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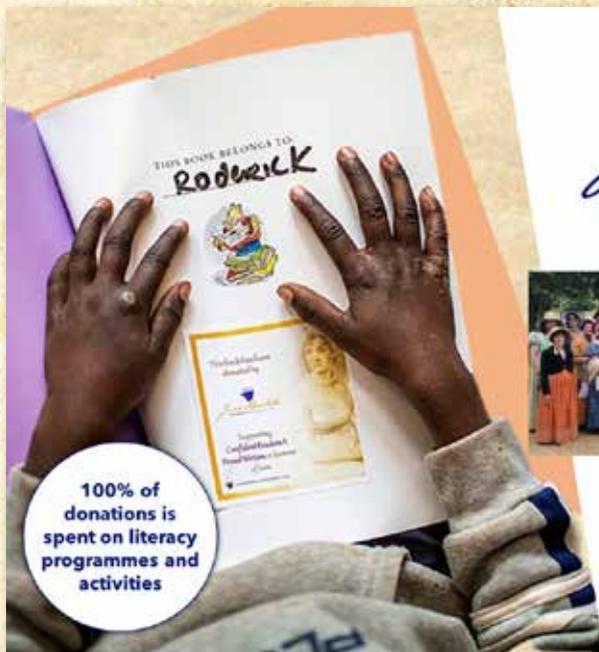
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Caroline Knight



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.

Patron

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Alan is a well-known gardener, broadcaster and novelist. He started out as a professional gardener, but is now a gardening journalist and TV presenter.

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CH: Chawton House; JAH: Jane Austen's House; GW: Gilbert White's House



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Saturday 17th 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
- Soldiers & Naval re-enactors
- Alton Morris dancers
- 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 17th 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.

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Saturday 17th June

ALTON REGENCY 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)

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: £60

SOLD OUT

Sunday 18th / Thursday 22nd June

WAKING UP THE HOUSE

Jane Austen's House

Event: Early morning tour of the house
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton,
GU34 1SD

Times: Tour 1: Sunday 18th 9am to 10am

Tour 2: Thursday 22nd 9am to 10am

Detail: 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! If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know when booking.

Tickets: £25

Sun 18th & Sat 24th June

CHAWTON GUIDED WALK

Chawton

Event: Guided Walk with local historian Jane Hurst

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

Times: 11am - 12.30pm (both 18th & 24th)

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: £5

Sunday 18th June

PARADE FOR LITERACY

Chawton

Event: Walk with Jane's family from Jane Austen's House to Chawton House

Venue: Starting by signpost outside Jane Austen's House.

Time: 1pm - 1.30pm

Detail: As well as enjoying the walk and company, the parade stops at St Nicholas Church to visit Jane's statue and to pose for our annual photo with Jane Austen's family. The parade is a fundraiser for the Jane Austen Literacy Foundation. 100% of the proceeds will be spent on literacy programmes and access to reading materials for children in developing and war-torn countries. (Regency attire encouraged but not essential). Event followed by picnic - see over.

Cost: £10



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Sunday 18th June

JANE AUSTEN REGENCY PICNIC

Chawton House

Event: Regency picnic at Dyer's Barn

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 1.30pm - 4pm

Detail: An afternoon of fun and entertainment with Jane Austen's family and special guests. The winner of the 2023 Jane Austen Literacy Foundation Short Story Writing Competition will be announced and read out. Hosted by Caroline Knight, all profits go to Jane Austen Literacy Foundation and Chawton House. Regency costume is encouraged but not essential and we suggest a picnic blanket. If you have dietary requirements, please advise when booking. If weather is poor, the picnic will be in the barn.

Tickets: £30 (£15 bring your own food)

Sunday 18th June

VIEWING & TEA

Allen Gallery

Event: Gallery opening & refreshments

Venue: Allen Gallery, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 4.30pm - 6.15pm

Detail: Your chance to explore the Gallery and partake in light refreshments - in the garden if the weather is clement.

Entry: Free (pay for refreshments on day)

Sunday 18th 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: Choral singing by St Lawrence Church Choir. You are encouraged to dress in Regency costume.

