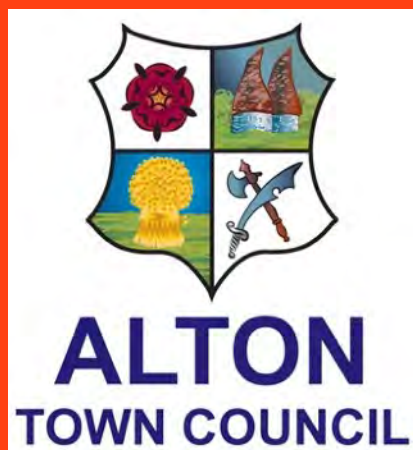




THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 34
21st September 2023

Alton Town Council, Town Hall, Market Square, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 1HD
www.alton.gov.uk 01420 83986

Don't Delay - Book Today

ALTON'S AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL

**16th - 22nd
October 2023**

Simply The Best

Featuring some of
our most popular
walks.

Local town tours
including civil war
and historic
brewery trails.

Exploring trees,
vineyards,
practical map
reading and
foraging.

Bookings now open - We have received a fantastic response to bookings for this year's Autumn Walking Festival which has 24 Walks (Including 2 Ghost Walk) and 7 walks are now fully booked (waiting lists have been set up) and spaces are limited on remaining walks.

To book a walk please go to walkalton.org.uk. Please remember all walks need to book in advance. If you have any questions please email community@alton.gov.uk or call 01420 83986.



Are you an aspiring apprentice eager to kickstart your career?

Businesses looking for new recruits and community groups looking for volunteers can offer their exciting new opportunities for free at our life-changing event, New Directions.

New Directions is tailor-made for people looking to start afresh - whether that's a new career, a new skill or a new challenge.

Sign up now and find the people you need at New Directions .

For more information go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/4u5vmw4w>

ADULT CYCLE TRAINING

at Amery Hill Secondary School, Alton GU34 2EB

Saturday 7th October 9am–12pm

COURSES

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| • Learn to ride 60 minutes 1:1 | £15 |
| • Learn to ride 90 minutes (group of 3) | £10 |
| • Developing rider 2 hours | £10 |
| • Road ready 3 hours | £22.50 |

FOR MORE INFORMATION TO BOOK YOURSELF A PLACE

Booking is available online via this form

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/hampshire-outdoors-bikeability>



For additional Bikeability enquiries
please email us:-
bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk



WHAT SESSION WOULD BE BEST FOR YOU?

I CAN'T RIDE A BIKE AT THE MOMENT

- 60 minute Learn to Ride session with as a 1:1
- 90 minute Learn to Ride session in a group of up to three riders

I CAN RIDE A BIKE BUT I'M NOT READY FOR THE ROAD YET

- a two hour Developing Rider session in a group of up to five riders

I'M READY TO RIDE ON THE ROAD BUT I'M NOT AS CONFIDENT AS I WOULD LIKE TO BE

- a three hour Road Ready session with a maximum of two riders to one instructor

Cycle Alton

Is a local charity that supports and campaigns for better cycling conditions for all. See our website
<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/our-groups/cycle-alton/>
for lists of local cycling clubs and rides, repair services and our latest news.

Hampshire Outdoors

Are part of Hampshire County Council's Participation and Lifelong Learning department. Among a wide range of services, we deliver Bikeability training across the HCC area.

For additional Bikeability enquiries
please email us:-

bikeability.enquiries@hants.gov.uk



Classic Car Show



Organised by Alton Lions Club (CLO), the 20th Classic Car Show flew the chequered flag on Saturday (September 16) attracting some 200 vehicles and hundreds of visitors to the town centre, as nostalgia of the classics met the magnetism of Motorsport.

And taking pride of place on the podium, to represent the best of both worlds, was Steve Opacic from Eastleigh who took 'Best in Show' with his impressive Jaguar E-type.

It began for some with an Observation Run designed by Giles Lock of Top Print, that took participants from Lasham Gliding Club around the villages and into Alton to join the main Show. The Observation winners were the Tangerine Terrors in a Ford Hot Rod driven by Ash Shakeri from Alton.

A special 'thank you' went to MC and lead sponsor, Dean Phillips, of Little Grey Cells, and to fellow sponsors SpecSavers, Alton Town Council, East Hampshire District Council, Wildly Upbeat Printers and Top Print.

Also to Wey Valley Radio who were broadcasting from the Show, to the Alton branch of St John Ambulance, to the Westbrook Guides, the Alton Ambassadors, and last, but not least, "to Alton Town Council for their continued support of the event, and to the town of Alton whose shopkeepers and hospitality outlets always do the town proud." For a list of winners <https://tinyurl.com/3c7y3bb5>

YA book club

5-6pm with Kat Guenioui

email gary@goldfinch-books.com for more info - or pop in to the shop

age 12+



YA BOOK CLUB

2nd Thurs of the month starting 12th October

New monthly book club for young adults (12+) starts Thursday 12th October 5pm til 6pm - join the gang.

