

OUT & ABOUT IN DECEMBER

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 4 at 8 pm.

Third organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by Gerald Marlow Admission £10 at the door. For more information see

www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

St John's Church, Alresford.

Christmas Concert - Sat 8 at 7 for 7:30pm.

Join Alresford Community Choir for a traditional Christmas concert. The programme will include beautiful festive pieces from around the world as well as familiar carols and classic Christmas songs, with several opportunities for the audience to sing along. Tickets £12-£15 each from Oakleaf Stationery, Alresford and www.alresfordchoir.com

Alton Maltings Centre, Maltings Close.

Come on and Hear - Sat 8 at 8pm.

Champagne at the Blitz is a professional vintage singing trio based in North Hampshire. Armed with swinging tunes, sweet harmonies and seamed nylons, they bring back all the romance and glamour from days gone by with songs from the 40s, 50s plus modern vintage tracks. To help you really get into the spirit of the evening, do feel free to dress up in all your vintage vogue as there will be a prize for the best dressed! There will be a couple of charity raffles with some fabulous prizes, with all proceeds going to Treloar's. Seating will be on tables of 8 and a cash bar will be available. Grab your friends and bring along your dancing feet! Tickets £12.50 from

www.champagneattheblitz.co.uk/box-office.html

Wonder of Christmas - Sat 15 at 7:30pm.

A Christmas charity concert featuring Alton Concert Orchestra, Alton Choral Society and Ancora in aid of



Home Start Weywater. Throughout the concert, the audience will be called upon to join in and raise their voices in a selection of the best loved Christmas carols. Mulled wine and bountiful mince pies, generously provided by the Home-Start WeyWater team, will be on offer

during the interval, complementing what promises to be a wonderful evening of family entertainment. Free admission with a charitable collection.

Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton

Call me Ishmael - Sat 8 at 7:30 pm

A great selection of folk music for an evening of entertainment. Join a relaxed night of fun from some fantastic local talent. Acts playing are Call Me Ishmael, Slack Maverick and The Hedge Inspectors. Tickets £6 from Alton Community Centre, Qwirky Women and Cherry Coffee in Alton or online: www.seetickets.com

New Year's Eve Dance - Mon 31 from 8pm to 12:30am.

Arrival 8pm for Bubbly and Canapes - Reception at 8:30pm - Dancing from 9pm - Carriages at 12:30am. Dances include Ballroom, Latin and popular Social Sequences. Dress code: Black Tie. 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

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Chawton Village Hall.

Chawton Antique, Vintage and Craft Fair - Sun 9 from 10am to 3:30pm.

Chawton Fair is a regular established event with up to 30 traders selling all sorts of different items. You can find antiques, jewellery, books, furniture and numerous other quirky and creative items from £1 upwards. The fair is also known for its delicious homemade cakes and other food so come along for a nice cuppa and a browse - you never know what you'll find. Admission £1 (Children under 14 free)

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)

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Jane Austen's Birthday - Sun 16 10:30 am to 4pm.

Enjoy Jane Austen's House Museum on Jane Austen's birthday. Half price admission is applicable to all ticket types, so join in the celebration of Jane Austen's life and indulge in a little festive fun. Over recent years, we have very much enjoyed offering free entry to the Museum on Jane Austen's birthday. This year however, due to an unprecedented increase in popularity, introducing half-price entry will ensure that our small site and team of staff and volunteers can manage the crowds!

Market Square, Alton.

Carols around the Tree - Sat 22 at 7pm.

Join the Salvation Army Band to sing Festive Carols around the Christmas Tree in the Market Square. Free event.

JANUARY 2019 EVENTS

Four Marks Village Hall.

New Year Tea Dance - Tue 1 3pm to 6pm.

American Supper. Please reserve tickets in advance from Alan Amor on 07758 589441 or email alanamor@ymail.com.

Saturday Night Dancing - Sat 19 at 8 pm

Ballroom, Latin and Party Sequence dancing. Tickets £6.50. Please reserve in advance as above. Future dates: 23 Feb, 16 Mar

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Fourth organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by David Hill, International Choral Director and Organist. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Community Centre, Alton.

Our Superhome Retrofit - Wed 16 at 7:30pm.

Dr. Thomas Lankester. When Tom and his wife bought their house in Farnham in 1997, they wanted to see what could be done with a fairly standard 80s "box". They have achieved significant reductions in carbon emissions and improved comfort too.

Come and find out how they did it! Free entry. Bar. All welcome.



Alton U3A Monthly Lecture – Fri 18 at 2 pm
Knowing Two British Eccentrics. In her extraordinary life Susan Howe has developed an abiding passion for History and has a phenomenal memory for quirky and unusual facts.. Who will be the two British Eccentrics she has chosen to talk about today? All welcome.

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WE NEED YOU!

Have you ever thought about volunteering, but don't know where to look?

The benefits can be great – it can help to reduce your stress levels, you can make new friends, learn new skills, and even advance your career. Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health.



Community First is a charity which helps people in East Hampshire to find the right volunteer opportunity. Julie Eden, its Volunteer Service Co-ordinator, advises: "We have lots of local organisations who are keen to have some new volunteers. No matter what your interest, whether it's helping older people or children or doing some conservation work we can help find the right opportunity for you."

We have our own dedicated volunteer website www.volunteerwessex.org where you can do your own search. You can specify what sort of organisation you are interested in e.g. one that is concerned with wildlife or young people, and/or what sort of volunteering you would like to do such as providing advice or helping with conservation.

So what are you waiting for? To find out more please contact the Community First's Volunteer Service by phone, email or via the website. You can also book an appointment at The Discovery Centre, Winchester. Tel: 01730 777514, email julie.eden@cfirst.org.uk or www.volunteerwessex.org.



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Community Carol Singing - Tuesday 18th December at 6 pm - This popular event will be held at Lymington



Barns again this year. Norman Read has kindly offered to provide the, now traditional, hog roast for which donations will be invited, and will have a marquee in place so that we can be under cover whatever the weather. Come and start the Christmas season with carols, readings and contributions from local school pupils. All are welcome to come and take part.

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

Sunday December 2nd - 10am - 4pm. There are no Talks in December, but we will have a stall at the **Alton Yuletide Festival** in the Assembly Rooms, selling items such as Tree Ornaments, Books on Local History, Games and Stocking Fillers.

IN THE NEW YEAR, LOOK OUT FOR THESE THURSDAY EVENING TALKS -

Thursday January 24th - 7.30pm. - Alton in 1939. Local historian **Jane Hurst** shares her research into the Alton area just preceding the outbreak of WW2. Tickets £5 from the Gallery, to include light refreshments.

Thursday February 14th - 7.30pm. - A history of Alton in 10 Objects - Tony Cross. Hampshire has a long and distinguished history. This talk aims to describe a number of episodes through carefully selected items of historic importance. FREE event.

Thursday February 28th - 7.30pm. - The Neatham Dig – a look at the excavation of Alton's Roman predecessor - David Graham. David has over 50 years experience of archaeology in and around Alton. He was one of a small group who found the Neatham site and he directed the excavations. Tickets £5 from the Gallery, to include light refreshments.

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

Please see the website for details of events.

WELCOME TO FOUR MARKS

Please help us welcome village newcomers. When somebody moves in near you please will you tell Keith Chambers (Circulation Manager - 562616) He can then give the new arrival a copy of the latest **FOUR MARKS NEWS.**

Whilst we hope it will lead to a new reader in due course it is also a useful source of information. As you know it gives details of the many clubs, associations, churches and local businesses in the area. Thank you.