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A Special Event at Chawton House

The well-known biographer, broadcaster and royal historian, Hugo Vickers, will be describing his life as a biographer at *An Evening with Hugo Vickers* next week at Chawton House, Chawton, near Alton on Tuesday 27 March.

Charming, witty and urbane, Hugo Vickers will take us behind the scenes in a writer's life, encompassing the more unusual adventures behind some of the books he has written. For example - sitting for two years in a psycho-geriatric ward with the 95 year old Duchess of Marlborough, a figure from the world of Proust and Rodin, who had not talked of her life to anyone for over 30 years - visiting the eccentric recluse, Stephen Tennant, in the time warp of Wilsford Manor in quest of stories about Cecil Beaton.

He will describe how he unravelled the extraordinary story of an obsession played out behind the unpromising exteriors of suburban houses in Windsor and Ascot, and his travels around the courts of Europe for his more recent royal biographies.

The evening begins with wine and canapés at 6.30pm.
Tickets £15 (£10 for Friends of Chawton House Library) available from Corrine Saint on 01420 541010.