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Compton Club Chairman's update. The club is doing well! Our financial year ended at the end of September. While the accounts are still being finalised, we're in a healthy financial position. To hear about our financial performance and other club matters, please join us at the AGM on Friday 5 December at 7.30pm. Please mark your calendars and come to show your support.

Club improvements and future plans. We've recently repainted all the window frames and we're using this year's fete donation to renovate the outdoor space at the back of the club, which should be looking much tidier soon. One of our long-term goals is to install solar panels on the club's roof to become more sustainable and to reduce operating costs. This will free up more funds to improve the club's interior in the future.

Call for Volunteers. A huge thank you to all our volunteers and committee members. Without your dedication, the club wouldn't be in such a strong and sustainable position. Volunteers are vital to the club's success. If you can spare a few hours a month, please consider helping us out by pulling a pint or two for your fellow members.

Upcoming Events. As a reminder, the club is open every Thursday & Friday from 7pm. Here are some key dates for your diary: Saturday 18 October Quiz Night — Saturday 1 November Halloween Party — Saturday 15 November Band Night with THE FIREBOTTLES — Friday 5 December AGM — Saturday 6 December Christmas Party — Wednesday 31 December New Year's Eve Party. Keep an eye on our WhatsApp group for confirmed timings and extra events: <https://tinyurl.com/5n87ms96>.

Straight into Compton with Gag House Comedy Club. On Saturday 25 October, 8pm, this professional comedy club at *Compton Village Hall* will showcase top-tier comedians, delivering an evening of side-splitting humour in this charming setting, which also happens to have a reasonably priced bar. Lineup includes **Russell Arathoon, Darren Walsh, Aidan Lonergan and Darius Davies**. Tickets: GagHouseComedy.com.

Booking for **Cinderella**, the 2025 Pantomime in Godalming, is now open. The show will run from Saturday 13 to Sunday 28 December at *Godalming Borough Hall*. Cinderella will feature spectacular song and dance, colourful costumes and lots of fun and laughs for the whole family. There will be a relaxed performance on Monday 15 December at 5.30pm. For this performance the house lights will remain on and the volume of the show will be turned down. Pay What You Can tickets are available, for the exclusive use of people who cannot afford full price and would not be attending a pantomime without this scheme. To find out prices and how to buy tickets, visit <https://godalmingpanto.com/>.



Last call for tickets for CLT's performance **Bunkered** by **Lynn Brittney**, a wonderful evening of comedy at *Compton Village Hall*. Performance dates are Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 October. We are not able to offer a meal this year but you are invited to make an evening of it and bring your own food (including any cutlery and plates) to **enjoy before the performance** in our relaxed cabaret seating arrangement. Doors open at 6.45pm and the performance will start at 7.45pm. There will be a pay bar offering a wide range of beers, wine and soft drinks. Please DO NOT bring your own drinks as this will invalidate our alcohol licence. Tickets are £12. Scan the QR code or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/clt or email tickets@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping backstage on this production. Email info@comptonlittletheatre.org.uk.



Visit the **PUMPKIN FARM** at *Van Arnhem Nursery, Priorsfield Road, Godalming GU7 2RQ*, where you can pick your own pumpkins. £5 each from the patch, plus small ones for just £1 each. Our Family Fun weekend takes place on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 October, where you can meet donkeys and sheep, visit the stallholders and enjoy refreshments. www.hanschristmasandersen.co.uk/pumpkin-farm/.

Though we are blessed with a lot of wildlife around here sometimes it needs our help, as evidenced by the discovery of an injured young barn owl recently by a local resident. For reference, here are the contact details of a few rescue & rehabilitation charities:

Hydestile Resident Animals <https://hydestile-resident-animals.square.site/>. North Godalming GU8 4DJ. 01483 860313. As well as donations, this charity has a list of food and other items it needs for animals in its care.

The Joanna Wildlife Hospital www.facebook.com/people/The-Joanna-Wildlife-Hospital/61557391431154/ joannawildlifehospital@gmail.com / 07926 368597. Bramley, GU5 0LH.

Wildlife Aid Foundation (WAF) <https://wildlifeaid.org.uk>. Emergency Helpline – 01372 360404. Visit the website for the address and opportunities to adopt an animal or to volunteer. *Leatherhead, KT22 0AL*. HelpWildlife.co.uk publishes a directory of wildlife rescuers.

On Sunday 26 October **British Summer Time** ends and the clocks go back one hour. Don't forget to turn back any analogue wall clocks, bedside alarms, watches or other timekeepers before going to bed on Saturday 25.

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

Special Event — **Quiet Fireworks** on Friday 7 November, 4pm-6pm at *The Rectory*. Free food, fireworks & fun for younger children & their families who prefer less noise.



