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Welcome

This programme outlines the 42 events that make up the 2022 Jane Austen Regency Week. After a hiatus of three years, it is good to be once again offering you a wide range of things to see and do. Enjoy!

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Alan Titchmarsh Caroline Knight



Alan is a gardener, broadcaster and novelist. He started out as a professional gardener, but is now a well-known gardening journalist and television presenter.

Caroline is the last of Jane Austen's nieces to grow up at Chawton House. She is founder of the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation and author of *Jane & Me: My Austen Heritage*.

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— Saturday 18th June —

ALTON REGENCY DAY

High Street, Alton

Event: Traditional & cultural celebration of Alton in Regency times.

Venue: Alton Town Centre (High Street)

Time: 10am – 3pm

Detail: The entertainment will include:

- Horse & Carriage rides (fare payable)
- Petting Animals
- Market stalls
- Soldier re-enactors
- Dandy Chargers (on velocipedes)
- Shanty Men
- People in Regency Costumes (if you have your own costume, we encourage you to wear it)

Charges: Free entry to event

Carriage rides: pay on entry

— Saturday 18th June —

REGENCY DANCING WORKSHOP

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Regency dancing lesson

Venue: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton, GU34 1BA

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

Detail: Learn some of the dances that will be used later at the Regency Ball. Hampshire Regency Dancers will be on hand to teach you the moves and steps. Wear 21st century clothes!

We encourage you to attend the Regency Ball later the same day to practise your newly-learnt dancing skills.

Tickets: £10



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Saturday 18th June
ALTON REGENCY BALL

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Regency Ball with refreshments
Venue: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street,
Alton, GU34 1BA

Time: 7.30pm to 11pm (doors open 7pm)

Detail: Hampshire Regency Dancers are leading the dances and will be on the dance floor to help you keep up with all the moves.

Dress either in Regency Costume or smart Evening Wear. If you would like to practise first, there is a dancing workshop in the afternoon.

During the interval there will be a light buffet and a cash bar for all your liquid refreshments.

Tickets: £50

Sunday 19th / Thursday 23rd June
WAKING UP THE HOUSE

Jane Austen's House

Event: Early morning tour of the house
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton,
GU34 1SD

Times: Tour 1: Sunday 19th 9am to 10am

Tour 2: Thursday 23rd 9am to 10am

Detail: We'll be unlocking doors, opening shutters and letting sunshine into the darkened rooms. We'll take a peep into the attic, dust away cobwebs, and check that everything is in order to start the day. Along the way, we'll share secrets and stories of this extraordinary house through the ages. After the tour, you'll enjoy a light breakfast of tea and toast - just as Jane used to do! If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know when booking.

Tickets: £16.50

Sunday 19th & Saturday 25th June
CHAWTON GUIDED WALK

Chawton

Event: Guided Walk with local historian Jane Hurst

Venue: Starting at the Alton side of the Chawton underpass, Winchester Rd.

Time: Tour 1: Sunday 19th: 10.30am

Tour 2: Saturday 25th: 11am

Detail: Whilst many people visit Chawton to see Jane Austen's House Museum and Chawton House, there are many more buildings and former residents of Chawton who were connected with Jane Austen and her family. Jane Hurst is very knowledgeable, so you will be able to ask questions as the tour progresses. Note that some pavements are uneven, so it's important to wear sensible shoes and come prepared for sun or rain!

Tickets: £5

Sunday 19th June
MARTHA LLOYD'S HOUSEHOLD BOOK

Jane Austen's House

Event: Talk by Julienne Gehrer

Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton,
GU34 1SD

Time: 12pm to 1pm

Detail: Julienne Gehrer presents a delicious dive into Martha Lloyd's Household book. This reveals some of the foods that Jane Austen and her family would have eaten, drunk and used here at Chawton Cottage. Julienne will tease out family, culinary and literary connections, giving a fascinating perspective on the time and manner in which both Jane and Martha lived, thanks to this extraordinary artefact.

Please note, this event ticket does not include House entry.

Tickets: £7.50



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Sunday 19th June
PARADE FOR LITERACY

Chawton

Event: Walk from Jane Austen's House to Chawton House with Caroline Knight.
 Venue: Starting by signpost outside Jane Austen's House.

