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# Jane Austen Regency Week

21<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## PROGRAMME



The fifteenth number



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## Welcome

WE proudly present you with your programme of 42 events that make up the extended 10-day Jane Austen Regency Week, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year. If you can, please dress up and enjoy yourself over your visit to our corner of the world. We very much look forward to seeing you.

## Patron & Sponsor

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Caroline is the last of Jane Austen's nieces to grow up at Chawton House. She is founder of a charity called Jane Austen Literacy Foundation and author of *Jane & Me: My Austen Heritage*. She also kindly sponsors the Regency Week.

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### KEY

AAR: Alton Assembly Rooms  
ACC: Alton Community Centre  
AG: Allen Gallery  
AL: Alton Library

CH: Chawton House  
FMH: Friends Meeting House  
GW: Gilbert White's House  
JAH: Jane Austen's House

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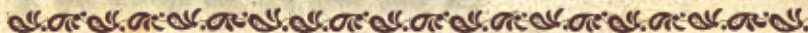
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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## REGENCY RETICULE WORKSHOP

Alton Community Centre

Event: Workshop to create your own Regency-era reticule

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

Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £55

Detail: Decorate your own Regency style reticule to put the finishing touch to your Regency outfit. All materials are provided (either cotton or satin) and the reticules are part made so you will have plenty of time to enjoy the finishing and embellishment process. Preselect your fabric by emailing.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## A POSH LUNCH

Alton Community Centre

Event: Enjoy an 'afternoon tea' style lunch

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

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Tickets: £10

Detail: Join us for a posh lunch to begin your Regency Week experience in style. Sandwiches, cakes, scones etc all served on delicate china.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## FEATHER HEADPIECE WORKSHOP

Alton Community Centre

Event: Create your own headpiece

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

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Tickets: £45 inc materials

Detail: Make your own Regency style feather headpiece to put the finishing touch to your outfit. All materials are provided and you will be able to enjoy picking your design along with the finishing and embellishment process. Pre-select your fabric by emailing in advance.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June

## WELCOME RECEPTION

Alton Community Centre

Event: Social event with stalls and speaker

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

Time: From 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Tickets: Free entry

Detail: Your chance to meet the organisers of Regency Week and representatives from participating organisations, buy and collect tickets and hear from Caroline Knight, Jane Austen's fifth generation great niece. The cafe and bar will be open.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## ALTON REGENCY DAY

Alton High Street

Event: Traditional & cultural celebration of Alton in Regency times.

Venue: Alton Town Centre (High Street)

Time: 10am - 3pm

Tickets: Free entry

Detail: The entertainment will include:

- Horse & Carriage rides (fare payable)
- Petting Animals
- Market stalls
- Soldiers & Naval re-enactors
- Alton Morris dancers
- Kings Pond Shantymen
- People in Regency Costumes (if you have your own costume, we encourage you to wear it)

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## ALTON TOWN GUIDED WALK

Alton Town Centre

Event: Guided walk of Alton

Venue: The Curtis Museum, High Street,  
GU34 1BA

Time: 11am

Tickets: £3

Detail: Join one of the Alton Town Guides dressed in his best Regency attire on this Jane Austen-themed guided walk of historic Alton.



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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## REGENCY DANCING WORKSHOP

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Regency dancing lesson

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

Time: 3.30pm to 5pm

Tickets: £15 (£70 combination deal for ball)

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 21<sup>st</sup> century clothes!

We encourage you to attend the Regency Ball later the same day to practise your newly-learnt dancing skills.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## ALTON REGENCY SUMMER BALL

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Regency Ball with refreshments

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

Time: 7.30pm to 11pm (doors open 7pm)

Tickets: £60 (£70 if combined with workshop)

Detail: Hampshire Regency Dancers, with live music by Hampshire Regency Players, are leading the dances and will be on the dance floor to help you keep up with all the moves.

Dress either in Regency Costume or smart Evening Wear. If you would like to practise first, there is a dancing workshop in the afternoon.

