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18th-26th June 2016

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This is the 9th annual Jane Austen Regency Week, celebrating the time Jane Austen spent living and writing in our local area.

The 25 events of 2016 offer you the chance to do things as diverse as Regency dancing, watch a film, ride in a carriage and listen to talks. The event index to the right is both your page index and mini programme, so it's easy to see what is going on and when. Virtually all tickets are for sale at the Box Office - a few are only sold on the door.

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 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

Saturday 18th June

REGENCY DANCING WORKSHOP

Alton Community Centre

Event: Regency dancing lesson

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

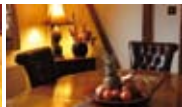
Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

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!

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Saturday 18th June **ALTON REGENCY DAY**

High Street, Alton

Event: Carriage rides, Entertainment,
Stalls and Petting Animals
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
- Pedlar re-enactor
- 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 18th June **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: Your chance to experience dancing in Regency style first hand. Hampshire Regency Dancers, with live music by Hampshire Regency Players, will be on hand to demonstrate and lead the dances. 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: £35 early-bird price up to 31st May
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Alton Regency Day



19th, 24th, 26th June

SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Chawton House Library

Event: Tours of house and gardens

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Times: Monday to Friday 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Sunday 11.00am - 5.00pm

Detail: The Library and Gardens will be open as usual for visitors during the Regency Week, with refreshments available for purchase in the Old Kitchen.

Entry tickets include access to our Emma at 200: from English Village to Global Appeal exhibition. Curator tours are available on certain days (see next event panel).

Charges: Adult: £7 / Garden only: £4

Concessions: £6

Tickets on sale on the door only

19th, 21st, 23rd June

CURATOR TOURS

Chawton House Library

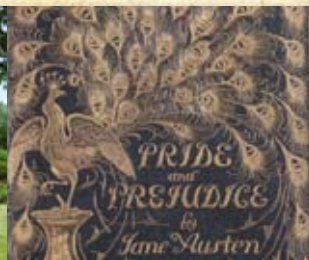
Event: Special Curator's tour of Emma exhibition with Dr Gillian Dow

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: 2015/16 marks the 200th anniversary of the publication of Emma. This occasion is being marked with the 'Emma at 200' exhibition, running until September 2016. The special tours with Dr Dow will take you through the exhibition explaining the context behind each item on display, which will include first editions of the novel from the UK and overseas, and unique manuscript material exploring the world of Austen's novel and its readers.

Charges: Standard house admission price + £2
Tickets on sale at CHL only



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We are open Monday to Friday 1.30pm to 4.30pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm. For more information, please see our website.

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Chawton House Library





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 from Box Office

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

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 two
of Jane Austen's brothers preached
& several nieces & nephews were
christened. You are encouraged to
enter into the spirit of the event and
dress in Regency costume.

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Monday 20th June
EMMA READATHON
Alton Library

Event: 10 min excerpts & discussions
Venue: Barley Meeting Room, 1st floor
Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton.
GU34 1HT (access by stairs or lift)

Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Detail: Several guests will read their favourite excerpts of Jane Austen's *Emma* throughout the afternoon. You will also have the chance to discuss the passages that have been read. Alton Library houses a Jane Austen Collection, with material that covers the life and works of the author as well as information linked to relevant places and organisations. Many of the books are available for loan.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/alton-library
Tickets: £5 from Box Office

Monday 20th June
A JANE AUSTEN CHRISTMAS
Friends Meeting House, Alton

Speaker: Maria Grace

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

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Many Christmas traditions and images of "old fashioned" holidays are based on Victorian celebrations. Going back just a little further, to the beginning of the 19th century, the holiday Jane Austen knew would have looked distinctly odd to modern sensibilities. Explore the traditions celebrations, games and food that made up Christmastide in Jane Austen's era.

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Tuesday 21st June

JANE AUSTEN'S ACTORS

Swan Hotel

Event: JANE AUSTEN'S ACTORS

Siddons, Kean and Henry Crawford

Speaker: Angela Barlow

Venue: Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton.
GU34 1AT

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: In this entertaining illustrated talk, actress Angela Barlow (Morse, Casualty, Tess of the D'Urbervilles) brings to life some of the actors Jane Austen admired (and criticised) - from stately Siddons to mad genius Kean - and asks, what did the theatre mean to Austen? Did the Georgian drama and its performers influence her writing? And where does Henry Crawford of Mansfield Park come in?

Tickets: £10 from Box Office

Tuesday 21st June

EVENING OPENING

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Event: Midsummer Evening opening

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

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

Detail: Wander around the garden with our gardener and visit the kitchen to see dishes recreated from family cookbooks. Julianne Gehrer of Jane Austen Society of North America will discuss how these foods connect to the author's life experiences and references in her letters.

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:

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Wednesday 22nd June

JANE AUSTEN'S QUILT

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Speaker: Sue Dell

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: Jane Austen's House Museum displays the quilt made by Jane, her sister and her mother. Sue Dell, Collections Volunteer at JAHM, will talk about the history, construction and fabrics of this unique quilt. She will then examine its conservation and how Austen's work and needlework have inspired modern quilters around the world.

