



Bringing Alban Way to Life : 150th Anniversary Celebrations : PROGRAMME

The Alban Way is what remains of the former Hatfield-St Albans Railway Line that opened on 16th October 1865. Welcome to our 150th Anniversary Celebrations - open to the public and FREE of charge.

This Celebration has been organised by representatives of local communities along Alban Way to encourage you to -

- Bring a picnic! Have a lunch-on-the-line! Have a bit of fun!
- Use the Alban Way (as walkers, cyclists) and, from there, use other Public Rights of Way
- Find out about and celebrate some of the history of Alban Way and part of your heritage
- Want to find out more about your local heritage in general
- Become actively involved with a local community organisation
- Be better-informed about some of the voluntary work being undertaken in your area
- Experience being part of your own, and a wider St Albans, community - if only for a couple of hours!

Sunday 18th October: 10.00 - 16.00

Walking and Cycle Tours

- Guided Walks throughout the day – look for John Darnton and our historical interpreter, Gary Fisher
- Go as you please Walking Tours – free Guide available
- Two cycle tours along the Alban Way with WelHatCycling – Pre-Book (limited places): ow.ly/SHcIc
- Historic bicycles: Veteran Cycle Club (Chiltern Section)

Ellenbrook (Old Nast Hyde Halt)

- Nast Hyde Halt Photo Display
- Model Trains
St Albans & District Model Engineering Society
- WelHat Cycling Information Stall and Bike Checks
- Bike Registration – Hatfield Police
- Entertainment: Harpenden Concert Band, Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School, Christopher Lawley
- Marshalswick Pet Shop Stall
- Hatfield Cycle Shop
- BVS Crafts Stall
- Mini Fun Fair
- Catering Van

Fleetville

- Fleetville School: Display of Children's Work

Highfield Garden of Rest - near Hill End (Old Station)

- Hill End Halt Photo Display
- Hill End Hospital Display
- Highfield Park Trust Information
- Marconi Instruments History Display

Smallford (Old Station)

- Exhibitions
 - Bringing the History of Smallford Station to Life
 - Model of Smallford Station
 - Model of Hill End Halt
 - St Albans City & District Council Greenspace Action Plan
 - Countryside Management Service - (CMS) – Hertfordshire Health Walks & Hertfordshire Year of Walking
 - Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies
- Colney Heath Women's Institute – soup and rolls
- Miniature Railway Rides
North London Society of Model Engineers
- Miniature Traction Engine
- St John Ambulance

St Albans London Road (Old Station)

- Exhibitions
 - London Road Station Photo Display
 - Sopwell Memories
 - St Albans South Signal Box
- Musical Entertainment:
 - 11.00-12.00 Katie's Jumping Fleas
 - 12.30-1.30 Chris Flegg
 - 2.30-3.30 Young Miscellany
 - 12.00-3.00 Folk Music @ The Great Northern Pub

Watercress Wildlife Association

- Hourly Tours of Watercress Beds: 11.00am-3.00pm

Further Information is available at www.smallford.org

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Most events are free – however, donations/contributions towards our costs will be most appreciated.

Any surplus funds will go towards the Renovation of Smallford Station and the Development of Alban Way: Our 'Bringing the History of Smallford Station to Life' Team will be working with St Albans District Council + Oaklands College students and staff to renovate the old platforms, provide historical signage and resting places (benches!) for walkers and cyclists

Thanks in particular to our many organisers, participants and supporters –

'Bringing the History of Smallford Station to Life' Project Team, UH Heritage Hub, St Albans City and District Council, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Countryside Management Service, Smallford, Sopwell and Ellenbrook Residents Associations, Highfield Park Trust, WelHat Cycling, NLS of Model Engineers, St Albans South Signal Box, St Johns Ambulance, Colney Heath WI, Watercress Wildlife Association, Hertfordshire Archive and Local Studies Centre, St Albans Tourist Information Centre, Chiltern Section Veteran-Cycle Club, Marconi Instruments Heritage Collection, St Albans Movie Makers, Fleetville Primary School: Various entertainers – Harpenden Concert Band, Bishops Hatfield Girls School, Young Miscellany, Katie's Jumping Fleas Ukulele Band, Christopher Lawley, Chris Flegg at al