

NEWS RELEASE FROM CHAWTON HOUSE LIBRARY

SPRING LECTURES

The Spring programme of monthly lectures at Chawton House Library will begin on Tuesday 24 January with a talk entitled *Schoolgirls, Schoolmistresses and the French Exchange* given by Christina de Bellaigue, historian of 19th century France and England, who is currently based at Merton College, Oxford.

On Thursday 23 February, Janice Hadlow, Controller of BBC Four, will give the lecture *A Sour and Disagreeable Woman? Queen Charlotte's Reputation Revisited*. Queen Charlotte, wife of (the mad) King George III, was a very worthy and charitable woman who as Queen of England became eyewitness to a turbulent age. In contrast to most European Royal houses, they had a harmonious marriage and bore 15 children.

The following lecture, on Wednesday 8 March, is *Jane Austen in France and Switzerland* by Valérie Cossy, literary critic and lecturer based at the University of Lausanne, who has a special interest in women's writing and cross-cultural exchanges between French and English literature in the long eighteenth century.

Tickets to Chawton House lectures are priced at £12.50 (£8.50 Friends & Full-time students)

Reception with complimentary wine and canapés: 6.30pm. Lecture: 7.00pm.

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