Time: 1.30pm - 2pm

Detail: As well as enjoying the beautiful walk and company, the parade stops at St Nicholas Church in Chawton, to visit Jane's statue and for photographs. The parade is a fundraiser for the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation. Donations will be spent on literacy programmes and access to reading materials for children in developing and war-torn countries, including Ukraine. Meet in front of Jane Austen's House. (Regency attire encouraged but not essential).

Cost: Free (donation collection on day)

Sunday 19th June
JANE AUSTEN REGENCY PICNIC

Chawton House

Event: Heritage picnic at Chawton House
 Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Detail: This year's special guests include Helena Kelly who will talk about fathers in Austen. The winner of the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation Writing Competition 2022 will also be announced. Ticket price includes a Regency picnic box, home-made lemonade and entertainment. Hosted by Caroline Knight, all profits go to Jane Austen Literacy Foundation and Chawton House. Regency costume is encouraged but not essential and we suggest a picnic blanket. If you have dietary requirements, please advise when booking.

Tickets: £25 (price includes picnic)



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Sunday 19th June

EMMA TOURS

Jane Austen's House

Event: Guided tours of Jane Austen's House

Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: Tour 1: 3.30 to 5pm

Tour 2: 4.30 to 6pm

Detail: Discover the rooms where *Emma* was written and learn about the inspirations for the novel. You'll get to look at a First Edition of *Emma*, hear the story of the novel's publication, Jane Austen's dedication to the Prince Regent, and her correspondence with the Royal librarian. We'll finish with tea on the lawn. Enjoy fresh strawberries and cream while you bask in the heady scent of the roses in Jane Austen's beautiful cottage garden.

Tickets: £27.50 (refreshments included)

Monday 20th June

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

Chawton House

Event: Sewing workshop with Abigail Rose

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30am - 12pm

Detail: Learn how to embroider like Jane Austen, using beautiful designs from the regency era. Embroidery artist, and Jane Austen enthusiast, Abigail Rose will teach you several embroidery stitches in order to make your own one-of-a-kind handkerchief. The workshop is suitable for beginners and all materials are provided.

Abigail Rose is an embroidery artist based in the Derbyshire Dales. She takes inspiration from her love of literature and the gorgeous countryside that she lives in.

Tickets: £45

Sunday 19th June

TEA & PROMENADE

Allen Gallery

Event: Tea and walk to St Lawrence Church

Venue: Allen Gallery, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 5.30pm - 6.15pm

Detail: Enjoy light refreshments and then promenade St Lawrence Church in time for the Choral Evensong.

Entry: Free (pay for refreshments on day)

Sunday 19th June

CHORAL EVENSONG

St. Lawrence Church, Alton

Event: Church service with Regency music

Venue: Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 6.30pm (Doors open 6.15pm)

Detail: Choral singing by St Lawrence Church Choir. You are encouraged to dress in Regency costume.

Entry: Free

Monday 20th June

WYARDS TOURS/CREAM TEAS

Wyards Farm House

Event: Tours of house with Jane Hurst and cream teas (3 tours & tea/2 teas only)

Venue: Wyards, Basingstoke Rd, GU34 4AA

Times: 1.15pm: Tour 1/Tea A (Minibus 1)

1.45pm: Tea B (Minibus 3)

2.15pm: Tour 2/Tea C (Minibus 5)

2.45pm: Tea D (Minibus 7)

3.15pm: Tour 3/Tea E (Minibus 9)

Detail: Wyards Farmhouse is an 18th century gem, hidden away between Alton and the village of Beech. The house was known to Jane Austen because of the Lefroy connection.

Tickets: £16 (price includes tour, cream tea and minibus ride to and from venue)

£12 (cream tea only, with minibus ride to and from venue)

Minibus departs Alton Community Centre 15 mins prior to tour/tea



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Monday 20th June

JANE AUSTEN & SCANDAL

Chawton House

Event: Talk by Clio O'Sullivan

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 7pm

Detail: Catch up on all the gossip with Clio O'Sullivan, who discusses the Austen family's involvement with the scandals of the day – An Aunt on trial, the Hastings Scandal, bankruptcy, a Gretna Green elopement and the Powlett Affair! Discover how a duck landed a Chawton village boy in jail and how a shipwreck nearly sunk the hopes and ambitions of one of Jane Austen's brothers.

