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DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE! GET YOUR TICKETS FOR COMPTON LITTLE THEATRE'S DINNER & DRAMA TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD, FRIDAY 4TH AND SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER, AT 8PM EACH EVENING IN COMPTON VILLAGE HALL.

GHOST WRITER is written by David Tristram and will be directed by Robin and Jane Matthews. It is a mystery/thriller telling the story of Edward, a promising young playwright and husband of the talented but tempestuous actress Ruby. Tragically, Ruby is found dead in bed: an overdose of naughty pills and booze. A year later, Edward remains deeply affected and has moved into the attic room of one of his oldest actor friends, Alex, who is gay. We join the story on the first anniversary of Ruby's death.

CLT's annual Dinner & Drama is always a popular event and seating is limited so it is wise to book early. **Tickets at £19.50 for a two-course meal are available from www.thelittleboxoffice.com/comptonlittletheatre or by phone on 07964 515103. Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements.** If booking by phone, payment can be made by cheque, payable to Compton Little Theatre and sent to CLT Bookings, 49 The Oval, Farncombe GU7 3SZ, or by Bank Transfer to CLT's account at Lloyds, Sort Code 30-93-49, Account No. 00575218, giving your name as the reference.

*** * * * MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING * * * ***

Jean Miller will once again be hosting the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Friday 27th September from 10.30am to 1pm in **The Old Barn**, in Jean and Ken's garden behind Old Barn Antiques. Parking is available in the Church Car Park. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's largest fundraising event for people facing cancer, as Jean is herself. The first ever Coffee Morning took place in 1990 and since then, it has raised over £200m for Macmillan. Last year, Compton raised £1,380 so let's see if we can improve on that this year. If you are unable to attend the coffee morning, you can always send a donation to Jean instead! **Jean would appreciate any offers of cakes, raffle prizes, or help on the day. Please contact her on 01483 810522. But most importantly, come along and support this really worthwhile cause.**

COMPTON CLUB

Around 35 Club members attended the special meeting held on 12th July to discuss its future, chaired by Ken Miller, the Club's President. Ken explained the current situation and how the Club had arrived at this point. He said that the urgent requirement was to focus on marketing and letting out the function room to generate more income. The meeting was lively and many Club members expressed their views with some passion. At the end of the meeting, the following actions were agreed:

- A sub-committee was formed to examine ways of getting more revenue into the Club through events and function room hire. The members are Jo Ayshford, Karen Simmons, Sophie Ford and Rob Ford. This task is urgent. It is also hugely important that when events are organised, they are well supported as these are part of the Club's survival. See the two events in September on p.3 of the NEWS and sign up for one or both of these
- Three people volunteered to join the Club's Committee: Humphrey Cox, Tim Carter and Diane Wilman.
- The Club's website will be updated by an IT person from Guildburys at no cost to the Club.
- The President stated that once the Club has achieved financial stability, the Committee will resign and those members who wish can offer themselves for re-election. The Club members will elect a new committee, which will then critically examine the way the Club is run and agree whatever changes are necessary.

The President was thanked for arranging the meeting and for listening to the various comments from members, all of whom had the Club's best interests at heart.

*** * * BARGAIN BASEMENT * * ***

Chicco Buggy with brand new rain cover and new cosy toes fleece. As new. £35.

Contact Denise on 01483 812024.

PETER TURNER – RIP
14 FEBRUARY 1933 – 16 JULY 2019

Peter held the unique distinction of having a home on the Hog's Back for 83 years, from when his father purchased Greyfriars in 1936 and lived there until 1978, then building his own house with Jane at Monkshatch where they lived until 2004, and finally at Inwood House where Peter died. He was truly a 'local boy', going to school first at Aldro in Shackleford and then Charterhouse. He did his National Service with REME from 1951 to 1953, which was followed by apprenticeships in several engineering firms in the UK and France before entering Cambridge in 1956 to pursue a degree in Engineering Studies.

He was widely travelled, both during his career in the asbestos cement manufacturing industry with Turner & Newall from 1960 to 1978 in India and Nigeria, but also as an adventurer. In 1955, he and a group of friends bought a double decker bus which they converted and drove to Spain and back – before Cliff Richard had the idea for the film *Summer Holiday!* Peter was the eldest at 22 and the only qualified driver. The AA helped plan their route but omitted to take account of low bridges along the way, which meant that on one occasion they had to unload the bus, let the air out of the tyres, and scrape their way through with millimetres to spare! At the end of his time at Cambridge, he and four friends planned an expedition to drive to Cape Town and back in two Land Rovers, descending via the eastern route, through Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan, and returning via the west through the Belgian Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria and crossing the Sahara to Algeria, Morocco, and back through Europe. They left in June 1959 and while three of the group returned to re-take their finals, Peter and one other (Tony Howarth, a renowned professional photographer) completed the whole journey, arriving home in March 1960 having covered 32,500 miles.

