



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 20
31st May 2023

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
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Bio-Blitz

Come along on Thursday (10am - 4pm) and learn a bit more about Flood Meadows and help us count the species to record on the Hampshire Database?

There are still a few spaces left on the following walks led by our local experts - here's the booking link for the following walks <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/alton-town-council>

10am - Alton Society Flood Meadows Volunteering Tour

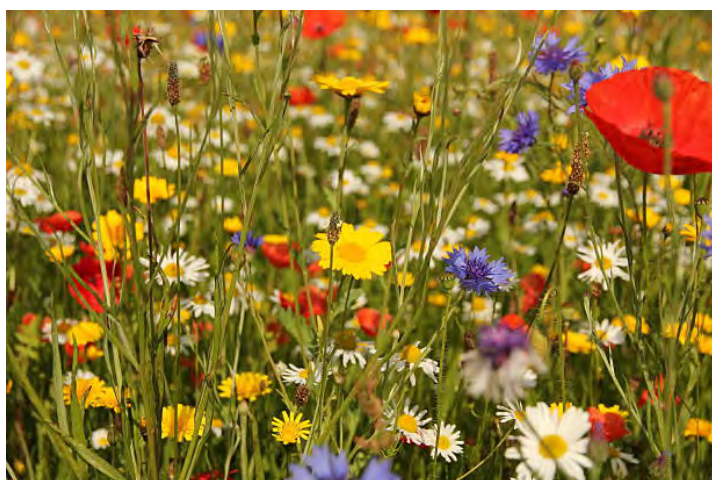
A tour of the site by the Alton Society about the history of Flood Meadows and how the group of local volunteers work together to look after this beautiful conservation area in the heart of our town.

12pm - Lichens as indicators of air quality with Dr June Chatfield from the Alton Natural History Society.

If your interested in the environment and nature then this unusual and interesting session is for you!

1pm - Wild Flowers of Flood Meadows with Alton Natural History Society

There are many different species of wildflowers that can be spotted in Flood Meadows, join our local experts to learn how to identify and look after them.



3pm - Insect Life in the Trees and Meadows with Alton Natural History Society

This is a fun one where you can find insects in the long grass and bushes with sweep nets then identify them with our experts to see what different species you can find!

You can also pop along and speak to representatives from the Hampshire Amphibian and Reptile Society, Woodland Trust, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, the new Hampshire Parish Pollinators Project officer, Alton

If you have children, we will also have some I Spy Trail activity sheets for you to use independently around Flood Meadows. Then come back and tell us what you've found to earn a little sweet treat (Haribo sweets & a sticker).

We will look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Message From The Town Council



If you need to contact Alton Town and District Councillors their details are now available on our website:

Town Councillors - <https://www.alton.gov.uk/your-councillors/>

District Councillors - <https://www.alton.gov.uk/services/>

The next scheduled Full Council Meeting at the Town Hall will be on Wednesday 14th June at 7pm.



Charity Shop Manager
Part-time
Alton

Resurrection Furniture is a vibrant friendly charity shop in Alton recycling second hand furniture and home goods. We need an efficient organiser to lead our team of volunteers, manage the office and bring a creative flair to display and sales.

We offer between 2.5 and 4 days per week. Competitive salary.
Flexible working around school holidays by negotiation

For further details including a job description please email:

resurrectionfurniturejobs@gmail.com

To discuss the post in more detail call John Hubbard on
07798625003

JOIN US FOR THE BIG LUNCH

The UK's annual celebration for neighbours and communities.

PICNIC IN THE PARK WITH ALTON CONCERT BAND

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE,
1:00PM - 3:00PM,
ALTON'S PUBLIC GARDENS

THEBIGLUNCH.COM

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On Sunday 4th June the Alton Concert Band will be performing in the Public Gardens from 1pm-3pm as part of the UK's annual community 'Big Lunch' celebration.

Bring along your picnic hampers, deck chairs, family and friends and listen to our local musicians from the very talented Alton Concert Band!

June is the Month of Community and is a great time to come together to celebrate everything that makes our communities great. A whopping 20 million people took part in June 2022, to cheer volunteers, connect with neighbours, welcome refugees, support carers, raise awareness of loneliness, or simply to say thank you. For more information on the Eden Project Big Lunch initiative and to find other community events taking place please visit - <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com>

We would like to thank Hampshire County Councillor, Andrew Joy, for supporting this event with his Community Grant.

Community Orchard



A belated thank you to everyone who joined Alton Town Council for the well-attended opening of the Community Orchard at Windmill Hill a few weeks ago.

The concept of a Community Orchard in Alton was born out of a wish to be included as one of the towns that would commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and like many local authorities, it was seeking to provide its community with an original, worthwhile and sustainable commemoration of the Platinum celebrations.

Alton Town Council chose to provide a Community Orchard to attempt to recapture some of the orchards traditional functions. Providing a place for the community to wander and meet, contemplate, remember loved ones and sustain old and dying-out fruit varieties balanced, with a mixture of new fruit varieties.

It was originally intended to plant an Orchard comprising of 50 trees and 20 fruit bushes - one for each year of the Queen's reign - during Phase 1 of the planting in November 2022. However, the number of people wishing to sponsor a tree exceeded this number and so Phase 2 for the orchard was undertaken in mid-January with the designated area extended to allow for an additional 20 fruit trees to be planted, now totalling 70 trees.

Alton's new community orchard was planted by the Alton Town Council team with the assistance of a group of horticulture students from Sparsholt College.

