

Jane Austen FESTIVAL

8 - 17 September 2023 *City of Bath*



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things Austen in the beautiful city of Bath
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Welcome...

to the 22nd Jane Austen Festival in Bath!

In my first full year of being Festival Director, I am proud to have brought our beloved Festival-goers more events where they can try out hands-on hobbies from the Regency period than ever before. For so many people, their dream of visiting Bath during the Jane Austen Festival is to step back in time, walk the streets that Austen walked and do the things she and her characters did. In 2023, we've been able to create that immersive experience in so many new ways; be it dancing, fencing, playing croquet (something for the *Bridgerton* fans!), gaming... working out where we can expand and welcome more people has been a delight!

This year we were blessed with more Festival Friends than ever before; our close-knit circle gain exciting insights into the Festival's secret plans, but also support us as we lay the foundations for each year's Festival. We value their encouragement, excitement, feedback and enthusiasm so, so highly.

A particular triumph of this year has been working with the National Trust to bring dancers in their Regency finest to dance, drink, eat and play cards in Bath's Assembly Rooms. For many Austen fans all over the world, this is somewhere they will only ever read about in Austen's novels, so to give people the chance to live out the scenes that Austen paints for us in that iconic location was a real joy.

The Pump Rooms and the Roman Baths are two of the other celebrated venues that we love hosting events in; this year, we've made changes to allow more Festival-goers to live out their Austen-dreams and join us there for our Soiree and Masked Ball.

Whether you are here for a day, a weekend, or the whole 2023 Jane Austen Festival, we hope you have 'a delightful visit'.

Yours sincerely

Georgia Festival Director



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The 2023 Jane Austen Festival at a glance

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

9am	Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour
10am	A Very Private Public Breakfast
1.15pm	Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour
2pm	Austen's Arcadia
4pm	Draw Back the Curtain
6pm	Festival Get Together

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

9am	A Very Private Public Breakfast
11am	Grand Regency Costumed Promenade
12 noon	Festival Fayre – in the Assembly Rooms
1.30pm (6 tours)	Austen's Lost & Found – theatrical walking tour
2pm	Rummaging through the Reticule
3pm	Pre-Ball Dance Workshop
7pm	Meryton Assembly Ball

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

8.15am	In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire
10am	A Very Private Public Breakfast
10am	Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour
10am	Cleveland Pools Heritage Open Day (4 sessions) – <i>Free Event</i>
11am	Austen Authors Symposium – <i>Free Event</i>
12 noon	Regency Picnic – <i>Free Event</i> – bring your own informal picnic
1pm & 2.30pm	Croquet Game
1.30pm	Ladies on Parade
1.30pm (5 tours)	Austen's Lost & Found – theatrical walking tour
2pm	The Jane Austen Letter: tools & techniques workshop
4pm	Rummaging through the Reticule

4.30pm	Jane Austen's Troublesome Mums – talk
8pm	From Page to Stage – Austen musical recital

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

9am	Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour
10am	The 5 Crescents – walking tour
10am	In Memoriam – Regency funeral talk
1pm	As Danced by Jane Austen – Regency dance workshop
1.15am	Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour
3pm	Jane Austen's Ball – Narrated Performance
7pm	An Evening of Austen Delights
8pm	Regency Games Night

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

8.15am	In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire
10am	A Novel Experience – walking tour
10am & 11.30am	Fencing Workshop
10.30am	Children's Storytime at Bath Central Library – <i>Free event</i>
1pm & 2.30pm	Croquet Game
1.30pm & 3pm	Fencing Workshop
2.30pm	Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour
3.30pm	Jane Austen Quote Embroidery – workshop
7pm	An Evening of Austen Delights
8pm	Ghost Walk

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

9am	Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour
10am	Mr Bennet's Jig – Regency dance workshop

10am	Beechen Cliff & the Bath Landscape – walking tour
10am & 1.30pm	HatsPeriod Bonnets – headwear workshop
10.30am	Embroider like Jane Austen – workshop
1.15pm	Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour
1.45pm	Ladies on Parade
5.30pm	Beastly Bath – walking tour
5.30pm	Regency Hair Demonstration
6.30pm	Waterstones Regency Assembly
9pm	Christian Brighty: Playboy – Regency Romance Comedy

