

**'A RESOURCE AGAINST THE TEDIUM OF LIFE':
REFLECTING ON THE EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY GARDEN**

**A Study Day at Chawton House Library, Hampshire
Tuesday 7 April 2009**

organised by the Southampton Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies



In this one-day symposium, experts reflect on conceptions of the eighteenth-century garden and what inspired it, drawing on resources from philosophy, musicology and literary studies. A special feature of the programme is a tour of Chawton's own landscape garden. Both tour and talks will be, as our title (from Charlotte Smith's 1788 novel *Emmeline*) has it, 'a resource against the tedium of life'.

- 9:30 - 10:00: Registration and coffee
Welcome from John Oldfield (Director, Southampton Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies) and Steve Lawrence (CEO, Chawton House Library)
- 10:00 - 11:30: David Cooper (Philosophy, Durham), on the picturesque in gardens
Chair: Alex Neill
- 11:30 - 11:45: Coffee
- 11:45 - 13:15: Stephen Groves (Music, Southampton), on the landscape gardener and the composer
Chair: Stephen Bygrave
- 13:15 - 14:15: Lunch
- 14:15 - 15:15: Tour of Chawton gardens with Head Gardener, Alan Bird
- 15:15 - 15:30: Coffee
- 15:30 - 17:00: Stephen Bending (English, Southampton), on women and gardens
Chair: Gillian Dow