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This year is special in two ways - a wide range of Hampshire organisations are holding events as part of 'Jane Austen 200', marking 200th years since Jane Austen's death, and at the same time, the Jane Austen Regency Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

This programme outlines the 29 events of 2017 (our most ever), including our well-established events, complemented by a good range of one-off events to whet your appetite. The Event Index (right) is also a mini event programme, hence why some of the page numbers are out of order.

The object of our festival is to encourage more tourism in our area and to celebrate our local international literary icon. We welcome those coming from far and wide to visit our corner of Hampshire, and we hope that you enjoy yourself whilst in our company.

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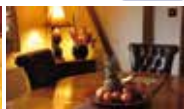
Alan Titchmarsh Deirdre Le Faye



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. Here he is seen planting the new 'Pride & Prejudice' Rose at Jane Austen's House Museum in Chawton.

Deirdre has researched the life and times of Jane Austen for the last forty years. She wrote the biography *Jane Austen: A Family Record*, plus *Jane Austen's Letters* and several other books and articles. In 2012 she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Southampton in recognition of her works.

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— Saturday 17th 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
- Musical Entertainment
- Folk Dancing
- Dandy Chargers (velocipedes)
- Soldier re-enactors
- People in Regency Costumes
(if you have your own costume, we
encourage you to wear it)

Charges: Entertainment: free

Carriage rides: pay on entry

— Saturday 17th June —

REGENCY DANCING WORKSHOP

Alton Community Centre

Event: Regency dancing lesson

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

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

Detail: Learn some of the dances that will
be used later at the Regency Ball.
Hampshire Regency Dancers, with
live music by Hampshire Regency
Players, 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.

Charge: £10

— Saturday 17th June —

ALTON REGENCY BALL

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Regency Ball with refreshments

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

Time: 7.30pm for 8pm start

Detail: Hampshire Regency Dancers are
leading the dances, this year with
dances to make up a story: “The
excitement surrounding the trip to
Box Hill in *Emma* was great.”

Dress either in Regency Costume or
smart Evening Wear. If you would
like to practise first, there is a dancing
workshop in the afternoon (see left-
hand page). During the interval there
will be a light buffet and a cash bar
for all your liquid refreshments.

Charges: £37 early-bird price up to 31st May
£47 in June





Sunday 18th 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: 11am

Detail: Whilst many people visit Chawton to see Jane Austen's House Museum and Chawton House Library, 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 18th June
GARDEN TOUR & CREAM TEA

Chawton House Library

Event: Tour of gardens

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: Tour of the grounds and gardens with Garden Manager Andrew Bentley. You can see the new planting scheme he has designed for the walled garden, sit on the new seats to enjoy the views and see the sunken fern bed that Andrew discovered, now being replanted and restored. All that along with the wonderful grassland landscape, herbaceous beds, roses and woodland walks. And when you've finished, you can retreat to the kitchen for a cream tea (included in the price).

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Sunday 18th June

ANTIQUE & CRAFT FAIR

Chawton Village Hall

Venue: Chawton Village Hall, GU34 1SB

Time: 10am - 3.30pm (see advert below)

Detail: Up to 30 stalls inside and outside.

Entry: £1 - payable on the door

Sunday 18th 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: In Alton's historic church where members of Jane Austen's family preached & several nieces & nephews were christened. You are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the event and dress in Regency costume.

Entry: Free

19th, 21st, 23rd June

CURATOR TOURS

Chawton House Library

Event: Curator's tour of the Fickle Fortunes Exhibition with Dr Gillian Dow

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30am - 12noon

Detail: Dr Dow will take you through the exhibition entitled, "Fickle Fortunes: Jane Austen and Germaine de Staël." She will explain the context behind items on display, including items from the library's own collection alongside rare items sourced from other international research libraries, reflecting on Austen's immense popularity, but also exploring the transient nature of celebrity, and introducing one of the period's most famous, and most oft forgotten, writers.

Charges: £15 Adult, £8.50 Children under 16



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Monday 19th June **JANE AUSTEN COLLECTION**

Alton Library

Event: Showcasing the Jane Austen Book Collection at Alton Library

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

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Detail: A selection of books that make up the Hampshire Library Service's specialist Jane Austen Collection at Alton Library. It includes material that covers the life and works of the author as well as information linked to relevant places and organisations. Local Historian Jane Hurst and Library Staff will be on hand to talk about the collection and provide additional information on the author and the local area.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/alton-library

Entry: Free

Monday 19th June **A LOCAL HEROINE FOR 200 YEARS**

Friends Meeting House, Alton

Event: Deirdre Le Faye talk: Jane Austen - a Local Heroine for 200 Years

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

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: A talk with slides, offering an overview of Jane Austen's life and times, brought up to date to 2017 as much as possible. Deirdre will explore Jane's connections with Alton, Basingstoke and Hampshire. Deirdre has researched Jane Austen for the last 40 years and has published a definitive factual biography, plus a new edition of Jane Austen's Letters, several other books, and numerous scholarly articles on Austenian topics.

