

PRESS RELEASE

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Chawton House opens its gates for Organic Gardening Seminar

Anyone interested in learning about organic gardening methods can join a seminar at Chawton House on Tuesday 1 May. The seminar, which costs just £10 to attend, will be lead by Adrian Thatcher, the Estate Manager, and Sara Pengelly, Head Gardener. It will involve tours of the picturesque grounds and detailed explanations of how the various items in the gardens have been grown, as well as a chance to try out some of the practices discussed in a hands-on session.

As well as housing a library of rare women's literature dating back to 1600, Chawton House is also a working estate with an organic Walled Kitchen Garden, supplying fresh, seasonal fruit and vegetables to both the Grey Friar Restaurant and Cassandra's Cup in Chawton. This is a unique opportunity to benefit from the expertise of the gardening and estate team while enjoying a fun and informative afternoon. The seminar, which takes place from 2.00 - 4.30pm, will also include a talk about the history and restoration of the house and estate and a break for tea and cake in the historic Old Kitchen.

Those wishing to book a place on the seminar can call Corrine Saint on 01420 541010 or email corrine.saint@chawton.net. To find out more about Chawton House Library, which is a registered charity, go to www.chawtonhouse.org.

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Notes to Editors:

Chawton House Library is a charity with a unique collection of books focusing on women's writing in English from 1600 to 1830. This specialist collection, set in the home and working estate of Jane Austen's brother, provides the opportunity to study and savour the texts in their original setting and inspires passion in readers of all ages.

For further information, please contact:
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Photos of the grounds and gardens are available on request.

