

Pugin After Dark Festival

Saturday 28th February - Sunday 1st March, Alton, Staffordshire

The first ever Pugin After Dark Festival will take place this year in Alton, Staffordshire, a village whose landscape and architecture have been greatly shaped and influenced by the work of Victorian Gothic Architect AWN Pugin.



Pugin Exhibition - Free

Saturday 28th February, 12 noon - 4pm

Alton Village Hall, Hurstons Ln, Alton, ST10 4AP

Showcasing Pugin displays (including from the [Cheadle Discovery Group](#), and his work at Alton Towers), local history, the launch of the Alton Pugin Trail, photography and the work of local artists and groups. Plus the opportunity to take part in the [Pugin Tile Project](#) and meet the effigy of the man himself! Refreshments will be available from the Alton Bellringers. Free parking is available at the hall.

On the Trail of Pugin: An evening of talks, music & art - Free

Saturday 28th February, 7pm - 9pm

St Peter's Church, High Street, Alton, ST10 4AQ

Discover more about Pugin's life and work in the Staffordshire Moorlands with two talks, Pugin's connections with Alton Towers by David Slade and On the Trail of Pugin by [Louie Young](#). There will also be musical entertainment throughout including [Analogue Ethereal Ensemble](#) and more plus your chance to take part in our collaborative Pugin Tile Project whilst you listen.

Refreshments available. Parking - Please note that there is very limited on street parking in the vicinity of the church. Free public parking is, however, available at the village hall on Hurston's Lane.



St John's Church - Free

Saturday 28th February & Sunday 1st March, All day

Castle Hill Rd, Alton, ST10 4AJ

Pugin's church, built for the 16th Earl of Shrewsbury as part of the hospital and castle complex, will be open all day to visitors, plus additional access to the cloister and Cotton Church displays.

Sunday 1st March

9am: Join St John's for mass on what would have been Pugin's 214th birthday.

Throughout the day: St John's will be offering guided tours of church - Booking required, full details to follow soon.



Alton Pugin Trail - Free

This year's festival will see the launch of the Alton Pugin Trail, which takes visitors around Alton to explore AWN Pugin's work and hidden gems within this history-rich village.

Please note tickets for our guided walks of the trail are now completely sold out.

Further walks may be organised over the summer - Join our mailing list to be the first to hear about further dates and events.

Printed copies of the trail will be available at the festival and various venues throughout the village plus a digital version will also be available to download on the website after the launch.

The Roundhouse - Free

Sunday 1st March, All day

Ever wondered what is inside Alton's Roundhouse? Now is your chance to see as the Roundhouse will open all day for visitors to explore and experience what it would have been like to spend some time in the village lockup.

St Peter's Church - Free

Sunday 1st March

10.45am - 11.45am: Join St Peter's Church for their Sunday service - All welcome

All day: Visit the picturesque 12th century parish church of St Peter's in the heart of the community. Not only does the church feature a Norman arcade but also Pugin designed oak panelling taken from the banqueting hall of Alton Towers and repurposed as an organ case and reredos of the north aisle.

Important visitor information: Please note a peal will be rung (approximately 3 1/2 hours of continuous ringing) at the church from 11.45am. While the bells are ringing, we invite you to enjoy the space in quiet reflection to ensure the ringing team can work without distraction.

A massive thank you to Outside who have generously awarded us Creative Community Commission this year, taking our idea of creating a festival from a dream to a reality - We could not have done it without you.

A big thank you also to Alton Community Events who will also kindly be supporting the festival.



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