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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 5th Jane Austen Regency Week, a week-long celebration of the time Jane Austen spent living and writing in the local area. Her house in Chawton village is known to many, but less well recognised is her link with Alton. Jane regularly made the two mile journey into Alton to shop, visit friends, use her brother's bank, attend church services and concerts, and generally avail herself of the town's facilities.

Alton is a friendly community that enjoys many interesting and entertaining town centre

events each year. This year it is pleasing to report that Alton Town Council are restarting our carnival as part of our Queen's Jubilee celebrations. If you need somewhere to stay, there are quite a few hotels and guest houses (listed on our website), as well as a good number of hostleries!

We invite you to read through this programme to find out about the many and varied events taking place during this week. Below are some pictures of past events to give you a flavour of what goes on.

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Saturday 23rd June ALTON REGENCY DAY

Event: Entertainment, Guided Walk,
Carriage rides, Animals, Stalls
Venue: Alton Town Centre (High Street)
Time: 10am – 3pm
Detail: Entertainment will include May pole dancing (pupils from Alton Convent School), country dancing (pupils from Butts School), carriage rides and people in Regency costumes. At 10.30am local historian Jane Hurst will be leading a guided walk of Alton from the Curtis Museum. There will also be animals from Mill Cottage Farm Experience and much more.
Tickets: Entertainment: free
Carriage rides: pay on entry
Guided Walk: £4

All Week (23rd - 30th June) REGENCY EXHIBITION & TEAS

Event: Regency Costumes & Refreshments
Venues: Curtis Museum & Allen Gallery
Time: 10am - 5pm (teas to 4.30pm)
Detail: Curtis Museum: An exhibition of some of the finest clothes from this era of sophistication and grace. Delicate in design and needlework, including a replica of Jane Austen's pelisse coat worn during her walks from Chawton to Alton.
Allen Gallery: Feast on Rich Pound cake and Regency Queen Cup Cakes, whilst sipping a fragrant Earl Grey or even a restorative hot milk posset which was a traditional remedy for 'frail heroines'.
Info: www3.hants.gov.uk/curtis-museum
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Free entry to museum / teas: pay in Allen G.

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Saturday 23rd June HARP CONCERT

Event: Harp concert with Mike Parker
Venue: Jane Austen's House Museum,
Chawton, Hampshire GU34 1SD
Time: 7pm

Detail: The harp is perhaps one of the most iconic images of music-making in the period of Austen's works. Here is chance to hear the instruments Jane would have been envisioning as she wrote, and to explore the 'domestic' repertoire her harpist characters would have been familiar with, along with a little harp history, and perhaps, just a little scandal!

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk
Tickets: £12 / £10 concessions
(01420 83262 Jane Austen's House Museum)

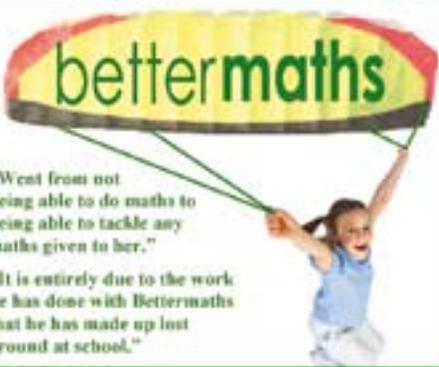
Sunday 24th June CHORAL EVENSONG

Event: Church service with Regency music
'Madding Crowd'/St Lawrence choir
Venue: St. Lawrence Church, Church Street,
Alton, Hampshire. GU34 2BW
Time: 6.30pm (Doors open 6.15pm)

Detail: Enter into the spirit of the event and if you wish, dress in a regency costume. The 'Madding Crowd' are running a workshop during Sunday afternoon in the church hall (refreshments supplied). Anyone who can sing in tune and read a bit of music can take part. Madding Crowd use instruments and those who play strings (violin, cello, viola), clarinet, bassoon, flute etc are very welcome to take part.

Info: <http://homepages.rya-online.net/mikebailey>
Tickets: Free Entry
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Monday 25th June

KATIE HALSEY TALK

Event: Talk: 'A Fine Pair of Eyes'; sight & insight into Jane Austen's novels, plus a book launch

Venue: Chawton House Library, Chawton, Hampshire. GU34 1SJ

Time: 6.30pm Drinks reception

Detail: When Mr Darcy meditates on the pleasure bestowed by "a pair of fine eyes" in *Pride and Prejudice*, he does so because eyes are so very expressive. Dr Katie Halsey explores the relationship between the physical eye and the eyes of the mind in Austen's novels. The event is also the launch of Katie's new book: *Jane Austen & her Readers, 1786 - 1945*.

