



**ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL**

THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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**PLEASE
CHECK
BONFIRES
CAREFULLY
FOR SLEEPING
HEDGEHOGS
BEFORE LIGHTING**

#rememberhedgehogs

If possible the entire pile should be re-sited before being lit, if not possible, use broom handles to lift from the base of the pile, and shine torches, looking and listening carefully for any signs of life.

Photo Jonathan Booty

British Hedgehog Preservation Society
Hedgehog House,
Dhustone, Ludlow,
Shropshire, SY8 3PL
Tel: 01584 890801
www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Public Gardens - Winter Times

Don't forget the clocks will be going back 1 hour at 2am on Sunday 31st October.

Therefore from Monday 1st November the Public Gardens will revert back to winter opening times and will be locked from 6:00pm.

Opening times will be 7:30am - 6:00pm daily.

Bonfires and Fireworks

If you are planning fireworks at home this year please let your neighbours know in advance, as not everyone enjoys them. It is especially important that if you have neighbours who have dogs, cats or horses you let them know if you plan to have fireworks. It can be extremely distressing for the animals and indeed their owners. Animals simply don't understand, they hear loud noises and sense fire and get very frightened, panic and run. Advance warning is very much appreciated as those with pets can make sure they are safely indoors.

Please remember:

You can set off fireworks on private land such as your garden but setting off fireworks (including sparklers) and lighting bonfires in the street or in public areas including open spaces e.g parks and sports grounds is strictly prohibited.

Half Term Break

The Altonian will be taking a break next week, we will be back the following week with exciting news about Christmas!

You can stay up to date with Alton Town Council news by following them on Facebook or by visiting their website www.alton.gov.uk.

For news on events happening in Alton and the surrounding areas don't forget to check out www.altonevents.co.uk.



All are welcome at ACAN's

Vigil of Hope

for the UN Climate Conference (COP26)

Alton Market Square

Sat 30th & Sun 31st October 9am-9pm

Alton Climate Action Network, other local community groups, young people and churches are coming together to hold a "Vigil of Hope", to draw attention to the crucial UN Climate Talks in Glasgow in November. We must make it clear that failure is not an option if the hopes and dreams of our children and their children are to be realised.

The UN's latest report on climate change was described by the UN Secretary General as "Code Red for Humanity". But there is still time to avert the worst if we think big, act fast and work together.

Come along at any time on 30th or 31st October. Talk, sing, pray, play climate games, or reflect quietly. We believe in the power of hope.



SOS from the Kids singing at Alton's Eco-Fair in July 2021



Growing food

in an urban environment

Monday 8th November at 7:30pm

Alton Community Centre or Online

Please email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com to register and state whether you want to attend on Zoom or in person at the Community Centre

The breakdown of supply chains due to Covid and Brexit is a timely reminder of what the future may hold when the climate crisis starts to really hit our food supplies. We'll need to rely much more on local food and grow our own wherever possible. To inspire us, our speakers at this event are:

Will Benson of Applegarth Farm near Hindhead, where they grow food for their restaurant in aeroponic towers and measure their food miles in feet!



And **Glyn**

Jones who has had spectacular success (including a prize from *Alton in Bloom*) with his "No dig" allotment here in Alton.

A Midsummer Night's Dream



Have you seen the fairies in the Alton Town Gardens, all rehearsing for A Midsummer Night's Dream?

AODS, who are 100 years young this year, are currently in rehearsal for their November production 10th November to 13th November. This production will be performed at the HSDC (Alton Campus) on Old Odiham Road. By moving this play to the Alton College Campus, the director is taking this opportunity to take the play out into the audience.

William Shakespeare would have appreciated the strange times that we have been living in for the last 18 months as theatres in his times were regularly closed due to plague and disease.

AODS is looking forward to welcoming audiences back. If you wish to come and see this wonderful funny play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' tickets are available from:

Quirky Women, 11 Market Street, Alton
01420 88999

or

through our website <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/aods/events>.

Any member of the audience who wishes to wear their masks during the show is more than welcome, we would love to see you masks or not.

**Are you interested to help us find solutions to food waste?
Are you age 18+ years, involved with preparing food & living in a household in Hampshire?**

Food getting thrown away is a problem to the environment and the economy. Every year one third of all food produced is wasted and this comprises approximately 6% of total greenhouse gas emissions globally. In the UK more than £19 billion worth of food is thrown away annually. We need solutions, can you help us find them? This study aims to understand patterns of food waste in Hampshire in order to help understand where and how to focus efforts to tackle the problem.

We are looking for volunteers to take part in a citizen science project on food waste. To find out more contact Hannah Barker on: hrb1n20@soton.ac.uk or 07398967971

People who complete photo diaries or interviews will get a £10 voucher

