

OUT & ABOUT IN JANUARY

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 8 at 8 pm.

Fourth organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by David Hill, International Choral Director and Organist. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Chawton Village Hall.

Chawton WI meeting - Tue 8 at 7:30pm.

Sharon Gillard will be putting us through our paces with chair based exercises. Tea and biscuits follow, then business. Please feel free to come along and join us, all visitors are very welcome and if you like us enough to join us new members with new ideas are even more welcome. Hope to see you there. Maureen (Pink) 01420 87660

Community Centre, Alton.

Our Superhome Retrofit - Wed 16 at 7:30pm.

Dr. Thomas Lankester. When Tom and his wife bought their house in Farnham in 1997, they wanted to see what could be done with a fairly standard 80s "box".

They have achieved significant reductions in carbon emissions and improved comfort too.

Come and find out how they did it! Free entry. Bar. All welcome.



Alton U3A Monthly Lecture – Fri 18 at 2 pm

Knowing Two British Eccentrics. In her extraordinary life Susan Howe has developed an abiding passion for History and has a phenomenal memory for quirky and unusual facts.. Who will be the two British Eccentrics she has chosen to talk about today? All welcome.

Curtis Museum, Alton.

Alton Town Walk - Sat 19 at 11 am.

A guided walk around Alton where you will learn about the town's historic sites. Organised by Alton Community Association. £3 for adults and 50p for children (age 5 - 16). More information from the Community Centre. (01420 85057)

Four Marks Village Hall.

Saturday Night Dancing - Sat 19 at 8 pm

Ballroom, Latin and Party Sequence dancing. Tickets £6.50. Please reserve in advance from Alan Amor on 07758 589441 or email alanamor@ymail.com. Future dates: 23 Feb, 16 Mar

Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ.

Evening Orchard Wassail - Sat 19 at 6:30pm.

Held on Old Twelfth Night, there was the practice in cider-producing regions of England of visiting orchards to recite incantations and sing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year. There will be a brief talk about the history of the tradition, followed by a torch-lit procession to the orchard in the Walled Garden, where there will be singing and toasting around the Bramley tree. We encourage you to bring your own instrument and torch for the procession! Soup and a roll will be served in the Great Hall afterwards. Special guests performing on the night are the Shanty Men. Tickets £15 (Children £10).

www.chawtonhouse.org

Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton.

Art for Wellness - Mon 21 from 1:30 to 4:30pm.

This free course aims to introduce learners to the basic principles and the variety of different approaches of drawing, painting & other ways to create Art. Learners will be encouraged to explore and experiment with drawing/ painting/ creating Art using various materials. The four week course runs until 11 February. Booking essential. Contact the Booking Line - 01420 85734 or www.hants.gov.uk/shop

Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square GU9 7QR.

Fiddler on the Roof - Tue 22 to Sat 26 at 7:30 pm

FAOS Musical Theatre Group presents, by arrangement with Music Theatre International, this classic show featuring one of musical theatre's greatest characters. Tevye, memorably played by Topol in the film version, is a poor milkman who wonders why God seems to have it in for him despite his strong, orthodox faith. Fully staged, and with a live orchestra, this celebrated and much-loved musical is packed with show-stopping songs including the hits "If I Were a Rich Man", "Tradition" and "Matchmaker". Tickets from www.farnhammaltings.com

Gilbert White's House, Selborne

2019 Antarctic Lecture- Thu 24 at 7pm.

What happened in Antarctica after the heroic age of Scott and Shackleton? Why and how are we preserving the legacy of exploration and science in the Antarctic Peninsula? This talk focuses on Base Y at Horseshoe Island. Sophie Rowe was part of a small field team which studied the site extensively in 2017, as preparation for major conservation work. She will present the story of the hut and its occupants, and how it fits into the wider history of the Antarctic Peninsula, right up to the present day. Tickets £12 www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org

Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

Treasure Island - Sat 26 & Sun 27 at 6 for 6:30pm.

Long John Silver may be a dastardly villain, but he's reckoned without the Ladies of the Smuggler's Cove Women's Institute! A seasonal present for the whole family, all wrapped up with some cracking songs, amazing spectacle and lots of laughs. Tickets £8 from Wildly UpBeat Printers, Alton or online. www.holybournetheatre.co.uk

Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton

Dancing for Treloars - Sat 26 from 7:30 to 10:30pm.

Raising Funds for Treloars Students. 50/50 Dances, Ballroom, Latin and Social Sequence. Admission £5.00 (please bring your own refreshments). Pre-booking required as the numbers on the floor are limited. For information or to book please call Peter & Ysanne on 01420 89418. Email: i8spys@talktalk.net

The Anvil, Basingstoke, RG21 7QR

Charity Concert - Sun 27 at 3pm.

The Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane present the full concert Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines who will perform a selection of well known pieces accompanied by The Royal Corps of Drummers, who will combine to make this a majestic and very memorable event. Early booking advised. www.anvilarts.org.uk



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FEBRUARY EVENTS

Eggars School, Alton, GU34 4EQ

FebEx2019 Model Railway Exhibition - Sat 2 & Sun 3

The exhibition is a general purpose railway modellers meet, providing a friendly family atmosphere for people to see the railway modellers art in its many forms. The exhibition runs from 10:30am on both days, finishing at 5pm on Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. Cost £5 (accompanied under 16s free) www.altonmrg.co.uk/febex



St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 5 at 8 pm.

Fifth organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by Roger Sayer of Temple Church London. Outside of Temple Church, Roger works regularly with the London Symphony Chorus. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Medstead Village Hall.

Barn Dance 2019 - Sat 9 at 7 for 7:30pm.

The *Bursledon Village Band* will provide the music for Four Marks & Medstead Rotary Club's popular Barn Dance. Tickets £15 include a ploughman's supper and are available from Paul Smy 07974 203708; smallpii@hotmail.com. Cash bar and raffle. Early booking advised.

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Snowdrop Sunday - Sun 17 from 11am to 4:30pm.

Visit the gardens to enjoy the snowdrops on the south lawn and in the wilderness, discover the walled garden and explore the grounds. Light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes will be available for purchase in the tearoom. Tickets: £5; Children (Under 16) Free. Tickets to the house will be available for the additional admission price of £5.

NGS Snowdrop Day - Sun 24 from 11am to 4:30pm.

Chawton House is opening the garden for a special viewing of the snowdrops, as part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS). Admission prices as above. www.chawtonhouse.org

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Alton College, Old Odiham Road, Alton

Alton Winter Beer Festival - Fri 22 7pm to 11pm

Sat 23 11am to 3pm & 7pm to 11pm

Beer, cider, wine, food and live music make for a fabulous evening out among people who love a great time whilst raising money for local charities. The Alton Beer Festivals are very popular and are always a sell-out. It is essential to buy tickets in advance. Tickets £7.50 per session (£5 Sat evening). www.altonbeerfestival.co.uk



FOUR MARKS TENNIS NEWS

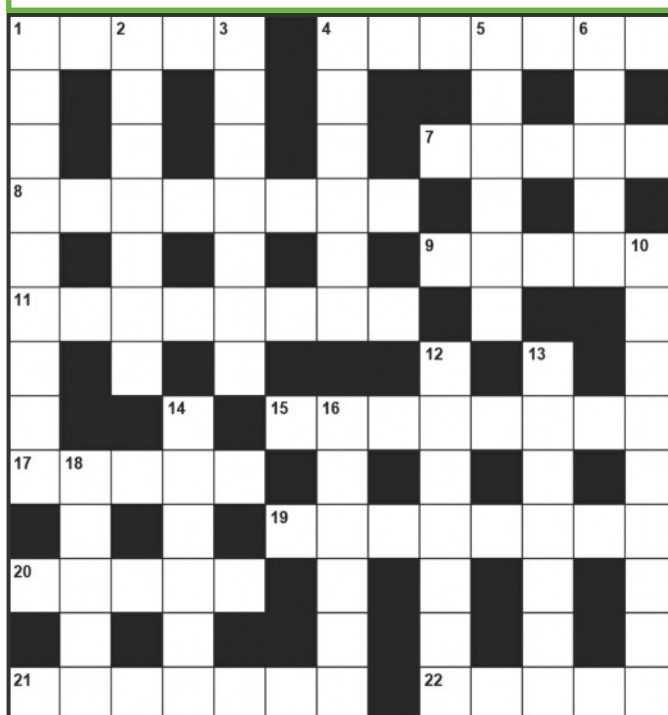
A very Happy New Year from all of us at Four Marks Tennis Club. Now the festivities are over why not kick start your new year by burning off some of those unwanted calories and come and join us on the courts. Adult coaching sessions will run throughout the winter months (weather permitting) on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8pm. (Pre booking essential)

Look out for new *teenager* sessions available. Junior coaching weekly after school. *See website for details.*

Discounts for members.

Keep up to date on our [Facebook](#) page in conjunction with [Pin Point Tennis](#). See you on the courts!

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 - Sandy fawn colour (5)
- 4 - Imply as a condition (7)
- 7 - Severe (5)
- 8 - People of no note (8)
- 9 - Greets with enthusiasm (5)
- 11 - Toughness (8)
- 15 - Preserve (8)
- 17 - Networks of lines (5)
- 19 - Exceptional (8)
- 20 - Anxiety (5)
- 21 - Give advice to (7)
- 22 - Corpulent (5) accommodation (6)

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Down

- 1 - Dividing into subdivisions (9)
- 2 - ___ lettuce: salad vegetable (7)
- 3 - Obvious (7)
- 4 - Applauds (6)
- 5 - Sugary flower secretion (6)
- 6 - Absolute (5)
- 10 - Very virtuous (9)
- 12 - Be subjected to (7)
- 13 - Tiredness (7)
- 14 - More likely than not (4-2)
- 16 - Attack someone (6)
- 18 - Music with a recurrent theme (5)