

OUT & ABOUT IN APRIL

Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton.

Card Making - Mon 1 - Mon 29 from 1:30 to 4:30pm.
Create a range of different cards and have fun doing so, in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Learners are encouraged to use a wide range of different techniques, including those that they may not have tried before. Price: Free for new learners this academic year, otherwise £60. Booking essential.

Origami - Mon 1 - Mon 29 from 10am to 1pm.
Create a range of different Origami creations and have fun doing so, in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere. Learn about the history of Origami whilst making. Learners will be encouraged to use a wide range of different folding techniques, including those that they may not have tried before. Price: Free for new learners this academic year, otherwise £60. Booking essential. www.hants.gov.uk/shop

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 2 at 8 pm.
Seventh organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by David Dunnett. He has been Organist at Norwich Cathedral since January 1996 and was also Master of the Music 1996-2007.. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Alton Health Centre, Anstey Road Alton..

Healthy Weight Event - Sat 6 from 10am to 12pm.
A walk in event open to all who are interested in losing weight and adopting a more healthy lifestyle. There will be a number of experts there to provide information and advice on managing your weight and taking more exercise. All are welcome even if there to provide help for friends and family members. Free event.

Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL
Youth Theatre Workshop - Wed 10 & Thur 11 from 11am to 3pm..

Let's sing Musicals - a two-day workshop for children between 8 and 14 who love to sing and love musicals! Songs will be taught from 'The Greatest Showman', 'Annie', 'Mary Poppins', 'Into the Woods' and many more. The singers will also learn new and fun singing techniques, exercises and tips. There will also be opportunities to sing solos, duets or in small groups. At the end of the two days, we will have sung our way ready for our final performance. Cost: £40 per child.

The Time Machine - Tue 16 to Thur 18 from 10am to 3pm.

What if you could travel back in time and meet Swash-buckling pirates, Egyptian pharaohs and Wild West Cowboys? Have fun at this acting, singing and dancing three day workshop during Easter. This workshop is open to children of all ages, including non-members of Holybourne Youth Theatre. Cost £60 per child. www.holybournetheatre.co.uk

Community Centre, Alton.

Alton U3A Monthly Lecture - Fri 12 at 2 pm
A View from the Wings - Brian Freeland. The stage manager's view from the prompt corner is very different from that from your comfortable seat in the Stalls or Circle. Reality theatre, no retakes and as reviews say "slightly saucy". All are welcome. Admission is £1.00 which will entitle you to a cuppa and an opportunity to meet other members.

Easter Fair - Sat 13 from 10am to 1pm.
Easter Raffle, Cake Stall, Free to enter Childrens Easter Bonnet Competition, Craft & Gift Stalls, Pre loved Toys and Games Stall. Stalls available to book, £15 per table (£10 for Charities). To book or for more information please call Marie on 01420 85057, email marie.kellie@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk or pop into the Community Centre reception

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)

Alton Abbey, Beech, GU34 4AP.

Open Days - Sat 27 & Sun 28 12 noon to 5 pm.
Mosaic demonstration. Beautiful Stationary, Secondhand Books and Hadeel Fair Trade Products from Palestine for sale. Organ /Piano Recitals at 3pm both days If you have never discovered the beauty and peacefulness of the Abbey come this time; if you have been before, come back to rediscover the joy. Entrance £3. Tea & cake £3. For information: ☎ 01428 712938 friendsofaltonabbey@gmail.com

Treloar's College, Holybourne, GU34 4GL.

St Swithun's Way Walk & Run - Sun 28 from 9:15am.
A family and dog friendly day out, the route takes you from the Treloar campus in Holybourne through the glorious Hampshire countryside. You can choose to walk or run, 5 miles to Bentley or the full 10 miles to Farnham. Shuttle buses are provided to get you back to Treloar's and refreshments are also available. For more details or to register, please call 01420 547447, email events@treloar.org.uk: www.treloarevents.org.uk

MAY EVENTS

St Lawrence Church, Alton.

