity for the kids? Head to Clay Club!
- ✦ Learn tips and tricks to bring your sketchbook pages to life at our monthly Saturday sketch workshop.

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



GODALMING MUSEUM's exhibitions and events in **JUNE** include

- ***Water is Life: an Art Exhibition***. WHAT NEXT? is a charity whose goal is to support local communities across Waverley Borough by mitigating, preparing and adapting the impact of climate change and ecological damage. This exhibition brings together Godalming people, local community groups and schools, who will be contributing their works of art to help convey the concept of "Water is Life". Tuesday 20 May to Saturday 14 June.

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.

On Tuesday 10 June, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is ***Inn Signia Pub Signs. The Artwork and the Stories behind their names***. "There is nothing which has been yet contrived by man, by which so much happiness is produced as by a good tavern or inn" (SAMUEL JOHNSON).

Pubs and their signs are a fundamental part of our history and cultural heritage. There are some 17,000 different pub names but why are there so many pubs called the 'Red Lion', the 'Crown' or 'White Hart'?

In this colourful and entertaining lecture **John Ericson** shows some of the most interesting and distinctive signs before exploring the fascinating stories behind the origin of some of their peculiar names. Who could fail to be intrigued by 'The Bucket of Blood', the 'Cow and Snuffers' or even the 'Eager Poet' – and who on earth was 'Blind Jack'?

Formerly a lecturer at the University of Bath where he was Director of Studies in the School of Education with responsibility for the professional development of teachers, John has been a popular speaker on the Arts Society circuit in the UK and Europe, as well as a frequent visitor to the societies in Australia and New Zealand.

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.

DATES FOR JUNE

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,
7pm to 10pm.

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Sat 7th – Guildford Jazz, High Clandon Estate Vineyard,
 GU4 7RP, 6.15pm.

Tues 10th – The Arts Society Woking's talk, Normandy
 Village Hall, 10.30am.

Wed 11th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP,
7.15pm.

Sat 14th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist
 Church, GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Thurs 19th – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce
 Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

**Fri 20th – COMPTON NEWS JULY/AUGUST ISSUE
 DEADLINE.**

Fri 27th – Guildford Jazz, Cranleigh Arts Centre, GU6 8AS,
7.30pm.

Sat 28th – Compton Club Karaoke & BBQ, 7pm.

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

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 GU7 3EJ, 7.30pm.