



Jane Austen Regency Week

20th-28th June 2015

Alton & Chawton, Hampshire

PROGRAMME



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24 events celebrating
the time Jane spent in
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WELCOME

This is the 8th annual Jane Austen Regency Week, celebrating the time Jane Austen spent living and writing in our local area.

This year there are 24 events, offering you a wide range of different things to see and do throughout the week. We invite you to browse through this programme and to buy your tickets in advance.

The object of our festival is to encourage more tourism in our area and to celebrate our local international literary icon. We are pleased to welcome a growing number of people visiting our events from countries such as the USA and the Netherlands.

Each year we strive to offer more and better events, and to be more professional. To achieve this, we need more volunteers to help with the management and to take part in some of the bigger events. If you can spare some time, please do get in touch.

We are also looking for commercial sponsors. Whilst we have been fortunate to receive a number of grants from our councils over the years, reducing budgets mean that we will need to look elsewhere in the future. We need funds to help us better-promote the week's events and to make the Regency Day that much bigger. We would be equally happy to receive donations in-kind, especially if you can help with the promotional aspects.

Note that the John Mullan Talk has been rescheduled for Saturday 3rd October.

Festival Promoter

The Regency Week is run by Alton Chamber Enterprises Ltd, the trading arm of Alton Chamber of Commerce & Industry - working to support Alton's local business community.



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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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Thanks are also due to our loyal programme advertisers and the volunteers who all help to make the Regency Week possible.



*Pictures from the 2014 Regency Week
See our Facebook page for all the galleries*



Saturday 20th 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:

- May Pole & Country Dancing
- Swordsmanship Display
- Kings Pond Shantymen
- Horse & Carriage rides (fare payable)
- The Dandy Chargers
(riders of hobby-horse velocipedes)
- Petting Animals
- Market Stalls
- 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 20th June
REGENCY DANCING WORKSHOP
Alton Community Centre

Event: Regency dancing lesson

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

Time: 3pm to 4.30pm

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
practice your newly-learnt dancing
skills.

Charge: £10 from Box Office

All Week
REGENCY DISPLAYS
Curtis Museum, Alton

Venue: Curtis Museum, High Street, Alton

Times: Tue - Sat 10am – 5pm

Detail: The museum's special display of
Regency costumes includes a summer
dress c1810, a pair of embroidered
shoes and an ivory fan, together
with a beaded purse and a lovely
sampler - all of the period when Jane
Austen lived in nearby Chawton.
The museum also has permanent
displays covering aspects of life in
the early 1800s which coincide with
the Austens' arrival in the summer of
1809. There is leaflet available which
highlights the items in the museum
that have a direct relevance to Jane
Austen's life and time.

Info: www.hants.gov.uk/curtis-museum

Charges: Entry is free

Saturday 20th 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: If you like dancing, this is your chance
to have fun dancing in Regency
style. 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 practice beforehand, there is
a dancing workshop in the afternoon.
During the interval there will be a
light buffet.

Charges: £30 early-bird price up to 31st May
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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: 2.30pm

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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Chawton Village Hall

Sunday 21st June 10am - 3.30 pm

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Free tea/coffee/soft drink between 1pm & 2.30pm with this programme.

www.facebook.com/vintagepointplus



Monday 22nd June
PERSUASION 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: 2pm to 4.30pm

Detail: Several guests will read their favourite excerpts of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* 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: £3 from Box Office

Monday 22nd June
ABIGAIL REYNOLDS TALK
Friends Meeting House, Alton

Talk: *Mr. Darcy: Still Sexy After 200 Years*
Venue: Friends Meeting House, 39 Church
Street, Alton, Hampshire GU34 2DA
Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Generations of readers have fallen in love with Jane Austen's heroes, especially Mr. Darcy. What is so special about the master of Pemberley? Why does his story continue to resonate with readers and movie-goers, and why do authors continue to write novels about him? Abigail Reynolds explores the enduring appeal of Mr. Darcy, how the public view of him has evolved and changed over the years, and how it has inspired an entire subculture of adaptations and spin-offs.

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Tuesday 23rd June **ABIGAIL REYNOLDS WORKSHOP**

Alton Community Centre

Event: Writing workshop - if you can't get enough of Jane Austen's characters.

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

Time: 10am to 12noon

Detail: This workshop will help you plan, develop, and write key scenes for your own Austenesque novel, with special attention to the unique perils, pitfalls and pleasures of setting stories in the fictional world of Jane Austen. We'll address plotting, character development, how to use historical detail and more. After going home, those who wish can send up to 5 pages of their manuscript for a follow-up critique. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced writers.

Tickets: £10 (inc refreshments) Box Office

Tue 23rd / Wed 24th / Thu 25th / Fri 26th June **HOUSE TOUR & CREAM TEA**

Chawton House Library

Event: Tour of Chawton House Library, followed by Cream Tea

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

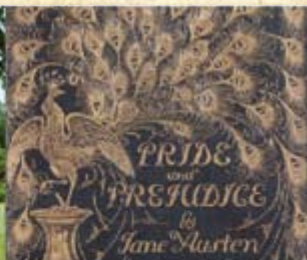
Times: Tue 23rd/Wed 24th/Fri 26th: 2pm-4pm
Thu 25th: 11am - 1pm

Detail: Enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the Elizabethan manor referred to as the 'Great House' in Jane Austen's letters. To mark the 200th anniversary of its publication, there will also be the opportunity to see a display on Jane Austen's Emma, featuring the first edition of the novel held in our library collection.

There are limited places on the tour so it is essential to book ahead.

