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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 6th Jane Austen Regency Week, celebrating the time Jane Austen spent living and writing in the local area.

2013 marks the 200th anniversary of *Pride* and *Prejudice* being published. A special reception was organised on the publication date (28th Jan) and both Jane Austen's House Museum and Chawton House Library have been putting on events throughout the year. We are also arranging for road signs to tell visitors that Alton is "Jane Austen's Town".

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

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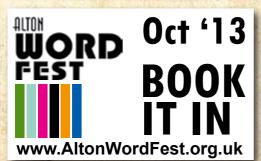
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Saturday 22nd June

ALTON REGENCY DAY

Event: Carriage rides, Entertainment, Town Hall open, Market

Venue: Alton Town Centre (High Street)

Time: 10am - 3pm

Detail: Entertainment including May Pole and Country Dancing by pupils from Alton Convent and The Butts Primary schools. You can also enjoy a carriage ride, see people in Regency costumes and watch actors playing out excerpts from Pride & Prejudice. There will be an 'art, antique, vintage and retro' market in the High Street. 2013 is also the 200th anniversary of Alton's Town Hall being opened, so it will be open to visitors, with an exhibition and councillors to answer questions.

Charges: Entertainment: free

Carriage rides: pay on entry

Saturday 22nd June REGENCY SUPPER

Event: Regency style meal

Venue: O'Connor's Secret Garden Bistro. 12 Normandy St. Alton. GU34 1BX

Time: 7.30pm for 8pm meal

Detail: Sup in Regency style when meals were rated by the number of dishes served: ours will have at least 11!

Tickets: £20 each (no wine included)

(01420 85057 Alton Community Centre)

Sunday 23rd June VICTORIAN CRICKET

All Week (22nd - 30th June)

Event: All-day Charity Cricket Tournament Venue: The Butts Green, south end of Alton

Time: 10am - 6pm

Detail: Teams in period costumes, plus stalls, activities, food and drink. Money raised is for Home-Start WeyWater.

Info: www.altonvictoriancricket.org

EXHIBITION: "IMPRESSIONS"

Event: A Contemporary Art Exhibition in Response to Pride & Prejudice

Chawton, Hants. GU34 1SD.

Detail: Pride & Prejudice has inspired many

writers but what about artists? Seven

Venue: Jane Austen's House Museum.

Time: Normal museum opening hours

Hampshire artists respond.

Entry: Standard museum entry fee

DISPLAY: JANE'S PELISSE

Event: Regency Costume Display Venue: Curtis Museum, High Street, Alton

Time: 10am – 5pm (Tues - Sat)

All Week (22nd - 30th June)



Follow in her footsteps,

And walk where she has walked. Stand where she

> must have stood. And tread where she has trod.

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Detail: A special display of Jane Austen's actual pelisse coat, which she would have worn during her walks from Chawton to Alton.

Entry: Free



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Monday 24th June

PRIDE & PREJUDICE READATHON

Event: Listen to Pride & Prejudice being read by a number of invited people

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

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Detail: Alton Library will be inviting several people to read their favourite Pride and Prejudice excerpts throughout the afternoon. The library will also be displaying some of their more specialised Austen books for the afternoon. They will allow 10 minutes per excerpt which will include time for discussion, and it will take place on the first floor of the library where the Jane Austen collection is housed

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/alton-library Entry: Free (0845 6035631 Alton Library) Tuesday 25th / Thursday 27th June CHAWTON HOUSE TOUR & TEA

Event: Guided tour of Chawton House, entry to garden and cream teas

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

Time: 2.30pm (Tues 25th & Thurs 27th)

Detail: Enjoy a talk by one of the library's very knowledgeable volunteers, including a thorough guided tour of the house and library. Cream teas available after the tour in the Old Kitchen and Courtyard. You also have the opportunity to take a selfguided tour of the extensive gardens. There are limited places on the tour so it is advisable to book ahead.

Info: www.chawtonhouse.org Tickets: £6 adults / £3 children

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Tuesday 24th June

PENNY TOWNSEND TALK

Event: Talk: Pride and Prejudice -

The enduring appeal of Jane Austen's

'darling child' of a novel

Venue: Allen Gallery, Church Street, Alton,

Hampshire. GU34 2BW

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: An examination of the comedy and characters we love and that important question: How does Darcy measure

up as a modern hero?

