

OUT & ABOUT IN OCTOBER

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Autumn Charity Concert Sat 6 at 7:30pm.

Alton Community Choir and Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir will be performing in aid of the Ark Cancer Charity and Alton Community Choir's other chosen charities for 2018. Tickets: £5 can be reserved by contacting 07799 834600. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the choirs' charities. www.altoncommunitychoir.org

Alton Abbey, Beech, GU34 4AP

16th Annual Lecture - Fri 12 at 7pm.

Commemorating the end of WW1. by Dom Andrew OSB and Mrs Lynne Rapson, in the Abbey Church, and will be full of interesting information, and many pictures. Tickets £30 to include supper with wine in the Refectory from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE, and a phone number / email address. email:friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com.

Community Centre, Alton

Alton U3A Monthly Lecture – Fri 19 at 2 pm

Ever wondered when vaccinations began? Well, now is your chance to find out. Patrick Pead will take you on a journey through the Eighteenth century to meet a Dorset farmer who revolutionised the fight against smallpox. All welcome.

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)

Four Marks Village Hall.

Saturday Night Dancing - Sat 20 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 dates: 17 Nov; 1 Jan 2019 (New Year Tea Dance).

Eggar's School, London Road, Holybourne

Alton Oktoberfest- Sat 20 from 6:45pm.

Dancing - Singing - Drinking to a Traditional Oompah Band. Grab your tickets, find some traditional German costume, come along for a fun-filled night of dancing and singing in true Bavarian style. Table seating available, book tickets together and you will be seated all together. Tables will be allocated by price and booking timescales. If you want a quieter table please email. Music and singing will be lively, loud and fun, dancing is an option but not on the tables. Ticket numbers are limited. Music starts at 19:15, table service food 20:00, bar closes 23:00. Details from:

www.altonbeerfestival.org.uk/oktoberfest

Alton Maltings Centre, Maltings Close.

Come and Sing - Sun 7 at 1:30pm.

Join the Luminosa Choir and a surprise Celebrity Guest Conductor to rehearse and perform Bernstein's *Candide* together with well known choral classics.

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.

RNLI Charity Concert - Sat 27 at 7pm.

An evening of music and song from around the World, expect a high quality, entertaining performance from the Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir, and traditional Sea Shanties from the Kings Pond Shantymen. Tickets £16 (to include a glass of wine and Welsh cakes) from The Maltings, Newbury Building Society, Alton Herald office or 01420 85691 / 80203.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks.

Charity Concert - Sat 27 at 7:30pm.

Rushmoor Male Voice Choir will be *Singing for You*. Tickets £12 from Roger Douglas rapdoug_uk@yahoo.co.uk or the Church Office cogsoffice@gmail.com In aid of the Churches supported by COGS in drought stricken Karamoja, Uganda and Action Duchenne.

Anstey Park, Alton.

Alton Downland Challenge - Sun 21 from 10:30am.

Multi terrain races starting and finishing at Anstey Park. The 10k race has a minimum age of 15 years while the 5k race has a minimum age of 10 years. The 5k race also has a school team trophy. All finishers will receive a medal and there will be trophies for the overall winners and various age group. Admission: 10k - £11 plus £2 on the day; 5k - £5 plus £2 on the day Further information from:

www.activetrainingworld.co.uk/events/2018/10/21/Alton_Downland_Challenge

Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton

Children's Halloween Disco - Fri 26 from 5 to 7pm.

2 hours of family fun, music and magic with plenty of 'tricks and treats'. There will also be a fancy dress competition for both Children and adults! Hot Dogs and other refreshments available on the night. Tickets £4 (£2 for adults) available from Alton Community Centre 01420 85057.

Gilbert White's House, Selborne.

The past, present and future of the South Downs National Park - Sat 18 at 6:30 for 7pm.

Nick Heaseman will give a presentation into the formation of the UK national parks movement, how the South Downs as a national park came into being, its incredible natural and cultural heritage assets and the challenges for the future. The talk will include a chance to watch a 30 minute version of the popular BBC4 film *The South Downs: England's Mountains Green* which takes us into the heart of the UK's newest National Park. Tickets £10.

www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Four Marks Primary School, Kitwood Road.

Bonfire and Fireworks - Fri 2 from 5:30pm.

Advance tickets: Family (2 adults + 2 children) £15; Adult £5; Child £3; Under 3 free, available Reads Butchers and Catkin and Pussywillow. On the night: Family (2 adults + 2 children) £18; Adult £6; Child £4; Under 3 free. As parking is very limited please walk to the venue if possible.

