

## Jane Austen 200: Celebrating Her Life 200 Years After Her Death by Emma Darlington

*This is a comprehensive list of the Jane Austen 200 **events** for 2017 in date order. Please consider that over time some of the links may cease to be active.*

### **RAIN JANE TRAIL**

January - August

Winchester, Hampshire

An art trail of 12 Jane Austen quotes appearing only in the rain. Placed in 39 locations around the city of Winchester in locations linked to Jane's life.

[http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/rain\\_jane\\_0.pdf](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/rain_jane_0.pdf)

### **JANE AUSTEN AMONG FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

10 January - 19 February

The British Library, London

Items were brought together by the British Library and the Bodleian Library, some of which were reunited for the first time in 40 years.

<http://www.bl.uk/events>

### **JANE AUSTEN IN 41 OBJECTS**

10 March - 16 December

Jane Austen's House Museum

Jane was only 41 when she died, and the Jane Austen in 41 Objects told the story of Jane's life and legacy through 41 different items held in the Museum's collection.

[www.janeaustenshousemuseum.org.uk/41-objects](http://www.janeaustenshousemuseum.org.uk/41-objects)

### **RETHINKING *SANDITON***

11 March

Chawton House Library, Chawton

'Such an unfinished fragment cannot be presented to the public' wrote James Edward Austen-Leigh. This afternoon of *Sanditon* will consider this unfinished and understated novel 200 years after its composition.

[www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)



## **JANE'S HISTORY: A THEATRICAL CONCERT OF PINCUSHION WIT**

23 March

Chawton House Library, Chawton

A lively evening recital in two parts encompassing John Howell Morrison's miniature opera setting of Jane Austen's *A History of England* alongside vocal works by and about women in the Georgian Era.

[www.chawton.org/events](http://www.chawton.org/events)

## **THE MYSTERIOUS MISS AUSTEN**

13 May - 24 July

Winchester Discovery Centre

This exhibition explores the intriguing question – who is Jane Austen? Jane's portraits are under the same roof with some of Jane's most personal possessions not seen for 40 years.

[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/mysterious-miss-austen](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/mysterious-miss-austen)

## **JANE'S WINCHESTER: MALADY AND MEDICINE**

13 May - 24 July

Winchester Discovery Centre

Jane arrived in Winchester in May 1817 to receive treatment for her illness. This exhibition offers a snapshot of the city in that fateful year - the sights and sounds, hospitals and doctors.

[www.visitwinchester.co.uk/jane's-winchester-malady-and-medicine](http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/jane's-winchester-malady-and-medicine)

## **JANE AND HER ALTON APOTHECARY**

3 June - 20 August

Allen Gallery, Alton

When Jane Austen felt unwell, she consulted her Alton apothecary, William Curtis. It is said that he was the inspiration for Mr Perry, the apothecary in *Emma*.

[www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery](http://www.hampshireculture.org.uk/allen-gallery)

## **INSPIRED BY THE WORD**

8 June - 30 September

Winchester Cathedral

As part of a multi-venue exhibition, the Cathedral will showcase a range of artists who have created work inspired by Jane and the Cathedral setting.

[www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)



## **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO AUNT JANE?**

8 June

Winchester Discovery Centre

Chaired by Louise West with Paula Byrne and Kathryn Sutherland discussing Jane's legacy 200 years after her death: who is she, and what have we done with her?

[www.hants.gov.uk/wdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wdc)

## **JANE AUSTEN IN WORDS AND MUSIC**

10 June

St Nicholas Church, Steventon

A Regency-costumed evening of readings and chamber music by composers represented in Jane's family music books and a performance of the Jane Austen Suite by Philip Andrews.

[www.ashepark.com](http://www.ashepark.com)

## **FICKLE AND FORTUNES EXHIBITION**

12 June - 24 September

Chawton House Library, Chawton

July 1817 saw the deaths of Jane Austen and Germaine de Staël. This exhibition shows how, over the two centuries since, the reputations of these two writers have realigned in ways that would have astonished their contemporaries.

[www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)

## **WHAT MATTERS IN JANE AUSTEN?**

15 June

Winchester Discovery Centre

John Mullan explores the rituals and conventions of Jane's fictional world to reveal her technical virtuosity and her sheer daring as a novelist.