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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June / Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

## WAKING UP THE HOUSE

Jane Austen's House

Event: Behind the scenes at Jane Austen's House

Venue: Jane Austen's House, Winchester Rd, Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 9am (time applies to both dates)

Tickets: £25 inc light breakfast

Detail: An exclusive glimpse behind the scenes, as Jane Austen's House wakes up for the day. In this special access, early-morning tour, we'll be unlocking doors, opening shutters and letting sunshine into the darkened rooms. We'll take a peep into the attic, dust away cobwebs, and check that everything is in order to start the day. Along the way, we'll share secrets and stories of this extraordinary house through the ages. After the tour, you'll enjoy a light breakfast of tea and toast - just as Jane used to do!

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JANE & CASSANDRA

Chawton

Event: Walking in the footsteps of Jane & Cassandra

Meet: Chawton Sign, Winchester Road, Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 11am

Tickets: £6

Detail: Join two present-day sisters Jenny and Wendy as they stroll through Chawton Village in the steps of two well known Sisters, Jane and Cassandra Austen. They will be comparing early 19<sup>th</sup> century Chawton with 21<sup>st</sup> century Chawton, chatting about characters that Jane and Cassandra would have known and generally having a promenade to show off their bonnets.

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Jane Austen Regency Picnic



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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June PARADE FOR LITERACY Chawton

Event: Walk with Jane's family from Jane Austen's House to Chawton House  
Meet: Chawton Sign, Winchester Road, Chawton, GU34 1SD  
Time: 1pm  
Tickets: £10  
Detail: Join Jane Austen's family in a parade from Jane Austen's House to Chawton House, stopping at St Nicholas Church in Chawton, to visit Jane's statue. The parade is a fundraiser for the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation, founded by Caroline Jane Knight, the last of Jane's nieces to grow up at Chawton House and Patron of Jane Austen Regency Week. (Regency attire encouraged but not essential).

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June REGENCY PICNIC Chawton House

Event: Picnic and entertainment  
Venue: Dyers Barn, Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ  
Time: 1.30pm - 4pm  
Tickets: £30 inc food / £15 Entrance only  
Detail: This year's speakers include authors Zoe Wheddon and Hazel Mills. The winner of the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation Short Story Writing Competition 2024 will also be announced and narrated.  
The Regency picnic box includes a delicious savoury, Meringues Rempli, rout cakes and lemon shortbread, home-made lemonade. Hosted by Caroline Jane Knight, all profits will be donated to the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation and Chawton House. Regency costume encouraged but not essential and we suggest you bring a picnic blanket. In case of poor weather, the picnic will be held in the barn.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June EXTENDED OPENING, REFRESHMENTS & PROMENADE Allen Gallery

Event: Viewing of gallery, refreshments and gathering place before promenade  
Venue: The Allen Gallery, 10-12 Church Street, Alton, GU34 2BW  
Time: 4.30 - 6.15pm  
Tickets: Free entry / charge for refreshments  
Detail: Drop in for tea and cake at the gallery Cafe before joining the promenade at 6.15pm to St Lawrence Church for Evensong. The gallery will be open for extended hours so visitors can enjoy the peaceful garden and ceramics collection.

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June CHORAL EVENSONG St Lawrence Church

Event: Evensong choral church service with Regency music  
Venue: St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton, GU34 1BW  
Time: 6.30pm (doors open at 6.15pm)  
Tickets: Free entry; retiring collection  
Detail: Enjoy a traditional choral evensong with a Regency theme. Guest speaker Revd Canon Roly Reim, Vice Dean of Winchester Cathedral. Many people, including the choir and the congregation will be in costume, so if you would like to dress up, we encourage it.



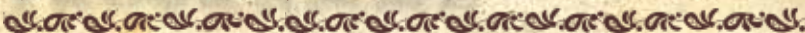
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Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## HOUSE OF EMBROIDERED PAPER

Alton Community Centre

Event: The Regency Wardrobe talk with Stephanie Smart

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

Time: 10.30am

Tickets: £12 inc tea/coffee

Detail: Stephanie is a fine artist who makes life-sized garments entirely from paper and thread. She'll describe the background to her work and will show images of particular pieces from The Regency Wardrobe. She will also talk about her current project working with Historic Royal Palaces, Whitchurch Silk Mill and Macclesfield Silk Museum on the creation of a new collection.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## WYARDS TOURS & CREAM TEAS

Wyards Farmhouse

Event: Tours and refreshments, with minibus transport to and from site

Venue: Minibus departs at stated times below from Alton Community Centre

Times: 1pm Tour and cream tea

1.30pm Tea only

2pm Tour and cream tea

3pm Tour and cream tea

Tickets: £16 Tours & tea / £13 Tea only

Detail: Wyards Farm is a little-known seventeenth 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. The current owners are Ann and William Monk. William is a distant relation of the Lefroy family. That's what you call provenance!