Peter and Jane were married in 1974 and had two children, Richard and Helen. He was made redundant in 1978 when the dangers of asbestos were highlighted and T&N went into liquidation. They built Monkshatch and Peter embraced country life, entering into activities in Compton with enthusiasm. In the early 1980s, he and Jane 'changed places' – Jane returned to work and he became the house husband, bringing up the children, doing the school runs, at the same time undertaking a course in Woodland Management at Merrist Wood and looking after the 15 acres of woodland at Monkshatch. He was already an expert cook, a keen gardener and a great inventor and handyman, as well as being an accomplished pianist and talented artist and photographer. He was involved with Compton Little Theatre from its formation in 1982, building scenery, taking photographs, organising catering and taking on many roles such as Marley's Ghost, a butler, a clergyman, a German general, and many more. He was Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee from 1985 to 1991 and was a Parish Councillor from 2000, serving as Chairman until 2004 when he and Jane moved out of Compton. He was also a keen supporter and generous benefactor to the Watts Gallery, from its 'dark days' in the 1980s and 1990s, through the restoration programme and right up to today. He and Jane were instrumental in facilitating the publication of the book on the Compton Pottery earlier this year.

Peter was a true gentleman in every sense of the word - generous, kind and modest, with a quiet sense of humour and a willingness to share his practical skills if anyone needed them. He would prepare tasty dishes for friends in crisis and leave them unobtrusively at the back door once a week. At one time he even kept a list of menus so he didn't repeat the same dish twice! He was devoted to his family who always came first, quietly guiding them with his wisdom and experience. He is survived by Jane, their two children Richard and Helen, and three adored grandchildren Lucie, Emilie and Wilbur. *Ken Miller, Chairman, Compton Village Association*

➤ **SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE** ◀

This year's annual '**RIDE & STRIDE**' will take place on Saturday 14th September, which once again coincides with Heritage Open Weekend, so you could include FREE visits to other notable public buildings, some of which are usually closed to the public or charge an admission fee. The idea is to raise money for church restoration and repair. Cyclists (and walkers) are given a list of churches in their area. They map out their own route to visit churches by bike or on foot, and then get friends to sponsor them for every church they visit. The money which is collected is divided into two: half to the church of the cyclist's choice (i.e. your church) and the other half retained by Surrey Churches Preservation Trust for distribution to churches in need and which apply for a grant.

Sponsorship forms and other details can be obtained from Christopher Bell, 01483 810257, csph.parishmag@gmail.com

JAZZ @ THE PAVILION
DEREK NASH
Wednesday 11th September

Much-loved alto sax player **Derek Nash** is a featured soloist with the Jools Holland Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, and a vibrant and charismatic performer. Expect an evening of the best of swinging modern mainstream jazz, infused with catchy melodies and infectious rhythms.
Guildford Rugby Club. Doors open 7.30pm. Music from 8pm. Tickets £16, £14 for members, from www.guildfordjazz.org.uk.

ELECTRIC THEATRE JAZZ CAFÉ
JIMMY HASTINGS
Tuesday 24th September

Jimmy Hastings is a multi-disciplined musician and a long-standing member of the British jazz scene. He was famously part of the Humphrey Lyttleton Band and the John Dankworth Generation Band and over the years he has worked with a host of international stars, including Frank Sinatra, Henry Mancini, Sammy Davis Jnr, Tony Bennett, Aretha Franklin and many others.
Music at 7.30pm. Tickets £16, £14 for members, from The Electric Theatre Box Office on 01483 501200.



THE RICHMOND DOG SHOW will be held in Forge Meadow, Loseley, on Friday 6th (Toy and Hound), Saturday 7th (Terrier, Pastoral and Working) and Sunday 8th September (Utility and Gundog). The Richmond Championship Show is one of the oldest established and best known dog shows in the UK calendar and entries are received from all over the British Isles, The Republic of Ireland and Continental Europe. Since 2004, the Show has been held in the grounds of Loseley Park. More than 150 breeds can be seen over the course of each show and the top awards are keenly contested.