[www.hants.gov.uk/wdc](http://www.hants.gov.uk/wdc)

## **JANE AUSTEN BY THE SEA**

17 June - 8 January 2018

Brighton Pavilion, Brighton

This show looks at the relationship Jane had with the ocean and the role it played in her works. The Prince Regent's copy of *Emma*, as well as prints, paintings and letters.

[www.brightonpavilion.co.uk](http://www.brightonpavilion.co.uk)



## **JANE AUSTEN REGENCY WEEK**

17 June - 25 June

Alton and Chawton

A week of Regency walks, talks, music, food and dance. An annual event with greater significance in her bicentenary year.

[www.janeaustenregencyweek.co.uk](http://www.janeaustenregencyweek.co.uk)

## **SITTING WITH JANE**

17 June - 31 August

Basingstoke

An inspired art trail in and around Basingstoke following 24 Jane Austen Book Benches. Shaped like an open book each is designed by a professional artist in a style inspired by Jane Austen's life.

[www.sittingwithjane.com](http://www.sittingwithjane.com)

## **FROM JANE AUSTEN'S POCKET**

18 June

University of Winchester

A day-long writing workshop with Rebecca Smith, the Writer in Residence at Jane Austen's House Museum. With a focus on Jane Austen's methods and techniques, you will make good progress with your writing.

[www.writersfestival.co.uk](http://www.writersfestival.co.uk)

## **EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP**

20 June & 22 June

Chawton House Library, Chawton

Jane was a neat sewer and her needlework was very much admired. Using rare 18th century patterns from *Lady's Magazine* (1770-1832) join Charlotte Bailey and develop your own needlework skills.

[www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)



## **HOW JANE AUSTEN LOVED THE THEATRE AND WHY SHE WORKS IN HOLLYWOOD**

21 June

Chawton House Library, Chawton

Dr Paula Byrne who will explore Jane Austen's lifelong love of the theatre, and her continuing popularity on stage and screen today.

[www.chawtonhouselibrary.org](http://www.chawtonhouselibrary.org)

## **JANE AUSTEN FOLLIES AND NONSENSE WITH BELLE CANTO**

21 June

Church Cottage, St Michael's Church

Belle Canto will entertain you with a mix of romantic and show songs, all introduced by short readings from Jane Austen novels. Which Jane Austen heroine was 'So in Love' and who 'Can't Say No?'. Proceeds to 'Jane's Fund'.

[www.bellecanto.uk](http://www.bellecanto.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN: WILD FOR DANCING**

22 June

Winchester Discovery Centre, Winchester

Come and join the Duke of Wellington's Dancers and experience one of the great joys of Jane Austen's life, novels and times! Wild for dancing? Jane certainly was!

[www.hants.go.uk/wdc](http://www.hants.go.uk/wdc)

## **WALK IN JANE AUSTEN'S FOOTSTEPS - CHAWTON OPEN GARDENS**

22 June

Chawton Village

Take a walk in the footsteps of Jane Austen around her beloved Chawton. The grounds of Chawton House and Jane Austen's House Museum will open, as well as other charming gardens around the village.

[www.chawtonhouselibrary.org](http://www.chawtonhouselibrary.org)



## **WHICH JANE AUSTEN?**

23 June - 29 October

Bodleian Libraries, Oxford

Which Jane Austen? presents Jane as an ambitious and risk-taking business woman and wartime writer. A special item is the Royalty Cheque that Jane received for *Emma* made out to Miss Jane Austin!

[www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/news/2017/jun-03](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/news/2017/jun-03)

## **JANE AUSTEN AT THE BBC: A CELEBRATION IN FILM, TV AND RADIO**

24 June

Jane Austen House Museum, Chawton

The BBC presents a compilation of Jane Austen's productions, from the earliest broadcasts to the present day. Henrietta Foster, a freelancer for the BBC will introduce this unique event.

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

## **JANE AUSTEN - BASINGSTOKE AS SHE KNEW IT**

24 June

Willis Museum, Basingstoke

Jane Austen knew Basingstoke well. Join this guided walk around the places she frequented, and hear stories about the people she met.

