

# OUT & ABOUT IN JULY

## Jane Austen's House Museum, Chawton.

To book tickets ring 01420 85057

**Talks and Tours Day: Jane Austen in Chawton - Fri 7 10am. to 6pm.**

A day of talks and tours, hosted by Chawton House Library and Jane Austen's House Museum in association with Hampshire Cultural Trust. The day's programme will bring into Chawton village the curators and contributors to two international exhibitions being held in the Winchester Discovery Centre and the Weston Library, Oxford, to mark the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death. Day tickets: £60; Students / Friends: £45 (includes a light lunch)

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

## Chawton House Library, Chawton, GU34 1SJ.

**Entertaining Miss Austen - Fri 7 at 6:30 for 7pm.**

The pieces for this concert, performed by Amanda Pitt (soprano) and Gavin Roberts (piano) will be drawn from seventeen music albums that belonged to Jane Austen and her female relations. Eight of the albums are held by the Jane Austen House Museum in Chawton, Hampshire, and are well known. The remaining nine, in private ownership, have recently been deposited in Chawton House Library. During the daytime, prior to this concert, there will be a day of workshops and talks at both Chawton House Library and the Jane Austen House Museum. Tickets: Concert only £18.50 (Students / Friends £15); Day + Concert Package £75 (Students / Friends £55). [www.chawtonhouse.org](http://www.chawtonhouse.org)

## Alton Public Gardens.

**Last Night of the Proms - Sat 8 7 pm to 10 pm.**

The theme for this years *Last Night of the Proms* is 'A Night at the Movies' and will include many well known theme tunes as well as the traditional British classics. Although the concert starts at 7pm, queues are likely to form well before the gates open at 6pm, as groups of friends and families try to snap up the best pitches in the gardens in order to set out their picnic rugs and unpack hampers of fine summer fayre. Free admission, with a retiring collection

## Holybourne Theatre, London Road, GU34 4EL.

**Adventures in Wonderland - Sat 8 & 15 and Sun 9 & 16 at 1:30pm.**

This show, by the talented members of Holybourne Youth Theatre, adheres closely to Lewis Carroll's original story 150 years after it was first published. Join Alice in an enchanting world of talking animals, a bad-tempered Queen and a Mad Hatter for an unforgettable musical adventure. Tickets £7.50 (Members £6.75); Family Tickets £25 (for 4) from Wildly Upbeat Printers Alton or online: [www.holybournetheatre.co.uk](http://www.holybournetheatre.co.uk)

**Green Man Folk Club - Fri 14 at 7:30 for 8pm.**

John Kirkpatrick returns with a new show. He is the veteran maestro of the English folk scene, and an impressive singer. Tickets £10 from 01420 562471; email: [greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com](mailto:greenmanfolkclub@hotmail.com)

## Hartley Park Farm, Selborne Road, Alton

**Open Days - Sat 1 & 8, Sun 2 & 9 11am to 4pm.**

Visit the farm and walk through the lavender fields; listen to a talk on lavender; take a tractor tour around the farm; have a traditional cream tea in the farmhouse garden & visit the shop for plants and gifts. Entry £4 (under 12s free). [www.thelavenderfields.co.uk](http://www.thelavenderfields.co.uk)

## Chawton Village Hall.

**Chawton WI meeting - Wed 12 at 7 for 7:30pm.**

A visit to The Pottery Pantry in Soldridge for a pottery and painting workshop. For further information or if you would like to come along please contact us in advance. Contact 07858 806943 or 07887 690400 for more information. [chawton\\_wi@outlook.com](mailto:chawton_wi@outlook.com)

## St Peter's Church, Petersfield

**Jazz with Will Todd - Sat 15 at 7:30pm.**

Holybourne Singers return to St. Peter's with Will Todd himself accompanying on piano a performance of his composition 'Mass in Blue' in a Concert that sees 2 jazz interpretations of the traditional mass setting. A perfect evening to suit classical and jazz lovers alike. Tickets £12 (under 18s £5) from One Tree Books Petersfield or Waterstones Alton In support of Alton Foodbank and Alton Women's Refuge. [www.stpeterspetersfield.org.uk](http://www.stpeterspetersfield.org.uk)

## Curtis Museum, Alton.

**Alton Town Walk - Sat 15 at 11 am.**

A guided walk around Alton where you will learn about the town's historic sites. Organised by Alton Community Association. £3 for adults and 50p for children (age 5 - 16). More information from the Community Centre. (01420 85057).

## Petersfield Museum, St.Peter's Street.

**Hospitals of the Petersfield Union 1914 - 1918 Thurs 20 at 7pm.**

Between 1914 and 1919, nearly 5,000 wounded soldiers were nursed back to health in hospitals in Petersfield and the surrounding villages, an area known then as the Petersfield Union. This talk by Bill Gosney is based on his book of the same title and tells the story of the Union, the hospitals and the local people who cared for and supported them during the difficult years of war Tickets £5 (£4 for Museum members) available on the website. Refreshments will be provided.

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

## Hinton Ampner, Bramdean, SO24 0NH.

Information and to pre-book call 0344 2491895

**Spitfire Sisters Concert - Fri 21 6 to 10 pm.**

Enjoy a vintage Summer evening with the fabulous Spitfire Sisters, a classic '40s style, close harmony vocal trio, backed by a 6 piece swing band. They will be filling the air with some swing classics and an old take on some new tunes. Relax on the lawns as the sun sets over Hinton Ampner, bring a picnic and make an evening of it. Booking essential. Please check the website for booking details from late May Cost £20. Child £10.

