



THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

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WEEK 18 - 16th July 2020

Alton Library

Alton Library is now open during the following time:

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - 10am to 4pm
Wednesday - CLOSED
Thursday - 10am to 4pm
Friday - CLOSED
Saturday - 10am to 4pm
Sunday - CLOSED

They will continue to offer the Ready Reads, We Select You Collect service for customers who prefer not to browse, the Home Library Service and eBooks and eAudio via the BorrowBox App.

For updates on all of their services please visit www.hants.gov.uk/library

Key Dates

31st July - Deadline for Alton In Bloom 2020 entries.

1st August - Mandatory MOT testing is to be reintroduced. All drivers whose car, motorcycle or van is due for a MOT test from 1 August will be required to get a test certificate to continue driving their vehicle.

Drivers with a MOT due date before 1 August will still receive a 6-month exemption from testing.

Message From The Town Hall

Welcome to week 18. Alton Town Council have been inspired by all the beautiful photos on social media capturing people enjoying the outdoors. On the 18th July 2020 being the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Gilbert White, we are launching a search for photographs to use in a Town Council calendar with the theme 'In Harmony With Nature'.

The chosen images will be used to create the calendar, which will be sold in aid of the Town Mayor's charities; Bushy Leaze children's and families centre and The King's Arms Youth Project (KA) charity that works to support the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of young people.

Please visit www.alton.gov.uk for more details and a copy of the entry form. Entries close on Monday 31st August.

Gilbert White's 300th Anniversary

Gilbert White and The Oates Collections are celebrating the 300th Anniversary online on Saturday 18th July 2020, for a day of great speakers, nature workshops and more! They will have 12 hours of content coming your way with a mix of some amazing British naturalists, Gilbert White experts and artists, there will be a few surprises too.

For more information and to sign up visit www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk



The Allen Gallery - OPEN TODAY

The Allen Gallery is re-opening! We will be open from July 16th every Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10am – 4pm. To help keep everyone safe, we've made some changes at the Allen Gallery. We have introduced a number of measures in line with government guidelines to help manage our visitor numbers and ensure we maintain social distancing to protect you, our staff and volunteers. We have introduced advanced booking to the Allen Gallery to help us manage our visitor numbers. Booking your visit is free. Timed visits to the Allen Gallery take place at 10:00am, 12:00pm and 2:00pm. Please book a visiting time for each member of your party, including children. Your visit will give you two hours to explore the museum and its grounds. To book your visit or for more information please go to our website: <https://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery>. We are really looking forward to welcoming our visitors back and thank you for all your support!

Think about hidden conditions



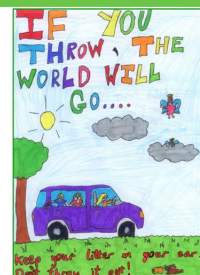
The easing of government guidelines is allowing more of us to leave our homes. Please bear in mind how some people with dementia and other diseases that cause confusion may not

quite understand the severity of the situation.

Be mindful that the world is a confusing place for them at the best of times and the last thing they need is to be confronted for, is standing too close in a queue or for not wearing a mask. They may experience confusion over why people are wearing masks, refusing to accept cash payments or being asked to use hand sanitiser. Of course, keep yourself safe in the best way you can but please be mindful of others situations.

Not everyone who has dementia or diseases that cause confusion are old, and their condition is often invisible. Some people just don't understand the current situation and need our support now more than ever. Please be aware. Be kind. Be considerate.

Poster Competition



Above are some examples of other litter campaign posters by children for inspiration...

Love It, Don't Trash It

No-one enjoys seeing rubbish littering our open spaces, wildlife being harmed, or stepping in dog poo.

Due to the Covid-19 crisis lockdown and with many children still unable to return to school, Alton's open spaces have been busier than ever with families picnicking and enjoying nature. This has led to a dramatic increase of litter in these areas and unfortunately not all of it is being put in the bins, or if the bins are full taken home to be disposed of.

To keep Alton's open spaces looking beautiful, protect our local wildlife and the environment, the Town Council have launched a children's 'Love It, Don't Trash It' poster competition to capture their imaginations. Children are encouraged to create colourful artwork with creative slogans encouraging residents and visitors to bin their waste, the posters will soon appear around the town as part of Alton's 'Love It, Don't Trash It' campaign.

The winning poster design will be used to front the promotional campaign and will be displayed across our open spaces as well as in local bus shelters around the town centre.

Designs by the runners up will also be displayed around Alton's open spaces and play areas.



Posters need to be A4 portrait in size and submitted with a note detailing the child's name, age and parent/guardians contact telephone number.

Please either email entries to events@alton.gov.uk or post through the letter box at the Town Hall in the Market Square by **Friday 24th July**.



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Lions Quiz 24th July



ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)
PRESENTS



THE FRIDAY NIGHT FUN QUIZ
WITH QUIZMASTER DEAN PHILLIPS



On **WEY VALLEY RADIO 101.1FM**
& Facebook @weyvalleyradioalton
Friday 24 July 8pm Start

Open to All
FREE to ENTER
bring your own food and drink
No need to book / teams 1 - 100
just tune or link in



No prizes - no winners just for fun
if you enjoy it tell your friends and
please donate to www.altonlions.org.uk
Just click the **DONATE** button on the home page.

All funds raised will go to support COVID-19 community needs