Members of the public are admitted free but there is a charge of £10, payable on arrival, for use of the public car parking facilities. The entrance is from New Pond Road and the show opens at 7.30am daily. The public may bring their own dogs to the show provided they enter them on arrival as "spectator" dogs, for which there is a fee of £5 per dog, and they agree to complete and sign a written undertaking to keep their dog(s) under control at all times. *Full details are available at www.richmonddogshow.org.uk.*

● ● ● **COMPTON CLUB** ● ● ●

● A new initiative has started at **COMPTON CLUB** with **FRIDAY SUPPER NIGHTS**, to bring people together for an informal evening of chat with friends and neighbours. These are being organised by Jo Ayshford and the cost at the moment is £5 per person for a simple menu of Quiche, Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (chilli, beans and cheese, tuna, vegetarian, gluten free...), garlic bread and salad. This low price is in order to build up numbers initially but will increase eventually. There is a sign-up form in the Club to make your choices but you can also email info@comptonclub.co.uk or joayshford56@gmail.com. Remember to indicate any special diets. **THE CUPIDS** will be performing some familiar and new songs to entertain you during the evening. Song sheets will be provided for you to join in! **The date is Friday 6th September at 7.30pm.** Future dates to note for the diary are 25th October, 22nd November, 13th December and 24th January – all Fridays.

● You are invited to a **QUIZ EVENING** at the Club on Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Tickets are £10 which includes a Ploughman's Supper. You can make up a team of 4 to 6 people, or just come along and join another team. For tickets call Jo on 07791 209408 or Rhona on 07827 303416, or email info@comptonclub.co.uk. Please indicate in advance if you would like to come as it helps with the catering.

THESE TWO EVENTS ARE VITAL TO THE CLUB'S SURVIVAL AND NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

● **EXPERIENCED PART-TIME BAR STAFF** are required for **COMPTON CLUB**, starting immediately. Approximately 5 hour shifts at £8.30 per hour, weekdays and weekend evenings on a rota basis. Also occasional daytime shifts with varying hours. You need to be cheerful and outgoing, able to work as part of a team. *Contact the Bar Steward on 07743 572465 or email your CV to info@comptonclub.co.uk.*

➤ ➤ **THIS AND THAT** < <

➤ ➤ **KD Fine Art at Watts Gallery will be closed on Mondays for the foreseeable future** < <

➤ **RAISING MONEY FOR GUTS.** Sarah Grillo runs a Bric-a-Brac stall once a month at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in aid of the Guildford Undetected Tumour Survey. She would welcome any suitable small items from jewellery to collectables to glass and china to good-condition books – but no clothes! The next stall will be on Wednesday 25th September but she can receive items at any time. *Sarah is happy to collect and can be contacted on 01428 683255.*

FARNCOMBE MUSIC CLUB - MUSIC IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH

GENESIS VISIBLE TOUCH
PHIL COLLINS ERA GENESIS TRIBUTE
Saturday 28th September

"Top drawer musical performances and exemplary vocals, matched with leading production values ... a live show not to be missed!" Featuring songs from *We Can't Dance, Invisible Touch, Genesis, Abaca, Duke, And Then There Were Three* - and many more.

Buy soon – 50% sold!

Tickets £16 in advance, £19 on the door.

THE ICICLE WORKS
Saturday 5th October

The Icicle Works celebrate 35 years of the music of the Mercury-nominated artist **Ian McNabb**. Their greatest songs and more. Named after the 1960 short story *The Day The Icicle Works Closed* by science fiction author Frederik Pohl, the group joined Liverpool's early 1980s 'neo-psychedelia' wave. Lead singer Ian McNabb went on to pursue a solo career, although a reformed *Icicle Works* have been performing occasional live dates since 2006, including playing in St John's Church once before in 2017.

Tickets £20 in advance, £24 on the door.

Doors & Bar open 7pm. Show starts 7.45pm. Tickets available from Record Corner, Godalming or see

www.julianlewymusic.com/concerts.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, COMPTON - SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 1st – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion; 6pm Sung Evensong

SUNDAY 8th – 8am Holy Communion (1662)

SUNDAY 15th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 18th – 10.30am Said Communion

SUNDAY 29th – 10.30am Sung Holy Communion and farewell to Caroline & Tim Burnett, with special 45 minute bell ringing from 9.45am with the full bell-ringing team of 9.



TALKING OF BELL RINGING, there is still room for more bell ringers to join this enthusiastic and friendly group, particularly (but not essentially) if you have had some experience in the past. *To learn more, contact Phil Gorton on 420763.*

WATTS GALLERY NEWS

WATTS CERAMICS FAIR. Saturday 7th September to Sunday 20th October, Watts Contemporary Gallery (above the shop). Free admission. All works for sale.



