

# OUT & ABOUT IN DECEMBER

## Four Marks Village Hall.

**Christmas Pamper & Shopping Evening - Sat 8 at 8 pm.**  
Christmas shopping, mince pies, and well deserved pampering to get you all ready for the Christmas season, whilst raising money for Butterflies Nursery Christmas entertainment. Entry £1.50 to include glass of mulled wine and mince pie. [www.facebook.com/bexfabuevents](http://www.facebook.com/bexfabuevents)

## 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](mailto:friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com).

## Alton Assembly Rooms

**Dancing for Treloars - Sat 9 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.

## Gilbert White's House, Selborne

**The Nutcracker & the Mouse King - Sat 9 at 7pm.**  
Quantum theatre return for their performance of the The Nutcracker and the Mouse King. Michael Whitmore's captivating new adaptation of the ETA Hoffman Christmas classic is an enchanting mix of magic, music and love-conquering-all for all ages. Tickets £12.50 (Child £9.50).

**World War II's Great Escapes - Fri 15 at 7 for 7:30pm.**

*The Freedom Trails with Monty Halls* - In this exclusive talk Monty Halls reveals the story behind the filming of Channel 4's hit series. Monty and the film crew trekked through some of the most dramatic terrain in Europe, following in the footsteps of servicemen and women attempting to escape Nazi occupation. Tickets £10. [www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org](http://www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org)

## Chawton Village Hall.

**Chawton WI Carol Service - Sat 9 at 2pm.**

To be held in Chawton Church. All welcome to attend, not just WI members. Refreshments will be served after the service

**Chawton WI meeting - Wed 13 at 7:30pm.**

Mark Willis returns for our festive social. He will be demonstrating chocolate making with a Christmas theme and allowing us the pleasure of eating it afterwards! Phone Anna 07887 690 400 or Sam 07858 806 943. [chawton\\_wi@outlook.com](mailto:chawton_wi@outlook.com)

## Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

**Green Man Folk Club - Tue 12 at 7:30 for 8pm.**

Festive Singalong. The last event of the year is an opportunity for everyone to participate with songs and poems. Singalong, or just listen and enjoy. An informal night of good humour and warm friendship, when anything might happen. Tickets: Free from 01420 562471; [greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com](mailto:greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com)

## Community Centre, Alton

**U3A Christmas Party- Fri 15 at 2 pm**

A quiz, a cuppa, a mince pie and a chance to catch up with other members. Cost £3. All welcome

## Curtis Museum, Alton.

**Alton Town Walk - Sat 16 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).

## Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

**Annual Open Day - Sat 16 from 10 am to 4pm.**

Enjoy Jane Austen's House Museum as part of the annual open day which marks Jane Austen's birthday, giving free house admission to all visitors. Mince pies will be served and there will be free Christmas craft activities inspired by the Austen family coverlet.

## Hinton Ampner, Bramdean, SO24 0NH.

*Information and to pre-book call 01962 771305*

**Grimm's Fairy Tale Christmas - Sats 2 to 23 11am to 4pm.**

Enter the house this Christmas and go on a journey through some of the world's most beloved fairy tales. Where has Cinderella left her glass slipper? How much gold has rumpelstiltskin spun into gold? Find out as you walk around the ground floor of the house. Families can enjoy our advent calendar trail around the grounds with surprises hidden behind all 25 doors. Booking not required. Normal admission charges apply.

**Festive Guided Walk- Wed 27 from 1pm to 3pm.**

Join the Head Gardener for a walk around the estate. Find out about the local fauna and flora as well as how we care for the estate. Suitable for mid teens and above. Dogs on leads are welcome. Dress for the weather with sturdy, waterproof footwear as the pathways across the estate can get muddy in the winter. Tickets £10.

## JANUARY 2018 EVENTS

### Four Marks Village Hall.

**New Year Tea Dance - Mon 1 3pm to 6pm.**

Please reserve tickets in advance from Alan Amor on 07884 957541 or email [alanamor@ymail.com](mailto:alanamor@ymail.com).

