

OUT & ABOUT IN MAY

Four Marks Village Hall.

Saturday Night Dancing - Sat 6 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. Further date for 2017: July 1, Sep 30, Nov 4, Dec 2.

Alton Abbey, Beech, GU34 4AP.

An Evening with Rudyard Kipling - Sat 6 at 7:30pm.

Philip Geddes & Friends will tell the story of Kipling's life with readings from his poetry and prose. It takes Kipling from his early days as the chronicler of Britain's Indian Raj, through to his high point as poet of Empire for Edwardian England and as voice of the nation in the First World War. Tickets £15 to include wine, soft drinks and light refreshments from: "Tickets" Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE, a telephone number, and an email address if possible. For further information - email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com. Tel 01428 712938 / 01420 562126 This event will be very popular so please book early.

Ascension Day Concert - Thur 25 at 6:45 for 7:30 pm.

The Maria Magdalena Chamber Choir from Stockholm will perform Northern music from Sweden, and neighbouring countries. Pre booking not required, as no tickets will be sold. A leaving collection will be taken, and donations of at least £5 would be appreciated. For further information - see above.

Medstead Village Hall.

Hit the Limelight presents *Cylovia* - Fri 5 at 7:15pm.

Cylovia returns to Medstead Stage with her jazzy vocals, featuring classic hits from the 50's & 60's. Advance tickets only. Licensed bar. Tickets £8 each from (01420) 562 378 or 'The Handy Stores', High Street, Medstead. Why not get a party together and book a table?

Treloar's College, Holybourne, GU34 4GL.

St Swithun's Way Walk & Run - Sun 7 from 9:15am.

Walk or run the 5-mile route from Treloar's to Bentley or carry on to Farnham and complete the 10-mile route. The first 5 miles to Bentley are mainly flat or gently undulating through meadows, woodland and pretty villages, ideal for families with young children. The second half, Bentley to Farnham, includes a long hilly section with stunning views over the surrounding countryside for those looking for more of a challenge. For more details or to register, please call 01420 547447, email laura.toop@treloar.org.uk

Chawton Village Hall.

Chawton WI meeting - Wed 10 at 7:30pm.

AGM and Supper. Contact 07858 806943 or 07887 690400 for more information. chawton_wi@outlook.com

Craft Market, Cross & Pillory Lane, Alton.

Seedling Swap - Sat 13 10am to 3 pm.

Alton Local Food Initiative (ALFI) event. Bring seedlings to swap or take some for a small donation. www.altonlocalfood.org.uk

Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton

Dancing for Treloars - Sat 13 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. Future date: 1 July.

My Fair Lady - Wed 17 to Sat 20 at 7:30 pm.

Alton Operatic & Dramatic Society presents this musical, hailed by critics and audiences alike for its heart and its wit, *My Fair Lady* is a beautiful musical about transformation, patronage, gender politics and class, based on George Bernard Shaw's play, *Pygmalion*. Tickets £11/£13 from the website. **Matinee: Sat 20 at 2:30pm.** www.aods.org

Petersfield Museum, St.Peter's Street.

Writing for a living: Edward Thomas' Poetic Prose - Thur 18 at 7pm.

Marriage, fatherhood and the need to write in pursuit of a living tumbled in upon Thomas immediately after graduation. Any writing that would generate a payment was a necessity, yet his heartfelt attachment to the landscape of the "South Country" led to his earliest poetic writing. Thomas achieves a muscularity of prose lifted to a form of bliss in the knowledge of transience, truth and beauty. Julia Mayo, through her talk, will take us on a journey through Thomas' poetic prose. Tickets £5 (£4 for Museum members) available on the website. Refreshments will be provided.

www.petersfieldmuseum.co.uk

Community Centre, Alton.

Alton U3A Monthly Lecture - Fri 19 at 2 pm

Alzheimer's and Dementia - Delphine Boche and Jay Amin Dementia is a particularly distressing condition that affects over 7% of the over-65s, and some younger. The University of Southampton is a leading UK research centre for dementia. Please come along to hear more about this subject - especially about promising research - from two leading authorities. Dr. Boche is Associate Professor of Clinical Neurosciences, and Dr. Amin is a clinician specialising in this subject. All welcome.

Four Marks Primary School.

Spring Fayre - Fri 19 from 3:30 to 7pm.

The Annual Spring Fayre will be held at the school. Lots of stalls and entertainment for everyone plus the usual fantastic BBQ and refreshments.

3rd Alton Scout Hut, Chawton Park Road.

Alton Bike Challenge - Sat 20 from 10 am.

Open to all ages and abilities, family groups, adult teams, solo riders and everything in between. The aim of the day will be to visit as many control points as possible and return to base within 3 hours. The further away the control, the more points your team will be awarded for visiting it. Prizes will be awarded to the highest scoring teams in each rider category. Hot drinks and cakes available for a small donation. More information from:

www.rotherfielddistrict.co.uk/alton-bike-challenge

Curtis Museum, Alton.

Alton Town Walk - Sat 20 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).