Entry: Free



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Monday 19th June

HOUSE OF EMBROIDERED PAPER

Alton Assembly Rooms

Event: Stephanie Smart talk

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

Time: 10.30am

Detail: Stephanie is a fine artist who makes life-sized garments entirely from paper and thread. Every piece is accompanied by detailed research and is inspired by historical fashion and social and national history from different eras as well as the stories and memories of individuals. She'll describe the background to her work and her establishment of The House of Embroidered Paper, as well as images of pieces from The Regency Wardrobe exhibition, describing the inspiration and working practices.

Tickets: £10

Monday 19th June

WYARDS TOURS & CREAM TEAS

Wyards Farm House

Event: Tours of house with Jane Hurst and cream teas (3 tours & tea/1 teas only)

Venue: Wyards, Basingstoke Rd, GU34 4AA

Times: 1.15pm: Tour 1/Tea A (Minibus 1)

1.45pm: Tea B (Minibus 3)

2.15pm: Tour 2/Tea C (Minibus 5)

3.15pm: Tour 3/Tea D (Minibus 9)

Minibus departs Alton Community Centre 15 mins prior to tour/tea

Detail: Wyards Farmhouse is an 17th century gem, hidden away between Alton and the village of Beech. The house was known to Jane Austen because of the Lefroy connection.

Tickets: £16 (price includes tour, cream tea and minibus ride to and from venue)
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Monday 19th June

JANE A. & BOTANICAL WOMEN

Chawton House

Event: Talk by Katie Childs

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Detail: Join Chawton House's Chief Executive Katie Childs for an evening talk on the fascinating lives of female botanists and forgotten horticultural heroines. Discover their hidden impact on botany and how generations of Knight women improved the Chawton House gardens and estate.

Tickets: £10

Tuesday 20th June

GARDEN TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Guided garden tour

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10am - 12pm

Detail: Explore the beautiful grounds of Chawton House with your knowledgeable guide, taking in the Wilderness, Walled garden and 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 family, and their role in the garden changes. See how garden references in Jane Austen's novels are reflected in the horticultural setting, which she knew and loved so well.

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Tuesday 20th June

MAKE REGENCY RETICULE

Alton Community Centre

Event: Workshop to make your own reticule

Venue: Alton Community Centre, Amery St (Bank car park), Alton. GU34 1HN

Time: 10am - 1pm

Detail: Join Sylvie from Bath Theatrical for a workshop to make 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.

Tickets: £55

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Tuesday 20th June

WHY MR COLLINS?

St Lawrence Church

Event: Brenda Cox talk with Dulcet Tones: "Why Mr. Collins? The Church & Clergy in Jane Austen's Novels"

Venue: Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, Church Street, Alton, GU34 2BW

Time: 7pm

Detail: Jane Austen had a high regard for the church. so why did she present Mr. Collins as a buffoon? Why was he so deferential to Lady Catherine? We'll explore Mr. Collins's words and character, comparing him to Austen's clergymen in all the other novels, satirical cartoons of the time, and Anglican and Evangelical ideals. We'll conclude with participants' questions and a book signing.

Tickets: £12 price inc music from The Dulcet Tones and a Prosecco reception.

Tuesday 20th June

A TEATIME DISCUSSION

Friends Meeting House

Event: *Sense & Sensibility* discussion led by Michael Biddiss

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

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Detail: You will be encouraged to offer your personal views on the work's strengths and weaknesses.

Tickets: £12, including tea & Biscuits

Wednesday 21st June

ALTON GUIDED WALK

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



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LUNCH, TOURS & PASTIMES

Allen Gallery

Event: Pre-booked light lunches; tours of ceramics displays and extra activities

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

Times: Lunch: 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Regency Pastimes: 1.30pm - 4pm

Ceramics tours: 2pm and 3pm

Detail: Enjoy lunch at the Gallery (please make sure you've ordered) then have a relaxed afternoon of free games and activities in the Gallery garden. There will also be an opportunity to see the Gallery's Regency Ceramics display. There are two free tours of the ceramics displays, but these need to be booked separately beforehand.

Tickets: Lunch: £7.50 (pre-order)

Regency Pastimes: Free

Ceramics tours: Free

Wednesday 21st June

SENSE & SENSIBILITY TOUR

Jane Austen's House

Event: Tour of house

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Detail: Join us for a unique guided tour of Jane Austen's House. Walking in Jane's footsteps, you'll discover the rooms where Sense & Sensibility was revised and learn about her inspirations for the novel, as well as seeing rare first editions.