### St Lawrence Church, Alton.

**Alton Organ Society - Tue 9 at 8 pm.**

Fourth organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 51<sup>st</sup> year given by Jonathan Hope, Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see [www.altonorgansociety.co.uk](http://www.altonorgansociety.co.uk)

### 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).

### Community Centre, Alton.

**Renewable Energy - bringing it all together at local level - Wed 17 at 7:30pm.**



Roger Munford will talk about smart grids, microgrids, community energy, solar, battery storage and how it all fits together in the home and in the national grid. Free entry. Bar. All welcome.

### Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

**Dick Whittington - Sat 27 & Sun 28 at 6 for 6:30pm.**

A seasonal present for the whole family, all wrapped up with some cracking songs, amazing spectacle and

lots of laughs. The tale of a poor boy making good – thanks to his clever moggie. Come with us on a fast and furious romp through old London town to mysterious Morocco via exotic Basingstoke (and a shipwreck in shark infested waters) in the company of a glamorous hero and heroine, saucy dame, singing mice, thieving rats, a mad Empress and the best villain of them all... King Rat! Tickets £8 from Wildly UpBeat Printers, Alton or online. [www.holybournetheatre.co.uk](http://www.holybournetheatre.co.uk)



At our November Meeting the guest speaker was Andrew Putt. He is a currently serving RNLI Coxswain at The Lizard and took us from his early years in Salcombe in 1985 through to the present day. The pictures included the capsized trials on one of his Lifeboats. Originally they were all tested but later on it was only every sixth one of the same design that was tested. The importance of the Station itself became clear along with the slipways and other types of launch vehicles. We even saw a mock up of the new Salcombe Lifeboat going through the streets of Salcombe to ensure it fitted!

Various rescues (shouts) were illustrated with a quiet and calm confidence whilst many in the audience started to feel positively seasick! With the RNLI rescuing on average 23 people every day we were all very grateful for the service provided by this amazing voluntary organisation that is dependent on public funding to the tune of £177m in 2016. Where opportunity allows do give what you can. Our December Meeting will be our traditional Christmas Party.

### SUDOKU - Answer page 28

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

### FOUR MARKS BEER FESTIVAL

Four Marks celebrated its sixth annual Beer Festival at the Village Hall on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>. The event was again a great success and villagers enjoyed supping real ale which came from breweries all over Britain. There were 25 different ales to tempt the thirsty public and one of the favourites was White Prussian from Elland



Brewery in West Yorkshire. This very refreshing and intensely satisfying beer is made with Perle and Mittlefruh hops. We had 2 beers brewed especially for the Halloween

season, and 2 very interesting beers, both being brewed to commemorate 100 years since the Battle of Passchendaele, these being Polygon Wood from the Big Hand Brewery, and Poppy Ale from the Wolf Brewery. These breweries were supporting The Royal British Legion and their Poppy Appeal with donations for every pint sold.

Festival goers were also able to try country ciders, as well as wine, and excellent food provided by the Four Marks Scout Catering Team.



The event was supported by Four Marks Triple fff Brewery and The Naked Grape, and has become a popular annual event to place in your diary. Next years festival will be held on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 and we are pleased to announce that the Zig Zag Band will be entertaining us.

Four Marks Beer Festival is a community event run by local volunteers, and any funds raised above our costs



enable us to make some donations to local community projects and charities, details of which can be found on our web site. We are grateful to local businesses who have

sponsored us and enabled us to put on the Beer Festival. As well as being listed in the programme, they are shown on our web site, and we encourage you to support these local businesses who have contributed to our community event.

It was a great evening and many thanks to all who supported our village beer festival. Put Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> in your diary for next year now!

Keep an eye on the web site [www.fourmarksbeerfestival.co.uk](http://www.fourmarksbeerfestival.co.uk) or email [fourmarksbeerfestival@hotmail.com](mailto:fourmarksbeerfestival@hotmail.com) for advance information about next years event.