



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

WEEK 44
30th November 2023

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Only 4 days left until entries close for Alton's Best Dressed Christmas Window 2023. **Entries close on Sunday 3rd December 2023.**

Alton Town Council is inviting local businesses and customers to submit their own images of local shop windows.

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 to support@alton.gov.uk.

The people's choice online vote will open on Monday 4th December and will close on Sunday 17th December.

Message From The Town Hall

Christmas Lights Extravaganza

Friday night's Christmas lights switch-on was truly spectacular! A big thank you to Pumpkin Pantos, Coffee Cherry & Khao Soi By Chariya, Alton's Town Mayor, Town Crier, stall holders, local businesses, and visitors for creating a festive and vibrant atmosphere.

Special appreciation to the performers Tilly Lukeman, Rock Choir Woking, Weybridge, Staines, Camberley & Alton, King's Pond Shanty Men, Cactus Brass, Alton Concert Band, Luminosa Young and Rising Voices Alton Morris and sponsors PJ Grace and Sons, Rod Gaskin Ltd HSDC Alton and Alton School for their generosity.

Everyone's support made this event a delightful success and it's wonderful to see the community come together in such a festive spirit.





Over the Christmas and New Year period 2023-24, bin collections will change around the bank holidays. If your collection would have been due on Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) it will be collected two days earlier on the Saturday (23 December).

All other collections will be a day later.

December 2023 - Usual day **New day**

Mon 25 Dec

Sat 23 Dec

Tue 26 Dec

Wed 27 Dec

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Thu 28 Dec

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Fri 29 Dec

Fri 29 Dec

Sat 30 Dec

January 2024 - Usual day **New day**

Mon 1 Jan

Tue 2 Jan

Tue 2 Jan

Wed 3 Jan

Wed 3 Jan

Thu 4 Jan

Thu 4 Jan

Fri 5 Jan

Fri 5 Jan

Sat 6 Jan

Our garden waste service will be suspended from 25 December and restart on Monday 8 January 2024. If you have a real Christmas tree, we'll collect it then. Trees over 6ft tall should be cut into smaller pieces that can be lifted by one person. If you don't have your October 2023 to September 2024 bin calendar, visit our ['find your bin calendar'](#) page.

Upcoming Road Closure - B3004

Road closures and diversions will affect the B3004 Alton to Bordon road for seven months next year while Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks does a £10.6 million cable upgrade stretching more than 11 miles.

For people wanting to find out more about the work there are exhibitions at :

**Alton Community Centre - members' room
December 6 from 3pm to 6.30pm**

**The Three Horseshoes pub in East Worldham
December 7 from 3pm to 7pm.**

The sections of the B3004 affected are Mill Lane (January 9 to March 16), Wilsom Road (March 16 to April 22), Caker Lane (April 1 to April 28), Worldham Hill (April 28 to June 21) and Green Street (June 11 to August 12).

For full details about the road closure are on our [website](#) or you can download a [PDF here](#).



Reindeer Run!

SIGN UP!

**Sunday 3 December, Festival Place, Basingstoke, 9am
Sunday 17 December, Jubilee Playing Field, Alton, 9am**

Join us for a festive family-friendly 3k fun run in Basingstoke and Alton to raise funds for your local Hospice!

Find out more and sign up today:
stmichaelshospice.org.uk/reindeer-run



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PLACE**
BASINGSTOKE

Meet The Councillors



Come along to and meet your District Councillors Barbara Tansey, Emily Young, Ginny Boxall, Graham Hill, Suzie Burns and Warren Moore. **Goldfinch Books, Alton**
Friday 1st December 6pm - 7pm

Treloar's Christmas Fair

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Join us on Friday, 8th December, to start your festive season! Celebrate the joys of Christmas at our Christmas Fair, where you will be able to shop for student-made items and holiday gifts. All money raised at this event will go towards helping our students.

Register your free place here:

<https://ow.ly/et6n50QbtMK>

The logo for Alton Repair Cafe features the words 'Alton Repair' in a stylized font, with 'Cafe' in a cursive script. Below the text is a large gear icon. To the right of the gear is a red box with the text 'FREE! Donations appreciated'. Below the gear is a red arrow pointing down with the text 'NEXT SESSION'. To the left of the gear is a list of icons representing various items that can be repaired: a hammer, a dress, a pair of trousers, a lamp, a radio, a bicycle, and a wrench.

Saturday 9 Dec
10.30 – 12.30
Alton Community Centre

Our volunteers offer free help with repairs to
Clothes & textiles • Electronics
Mechanical • Small Electrical
Furniture • Bikes + Jewellery

One item each please.

Part of the global **Repair Cafe** movement

A small blue Twitter bird icon.

