



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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9th November 2023

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FORCES VETERANS REMEMBRANCE PARADES

Forces veterans of all ranks of
His Majesty's Armed Forces
are invited to parade at

Holybourne Remembrance Parade **Saturday 11th November**

meet at Andrews' Endowed School, Holybourne
at 10:15am to march off at 10:45am
and

Alton Remembrance Parade **Sunday 12th November**

meet in the Market Square, Alton
at 10:00am to march off at 10:30am

For more information please contact
Alton Town Council on 01420 83986
or email info@alton.gov.uk

Remembrance Sunday



Sunday 12th November sees the Annual
Remembrance Day Service at The Cairn in Alton.

The service will be led by Rev Micklefield. For those who are unable to attend in person the service will be streamed on Alton Town Council, Parish of the Resurrection, Royal British Legion Alton and Wey Valley Radio Facebook pages. It will also live on-air Wey Valley Radio 101.1FM Streaming of the service will start at 10:45am.

Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday 12th November
Remembrance Sunday
6-7pm
St Lawrence Church

We think and pray for the places of war in the world.

We begin with a short act of worship (10 minutes) followed by an opportunity for anyone to gather quietly in the church - candles can be lit, quiet music will be played.

Come for the whole hour or drop in.

This is to remember those who are living in fear, fleeing for safety and living amongst war.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

FREE PARKING in all
EHDC Car Parks
10:00 am - 2:00 pm





Sponsored and supported by:



Best Dressed Christmas Shop Window

After the success of last year Alton Town Council is inviting local businesses to share the Christmas spirit around the town with a best dressed Christmas window competition. They are inviting local businesses and customers to submit their own images of local shop windows (you can also self-nominate as a business owner).

If you would like to enter your business or nominate a business, please email up to two landscape high-resolution digital photographs of the shop window, including the business details, by Sunday 3rd December 2023 to support@alton.gov.uk. The people's choice online vote will start on Monday 4th December and will close on Sunday 17th December.

Christmas Lights Switch-On and Market

This year Alton's Christmas Lights will be Switched-On by Alton's very own Masterchef 2023 winner Chariya Khattiyot at the Assembly Rooms on Friday 24th November at 5pm. Chariya will be joined by the cast from this year's Christmas Pantomime from Pumpkin Panto, Beauty and the Beast. Everyone is invited to enjoy a lively Switch-On with music and festivities to keep the whole family entertained, including Father Christmas, sponsored by HSDC Alton College and an enchanting Ice Queen.

From 3:00pm - 7:00pm families will be able to enjoy Children's funfair rides, hot street food and sweet treats from Searle Family Funfairs, as well as plenty of commercial and charity stalls to visit which will be along the High Street and in the main hall and lower room of the Assembly Rooms.

Visitors will also be entertained with Live performances from:

Outside the Assembly Rooms:

3:30pm-4:30pm	Tilly Lukeman
5:00pm-5:45pm	Alton Rock Choir
6:00pm-6:45pm	King's Pond Shanty Men

High Street outside The Swan:

5:00pm-5:30pm	Alton Concert Band
6:00pm-7:00pm	Cactus Brass

Alton Town Council are excited to announce and would like to thank East Hampshire District Council for providing free parking during Christmas Lights Switch-On and Market.

All East Hampshire District Council pay and display car parks will be 'Free after 3' on Friday 24th November in Alton.

please join us for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

*Christmas Shopping
Fundraiser*

Thursday 16th November
7pm until 9.30pm
at Alton Maltings

Over 24 local trader stalls
Including gifts, food and pampering

Live music from Emily Spink
Bar & Photobooth from Lets Toast Bar
Grand Raffle

BACK ON THE RACK 4

FESTIVE CLOTHES SWAP!

ALTON MALTINGS GU34 1DT

**FRIDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER**

3.30 PM - 6.00 PM

Swap your pre-loved
festive & winter clothes
Christmas Jumper Swap
Upcycling Zone & Cafe

Clothes Drop Off Points at Alton Maltings
from 20th November and many local schools

Suggested age range 4 -18 years



Christmas festivities

Allen Gallery

Festive trail

Tuesday 14 November to Sunday 31
December, during opening times.

Can you find the festive items hidden in our gallery collection? Drop in and pick up a trail. Free, donations welcome. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking not required.

Make-and-take: Seasonal pottery sessions

Tuesday 19 December, 10:30am-11:15am and
11:30am-12:15pm.

Join our popular holiday clay sessions where you get to make-and-take home your own seasonal project! £5. Suitable for ages 3+, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking required. <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk>

Patterns on paper

Tuesday 14 November to Sunday 31
December, during opening times.

Drop-in and help us create paper decorations with patterns inspired by the pots and tiles in our collection. £2. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking not required.

The Curtis Museum

Tuesday 14 November to Sunday 31
December, during museum opening times.

A link to the past

Come and help us create the longest paper chain, moving through the years in our museum.

Games Trail

Can you find the games hidden around our museum. Drop in and pick up a trail.

Free, donations welcome. Suitable for all ages, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking not required.

The Alton Society - Outstanding Services to Alton Award



The Outstanding Services to Alton Award for 2023 is given by the Alton Society to those who have worked hard to make a difference in our town: through work, voluntary activity or both. A special panel is set up to pick a winner from those nominated. It includes members of the

Society, ordinary members of the community and the former winners of the award.

This year's winner is Ian Dane.

Ian was Manager of Alton Food Bank for five years. He managed a team of over 50 volunteers. Throughout the covid pandemic the Alton Distribution Centre was closed, Ian organised regular deliveries of food to vulnerable families. The need levels doubled, with 635 referrals and 1,808 people fed in the financial year 2021/22.

