



Sydney Regency Weekends Inc
presents

A Regency Affair at Exeter Village



Registration

Registration and check-in will be available from 8:45-9:30am on Saturday. We will take this opportunity to ensure you are registered correctly for all your workshops and answer and last minute questions to ensure that the weekend runs smoothly for everyone.

Saturday 8:45am Foyer | *Registration*



Dancing

Workshops

There will be 3 dance workshops during the day taught by experienced Dance Mistress **Sheree Greenhill**. These will assist beginners to be in the right place at the right time and will give more experienced dancers the fun of applying their skills to familiar and new dances. The dance program is based on English Country Dance with traditional favourites and new variations sympathetic to the era.

Sat 11am Badgery Room | *Workshop*
Sat 1:15pm Badgery Room | *Workshop*
Sat 3:45pm Badgery Room | *Workshop*

We highly recommend inexperienced dancers attend at least one workshop before the Ball.

The Ball

Come in your best finery to the Regency Ball on Saturday night to enjoy dancing under the guidance of **Sheree**, our Dance leader, or simply enjoy listening to the wonderful music of **Short Dented Potts** who will play traditional favourites and some surprises. There will be other evening activities available for the non-dancers amongst you. Supper will be served during the evening.

Sat 7:30pm Badgery Room | *Ball*

Session Time for Musicians

An informal practice session with the band. Bring your own musical instrument and join them in providing some of the music for the Country Dance.

Sun 11am Badgery Room | *Workshop*

Country Dance

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of dancing. Dances will be taught and walked through. Musicians who attend the morning practice session are welcome to join the band.

Sun 2pm Badgery Room | *Country Dance*



Out & About

Discovering Exeter Village

Visit the General Store & Post Office for some top notch coffee before setting off to explore this thriving village. Home to a large number of English style estates, a picture postcard historic stone church and country railway station, both of which could have been lifted straight from the pages of an Agatha Christie novel. A perfect location to photograph, be photographed in and maybe even find your petticoats six inches deep in mud!

Weekend | Historic Exeter Village

Harpers Mansion

Morning excursion to historic Harpers Mansion and Maze overlooking historic Berrima. Harper's Mansion was built in 1834 by local publican James Harper and is set in two acres of gardens made for strolling, full of cool climate heritage plants and featuring one of the largest hedge mazes in Australia. Come back to the hall for morning tea and other activities, or take time to explore this popular old village until return for lunch.

Sun 9:30am Harpers Manision | *Excursion*

Masks may be required inside. Own transport, talk to us about car pooling.

9 Wilkinson St,
Berrima NSW 2577

Bookings essential

Picnic, Promenade & Maypole

Lunch time on Sunday will be celebrated with a Picnic lunch provided by your hosts and, weather permitting, followed by a Promenade around historic Exeter Village. There will also be an opportunity to join in the fun of Maypole dancing on the lawn, as it is indeed May.

Sun 12pm Exeter Village Hall | *Excursion*



Talks

Jane Austen: Her Life and Times

The 6 most polished, controlled and elegant social comedies to be found in English Literature were written by a woman whose personal life was unexciting and confined. Jane Austen's cool judgment, ironic detachment and her genius gave her novels depth and charm and made them some of the most popular novels ever!
Susannah Fullerton, President of the Jane Austen Society of Australia and author of several books about Jane Austen, shares her passion for Austen's novels and her interest in her life and times in an illustrated talk.

Sat 9:30am Badgery Room | *Talk*

Jane Austen & Crime

Jane Austen has her darker side! Her writings contain theft, adultery, gambling, poaching and even murder. Discover what Jane Austen knew of crime, and how she reflects that knowledge in her fiction. When did she visit a prison and how did that visit influence her works?
Susannah Fullerton, author of Jane Austen and Crime (described by Claire Tomalin as "essential reading for every Janeite") will discuss this unexpected side to Jane Austen and her world.

Sat 2:45pm Badgery Room | *Talk*



Workshops & Activities

Bonnet Decorating

Kelly Lock will provide you with inspiration and guidance in decorating a Regency bonnet. If you don't have your own bonnet we will have straw and felt bonnets available for pre-purchase from Austentation in America.

Sat 11am Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Note: Please contact us via email for available bonnet styles (straw & felt). If you have a colour scheme in mind please let us know.

