

OUT & ABOUT IN NOVEMBER

Four Marks Primary School, Kitwood Road.

Bonfire and Fireworks - Fri 3 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Advance tickets: Family (2 adults + 2 children)£15; Adult £5; under 16 £3; pre-school children free, available from mid October at the school, Reads Butchers and Village Flowers. As parking is very limited please walk to the venue if possible.

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 7 at 8 pm.

Second organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 51st year given by Sarah Baldock, College organist at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Chawton Village Hall.

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

Judith Theobald, will give an entertaining talk on Christmas & other problems. Visitors welcome. Phone Anna 07887 690 400 or Sam 07858 806 943.

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Community Centre, Alton

Film & discussion- Wed 8 at 7:30 pm

See a new documentary by the acclaimed Dutch public broadcasting agency VPRO.



Thanks to the efforts of leading companies in a few countries, the rapidly falling costs of renewable energy are creating the potential for

a worldwide revolution Free entry. Bar. All welcome.

Can economics make the world a better place? - Mon 20 at 8pm.

Join the Energy Alton committee to hear and discuss a TED Talk by progressive economist Kate Raworth, who proposes an alternative to conventional economics recognising social and planetary boundaries. Email energyalton@gmail.com for venue – NOT the Community Centre.

Alton U3A Monthly Lecture – Fri 17 at 2 pm.

Shale Gas - Edward Dawson is the Hampshire Trustee of the Campaign for Rural England and has a vast knowledge of the subject and its risks. Here is an opportunity to ask the questions to which you have always wanted the answers concerning this very interesting issue. All welcome. Entry £2

Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

Green Man Folk Club - Fri 10 at 7:30 for 8pm.

The Young Coppers are the new generation of the famous English folk singing family "The Copper Family" who have been resident in the southern coastal town of Rottingdean for over seven generations. In that time they have preserved the traditional Sussex folk songs that have been passed down through the generations creating a unique catalogue of material which is closely associated with the family. Tickets £12 from 01420 562471; greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com

Alton Assembly Rooms

Dancing for Treloars - Sat 10 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: 9 Dec.

A Murder Is Announced - Thu 16 to Sat 18 at 7:30 pm

Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society present Agatha Christie's novel adapted by Leslie Darbon. A strange notice appears in the morning paper of a perfectly ordinary small English village, Chipping Cleghorn: "A murder is announced and will take place on Friday, October 29th, at Little Paddocks, at 6:30 p.m. Friends accept this, the only intimation." Tickets £10/£12 from Wildly Upbeat Printers, Alton or www.aods.org

Jowett Centre, Treloars, Holybourne.

'Wild' Art Exhibition - Sat 11 to Wed 29, 9am to 5pm.

'Wild' is a collaboration of four artists Fiona Pearce, Lisa Bartlett, Karen Burling and Penny Fleet. Although their interpretations and use of colour and texture differ, aesthetically they complement each other beautifully. Free entry and car parking. Open Mon - Fri. www.treloar.org.uk

Four Marks War Memorial.

Remembrance Day Service - Sun 12 at 10:45am.

Please assemble at the village War Memorial for the traditional 2 minutes silence at 11am to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in two World Wars and other conflicts in order to preserve our liberty.

Ropley Parish Hall, Vicarage Lane

Ropley Dramatic Society - Fri 17 & Sat 18 at 8pm.

My Friend Miss Flint- by Donald Churchill and Peter Yeldham. A good evening's entertainment. Licensed bar, free parking. Please note that this is a full length play so there will not be a supper. Tickets £8 from 01420 568265. janbennett42@outlook.com

Four Marks Village Hall.

Annual Craft Fair - Sat 18 & Sun 19 10am to 4pm.

See and buy items that you will not find on the High Street made by local craftsmen and women. You may find that Christmas gift with a difference. Morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea provided by Four Marks WI. Free admission. fmcfairst@mail.com

Curtis Museum, Alton.

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 Maltings Centre, Maltings Close.

Recorder Concert - Sat 18 at 7pm.

A rare opportunity to hear The Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia playing a concert in the north of the county. This is one of the few recorder orchestras operating in the south of England composed of 35-40 players playing everything from the 8 inch Soprano to the 8 foot Contra Bass. Tickets £10 from Waterstones, Alton

Brendoncare, Adams Way, Alton

Firewalk - Sat 25 from 5pm

Brendoncare is turning up the heat and asking you to test your bravery and conquer the burning coals in this once in a lifetime opportunity. Every brave step you take will help to continue essential services and transform the lives of older people. Registration £15, minimum sponsorship £60. Further details from www.brendoncare.org.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.

St.Andrews Church, Farnham, GU9 7PW Carmina Burana - Sat 25 at 7:30pm.

