



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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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 check bonfires for hedgehogs before lighting.

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.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 14th November sees the Annual Remembrance Service at The Cairn in Alton

Whilst this is going ahead and organisations have been invited to lay a wreath, this year will be a short, low-key service with no parade or Salvation Army Band and no choir.

As last year, the service, led by Rev Micklefield will be streamed on-line on [Alton Town Council](#), [Parish of the Resurrection](#), [Royal British Legion Alton](#) and [Wey Valley Radio](#) Facebook pages and also live on-air Wey Valley Radio 101.1FM. Streaming of the service will start at 10:45am. We would strongly encourage as many people to tune in rather than attend in person if at all possible. Whilst this is an outdoor event, due to the still increasing Covid rates we would like to reduce the number of people standing in close proximity of each other for a prolonged period of time and protect those in vulnerable age groups who are more at risk. The road closure at the top of Crown Hill will be in place to ensure the safety of those leading the service and laying wreaths.





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Christmas Markets Market Square

10:00AM - 2:00PM
MARKET SQUARE, ALTON

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER

For more information please email
events@alton.gov.uk or call 01420 83986

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Alton Community Care

Since 1975 Alton Community Care (ACC) has provided transport for medical appointments for people in Alton and the surrounding villages. The drivers and the co-ordinators who manage the bookings are all volunteers.

Covid-19 has presented ACC with unique challenges in meeting the demand for transport for the vaccination programme and also for Covid-19 tests prior to in-patient admittance, at a time when some of our drivers have had to temporarily withdraw. With the booster vaccination programme now gathering pace, ACC is very much in need of more volunteer drivers.

More details about volunteering for ACC, both as a driver and as a co-ordinator, can be found at www.altoncare.org.uk. If you would like to join this very worthwhile voluntary activity, please email info@altoncare.org.uk.

Marmot Family Christmas

This week sees the launch of our "Marmot Family Christmas" event.

Due to the covid rates in the local area remaining relatively high, the decision was taken in mid-September to cancel the planned Christmas Light Switch on, due to concerns about the potentially large number of people standing for a prolonged period in Market Square and to replace it with a low-key family friendly event, spread out across the whole of the High Street and up to Market Square.

This has allowed us plenty of space for everyone and as it is held over two hours, gives visitors the opportunity to pop in at their convenience.

Please see poster below for more details.



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MARMOT FAMILY CHRISTMAS

★ Friday 19th November 2021 ★
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Alton High Street and Market Square

JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY EVENING

CHRISTMAS LAND TRAIN
CRAFTS
ENTERTAINMENT
FUN FAIR
AND MUCH MORE

Meet Father
Christmas

Bring along your list of
Christmas wishes and post
them directly to the
North Pole.

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Armed Forces Stakeholder Group

East Hampshire District Council, in partnership with Havant Borough Council, are planning to launch a new Stakeholder group for groups and organisations that work with, or provide support for members of the Armed Forces, their families and/or veterans. This will be an opportunity to build closer working relationships with other groups, share ideas and good practice, receive information on a regular basis that may impact your service and hear from guest speakers.

If you would like to be involved in any way, or simply receive the updates, please email joanne.utting@easthants.gov.uk with your expression of interest by:

Friday 12th November.

Please feel free to share this email with any group or organisation you know who work with or support current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families.

AODS proudly presents for their 100th celebration

(Reg. Charity 263575)

AODS

Making theatre fun in Alton since 1921

A Midsummer Night's Dream

By William Shakespeare

10th ~ 13th November 2021

7.30pm (Saturday Matinee 2.30pm)

Hampshire South Downs College,
Old Odiham Road, Alton, GU34 2LX



Tickets £12.00

Wednesday special: £6 when 10 or more tickets purchased

Box Office: - www.aods.org (Select "Tickets" option)

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Qwirky Women,

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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: hbr1n20@soton.ac.uk or 07398967971

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



Approved by University of Southampton Ethics and Research Governance (ref 66350)



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.