

# OUT & ABOUT IN AUGUST

## Lady Place Car Park, Alton

**Free Family Music Festival - Sat 4 12noon to 7pm**

ACAFest is a fun filled family day featuring local live music from folk to rock, catering for all ages. Demonstrations, stalls, food and beer tents. Lots of activities for the children. Bring a picnic, relax and have fun.

## Community Centre, Alton

**Alton U3A Registration Day – Fri 10 at 2 pm**

There is a sliding scale of subscriptions depending on which courses you sign up for.. Leaders will be available to talk about their group. Further information is available from Steve Barnes on 01420 89116.

([steve194303@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steve194303@yahoo.co.uk)) ; [u3asites.co.uk/alton/home](http://u3asites.co.uk/alton/home)

## Curtis Museum, Alton.

**Anglo - Saxon Festival - Sat 11 10:30am to 4:30pm.**

Re-enactors Weorod will be setting up camp in part of Crown Close. Through their displays and performances you can find out all about Anglo-Saxon food, craft work, clothes, weapons, their traditions and way of life. Afterwards visit the Curtis Museum and see the Anglo-Saxon displays.

**Alton Town Walk - Sat 18 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).

## Alton Assembly Rooms

**Alton Comic Con 2018 - Sat 11 11am to 5pm**

Alton Comic Con is a film, sci-fi, Cos-play, graphic novels, Dr Who and Manga event for followers of this particular entertainment interest, featuring authors, book signings, illustrators, cos-players and related retail stalls. Tickets £5; 5-15 year olds £3; Under 5 free.

## Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ.

**A Curious Case of a Curious Herbal - Sat 11 at 4:30 for 5pm.**

The Elizabeth Blackwell herb garden was designed by Andrew Bentley (Chawton House Garden Manager) in November 2015 and constructed and planted between February and May 2016. Andrew was inspired by the first edition of the botanist Elizabeth Blackwell's book *A Curious Herbal*. Andrew's talk will describe the life story of Blackwell, and detail the creative process of his own design installation of the garden at Chawton. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the beautiful first edition of *A Curious Herbal* in the lower reading room before joining Andrew on a walk up to the herb garden to see the finished work Tickets £12 (Students / Friends £9). [www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)

## St Lawrence Church, Alton.

**Lunchtime Organ Concert Thu 16 at 1:10pm.**

Hear live organ music by local organist Gerald Marlow. A chance to sit down, relax and listen whilst enjoying a tea or coffee (please do bring your packed lunch!). This is a great opportunity to introduce children to organ music - everyone is very welcome. Free admission with retiring collection. [www.altonorgansociety.co.uk](http://www.altonorgansociety.co.uk)

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

**Jigsaw Festival - Mon 27 to Sat 1 Sept. 10am to 4 pm.**

See an ever-changing display of hundreds of jigsaws made up and laid out in the historic church of St



Lawrence in the centre of Alton. The church is notable for being the site of the concluding action in the Battle of Alton during the civil war. Puzzles are for sale and will be broken

down for you when you buy. Children's puzzle and activity corner. Light refreshments available. [Potr-alton.co.uk](http://Potr-alton.co.uk)

## The Eel House, The Dean, Alresford.

**Eel House Open - Mon 27 from 11 am to 5pm.**



See the traps and the Eel House interior and find out about the secret life of the eel in one of only two known eel houses in the country. The Eel House contains three water channels running through it. They were built to house the iron grills that were used to trap the eels. There is evidence that these were still in working use in the early 1980's. Free

entry but donations appreciated.

## Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton.

To book tickets ring 01420 83262

**Meet the Lace Makers - Sat 11 11am to 3pm.**

'The lace on Mrs Thorpe's pelisse was not half so handsome as her own.' - *Northanger Abbey*. Come and meet members of the Alresford Lacemaking Society as they demonstrate the art and craft of lacemaking.

**From Pen to Print - The Story of Northanger Abbey - Tue 21 at 11am.**

Northanger Abbey was one of Jane Austen's earliest novels and the first that she sold for publication. However, it was only published after her death, along with her last completed novel, *Persuasion*. In this talk, discover the story of *Northanger Abbey* from pen to print; from its early beginnings at Jane's family home at Steventon to eventual publication in 1818. A first edition of the novel, along with a contemporary newspaper advertising its publication, will be on display in the Museum. [www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk](http://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk)

## Hinton Ampner, Bramdean, SO24 0NH.

Information and to pre-book call 01962 793511

**Sunday Summer Jazz- Sun 12 12noon to 3 pm.**

The Harry Strutters Hot Three return to entertain with their acoustic jazz. Wander around the gardens and hear the sound of smooth jazz floating in the air. Free event. (Normal admission charges apply).

