



MEMBER: JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY

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ABOUT US:

The Jane Austen Society (UK), a registered charity, was founded in 1940. Its principal aim is to promote the appreciation and study of the life, work and times of Jane Austen and the Austen family.

President of the Society is Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles and the Chairman, Richard Jenkyns. The Society is not based in one location but draws its members, currently standing at 1,552, from all over the UK. New members are always welcome.

Members receive two newsletters a year and an academic Annual Report. The AGM, always an enjoyable event, takes place in July in the grounds of Chawton House, in the village of Chawton, Hampshire, where Jane Austen spent the final eight years of her life. An annual conference is also held each September in various locations of interest. In 2013, the conference was based at the University of Sussex, the focus being on Jane Austen's links with Old Shoreham, Worthing and Broadwater

A number of smaller, regional branches and groups run independently of the main Society, having their own membership and programmes of events.

LATEST NEWS:

1. The Jane Austen stained glass window on Worthing pier has now been unveiled. It commemorates Jane Austen's stay in Worthing in 1805; her final (unfinished) novel, 'Sanditon'; and the bicentenary of her untimely death, 18th July 1817. We hope it will add to the enjoyment of visitors viewing the pier gallery.
 2. The Diocese of Chichester has recently published a new article on 'Jane Austen in Sussex' in its 'Faith in Sussex' magazine. See <http://www.chichester.anglican.org/faith-in-sussex/>
 3. Lucy Worsley, Chief curator at Historic Royal Palaces, is giving a talk on 'Jane Austen at home', on Friday, 26th May 2017, at the Connaught Theatre, Worthing. Tickets are £20 each. Call Worthing Theatres on 01903 206206. See <http://www.worthingtheatres.co.uk/>
 4. Talks on Jane Austen and her local connection will be given at Worthing and Shoreham libraries in July 2017, to be publicised nearer the time.
 5. The Royal Pavilion, Brighton, is to hold a 'Jane Austen by the sea' exhibition, 17 June 2017 - 8 January 2018. See www.brightonmuseums.org.uk/janeausten or call 03000 290900
 6. Jane Austen is shortly to be commemorated on our new £10 note and the Royal Mint is to strike a commemorative gold coin in her honour.
- In this bicentenary year, many other Jane Austen events are planned at different locations around the country, especially in Chawton, Winchester, Alton, Gosport, Basingstoke, Oxford and Bath. There is also to be a television documentary in the near future by Lucy Worsley on the life of Jane Austen, date and time to be announced.

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