

THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD
CHAWTON HOUSE – HAMPSHIRE
(HOME OF JANE AUSTEN'S BROTHER)
TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024



Mellichamp (c.1740)

COST PER PERSON: £47.00 (Includes coach, guided tours of the house and gardens and tea/coffee on arrival). (Number of places - 30). *Members will need to provide their own picnic lunch as catering facilities' will not be available.*

Chawton House is over four hundred years old. It was built by the Knight family in the 1580s following the acquisition of the estate by Nicholas Knight in 1578. There was already a manor house on the estate prior to this, first recorded in 1224.

The house has undergone centuries of change and development as it has passed through different hands, making it rich with quirky and fascinating features, from graffiti on paintings and 'witch marks' on walls, to heraldic stained glass windows and ornately carved fireplaces.

The house's most famous association is with Jane Austen, whose brother Edward, inherited the house when distant family members Thomas and Catherine Knight, made him their heir.

As well as numerous portraits and items associated with the Knight family, the house also features portraits of women writers, many of them famous in their day.

GETTING THERE: We will be going to Chawton House by coach which will leave St Peters Hall Limpsfield at 9.45am and arrive about 11.15am (subject to traffic). We will leave about 3.15/3.30pm arriving at St Peter's about 4.30/5.00pm. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be available on arrival; however, members will need to take their own picnic lunch.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: Please contact visits.limpsfield@theartsociety.org or phone 01 883 713205. Pay by bank transfer to Nat West Bank, Sort Code 60 16 09 Account No. 75668327. Account Name TAS Limpsfield giving the reference "Chawton" and your surname. Cheques made payable to TAS Limpsfield should be sent to the Visits Secretary, The Arts Society Limpsfield, 36 Silkham Road, Oxted RH8 0NY.

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