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.

WHY NOT COME ALONG THIS MONTH AND FIND OUT?

OCTOBER EVENTS OPEN TO ALL!

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING

From 11am on Friday 13TH October

Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton (hot drinks from £1.90)

TALK & TEA

2.30pm on Friday 20TH October

Alton Community Centre (£2 cash admission on the door)

"THE ROLE OF THE TOWN CRIER" by Jonathan Jones

For more information please visit

www.altonu3a.co.uk

Alton Arts Festival



ALTON ARTS FESTIVAL

FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT!

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER - 7.30PM

WIN EXCLUSIVE FESTIVAL MERCH

ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Who's coming along to our quiz night?

Learn more about the festival, (including some breaking artist news) win great prizes, and have a fab night.

Every ticket sold helps us put on the festival and keep ticket prices as low as we can.

So gather up your pals and form a team! We can't wait to see you there.

Tickets from <https://tinyurl.com/3ytf2hr6>. Teams of up to 8, but smaller groups can be accommodated.

Inaugural Allotment Forum

Councillor Matthew Bayliss, the Town Council's Allotment Champion, along with Samantha Brown and Martin Whapshott welcomed allotment plot holders at the first forum on Wednesday 20th September.

The forum was well attended and very productive and are looking forward to welcoming more plot holders next March. For more information about allotments please visit <https://alton.visionwordpress.co.uk/allotments/>.

School Open Days



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If so, we would love you to come and visit our school. Appointments are available on the following dates for a tour of school by our Headteacher, Mrs Fiona Mickfield:

Wednesday 20 September	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Thursday 21 September	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Thursday 28 September	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Friday 29 September	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 2 October	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 4 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 9 October	9.45am; 11.00am
Tuesday 10 October	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Thursday 19 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am; 1.15pm; 2.00pm
Tuesday 31 October	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Wednesday 8 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Thursday 9 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Wednesday 15 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Monday 20 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Friday 24 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 27 November	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 29 November	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am
Monday 4 December	1.15pm; 2.00pm
Wednesday 6 December	9.00am; 9.45am; 11.00am



You will be able to see the school in action and meet our wonderful staff and children.

Please contact the school office on 01420 84400 or email adminoffice@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk



Open Mornings
 Tuesday 26 September
 Wednesday 27 September
 Thursday 12 October
 9.00am - 10.30am

Come and explore our school and meet our students and staff.
 No appointment necessary.





AMERY HILL SCHOOL
Education for Life

Amery Hill School is a thriving and welcoming learning community and we are incredibly proud to serve the town of Alton and its surrounding villages.

Visit our website for further information at <https://www.ameryhill.hants.sch.uk/2827/open-events>



Eggar's School Autumn Open Events

21 September 2023 Open Evening
 22 September 2023 Open Morning
 13 October 2023 Open Morning



Book Online
#TeamEggars

Belong Aspire Achieve



Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School
 92 London Road, Holybourne GU34 4EL

New Intake – Reception 2024 OPEN MORNING

for parents and carers of prospective pupils

Tuesday 17th October
 9.30am – 11.00am

Children's 'Stay & Play'
Tuesday 10th October
 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Please telephone the school office to **register your place**, on
01420 83094
www.andrewsendowed.co.uk

Alton Infant School
Sowing the seeds of learning

Play and Stay Session and Open Evening.



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If so, please see below for the dates of our upcoming events.



Play and Stay Session – Thursday 5th October - 4pm – 5.30pm.

This is for parents and their pre-school children to drop in at any time between 4pm and 5.30pm and enjoy our Reception classrooms and outside space. No need to book, just turn up!



Alton Climate Action Network

CARRR
Reduce Reuse Recycle

BOOT SALE

On **Sunday 24th September, 7 - 11am**

ACAN will have an **RRR** corner at the regular Hillside Car Boot Sale, Basingstoke Road, GU34 4BH, by the Departure Lounge.

ACAN will be there to promote *reducing waste*, *reusing items* and *recycling*.

If you would like to have a stall under our banner, please contact Wendy on

admin@altonclimatenetwork.org.uk



Treloar's

Make a difference

Recruitment Open Evening

Tuesday 26th September 4pm - 7pm

- Term time, part-time & full-time roles
- Comprehensive benefits package
- Paid training & career progression opportunities

Scan the QR code
To find out more &
register to attend

www.treloar.org.uk/careers
01420 547400
hr@treloar.org.uk



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ALTON'S AUTUMN LITTER PICK



30 September, 10 am - 12 pm.

**Meet at the Cairn by the Assembly Rooms.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED.**

Organised by the Alton Society and the Guild of Optimists.

Questions? Contact katguenioui@gmail.com



HARVEST FEAST

Saturday 14th October 10.30 - 1.30

Alton Methodist Church Hall



*Coffee and cakes from 10:30 am
and home-made vegetable soups from 12 noon.*

Enjoy delicious home-made local food,
garden tips and chat.

To find out more about ALFI visit our website

www.AltonLocalFood.org.uk