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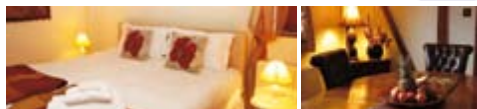
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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> Jane Austen Regency Week, celebrating the time Jane Austen spent living and writing in the local area.

2014 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Mansfield Park* being published, marked by the showing of the 1999 film.

We invite you to read about the many and varied events taking place during this week. If you need accommodation, see adverts on page 2 & 3 of this programme or see a full list on our website.

This year we are pleased to announce that we now have two patrons:

## PATRONS

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 factual biography *Jane Austen: A Family Record*, plus *Jane Austen's Letters* and several other books and numerous articles. In 2012 she was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Southampton in recognition of her works.

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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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: This family event launches the Regency Week with a street market, horse-drawn carriage rides, petting animals from Mill Cottage Farm Experience, people promenading in Regency Costumes, and a programme of street entertainment. This will include May Pole and Country Dancing, and the *Kings Pond Shanty Men*. The street market will have an interesting variety of stalls to complement the Regency theme.

Charges: Entertainment: free

Carriage rides: pay on entry

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
**MANSFIELD PARK FILM**  
Wessex Arts Theatre, Alton Colleg

Event: Reception & Film Showing

Venue: Wessex Arts Theatre, Alton College,  
Old Odiham Rd, Alton, GU34 2LX

Time: 6pm Reception, 7-9pm Film

Detail: Showing the 1999 UK film adaptation of *Mansfield Park* (15), preceded by a Regency Experience Reception from 6pm. This will include Georgian Afternoon Tea, period music and a special introduction to the film.

This event is being run by Experience Film, a local organisation that aims to create unique moments through film in Hampshire and work with local filmmakers to bring their work to a wider audience.

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— Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June —

## VICTORIAN CRICKET

The Butts Green (south end of Alton)

Event: All-day Charity Cricket Tournament

Time: 10am - 6pm

Detail: Teams in period costumes, plus stalls, activities, food & drink. Charity: Bushy Leaze Children & Families C.

Info: [www.altonvictoriancricket.org](http://www.altonvictoriancricket.org)

— Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June —

## MANSFIELD PARK READATHON

Alton Library

Event: 10 min excerpts & discussions

Venue: Barley Meeting Room, 1st floor  
Vicarage Hill, Alton. GU34 1HT

Time: 2pm to 4.30pm

Detail: Several guests will read their favourite excerpts throughout the afternoon.

Tickets: £2 from Box Office or direct:  
Alton Library 01420 85734

— Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June —

## LYNN SHEPHERD TALK

Allen Gallery, Alton

Talk: *Murder at Mansfield Park*

Venue: Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 2.30pm, including a Regency Tea

Detail: Lynn Shepherd's book *Murder at Mansfield Park* opens with a group of characters in a country house setting, with passions running high, and simmering tensions beneath the elegant Regency surface. The arrival of the handsome and debonair Henry Crawford and his sister forces these tensions into the open, and sparks a chain of events that leads inexorably to violence and death.

Venue: [www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery)

Author: [www.lynn-shepherd.com](http://www.lynn-shepherd.com)

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Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## DEBBIE CHARLTON TALK

Alton Community Centre

Talk: *Archaeology Greets Jane Austen*

Venue: Amery Street, Alton. GU34 1HN

Time: 7pm Wine Reception, 7.30pm start

Licensed bar will be open

Detail: "Although the location of Steventon Rectory is "universally" known its disappearance from the landscape has been long lamented." D. Charlton. In 2011 the Rectory Project brought together a team to discover and put together the puzzle of the birth place and first home of Jane Austen. With the project post-excitation now completed, what can archaeological interpretation tell us about the Austen family home and lifestyle?

Venue: [www.altoncommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.altoncommunitycentre.org.uk)

Tickets: £10 (inc wine & nibbles)

from Box Office: 01420 85057

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> / Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## HOUSE TOUR & CREAM TEA

Chawton House Library

Event: Bespoke tour of Chawton House Library for Regency Week

Venue: Chawton, Hampshire. GU34 1SJ

Times: Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: 11am - 1pm

Thu 26<sup>th</sup>: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Detail: Jane Austen themed house tours include a visit to one of the library reading rooms. Here you can see some first and early Austen editions, and the Grandison manuscript, produced as a play and likely intended for private family use by the Austens. Price includes cream tea after the tour and an opportunity to visit the gardens for a self-led tour. Booking essential.

Info: [www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)

Tickets: £15 adults / £8 children

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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## EVENING OPENING & WALK

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Event: Midsummer Evening opening  
& Garden Walk

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: Extended opening hrs 5pm - 7.30pm  
Detail: Jane Austen's House Museum will remain open until 7.30pm on the evening. Visitors can enjoy the garden, listen to readings, write a poem inspired by the house and handle Regency objects.

Info: [www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk](http://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:

£7.50 Adults

£6.00 Senior Citizens/Students

£2.50 Children (6-16 years)

Under 6s free

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## JANE HURST TALK

Allen Gallery, Alton

Talk: *Jane Austen's Alton*

Venue: Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: The talk will follow Jane Austen as she walked into Alton from her home in Chawton using pictures which are about 100 years old. Many of the buildings that she knew can still be seen - such as the houses rented by her brother Frank and the first home of her brother Henry's Alton Bank. As Jane wrote to Cassandra in February 1813: "I walked to Alton, & dirt excepted, found it delightful." There are limited numbers for this walk, so booking is essential.

Info: [www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery)

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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## REGENCY EVENING CONCERT

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Event: Regency music and drama

Venue: Alton House Hotel,

Normandy St, Alton. GU34 1DW

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

with licensed bar & restaurant

Detail: Enjoy an elegant and entertaining evening of music and drama from Jane Austen's era and writings with Suspirium Recorder Consort, Amici Cello Trio, ensemble singing from Ancora and the Dulcet Tones, and a special excerpt from Jonathan Dove's new opera *Mansfield Park* performed by members of Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society. As our guests, you are invited to dress in Regency style.

Venue: [www.altonhousehotel.com](http://www.altonhousehotel.com)

Tickets: £10 from Box Office

01420 85057 Alton Community Centre

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## PROF. JOHN MULLAN TALK

Chawton Village Hall

Talk: *What Matters in Mansfield Park*

Venue: Chawton Village Hall,

(event presented by Jane Austen's  
House Museum, Chawton)

Time: 2pm

Detail: Jane Austen's House Museum is very pleased to welcome back Professor John Mullan to explore the themes of *Mansfield Park*. John Mullan is Head of the Department of English Language and Literature at University College London and author of the best-selling book *What Matters in Jane Austen?: Twenty Crucial Puzzles Solved*.

Info: [www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk](http://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk)

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## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June **REGENCY SUPPER**

Alton House Hotel

Event: Regency-style meal with dancing

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

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: Enjoy 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 will also be able to enjoy demonstrations of Regency Dancing, and there will be opportunities for you to join in if you so desire. You are encouraged to dress in Regency Costume, but it's not obligatory. The price of the meal does not include drinks.

Tickets: £30 from Box Office 01420 85057

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June **CHAWTON GUIDED WALK**

Chawton

Event: Walk with local historian Jane Hurst

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

Time: 4pm

Detail: Discover the buildings and people in Chawton that Jane knew.

Tickets: £5 from Box Office 01420 85057

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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: Everyone is encouraged to enter into the spirit of event and, for those who wish, to dress in regency costumes.

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