



**ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 29
28th July 2022**

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
www.alton.gov.uk 01420 83986

Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to share stories and encourage reading throughout the summer holidays, a time when children's reading skills can sometimes dip.

The theme of the challenge this year is Gadgeteers. Join Eddie, Leo, Ajay, Maggie, Aisha and James and discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you! Everyone who finishes the challenge has a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet too! <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone>

Bikeability Lessons This Summer

Our first Bikeability lessons are next Thursday at Anstey Park. We still have availability at the following times:

9:00am - 11:00am, 11:30am - 1:30am and
2:00pm - 4:00pm

If you would like more information please go to
http://www.alton.gov.uk/Free_Bikeability_Lessons_42916.aspx

Free entertainment

Generously supported by:



Fun Fridays 

Free Children's Entertainment

**2.00pm - 3.00pm
Public Gardens, Alton**



29th July
Baby Ballet



5th August
Magic Wanda



12th August
Scotty's Circus Skills



19th August
Zumba Kids



26th August
Professor Potty's Magic Show

WET WEATHER RELOCATION
In the event of wet weather Fun Fridays will be in the Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton.

DEVELOP YOUR CYCLING SKILLS THIS SUMMER
FREE BIKEABILITY LEVEL 1 LESSONS

DON'T DELAY BOOK TODAY! SOME SESSIONS ARE ALREADY FULLY BOOKED. VISIT WWW.ALTON.GOV.UK FOR MORE DETAILS

Alton Repair Cafe



FREE!
Donations appreciated

Bin it? No way!

NEXT SESSIONS

Sat 30 July Sat 10 Sept
10.30 – 12.30
Alton Community Centre

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles • Electronics
Mechanical • Small Electrical
Furniture • Bikes

Covid-secure venue with social distancing
One item each please.

Part of the global **Repair Cafe** movement

Icons: Hammer, Dress, Pants, Arrow, TV, Bicycle, Wrench, and a globe.

Luminosa Voices Open Rehearsal



LUMINOSA
OUTSTANDING CHOIRS FOR ALL AGES

Luminosa Voices are running an open rehearsal coming up in the Alton Maltings on Tuesday 13th September from 1945 - 2130. This is a great opportunity for someone who might not have sung with a choir before but wants to give it a try, and will definitely be a fun evening with a warm and welcoming choir.

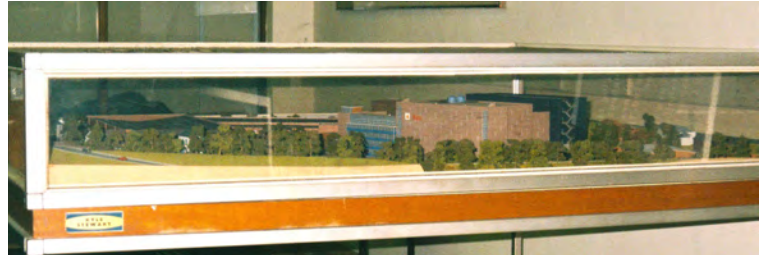
We will be rehearsing Brahms Requiem. Music will be provided at no cost.

Refreshments are available for the evening.

If you are interested in attending, or if you would like more information, please contact enquiries@luminosamusic.com, or you can visit our website www.luminosamusic.com.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Brewery Site Model



Before the demolition of the site, a model of the whole brewery was saved.

Measuring 6ft 2" x 5ft 10" and 4ft high it is currently being stored courtesy of The Maltings, but it is looking for a permanent home.

If any local group or organisation has space and would be interested in having it, please contact the Town Hall on 01420 83986 or email info@alton.gov.uk.