Tickets: £25



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Wednesday 21st June

ANNE SHARP'S EMMA

Chawton House

Event: 'Private View: Anne Sharp's Emma' talk

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

Detail: Join a member of the Chawton House curatorial team for an evening exploring the library treasures, including Anne Sharp's copy of Jane Austen's novel 'Emma'.

Tickets: £35 price includes drinks & canapés

Wednesday 21st June

MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK

Chawton

Event: Walk with Jenny Colquhoun and her dog Freddie

Venue: Chawton

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Detail: Join Jenny and Freddie for a pleasant 4½ mile summer evening circular walk, starting from Chawton village car park (opposite Jane Austen's House). We'll be walking in the steps of Jane Austen as we walk from Chawton to Farringdon, where her friends lived, passing through some beautiful countryside along the way. The ground is uneven in places, so please wear appropriate shoes. If you would like to wear Regency attire for the occasion please feel free. Dogs on leads would be most welcome.

Tickets: £5

Thursday 22nd June

WAKING UP THE HOUSE

Jane Austen's House

Event: Early morning tour of the house

Details: See page 5 for details of this and the similar event on Sunday 18th June.

Thursday 22nd June

CURATOR'S TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Tour of 'Quills & Characters'

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Detail: Dr Kim Simpson will explore the art of women's letter-writing in the 18th and 19th centuries - their experiences of travel, science, reading, and scandal, and exploring the connections they made with each other through the act of writing.

Tickets: £12

Thursday 22nd June

ORGAN CONCERT

St. Lawrence Church

Event: Concert of organ music

Venue: St Lawrence Church,

Church Street, Alton. GU34 2BW

Time: 1pm (refreshments from 12.30pm)

Detail: Organist: Will Nisbet.

Entry: Free - with a retiring collection.

Thursday 22nd June

JANE AUSTEN COLLECTION

Alton Library

Event: Jane Austen Book Collection

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

Time: 2pm to 4pm (drop-in session)

Detail: A selection of books that make up the specialist Jane Austen Collection at Alton Library.

Entry: Free (drop-in session)



Thursday 22nd June

BONNET WORKSHOP

Alton Community Centre

Event: Workshop to make your own Regency-style bonnet or turban

Venue: Alton Community Centre, Amery St (Bank car park), Alton, GU34 1HN

Time: 2pm

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 ahead of the event, please email: ja@altoncommunitycentre.org.uk

Tickets: £85 price includes a 'Posh Tea' of finger sandwiches, cakes and scones with jam & fresh cream.

Thursday 22nd June

JANE AUSTEN IN N. HAMPSHIRE

Allen Gallery

Event: Talk by Sue Dell

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

Time: 7.30pm

Detail: This fully-illustrated talk will look at Jane's life in North Hampshire, from her birth in Steventon to her life in Chawton. Drawing on information from her letters and artefacts from Jane Austen's House, the talk will illustrate her everyday life in the area, as well exploring quotes from her novels to show how her environment influenced her writing. The talk will also consider the links of other members of the Austen family to Alton and Chawton.

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POKE & BROOCH WORKSHOP

Gilbert White's House

Event: 'Flower Plant Poke & Brooch Workshop' with Frances Law.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.
GU34 3JH

Time: 10.30am - 1pm

Detail: Create a flower plant poke to adorn your indoor plant pot, or a lovely brooch to wear. You will learn from course leader Frances Law how to hand stitch a beautiful fabric flower. The Jubilee Tap room will be open from 1pm onwards, for an extra chance to try Gilbert White's Brewery beers.

Tickets: £35 incl. materials

Friday 23rd June

REGENCY HOUSE TOUR

Gilbert White's House

Event: Guided tour with Kimberley James.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.
GU34 3JH

Times: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Detail: Discover more about Jane Austen's local literary predecessor Gilbert White. Learn about the similarities in their lives and the people and places they both knew. You will be led around the house by Collections Manager Kimberley James in Regency Costume. Tour lasts around an hour. The Jubilee Tap room will be open from 1pm onwards, for an extra chance to try Gilbert White's Brewery beers.