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

8.15am	In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire
10am	Who's for Tea or Coffee? – walking tour
10am	Sew Chatty – <i>Free Event</i>
11.30am	Jane Austen: Following in Her Creative Footsteps - talk
12pm	Murder at Northanger Abbey – murder mystery luncheon
1.30pm	Jane Austen's Wills & Legal Puzzles – talk
3pm	Pre – Ball Dance Workshop
7pm	Regency Roman Baths Soiree
7pm	Regency Costumed Masked Ball

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

9am	Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour
10am	Dressing Jane Austen's Gentlemen – Fashion Friday talk
10am	Kill or Cure? – walking tour
10am & 11.30am	Croquet Game
11.30am	Courtship with Kim Hicks – talk
11.30am	Interactive Fashion – Fashion Friday talk

1.15pm	Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour
2pm	Inside-Out Regency Costume Construction – Fashion Friday talk
4pm	Draw Back the Curtain
4pm	Singing with Jane Austen – workshop
7.30pm	Sense & Sensibility – theatrical adaptation

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

10am	Check website for more details
10am	A Very Private Public Breakfast
10am	Morning Call with Mrs Bennet's Ballroom – Regency dance workshop
11.30am	Blushing in Jane Austen – talk from Prof John Mullan
2pm	Jane Austen's Monsters – talk from Prof John Mullan
2.30pm	Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour
4pm	Rummaging through the Reticule
8pm	Inspiration & Perspiration – Natural Theatre Company

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

10am	A Very Private Public Breakfast
10am	Croquet Game
10am	Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour
12 noon	Mini-prom from the Royal Crescent to Bath Abbey – <i>Free Event</i>
1.30pm	Croquet Game

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Tickets from:
www.janeausten.co.uk/pages/festival
 Email: festival@janeausten.co.uk



The Jane Austen Centre – 9.45am to 5pm
(Last entry to Exhibition 4.30pm)

A warm and friendly welcome is waiting for you at the Jane Austen Centre. From the polite bow and greeting on the doorstep to the costumed Austen characters inside, nothing is too much trouble. Visit the permanent Exhibition and try on Regency costumes, learn the language of the fan, write with a quill pen and see the world-famous life-sized Jane Austen waxwork.

Regency Tea Room – 9.45am to 5pm
(Last orders 4.30pm)

Situated on the 2nd Floor of the Jane Austen Centre is the very popular Regency Tea Room, with the most delicious cakes and, of course, excellent afternoon tea – ‘Tea with Mr Darcy’. Rest your reticule, meet up with other Festival enthusiasts and enjoy the Regency atmosphere whilst savouring a pot of real leaf tea – Assam or Jane Austen blends are particularly good, or for a more delicate flavour why not try Earl Grey?

Bath Theatrical Costume Hire
Pop-Up Shop

Situated in the John Wood Room of the Francis Hotel, Queens Square, Bath. Bath Theatrical are again holding their fabulous pop-up shop for all your Regency fashion needs.

Pre-ordered costumes will be available for collection from Wednesday 6th September 2023. Early Bird Offer £70 per costume reserved before 30th June 2023, £85 thereafter.

For all enquiries, and to pre-book your outfit or hair appointment email enquiries@baththeatrical.com

Bath Theatrical will be running a series of different workshops leading up to the start of the Jane Austen Festival.

- **Bonnet & Turban Workshop**
Wednesday 6th (2 – 5pm) & Friday 8th (10am – 1pm) September £115pp
- **Feather Hairclips Workshop**
Thursday 7th September (2 – 5pm) £90pp
- **Reticule Workshop** – Thursday 7th (10am – 1pm) & Friday 8th (2 – 5pm) September £90pp

Prices include all materials, expert guidance, use of vintage sewing machines and refreshments. Fabrics can be pre-matched for anyone who has made their own costume.

To book and for further information contact enquiries@baththeatrical.com



Language of the Fan workshops
Thursday 7th & Friday 8th September
(3 – 4pm) £40pp

Join Bath Theatrical Costume Hire for a talk on the *Language of the Fan* presented by the Queen of Hearts. Includes your own fan to take away with you.

To book and for further information contact enquiries@baththeatrical.com

Jane Austen’s Bath – driver guided tour
9am (duration 3 hours)

A combination of walking and driving, visiting outdoor locations in Austen’s *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey*. Includes Charlcombe, described by Jane as ‘being sweetly situated in a little green valley’, and finishes with the best view of Bath from that ‘Noble Hill’.

