

It just keeps getting better...

Here is an e-mail, just received, about further opportunities to find out more about Jane Austen.

I'll leave it to you to respond directly if you wish.

What a rich opportunity we are going to have.

Alan Jackson

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Dear U3A secretary,

2017 is the bicentenary of the death of English novelist Jane Austen. I thought your members might be interested in a programme I have put together in conjunction with the University of Otago.

**“Jane Austen 200 Dunedin”** is a series of six free seminars commemorating the bicentenary of her death, organised in conjunction with the University of Otago.

The free seminars will be held at 5.30pm every Tuesday for six weeks at the University of Otago, and will cover Austen's life and novels and the Regency era she lived in.

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Dunedin is a series of talks in commemoration of the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death.

## **Jane Austen 200 Dunedin programme**

All talks are free and there is no need to book – just turn up – with the exception of the talk at the University Bookshop which is free but seats do need to be reserved.

### **An Introduction to Jane Austen - her times, her life, her works, her legacy**

A lecture for everyone: from those who have never read Austen, to those who have always loved her.

-Dr Paul Tankard (Department of English & Linguistics)

5.30pm Tuesday 12 September, Burns 2 Lecture Theatre, Albany St

### **\*Alumni \*Books \*Conversation with an Otago Lecturer**

Such Wickedness: Theatre in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park

Explore the delights of Jane Austen, with dramatic readings by Hilary Halba (Department of Music, Theatre and Performing Arts) and Dunedin actor Terry McTavish.

7pm (doors open 6.30pm for refreshments, mingling and book browsing)

Tuesday 19 September, University Bookshop (this event is free but seats are limited so booking is required, please email [events@unibooks.co.nz](mailto:events@unibooks.co.nz))

### **Regency Law and Medicine**

Two talks on one night, covering Regency legal matters and the state of medicine 200 years ago.

- Prof Nicola Peart (Faculty of Law) & Prof Barbara Brookes (Department of History & Art History)

5.30pm Tuesday 26 September, Archway 1 Lecture Theatre

### **Regency Fashion**

Flimsy dresses, outrageous underwear, and dandies: What happened to decency in the Regency?

- Dr Jane Malthus (Otago Polytechnic Design Department)

5.30pm Tuesday 3 October, Burns 2 Lecture Theatre, Albany St

### **Notable Regency Gals**

Learn more about spirited women of the Regency period who lived bold lives.

- Dr Karen McLean (Department of English & Linguistics)

5.30pm Tuesday 10 October, Burns 2 Lecture Theatre, Albany St

### **Jane Austen 200 Dunedin keynote talk**

#### **The many faces of Captain Wentworth and the making of Persuasion**

Celebrating 200 years since the publication of *Persuasion*, often thought to be Austen's most lyrical and romantic novel.

**International Jane Austen expert Emerita Prof Jocelyn Harris** (Department of English & Linguistics)

5.30pm Tuesday 17 October, College of Education Tower Lecture Room G07

#### **4th Jane Austen Spring Ball**

Channel your inner Elizabeth Bennet and come to the ball, to mingle and dance. Partners are not required. Period dress is encouraged. Ball tickets are \$30pp and include a free dance lesson the evening before the ball.

7.30pm Sunday 22 October, NEV School Hall, Main North Road.

For those interested in dancing every dance, Regency dance classes will be held at 6pm every Wednesday evening from 13 September onwards (no class 4 Oct) in the NEV School hall. Classes are \$5pp.

More information about each seminar will be posted on our Facebook page "JaneAusten200Dunedin" nearer the time.

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