A small blue Facebook 'f' icon.

The logo for the Christmas Tree Festival features a stylized white house with a yellow star on its roof, set against a dark blue background with yellow stars and white Christmas trees.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Lawrence Church Alton

Saturday 9th December 10-4pm
Sunday 10th December 12-4pm
With Christingle at 4pm

Free Entry & Refreshments

All Donations Will Support:
Alton & District Community Relief Foundation & Homestart

News From Parish Of The Resurrection



Starting on 1st December leading up to Christmas Eve, an Advent window will be opened each day to reveal a beautiful festive display.

The windows will be lit up between 4pm to 7pm for you to go and enjoy!

The trail will take you around Alton and Holybourne. To see a list of the locations and an interactive map, please go to our website:

www.potr-alton.co.uk/potr-advent-windows-2023/



Binsted Christmas Fair

on

Saturday 2nd December

2pm – 4pm

In the Wickham Institute and Holy Cross Church,

Church Lane, Binsted

Please come to support this community event!
 You'll be able to purchase delicious home-made cakes, jewellery, jig saws, chocolates, candles, cards, soaps, Christmas gifts, tools, doggy treats, Christmas wreaths and enjoy a glass of mulled wine with a mince pie.

FREE ENTRY but please purchase a raffle ticket

Lots for children too – a lucky dip, visit Santa's grotto, face painting, reindeer food mixing, guess the name of the cuddly toy and make a Christmas craft.

Any enquires please contact angela1dunne@sky.com








Come and join us for Alton Churches POP - UP CAROLS 2023

On a green space near you

Thursday 7 th	11.00am	Treloar School and College
Monday 11 th	6.30pm	Lingfield Close, Racecourse Estate
Tuesday 12 th	6.30pm	Charrington Close, Rivermead Gardens
Tuesday 12 th	7.00pm	Queen Elizabeth Place, Town Centre
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm	The Butts Green
Tuesday 12 th	8.30pm	Connaught Way, Treloar Heights
Wednesday 13 th	6.30pm	Vyne Close, Greenfields Estate
Thursday 14 th	6.30pm	Greenfields Avenue, Opp Brandon Close
Friday 15 th	5.30pm	Beech Village Hall
Saturday 16 th	5.00pm	Lipscombe Rise, Wooteys Estate
Saturday 16 th	6.00pm	Barleyfields, Nr Holybourne
Monday 18 th	6.30pm	Hop Fields Estate
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Holland Drive, Four Marks
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	Wentworth Gardens, Greenfields Estate
Tuesday 19 th	7.00pm	The White Heart, Holybourne
Wednesday 20 th	7.30pm	Northanger Close, Greenfields Estate

'For unto us a Son is born'
Isaiah 9:6

More location details can be found on the Alton Church website
<https://harvestchurch.uk/pop-carols>




You are invited to MINIEXPLORERS CLUB

Outdoor Art, Craft & Nature sessions
 In the woods at Chawton Park Farm




Big Kid Saturdays

Christmas Special!
2nd December

£15

Drop your 4-8 year old for 1h45m of crafting fun in our beautiful, private woodland setting.

Book at
www.miniexplorersclub.co.uk

All materials provided for 3 Christmas crafts including a Christmas decoration.





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
01420 85057**

Sewing for Fun!

Making a Christmas Stocking

**Saturday 9th Dec
9.30-12.30 at
Alton Community Centre
£29.00 (ACA Mem £26.10)
Includes materials**



Join Beatrice to create your own personalised christmas stocking. Work from a template to create your decoration, then decorate and embellish it in your favourite colours to fit your Festive colour scheme. Use in your own festive decorations or give as a gift!
(You will need to bring your own sewing machine and a small sewing kit would be helpful, but not essential
All materials are supplied, but if you have some favourite fabric or trimmings you are most welcome to bring them along.
This is a great project to reuse/recycle fabrics.

**For more information
or to book
please call 01420 85057**



Presents

"Christmas Again"

Songs of the Season

**Thursday 7th December 2023
At 7:00 pm**

**Alton Methodist Church
Draymans Way, Alton, GU34 1LG**

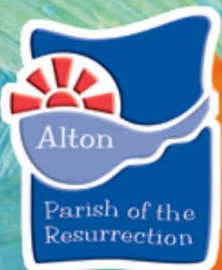
**Tickets £10, including refreshments, available
on the door,
or phone 07843 273483 or 07798 641427**

Supporting the choir's charities

Carols Around The Tree



**All Welcome
Market Square
Saturday 23rd December from 7 - 7.45pm
with music by the
Alton Concert Band**



You're invited to our Christingle

St Lawrence Church 4pm
Sunday 10th December



The
Children's
Society