Tickets £48

Meet: Outside the Jane Austen Centre, 40 Gay Street, BA1 2NT

A Very Private Public Breakfast - 10am
(duration 1½ hours)

Sample the delights of an 18th Century public breakfast just as Jane Austen did in Bath. Bread rolls, toasted fruit bread, cake, tea (Jane Austen blend) or coffee – all in the private dining room of a typical Regency Bath house. Breakfast is accompanied by a talk from Jane Tapley.



Tickets: £16

Venue: Kinwarton, 3 Upper Camden Place, (part of) Camden Rd, BA1 5HX (20 mins walk from central Bath)



Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour
1.15pm (duration 4 hours)

Starting with a driving tour of Austen’s Bath, then onto the village of Luckington to visit the St Mary with St Ethelbert Church and walk in the footsteps of the P&P 1995 cast. Next Lacock – a village trapped in time and the location for *Meryton & Highbury*. Then back to Bath to finish with the best view of Bath from that ‘Noble Hill’!

Tickets £58

Meet: Outside the Jane Austen Centre, 40 Gay Street, BA1 2NT



Austen’s Arcadia - 2pm (duration 1 hour)

Jane Tapley follows the career of one of the earliest and greatest female writers of the 18th Century, if not all time. Hear about her quiet private life as the unmarried vicar’s daughter and her personal struggle for independence, and how her novels gathered momentum and appreciation after her death. Talk followed by a Q&A.

Tickets £12.50 from Theatre Royal Box Office, theatreroyal.org.uk

Meet: In Foyer of Theatre Royal, Saw Close, BA1 1ET

Draw back the Curtain - 4pm
(duration 1 hour)

Join Jane Tapley, Special Events Organiser at the Theatre Royal, for an illustrated talk on the theatre in Georgian Times and its influence on Jane Austen’s novels. The talk will take place in Bath’s Georgian theatre built in 1805, the year Austen left Bath for the delights of Clifton.

Tickets: £12.50 from Theatre Royal Box Office, theatreroyal.org.uk

Meet: In Foyer of Theatre Royal, Saw Close BA1 1ET

Festival Get Together - 6pm
(duration 2 hours)

An ideal opportunity to meet up with old friends or make new ones, particularly if this is your first Jane Austen Festival. Enjoy this informal evening of socialising and meeting the Festival team over some light-hearted Austen trivia activities. Your ticket includes light bites to eat; a cash bar will be available.

Tickets: £17

Venue: St Michael’s Church, Broad Street, BA1 5LJ

A Very Private Public Breakfast - 9am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Friday 8th September



Grand Regency Costumed Promenade Departs 11am (duration 1 hour)

To take part buy your wristband, put on your costume, and join 400+ people dressed in Regency style, for this world famous, spectacular official opening to the Festival. Stroll through this beautiful city for approximately one hour ending at the Festival Fayre, with wristband holders allowed straight in. Fayre entrance included with each wristband.

Regency costume mandatory for this event.

Tickets: £15 (under 16s free with a participating adult in costume)

TO WATCH - NO ticket required

Meet: In front of Holburne Museum, Great Pulteney Street, BA2 4DB

Wristband collection from 9.30am

The Festival Fayre - 12 noon - 4pm (duration 4 hours)

Go on a Regency shopping spree through the Bath Assembly Rooms with stalls offering hats, fans, gloves, hair pieces, jewellery and lots more. The Fayre will open to Promenade wristband holders first, with doors opening to the general public from 12 noon.

Tickets: £4 each on the door
(free to Promenade wristband holders)

Venue: Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, BA1 2QH



Austen's Lost & Found – theatrical walking tour - 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm and 4pm (duration 1 hour each)

The Natural Theatre Company returns with a hilarious new immersive walking show following on from the sell-out success of Austen Undone. Another lost Jane Austen novel has been unearthed in Bath, revealing more recognisable plotlines, familiar characters and just a little bit of nonsense. Immerse yourself in wooing, weeping and wagers as we wander around Bath, and watch this joyful story come to life around you!

Tickets: £19

Meet: At the top of Gravel Walk, opposite No1 Royal Crescent, BA1 2LW



Rummaging through the Reticule - 2pm (duration 1½ hours)

What did Jane Austen and her characters keep in their reticules? All will be revealed when the contents of this C18th handbag are spilt in the privacy of a Regency drawing room. Jane Tapley's talk is followed by refreshments, a traditional cream tea – scones, jam and cream and, of course, tea.