✠ **Muddy Church** is held on Sunday 5 October. Our time for wandering and wondering with God is held on the first Sunday of every month at 10.30am (term-time only).

✠ Toddler group **Fledglings**, every Monday (term-time only) at 9am at *Puck's Oak Barn*. fledglingscompton@gmail.com.

✠ **Inside Out** meets Saturday 4 October 10am to 12 noon to keep the church & churchyard looking good.
stnicholascompton.wardens@gmail.com.

✠ **Bell ringing** Sunday service ringing is 9.50am-10.30am (first Sunday of every month it is 5.30pm to 6pm instead.). Bell ringing practice alternate Tuesdays 10am to 12pm. Practice sessions can be arranged at other times to suit those who cannot manage a weekday morning. 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: stnicholascompton.rector@gmail.com. Confidentiality will be respected.

Thanks & blessings, Revd Sally Buddle

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1 10.30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 5 10.30am Muddy Church. David & Goliath
6pm Evensong. O Lord increase my faith
(Loosemore)

Sunday 12 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 10.30am Service of the Word
Sunday 26 10.30am Holy Communion

Visit our website for full details of upcoming services & events: stnicholascompton.org.

MILFORD PROBUS CLUB post-lunch talk on Friday 17 October: *The Madness of Courage: the astonishing exploits of a WW1 pilot.*

Group Captain Gilbert Insall holds a unique record: he is the only person to have both won a Victoria Cross and escaped successfully from a German prisoner of war camp during the First World War.

After a congenial lunch, his great-nephew **Tony Insall** will tell this story of exceptional achievements and near-unbelievable courage to members of Milford Probus Club, guests and visitors. Tony has a distinguished career in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department of War Studies at King's College and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He lives near Guildford.

Lunch and talk just £32. Lunch is at 12.30pm (pre-lunch drinks from 12pm). Visit www.milfordprobus.com or book lunch (book the Monday before) with Miranda O'Brien: miranda.obrien@btinternet.com / 01483 423398.

On Thursday 16 October, 7.30pm until 9pm, **LES AMITIÉS FRANÇAISES'** guest speaker **Odil Hughson** will give a talk on the history of the cashmere shawl and the paisley pattern. From its Indian origins, this motif has endured through history and is still admired in Provence today.

Les Amitiés Françaises is part of a thriving French circle. To book, visit www.amitiesfrancaisesgodalming.com.

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

Parishes of Elstead, Thursley, Shackleford & Peper Harow

Song & Rhyme Fun

St Mary's Church, Shackleford
(GU8 6UE)

Starts: Thursday **18** September 2025

11am - 11:30am

(Thursdays, Term time only)



Easy parking

Toilets in the village hall

£1 entry fee

Church in the community, community in the church



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♪ **BLACKHEATH & BRAMLEY CHORAL SOCIETY** will be performing MENDELSSOHN's *St Paul Oratorio* on Saturday 29 November, 7.30pm, at *Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, GU1 3RR* conducted by **David Condry**. Tickets are available from choir members, by email from boxoffice.bbcs@gmail.com, Eventbrite.co.uk or on the door. The Society is always looking for new members to join its friendly group who perform to a high standard. No auditions are necessary. They rehearse on Monday evenings in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Bramley, usually followed by a bit of a social at the Jolly Farmer pub across the road. Find out more at bandbcs.org.uk or contact the chairman **Janet Crosthwaite** at chairman@bbcs.gmail.com.

♪ **In memoriam: love is strong as death.** **GODALMING CHORAL SOCIETY** presents a moving musical tribute marking 80 years since VE Day, honouring the courage and sacrifice of WWII veterans — many now centenarians — and remembering those who have died. The concert features a blend of reflective, grateful, and uplifting music, including choruses from DURUFLÉ's *Requiem* and BRAHMS' *German Requiem*, film music by JOHN WILLIAMS (*Saving Private Ryan*, *Schindler's List*), ELGAR's *Nimrod* for cello and piano, *Upon Your Heart* by Canadian composer ELEANOR DALEY. Don't miss this heartfelt evening of remembrance and celebration. Saturday 29 November at 7.30pm, *St John's Church Farncombe GU7 3EJ*. e-mail secretary@godalming.org.uk or visit www.godalmingchoral.org.uk.

♪ **CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS** is hosting a fabulous orchestral concert by the Sirius Orchestra, on Saturday 11 October, 1pm at *Godalming Baptist Church GU7 1BA*. The concert includes students from various London Conservatoires under the direction of **Alex Mackinder**. The programme includes MOZART's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, GRIEG's *Holberg Suite*, TCHAIKOVSKY's *Serenade for Strings* and other works. www.conservatoireconcerts.org.uk.

