



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 27
20th July 2023

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Message From The Town Hall

Make sure you keep an eye on your post, as a six page printed Altonian will be delivered by Royal Mail to GU34 postcodes this week. Please note you will not receive a copy if you have a 'no junk mail' sticker on your door, if you do not receive a copy you are welcome to pick one up from the Town Hall or download a copy here <https://www.alton.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/SUMMER-ALTONIAN-FINAL.pdf>

The printed Altonian contains details about the new council, however please note since publication a vacancy has arisen for Ashdell Ward and therefore Cllr Waugh is the current contact for this area.

The next Town Council meeting will be on:

26th July 2023

Climate Change Committee at 9:30am

Planning and Transport at 7:00pm

These meetings are held at the Town Hall.

Ashdell Ward

Please be advised that with no by-election called for the vacant seat in Ashdell Ward, the Council will be looking to co-opt to this seat. Please go to <https://www.alton.gov.uk/elections/> for details.

New Date

The re-scheduled Summer Village Fete will be taking place on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Public Gardens.

We are still finalising details but we are looking for local groups to perform at the fete. If you are interested in performing please email community@alton.gov.uk. Thank you.

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SUMMER 'VILLAGE' FETE PUBLIC GARDENS

*******NEW DATE*******
SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Alton In Bloom Summer Show - Incredible Edibles -
Flower Show - Bake Off - Stalls - Fun Fete Games -
AND MUCH MORE

Organised by Alton Town Council
alton.gov.uk - 01420 83986 - events@alton.gov.uk

Big News From EHDC

BIG NEWS FROM



More than £4 million raised from developers that build homes in the district is being put towards infrastructure projects in East Hampshire.

On Thursday our Cabinet approved funding for 27 schemes up and down the district. They range from safer roads to bigger GP surgeries and from better sports facilities to school improvements.

Projects Funded - [Click here for more details about each project funded](#)

Below, we have extracted details of the Total funding for Alton - £2,276,912.81 broken down as follows:

Allen Gallery and Garden
£450,000

New Odiham Road /Basingstoke Road junction
£400,000

Redevelopment of Edgar Hall
£305,000

Alton Community Hub
£153,023.81

Alton Railway Station Active Travel Mobility Hub
£192,650

Creation of Brewery Heritage Trail
£22,000

Electric minibus for Treloars College
£50,000

Nurture Group at Anstey Junior School
£35,483

Alton Community Centre Upgrade
£668,756

For full details <https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2023/developments-pump-more-ps4-million-local-infrastructure>

Next Session:
SATURDAY 29 July
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

Line Dancing Evening
Saturday 29th July
Alton Community Centre
7.00pm
£6 per person

Music & Dancing with Booted Out Line Dancing Club
www.bootedout.webs.com

It doesn't matter if you have never 'Line Danced' before, Sue and John will be there to teach you how!

Licensed Bar open and food available.

Tickets £6.00 (in advance either via Eventbrite or direct from Alton Community Centre by calling 01420 85057 or from Reception) tickets also available on the door

A Fundraising event for
Alton Community Association CIO
(reg charity 1173885)
acaenquiries@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk

South Western Railway announces public consultation on station change proposals

South Western Railway (SWR) is launching a consultation on a station change proposal, with new arrangements at 153 of SWR's 190 stations to be consulted on.

The proposed changes include creating a single team of colleagues at each station, who will work together to help customers with different aspects of their train travel from journey planning to ticket purchasing.

The proposals would mean the closure of all ticket offices, but more face-to-face support for customers, greater visibility of colleagues throughout stations, and a higher proportion of colleagues trained to support customers with their retail choices.

The proposed changes would help modernise station retailing, for the first time since the rules on how to sell tickets were set well before the invention of the smartphone. These changes come as a result of the generational shift in customer behaviour and digital capability that has resulted in many other industries taking similar steps to modernise their customer experience.

The proposals would deliver a large-scale change in the operation of stations across the network and SWR are committed to working with customers, stakeholders and colleagues to ensure a smooth transition.

Have your say:

To respond to the consultation, customers will need to contact the relevant watchdog.

For more information about how to have your say please go to:

<https://www.southwesternrailway.com/station-change-proposal>

u3a learn, laugh, live

Alton u3a

Is u3a for you?

You are retired or semi-retired, or perhaps raising your family is behind you.

You have some spare time and want to meet other like-minded friends.

You would like to take up new hobbies or interests, and to keep learning.

You have knowledge and interests of your own and would like to share these with others.