Tickets £16

Venue: Kinwarton, 3 Upper Camden Place, (part of) Camden Road, BA1 5HX
(20 mins walk from central Bath)

Pre-Ball Dance Workshop - 3pm (duration 1½ hours)

This Regency dance workshop is a practice session for those attending the Meryton Assembly Ball in the evening, led by Liz Bartlett of the Jane Austen Dancers.

If you are new to Regency dancing, this workshop is for you, as it will cover the basic steps and patterns, and give you the chance to learn some of the dances ready for the Assembly in the evening.

Tickets: £15 (purchase together with your Meryton Assembly Ball tickets as these workshop tickets are not sold separately.)

Venue: The Ballroom, The Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Bath, BA1 2QH



Meryton Assembly Ball - 7pm (duration 4 hours)

"Bingley had never met with more pleasant people..."

Imagine you are entering the Meryton Assembly Rooms for an informal public assembly filled with Regency dancing, card playing and socialising. With lively dances called by Liz Bartlett of the Jane Austen Dancers, accompanied by live music. Card games will be offered in the Great Octagon, and the Tea Room will be set out for guests to enjoy their own food in during the supper break.

This is a bring-your-own-food-event as no dining options will be available at the Assembly Rooms this year. However, there is the option to pre-order a picnic hamper to enjoy during the supper break (available to ball-ticket holders; details in your confirmation email). A bar will be open for drinks throughout the evening.

Regency costume mandatory for this event.

Tickets: £65

Venue: The Assembly Rooms, Bennett Street, Bath, BA1 2QH



In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire - 8.15am (return 4.30pm)

All-day minibus tour to Hampshire tracing Jane's footsteps and life. First her birthplace Steventon, then Chawton where much of her writing took place. Visiting Winchester, King Alfred's capital of England and Jane's final resting place in the cathedral. Meander with guide Adge through the ancient streets, impressive Peninsula Barracks and castle ruins. An unforgettable and atmospheric tour.

Tickets: £95 (excludes entrance fees)

Meet: Outside the Jane Austen Centre, 40 Gay Street, BA1 2NT

A Very Private Public Breakfast - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Friday 8th September

Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour 10am (duration 1½ hours)

'Oh! Who could ever be tired of Bath?' So said Jane Austen's character Catherine Morland in Northanger Abbey, which along with her novel Persuasion is set in Bath. Through family links and having visited and lived in the city, Austen knew Bath very well indeed. Come and find out more on this walking tour led by Mr Knightley of The Jane Austen Centre.

Tickets: £13

Meet: Outside The Jane Austen Centre, 40 Gay Street, Bath, BA1 2NT

Cleveland Pools Heritage Open Day 10am, 11.30am, 1pm & 2.30pm (duration up to 1½ hours per session)

Visit Cleveland Pools, the UK's oldest outdoor swimming pool, as part of their Heritage Open Day. Built in 1815, it has recently been restored to its former glory by the Cleveland Pools Trust.

The Jane Austen Festival has secured limited FREE tickets for 1½ hour timed sessions throughout the day, so booking is essential to visit or swim in these historic pools. Regency costume welcome, however, 21st century swimwear must be worn beneath!

Free Event – please reserve your tickets at janeausten.co.uk

Venue: Cleveland Pools, Hampton Row, BA2 6QS

Austen Authors Symposium - 11am (duration 2 hours)

Join Austen inspired authors over two Q&A sessions to discover what inspired them to write themselves.

Murder Mystery:

Lynn Shepherd – The Mansfield Park Murder.

Ben Townsend – Blood & Fireflies.

Jessica Bull – Miss Austen Investigates.

Romance & Comedy:

Felicity George – A Debutant's Desire.

Syrie James – Various Austen-themed novels.

