

PRESS RELEASE

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An Evening Lecture at Chawton House Library
Thomas Bewick, Nature's Engraver
Jenny Uglow

On Friday 15 June, the distinguished writer, Jenny Uglow will give a talk at Chawton House Library on the life of Thomas Bewick - the artist whose wildlife illustrations significantly shaped the way we view the natural world and started Britain's love affair with nature at the end of the eighteenth century and beyond. His illustrated *Bewick's History of British Birds* was the first 'field guide' for ordinary people.

Jenny Uglow's best selling book *Nature's Engraver, A life of Thomas Bewick*, is an enthralling, richly illustrated biography of the artist whose miniature creations changed the way we view the world. It tells the story of the farmer's son from Tyneside who never courted fame yet revolutionised wood engraving and influenced book illustration for a century to come. It is a story of violent change and radical politics, of Newcastle and the Tyne, workshops and family life, mines and fells, the sea and the fierce west winds - a journey into a past whose energy and power still haunt us today. It will indeed be a fascinating lecture.

Reception with wine and canapés at 6.30pm, lecture at 7.00pm.
Tickets £15.00 and £10.00 for Friends and students, available from Corrine Saint on 01420 541010 or email corrine.saint@chawton.net.

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