GUILDFORD JAZZ

Mark Kavuma's Sextet Wednesday 1 October

Charismatic and visionary trumpet player and composer **Mark Kavuma** and his sextet present their new album '*Magnum Opus*' featuring original compositions, arrangements and performances by leading members of the British jazz scene. Released last Autumn, the album was launched at a sold-out Queen Elizabeth Hall (Southbank Centre) as part of the London Jazz Festival.

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion,
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

Nick Smart Quintet Wednesday 15 October

Nick Smart, Head of Jazz at the Royal Academy of Music and an internationally renowned trumpeter and musical director, presents a concert to celebrate, in words and music, the life of legendary trumpeter and composer KENNY WHEELER. Also featuring **Emma Rawicz** (Winner of Jazz Newcomer of the Year 2022) on tenor saxophone, and renowned guitarist **John Parricelli**.

8pm

*Guildford Pavilion
Woodbridge Road GU1 4RP*

Lenore Raphael Thursday 23 October

Internationally renowned jazz pianist and Steinway artist **Lenore Raphael** pays tribute to two great jazz masters: pianist OSCAR PETERSON and alto saxophonist SONNY STITT, famously recorded on the 1959 album "*Sonny Stitt Sits in with the Oscar Peterson Trio*". This special performance also features **Glen Manby** (alto sax), **Marianne Windham** (bass) and **Matt Home** (drums).

8pm

*University of Surrey,
Stag Hill, Guildford GU2 7XH*

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

Hospice care charity **PHYLLIS TUCKWELL'S** new fundraiser invites you to put the kettle on, make or buy a cake or two, and invite your family, friends or neighbours over for a *Bake & Brew*. This new fundraising campaign runs throughout October and will raise funds to help this local charity continue providing its vital palliative and end of life care to those in our community who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer. Simply pick a date in October, morning or afternoon, whatever works for you, and contact Phyllis Tuckwell to register for your free Bake & Brew fundraising pack. It will include information about hosting your event, bunting, cake toppers and a fact sheet about Phyllis Tuckwell, so you can let those coming know how their donations will help. You can hold your event at home with family, friends or neighbours, or at work with your colleagues. All you need is a kettle, mugs of tea or coffee, delicious cake and great company.

To find out more and request a Bake & Brew fundraising pack. Please visit www.pth.org.uk/bake-and-brew.

Old Barn Antiques. Do come and pay us a visit – *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* has on several occasions! We are located on *The Street, Compton*, opposite St Nicholas Church. You will be able to peruse a wide selection of antiques and quirky items. Our opening times are Thursday to Saturday from 10am until 4pm.
www.old-barn-antiques.co.uk.

This October and November, **ST AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY, CHILWORTH** opens its doors to a season of inspiration and reflection. Explore Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mystery of God* with **Fr John Seddon OSB** on 11 October and 15 November, 10.30am–12.20pm; journey through global indigenous spirituality with **Sheila Longman** on 25 October and 22 November, 10am–12 noon; discover the spiritual power of Antonello Da Messina's *The Virgin Annunciate* on 8 November, 10.30am–12.20pm; and unravel the poetic enigma of A.E. Housman with **Abbot Dom Paulinus Greenwood OSB** on 20 November, 7pm–8.20pm, followed by optional Compline at 8.30 pm. All events take place in the Assisi Room at the Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey, *Chilworth GU4 8QR*, £10 per person (multi-session discounts available) with free parking. Immerse yourself in faith, beauty and wisdom this autumn. Book online at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk> (search 'Chilworth Abbey'). Visit the monks online at www.chilworthbenedictines.com. Members of the public are welcome: Daily Roman Catholic Mass 9am, Sunday Mass 10am, Divine Office seven times daily (often sung in Gregorian Chant).



Watts Gallery is introducing “*pay if and what you can*” days. Watts Gallery is a charity and we rely on our visitors, donors and members to keep our doors open for all. Please donate what you feel you are able to and support our mission of art for all by all. Admission is usually £18 for an adult.