Tickets: £10

Tuesday 21st June

JANE AUSTEN & LONDON

Jane Austen's House

Event: Talk by Angela Barlow

Venue: Jane Austen's House, GU34 1SD

Time: 11am - 12pm

Detail: This lively illustrated talk investigates the importance of London to Jane Austen in her novels and her life. Was it a 'scene of Dissipation & Vice', a place of 'domestic happiness', or a city of stimulus and freedom? Angela Barlow, in an extensive acting career, has appeared in theatre, television and radio, and in her own one-woman plays about Charlotte Brontë and Olga Chekhov. She now regularly writes and speaks about aspects of Jane Austen at literary events and for Austen groups around the UK and in the USA.

Tickets: £7.50

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CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Jane Austen's House

Event: Workshop with Alejandra Gonaldi

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Detail: Enjoy our time-travelling calligraphy workshop, revisiting the feel of writing with a dip pen and ink, as Jane Austen would have done. We will take inspiration from Jane's letters, be they her own to her family and friends, or letters written by the characters in her novels. With calligraphy teacher Alejandra Gonaldi, take a step back in time to learn how to write our own beautiful letters. You will learn to write in a cursive style, plan the best layout for your message and fold your letter as Jane Austen used to do it.

Tickets: £85 (refreshments included)

Wednesday 22nd June

JA, NEEDLEWORK & CHARACTER

Jane Austen's House

Event: Talk: Maggie Lane & Angela Barlow

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 11am - 12pm

Detail: 'In quest of two needlefuls of thread': Jane Austen, Needlework and Character. Join us for a lively illustrated talk by Maggie Lane and Angela Barlow, exploring the role of needlework in the plots of Jane Austen's novels and the depiction of her characters. It is well known that Jane Austen was clever with her needle, and several fine examples are to be seen in the museum at Chawton. But what role does needlework play in the plots of her novels and the depiction of her characters?

Tickets: £7.50 (House entry not included)

Tuesday 21st June

A TEATIME DISCUSSION

Friends Meeting House

Event: *Persuasion* with Mike Biddis

Venue: Friends Meeting House, 39 Church Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2DA

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Detail: You will be encouraged to offer your personal views on the work's strengths and weaknesses.

Tickets: £10, including refreshments

Tuesday 21st June

AN EVENING AT THE PUMP ROOM

Alton Community Centre

Event: Music with chatter and refreshments

Venue: Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Featuring Ancora & Dulcet Tones.

Tickets: £12 including refreshments

Wednesday 22nd June

ALTON GUIDED WALK

Alton

Event: Guided walk of Alton with local historian Jane Hurst

Venue: Walk starts outside Curtis Museum, High Street, Alton. GU34 1BA

Time: 11am - 12.30pm

Detail: Jane Hurst will be leading a tour of Alton, focussing on the buildings and people that Jane Austen would have known. This includes where her 'Alton apothecary' lived, where she went to buy her cloak, visited her sister-in-law when brother Francis went to sea and where brother Henry first opened his Alton bank. The walk finishes at the Allen Gallery.

Tickets: £5



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REGENCY PASTIMES

Allen Gallery

Event: Games and activities

Venue: Allen Gallery, Alton, GU34 2BW

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Detail: A range of free activities, as well as the usual access to the Allen Gallery and its garden.

Tickets: Free

Wednesday 22nd June

STITCH SALON

Jane Austen's House

Event: Drop-in sewing & knitting circle

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Detail: An afternoon of relaxed knitting or needlework, plenty of tea and cake, and of course lively conversation!

Tickets: £3 (inc. refreshments/not house entry)

Wednesday 22nd June

MEET THE FAMILY

Jane Austen's House

Event: Object show and tell

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Detail: Jane Austen had a large, clever, affectionate family. From her dear sister Cassandra to her six brothers, numerous uncles and aunts, and in time over thirty nephews and nieces, there were plenty of relatives around to inspire her, get on her nerves, swap stories with, gossip about, write to and visit. Beginning with their portraits, we will build up a picture of the family, share our favourite stories about family members and examine where they aided or inspired Jane in her writing.

Tickets: £16.50



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EDWARD KNIGHT II AT...

Chawton House

Event: Talk by Hazel Jones

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 7pm

Detail: Jane Austen's nephew Edward Knight, eldest son of her brother Edward, became a frequent presence at Chawton House from 1820 onwards. He held a number of influential offices in Hampshire and came to identify strongly with the county, despite spending the first thirty years of his life very happily in East Kent. In this illustrated presentation, Hazel Jones will trace Edward Knight's years at Chawton House with his two extensive, often quarrelsome families.