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

Tickets: £5.00 from Box Office or JAHM
(does not include entry to house)

Wednesday 22nd June

FASHION IN THE REGENCY PERIOD

Chawton House Library

Event: *Fashion in the Regency Period*

Dr Kathrin Pieren

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 6.30pm drinks & canapés, 7pm talk

Detail: The Regency period was an exciting one for fashion, not least because the Prince Regent loved clothes. It was also a time of radical change. After the enormous robes, breeches and silk stockings of the eighteenth century, the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars contributed to push fashion towards simpler styles. This illustrated talk will include real examples of what Jane Austen and her contemporaries would have worn.

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Chawton House Library



Thursday 23rd June

REGENCY CHEESE & WINE

Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton

Event: Tasting of cheese and wine relevant to the Regency period.

Venue: Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton.
GU34 1AT

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: Waitrose Alton product specialists Caroline Rice-Martin and Dan Balls will be offering a selection of cheese and wine from the branch for tasting.

Tickets: £10 from
Box Office



Thursday 23rd June

STEDMAN THE REGENCY BUTLER

Allen Gallery, Alton

Speaker: Dr Bob France

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

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Bob will be in Georgian costume and bring his own authentic dining display as Stedman the Regency butler. He will share his experiences both above and below stairs, exploring the eccentricities of dining etiquette during the Georgian era from promiscuous seating to wine adulteration and from extortion of vails to chamber pots – nothing is concealed!

Venue: <http://hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/allen-gallery>

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Friday 24th June

JANE AUSTEN'S NEIGHBOUR

Gilbert White's House, Selborne

Event: Jane Austen's Neighbour:
Connections between Jane Austen &
Gilbert White

A talk by Kimberley James

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

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: In the villages that surround Alton not one but two pioneers were redefining literary genres. An opportunity to learn more about Austen's literary neighbour Gilbert White, and her connections to the man who wrote the fourth most published book in the English Language. Kimberley James will discuss what these two remarkable writers had in common despite appearances.

Tickets: £5 from Box Office

Friday 24th June

REGENCY EVENING CONCERT

Alton House Hotel

Event: Regency music and drama

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

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: Enjoy an elegant and entertaining evening of music and drama from Jane Austen's era performed by:

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Tickets: £10 from Box Office



Regency Evening Concert



Saturday 25th June

ALTON GUIDED WALK

Starting by Curtis Museum, Alton

Event: Guided walk of Alton with local historian Jane Hurst

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

Time: 11am

Detail: Jane Austen regularly walked into Alton to post and collect her letters, to shop and to catch the Stagecoach to London. She also knew many of the local families who lived in buildings that still stand in Alton. Local published author Jane Hurst will take you on a tour of Alton's historic buildings, explaining some of the history of their past occupants and answering any questions you might have along the way. The walk will finish at the Allen Gallery.

Tickets: £5.00 from Box Office & Allen Gal.

Saturday 25th June

BONNET-MAKING WORKSHOP

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Talk: *Make and decorate a Regency bonnet in a day*

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

Time: 10am - 4pm (bring your own lunch)

Detail: Learn an easy way of making a poke bonnet that could pass for the real thing and leave with a finished bonnet. In the morning we'll create the bonnet structure from sinamay. In the afternoon decorate your bonnet with ribbons, feathers and other fashionable trims. All of the materials you need are provided, please let us know when booking if you have a colour in mind or plan to match an existing dress. Price includes tea and coffee and entry into the house.

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Saturday 25th June

EMMA FILM

Alton Community Centre

Event: Reception & Film Showing

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

Time: 7pm Reception, 7.30pm Film

Detail: Emma Woodhouse enjoys nothing more than playing matchmaker to lovers young and old. But Emma soon finds herself embroiled in a tangled web of confusion and mistaken affection. This assured adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel won hearts and gathered praise when released in 1996. Featuring a top cast including Gwyneth Paltow, Ewan McGregor, Alan Cumming and Juliet Stevenson, this smart and witty film has audiences cheering with joy.

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From Box Office

Sunday 26th June

VICTORIAN CRICKET

The Butts Green (south end of Alton)

Event: All-day Charity Cricket Tournament

Time: 10am - 6pm

Detail: For the 33rd year, this long-standing community event offers you a relaxing and enjoyable day of things to see and do. The cricket teams wear period costumes and battle it out for a prize of 500 guineas (£525). Spectators can also enjoy the many and varied stalls and activities, and partake of the food & drink. There will be a licensed bar offering local beers. This year's charity is St Michael's Hospice and the event sponsor is Warren Powell-Richards. The first ball is at 10am - programmes will be available, including a team list.

Info: www.altonvictoriancricket.org

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Sunday 26th June

DANCING DEMONSTRATION

Chawton House Library

Event: Dancing Demonstration by
Hampshire Regency Dancers
Venue: Chawton House Library, Chawton.
GU34 1SJ

Time: 11.30am - 4.30pm

Detail: The Hampshire Regency Dancers
return to the lawns of Chawton House
Library. With dance demonstrations
and the opportunity to participate
throughout the day, bring a picnic
and end Regency Week in style.

Charges: Standard house and garden admission
prices (tickets on the door)

Sunday 26th June

REGENCY SUPPER

Alton House Hotel

Event: Regency-style meal
Venue: Alton House Hotel, Normandy Street,
Alton. GU34 1DW

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: Experience 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 from Box Office
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This event marks the end of the 2016
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