Info: www.chawtonhouselibrary.org

Tickets: £15 adults / £8 children - Box Office (price includes cream tea)



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Walk in Jane Austen's footsteps as you stroll across the South Lawn, explore the Elizabethan manor, once owned by her brother Edward, and learn about the early women writers in our unique collection - including those who inspired Austen's own work.

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Tuesday 23rd June

EVENING OPENING

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Event: Midsummer Evening opening

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: Extended opening hrs 5pm - 8pm

Detail: Come and see Jane Austen's House & Garden in a different light.

During the evening there will be tours with our Gardener to explore our summer garden at its best. There may even be a chance to take a peek in the attics!

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

£6.50 Senior Citizens/Students

£3.00 Children (6-16 years)

Under 6s free

Wednesday 24th June

ELEANOR HOUGHTON TALK

Chawton House Library

Event: *Clothing in the Time of Jane Austen*

Venue: Chawton House Library, GU34 1SJ

Time: 6.30pm drinks & canapés, 7pm talk

Detail: Jane Austen lived through a time of tremendous political, social and economic upheaval. This was reflected in the fashions as they evolved from the wide hooped skirts and powdered hair of the 1770s to the high-waisted, muslin dresses of the Regency period. Using material in the Chawton House Library collection, together with many other contemporary sources, Eleanor Houghton will explore how fashion and social conventions would have affected Jane Austen and the characters in her novels.

Tickets: £11 / £8.50 (students/CHL friends) from Box Office



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Thursday 25th June

HAZEL JONES & MAGGIE LANE TALKS

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Talk: Hazel Jones: *North to Pemberley*

Maggie Lane: *Lady Catherine and other Widows; mercenary or mean?*
(with readings in character by actress Angela Barlow)

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

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Detail: Hazel Jones, author of Jane Austen's *Journeys*, will follow Jane Austen, her characters and contemporaries as they travel along the roads to Derbyshire, studying their maps and guide books, admiring picturesque scenery and grand houses and calling en route at coaching inns.

Maggie Lane will be looking at the unique position of widows in Jane Austen's world and at the great variety of widows in her fiction, both rich and poor, controllers and schemers. Actress Angela Barlow will be doing readings in character to accompany the talk

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

Tickets: £10 from Box Office: 01420 85057
(does not include entry into house)

Thursday 25th June

ALAN TURTON TALK

Allen Gallery, Alton

Talk: *Regency Military History*

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

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Detail: Whilst the Napoleonic Wars rarely feature in Jane Austen's novels, they do have a bearing upon many of the stories. Alan will outline the history of the Napoleonic Wars and the 'War of 1812', and consider the conditions for soldiers and sailors. These wars were very pertinent to Jane Austen because her brothers Charles and Frank were in the Royal Navy while brother Henry was in the Oxfordshire Militia before he resigned in 1801 and set up in business as a banker.

Venue: www.hants.gov.uk/allen-gallery

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Friday 26th 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

with licensed bar & restaurant

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

Amici Cello Trio

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Alton Fringe

Pianist David Bonser,

Soprano Rosalind O'Dowd and

The Alton Chamber Ensemble

performing *The Chawton Suite* by

Philip Andrews

Venue: www.altonhousehotel.com

Tickets: £10 from Box Office

Saturday 27th 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: 10.30am - 12noon

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.

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Saturday 27th June

DR. GABBY MALCOLM TALK

Alton Community Centre

Talk: *Fan Phenomena: Jane Austen*

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

Time: 12 noon - 2pm (inc light buffet)

Detail: What is the Joy of Jane? And how does she still command such popularity amongst readers after two hundred years? Dr. Gabrielle Malcolm looks at how the world of Austen fan culture and JAFF has exploded thanks to online communities, mash-ups, sequels, prequels, and adaptations. She considers Austen's influences in her writing and the influence of Austen around the world.

Tickets: £10.00 from Box Office

Price includes a light buffet

Saturday 27th June

LESLEY WARD TALK

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Talk: *Sugar & Spice: Flavours of the Regency*

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

Time: 2.30pm

Detail: Lesley Ward of Horsham Gingerbread will talk about the foods and flavours of the Regency period looking specifically at the sugars and sweet things! There will be a chance to taste the sugars and sweet dishes including the famous gingerbread. Horsham's dark, rich Regency Gingerbread blends the fruity sweetness of molasses, the sharpness of oranges and lemons with an oriental hint of ginger. Its distinct flavour will transport you back 200 years.

Tickets: £10.00 from Box Office

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— Saturday 27th June —

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Wessex Arts Theatre, Alton College

Event: Reception & Film Showing

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

Time: 7pm Reception, 8pm Film

Detail: After 7 years spent regretting being persuaded to break her engagement to Captain Wentworth, Anne discovers that the handsome and charismatic bachelor has returned to Somerset. After negotiating social etiquette, several misunderstandings and a series of mismatches, what remains of the love they once had for each other...? Enjoy this rarely-seen BBC adaptation starring Amanda Root, Ciaran Hinds and Samuel West.

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

Box Office or online from:

www.experiencefilm.org

— Sunday 28th June —

VICTORIAN CRICKET

The Butts Green (south end of Alton)

Event: All-day Charity Cricket Tournament

Time: 10am - 6pm

Detail: For the 32nd 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 Alton Community Association 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

Tickets: Free entry

— Sunday 28th 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. Entertainment will be provided by The Dulcet Tones.

You are encouraged to dress in Regency Costume, but if you'd rather not, please wear something smart.

This event marks the end of the 2015 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2016. The dates for your diary are 18th to 26th June 2016.

Tickets: £25 from Box Office

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