[www.bas-herit-soc.org](http://www.bas-herit-soc.org)

## **CYPHERS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT *NORTHANGER ABBEY***

25 June

Proteus Creation Space, Basingstoke

A tale of growing up fast, theatre company Cyphers bring a playful and charming style to Jane Austen's classical satire. This is a 'work in progress' being developed throughout 2017.

[www.wegotickets.com/proteustheatre](http://www.wegotickets.com/proteustheatre)

## **JANE AUSTEN AT HOME**

28 June

The Haymarket, Basingstoke

Lucy Worsley talks about her new biography of Jane Austen and dispels the myth of the lonely spinster, instead offering a portrait of a witty and passionate woman of her time.

[www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk)



## **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE OUTDOOR THEATRE**

28, 29 & 30 June

The Inner Close, Winchester Cathedral

Illyria outdoor play of *Pride & Prejudice*. Lizzie Bennett and Fitzwilliam Darcy hate each other! Or do they? Can she see beyond his pride and can he overcome her prejudice in order to achieve happiness?

[www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN BICENTENARY SUMMER BALL**

1 July

The Guildhall, Bath

In the Banqueting Room a pre-ball dance workshop is held prior to the Ball in the evening. Knowing a few steps will enhance your experience and is great fun! Following is the Jane Austen Regency Summer Ball, this year celebrating *Northanger Abbey* and the life of Jane Austen.

[www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk](http://www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN TOURS**

1 July

Winchester Cathedral

Starting at the Jane Austen Memorial Garden on College Street, walk through Winchester to see where Jane spent her final months ending at her grave. On the first Saturday of each month July to November.

[www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **RECONSTRUCTING JANE AUSTEN'S SILK PELISSE**

5 July

Bodleian Libraries, Oxford

Find out more about the only garment known to have belonged to Jane, her silk pelisse coat.

[www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/whats-on/upcoming-events/2017/jul/jane-austens-silk-pelisse](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/whats-on/upcoming-events/2017/jul/jane-austens-silk-pelisse)



## **MR DARCY'S DRESSMAKER**

5 & 6 July

Whitchurch Silk Mill, Near Basingstoke

The year is 1837 and Mr and Mrs Darcy are busy planning the wedding of their beloved daughter. Join Mrs Darcy as she stitches the gown for this great occasion and shares snippets of gossip. A one-woman play followed by a talk by textile conservator Sarah Howard.

[www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk](http://www.whitchurchsilkmill.org.uk)

## **PRIDE AND PICNIC WITH JANE**

7 July

War Memorial Park, Basingstoke

Love will be in the air when Jane Austen's romantic drama *Pride and Prejudice* is brought to life in an open-air screening of the award-winning film.

[www.celebratingjane.co.uk](http://www.celebratingjane.co.uk)

## **MEETING MISS AUSTEN**

8 & 9 July

Winchester Discovery Centre

In association with 2Time Theatre, this play is based on Jane's *Juvenilia* and we hear the voice of the teenage Jane in tales of love, loss, vice and victuals.

[www.winchesterfestival.co.uk](http://www.winchesterfestival.co.uk)

## **MY DEAR CASSANDRA WALKING TOUR**

10 July

Winchester Tourist Office

Walk through Regency Winchester to mark the 200 th anniversary of Jane's death in 1817, with quotes from her books, poems and letters read by 'Georgian' players along the way.

[www.winchesterfestival.co.uk/walks](http://www.winchesterfestival.co.uk/walks)

## **JOANNA TROLLOPE ON JANE AUSTEN**

13 July

Theatre Royal, Winchester

Joanna Trollope considers Jane Austen's genius, the economic circumstances of her world and the realities and hardships of her life.

[www.winchesterfestival.co.uk/programme/13-july/#joanna-trollope](http://www.winchesterfestival.co.uk/programme/13-july/#joanna-trollope)





## **THE NAVY AT THE TIME OF JANE AUSTEN: FIGHTING, FLIRTING AND FORTUNE**

15 July - 20 September

Gosport Gallery, Gosport

Jane's brothers were on active service in the golden era of the British Navy and you can see the danger and drama, entertaining and social life aboard ship, through her novels, letters and accounts.

[www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/gosport-gallery](http://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/gosport-gallery)

## **JANE AUSTEN 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

16 July

Tylney Hall

Tylney Hall pays tribute to Jane Austen with a quintessentially English afternoon tea and dancing with the Hampshire Regency Dancers.