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## REGENCY TREASURES

Chawton House

Event: Midsummer evening drinks and canapés, and library curatorial talks

Venue: Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ

Times: 6pm for 6.30pm Library talk

7pm for 7.30pm Library talk

Tickets: £25 inc drinks and canapés

Detail: Stroll through the gardens and enjoy a glass of Pimms. Then join a curator in the library for a guided viewing of a special display of Regency treasures, including the presentation copy of Jane Austen's Emma, the manuscript play of Sir Charles Grandison written in Jane's hand and a selection of the works that influenced her writing.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## SEWING WORKSHOP

Gilbert White's House

Event: Hand-quilted hexi coasters workshop

Venue: Gilbert White's House, The Wakes,  
High Street, Selborne, GU34 3JH

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Tickets: £25

Detail: Sew your own hexi coasters then hand quilt them as much or as little as you want. It's simple sewing; if you can thread a needle you can do this!

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## REGENCY GARDEN TOUR

Gilbert White's House

Event: Garden Tour of Gilbert White's House

Venue: Gilbert White's House, The Wakes,  
High Street, Selborne, GU34 3JH

Times: 1.30 - 2.30pm

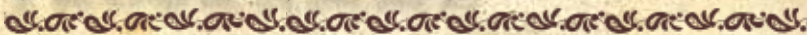
Tickets: £8

Detail: A tour of Gilbert White's garden to see what plants and methods were popular in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Hear extracts from White's gardening diaries and see images of the gardens as they were 250 years ago.



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## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June **REGENCY HOUSE TOUR** Gilbert White's House

Event: Tour of Gilbert White's House  
Venue: Gilbert White's House, The Wakes,  
High Street, Selborne, GU34 3JH  
Times: 3pm - 4pm  
Tickets: £8

Detail: Although Jane Austen and Gilbert White never met, Austen knew Gilbert White's house and it's inhabitants during the regency era. White and Austen knew many of the same people and walked the same landscapes. In our house tour your Regency guide will take you around Gilbert White's House introducing you to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century naturalist and writer, who in Austen's time, was the local literary celebrity of the day.

## Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June **PRIDE & PREJUDICE FILM** Allen Gallery

Event: Film showing  
Venue: The Allen Gallery, 10-12 Church Street, Alton, GU34 2BW  
Time: 6.30pm for 7pm film  
Tickets: £7.50 / £6 concessions

Detail: Join us for a screening of the 1940 film adaptation (rated U) of Pride and Prejudice, directed by Robert Z Leonard and starring Edmund Gwenn, Bruce Lester, Laurence Olivier and Maureen O'Sullivan. The film will start at 7.00pm, with the cafe and garden open from 6.30pm for wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Running time 118 minutes. There will be an interval of approx 15 minutes. A selection of wines, soft drinks, ice cream and snacks will be available to purchase before the film and during the interval.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June **BONNET WORKSHOP** Alton Community Centre

Event: Make a Regency bonnet or turban  
Meet: Alton Community Centre,  
Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN  
Time: 10am - 12.30pm  
Tickets: £80

Detail: Choose from either fabric or straw brim for Bonnet, cotton or satin fabric for turban. They are part-finished so participants will have time to enjoy the finishing and embellishment process. It is possible to pre-select fabrics by emailing in advance.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June **GUIDED ALTON WALK** Alton Town Centre

Event: Guided walk of Alton with local historian Jane Hurst  
Meet: Walk starts at the Cairn, High Street, Alton. GU34 1BA  
Time: 11am - 12.30pm  
Tickets: £6

Detail: Jane Hurst will be focussing on the buildings and people that Jane Austen would have known in Alton. Many of the places that she would have seen when coming into her market town are still standing, so see what she would have seen.

## Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June **A POSH LUNCH** Alton Community Centre

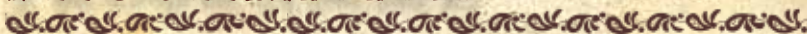
Event: Enjoy an 'afternoon tea' style lunch  
Venue: Alton Community Centre,  
Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN  
Time: 12.30 - 1.30pm  
Tickets: £10

Detail: Join us for a posh lunch with sandwiches, cakes, scones etc all served on delicate china. Ideal if you are attending the bonnet workshop.





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### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June OPEN AFTERNOON Allen Gallery

Event: Drop-in to enjoy refreshments, garden  
and gallery

Meet: The Allen Gallery, 10-12 Church  
Street, Alton, GU34 2BW

Time: 1.30pm - 4pm

Tickets: Free entry

Detail: Drop in to see the gallery's  
internationally significant ceramics  
collection, including a number of  
Regency-era pieces. Enjoy a drink  
and cake in the cafe or visit our small  
and secluded garden.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June PARASOL WORKSHOP INC PARASOL & MATERIALS Alton Community Centre

Event: Embellish a parasol for your outfit

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

Time: 2pm - 4.30pm

Tickets: £120

Detail: Join us for this workshop where you  
can embellish the supplied parasol  
to elegantly complete your Regency  
costume.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June MISS AUSTEN INVESTIGATES Alton Community Centre

Event: Talk by authors Jessica Bull and  
Louise Morrish

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

Time: 7.30pm

Tickets: £10

Detail: Local Author Lou Morrish will be  
in conversation with debut author  
Jessica Bull about her novel "Miss  
Austen Investigates". Both authors  
have written about historical events  
and characters which are actual and  
fictional.



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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## AUSTEN BOOK COLLECTION

Alton Library

Event: Drop-in session to look through the Jane Austen book collection.

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

Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Tickets: Free entry

Detail: Alton Library houses the County's Jane Austen collection of books, so it's your chance to see them and look through them at your leisure. .

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## ORGAN RECITAL

St Lawrence Church

Event: Live organ recital in church

Venue: St Lawrence Church, Church Street,  
Alton, GU34 1BW

Time: 1pm - 2pm (doors open 12.30pm)

Tickets: Free entry (retiring collection)

Detail: Organist Will Nisbet's performance will include music by JS Bach, Buxtehude, Handel and Jehan Alain's famous "Litanies". Refreshments will be available from 12.30pm.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## A TEATIME DISCUSSION

Friends Meeting House

Event: Discussion about Northanger Abbey

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Tickets: £12, inc refreshments

Detail: Our very successful Regency Week series devoted to relaxed discussion of Jane's novels continues with a focus on Northanger Abbey. During this informal session, led by Prof. Michael Biddiss, participants will be encouraged to offer their personal views on the work's strengths and weaknesses. Lively debate will be fuelled by tea and biscuits.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## SUMMER EVENING CIRCULAR WALK WITH JENNY & FREDDIE

Chawton

Event: Group walk - 4.61 miles / 7.4km

Meet: Chawton car park, Winchester Road,  
Chawton, GU34 1SB

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm (ish)

Tickets: £6

Detail: Your chance to walk in the footsteps of Jane Austen as we go from Chawton to Farringdon, where her friends lived. There are some inclines and uneven paths, so please wear appropriate shoes. If you wish to dress in Regency costume, please feel free. Dogs on leads welcome.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## CURATOR TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Curator's tour of 'Chawton in Stitches'

Venue: Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ

Time: 11am - 12.15pm

Tickets: £15 inc house entry

Detail: A tour of the Summer exhibition showcasing the work of award-winning graduate of the Royal School of Needlework Emily Barnett, whose project takes inspiration from the gardens and collection at Chawton House. Her unique pieces are displayed alongside historic decorative arts pieces from the collection, printed advice on 'feminine accomplishments', and manuscript and scrap books compiled by eighteenth- and nineteenth-century women. Together, this exhibition paints a picture of the ways in which artistic endeavour, from needlework and knitting to watercolour, has provided occupation, solace, community and skill to women from the eighteenth century to today.