- ✦ This autumn, visitors to **Limnerslease** can see a decorative dinner service, created by nine artists at HMP Send, displayed until Sunday 30 November 2025. The women of HMP Send are serving prisoners who take part in weekly art workshops. Inspired by the *Women of Our Time* dinner service designed in the 1930s by VANESSA BELL and DUNCAN GRANT, the new version imagines a range of contemporary guests that MARY WATTS might invite to a dinner party. These imagined guests are shown by the artists through decorated ceramic plates at a table setting in Limnerslease.
- ✦ Join professional artists **Michael Gallone** and **Sarah Thien** for an immersive two-day oil painting masterclass set against an evocative Autumnal theme. This workshop combines expert demonstrations with guided, hands-on painting as you create a complete oil painting from start to finish. Friday 10 and Saturday 11 October 2025, 10.30am to 4.30pm.
- ✦ Watts Gallery is welcoming its youngest visitors back to **Watts Tots**, with fun-filled Friday mornings designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and connection. Held on the first Friday of each month, these playful and engaging sessions include sensory play, storytelling and hands-on making. Fridays 3 October, 7 November and 5 December 2025, from 10.30am to 11.45am.
- ✦ *Watts Contemporary Gallery's* exhibition of satirical cartoons by *The Times* newspaper's very own **Peter Brookes**. **Peter Brookes: Political Cartoonist of The Times**, will be on display until Sunday 23 November.
- ✦ Every Sunday, join our Watts ceramicist for **Clay Club**. As a family, get hands-on and messy with clay to wedge, carve, mould, roll, sculpt and create masterpieces. Themes will change fortnightly, inspired by Watts Gallery's rich heritage of pottery, current exhibitions and contemporary influence (as well as lots of fun and imagination). Sundays 5, 12, 19 and 26 October plus Thursday 30 October for a half-term workshop to make pumpkins, black cats, cauldrons and other Halloween-inspired creations.

www.wattsgallery.org.uk.

On Tuesday 14 October, **ARTS SOCIETY WOKING's** talk is **After Miss Jekyll. English Gardens of the late 20th and early 21st Centuries**. The dominance of Jekyll and the enduring popularity of gardens at Hidcote and Sissinghurst have proved to be an enduring legacy. But, subversive undercurrents of alternative styles and influences gained a greater importance and momentum as the new century emerged. Gardens like Portrack, Little Sparta and Thorougham Court have explored the worlds of literature and science. Meanwhile, the New Perennial movement, originating in Europe, has allied itself to our increasing desire to go organic and the interest in woodland and wild-flower meadows to produce a freer, gentler style of painting. Speaker **James Bolton** is organiser of The Arts Society's garden study days and tours in UK and Europe.

Talks start at 10.30am but doors open 9.45am for tea, coffee & biscuits. **Normandy Village Hall, GU3 2DT**. Members may bring a visitor, who may want to make a donation to the Society of **£10**.

www.wokingdfas.org.uk/talks-arts-society-woking-2025.htm.



GODALMING MUSEUM'S EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS IN OCTOBER INCLUDE:

Reflective Spaces External Spaces — until Saturday 11 October. **Owen Osler** has exhibited locally, in London and internationally. In this exhibition he presents a selection of pastel paintings and drawings in charcoal. The exhibition is based around four themes: Portraits of his mother made during the last eighteen months of her life; people within their own spaces (some of which were produced during the lockdown of 2020); drawings exploring an aspect of childhood and landscapes which examine the act of looking.

Paper — Tuesday 14 October to Saturday 1 November. **Gill Denyer** is a textile and mixed media artist, born and brought up in Godalming, but now living in Stoughton, who works in both hand stitch and free hand machine embroidery. In this, her second exhibition in the museum, she has researched the papermaking industry in Godalming and her ancestry connections to the paper mill in Iping near Midhurst. All of Gill's pieces have been created using vintage paper ephemera from varying sources. She has used hand and machine embroidery on postcards, photographs, tea bags and paper collages to create unique pieces of art.

A Year at Munstead Wood — Friday 17 October at *Wilford Noyce Community Centre, GU7 1DY*.

Spooky Godalming Walk — Friday 31 October. Contact the Museum for further details of these events.

For unusual and unique gifts, the wonderful Museum Christmas Shop will be open from 4th November.

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.

DATES FOR OCTOBER

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, from 7pm.

St Nicholas services, Sundays 5th Evensong 6pm, 12th, 19th
& 26th, 10.30am.

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Wed 1st – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 8pm.

Thurs 9th to Sat 11th – CLT's October drama, *Village Hall*, from
6.45pm.

Sat 11th – Conservatoire Concerts, Godalming Baptist Church,
GU7 1BA, 7pm.

Tues 14th – Art Society Woking, Normandy Village Hall,
GU3 2DT, 9.45am.

Wed 15th – Guildford Jazz, Guildford Pavilion, GU1 4RP, 8pm.

Thurs 16th – Les Amitiés Françaises' talk, Wilfrid Noyce
Community Centre, GU7 1DY, 7.30pm.

Fri 17th – Milford Probus Club, Godalming Masonic Hall,
GU7 1RQ, from 12pm.

Sat 18th – Compton Club quiz night.

**Mon 20th – COMPTON NEWS NOVEMBER ISSUE
DEADLINE.**

Thurs 23rd – Guildford Jazz, University of Surrey,
GU2 7HH, 8pm.

Sat 25th – Gag House Comedy Club, Village Hall.

Sat 25th to Sun 26th – Van Arnhem Nurseries Family Fun weekend,
GU7 2RQ.

Fri 31st – Spooky Godalming Walk, by Godalming Museum.