



**ALTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 29 22nd July 2021**

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD  
[www.alton.gov.uk](http://www.alton.gov.uk)

## Fun Fridays

Opening this summer's Fun Friday, on Friday 30th July, is Magic Wanda. Bringing you a totally interactive experience with a magical blend of fun and magic, that you won't forget!

Magic Wanda brings smiles and laughter to children and grown-ups alike. [http://www.alton.gov.uk/Fun\\_Fridays\\_2021\\_40427.aspx](http://www.alton.gov.uk/Fun_Fridays_2021_40427.aspx)

## Message From The Town Hall

### National Citizen Service (NCS)

Our thanks to the National Citizen Service (NCS) Students who have been volunteering this week in the Public Gardens and at King's Pond working alongside the Council Grounds staff in undertaking maintenance tasks as part of their summer programme.

They will be back next month working in Flood Meadows and on a Health and Wellbeing project with the Town Council.

### Lost Property

Our ground staff have recently found quite a lot of lost property. If you lose anything at any of our open spaces, please contact the Town Hall on 01420 83986.

We will always post items on our Facebook page and Alton Lost and Found Facebook page.

### Town Hall Opening Hours

The Town Hall is open to visitors Monday to Friday 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Outside of these hours please telephone 01420 83986 for an appointment.

Please wear a face covering during your visit to the Town hall. Thank you.

Generously supported by:



**Fun Fridays** 

**Free Children's Entertainment**

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



30th July  
Magic Wanda



6th August  
Zumba Kids



13th August  
Baby Ballet



20th August  
Scotty's  
Circus Skills



27th 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.

## Alton's 2nd Big Dig

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The second 'Big Dig' is currently taking place and is in the Public Gardens until the 1st August. The main dig is in the Public Gardens but they will also be doing geophysics scans and 'test pits' in other parts of the town, including some private gardens. Go to <https://www.altonbigdig.uk> for up to date information.

This week they have discovered various finds, one being a diaper brick from a high status building dating to the 17th or 18th century. They were used as decoration, sometimes a shape on a wall or they were used for putting the date of the build. The diaper bricks are generally black locally, ours is green. It's glazed on all sides. Usually the side seen is the face on the wall of the building. Green glazed diaper bricks are more common in East Anglia.



## Curtis Museum Events

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For more details about the following events please visit <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/curtis-museum>

### **Group Retrospective 3 - Alton Art Society 2nd July - 31st July**

Showcasing the varied interests and artwork of Alton Art Society members.

### **Family Workshop - Dinosaur puppet-making Sat 31st July 10:30am - 12:30pm**

Have fun making paper dinosaurs.

### **Nature's Grace - 2nd July - 22nd Aug**

A watercolour Exhibition by Clifford D'Souza.

## Alton In Bloom 2021

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Entries for this year's Alton In Bloom close on Saturday 31st July. Details on how to enter and all the categories please go to [http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton\\_In\\_Bloom\\_2021\\_30979.aspx](http://www.alton.gov.uk/Alton_In_Bloom_2021_30979.aspx).

Some of you may have been following the ATC and Wey Valley Radio Sunflower competition this year. Unfortunately both original sunflowers were damaged in the wind and rain but we managed to save the smaller ones in the pot.



They were both doing very well until the ATC broke, so we happy to announce this year's winner is Wey Valley Radio. There is still time to enter your Sunflowers, just send us the measurements once fully grown.

## Summer Reading Challenge

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Have your children joined the Summer Reading Challenge yet? This year they will become a Wild World Hero as the Hampshire Library Service challenge has joined up with WWF UK.

You can still sign up by visiting: <https://bit.ly/2UoG7cl>.

## Friends Of Kings Pond

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Final call to join Friends of King's Pond with conservation works this month.

Sunday 25th July 10am - 12pm.

Please see attached poster for full details.

Please email [info@alton.gov.uk](mailto:info@alton.gov.uk) to register.



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT KING'S POND

**JOIN FRIENDS OF KING'S POND  
ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

**(HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS)**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE SOUGHT TO HELP WITH  
CONSERVATION WORKS**

**FULL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON  
REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN ADVANCE  
PLEASE EMAIL [INFO@ALTON.GOV.UK](mailto:INFO@ALTON.GOV.UK) OR  
TELEPHONE 01420 83986**