

NEWS RELEASE

Lecture and Event Programme Winter 2006

Lecture tickets: £12.50 (£8.50 for Friends & Students)

6.30pm Reception with complimentary wine & canapés

7.00pm Lecture

8.15pm Literary Supper in Chawton House Dining Room
(Supper tickets £37.50 including reception & lecture)

Tickets to all lectures and events available from Kathy Quinn - 01420 541010

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Thursday 2 November

Jane Austen's World

Jenny Agutter & the Ambache Polmear Duo

6.30pm: Champagne Reception with copious canapés in The Great Hall at Chawton House

7.30pm: Performance at St. Nicholas Church, Chawton

Tickets: £25.00

"I always look forward to working with the Polmear Ambache Duo. There is a real commitment to create something special with their programmes. The choice of words and music are perfect, sometimes humorous and very moving. There is always a sense of discovery and a wonderful feeling of communication with the audience. I am always thrilled to listen to Diana and Jeremy create music. Diana brings an exceptional purity to Mozart and the classics, Jeremy sings through his oboe, and his pyrotechnics are literally breathtaking". Jenny Agutter

Friday 10 November

Fellow's Lecture: *Why Jane Austen preferred Southampton to Bath* *Deirdre Le Faye & Professor Emma Clery, University of Southampton*

In autumn 1806, Jane Austen, her mother, and her sister Cassandra moved to Southampton. Two hundred years later, in commemoration of this move, join Emma Clery, Professor of Eighteenth Century Literature at the University of Southampton, and Deirdre Le Faye, eminent Austen scholar and editor of her letters, for a slide show and discussion of the Southampton that Austen knew.

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Wednesday 29 November

**Fellow's Lecture: *Reading from her latest novel: [Hungry Ghosts](#)*
Debbie Taylor, Novelist and Editor, *Mslexia***

Debbie Taylor will read from her latest novel and talk about some of the barriers women face when they decide to prioritise their creativity - and will discuss some ways of overcoming them.

Debbie is the founder and Editor of *Mslexia*, the national magazine for women writers. She is also an established novelist, journalist and travel writer.

Her new novel, *Hungry Ghosts* (Penguin), is about a boy brought up in isolation by his mentally ill mother, and his relationship with an infertile woman on the Greek island of Crete. Described by Hilary Mantel as 'sensuous and evocative', the book came out in April 2006.

Wednesday 6 December

***A Performance of [Sir Charles Grandison](#) by Jane Austen*
*Sick & Wicked Productions, University of Southampton***

6.30 pm Reception with complimentary wine and canapés

7.00 pm Performance (lasts for approximately 60 minutes)

Tickets: £15.00 for reception and performance (£10.00 for Friends & Students)

£22.50 to include a buffet supper with complimentary wine

Tuesday 12 December

***Emma Hamilton: the most glamorous woman in the world*
by Dr Kate Williams, broadcaster, lecturer and author of the new
biography - *England's Mistress: the Infamous Life of Emma Hamilton***

Kate Williams read English at Somerville College, Oxford and in 2000 she took her Dphil in eighteenth-century literature. Her work has been published in academic journals and books as well as magazines and newspapers. She frequently lectures to historical societies and groups, as well as consulting for and appearing on TV programmes.

Her new biography is a dramatic, sparkling tale of sex, glamour, intrigue, romance and heartbreak, *England's Mistress* traces the rise and rise of unstoppable heroine Emma Hamilton. Drawing on hundreds of previously undiscovered letters, and told with a novelist's flair, *England's Mistress* captures the relentless drive, innovative style and burning passion of a true heroine.

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