Penny Townsend is an author, teacher and active Jane Austen Society

member

Venue: www3.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery Tickets: £10 from Alton Community Centre (0142085057)

Wednesday 26th June STEPHEN RICHARDSON TALK

Event: The Architecture and Style of the Regency Era

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

Time: 6.30pm drinks for 7pm.talk

Detail: Stephen is an art historian, lecturer and tour guide based in Hampshire. He has published a number of articles on country house visiting, with a focus on Goodwood, Petworth, Parham, Uppark, and Hatchlands Park. He is also a guide at both the Royal Academy and at the Victoria & Albert Museum, where he describes himself as a 'creature' of the British Galleries

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Thursday 27th June

JANE HURST TALK

Event: The Villages around Alton visited by Jane Austen and her family

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

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Detail: Jane Austen's life revolved around a select group of people living in many of the surrounding villages, yet we don't often talk about these people and the places they lived in. This illustrated talk will open your eyes, showing you some of the interesting connections and related buildings that are still to be seen today.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery Tickets: £4.00 including refreshments (01420 82802 Allen Gallery) Friday 28th June

EVENING OF MUSIC & DRAMA

Event: Regency music and drama

Venue: Swan Hotel, High Street, Alton,

Hampshire. GU34 1AT

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm with licensed bar & restaurant

Detail: Enjoy an elegant and entertaining programme of music from the era of Jane Austen, as well as music written for TV and film adaptations of Pride and Prejudice. Performers include solo pianist Hannah Folkes, a cello quartet, female choir Ancora, female barbershop group the Dulcet Tones and Alton Operatic and Dramatic Society.

Info: www.aods.org

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Saturday 29th June

PROF JOHN MULLAN TALK

Event: "Jane Austen's Tricks" Venue: Chawton Village Hall,

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

Time: 2pm

Detail: Professor John Mullan will be exploring a new aspect to Jane's work - Jane Austen's Tricks! John is Head of the Department of English Language and Literature at University College London and author of the bestselling book What Matters in Jane Austen?: Twenty Crucial Puzzles Solved.

Info: www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk Tickets: Adult £10.00, Friends & Concessions £7.50, Students £5.00 (01420 83262) This is event is already very booked up, so book early to make sure that you get a place.

Saturday 29th June

GUIDED WALK OF ALTON

Event: Walk with local historian Jane Hurst Venue: Starting at Curtis Museum, High St, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 1BA

Time: 2pm

Detail: Discover the Alton buildings that

Jane would have seen.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery Tickets: £4 (01420 82802 Allen Gallery)

Sunday 30th June

CHAWTON GUIDED WALK

Event: A walk around Jane Austen's Chawton with local historian Jane Hurst

Venue: Chawton village

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: This walk will follow in the footsteps of Jane Austen around Chawton.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery Tickets: £4 (01420 82802 Allen Gallery)



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Sunday 30th June

REGENCY COSTUME-MAKING

Event: Regency costume-making workshop Venue: Gilbert White's House & Garden, and The Oates Collection, Selborne, Hampshire. GU34 3HL

Time: 11am to 4.30pm

Detail: Bring History to Life! Help add to the museum's period-style clothes and accessories to be worn by volunteers and staff for special events. Some basic sewing experience preferred. We will be using hand and machine techniques, using a commercial pattern to create and accessorise one or two Regency outfits.

Info: www.gilbertwhiteshouse.org.uk Tickets: £10 including morning coffee, a light buffet lunch & afternoon tea. Limited places - pre-booking essential

(01420511275)

Sunday 30th June

CHORAL EVENSONG

Event: Church service with Regency music, with guest preacher Canon Michael Kenning.

Venue: St. Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 2BW

Time: 6.30pm (Doors open 6.15pm)

Detail: Everyone is encouraged to enter into the spirit of event and for those that so desire, to dress in regency costumes. Canon Michael Kenning was Rector of Steventon, Jane Austen's birthplace, from 1992-2010. During his time there he gave many talks to groups visiting Steventon. He was made an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral in 2009 and a Life Member of the Jane Austen Society in 2010.

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