Station Forecourt Improvement

Our Ref: WCL_120013 - 01
July, 2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,



WALKER CONSTRUCTION

NOTIFICATION OF ALTON STATION FORECOURT IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

LOCATION OF WORKS: Station Road, Station forecourt, car park area and Paper Mill Road (stair Access)

DURATION OF WORKS: For up to 26 weeks commencing on the 8th August 2022

SITE WORKING HOURS: Monday – Saturday, 08:00am to 18:00pm

Walker Construction (UK) Ltd have been appointed by East Hampshire District Council to carryout improvement works to the surrounding area as listed above and in the below image (figure 1. Work site boundary)

Our works will provide the following: new kerb installation and footpath widening to Station Road, new kerb installation, paving and surfacing work to the Station forecourt and carpark, new stair construction to existing stair access located in Paper Mill Rd, new drainage system to all area mentioned, lastly new lighting and CCTV system to Station Rd, Station forecourt and car park area.

Due to the traffic sensitivity of this location and the type of work to be undertaken the improvement works will be carried out in phases. Phase 1, Station Forecourt, Start Date – 08/08/2022, Phase 2, Station Road, Start Date – 03/11/2022 and Phase 3 existing car park area, Start Date – 16/01/2023.

Please Note, there will be a requirement for a lane closure traffic management within Station Road and a footpath diversion in place. Existing bus stop located within the station forecourt area will be moved to suit the works, access stairs from Paper Mill Road to Station Road will be temporarily closed with a diversion in place. All phasing will have traffic management in place and signage to suit the working areas and diversions.

Please Note, access to local businesses and residential areas will be maintained at all time.

Figure 1. work site boundary;



We thank you in advance for your patience whilst these works are undertaken.

Yours faithfully,

Lee Greeley
Construction Site Manager

Out of Hours Emergency Tel: 07710077737

WARNING- Beware Bogus Callers
Walker Construction (UK) Ltd do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us and offer to carry out any work for cash they should be treated with caution.

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Alton In Bloom 2022

The Town is looking beautiful this year and we would like to say a massive thank you to the local shops, businesses and residents who are helping make Alton bloom this year and add to the pollinator pathway helping bees, butterflies and insects with their planters and hanging baskets

The Town Planters and the Public Gardens are looking extra special this year with the Jubilee themed planting which have been generously sponsored by Specsavers Alton <https://www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/alton> along the high street and Headley Financial Services <https://www.headleyfs.com> for the round Jubilee bed in the Public Gardens.



Thank you Specsavers Alton for sponsoring the Town Planters.



Thank you Headley Financial Services for sponsoring the Jubilee themed bed in the Public Gardens.

Alton in Bloom has been re-imagined for 2022. With the Council's stance on climate change and environmental issues, the traditional format of 'In Bloom' is being replaced with a new concept. Whilst there will be no award ceremony this year we are inviting residents to pledge to undertake one of the following categories below.

- 1) Create a re-wilding area of any size, in their garden or nearby communal area.
- 2) Give incredible edibles a try; anything from planting fruit canes, growing veggies in tubs or creating a raised bed or allotment plot in your garden.
- 3) Engage in wildlife friendly gardening- either planting extra pollinators, creating a habitat for a hedgehog, frog or other visitor, or installing a bird or bat box.
- 4) Plant a tree for the Jubilee or if you don't have the space, sponsor a tree for £50 as part of the new Alton Town Council's- Queen's Green Canopy. <https://forms.gle/9zgS1PQbjMHgJGpJ8>
- 5) Tallest Sunflower Competition, with two separate categories for children and adults.

Deadlines: Sunday 31st July Categories 1-4 and Wednesday 31st August Category 5 . Visit our website to enter http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton_In_Bloom_2022_42715.aspx



St Mary's Bentworth Church of England Primary School

In September we are going to be celebrating **150 years** of St Mary's being a Church School.

We would love to invite some ex-pupils back on Wednesday 7th September between 9.30-10.30am to have a tour of the school.

This will be an open morning type event. Please could you let anyone know who used to attend the school and see if they would be interested. Please do ask them to get in contact.

Please spread the word!