Free event. Please reserve your seat for the 11.15am Q&A (Murder Mysteries), or the 12.15pm Q&A (Romance) at www.waterstones.com/events

Venue: Waterstones Events Rooms, Basement, 4-5 Milsom Street, BA1 1DA



Regency Picnic – 'bring your own' picnic 12 noon (duration 3 hours)

Join other Austen lovers for an informal bring-your-own picnic in the beautiful surroundings of the Royal Crescent. Promenade along paths Jane Austen herself would have walked and discuss any scandalous antics of the previous evening's entertainment. (weather permitting event)

Free Event

Venue: Royal Crescent, Bath, BA1 2LX

Croquet Game - 1pm & 2.30pm (duration 1½ hours each game)

Try out the Regency sport of "Pall-Mall" with an outdoor croquet game at Bath Croquet Club. Equipment and introductory instructions provided, enjoy a relaxed or competitive croquet match at your own speed, followed by post-match refreshments in the Croquet Club Pavilion. (refreshments included in the ticket price)

Tickets £16

Venue: Bath Croquet Club, Recreation Ground, BA2 4DS (entrance via William Street)

Rummaging through the Reticule 4pm (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Saturday 9th September

Jane Austen's Troublesome Mums 4.30pm (duration 1 hour)

Why are the mothers in Jane Austen's novels sensible and dead, or alive and unreasonable? How much do characters like Lady Bertram and Mrs Bennet reflect Austen's experience? This talk from Dr Sarah J. Makowski explores Regency motherhood in fact and fiction.

Tickets £13

Venue: Elwin Room, BRLSI, 16 – 18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN

Ladies on Parade - 1.30pm (return 5.46pm)

Enjoy a unique Regency Costumed afternoon at one of Wiltshire's finest Georgian buildings. Dressed in your Regency finery you will be escorted by Mr Darcy on a short train journey through the beautiful scenic countryside to the magnificent Parade House in Trowbridge.

Your ticket includes return travel, a private history tour of the house, a delicious Champagne Afternoon Cream Tea in the grand Ballroom, Regency Parlour Games and a special Workshop on the Language of The Fan instructed by none other The Queen of Hearts.

Tickets £105 (own costume) from enquiries@baththeatrical.com

Meet: Outside the taxi rank entrance of Bath Spa Train Station, BA1 1SU

Austen's Lost & Found – theatrical walking tour - 1.30pm, 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm (duration 1 hour each)

For details see Saturday 9th September

The Jane Austen Letter: tools & techniques workshop - 2pm (duration 1½ hours)

In Jane Austen's day, personal communication options were limited. You either spoke in person, or you wrote a letter. This is why letter writing skills were so crucial, and the tools and methods so ubiquitous. In this workshop you will get hands-on experience in all the essential components: paper, pounce, quill, ink, sand, then fold, seal, and post! And, if you are particularly ambitious (and have a lot to say, but not a lot to spend) we might even try 'cross-writing'!



Tickets £16

Venue: Elwin Room, BRLSI, 16 – 18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN



From Page to Stage – Austen musical recital - 8pm (duration 1½ hours)

Besides being a popular a subject for cinematic adaptations, Jane Austen's novels have also inspired stage plays and musical theatre adaptations. Enjoy a costumed concert presentation of songs by vocalist Angela Milton, and some excerpts from the novels that inspired them. Taken from stage adaptations of 'Sense & Sensibility', 'Emma' and 'Pride & Prejudice'.

Tickets £16

Venue: Elwin Room, BRLSI, 16 – 18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN

Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour - 9am (duration 3 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September.

The 5 Crescents of Bath – walking tour - 10am (duration 2½ hours)

We all know the Royal Crescent but what about the others? With Bath Parade Guides discover more of the crescents of Bath, continuing via St Swithin's Church back to the city centre. Includes a stop for refreshments at the Lansdown Hotel (refreshments not included in the ticket price). Sturdy shoes and a stout constitution required as there are up-hill climbs, but wonderful views.

Tickets £13

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LY

In Memoriam – Regency funeral talk 10am (duration 1 hour)

The one certainty in life is death. Join Maggie Barton in St Swithin's Church, the burial place of George Austen, for a light-hearted but respectful look at the rituals surrounding death, grief and funerals in Regency England.

Tickets £13

Venue: St Swithin's Church, The Paragon, BA1 5LY

As Danced by Jane Austen – Regency dance workshop - 1pm (duration 1½ hours)

Join the Jane Austen Dancers and try your hand at some of the popular dances from throughout Jane Austen's lifetime. From the Cotillions of her youth to the irresistible waltz. This workshop is aimed at all levels of ability and there's no need to bring a partner. Period costume welcome but not essential, flat shoes and a drink recommended.

Tickets £18 or £33 for a combined ticket with the Narrated Performance

Venue: St Swithin's Church, The Paragon, BA1 5LY

Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour - 1.15pm (duration 4 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September

Jane Austen's Ball – Narrated Performance - 3pm (duration 1 hour)

The Jane Austen Dancers will take you on a journey through the Regency ballroom, with characters from history and fiction to guide us along the way. Find out the correct way to start a ball, learn what not to wear and discover some of the more peculiar rules from assemblies up and down the country.