Tickets: £10

Thursday 23rd June

CURATOR'S TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Tour of 'A Costume of Sport'

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Detail: From the impressive pedigree of Jane Austen's professional cricketing nephews to the typical sporting pursuits of the gentry, 'A Costume of Sport' is a celebration of sporting heritage held in the grounds over the centuries. Did Jane Austen play sport? The exhibition also considers the typical physical exercises enjoyed by women in the Regency period, and what they wore whilst doing it, from cricket and riding to sea bathing using horse-drawn machines.

Tickets: £12

Thursday 23rd June

ORGAN CONCERT

St. Lawrence Church

Event: Concert of organ music

Venue: St Lawrence Church,
Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 1pm (refreshments from 12.30pm)

Detail: Organist: Will Nisbet.

Entry: Free - with a retiring collection.

Thursday 23rd June

AUSTEN'S TEENAGE WRITINGS

Jane Austen's House

Event: Illustrated talk by Lizzie Dunford,
Director of Jane Austen's House

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Detail: Jane Austen's teenage writings are relatively unknown, but full of interest, action and hilarity! In this lively talk, we'll explore some of the wild escapades in Jane Austen's extraordinary teenage stories, meet some outlandish characters, and examine how as a young girl, Jane Austen trained herself in the art of writing fiction - testing established literary forms and experimenting with what she could make work, and sowing the seeds of her later, great works in the process.

Tickets: £7.50

Thursday 23rd June

JANE AUSTEN COLLECTION

Alton Library

Event: Jane Austen Book Collection

Venue: Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton.
GU34 1HT

Time: 1pm to 4.30pm

Detail: A selection of books that make up the specialist Jane Austen Collection at Alton Library.

Entry: Free



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LIGHTING IN TIMES OF JA

Allen Gallery

Event: Talk by Sue Dell

Venue: Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: 'Lighting in the times and novels of Jane Austen'. This fully-illustrated talk will examine different types of lighting available during the Regency period, how they were made, what they reflect about social class and what changes took place during Jane Austen's life. It will then go on to look at light and lighting in Jane Austen's novels and examine concepts that modern readers may miss but that would have been obvious to readers of the time, using readings from several of the novels.

Tickets: £6

Thursday 23rd June

WAKING UP THE HOUSE

Jane Austen's House

Event: Early morning tour of the house

Details: See page 5 for details of this and the similar event on Sunday 19th June.

Friday 24th June

QUILTED NEEDLE CASE WORKSHOP

Gilbert White's House

Event: Sewing workshop with Frances Law.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne. GU34 3JH

Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Detail: Make a beautiful quilted case for your pins and needles! Choose your own fabrics to create a completely unique item that is personal to you, all the while enjoying the company of like-minded people.

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HOUSE TOURS

Gilbert White's House

Event: Guided tours with Kimberley James.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.

GU34 3JH

Times: **Tour 1:** 2pm - 3pm

Tour 2: 3pm - 4pm

Detail: Learn more about the biggest local literary figure before Austen moved to the area. Learn about the similarities in their lives and the people and places that they both knew. You will be lead around the 18th Century house by the museum's collections manager Kimberley James dressed in Regency costume. Tours begin from the Stable Yard and each lasts approximately an hour. Tickets include access to the house and garden before and after the tour.

Tickets: £10

Friday 24th June

GIN AUSTEN: AN EVENING AT...

Jane Austen's House

Event: Guided tours, cocktails & live music

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Times: **Tour 1:** 5.30pm - 7pm

Tour 2: 6.30pm - 8pm

Tour 3: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Join us for a look back at the history of this remarkable building, with a particular eye for the food and drink that would have been cooked and consumed here over time. We'll look at Martha Lloyd's Household Book and we'll dive into Jane (and her characters') enjoyment of alcohol. We'll finish with drinks in the garden. Enjoy a hand-crafted gin cocktail (or mocktail). These events are timed to go with the Food from Jane Austen's kitchen events at Chawton House.