[www.tylneyhall.com](http://www.tylneyhall.com)

## **JANE AUSTEN ARCHIVES**

19 July

Hampshire Records Office

A talk led by Emma Clery about Jane Austen that includes seeing here Baptism Entry, some of her letters and Regency music from The Madding Crowd.

[www.hants.gov.uk/archives](http://www.hants.gov.uk/archives)

## **JANE AUSTEN IN BASINGSTOKE**

20 July

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

This fascinating walk is led by Debbie Reavell, of the Basingstoke Heritage Society. Take a guided walk around Basingstoke and see the places where she danced, shopped, visited, and found inspiration for the world which shaped her novels.

[www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home](http://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home)



## **JANE AUSTEN'S PERSUASION**

15 - 22 July

Chesil Theatre, Winchester

Winchester Dramatic Society formed 150 years ago and perform *Persuasion* in one of the oldest buildings in Winchester. Jane's novel portrays the lost loves of the heroine Anne Elliot.

[www.chesiltheatre.org.uk](http://www.chesiltheatre.org.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN WEEKEND**

15 & 16 July

Basing House, Basingstoke

Join us at Basing House for a Jane Austen and Regency themed weekend of dancers, speakers, donkey rides and afternoon teas. Special Jane Austen Picnic Packs are available.

[www.janeausten200.co.uk](http://www.janeausten200.co.uk)

## **CHORAL EVENSONG FOR JANE AUSTEN**

18 July

Winchester Cathedral, Winchester

A special service of Choral Evensong held in Winchester Cathedral where Jane was buried.

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **ENGRAVING JANE**

18 July

Jane Austen Centre, Bath

The micro artist Graham Short presents a £5 banknote to the Jane Austen Centre.

[www.janeausten.co.uk](http://www.janeausten.co.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN FUNERAL PROCESSION**

18 July & 24 July

College Street, Winchester

At 8.30am on the anniversary of Jane's death and on her funeral, join a retracing of her funeral procession from College Street to her grave. At 9.00am a bell will toll 41 times, one for every year of her life.

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)



## **KING'S COLLEGE JANE AUSTEN EXHIBITION**

18 July

King's College Old Library, Cambridge

This special exhibition at King's College features Jane's last unfinished novel, *Sanditon*. It was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the Thackeray Project.

[www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/calendar](http://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/events/calendar)

## **MUSIC RECITAL FOR JANE AUSTEN**

18 July

Winchester Cathedral Nave, Winchester

Listen to the Austen Trio playing music belonging to Jane and her family.

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **UNVEILING JANE**

18 July

Market Square, Basingstoke

Jane Austen has returned to the Market Square as a life-sized bronze statue created by Adam Roud.

[www.basingstoke.com](http://www.basingstoke.com)

## **UNVEILING THE NEW JANE AUSTEN £10 BANKNOTE**

18 July

Winchester Cathedral

The Bank of England unveils the first public view of the Jane Austen £10 banknote.

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **CHAMBER OPERA TOURS PRESENT JANE AUSTEN'S *PERSUASION***

18 July

Theatre Royal, Winchester

An original music adaptation features songs from Jane Austen's manuscripts and music of the era, a chamber orchestra, beautiful Regency costumes, projected scenery and dancers.

[www.theatroyalwinchester.co.uk/jane-austens-persuasion](http://www.theatroyalwinchester.co.uk/jane-austens-persuasion)



## **JANE AUSTEN'S BANKER BROTHER AND FINANCIAL SCANDAL IN REGENCY ENGLAND**

19 July

Hampshire Records Office, Winchester

Professor Emma Clery showcases original documents relating to Jane and her family. This will include Jane's baptism entry, Jane's music books, a diary that records Jane's death, and items relating to her banker brother Henry.

[www3.hants.gov.uk/austen.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/austen.htm)

## **JANE AUSTEN REGENCY TEA AND READINGS**

23 July

Inner Close of Winchester Cathedral

Enjoy Regency tea and cakes at this outdoor Jane Austen gathering. Bring along your favourite Jane Austen book and share in everything Jane Austen!

