



Jane
Austen
Regency
Week

21st-29th June
2008

PROGRAMME

A week of events taking place at venues in Alton and Chawton, offering music, readings, plays, displays, talks, open day, fashion show, market, regency evening, cricket and much more.

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Welcome to the first ***Jane Austen Regency Week*** which is being held to celebrate the time Jane spent in Alton and Chawton. The programme runs from Saturday 21st June until Sunday 29th June 2008, with events ranging from play-reading to cricket and music to market.

The management team includes representatives from local voluntary groups, charities, professional organisations and individual volunteers. Each event is run by a different group, as detailed in the programme, under the auspices of Alton Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The result is a week for the whole community to celebrate the fact that two centuries ago this was home to the world's most famous English female writer.

Please join in and celebrate with us! The complete Event Calendar is on page 6. Details of the events are listed chronologically on the other pages, including information about venues and where to get tickets.



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EVENT DETAILS June 2008

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Sat
21st

Title: "EMMA"

Event: Talk by Dom Nicholas Seymour

Venue: Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Time: 7pm

Detail: This is a popular annual lecture event that at the time of writing is already getting booked-up. Jane Austen's House Museum holds many similar events throughout the year, as well as catering for the tens of thousands of people who come to see this house of international importance.

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk 01420 83262

Tickets: £10 / £7.50 conc. Advance booking: Jane Austen's House Museum

EVENT ORGANISER

JANE AUSTEN'S
HOUSE MUSEUMMon
23rd

Title: "JANE AUSTEN - HER LIFE"

Event: Dramatised Play by Phoenix Theatre Company

Venue: Alton House Hotel, Normandy Street

Time: 8pm

Detail: The performance includes a biographical account of Jane's life, readings from her letters and dramatised extracts from some of her best loved novels including Emma, Pride and Prejudice and Persuasion. The Phoenix Theatre is based in Bordon and performs plays throughout the country.

Info: www.phoenixarts.co.uk 01420 472664

Tickets: £8/£6 conc. Advance booking: Alton Community Centre 01420 85057

EVENT ORGANISER

Tue
24th

Title: "BORN TO BE AN HEROINE?"

Event: Dramatised Reading & Music

Venue: Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton.

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Alton's highly-regarded drama group presents a dramatised reading with musical embellishments. It is based on Northanger Abbey, with Jane's gloriously witty and perceptive parody of the Gothic genre. The songs are taken directly from Jane Austen's collection of musical scores.

Info: www.altonfringe.com 01420 83416

Tickets: £6 Advance booking: Alton Community Centre / Little Green Dragon

EVENT ORGANISER

Alton Fringe Theatre

EVENTS ALL WEEK

Costume Displays
& Afternoon Teas

Venues: Curtis Museum, High St
Allen Gallery, Church St
Days: Tuesday to Saturday
Times: 10am - 5pm
Cost: Free entry

Special Regency Dishes

Venue: Ye Olde Leathern Bottle
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Open: Tuesday to Friday
12-2.30pm / 6-9.30pm
Saturday 12-10pm
Sunday 12-3.30pm

Regency Breakfasts
and Food to take home

Where: Shops, Restaurants,
Cafés, Pubs etc
Look out for the posters on display
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Title: "JANE AUSTEN'S CHAWTON"

Event: Illustrated talk by Jane Hurst, historian & author

Venue: Alton Library, Vicarage Hill

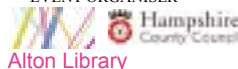
Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Discover Chawton as Jane Austen would have known it. Alton library provides a wide range of books, newspapers and magazines for both adults and children, as well as local information, free internet access, DVDs, CDs, audio books, video games plus regular events for all ages.

Info: www3.hants.gov.uk/alton-library 01420 85734

Book: Tickets £3; advance bookings: Alton Library 0845 603 5631

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Thu
26th

Title: CHAWTON HOUSE & GARDEN OPEN DAY

Event: Open Day & Dancing

Venue: Chawton House Library

Times: 10.30am till 4.30pm

Detail: Explore the delights of Chawton House, its library & gardens. Entertainment includes regency dancing, Jane Austen readings, Shire horse demonstrations and children's activities. Light refreshments will be available. The library is a unique collection of women's writing in English from 1600 to 1830.

Info: www.chawtonhouse.org 01420 541010

Book: Pay on gate - £6 for adults, children under 14 go free

EVENT ORGANISER



Fri
27th

Title: GARDEN WALK & MUSICAL EVENING

Event: Garden Tour & Evening Opening

Venue: Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Times: 4.30pm (Garden walk); 7pm - 10pm Musical evening

Detail: Walk round the garden with our gardener, Celia Simpson (approx. 45 min).

Enjoy the evening opening of the museum to the accompaniment of live music in the Drawing Room.

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk 01420 83262

Book: Garden Tour is a free drop-in event

Musical Evening usual entry fees £6 / £5 concs. / 8-18 £2 / under 8 free

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28th

Title: "FASHION THROUGH THE AGES" & MARKET

Event: Fashion show, Markets and Entertainment

Venue: Alton High Street & Market Square

Times: 10am - 4pm

Detail: A free Family day out for everyone!

"Fashion Through the Ages" - Regency period to present-day (Market Sq.)

Food Market selling a variety of food (High Street)

Craft Market, a selection of local craftspeople (Market Square)

Horse and Carriage rides throughout the town

Info: www.altonevents.co.uk 01962 733993

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Title: REGENCY EVENING

Event: Meal & Musical Entertainment

Venue: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Join us for Supper and Entertainment Regency Style

An authentic one-course supper of eleven dishes

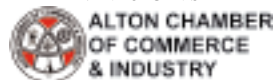
Entertainment by Hampshire Regency Dancers & St. Lawrence Singers

Dinner Jacket/Lounge Suit or Period Costume

Info: www.altonchamber.co.uk 01420 544881

Book: Tickets £20; Advance bookings: Alton Community Centre 01420 85057

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Sun
29th

Title: OLD FASHIONED CRICKET

Event: Cricket matches & stalls

Venue: The Butts, Butts Road, Alton

Times: Mayor bowls 1st Ball 9:45am; 1st Match 10am; Final 6pm & presentations.

Detail: The Old Fashioned Cricket match takes place every year between 9 local teams in a knock out tournament. The 8 Bells will be defending their title and raising money for the chosen local charity 'Over The Wall'.

There are food stalls, a beer tent with local brews, side shows etc.

Info: www.frenchhorn.co.uk/cricket 01420 83269

Book: Free (teams book); Raffle tickets & programmes sold on day

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