Tickets: £30

Friday 24th June

FOOD FROM JA'S KITCHEN

Chawton House

Event: 3 course regency meals

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Times: **Meal 1:** 6pm

Meal 2: 7pm

Meal 3: 8pm

Detail: Enjoy culinary delights including a white soup, a favourite of Mr Bingley's and chosen for his ball at Netherfield Park, sample a taste of the Far East with Martha's "curry after the India manner" and finish with an orange cake. This unique opportunity to dine like Jane is wonderfully complemented with the "Gin Austen: An Evening at Jane Austen's House" event being held the same evening at Jane Austen's House.

Tickets: £50

Saturday 25th June

PRIDE & PREJUDICE TOUR

Jane Austen's House

Event: Guided tour of house

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Detail: This special guided tour uses objects, paintings and the House itself to examine and celebrate Jane Austen's beloved novel, *Pride & Prejudice*. You'll discover the rooms where *Pride & Prejudice* was revised and edited, and where Jane Austen read the novel aloud to a neighbour on the very day she received her first copy. You'll see portraits of people Jane knew who may have inspired characters in the novel, and objects that help the story come to life. After the tour, we invite you to drink tea with us (or coffee).

Tickets: £16.50 (refreshments included)



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FREE-WRITING SESSION

Jane Austen's House

Event: Creative writing session

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Detail: Join our quiet and creative writing room for an afternoon of free-writing, ideas and inspiration! We'll provide objects and writing prompts to help stimulate creativity, and there will be endless cups of tea available, but we'll leave the rest to you. Bring your own project to work on, or bring an empty notebook and spend the afternoon jotting down ideas. We'll be cosy and quiet, just yards from the room where Jane Austen wrote her own extraordinary works. See if the peace and quiet of an afternoon in Chawton can inspire you too!

Tickets: £3 (inc tea & cake/not entry to house)

Saturday 25th June

MUSIC & TEA

Allen Gallery

Event: Regency Music in the Gallery Garden

Venue: Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton GU34 2BW

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Detail: Enjoy a Regency tea in our beautiful Gallery Garden accompanied by acoustic music typical of Jane Austen's time. Refreshments available to purchase

Tickets: Free

Saturday 25th June

CHAWTON GUIDED WALK

Chawton

Event: Guided Walk with local historian Jane Hurst

Details: See page 5 for details of this and the walk on Sunday 19th June.

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PROGRAMME

18th - 26th June 2022



Jane
Austen
Regency
Week

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Saturday 25th June

A COUNTRY DANCE

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Nigel Close will hold a workshop, followed by dancing

Venue: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton, GU34 1BA

Time: 6.45pm - 10.30pm

Detail: "Country dances" - often referred to as "Playford" dances - were popular from the 17th to early 19th century as a sociable and light-hearted relief from the formal dances of court or the precise stepping at a Regency Ball. Nigel Close will lead a dance workshop, to teach you the basics then, after a break, a chance to enjoy some of the dances that the young Jane Austen loved. The dancing session will include light refreshments at the interval.

Tickets: £18 inc. light buffet

Sunday 26th June

GARDEN TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Guided garden tour

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10am - 12pm

Detail: Explore the beautiful grounds of Chawton House with your knowledgeable guide, taking in the wilderness, Walled Garden and stunning views over the Parkland. Discover the history of the Gardens and how changing fashions and tastes developed from a formal layout to the English Landscape style. Learn more about the Austen and Knight family, and their role in the garden changes. See how garden references in Jane Austen's novels are reflected in the horticultural setting, which she knew and loved so well.

Tickets: £8

Sunday 26th June

JANE AUSTEN REGENCY QUIZ

Alton Community Centre

Event: Informal quiz about everything Jane Austen.

Venue: Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton. GU34 1HN

Time: 6pm - 7.15pm

Detail: Sue Yearley and Mike Biddiss invite you to tackle their light-hearted test of knowledge about Jane Austen's life and works - with questions ranging from the fairly easy to the rather more challenging!

Tickets: £8, or £30 when combined with Regency Supper

Sunday 26th June

REGENCY SUPPER

Alton Community Centre

Event: Regency-style meal.

Venue: Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton. GU34 1HN

Time: 7.30pm to 10pm

Detail: A Regency-style meal where all the dishes (including the desserts) are put on the table at the same time for guests to serve themselves. You are encouraged to dress in Regency Costume, but if you'd rather not, please wear something smart.

Tickets: £25 (drinks not included)

This event marks the end of the 2022 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2023. The dates for your diary are 17th to 24th June 2023.



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