

Alresford Historical & Literary Society

Newsletter 1st June 2025

Next Meeting 7.30pm Wednesday 18th June in The Methodist Hall Jane Glennie presents *The Friendship of Jane Austen & Martha Lloyd*

We look forward to Jane's theatrical monologue about Martha Lloyd and her friendship with the Austens while living in Southampton. Jane Glennie mixes original letters, recipes and gossip to bring their friendship to life in this light-hearted performance.

Jane is an actor & historian who specialises in unique monologues that bring history to life. She has performed in theatres, heritage sites, museums and schools for 25 years.

Comments on the 21st May meeting, *The Swing Riots* a talk by Edward Fennel

Our speaker Edward Fennell joins colleagues dedicated to ensuring the success of *The Bicentennial Commemoration of The Captain Swing Riots in Hampshire*. Cntrl-click on https://www.englishprojectcaptainswing.org/ for details.

His information-packed talk detailed the impact of the riots on Alresford, with the story of our local "heroes" and their riotous exploits. Wellington's harsh response to the Hampshire uprisings was noted as the authoritarian side of the same story. Edward drew parallels with other cases where advances in technology have caused (and will cause!) job losses [MD].

Summer Outings

Our outing to Longford Castle (home of the Earls of Radnor) on 26th August is now fully booked - sorry it's too late to add your names. At the time of writing there <u>are</u> still a few places left for our trip to Arundells in Salisbury (former home of Sir Edward Heath) on Wednesday 30th July. To book the latter contact colin.scottmorton@btinternet.com.

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