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## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June **GARDEN TOUR** Chawton House

Event: Garden Tour of Chawton House  
Venue: Chawton House, Chawton, GU34 1SJ  
Time: 2pm  
Tickets: £15 inc house entry  
Detail: Explore the beautiful grounds of Chawton House with your knowledgeable guide, taking in the Wilderness, Walled Garden, and the stunning views over the Parkland. Discover the history of the Gardens and how changing fashions and tastes developed from a formal layout to the English Landscape style. Learn more about the Austen and Knight families, and their role in the garden changes. See how the garden references in Jane Austen's novel are reflected in the horticultural setting, which she knew and loved so well.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June **MIDSUMMER EVENING OPENING** Jane Austen's House

Event: A rare chance to enjoy Jane Austen's House of an evening  
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Winchester Rd, Chawton, GU34 1SD  
Time: 5pm - 8pm  
Tickets: Adults: £13.50 / Seniors: £13.00  
Book with Jane Austen's House  
Detail: An exclusive opportunity to visit Jane Austen's House on a summer's evening. As twilight falls, explore the House by atmospheric candlelight. Afterwards, relax with a cup of tea and a slice of cake in the pretty cottage garden and enjoy the heady scent of the roses.

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June **WAKING UP THE HOUSE** Jane Austen's House

Detail: See main entry on page 6

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June **CHILDREN'S REGENCY CRAFTS** Alton Library

Event: Drop-in Regency-inspired children's craft activities  
Venue: Alton Library, Vicarage Hill, Alton, GU34 1HT  
Time: 10am - 11.30am  
Tickets: Free entry  
Detail: Be a Regency fashion designer. Join us for our Jane Austen craft morning and dress your own cut out dolls of Regency ladies and gentlemen.

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June **GUIDED WALK OF CHAWTON** Chawton

Event: Guided walk of Chawton with local historian Jane Hurst  
Meet: Starting at the Alton side of the Chawton underpass, Winchester Rd.  
Time: 11am  
Tickets: £6  
Detail: There are many buildings and former residents of Chawton who were connected with Jane Austen and her family. Note that some pavements are uneven, so it's important to wear sensible shoes and come prepared for sun or rain!

## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June **JANE AUSTEN ON THE HIGH SEAS** Jane Austen's House

Event: Guided tour of house on the theme of Jane Austen & the High Seas  
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Winchester Rd, Chawton, GU34 1SD  
Time: 3.30pm  
Tickets: £25  
Detail: Explore Jane's connections with the sea, both in her novels and in life. Her brother Francis served in the Navy and influenced her writing. See new exhibitions relating to his life and the Mansfield Park naval connections.



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## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June **A COUNTRY DANCE** Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Workshop and dancing led by Nigel Close; live music by Pete & Sue Hall.  
Venue: Alton Assembly Rooms, High Street, Alton, GU34 1BA  
Time: 6.30pm - 10.30pm  
Tickets: £22  
Detail: "Country dances" were popular as a sociable and light-hearted relief from the formal dances and balls. Nigel will lead a dance workshop to teach you the basics then, after a break, a chance to enjoy some of the dances that the young Jane Austen loved.

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June **ALTON SECOND-HAND BOOK, MAP & EPHEMERA FAIR** Alton Community Centre

Event: Table top sale  
Meet: Alton Community Centre, Amery Street, Alton, GU34 1HN  
Time: 10am - 4pm  
Tickets: £1 on door (accompanied u18s free)  
Detail: Books for all tastes and budget, covering fiction, non-fiction, classics, literature, food, the arts, transport, military history, children's books, local history and much more. The cafe will be open for refreshments.

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June **GUIDED WALK OF ALTON** Alton Town Centre

Event: Guided walk of Alton with local historian Jane Hurst  
Meet: The cairn (near Assembly Rooms), High Street, Alton, GU34 1BA  
Time: 11am  
Tickets: £6  
Detail: See where her 'Alton apothecary' lived, where she went to buy her cloak, visited her sister-in-law when brother Francis went to sea and where brother Henry opened his Alton bank.

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June **REGENCY SUPPER** Jane Austen's House

Event: Regency-style meal.  
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton, GU34 1SD  
Time: 7pm to 10pm  
Tickets: £28 (drinks not included)  
Detail: A Regency-style meal where all the dishes 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.

This event marks the end of the 2024 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2025. The dates for your diary are 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We will also be repeating the successful Jane Austen Birthday Ball on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

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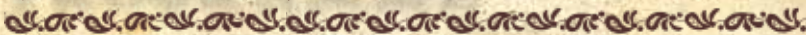
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