The Manager's role was carried out with kindness, good humour and efficiency.

Ian continues to play both an advisory and an active role, volunteering in the warehouse and Distribution Centre. He has become a Trustee of Alton Food Bank.

Ian also runs the town's Cub Scout Group, a voluntary task which he has performed for over 20 years. He is a Trustee of the Grain House Trust, overseeing the commercial side of the project.

He is an active supporter through Alton's Climate Action Network of the Gumbi Education Fund. This is a fund that seeks to improve life in one of the poorest villages in Malawi, promoting self-help in growing local produce for local consumption.

A resident of Alton for 28 years, Ian is a huge asset to our town.

A worthy winner of this year's award. He will be presented with it at the Society's AGM on the 4th November at the Alton Maltings. The AGM is will to start at 11.30am.

For more information about The Alton Society and the fantastic work they do visit <https://altonsociety.wordpress.com>

Credit: Alton Now - Newsletter of The Alton Society

Alton u3a

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?



NOVEMBER EVENTS OPEN TO ALL!

**DROP-IN COFFEE MORNING FROM 11am ON FRIDAY
10th NOVEMBER AT THE ALLEN GALLERY, CHURCH STREET,
ALTON. (Hot drinks from £1.90.)**

**TALK & TEA AT 2.30PM ON FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER AT ALTON
COMMUNITY CENTRE (£2 cash admission on the door.)
"THE BUTLER'S CHRISTMAS" BY DR BOB FRANCE**

For more information please visit

www.altonu3a.co.uk



Helping Amphibians and Reptiles in our Gardens

– a talk by
JAMIE NEAVES

Jamie is a local reptile surveyor, who has worked as a herpetologist and in several conservation roles, including for Natural England.



ALL WELCOME – share your own experiences

**MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER,
7.30 – 9.00 pm**

**ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE,
Amery Street, GU34 1HN**



An Alton Climate Action Network event
www.altonclimatenetwork.org.uk
Email altonclimatenetwork@gmail.com

Eco Streets November events

- 07 5pm Deer – Hop Field Place
- 11 11am Litter pick – Hop Field Place
- 12 2pm Ecology walk – Ackender Woods
- We'll meet at the Deer Statue at the entrance to the Ackender Hill estate. The walk will last approx. 1h
- 14 5pm Our local owls – Hop Field Place
- 24 3:30pm Festive clothes swap – Alton Maltings
- 26 Wildflower Meadow working party "weeding and seeding" (suitable for children)
- We'll meet at the corner of 80 Bolle Rd. (GU34 1PP)
- This will be a great opportunity to learn more about how to create a wildflower meadow and to discuss possible locations for one within the estate!
- 27 7:30pm Amphibians & Reptiles – Alton Community Centre

Meeting points
Hop Field Place: Playground
Ackender Hill: Deer Statue
Talks are free & suitable for all ages.




BIN UPDATE



Up to £5,000 available to support community composting projects in the district

Hampshire County Council's Waste Prevention Community Grant fund is currently open for applications.

To find out more <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving/waste prevention grant fund>

This fund has been set up to help kickstart or expand projects which reduce household waste and provide benefits to the local community.

Projects must demonstrate that they meet a range of criteria (which can be found on the website), with priority given to supporting community composting projects in the district.

Grants will be awarded up to £5,000. There is no minimum amount.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 12 January 2024.

The following types of organisations can apply:

Community, neighbourhood, or voluntary groups

Registered charities

Schools, colleges, and universities

Not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises)

Businesses with less than 250 employees

Faith groups delivering community work

Parish councils

Find out more on the Hampshire County Council website. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/smartliving/waste prevention grant fund>

Alton Events

There are a lot of events happening in Alton leading up to Christmas. Make sure you keep an eye on the Altonian and also

www.altonevents.co.uk



Christmas In Alton 2023

Visit altonevents.co.uk for more details

Friday 24th November Christmas Lights Switch-On	Saturday 25th November Ethical Vegan Christmas Market
Sunday 3rd December Alton Community Centre Christmas Cracker	Saturday 9th December Hampshire Farmers Market and Alton Lions Craft Market

**Saturday
23rd December**
Carols Around The Tree

Nominate Your Favourite Shop Window

Nominations by Sunday 3rd December
Voting opens Monday 4th December
Voting closes Sunday 17th December

Follow Alton Town Council on Facebook, Instagram and website for more details



www.ethicalveganevents.com

**alton
vegan market**

come and visit us on
saturday 27 may
saturday 25 november

10.00 - 15.00
high street

ethical
vegan
events

ALTON
TOWN COUNCIL



**Alton
Concert
Orchestra**

**WINTER
WARMERS**

AN EVENING OF SEASONAL MUSIC
FROM COLERIDGE TAYLOR'S
CHRISTMAS OVERTURE TO ALAN
MENKEN'S ALADDIN SUITE WITH A
MUSICAL JOKE FROM MOZART AND A
WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2023
7.30PM ALTON MALTINGS CENTRE

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR BOX OFFICE OR TICKETS ON THE DOOR

ADULTS £10, STUDENTS £5

WWW.ALTONCONCERTORCHESTRA.ORG.UK



**ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

Sunday 3rd December
10am - 2pm

**STALLS GALORE—LARGEST INDOOR
MARKET IN ALTON**

**FIND ALL YOUR GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS,
OR A TREAT FOR YOURSELF!**

FREE ADMISSION FREE MULLED WINE

**FREE MAKE A FESTIVE GIFT ACTIVITY WITH
DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ALTON**

**HAMPER RAFFLE,
SANTA'S GROTTO &
CHILDRENS MOVIES & ACTIVITIES**

CHRISTMAS CHEER, and much more !

For more information ring
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