Tickets: £10

Friday 23rd June

REGENCY GARDEN TOURS

Gilbert White's House

Event: Guided tour of gardens.

Venue: Gilbert White's House, Selborne.
GU34 3JH

Times: **Tour 1:** 1pm - 2pm

Tour 2: 3pm - 4pm

Detail: Discover more about the beautiful grounds and gardens of Gilbert White's historic home in this special garden tour. Join our Head Gardener, dressed in historical costume, as he takes us on a journey and imagines the splendour of the grounds and garden in the 18th century, and how we are recreating that vision today. Tours last around an hour. The Jubilee Tap room will be open from 1pm onwards, for an extra chance to try Gilbert White's Brewery beers.

Tickets: £10

Friday 23rd June

GARDEN COCKTAILS

Chawton House

Event: Enjoy a cocktail in the gardens of Chawton House

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Times: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Detail: Follow in Jane Austen's footsteps with a drink in hand! Explore the stunning Walled Garden, stroll through the shady Wilderness, or just find a perfect spot on the South Lawn where you can just sit back and enjoy the picturesque surroundings. Pick up your choice of either a cocktail or mocktail and your snacks from the Old Kitchen Tearoom and enjoy a summer evening in the beautiful gardens at Chawton House.

Tickets: £15 includes cocktail/mocktail and a selection of homemade snacks



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SUMMER EVENING OPENING

Jane Austen's House

Event: Evening entry to house & gardens
Venue: Jane Austen's House, Chawton,
GU34 1SD

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Detail: Join us for a relaxed, summer evening viewing of Jane Austen's House. Discover the house in which Jane Austen lived and wrote, lit by atmospheric candlelight. Walk in Jane's footsteps and imagine her life here in Chawton. Afterwards, relax in the pretty cottage garden as the sun goes down.

Tickets: £12.75 - buy tickets direct from Jane Austen's House or via their website.

Saturday 24th June

CHAWTON GUIDED WALK

Chawton

Event: Guided Walk with local historian
Jane Hurst - see page 5 for details.

Saturday 24th June

PRIDE & PREJUDICE TOUR

Jane Austen's House

Event: A tour of Jane Austen House
focusing on 'Pride & Prejudice'

Venue: Chawton, GU34 1SD

Time: 4pm - 5pm

Detail: Join us for a unique guided tour of Jane Austen's House. Walking in Jane's footsteps, you'll discover the rooms where pride and Prejudice was revised and learn about her inspirations for the novel, as well as seeing rare first editions.

Tickets: £25

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Saturday 24th June

A COUNTRY DANCE

Alton Assembly Rooms

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

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

Time: 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Detail: "Country dances" - often referred to as "Playford" dances - were popular from the 17th up until the early 19th 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 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 - this year accompanied by live music from Pete & Sue Hall.

Tickets: £22 inc. light buffet in the interval

Sunday 25th June

GARDEN TOUR

Chawton House

Event: Tour of Chawton House gardens

Venue: Chawton House, GU34 1SJ

Time: 10am - 12pm

Detail: Explore the beautiful grounds of Chawton House with your knowledgeable guide, taking in the Wilderness, Walled garden and 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 family, and their role in the garden changes. See how garden references in Jane Austen's novels are reflected in the horticultural setting, which she knew and loved so well.

Tickets: £8

Sunday 25th June

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WALK

Chawton

Event: Walk with Jenny Colquhoun and her dog Freddie

Venue: Chawton

Time: 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Detail: Join Jenny and Freddie for a pleasant 4½ mile summer evening circular walk, starting from Chawton village car park (opposite Jane Austen's House). We'll be walking in the steps of Jane Austen as we walk from Chawton to Farringdon, where her friends lived, passing through some beautiful countryside along the way. The ground is uneven in places, so please wear appropriate shoes. If you would like to wear Regency attire for the occasion please feel free. Dogs on leads would be most welcome.

Tickets: £5

Sunday 25th June

REGENCY SUPPER

Jane Austen's House

Event: Regency-style meal.

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

Time: 7.30pm to 10pm

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: £28 (drinks not included)

This event marks the end of the 2023 Regency Week - we hope to see you again in 2024. The dates for your diary are 24th to 30th June 2024.

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