County Councillor Andrew Joy and District Councillor Ginny Boxall's community grants have helped to fund this project along with each tree being individually sponsored by a mixture of residents and businesses. All tree sponsors' names together with their dedication messages are contained within this booklet along with information about each tree variety.

The Orchard location map and its sponsors are displayed on the interpretation panel at Windmill Hill, along with personalised dedication messages from each tree sponsor and the variety of tree, on tags attached to every tree in the orchard.

Cathy Wilson said. *"The event was delightful, the booklet is excellent, the cake was a lovely touch, the orchard looks marvellous and the sun shone for us. I feel proud to have sponsored one of the trees, proud of the town and proud of the town council for organising it so well."*

Many thanks and I look forward to news about future activities to help nurture the trees and enjoy the fruit."



Alton's Village Fete



Alton's 'Village' Fete and an Alton in Bloom summer show is taking place in the beautiful setting of Alton's Public Gardens on Saturday 15th July.

The Alton in Bloom Summer Show will be in the marquee where people can enter their prize produce, best bakes and creative displays into the following categories, for details on how to enter please email Emily-Jane Messenger events@alton.gov.uk

Incredible Edibles:

Supersized (heaviest) in each veg/fruit category - e.g. tomato, strawberry, beetroot, summer squash etc...

Longest in each veg/fruit category - cucumber, courgette, runner beans, carrot, peas, spring onion etc...

Wonkiest/weirdest fruit and veg - let's celebrate the non-perfect too!

Flower Show:

Best Floral display/arrangement with a Rainbow theme to compliment the Alton in Bloom theme for 2023

Best in class individual home-grown bloom (Rose, Dahlia, Lilly etc.)

Indoor Gardening Contest - best in class house plant/potted plant category

Bake Off:

Plant to plate - most creative use of homegrown produce

Best British Bake - traditional cake category e.g. Victoria Sponge, Battenburg, Fruit Cake, Scones

Homemade jams and jellies competition

Creative Categories:

Best dressed/decorated fruit or veg - fun children's competition

Best fruit or veg sculpture/carving - adult and children
Most Imaginative Recycled Container - adult and children

Alton Hockey Club



We are launching Hockey Heroes in June!

An 8 week super fun introductory course for 5-8 year old beginners. Only £40 incl. personalised kit. Help us grow our club by telling your non-hockey friends! Get them to sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3nwjVeK>

This programme is designed as a stepping stone into club membership and is not aimed at current members. Spread the word!

Alton Repair Cafe

Bin it? No way!

FREE!
 Donations appreciated

Next Session:

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE

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

Jane Austen

Jane Austen Regency Week

Alton & Chawton, Hampshire, UK

2023

PROGRAMME

17th - 25th June

www.JaneAustenRegencyWeek.co.uk

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 @RegencyAlton

eventbrite.com/cc/jane-austen-regency-week-alton-1940619

Coronation Year Armed Forces Day Convoy

Saturday 24th June 2023

7:00am: Convoy Assembles Southwick PO17 6ED

10:00am: Convoy Departs Southwick via B2177

10:30am: Wickham Square

10:45am: A32: Droxford » Warnford » West Meon » Privett » East Tisted » Farrington

11:30am: A31 Alton: Butts Road » High Street » Normandy Street » Anstey Road

12:00pm: Arrival at Anstey Park GU34 2NB

*Times are subject to prevailing traffic conditions

Alton Town Council will be hosting an event in Anstey Park 10am - 4pm
 Veterans / Entertainment / Displays / Stalls / Catering and more

Find us on CommemorativeConvoys

<https://commemorativeconvoys.org>

ALTON

VICTORIAN CRICKET

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

ON THE BUTTS GREEN 9.30AM - 6.30PM

LICENCED BAR

FOOD STALLS

VARIOUS STALLS

PRIZE DRAW

SIDE SHOWS
AND AMUSEMENTS

9 LOCAL TEAMS

FREE ADMISSION

All proceeds this year will be use to support

A small group of local volunteers, liaising with local businesses and stakeholders in helping to promote a dementia-friendly community that provides vital social support to people living with dementia in Alton and the surrounding area.

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FREE ENTRY

Enjoy a family day out at

Thank You Day

Anstey Park, Alton

Sunday 2nd July 10am - 4pm



Steel Band



Sparkling Spinnettes



Dogs from dementia and autism business group



Pimms Tent



Barrell Train



Ladies Football



Craft Stalls



Magic Show



Mens Football



Live Music



Dylans Ice Cream



Face Painting



FOOD & DRINK



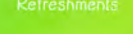
Tug of War



Kids Football



Bouncy Castle



Refreshments

For further information
thankyouday2023@gmail.com

Open Gardens

in aid of Cardiac Rehab
returns for 2023



The Thatched Cottage, Farrington
May 28th & 29th - June 25th - August 27th & 28th
Tickets £5 booked in advance & on the gate, children free.

Church House, Medstead
July 9th - Garden Visit with Afternoon Cream Tea
Tickets are £17.50 booked in advance.

Shalden Park House, Shalden
July 23rd - Tickets are £5 adults booked in advance,
or £6 on the gate and £1 for children.

For further information and to book your tickets please visit:
www.cardiac-rehab.co.uk/events
01420 544 794 – hearty@cardiac-rehab.co.uk




Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd
Cardiac Rehab Centre, Chawton Park Road, Alton, Hampshire GU34 1RQ Registered Charity Number 1013238



Nationwide
Building Society

We're making some changes to your branch's opening hours

It means your branch can serve our members over the phone or online as well as face-to-face.

From Monday 21 August 2023 your Alton branch will be closed on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Key information

Nearby branches

Why we're changing opening hours

Working with our communities

We're here to help

Feedback

Glossary