There will be an opportunity to join in with a dance or two at the end, so pay attention to the hints and tips along the way to ensure that you do not cause a scandal as you take to the dance floor!

Tickets £19 or £33 for a combined ticket with the As Danced by Jane Austen – Regency dance workshop

Venue: St Swithin's Church, The Paragon, BA1 5LY

An Evening of Austen Delights - 7pm (duration 3 hours)

Partake of a deliciously decadent selection of High Tea Treats, finished off with a traditional Regency pudding in the gorgeous surroundings of the Regency Tea Room. Complete with bubbles and highly entertaining Austen interpretations, why not escape for a couple of hours to this haven of literary fiction?

Tickets £54

Venue: Regency Tea Room, Jane Austen Centre, 40 Gay Street, BA1 2NT

Regency Games Night - 8pm (duration 3 hours)

Jane Austen was known to be particularly adept at both cup & ball, and spillikins. Enjoy a late-night evening of these as well as lottery tickets, whist, hazard and other Regency-era games, provided by John White of Select Society.

Your ticket will include a Jane Austen-themed cocktail (or mocktail) courtesy of the Abbey Hotel. A cash bar will also be available.

Tickets £19

Venue: Abbey Hotel, North Parade, BA1 1LF



In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire - 8.15am (return 4.30pm)

For details see Sunday 10th September

A Novel Experience – walking tour - 10am (duration 2 hours)

The English novel really comes into its own in C18 and we know that Jane Austen was an avid reader. In her books, her audience would have recognised references to Fanny Burney, William Cowper and the more sensationalist Gothic novels with vulnerable heroines and supernatural and uncanny happenings. Come along with Bath Parade Guides to find out more about who Jane was reading, what this tells us about her view of contemporary issues, and why when in Northanger Abbey John Thorpe says his favourite book was The Monk, Austen's readers would have experienced a shiver of foreboding.

Tickets £13

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LY

Fencing Workshop - 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm & 3pm (duration 1¼ hours each)

Join a Fencing taster workshop with Bath Sword Club and enjoy a taste of the sport rumoured to be Mr Darcy's favourite. Learn offensive & defensive stances, putting them into choreographed non-contact sequences to experience your own 'duel'.

Regency costume very welcome, but please be aware that protective safety equipment will be worn including a full head mask and glove. Flat shoes advised.

Tickets £22

Venue: City of Bath Scouts, 7 Grove Street, Bathwick, BA2 6PJ

Children's Storytime at Bath Central Library - 10.30am (duration 30 minutes)

Join Bath Central Library for storytime and activities with an Austen and Regency twist. Suitable for children ages 2+, accompanied by an adult.

Free Event – no reservations necessary

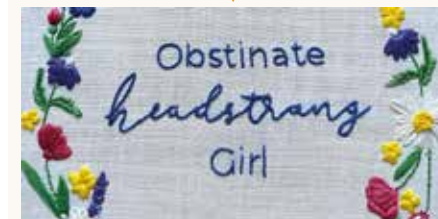
Venue: Bath Central Library, 19-23 The Podium, BA1 5AN

Croquet Game - 1pm & 2.30pm (duration 1½ hours each)

For details see Sunday 10th September

Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour 2.30pm (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Sunday 10th September



Jane Austen Quote Embroidery - 3.30pm (duration 2 hours)

Want to learn how to embroider like Jane Austen, but with a modern twist? Using the same techniques from over 200 years ago, stitch your own Jane Austen-themed hoop. Learn several stitches to create a wildflower wreath with an Austen quote of your choice in the centre.

All materials and instruction provided by Abigail Rode, assisted by Sophie Andrews of Laughing with Lizzie. Beginners welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets £60 from Abigail Rose Creative, email abigailrosecreative@gmail.com

Venue: Percy Community Centre, New King Street, BA1 2BN

An Evening of Austen Delights 7pm (duration 3 hours)

For details see Monday 11th September

Ghost Walk - 8pm (duration 1½ hours)

Take a leisurely night-time stroll through the haunted streets of Bath - listen to eerie stories of murder, mystery, mayhem and ghosts. Including tales of execution areas, haunted pubs, the old hospital, theatre and, of course, the duelling ground where so many met a grisly fate. A scary and fun evening out!

