



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 38
19th October 2023

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Fireworks and Bonfires



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. If you are going to go have a bonfire, please check them 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 open spaces such as Flood Meadows, King's Pond and the Public Gardens is illegal.

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.

There are 3 days left of this years Autumn Walking Festival. There are limited spaces on some of the walks but still opportunity to book onto one.

To book a walk please go to walkalton.org.uk or <https://ghost-walks.com/events/detail/ghost-walk-alton-2023-10-22> to book a ghost walk. Please remember all walks need to be booked in advance. If you have any questions please email community@alton.gov.uk or call 01420 83986.

FREE EVENT

NEW DIRECTIONS

**FRI 27 OCT 2023
10AM-4PM
HSDC ALTON COLLEGE**

HELICOPTER FLIGHT SIMULATOR!

FREE TRANSPORT AVAILABLE

ARE YOU LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER? CONSIDERING A CHANGE OF CAREER? WANT TO RETRAIN?

Find many local opportunities at **New Directions** on Friday 27 October. Visit: easthants.gov.uk/new-directions



The event is being run by EHDC in conjunction with Alton Town Council, HSDC Alton College and the office of Damian Hinds MP and it will take place from 10am-4pm at HSDC Alton College campus on Friday 27 October 2023.

There will be exhibitors, speeches, and workshops on site to help East Hampshire residents look at new career opportunities, training and up-skilling opportunities, and volunteering opportunities. Don't miss your chance to exhibit for free!

Take a stall and showcase your organisation's opportunities. If you would like to exhibit, you still have time to book a space – simply email business@easthants.gov.uk. There is no charge to exhibit at this event.

Free bus travel is being laid on across the district for all East Hampshire residents. EHDC has teamed up with Community First to provide free transport to get you to and from the event. To book your place please contact: Tel: 01420 475759 or email: terry.mack@cfirst.org.uk by Thursday 19 October.

Home Energy Support Team Alton - HESTA

Have you been thinking about improving the energy efficiency of your home, but are not sure where to start? Saving energy means saving money, having a more comfortable home and reducing your carbon impact.

Energy Alton, a volunteer-run community group, is launching a new project to make it easier for residents to get advice on what they can do and to then actually get it done. Home Energy Support Team Alton (HESTA) is funded by East Hampshire District Council and Alton Town Council.

All the advice and support provided by Energy Alton is free of charge and there is no selling involved.

Energy Alton volunteers have provided over 500 free energy surveys over the last 10 years. They have found that one of the biggest challenges for residents wanting to have energy saving measures installed is finding someone to actually do it.

HESTA includes a list of several local handy people who can install loft insulation, secondary glazing, draught proofing and other measures. HESTA also provides grants of up to £100 towards the cost, for properties in council tax bands A, B, C or D.

Volunteer Green Home Champions are also available to talk to for advice. These are local people who have already had energy saving measures installed, who are happy to share their experience so that you can find out the benefits, challenges and lessons learned from someone who has already started making their home more sustainable.

You can find out more at <https://energyalton.org.uk/energy-advice/home-energy-support-team-alton-hesta/> or by calling on 07811 462 659.

Craft Swap

We will be holding another of our successful Craft Swaps, and everyone is invited to come along.

Please bring along any unwanted wool, embroidery, fabric, paints, brushes, haberdashery, craft books, knitting patterns etc and swap them for something different or something of more use to you.

If you wish to leave donations beforehand, there are labelled boxes at the back of St Lawrence and All Saints Churches in Alton, the Community Centre and Alton Library, so please put your items in them and we will be able to sort them before the event. However, we will be accepting items on the day.

Please feel free to bring a friend or two. There is no charge, but any monetary donations we receive will go to a local charity and any left-over items will go to St Lawrence School, for parish Youth Work or to charity shops in Alton.

Many thanks. St Lawrence Eco Church Team

8 Days Left To Join The Solar Buying Scheme



If you're interested in installing solar panels on your home, you have 8 days left to sign up for the Solar Together East Hampshire scheme and get the best possible price.

Solar Together East Hampshire www.solartogether.co.uk/east-hampshire a Hampshire County Council initiative, will help homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers.

You can join the group-buying scheme which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate as well as increase their independence from the grid.

There's a simple five-step process:

1. Register
2. Auction
3. Personal recommendations
4. Your decide
5. Roof survey and installation

Sign up now - <https://solartogether.co.uk/east-hampshire/home>



Craft Swap

Saturday 4th November - 2.30-4.30pm

St Lawrence Hall (Parish Centre),
Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 2BW

Bring your arts and crafts 'leftover supplies' and take what you need... free and open to all!