**Outdoor Theatre: Dr Doolittle - Sat 18 6pm to 8:30pm.**

Dr John Dolittle of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh is taught by his wise old parrot Polynesia how to talk to animals. He buys a leaky old ship and, together with his trusty pet-crew of Jip the dog, Chee-Chee the monkey, Dab-Dab the Duck and permanently hungry Gub-Gub the pig, sets forth on a mission to heal illness, right wrongs and gain a greater understanding of the animal kingdom. Bring a picnic as the sun sets over the atmospheric surroundings of Hinton Ampner's parkland. Suitable for children age 5 upwards. Tickets £16; Child £8. Booking essential. Call 03442 491 895

**Sherlock Holmes Summer Family Trail - Daily until 2 Sep 10am to 4pm.**

The pretty garden, with its different levels, winding paths and quirky topiary, is a great place for kids to explore. The fun family Summer Trail can only be solved by detectives; do you have what it takes? Cost: £1 per trail. (Normal admission charges apply).

[hintonampner@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:hintonampner@nationaltrust.org.uk)

**Gilbert White's House, Selborne.**

**Family Friendly Bat Walk- Thu 2 & 30 at 7:30pm.**

Join a family friendly evening bat walk around the grounds with bat detectors. All ages welcome. Advanced booking required. Tickets £6 per child with accompanying adult free.

**Georgian Fair- Sat 4 & Sun 5 from 11am.**

The house and grounds will be transported through time to celebrate the reign of the Georges (1714 – 1830) and The Age of Enlightenment which inspired Gilbert White to write his famous book ' The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne'. This event is the perfect antidote to our electronic age, celebrating the science, craft, food and entertainment of the Georgian period. Both days will be full of activities for all the family, with Georgian style entertainment and activities. Admission charges on the website.

**Little Women - Sat 26 at 7:30pm.**

Chapterhouse Theatre Company's timeless story of Little Women, based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott. Four sisters – Jo, Beth, Meg and Amy – tell the story of their life during the Civil War in America. It is a story full of romance, love, passion, friendship; a story where hope will always outdo heartache and hardship if you just have the courage to follow your dreams. Tickets £16; Child £10; Family Ticket £46. [www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk](http://www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk)

**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton**

**Dancing for Treloars - Sat 1 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](mailto:i8spys@talktalk.net) Future dates: 29 Sept, 3 Nov, 30 Nov

**Curtis Museum, Alton.**

**Alton Town Walk - Sat 15 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 22 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](mailto:alanamor@ymail.com). Further dates: 20 Oct; 17 Nov

**St. Peter's Church, Petersfield**

**Evening Concert - Sat 22 at 7:30pm.**

Classical saxophonist Victoria Puttock and pianist Mark Dancer return to bring an exciting evening that will showcase the full range of this diverse instrument. The programme will include opera, Broadway and contemporary works as well as the traditional core saxophone repertoire. Free admission. Wine bar. Retiring collection. [www.stpeterspetersfield.org.uk](http://www.stpeterspetersfield.org.uk)

**SUDOKU- ANSWER PAGE 32**

7			8	3			4
2							7
	5	1			8	3	
	1			5		7	
6			1	2			5
	9			6		2	
	4	8				2	6
9							1
3			4	8			9

**CROSSWORD**

1		2		3		4		5		6	
							7				
8											
							9				10
11											
								12		13	
			14		15	16					
17	18										
					19						
20											
21								22			

**Across**

- 1- Fixed platform by water (5)
- 4- Easily drawn out into a wire (7)
- 7- Country in SE Asia (5)
- 8- Highly desirable food item (8)
- 9- Selected (5)
- 11- Unskilled; amateur (8)
- 15 - Relating to speech sounds (8)
- 17 - Frightening (5)
- 19 - Break into pieces (8)
- 20 - Narcotics (5)
- 21 - Relating to what one eats (7)
- 22 - Silk fabric (5)

**Down**

- 1 - Grinding machines with sails (9)
- 2 - Workshop or studio (7)
- 3 - Pair of pincers (7)
- 4 - Eg Darcey Bussell (6)
- 5 - Educated (6)
- 6 - Young sheep (5)
- 10 - Clear speech (9)
- 12 - Eg Lancelot and Gawain (7)
- 13 - Non-believer in God (7)
- 14 - Radiating light; clever (6)
- 16 - Barely (6)
- 18 - Breed of dog (5)

**Answer - Page 32**