Tickets: £10 (including tea & coffee)

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20th & 22nd June

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

Chawton House Library

Event: Charlotte Bailey class in historic needlework.

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm / 20th & 22nd

Detail: A unique opportunity to get hands on with history and learn how to embroider a handkerchief using rare 18th century patterns. Led by Royal School of Needlework graduate Charlotte Bailey, you will learn, or be given opportunities to develop, historical needlework skills by working on one or two motifs using three simple stitches. All materials are provided, and even though you will not be able to finish your work in the hour-long workshop, you can complete it at home.

Tickets: £25 (price includes materials)

Tuesday 20th June

EVENING OPENING

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Event: Midsummer Evening opening

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 5pm - 8pm (extended opening hrs)

Detail: Your once-a-year opportunity to see Jane Austen's House Museum in the evening. Apart from having access to the house, you will be able to wander around the garden with the head gardener.

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

Tickets: Normal entry fees apply. Tickets can be bought on the door or in advance from Box Office. Prices:

£8.00 Adults

£7.30 Senior Citizens

£4.00 Children (6-16 years)

(other concessions available)

Tuesday 20th June

DARCY THEN, NOW & FOREVER

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: A talk by Dr Gabrielle Malcolm

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: Dr Gabrielle Malcolm will talk about the enduring popularity of the hero or archetype based on research for her new book. So if you like Darcy The Scarlet Pimpernel vampires and superheroes this is for you.

Gabrielle is a freelance writer, scriptwriter and visiting lecturer at the university of Gothenburg Sweden. Previously she was the Visiting Research Fellow in English with the International Centre for Victorian Women Writers.

Tickets: £10 (including tea & coffee)

Wednesday 21st June

THE IMPORTANCE OF AUNTS

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: A talk by actress Angela Barlow

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: "I have always maintained the importance of Aunts" – Jane Austen. Darcy's aunt Lady Catherine de Bourgh, Fanny Price's Aunt Norris, and that most voluble of Austen aunts, Miss Bates, all appear in this lively talk by actress Angela Barlow. And then there's Aunt Jane herself ... Angela has worked extensively in theatre, television and radio, and her Austen talks have been heard all round the UK, in the US and Australia.

Tickets: £10



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Wednesday 21st June **HOW JANE LOVED THE THEATRE**

Chawton House Library

Event: A talk by Dr Paula Byrne:

Comic Muse: How Jane Austen loved the theatre and why she works in Hollywood

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 6.30pm drinks reception, 7pm talk.

Detail: Paula is author of the most recent biography of Jane Austen: *The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things*. She will explore Austen's lifelong love of the theatre, and her continuing popularity on stage and screen today. Paula Byrne is an author and biographer. Her first book was *Jane Austen and the Theatre*, and since then she has published best-selling biographies of Austen, Evelyn Waugh, and Mary Robinson.

Tickets: £11; Students / Friends £8.50

Thursday 22nd June **ORGAN CONCERT**

St. Lawrence Church, Alton

Event: Concert of Georgian organ music

Venue: Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 1pm - 2pm

Detail: Frensham church organist, Mike Smith, will be giving a lunchtime organ concert featuring Georgian period music.

The highly-rated St Lawrence church organ was built in 1866 by Henry Speechly at a cost of £850. In 1966 it was completely restored but retaining most of the original 1866 pipework. Shortly afterwards the Alton Organ Society was founded in 1967 and this year it celebrated its 50th Anniversary including visiting international organists Olivier Latry and Thomas Trotter.

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WYARDS TOUR & CREAM TEA

Wyards Farm House, Basingstoke Road

Speaker: Tour of house with local historian Jane Hurst, and cream tea

Venue: Wyards, Basingstoke Road, Beech, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4AA

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm (3 timed tours)
Minibus rides from Alton Community Centre included in price.

Detail: Wyards Farmhouse is a little-known eighteenth century gem of a house, hidden away in the fields between Alton and the village of Beech. Apart from those who stay there, this is a rare opportunity to see round the house and to enjoy a cream tea - outside if the weather is kind.

The house was known to Jane Austen because of the Lefroy connection.

Tickets: £10 (price includes tour, cream tea and minibus ride to and from venue)

Thursday 22nd June

JANE AUSTEN'S APOTHECARY

Allen Gallery, Alton

Event: A talk by Jane Hurst

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

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Jane Austen's letters twice mention her being attended by Altonian William Curtis, both in 1817. In her last written from Chawton, Jane observed that "This Discharge was on me for above a week, & ... our Alton Apothary did not pretend to be able to cope with it."

Jane Hurst will look at the life of one of the last local people to see Jane Austen before she made her last journey to Winchester.