Wool, haberdashery, papercraft, paints, craft books, fabric, rubber stamps, beads, jewellery, stickers, craft storage and more!

Donations can be left in the marked boxes at St Lawrence and All Saints Churches in Alton, St Peter's Church in Beech, the Church of the Holy Rood, Holybourne, St Mary's Churches in Bentworth and Lasham and St Peter and St Paul's Church in Shalden during October.

Monetary donations on the day will go to a local charity

Parish of the Resurrection, Alton

W: www.potr-alton.co.uk T: 07865 292401 E: office@potr-alton.co.uk

ALTON LIONS HALLOWEEN QUIZ

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
ANSTEY PARK / ANSTEY ROAD

7 FOR 7.30PM
CASH BAR AVAILABLE

ALL FUNDS
 RAISED
 TOWARDS **HOME
 START**

**£10.00
 PER PERSON
 INCLUDES
 PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**

50
 ALTON LIONS - 50 YEARS SERVICE

TO BOOK EMAIL: atulpatel94@gmail.com

Childrens Halloween Disco

Thursday 26th October 4.00-5.30pm
Alton Community Centre

Tickets £4 (£2 Adults)
Fancy Dress Competition for both Children & Adults
Free childrens activities in our 'quieter room'
Free to enter Carved Pumpkin Competition
 (please use a battery operated tea light)

Hot Dogs & other refreshements will be available to buy.

Tickets on sale from Alton Community Centre
01420 85057 or online via eventim
scan the code to buy

Alton TV Interference

Mobile network services are being upgraded in Alton - boosting speed, performance and coverage. There is a small chance these improvements may cause interference to TV received through an aerial such as Freeview, BT, TalkTalk and YouView.

These improvements will be implemented in Alton, and symptoms could include intermittent sound, blocky images (pixelation) or loss of TV signal.

For residents who are affected by the upgrades, free support is available from Restore TV. Restore TV is an independent programme created by Digital Mobile Spectrum Limited (DMSL), an organisation owned by the UK's four mobile network operators: EE, Virgin Media O2, Three and Vodafone.

Restore TV's role is to ensure people can continue to enjoy free to view TV if mobile service upgrades cause TV interference. Restore TV reports to the Coexistence Technical Working Group, chaired by Ofcom, which monitors and advises on the programme to ensure free to view TV viewers' interest are properly served.

The programme offers additional support for people who are 75 years of age or older, are registered blind or partially sighted or receive any of the following benefits: personal independence payments (PIPs); attendance allowance; constant attendance allowance or War Pensioner's Mobility Support.

Any viewers who experience new interference to free to view TV should contact Restore TV on

0808 13 13 800 (free from landlines and mobiles)

restoretv.uk

For more information, please visit <https://restoretv.uk/>



ALTON ARTS FESTIVAL

Tickets
£10

FUNDRAISING

QUIZ NIGHT!

Alton Assembly Rooms

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER - 7.30PM

Join us for an evening of fun - drinks, nibbles, an arts-themed quiz, and a silent auction in aid of the first Alton Arts Festival!

WIN EXCLUSIVE FESTIVAL
MERCH

Teams of up to 8 people

Tickets from Goldfinch Books or
tinyurl.com/AAF-Fundraiser



Scan for tickets

Alton Rotary
PEOPLE of ACTION

Quiz for KA

THE KINGS
FARMS

Saturday 18th November 2023

Four Marks Village Hall

6.30pm for 7.00 start, 10pm finish

£15 per person

Includes Chilli/Curry Supper
Teams of 6-8

Bar (no BYOB, please)

To book contact:

Lisa@thekingsarms.org.uk

All funds raised will go to The King's Arms Youth
Project supporting local young people

Alton Santa

www.altonsanta.org.uk

NEEDS
YOUR
HELP

For over 50 years Santa has visited the streets of Alton for 2 weeks in December. We are at risk of this stopping.... **SO PLEASE HELP!**

We are looking for adult volunteers who will give up 2-3 hrs of their time in the evenings. (approx 6-8pm & earlier at weekends)

These volunteers will support Santa in his sleigh around fixed routes and collect money from door to door collections.

PLEASE HELP US
to keep this tradition going.

To show your interest
email your name to:

fundraising@altonsanta.org.uk



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2nd - 16th