

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL



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PUBLIC GARDENS EVENTS TO CATER FOR ALL TASTES

A bumper line-up of activities in the Public Gardens this summer should cater for all tastes, announced Town Councillors this week.

Each season Alton Town Council coordinates a programme of events in the town centre venue, which this year kicks off on the 10th May with the Alton College Jazz Band and Big Band and continues throughout June, July, August and into early September.

Amongst the highlights are Alton Operatic & Dramatic Society's Songs from the Shows on the 31st May, Bagshot Concert Band, Cactus Brass and Alton's very own Concert Orchestra performing at the town's third open-air *Last Night of the Proms*.

As usual parents and carers get an hour off every Friday afternoon for six weeks from late July and through August when, once again, an entertainer will be captivating young audiences from 2pm-3pm with a puppet, magic or clown show. The popular Teddy Bears also return for their annual picnic, when local toy store, *Little Bundles* is again kindly sponsoring the competition to find the best cuddly teddy from the gathered picnics.

New for this year will be a children's show in the summer half term holiday. The Lost Toy is being presented on Friday 29th May from 2-3pm by the Proteus Theatre Company; in the event of bad weather, it will take place in the Assembly Rooms.

Councillor Roger Fitzer, Chairman of the council's Recreation Committee, said "Parks are there to be used and it is great to see the Public Gardens in particular full of people enjoying themselves at the various events. Hopefully there is something to cater for most tastes, and we are particularly grateful to those groups and schools who have kindly offered to do a turn."

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

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