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## Welcome

This programme outlines the 30 events that make up the 2019 Jane Austen Regency Week. We invite you to enjoy the talks, tours, walks, music, performances and activities. Tickets are going fast, so don't delay.

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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**ALTON REGENCY DAY**  
High Street, Alton

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

Venue: Alton Town Centre (High Street)

Time: 10am – 3pm

Detail: The entertainment will include:

- Horse & Carriage rides (fare payable)
- Petting Animals
- Market stalls
- Soldier re-enactors
- Dandy Chargers (on velocipedes)
- Shanty Men
- People in Regency Costumes (if you have your own costume, we encourage you to wear it)

Charges: Free entry to event

Carriage rides: pay on entry

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

Detail: Learn some of the dances that will be used later at the Regency Ball. Hampshire Regency Dancers 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 practise your newly-learnt dancing skills.

Tickets: £10

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Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
**ALTON 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: Hampshire Regency Dancers 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.

During the interval there will be a light buffet and a cash bar for all your liquid refreshments.

Tickets: £40 early-bird price up to 31<sup>st</sup> May  
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Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
**AUSTEN REGENCY PICNIC**  
 Chawton House

Event: Walk and heritage picnic at Chawton House with Caroline Jane Knight.

Venue: Starting by signpost and promenade to Chawton House for picnic.

Time: 12pm (12.30pm picnic), finish 3pm

Detail: Regency picnic box with food designed by Caroline Jane Knight (Jane Austen's fifth great niece), home-made lemonade and entertainment by actress Susannah Harker, Sophie Andrews and the Pineapple Appreciation Society. Regency costume encouraged but not essential, bring a picnic blanket. In case of poor weather the picnic will be held inside. Vegetarians catered for – please advise at time of booking of any other dietary restrictions.

Tickets: £25 price includes picnic

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
**PRIDE & POSSIBILITIES TALK**  
 Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Caroline Knight talk

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

Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

Detail: Caroline Jane Knight, Jane Austen's fifth great niece, talks about her family's library at Chawton House, Caroline's childhood home, the inspiration behind the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation. The eclectic collection put together over centuries, was inherited by Jane's brother Edward and Jane herself enjoyed access to the same library during the most productive period of her writing career.

Tickets: £10



## Explore Chawton House

Known to Jane Austen as 'the Great House', she would stroll up to 'dawdle away' many an hour in the grand Elizabethan manor and its picturesque gardens.

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## 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: Enjoy the historic atmosphere of Alton's historic church where members of Jane Austen's family preached and where Jane would have attended the Christenings of several nieces & nephews.

Choral singing by St Lawrence Church Choir, directed by Tony Willman and accompanied on the organ by Will Nisbet.

You are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the event and dress in Regency costume.

Entry: Free

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## A MORNING WITH ALISON LARKIN

Chawton House

Event: Talk by Alison Larkin.

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30 - 11.30am

Detail: Raised near Chawton by adoptive parents, when Alison learned her birth parents were from America she moved to New York and became a stand-up comic. She wrote *The English American*, a bestselling autobiographical novel, appeared on Broadway and has since narrated over 200 audiobooks, many of them NY Times bestsellers. Alison will talk about her journey to and from America and read a passage from Northanger Abbey & Persuasion with Poems and *The History of England* by Jane Austen.

Tickets:£15

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## JANE AUSTEN COLLECTION

Alton Library

Event: Showcasing the Jane Austen Book Collection at Alton Library

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

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Detail: A selection of books that make up the Hampshire Library Service's specialist Jane Austen Collection at Alton Library. It includes material that covers the life and works of the author as well as information linked to relevant places and organisations. Local Historian Jane Hurst and Library Staff will be on hand to talk about the collection and provide additional information on the author and the local area.

Info: [www.hants.gov.uk/alton-library](http://www.hants.gov.uk/alton-library)

Entry: Free

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

## WE THEN WENT TO WEDGWOODS

Chawton House

Event: Caroline Knight talks about dining and entertaining at Chawton House

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

Detail: As a young girl Caroline ate from the same dining room table and Wedgwood china as Jane Austen and loved cooking family recipes with her mother and grandmother. Caroline will share some of her favourite recipes and discuss the history of her family's Wedgwood dinner service ordered when Jane visited Wedgwood's London showroom with her brother Edward in September 1813. Some rarely seen pieces of this important family heirloom will be on show.

Tickets:£15



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## EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP

Chawton House

Event: Workshop with Charlotte Bailey

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: Tue 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: A rare chance to get hands-on with history and learn how to embroider a handkerchief using rare eighteenth-century patterns from the long-running monthly Lady's Magazine (1770-1832). Led by Royal School of Needlework graduate Charlotte Bailey, you will learn historical needlework skills. Charlotte Bailey is a freelance hand-embroidery artist (convinced she was born in the wrong time period!) with a passion for historical technique combined with contemporary application.