This show brings together work by a dozen contemporary ceramicists, featuring beautiful and functional pieces in stoneware, porcelain and terracotta. Featured ceramicists include Julie Ayton, Sophie MacCarthy, Penny Green and Felicity Jones.

TURKISH EBRU MARBLING. Saturday 7th September, 11am to 3.30pm. £25 (Friends £22.50). Clore Learning Studio at Limnerslease. Ages 13-17. Pre-booking required. Discover the ancient art of Turkish Ebru marbling with artist Ebru Kocak. Experiment by making marbled wrapping paper before marbling a concrete succulent planter to keep.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY. Sunday 15th September, 10.30am to 5pm. Free admission. Listen to talks about the history of our site and how the legacy of the Watts and their community continues to shape our work. Meet our current staff and volunteers to find out more about becoming a Watts volunteer.

MAKE FESTIVAL. Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September, 11am to 4pm. Free with admission. Friends and Under 18s Free. Students/Under 25s £5.75. Enjoy traditional crafts from wallpaper printing, cameo cut-outs, painted tiles and Victorian terrariums to basket weaving, stained glass and leatherworking. Watch live demonstrations and listen to talks by leading contemporary artists, makers, designers and architects to discover how the Arts & Crafts movement continues to inspire creativity today. *There will be a free minibus service from Guildford station. See the website for further details - www.wattsgallery.org.uk.*

THE MAKE SPACE. Every Sunday, 10.30am to 4pm. Free with admission. Friends and Under 18s Free. Clore Learning Studio at Limnerslease. Drop-in. All ages.

Sunday 1st September – Fabric collage

Sunday 15th – Plaster casting

Sunday 8th – Embossed foil design

Sunday 22nd – Geometric printmaking

For information about events and to book tickets, phone 01483 813593 or visit www.wattsgallery.org.uk

COMPTON ALLOTMENTS

Want to grow your own fruit and veg? Compton Allotments, located between Polsted and Withies Lanes, has a variety of plot sizes available to suit your needs.

Rates are reasonable and affordable. The site is well maintained, has fertile soil, two access points, parking areas, a communal orchard, plenty of water taps, and is protected by deer fencing.

The Allotments are owned by the Parish Council and run by Compton Allotment Association, a friendly, thriving and well established community who welcome newcomers.

If you are interested in viewing the plots available or want more information, contact Jonathan Draper via jgdraper@talktalk.net.

LOVE YOUR GARDEN!

To quote gardening God, Monty Don, “Mulching is the best way of spending your time and money as an investment on making your garden look good and be healthy all year long.” **Heather Markham** is selling well-rotted and fresh manure by the bag or trailer load: £1.50 per bag of fresh manure; £1.80 well rotted manure; £40 loose trailer load (equates to around 56 bags).

Delivery free of charge to Compton, Puttenham, Godalming, Milford, Elstead and Thursley (minimum order 5 bags). £5 delivery charge to Churt, Guildford and Haslemere. **Perfect for Allotment holders and small village gardens!**

Contact Heather on 07944 799945.

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

THURSDAYS – Art Classes in The Old Barn, 10am-12 noon.

NB: KD Fine Art will be closed on Mondays for the foreseeable future.

Mon 2nd – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Fri 6th – Supper Night, Compton Club, 7.30pm

Fri 6th- Sun 7th – Richmond Dog Show, Forge Meadow, Loseley, from 7.30am

Tues 10th – Bell Ringing Practice, Compton, 8pm

Wed 11th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Wed 11th – Jazz @ The Pavilion, Guildford Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sat 14th – Ride & Stride for Surrey Churches Preservation Trust

Sat 14th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sun 15th – Heritage Open Day, Watts Gallery

Tues 24th – Bell Ringing Practice, Puttenham, 8pm

Mon 16th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am

Wed 18th – Parish Council Meeting, Puck’s Oak Barn, 7pm

Friday 20th– Deadline for the October NEWS

Sat 21st – Quiz Night, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Wed 25th – Tower Café, Puttenham Church, 2.30pm-4.30pm

Tues 24th – Electric Theatre Jazz Café, 7.30pm

Fri 27th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10.30am-1pm

Sat 28th – Bingo, Compton Club, 7.30pm for 8pm

Sat 28th – Genesis Tribute, Farncombe Church, 7pm for 7.45pm

Sat 28th & Sun 29th – Make Festival, Watts Gallery, 11am-4pm

Mon 30th – Coffee Morning, Old Barn, 10am