**Summer Family Trail - Tue 25 July to Sun 3 Sept 10am to 5pm.**

The pretty garden, with its different levels, winding paths and quirky topiary, is a great place for kids to explore. The trails are aimed at everyone and encourage families to work together as a team to solve the clues. Younger children may struggle to complete on their own but shouldn't have any issues with adults in tow to help. Suggested donation £1. Normal admission charges apply.

For inclusion of your event in this feature send details by email to [Editor@fourmarksnews.co.uk](mailto:Editor@fourmarksnews.co.uk) to arrive by 12th of the month prior to publication.

## **Gilbert White's House, Selborne.**

### **Hampshire Herbs- Sat 8 at 10am.**

Learn about herbs as a family ...Cooking with herbs – create fantastic food with herbs. Explore the herb garden – discover herbs and their uses. Growing herbs – plant your own herb seeds. Cost £10 per child (one adult free, extra adults £5 each) Suitable for children from age 4.

### **Bastille Day- Sat 15 from 2pm to 7pm.**

Bring your family, neighbours and friends to a village Garden Party in the spectacular setting of Gilbert White's gardens at The Wakes. Bring a picnic, chairs, something to drink and everything else that you might need. There will be fun & games for all the family and a marquee for shelter. A village party to celebrate bastille day. Children's entertainment and prizes for best interpretation of the French theme. Tickets £5, children free.

### **Meet the Whites - Sun 16 from 10:30 am to 5pm.**

Celebrate Gilbert White's 297th Birthday by joining Gilbert and his family at his home in Selborne. Learn from his friends and family more about the house and gardens, and about their lives and occupations. Standard admission charges apply. A drop in event.

### **Bat Walk - Wed 19 at 8:30pm.**

Join Nik Knight and explore Selborne to find some bats. Book online.

### **Hampshire Fizz - Fri 21 6:30 to 9pm.**

Explore the delights of locally produced wines. Talk directly to local growers. Wine tasting, garden games, expert advice. The perfect way to spend a summers evening. Featuring Hampshire Sausage Barbeque. Free entry.

### **Woodland Stories - Sun 23. Sessions start from 10am.**

Join our story teller as she weaves stories into the ancient woodland surroundings. Story magic for all ages. As BlueBird, aka Janet Goring, I have always delighted in the "Once Upon A Time.." As a child in the 60's I well remember the delight of 'Listen With Mother' every day on the Radio. I always imagined that most stories were set around my childhood home by the River Itchen in Winchester. Booking required.

### **Summer Explorer Fun - Wed 26. 10:30am to 5pm.**

**Explorer Backpacks** - Borrow a Family Explorer Backpack from reception to take your natural adventure to the next level. Backpacks include magnifying glasses, binoculars, sketch books and identification keys. Deposit required. **Gilbert's Geocaching & Scavenger Hunts** - Running throughout the holidays, families can try their hand at geocaching and scavenger hunts in the gardens and parkland. GPS devices can be hired from reception or you can use your own. Free with valid museum ticket. All ages welcome. No booking required.

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

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

### **Petersfield Museum, St.Peter's Street.**

#### **Horses of the Great War - Thur 17 at 7pm.**

During the First World War, the British Army used more than 1 million horses in north-west Europe alone. This talk by Phoebe Merrick looks at how the horses were acquired and prepared for military service, with reference to Remount Camps in Romsey and Swaythling. This was the last major war in which animals were more important as sources of transport than mechanical devices. Tickets £5 (£4 for Museum members) available on the website. Refreshments will be provided.

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#### **Outdoor Theatre: The Lost World - Sat 5 6pm to 9pm.**

Join Illyria for their hilarious take on Conan Doyle's classic book, with life-size dinosaurs. Illyria, have been touring for over 24 years with their unique brand of high-energy, colourful theatre. Bring a picnic and enjoy the performance as the sun sets over the atmospheric surroundings of Hinton Ampner's parkland. The gates will open 30 minutes before the performance to allow time for you to settle down with your picnic. Suitable for all ages. No dogs please. Tickets £16; Child £8

#### **Lazy Afternoon Jazz - Sat 19 12noon to 5pm.**

Wander around the gardens and hear the sound of smooth jazz floating in the air. The Harry Strutters Hot Three return to entertain with their acoustic jazz. Free event. Normal admission charges apply.

## **St Lawrence Church, Alton.**

### **Jigsaw Festival - Wed 23 to Mon 28 10am to 4 pm.**

See an ever-changing display of hundreds of Jigsaws made up and laid out in the historic church of St Lawrence in the centre of Alton.



The church is notable for being the site of the concluding action in the Battle of Alton during the civil war. Puzzles are for sale and will be broken down

for you when you buy. Children's puzzle and activity corner. Light refreshments available. [potr-alton.co.uk](http://potr-alton.co.uk)



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## **DON'T FORGET**

The next blood donors' session  
is on **Wednesday 5th July**  
in the Village Hall, Lymington Bottom.

There are two sessions:  
**1.25 pm to 3.25 pm and 4.15 pm to 6.45 pm.**

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