Tickets £16

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LT

Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour - 9am (duration 3 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September.

Mr Bennet's Jig – Regency dance workshop - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

Join our own Mr Bennet of the Jane Austen Dancers and jig your way through some of his favourite dances, suited to all levels of experience. Mr Bennet's dance class will set you up for dancing like the members of polished society who frequented the balls of Miss Austen's era. Period costume welcome but not essential, flat shoes and a drink recommended. No seating provided.

Tickets £18

Venue: City of Bath Scouts, 7 Grove Street, Bathwick, BA2 6PJ

Beechen Cliff & The Bath Landscape - walking tour - 10am (duration 2½ hours)

Climb to the top of that 'Noble Hill' whose beautiful verdure and hanging coppice render it so striking an object from almost every opening in Bath. Includes a stop to explore St Mary Magdalene's Chapel. Stout shoes and a sturdy constitution are required as there are numerous steps, but wonderful views.

Tickets £13

Meet: Outside main doors of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LY

Hats Period Bonnets – headwear workshop - 10am & 1.30pm (duration 3 hours)

Spend a session learning about and creating your own unique Regency headwear with tuition from Jane Walton. Pre-select your base choice of headwear of either a Felt Bonnet, Straw Bonnet, Ball Feather Headdress or Floral Crown, to trim during the workshop.

There will be a wide selection of sizes and colours from each category to choose from on the day. Additional trimming items can either be purchased from the workshop 'shop' during the afternoon, or you are welcome to bring your own trimmings from home.

**Tickets £35 Floral Crown
£75 Ball Feather Headdress
£75 Straw Bonnet – £90 Felt Bonnet**

Venue: Sydney Gardens Community Pavilion, Sydney Place, Bathwick, BA2 6NH

Embroider like Jane Austen - 10.30am (duration 2 hours)

Using Historical designs from the Regency era, embroider your choice of handkerchiefs or a fichu to wear proudly with your Regency outfit. All materials included, with a small talk on 'Stitching in the time of Jane Austen' and full instruction provided by Abigail Rose, assisted by Sophie Andrews of Laughing with Lizzie. Beginners welcome. Refreshments provided.

Tickets £60 from Abigail Rose Creative, email abigailrosecreative@gmail.com

Venue: Percy Community Centre, New King Street, BA1 2BN

Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour 1.15pm (duration 4 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September

Ladies on Parade - 1.45pm (return 5.36pm)

For details see Sunday 10th September



Beastly Bath – walking tour - 5.30pm (duration 1½ hours)

A light-hearted, unconventional walk through the city's history. Including descriptions of some of the more sordid and disagreeable aspects of C18th life plus original Georgian remedies are demonstrated on this mischievous stroll! See all the main sights including the Pump Room, Circus and Royal Crescent.

Tickets £15

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LT

Regency Hair Demonstration - 5.30pm (duration 2 hours)

Do you hate your hair? Haven't a clue what to do with it?? Do you look at pictures of yourself and think, "My dress is great, but, OH! My HAIR!?" Well, this class is for you. We will teach you how to make your own clip-in-curls at home.

Join Juliana Bradley with Angela Grimes to find out just how easy it is to make these curls and start to love your Regency hair.

Tickets £10

Venue: Café Upstairs – The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF



Waterstones Regency Assembly - 6.30pm (duration 2½ hours)

You are cordially invited to an evening of dancing, poetry and performance. Regency costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes for the diamonds of the season! There will be music, dancing and photo opportunities! With the ticket, you will receive a glass of bubbly and some nibbles in the café.

OPEN MIC: Bring your Regency-themed poems, stories, letters or songs. We want to hear them all!

**Tickets £10 from www.waterstones.com/events
Venue:** Waterstones, 4 – 5 Milsom Street, BA1 1DA



Christian Brighty: Playboy – Regency Romance Comedy - 9pm (duration 1 hour)

Lord Christian Brighty is the country's most notorious rake. He puts the pro in reprobate, the don in hedonism and the key in chastity belts. But when this saucy libertine falls for a Duchess, can he reform himself?