Bookings essential
\$15/\$55/\$80

Basket Weaving

Make yourself a small basket to complete your picnic ensemble for Sunday with the guidance of **Eliza Maunsel**; furniture maker, woodworking teacher with theatrical and film props background.

Sat 11am Verandah | *Workshop*
Sat 4pm Verandah | *Workshop*

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Note: You may wish to bring an apron

Bookings essential
\$15

Block Printing

Make yourself a block printed muslin shawl under the guidance of **Bronwyn Parry**. Bronwyn will guide you through the process and provide all the materials you need. Choose morning or afternoon session.

Sat 11am Reuben Room | *Workshop*
Sat 1:15pm Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Note: Bring apron and large old towel you don't mind getting paint on.

Bookings essential
\$15

Reticule Making

You will need somewhere to hide your not-so-historic mobile phone and car keys. Make yourself a reticule with Jo Sandbach who will provide what you need for this hands-on workshop.

Sat 1:15pm Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Note: Bring a basic sewing kit if you have one.

Bookings essential
\$10

Scone Making for Children

Marion Parmenter, our finest scone maker, will guide your children through the making of this fine Regency treat to add to our Saturday afternoon tea table.

Sat 2pm Kitchen | *Workshop*

Note: Aprons provided.

Bookings essential
\$5

Learn to Play Whist

Learn to play the Regency card-game du jour with guidance from **Marion Parmenter** in preparation for down time and relaxation with other like minded attendees at the Saturday Ball.

Sat 4pm Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Bookings essential

Writing Regency Romance

Published author and historian, **Bronwyn Parry** will lead you through an interactive 90 minute writing workshop.

Sat 4pm Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Note: bring a pen and paper if you wish to take notes.

Bookings essential
\$10

Mulligatawny Soup

Madras-born **Bill Unger** whose family was in India right back to the early days of the Raj will bring you some history of Indian food in Britain whilst together you create Mulligatawny Soup. Vegan & meat options will be made.

Sat 4:30pm Kitchen | *Workshop*

Bookings essential
\$5

En Garde!

Learn the footwork and basic parries of fencing and keep fit like Mr Darcy and the Bridgerton brothers. **Elyssa & Anthony Dennis** will take you through an exercise class with fencing moves.

Sat 1:15pm Verandah* | *Workshop*
Sunday 11am Reuben Room* | *Workshop*

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Note: This is for exercise only, no contact.

Bookings essential
\$15

Croquet

Members of the Southern Highlands Croquet Club, which is located next to the Village Hall, will show you the finer points of this traditional Regency past time.

Southern Highlands Croquet Club | *Activity*
Sat 1:30pm, 2:30pm
Sun 1pm, 2pm

Note: Soft flat soled shoes must be worn (ie sneakers style). No food or drink on the courts.

Bookings essential
\$5

Write Like Lady Whistledown

Published author & historian **Bronwyn Parry** will walk you through how to cut a quill and the art of writing with a quill. Participants will receive a quill to cut, paper to write on, and a handout with notes about cutting and writing. There will be some sealing wax available for you to seal your letters.

Sun 2pm Reuben Room | *Workshop*

Note: Participants must bring their own sharp craft knife and a small cutting mat or board.

Bookings essential
\$12



Rest, Relax & Revive

Calamity Corner

Your chance to fix or finish a costume item that has become a problem to you, any time through the weekend. Lots of helpful supplies can be found in our Calamity Corner.

Exeter Village Hall | Reuben Room

Market Table

We will have a small selection of Regency related items for sale this weekend.

Exeter Village Hall | Reuben Room

Quiet Corner

Books
Colin Fong has kindly made his collection of books on history and fashion available to attendees for your reading pleasure during the weekend.

Exeter Village Hall | Reuben Room

Games & Puzzles
Other books, games, and puzzles available for you to enjoy during the weekend. Kindly made available to attendees by members of the organising team.



Please Note

- Some locations are subject to change based on weather and group sizes (*)
- Bookings are essential for all workshops to ensure the presenters have sufficient supplies available for you on the day
- Workshops & activities are on a first come, first serve basis
- Your place in the workshop is only finalised when you have made payment using the reference number given to you and sent remittance advice (an email will be sent to you with instructions).