55 DIFFERENT GROUPS & ACTIVITIES!

Our new 2023/24 Annual Programme is available from the **Allen Gallery**, the **Curtis Museum**, the **Alton Community Centre** and **Alton Library**. Postal applications are invited NOW – and are recommended as some groups have a limited capacity – alternatively please come to our **Registration Day from 2pm – 3.30pm at Alton Community Centre on Saturday 12th August 2023**. If you need more details please contact the group leader listed in the programme booklet.

For more information please visit

www.altonu3a.co.uk

Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

15 July – 16 September 2023

- ★ Read six books and receive an eco friendly sustainable medal & certificate
- ★ Finish the challenge for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet!
- ★ Sign up for free in a library or online

Find out more by scanning the QR code

www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone

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'Giving the Gift of Warmth'

Can you crochet or would you like to learn / refresh previous learnt skills?



Take part in the 'Giving the Gift of Warmth' project.

Help create 'granny' square blankets to be gifted to those who need a community hug.

Contact Katie

Creating Crafts and Blooms

For more information and your free pattern on



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Fun Fridays

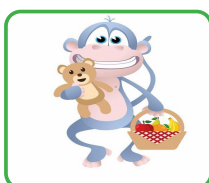


Free Children's Entertainment

2.00pm - 3.00pm
Public Gardens, Alton



28th July
Magic Wanda



4th August
Movin Monkeez*



11th August
Scotty's Circus Skills



18th August
Zumba Kids



25th August
Baby Ballet



1st September
Professor Potty's Magic Show

*Please bring a teddy bear with you

WET WEATHER RELOCATION

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

Play in a Week

Do you HAVE a youngster that loves to perform?

Well, Luke & Elliott's 'Play in a Week' Acting Summer School is back for 2023! And your talented offspring are invited to join us! After the success of last year's rip-roaring performance of Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox', Youth Theatre Leaders Luke & Elliott are returning to stage another spectacle with a new crop of talented children. During the week, we'll be covering Acting Technique, Improvisation, Vocal Work and Accents, Text and Scene Study, Projection and Voice Control, Rehearsal Exercises, Personal Confidence, Development, Performance Study and Practice. 5 days of fun and rehearsal will culminate in one brilliant show, so don't delay and get your kiddywinkles booked in today!

Monday 21st-Friday 25th August 2023
£120 per child

Location: Holybourne Theatre (London Road, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4EL)

10am-3pm Daily (Children to bring own packed-lunch and drink)

Performance 3pm-4pm on Friday 25th August 2023 (Family and Friends welcome).

Spaces are limited so book now!

If your child is interested, please contact Luke & Elliott via email on lukeandelliott98@gmail.com

OR WhatsApp 07741451418 to confirm their place. Deadline for booking places is Wednesday 16th August 2023.

Could You Lead A Wellbeing Walk?



Wellbeing Walks are short, sociable walks of no more than three miles (or 90 minutes) which are designed to be accessible for all. It's a nationwide project, hosted by the Ramblers, with over 10,000 volunteers who help to organise and lead the walks.

Training is free to do and includes online modules, followed by three hours of in-person training.

The next in-person training session will take place in September 2023 in Petersfield, the exact date is to be confirmed based on availability.

Once you've done your training, you can help with existing walks or set up your own!

If you're interested in volunteering some of your time to help support these incredible walks, please contact Mark Pavitt by emailing healthwalks@easthants.gov.uk or calling 07909 884160.

Find out more about Wellbeing Walks in East Hampshire on the Wellbeing Walks website.

<https://www.ramblers.org.uk/go-walking/wellbeing-walks-groups/ramblers-wellbeing-walks-east-hampshire>

Road Closure Update

Further to Hampshire Highways previous communications, this is to let you know, "that due to programme delays caused by the wet weather at the end of last week, Hampshire Highways require two additional shifts (Friday 21st and Monday 24th) to complete the carriageway resurfacing at the junction and approaches of the A339/B3349, Basingstoke Road/Pertuis Avenue".

The road will be closed again between 19.00 – 06:00 hours on these additional nights, and will be open outside of these hours and over the weekend.

For more information about the works:

Visit One.Network – <https://one.network/?tm=GB132375433> which is where our planned works are published and is an independent platform that allows real-time monitoring of all the UK's roadworks and diversions.

OUTDOOR CINEMA

TOP GUN MAVERICK

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
6:30PM, TRELOAR'S, ALTON

Join us for a special movie night under the stars!

ADULT TICKETS: £16
U16 TICKETS: £9

Food, snacks and drinks available to purchase.

Tickets available at:
WWW.TRELOAR.ORG.UK/EVENTS
01420 547 477


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