Luminosa (formerly Holybourne Singers) present Carl Orff's popular cantata, featuring pianists Nico de Villiers and Chas Vindin with soloists Monica Bilewicz (soprano) and William Morgan (tenor). Tickets £15 (under 12s £5) from Waterstones Alton and Farnham or: boxoffice@luminosamusic.com

DECEMBER EVENTS

Four Marks Village Hall.

Saturday Night Dancing - Sat 2 at 8 pm.

Ballroom, Latin and Party Sequence dancing. Tickets £6.50 Please reserve in advance from Alan Amor on 07884 957541 or email alanamor@ymail.com. Advance date: New Year's Tea Dance 1 January 2018

Market Square, Alton

Yuletide Festival & Lights Switch-on - Sun 3 10am to 4pm.

Alton's annual Yuletide Festival celebrates everything Christmas. New for 2017 is the inclusion of the town's lights switch-on at the Assembly Rooms lawn (3pm) and a family entertainment zone in the Market Square.

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Alton Abbey, Beech, GU34 4AP

Advent Concert - Sat 9 at 2pm.

A cappella singers *Vox Lucis* return with a programme of early music including "Ne Timeas Maria". Tickets £7.50 to include refreshments from "Tickets", Friends of Alton Abbey, Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton, GU34 4AP. Cheques payable to "Friends of Alton Abbey". Please include a SAE, and a phone number / email address. email: friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com.

WALK THE LINE

The Watercress Line's Annual Sponsored Walk - Saturday 11th November.

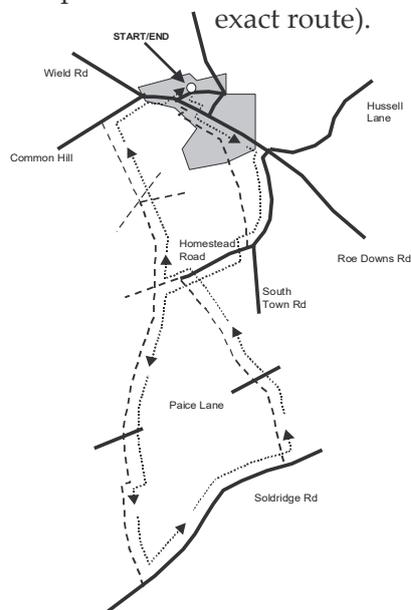
Dust off your walking boots and hit the permanent way. Experience the railway from a completely different view by walking along the trackbed of 'The Watercress Line'. There are 3 lengths of walk to choose from and a free vintage bus service will run you around so that you end up in the right place at the end of the walk.

The 3 mile Family Stroll starts with a free vintage bus ride from Alresford station to Ropley, from there you walk the 3 miles back to Alresford. The 6 mile Downhill is from Medstead and Four Marks station to Alresford. The Firemen say that walking downhill is much easier than shovelling uphill! For the more adventurous, challenge yourself by walking the full 10 miles from Alton station and 'over the Alps' to Alresford.

Advance notice not required, just turn up on the day. All 3 walks start between 10am and 11am - don't fret, trains will not be running! Registration fee £10 for individuals 16 years and older. No registration fee for under 16s. Sponsorship form and further details from www.watercressline.co.uk

Medstead & Four Marks Walking for Health Tony Gardner

This month we were able to do a walk from the Castle of Comfort down to Soldridge for the first time for several years. On a beautiful, calm autumn morning nearly 20 people enjoyed a leisurely 3 mile figure of eight walk across fields as far as Soldridge Business Park, turning left up Soldridge Road for 1/2 mile, then back by more footpaths to the rear of South Town. (see map for exact route).



In the past this route has been unsuitable for our group because of the poor state of several of the stiles, and the overgrown, neglected condition of the paths. Until you have problems with your knees you won't realise how difficult it is to negotiate a stile with the bottom step missing!

Well, we are pleased to report that, at last, after numerous reports to HCC and the parish council, the stiles have all been replaced, removed or repaired, and the paths cleared of vegetation.

If you think you might benefit from taking more exercise, then consider joining us for a walk. We are a friendly group, and newcomers are always made to feel welcome. All walks are free (though you may want to bring some money for the post-walk coffee and biscuits). There's no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day, about 15 minutes before we are due to start.

We hold walks in:

Medstead: length 3 miles/1½ hours. 1st Thursday of every month, 10:30 am. Meet at *The Castle of Comfort*.

Four Marks: Every Friday, except the last Friday of the month. Meet at the Sports Pavilion, Uplands Lane. We aim to provide a choice of three walks, catering for every level of ability/fitness.

Four Marks: Last Friday of the month. Meet at Four Marks Golf Club (please park outside the golf club, so as not to take up parking space intended for the use of club members). There will be an advanced walk (about 2 hours) departing at 10 am. There will also be an intermediate-level walk and a short walk departing at 10:30 am.

Contact Tony or Sue on 01420 564467 for further details.