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Dancing for Treloars - Sat 3 & 30 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: ispys@talktalk.net

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 6 at 8 pm.

Second organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by Claudia Grinnell, Assistant Organist at Winchester Cathedral. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Wessex Arts Centre, Alton College, GU34 2LX.
From War to Peace- Thu 8 & Fri 9 at 7:30pm.

An exploration through word, music and image. Alton Fringe celebrates the momentous happenings of a hundred years ago through readings, poems, songs and visual imagery. Tickets £5.00 available on the door, or see website: www.altonfringe.com

Community Centre, Alton

Energy Alton Lecture – Wed 7 at 7:30 pm

A talk by Angus Berry, Energy Manager at Thames Water, on their exciting projects on Floating Solar and Power from Poo! Thames Water's floating solar photovoltaic development is the largest of its kind in Europe. It is located on the Queen Elizabeth II reservoir at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. The energy is used by Thames Water's waste treatment plant and provides approximately 20% of the plant's substantial energy requirement



Alton Maltings Centre, Maltings Close.

Alton Cardiac Rehab Charity Lecture - Thur 15 at 7 for 8pm.

Margaret Hodge, Labour MP for Barking, is best known for her role as Chair of the influential Public Accounts Committee from 2010 to 2015. Televised recordings of her hearings made riveting viewing as she tore strips off the suits who spend our money with such profligacy. She will be talking about her book "Called to Account" – unmissable! Delicious homemade canapes, plenty of wine and book signing from 7-8pm followed by the lecture from 8-9pm. Tickets just £25 from Alton Cardiac Rehab 01420 544794



Ropley Parish Hall, Vicarage Lane

Ropley Dramatic Society - Fri 16 & Sat 17 at 8pm.

"Theft" a two-act comedy by Eric Chappell. This is an intriguing, witty play with some lovely "gentle chuckle" comedy, interesting characters and a clever plot with plenty of twists and turns. An excellent evening's entertainment! Tickets £10 from 01420 568265. janbennett42@outlook.com

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Alton Concert Band with the Lydian Singers present *Reflections*. Tickets £10, Under 16s free available from Band members, Newbury Building Society, Alton and on the door. In aid of The Royal British Legion and Bushy Leaze Support Fund

CURTIS MUSEUM & ALLEN GALLERY

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(The opening hours are 10 - 5 for the Curtis, 10:30 to 4:30 for the Allen Gallery, Tuesday to Saturday).

Entry is free to both buildings - 01420 82802

www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk

The Curtis Museum on Crown Hill, Alton and the associated Allen Gallery in Church Street are now run under the aegis of the Hampshire Cultural Trust, a charitable body, with the help of a team of volunteers. There is plenty to see at both sites, and a lovely garden at the Gallery. Regular exhibitions and events are held for adults and children.

Allen Gallery Events

Thursday October 11th - 7.30 pm. 'Where do Medicines Come From?' Speaker: Bill Dawson. In association with the Friends of the Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery. Free event.

Thursday October 25th - 7.30 pm. One Day in November...and Beyond. Local historian and author John Owen Smith will use extracts from his own play to illustrate the dramatic events of 1830 – **The Selborne and Headley Workhouse Riots.**

'In the year 1830, a mob several hundred strong attacked the workhouse in Selborne, Hampshire, turned out the occupants, burned or broke the fittings and furniture, and pulled down the roof.' John relates the details of this event and the even bigger one in Headley the next day and puts them into historical context. Tickets £5 from the Gallery to include light refreshments.

Saturday 13th October until Saturday 27th October - The Allen Gallery Open Exhibition 2018

The Allen Gallery will host its annual Open Art Exhibition. All local amateur and professional artists are invited to submit up to three works in any medium, including sculpture, photographs and textiles. Entry fee of £2.00 per work applies, to cover administration costs. There will be a prize for the the work considered outstanding by the judges. There will also be a prize for the Visitors' Favourite. More information and an entry form from the Allen Gallery or contact Manager Sophie Mclean at Alton.Museums@hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk or phone 01420 82802. Works need to be delivered, with completed entry form, to the Gallery between Tuesday 2nd and Saturday 6th October.

Hampshire Cultural Trust runs several Museums and Galleries in Hampshire including Andover, Aldershot, Basingstoke & Winchester.

Please see the website for details of events.

On 28th October 1831 English physicist Michael Faraday demonstrated the dynamo founding the science of electro-magnetism.