Tickets: £5

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Friday 23rd June

NEW BED FOR AROMATIC HERBS

Gilbert White's House, Selborne

Event: A talk by David Standing
Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.
GU34 3JH

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: David will be exploring herbal medicine in the 18th and 19th centuries. A wide range of herbs was known to Gilbert White & Jane Austen, and many of these are mentioned in Hannah Glasses Cookery Book, a volume we know that Gilbert White purchased. It gives instructions on how to make such things as hysterical, plague and surfeit water! These could have been administered to Jane by Gibraltar Jack, Gilbert White's surgeon nephew... we explore the possibilities!

Tickets: £5

Friday 23rd June

AN EXCURSION TO SANDITON

Alton House Hotel

Event: Talk with Readings, presented by Alton Fringe Theatre (AFT)

Venue: Alton House Hotel,
Normandy St, Alton. GU34 1DW

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Sanditon was Jane's last novel, begun at Chawton late in January 1817 but abandoned incomplete on 18th March. The nature and significance of the work will be discussed by Prof. Michael Biddiss, with extracts read by fellow AFT colleagues. Highlighting the follies associated with the development of a new Regency seaside resort, Sanditon remains among the liveliest of Jane's creations.

Tickets: £10

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— Saturday 24th June —

ALTON GUIDED WALK

Starting by Curtis Museum, Alton

Event: Guided walk of part of Alton with local historian Jane Hurst

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

Time: 11am - 1pm

Detail: Explore the upper part of Alton's High Street, known as Crown Hill. We have got special permission to enter a number of the Georgianised buildings, offering you a very rare opportunity to see the timber-framed buildings disguised behind the smart brick frontages. William Curtis lived in No. 4 and it is likely that Jane Austen would have known most of those living in the adjacent buildings. Included is the former bank of Jane Austen's brother.

Tickets: £5.00

— Saturday 24th June —

JANE AUSTEN AT THE BBC

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Talk: A presentation by Henrietta Foster

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: Many Jane Austen fans have experienced her work through a classic BBC drama adaptation. In recognition of this important and fruitful relationship, and as part of this bi-centenary anniversary, the BBC will present a compilation of the various and varied television and radio productions of Jane Austen's oeuvre, from the early broadcasts of the 1920s to the present day. Henrietta Foster, a freelance Producer and Director at BBC Television will introduce this unique presentation.

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Saturday 24th June

LOVE & FRIENDSHIP FILM

Alton College

Event: Reception & Film Showing

Venue: Alton College, Old Odiham Road,
ALTON GU34 2LX

Time: 7pm Reception, 7.30pm Film

Detail: Adapted from Jane Austen's unpublished novella *Lady Susan*, *Love & Friendship* blazed onto the silver screen last year bringing with it a flurry of praise from critics and audiences alike. Director Whit Stillman assembled the perfect cast (Kate Beckensale, Stephen Fry, Chloë Sevigny, Jemma Regrave, James Fleet) for a refreshing take on the costume drama: it's every bit the period piece with corsets, carriages and quips - but it boasts a screenplay that sizzles with modern sensibilities.

Tickets: £10 Adults; £8 Concs. (0-25/60+)

Sunday 25th June

VICTORIAN CRICKET

The Butts Green (south end of Alton)

Event: All-day Charity Cricket Tournament

Time: 10am - 6pm

Detail: Watch cricket played by local teams dressed in period costumes, competing for a 500 guineas prize. Spectators can also enjoy the stalls and activities around the perimeter.

The rules for modern-day Cricket were set down by the Hambledon Cricket Club (Hampshire), started in 1750. It is known that cricket was played on The Butts in Jane Austen's day. There is also an account of a two-day ladies' cricket match in 1811, played at Newington Green in north London between Hampshire and Surrey teams - Hampshire won!

Info: www.altonvictoriancricket.org

Tickets: Free entry

Sunday 25th June

A PREJUDICED HISTORIAN

Friends Meeting House

Event: A Partial, Prejudiced and Ignorant Historian? A talk by Olga Palagina.

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: It is a truth almost universally acknowledged that Jane Austen's novels have become a source of fascination for book lovers and literary scholars alike. Yet despite this, her *Juvenilia* have received little critical attention. The collection of works written between the ages of 11 and 17 offers a precious insight into not only Austen's development as a writer but also the experience of female education in the years spanning 1775 - 1810.

Tickets: £7.50

Sunday 25th June

REGENCY SUPPER

Alton House Hotel

Event: Regency-style meal with entertainment by the Dulcet Tones.

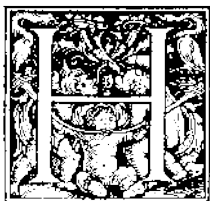
Venue: Alton House Hotel, Normandy Street, Alton. GU34 1DW

Time: 7.30pm for 8pm

Detail: We will begin with some Regency-style entertainment before starting upon 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 2017 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2018. The dates for your diary are 16th to 24th June 2018.



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