Alton Organ Society - Tue 7 at 8 pm.
Final organ concert in Alton Organ Society's 52nd year given by Ourania Gassiou of The Athens Concert Hall and the French Protestant Church in London. Admission £10 at the door. For more information see www.altonorgansociety.co.uk

Alton Maltings Centre, Maltings Close.

Alton Cardiac Rehab Charity Lecture - Wed 8 at 7 for 8pm.
We are delighted to say that Margaret Hodge, who had to cancel her proposed lecture to us last November, has agreed to rebook. Dame Margaret, 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



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.

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Introduction to Paediatric First Aid - Fri 10 & 17 from 10am to 4pm.

This free course is aimed at candidates with little or no first aid knowledge. It will give the learner skills to be able to respond to everyday first aid emergencies in the home and in the community, calmly and confidently. You will gain a first aid attendance certificate, a first aid key ring with face shield, gloves and your own personal booklet. Contact the Booking Line: 01420 85734 or www.hants.gov.uk/shop

Get to know your Android Tablet - Mon 20 from 10am to 4pm.

This free course will give an introduction to a range of Android Tablets for new owners who would like to get more out of their device. A general knowledge of computing with traditional laptops/computers would be an advantage but is not essential. Please indicate what type of tablet you have when booking. **Please note** that this course is not for iPads or Windows devices. Booking details as above.

Eggars School, London Road, Alton GU34 4EQ. Alton Ten - Sun 12 from 10:30 am.

A 10 mile road race starting in the driveway of Treloars College and going through Holybourne to Binsted and then turning left along the Blacknest Road towards Bentley. The route then goes through Isington, back to Holybourne and finishes at Eggars School. Further information from:

www.activetrainingworld.co.uk/events/2019/05/12/Alton10

Community Centre, Alton.

Alton U3A Monthly Lecture – Fri 17 at 2 pm

I was Hijacked in a Plane in Karachi - John Hussey. John will relate his experiences when as a 52 year old executive of the oil company BP, his Pan Am '747 was hijacked in 1986 just after boarding his homeward flight from Karachi. All are welcome. Admission is £1.00 which will entitle you to a cuppa and an opportunity to meet other members.

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Alton Town Walk - Sat 18 at 11 am.

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Medstead Gardeners Club
Christine Webb
www.medsteadgardenersclub.xyz

In March Judith Needham was our guest speaker and gave us a presentation and demonstration on Willow Weaving. It's amazing what can be done with this simple natural and entirely UK grown



versatile material, and she has amazing skills. So next time you want an unusual present why not try weaving your own willow chicken, hare or even a basket!

A few of us at the Club have made a willow plant support and they all turned out, we



thought, superb, but it can be a bit hard on the fingers. The plant supports we built are now into their 2nd year, but as Judith indicates, it's best to over-winter them in the garage or somewhere protected, so the elements do not get the better of them.

Hopefully your garden is springing into life, with glorious yellow daffs showing off in the sunshine and some perennials starting to sprout. Phlox, day lilies, agapanthus, and many other herbaceous plants can now be divided.

This will give them time to put on some more growth for late spring into summer. If you

have any spare plants that you can donate for our Plant Sale in May, please send us an email via our website contact page and we can collect.

The Annual Plant Sale is on *Saturday 11th May* and we open at 10am until 12noon at Medstead Village Hall. There are all sorts of young vegetable plants, bedding, fruit bushes, perennials and more to buy. Its' just 50p pp

admission and refreshments will be available. See www.medsteadgardenersclub.xyz

Our next meeting is at **Medstead Village Hall on 2nd April, and Geoff Hawkins will be talking about Garden Design. Doors open at 7.15pm and talk starts at 7.45pm.** Refreshments are available.

The next few events are:

Tuesday 2nd April
Garden Design - Geoff Hawkins

Tuesday 7th May
Heavenly Hostas' – John Baker

Saturday 11th May
Annual Plant Sale from 10.30am to 12.00pm

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at Medstead Village Hall. Doors open at 7.15pm and speaker/event starts at 7.45pm. The whole 2019 programme is in place and can be found on the website with speakers, outings and a special guest speaker in June!!! Membership is held at £8 per person from February to December 2019.