St.Michael's Church Cheriton SO24 OPZ.

Showtime - Sat 20 at 7:30pm.

Cheriton Singers present a concert featuring music from the movies and the shows, including *The Lion King*, *The Sound of Music* and *Oklahoma*. Tickets £10 (under 16s free). www.cheritonsingers.com

Four Marks Village Hall.

Model Railway Exhibition - Sat 20 & Sun 21

Organised by Four Marks & Ropley Scout Group, local model societies will display a wide variety of layouts in all parts of the Village Hall. A vintage double-decker bus will provide free rides between the Village Hall and Four Marks Station, timed to meet Watercress Line trains. Cost £4, Children £2, Family ticket £10. All profits will go to Scout funds, in support of the New Scout Hut Project.

Hinton Ampner, Bramdean, SO24 0NH.

Information and to pre-book call 0844 2491895

Spring Guided Walk - Sat 13 from 1pm to 3pm.

Join the Head Gardener for a wander around the Estate. Find out how the team cares for this special place. At this time of the year the woodland is awash with bluebells and is not to be missed. Tickets £10. Booking essential. Normal admission charges apply.

May half-term trail - Sat 27 to 4 June from 10am to 5pm

As the gardens at Hinton Ampner spring to life, capture what you see as you follow the trail. All the family can get involved and compare what they see and their drawing skills. Suggested donation £1 per trail. The trails are aimed at everyone and encourage families to work together as a team to solve the clues. Younger children may struggle to complete on their own but shouldn't have any issues with adults in tow to help. Booking not needed.

Big tree climbing- Mon 29 from 10am to 5pm

Book in for a rare opportunity to climb one of the ancient Oak trees. The Great Big Tree Climbing Company will show you the ropes and help you climb up into the canopy before taking a zip wire back to the ground. The Great Big Tree climbing Company can cater to all needs. Please let us know at time of booking if there is any special requirements you have. Booking essential (1 hour slots) Tickets £20 Adults; £15 Children.

Chawton House Library, Chawton, GU34 1SJ.

Evening Talk - Thu 18 6:30 for 7pm.

What is a Literary Coterie and Why Does It Matter (in the 18th Century) Professor Betty Schellenberg will tell the stories of several widely divergent literary coteries that flourished in the middle of the eighteenth century – whether centred in a country house, a suburban grotto, an ornamental farm, a London mansion, or the virtual space of handwritten letters.

Garden Tour - Sun 21 from 2pm to 5pm.

Join Garden Manager Andrew Bentley for a guided tour of the gardens. This will include a detailed history of the grounds, including distinctive period features, such as the 'wilderness' and 'ha-ha', along with the Walled Kitchen Garden built by Jane Austen's brother Edward. The walking tour will also take in recent additions such as the Elizabeth Blackwell Herb Garden, and plans for the future. Standard admission prices apply + £1 for the tour.

www.chawtonhouse.org

JUNE EVENTS

Alton College, Old Odiham Road, Alton

Alton Summer Beer Festival - Fri 2 7pm to 11pm.

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

Beer, cider, wine, food and live music make for a fabulous afternoon or 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. Tickets £5 per session available online at

www.altonbeerfestival.co.uk

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Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

Luke & Elliot Live! Work in Progress- Sat 24 at 8pm.

Tickets £7 from Wildly Upbeat Printers Alton or online: www.holybournetheatre.co.uk

For inclusion of your event in this feature send details by email to Editor@fourmarksnews.co.uk to arrive by 12th of the month prior to publication.



11th JUNE - 10.00am - 4.30pm - BERE MILL - WHITCHURCH, RG28 7NH



The Hampshire Garden Festival 2017 will be held on 11th June so why not come along and enjoy a great day out. From Plants to Books, Food to Entertainment, this year's Festival will be bigger and better than ever before.

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME - CHAIRED BY DAILY TELEGRAPH'S HELEN YEMM WITH A PANEL OF 5 EXPERTS.

PLANTS AND SO MUCH MORE - Plant stalls, garden accessories and equipment and the chance to visit the gardens at Bere Mill.

FOOD - Enjoy our selection of local Hampshire food and drink stalls and our beer and tea tents.

DEMONSTRATIONS - A great variety of workshops and demonstrations.

ENTERTAINMENT - Fun for the whole family, lots of children's activities and music by Head North.

BOOKS AND TALKS - Come and be inspired by great speakers and talks on garden related subjects.

£9 per adult ticket, £4 for children between 5 and 16, £20 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children), children under 5 FREE.
Tickets available on the day. All tickets include free entry to talks, demonstrations, children's activities and entry to Bere Mill gardens. Dogs on leads are welcome.

www.hampshiregardenfestival.co.uk



IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL FUND



11.11.17 10.00am - 4.30pm

ANAGRAM CORNER - DEREK SEATON

This month there is a theme and I believe it will make it easier to solve them once you have picked it up. Here they are;

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Answers to last month;

MEDICINAL, DOMESTIC, HABITUAL, CONCERT.