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN'S CULTURAL AFTERLIFE**

27 July

Winchester Cathedral

'What Katy Did Next' is an American children's story in which Katy and her family visit Jane Austen's grave. This lecture explores how Jane Austen's legacy lives on, even in the half-light of zombie culture!

[www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.tickets.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

## **RETAIL AND ROMANCE: JANE GOES TO THE BALL**

29 July - 7 October

The Willis Museum, Basingstoke

Austen wrote about the world she knew, and that most definitely included how one behaved at a ball, what one wore and what one ate. Visitors will be entertained by the gentry, the gowns and the gossip.

[www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/willis-museum](http://www.hampshireculturaltrust.org.uk/willis-museum)



## **HERITAGE EXHIBITION**

29 & 30 July

Holy Trinity and St Andrew's Church, Ashe

A celebration of the history of Ashe, the home of Jane's friend Madam Lefroy and its connections to Jane Austen.

[www.achurchnearyou.com/ashe-holy-trinity-st-andrew](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/ashe-holy-trinity-st-andrew)

## **MUSIC, DANCE AND SONG FOR JANE AUSTEN**

30 July

Basingstoke Discovery Centre

Join The Madding Crowd for a summer afternoon's concert showcasing music and songs which would have been known to Jane Austen.

[www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home](http://www.hants.gov.uk/shop/home)

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF JANE AUSTEN**

6 August

St Nicholas Church, Steventon

An evening service of hymns, readings and prayers to give thanks for the life of Jane Austen.

[www.steventonvillage.co.uk](http://www.steventonvillage.co.uk)

## **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**

20 August

Basing House Walled Garden

Outdoor theatre performance of *Pride and Prejudice* performed by Chapterhouse Theatre Company and brought to life by award-winning Laura Turner. Picnic under a beautiful summer sky and lose yourself in this unforgettable love story.

[www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com)

## **JANE AUSTEN BATH FESTIVAL**

9 - 17 September

Bath

Celebrate the life and works of Bath's most famous resident during the much-anticipated Jane Austen Festival. The 200th anniversary of the author's death and publication of *Northanger Abbey* means 2017's festival promises to be extra special.

[www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk](http://www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk)



## **JANE'S PATCHWORK COVERLET: THEN AND NOW**

8 September

Jane Austen House Museum, Chawton

The patchwork coverlet was sewn by Jane, her Sister and Mother. Jane mentions it in a letter to her sister dated 1811, "*Have you remembered to collect pieces for the patchwork... we are at a standstill*". See it up close with Sue Dell who talks about the recent conservation work.

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

## **THE STORY OF PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**

9 September

Saint Michaels Church, Bath

This is an intimate performance of Jane Austen's most famous work. The romantic story between Elizabeth and Darcy will be told in a similar way that Jane will have first read it aloud to her family and friends.

[www.janeausten200.com](http://www.janeausten200.com)

## **ENGRAVING JANE**

12 September

Mission Theatre, Bath

Talk by artist Graham Short who caused a stir by engraving the face of Jane Austen on five new £5 banknotes.

[www.missiontheatre.co.uk](http://www.missiontheatre.co.uk)

## **JANE AUSTEN: DRESSING FOR THE DANCE**

13 September

Willis Museum, Basingstoke

Join Gill Arnott, Curator of Art at Hampshire Cultural Trust to hear about the changing fashions in Jane Austen's day, and tour the Retail and Romance: Jane Goes to the Ball exhibition.

[www.hampshirculturaltrust.org.uk/willis-museum](http://www.hampshirculturaltrust.org.uk/willis-museum)



## **JANE AUSTEN AND THE STINKING FISH OF SOUTHAMPTON FESTIVAL**

30 September - 1 October

Southampton

Jane spent a significant amount of time in Southampton, and if you know where to look, you can still find traces of her life here today. To mark the bicentenary of Jane's death, this festival promises to be a lively celebration of Jane Austen's presence in this south-coast city.

[www.sarahsiddonsfanclub.org](http://www.sarahsiddonsfanclub.org)

## **JANE AUSTEN'S HOUSE MUSEUM CELEBRATES JANE'S BIRTHDAY**

16 December

Jane Austen House Museum, Chawton

Celebrating Jane's birthday with various activities throughout the day in the run up to Christmas.

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

