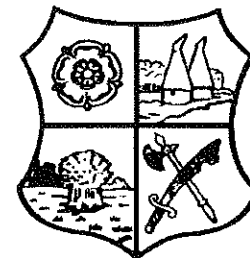


ALTON TOWN COUNCIL



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BUMPER LINE-UP FOR PUBLIC GARDENS EVENTS THIS SUMMER

A record number of activities in the Public Gardens this summer should cater for all tastes, according to Alton Town Council.

Each season the Council co-ordinates a programme of events in the town centre venue, which this year kicks off on the 23rd May with Alton Operatic & Dramatic Society's Songs from the Shows, followed by Alton College Jazz & Big Bands on the 30th. The programme continues throughout June, July, August and into early September.

Amongst other highlights are performances from the town's two secondary schools, Eggars and Amery Hill, Bagshot Concert Band, Cactus Brass and Alton's very own Concert Orchestra performing at the town's fourth open-air *Last Night of the Proms*.

Following last year's successful debut children's show in the summer half term holiday, this year the Proteus Theatre Company will be presenting *Poppy Wild's Magical Machine*, on Friday 4th June from 2-3pm; in the event of bad weather, it will take place in the Assembly Rooms.

As usual parents and carers get an hour off every Friday afternoon for six weeks from late July and through to early September when, once again, an entertainer will be captivating young audiences from 2pm-3pm with a puppet, magic or clown show. Again, these will be held in the Assembly Rooms if wet.

Deputy Town Clerk Greg Burt, said "We have twenty-two events planned this year, which must be a record! Apart from all the usual favourites, we are delighted to welcome Basingstoke Silver Band, and lots of other Alton-based groups, including the Kings Pond Shantymen, Strictly Showtime and Minden Rose. It's great that the line-up now includes dance as well as music to suit all tastes."

Full programme details are available from the Town Hall or online at altonevents.co.uk

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