

MAY 2009

FRIDAY 15 MAY

FESTIVAL LAUNCH DAY

Venue: New Forest Centre, Car Park Lyndhurst.

Time: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

The Festival begins with Alice leaving the Waterloo Arms by pony and trap at 5.45 pm arriving at the New Forest Centre at 6.00 pm. She will then join invited guests at a party to open the Festival.

FRIDAY 15 MAY - SUNDAY 17 MAY (inclusive)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Venue: St. Michael & All Angels Church, High Street, Lyndhurst.

Time: Friday/Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 12.30 - 5.00 pm

Admission: £2 adult - free for children

Spectacular flower arrangements, created by ladies with a love of flowers, will adorn every nook and cranny of this beautiful Victorian church. Alice Hargreaves was a regular worshipper at the church. Visit her simple grave before you leave.

MAD AS HATTERS

LYNDHURST PRE-SCHOOL and ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS INFANT SCHOOL

Children from the Pre-School and Infant School have created two beautiful collages which will be on display at the Flower Festival. Look out for the Pre-School display of some 50 hats to portray 'The Mad Hatters Tea Party'.

SATURDAY 16 MAY & SUNDAY 17 MAY

DROP-IN 'ALICE' LAUNCH WEEKEND

Venue: New Forest Centre, Car Park, Lyndhurst

Time: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Admission: Children FREE. Suitable for all the family.

The New Forest Centre invites you to 'drop in' at the Centre for the launch of the Alice Festival. Storytelling, Village Walks, Badge Making, Alice Bingo and a Printing Workshop are just some of the activities on offer.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

CROQUET ON THE LAWN & GARDEN PARTY

Venue: Queen's House, High Street, Lyndhurst (by invitation of Forestry Commission)

Time: 12 midday - 4.30 pm

Admission: £2 adult £1 child under 12

Enjoy a game of croquet, listen to the band whilst enjoying a cream tea and stroll around the many stalls. Enter the fancy hat competition and win a prize.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

LOCKERLEY SILVER BAND

The Lockerley Silver Band, under its leader, Richard Taylor, hails from Lockerley a village between Romsey and Stockbridge and was formed in 1880. The band rehearses weekly and its 25 members enjoy the camaraderie and enjoyment of making music together.

SATURDAY 16 MAY & SUNDAY 17 MAY

VILLAGE WALKS

Meet: New Forest Centre, Car Park Lyndhurst

Time: 11.00 am

Fee: £1

Join one of our knowledgeable guides, Georgina Babey or Geoff Green, as they take you around the village that Alice knew and loved.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

WHITE RABBIT TREASURE HUNT

Meet: Outside the Workmen's Club, High Street, Lyndhurst

Time: 10.00 am - 2.00pm

Admission: £1

Meet the White Rabbit who will give you a map and clues and have you hunting all around the High Street, All children must be accompanied by an adult. Organised by Helen Corvus from the 'Rabbits Against Road Kill'.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

FENWICK 2 MAD HATTER FUN RUN

Start: 11.00 am

Join the staff and users of Fenwick 2 in a **Mad Hatter Fun Run**. Collect a sponsor form from reception or call 02380 282862 for e-mail/postal form. The run is approximately 2 miles and is for all abilities.

SATURDAY 16 MAY - MONDAY 31 AUGUST

FAMILY MAP AND COMPASS TREASURE HUNT AROUND LYNDHURST

Entry: £2 per sheet from 'Down to the Wood', Romsey Road, Lyndhurst

Find and answer a list of clues, using map co-ordinates and a compass, to win one of two donated £25 gift vouchers. Completed sheets to be returned by 31 August. Winners to be announced on 5 September.

SUNDAY 17 MAY

RUSTIC SPORTS

Venue: Lyndhurst Fire Station, Southampton Road, Lyndhurst

Time: late morning through the day

Admission: FREE

Lyndhurst Firefighters host this fun-filled event suitable for all the family. Watch teams and individuals as they compete in obstacle races, wellie-throwing, negotiating the slippery pole and many more rustic sports. Enter a team from your organisation. Refreshments available.

SUNDAY 17 MAY

TOWER OPEN DAY

Venue: St. Michael and All Angels Church

Time: 12.30 - 4.30 pm

Admission: £1

Join the 8 members of the team of bellringers of St. Michael and All Angels Church and try your hand at bellringing. You will receive a certificate to mark your expertise!

SUNDAY 17 MAY

VICTORIAN CRICKET MATCH

Venue: Bolton's Bench, Lyndhurst.

Time: 2 pm onwards

Dressed in Victorian costume, the cricketers from Ashurst Cricket Club will battle it out with another local team in a game of around 40 overs. The picturesque cricket pavilion has hosted cricket since 1774. Pimm's and cream teas on sale.

MONDAY 18 MAY

GOLF CLUB OPEN DAY

Venue: New Forest Golf Club, Southampton Road, Lyndhurst

Time: advance booking only

Admission £10.50 (special rate for the Alice Festival)

New Forest Golf Club offers Lyndhurst residents the opportunity to play a round of golf at the club where Reginald Hargreaves was a founding member in 1888. To book your place, please call 023 8028 3094 quoting 'the Alice Festival'.

MONDAY 18 MAY - FRIDAY 22 MAY (inclusive)

NEW FOREST CENTRE AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Suzie Moore from the New Forest Centre and Diane Roberts, print maker, will hold workshops in some New Forest Schools and the children's work will be on display in December in the New Forest Centre.

TUESDAY 26 MAY - THURSDAY 28 MAY

DROP-IN 'ALICE' DISCOVERY DAYS

Venue: New Forest Centre, Car Park, Lyndhurst

Time: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Admission: Children FREE. Suitable for all the family.

The New Forest Centre invites you to 'drop in' at the Centre for lots of fun and family 'Alice' activities.

THURSDAY 27 MAY

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY FOR GROWN-UPS

Venue: Community Centre, Car Park, Lyndhurst

Time: 3.30 - 5.00 pm

Admission: £5 for GROWN UPS (by ticket only) from Community Centre Office.

What could be more fun than tea with the Mad Hatter? This is a party for the grown-ups only (why shouldn't they have some fun?). There will be all sorts of delicious things to eat and games to play.

SATURDAY 30 MAY

LYNDHURST BOWLING CLUB OPEN DAY

Venue: Lyndhurst Bowling Club, Sandy Lane, Lyndhurst (next to Vernon Theatre)

Time: 10.00 am onwards

Admission: Free

Members of Lyndhurst Bowling Club invite you to join them in their 80th year of bowling. Just wear flat shoes - everything else will be provided - and expert help will be on hand to guide you.

SATURDAY 30 MAY

VILLAGE WALK

Meet: New Forest Centre, Car Park Lyndhurst

Time: 2 pm

Admission: £4 booking essential - telephone 023 8028 3444 or
e-mail office@newforestcentre.org.uk

Take a stroll around Lyndhurst with one of our knowledgeable guides and discover the many historical and fascinating 'Alice' places of interest. You will learn all about the village that Alice Hargreaves knew.