Tickets: £30 including materials

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## A TEATIME DISCUSSION

Friends Meeting House

Event: Mansfield Park: a Teatime Discussion

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Detail: Building on the enthusiastic response to last year's innovation, Michael Biddiss and Jane Blandy will again introduce and encourage a relaxed discussion of one of Jane's novels. During this very informal session everyone attending will be invited to voice their own personal views about the strengths and weaknesses of 'Mansfield Park', arguably Jane's most challenging work. Lively debate will be fuelled by tea and biscuits, included in the price of the event.

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

## SUMMER EVENING OPENING

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Event: Evening opening

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 6pm - 8pm

Detail: Your exclusive opportunity to enjoy Jane Austen's House Museum on a summer's evening. Enjoy exploring the house after hours and learn more about our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, Making the Museum, in pop-up talks from the exhibition curator. Take a look behind-the-scenes in the Austens' Attic (usually closed to the public) in 'Attic Peeps' sessions with our Learning Officer. Finally, relax with a cup of tea and a slice of cake in Jane's garden amid the heady scent of the roses.

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

Tickets: £10

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## A DIP IN THE SEA WITH JANE

Friends Meeting House

Event: A talk by Penny Townsend

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

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Detail: Join Penny in a dream of Summer Days enjoyed by the Sea in the time of Jane Austen. Forsake the inland dust, heat and austere Classicism for the dramatic scenery and refreshing breezes of the Romantic coastline. Stand by young Francis Burney watching the fisherwomen of Teignemouth, lean over Keats as he works on Endymion and of course take a Dip in the Sea with Jane Austen.

Tickets: £10

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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: 11am / Wed 26<sup>th</sup> & Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

Detail: Whilst many people visit Chawton to see Jane Austen's House Museum and Chawton House, 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: £15

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## AN EVENING WITH MR BINGLEY

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: A talk by Jenny Colquhoun

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

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Do you relish a bit of gossip, especially the Regency variety?

Mr Bingley invites you to come and join him and some of his family for an agreeable evening of gossip, scandal, rumour and tittle-tattle, plus other amusing diversions, all fuelled with home-made cakes, tea and possibly other stronger libations.

Also by popular request, a performance of Lady Catherine de Burgh's visit to Longbourn.

Tickets: £12 (refreshments included in price)



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## GARDEN TOUR & TRAIL

Chawton House

Event: Opening of new garden tour and trail

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10am - 12pm

Detail: Join Chawton House for the official opening of their new Jane Austen Garden Trail: a unique walking route around the Chawton grounds, which allows visitors to follow in Jane's footsteps. Each sign is located at an iconic spot around the gardens with a quotation from Austen's writings.

There will be tea and pastries on arrival (included in price), followed by the official opening ceremony conducted by Professor Janine Barchas, and a staff-led garden tour encompassing the new trail.

Tickets: £15

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## ORGAN CONCERT

St. Lawrence Church, Alton

Event: Concert of Georgian organ music

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

Time: 1.10pm (refreshments from 12.30pm)

Detail: Will Nisbet, organist at St Lawrence Church Alton, will play music by JS Bach, Karg-Elert, Stanley and George Thalben-Ball.

The highly-rated St Lawrence church organ was built in 1866 by Henry Speechly at a cost of £850. In 1966 it was completely restored but retaining most of the original 1866 pipework. Shortly afterwards the Alton Organ Society was founded in 1967.

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## WYARDS TOUR & CREAM TEA

Wyards Farm House, Basingstoke Road

Speaker: Tour of house with local historian Jane Hurst, and cream teas

Venue: Wyards, Basingstoke Road, Beech, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4AA

Times: 1.15pm - 4.45pm (3 tours & 5 teas)  
Minibus rides from Alton Community Centre included in price.

Detail: Wyards Farmhouse is an 18<sup>th</sup> century gem, hidden away between Alton and the village of Beech. The house was known to Jane Austen because of the Lefroy connection.

This year we are running 3 tours, with cream tea included, as well as two other cream tea only sessions.

Tickets: £12 (price includes tour, cream tea and minibus ride to and from venue)  
£10 (cream tea only, with minibus ride to and from venue)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June

## JANE, THE CHAWTON YEARS

Allen Gallery, Alton

Event: "Jane Austen: the Chawton years 1809-1817" talk by Janet Johnstone.

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

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: Talk with readings from Jane Austen's letters and family memoirs about how Jane Austen, her mother, sister Cassandra and friend Martha Lloyd passed their days while living at Chawton. To include Austen family events which contributed to her declining health and untimely death in 1817.

The Gallery will open from 6.30pm for you to purchase tea, coffee and cake, and maybe picnic in the garden if the weather permits.

Tickets: £5 inc. light refreshments after talk



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## THIMBLE PIP WORKSHOP

Gilbert White's House, Selborne

Event: Sewing workshop with Frances Law.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.