For further information please call
01420 562117 or email adminoffice@bentworth.hants.sch.uk



20 mph Consultation

Hampshire County Council is seeking the views of residents about 20 mph limits within Hampshire.

The County Council is keen to hear from as many residents, businesses and other stakeholders as possible, to find out their views on the implementation of 20mph limits in the context of other highways priorities and the County Council's statutory duties to maintain the highway in a safe condition within a limited budget.

The findings from the survey, together with data about use of the highway, speed enforcement, road safety and environmental impacts will be important in helping to shape future policy relating to 20mph speed limits in Hampshire and, in turn, future decision-making around 20mph speed limits. The survey is available at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation> and should take just 15 minutes to complete.

It is open until midnight on Monday 12 September 2022.

Sponsored Walk

CHARITY SPONSORED WALK



hosted by
**Alton Lions Club &
Walk Alton**



- Walks of 5 or 10 miles, covering Chawton, Chawton Park Woods & Farringdon.
- Bring drinks, snacks/lunch & appropriate footwear.

Saturday 3 September, 9:30am prompt start from the **Cardiac Rehab Centre, Alton**

In aid of
**HOME
START**
Hampshire

*Being a parent, whatever your situation, can be very challenging. Many parents feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the stresses of family life. For some parents it is a particular struggle because they are also coping with issues such as post-natal depression, their or their child's illness or disability, mental health issues, isolation or multiple births. That is when parents need support. That is when **Home-Start** can help.*

To enter email **Atul: atulpatel94@gmail.com**

Sponsorship forms available from

www.walkalton.org.uk or www.altonlions.org.uk

Entry closing date 2nd September 2022.

Alton Lions Club (CIO) Reg. No: 1174502



For Loan
**CARRERA
CROSSCITY**
FOLDING BIKE



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT
WWW.ALTON.GOV.UK OR CALL 01420 83986

Support for struggling families through the Household Support Fund.

People who are already receiving Housing Benefit or the housing element of Universal Credit and have applied for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) but are in exceptional need can apply now for a one-off grant through the Household Support Fund.

The fund can be used to help cover rent arrears built up before a benefit claim was made.

These grants have been funded by central government and allocated to East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) by Hampshire County Council.

The scheme runs until 30 September 2022 or until the funds have been allocated.

EHDC has been working with housing associations, Citizens Advice and debt support agencies to ensure that those who need it most are aware of the scheme.

Councillor Julie Butler, EHDC Deputy Leader and portfolio holder for Community said:

“With the current jump in inflation affecting the lowest paid in our society the most, there are some families and individuals that are really struggling.

“I hope that these grants will help those most in need to feel like they can keep their heads above water.

“I encourage families that receive benefits but are still struggling financially to check our website to see if they’re eligible for a grant.”

Find out more and apply at:

www.easthants.gov.uk/exceptional-household-support-fund



Summer Club

There will be lots of dancing, singing, crafts, stories and so much fun!

Every Thursday in August (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th of August) From 10am until 1pm At St Lawrence Church

For ages 4 to 11 (Children in primary school or starting primary school in September)

Greater Alton Project
Partners of Methodist, Bourneville, Baptist

To sign up please email: martha@potr-alton.co.uk

Young ACAN Clothes Swap

Save the date for Young ACAN's second Back on the Rack clothes swap event: Friday 23rd September 3.30 – 6 pm at Alton Maltings GU34 1DT.

Please save those unwanted clothes you're sorting over the summer and drop them off at Alton Maltings between 19th and 23rd September.



BACK ON THE RACK 2!

SWAP 'TIL YOU DROP THRIFT SHOP

ALTON MALTINGS

GU34 1DT FRIDAY

23RD SEPT 2022

3:30 PM → 6 PM

YOUNG ACAN

Upcycling
Climate Cafe
Donations welcome

Swap your preloved clothes

SUGGESTED FOR THOSE AGED 07-20