Info: www.chawton.org/news

Tickets: £10 adults / £7.50 concessions
(01420 541010 Chawton House Library)

Tuesday 26th / Thursday 28th June

CHAWTON HOUSE TOUR & TEA

Event: Guided tour of Chawton House Library, cream teas and exhibition 'Jane Austen's Bookshop'

Venue: Chawton House Library, Chawton, Hampshire. GU34 1SJ

Time: 2.30pm (Tues 26th & Thurs 28th)

Detail: Guided tour of Chawton House and opportunity to see new exhibition 'Jane Austen's Bookshop' exploring how readers and writers in Winchester shared printed material. The Austen family purchased books from the bookshop of John Burdon (now Wells Bookshop), while scholars at Winchester College published their works in their own city.

Info: www.chawton.org/news

Tickets: £10 adults / £7.50 concessions
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Tuesday 26th June

HAZEL JONES TALK

Event: 'Jane Austen & Marriage'

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

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: Hazel Jones has been running adult residential courses since 1996. She is an Austen addict, having fallen in love with Henry Tilney at 11 years old. She has since been unfaithful to him with Mr Darcy, Captain Wentworth and Mr Knightley. Look out for her book *Jane Austen & Marriage* (Continuum 2009) which draws on Jane's novels and letters together with contemporary texts such as diaries, newspapers and conduct books.

Info: www3.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery

Tickets: £10 Adult / £7.50 Concessions

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Wednesday 27th June

REGENCY FASHION SHOW

Event: Lunch & Fashion Show

Venue: Alton Grange Hotel, London Road,
Holybourne, Alton. GU34 4EG

Time: 12noon for 12.30pm start

Detail: Lunch and Regency Fashion Show at Alton Grange Hotel. Drink on arrival, two course lunch with wine and coffee. Compere: Jerry Janes.

The dresses have been kindly loaned by Jane Austen's House Museum with the collaboration of Chawton House Library.

Info: www.altongrange.co.uk/special-events

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Thursday 28th June JANE HURST WALK

Event: 'Jane Austen's Alton' - guided walk with local historian Jane Hurst
Venue: Starting at Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 1HT
Time: 6.30pm

Detail: There are quite a number of buildings remaining that Jane would have seen and, in many cases, she often knew the people who lived there. Her letters reveal a great deal about the people and activities of the town, so Jane Hurst can give a good idea of what was going on in Alton during the regency period.

Info: www3.hants.gov.uk/library/alton-library
Tickets: £2 - must be purchased in advance from the library or by calling the booking line on 01420 85734

Friday 29th June REGENCY MUSICAL EVENING

Event: Evening of music and readings
Venue: Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 1AT
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: An elegant and entertaining selection of music from the era of Jane Austen. Songs by Handel, Dibdin and Schubert together with semi-staged pieces from Mozart's operas will be performed by Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society, ladies' choir Ancora, recorder chamber group Suspirium and female vocal quartet the Dulcet Tones. The hotel has a licensed bar and restaurant.

Info: www.aods.org
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Saturday 30th June

CHAWTON REGENCY DAY

Event: A day of activities & talks

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

Time: 11am – 3pm

Detail: Discover how Jane Austen's replica bed was created, watch demonstrations of domestic activities, hear about some of the museum's more unusual items. The Madding Crowd will be joining us for the day to lead singing and dancing in the garden.

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk

Tickets: Standard museum entry fee:

£7.50 Adult

£6.00 Senior or Student

£2.00 Child

Tickets to garden are free of charge.

(01420 83262 Jane Austen's House Museum)

Saturday 30th June

DOM NICHOLAS TALK

Event: "What was it like to be Miss Jane Austen?"

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

Time: 7pm

Detail: Renowned Jane Austen expert, Dom Nicholas Seymour, joins us once again to explore an aspect of the life and works of Jane Austen.

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk

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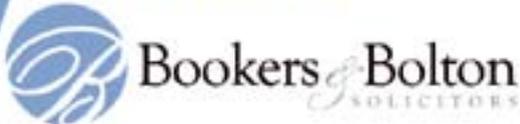
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