GU34 3JH

Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Detail: "I wish I could help you in your needlework, I have two hands and a new thimble that leads a very easy life." Jane Austen, 27<sup>th</sup> December 1808

A Thimble Pip (also called Secret keepers) are small containers to keep your thimble in so you don't readily lose it. Frances Law will guide you in hand sewing your own thimble pip to use and cherish

Tickets: £25 incl. materials and refreshments

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## KNOW PHAETON FROM CURRICLE

Gilbert White's House, Selborne

Event: 'Know your Phaeton from your Curricule' talk by Hazel Mills.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.

GU34 3JH

Time: 2.30pm - 4pm

Detail: Hazel Mills is a retired science teacher and a founding member of the Jane Austen Society Cambridge group and, until her move to Denmark, was a regional speaker for the Society. This talk is an illustrated journey through travel in Jane Austen's time from the state of the roads to the various carriages available to both her characters and her family and friends.

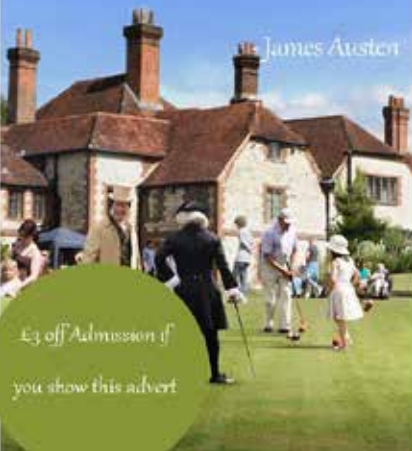
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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
**REGENCY CONCERT**

Alton House Hotel

Event: Chris Gardner presents an informal concert of music from the Regency era

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

Time: Bar open at 7pm.  
Performance at 7:30pm - c9:15pm,  
with a short interval for refreshments

Detail: Music will include pieces from Jane Austen's music books, choral music by Boyce and Cooke, and chamber music by Mozart and Spohr, performed by Cantique Chamber Choir, Ancora Female Voice Choir, Jane Gray (soprano), Christine Meers (violin), Gillian Pickering (clarinet) and Chris Gardner (piano).

Tickets: £10

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**ALTON TOWN TOUR**

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 - 12.30pm

Detail: Jane Hurst will be leading a tour of Alton, focussing on the buildings and people that Jane Austen would have known. This includes 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 first opened his Alton bank. The walk finishes at the Allen Gallery.

Tickets: £5

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**AUSTEN ON THE CHEAP**

Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton

Talk: A talk by Prof. Janine Barchas

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

Time: 2pm - 3.30pm

Detail: Inexpensive 19<sup>th</sup>C reprints helped make Jane Austen canonical, yet many early low-brow versions of her novels remain unstudied. Janine describes how her democratising approach to reception history as 'hard-core bibliography meets the Antiques Roadshow'.

Janine is the author of 'Matters of Fact in Jane Austen: History, Location, and Celebrity' and the creator behind 'What Jane Saw'. Her new book, 'The Lost Books of Jane Austen', will be out in September 2019.

Tickets: £12 (does not include entry to house)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
**A COUNTRY DANCE**

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Nigel Close will hold a workshop,  
followed by dancing

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

Time: 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Detail: "Country dances" - often referred to as "Playford" dances after the first publisher of instruction books - were popular from the 17<sup>th</sup> to early 19<sup>th</sup> century as a sociable and light-hearted relief from the formal dances of court or the precise stepping at a Regency Ball.

Nigel Close will teach you the basics then, after a break, a chance to enjoy some of the dances that the young Jane Austen loved.

Tickets: £25 inc. buffet



## REGENCY WEEK CHAWTON ANTIQUE AND CRAFT FAIR

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## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June ANTIQUÉ & CRAFT FAIR

Dyer's Barn, Chawton House

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10am - 3.30pm

Detail: There will be up to 30 stalls inside and outside offering a plethora of interesting and unusual items for purchase. Find collectible books and china; quirky curios; clocks; vintage clothing and hats; kitchenalia; ephemera; hand sewn and knitted items; hand turned wooden pens; upcycled furniture, jewellery, cards and Victorian, Edwardian and Georgian antiques, plus lots more.

Tea and homemade cakes will be served and you can also walk up to Chawton House for lunch in the Old Kitchen Tearoom.

Entry: £1.50 - payable on the door

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# PROGRAMME

22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Jane  
Austen  
Regency  
Week

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Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

## JANE AUSTEN REGENCY QUIZ

Alton House Hotel

Event: Informal quiz about everything Jane Austen.

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

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Detail: Sue Yearley and Mike Biddiss invite you to tackle their light-hearted test of knowledge about Jane Austen's life and works, as well as about the Regency era at large - with questions ranging from the fairly easy to the rather more challenging!

Tickets: £8, or £30 when combined with Regency Supper

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June

## REGENCY SUPPER

Alton House Hotel

Event: Regency-style meal.

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

Time: 7.30pm for 8pm

Detail: 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 (drinks not included)

This event marks the end of the 2019 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2020. The dates for your diary are 20<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020.




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