An absurd, physical comedy spectacular packed with ballroom dances and deadly duels, this Playboy is sure to make the whole town swoon, and then elope with their daughters. Lamponing all your favourite period dramas, before forcing you to reconsider your penchants, Playboy was one of the best reviewed comedy shows at the 2022 Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Christian Brighty is an actor, comedian and student of legendary clown school Ecole Phillippe Gaulier. In 2021, his TikTok sketches based on Bridgerton, Poldark and Jane Austen catapulted him to viral stardom, racking up a combined 50 million views, quickly securing his place as the internet's answer to Mr Darcy.

This performance is only suitable for viewers aged 18+ as it contains scenes of a sexual nature, language & partial nudity. The Jane Austen Festival takes no responsibility for anyone swooning for lack of smelling salts; you have been warned!

Tickets £16

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

In Pursuit of Jane Austen – driver guided tour to Hampshire - 8.15am (return 4.30pm)

For details see Sunday 10th September

Who's for Tea or Coffee? – walking tour - 10am (duration 2 hours)

Times have changed but not the British love of tea and coffee. With Bath Parade Guides find out more about the social custom of tea and coffee drinking, in company and at home, during the time of Jane Austen.

Tickets £13

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LY



Sew Chatty - 10am (duration 2 hours)

Bring along your sewing, last-minute hemming, embroidery, or latest bonnet in need of trimming to the Mission Cafe for a morning session of sewing, chatting and sharing sewing advice (or sewing woes!) with other like-minded Austen friends.

A non-guided, free event upstairs taking place in the Mission Cafe. The cafe will be open for you to purchase your own refreshments. (no step free access to this venue)

Free Event – please reserve a place at www.janeausten.co.uk

Venue: Café Upstairs – The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Jane Austen: Following in Her Creative Footsteps - 11.30am (duration 1 hour)

Listen & discuss with two authors and dedicated Janeites, as they present the struggles Jane Austen overcame in order to write her novels. They share stories of her extraordinary resilience which will inspire you to live your own creative life – whether you're a writer, historical costumer, Regency dancer, baker, gardener, social media influencer or simply a most ardent admirer of her work.

Felicity George is author of the Gentlemen of London a Regency romance series, with the first two books available now from Orion Dash Hachette UK. *Jessica Bull* is author of the Miss Austen Investigates a cosy crime series, coming in 2024 from Penguin Michael Joseph.

Tickets £13

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF



Murder at Northanger Abbey - 12 noon (duration 3 hours)

Join the Moonstone Theatre Company for another of their ever popular and intriguing murder mysteries. Did General Tilney murder his wife? Why did Catherine turn down her suitor? And what exactly has happened to John Thorpe? All the clues will be there to catch the killer, but will they be successfully deduced? Your ticket includes a two-course lunch.

Tickets £50 from Theatre Royal Box Office, theatreroyal.org.uk

Venue: Abbey Hotel, North Parade, BA1 1LF

Jane Austen's Wills & Legal Puzzles - 1.30pm (duration 1 hour)

This talk by retired tax judge John Avery Jones covers some of the legal puzzles in Jane Austen's novels, as well as those relating to her family, such as entails and wills.

It will include Jane Austen's will and legacy duty, the estates of Mr and Mrs Leigh Perrot of Bath, Jane Austen's father (the Rev George Austen) being trustee of a settlement owning a plantation in Antigua, the claim against her brother Edward relating to the title of his Hampshire estate, and other legal and tax matters.

Tickets £13

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF



Pre-Ball Dance Workshop - 3pm (duration 1½ hours)

This Regency dance workshop is a practice session for those attending the Masked Ball in the evening, led by Liz Bartlett of the Jane Austen Dancers.

Purchase together with your Masked Ball ticket as these workshop tickets are not sold separately.

Tickets £15

Venue: Percy Community Centre, New King Street, BA1 2BN

Regency Roman Baths Soiree - 7pm (duration 2 hours)

A Regency Roman Baths Soiree ticket covers the stunning two-hour soiree by the Roman Baths. Model your most beautiful mask by the torchlit waters as twilight falls over Bath, while you enjoy musical interludes and a welcome drink.

This year there will not be a bar down by the Roman Baths, however you will be given the option to pre-purchase prosecco tokens (or a soft drink alternative) when booking your tickets.

Regency costume mandatory for this event.

Tickets £38

Venue: Roman Baths, entrance via Pump Rooms, Stall Street, BA1 1LZ



Regency Costumed Masked Ball - 7pm (duration 4½ hours)

A Masked Ball ticket includes a Soiree ticket as well access to the rest of the evening's entertainment. After enjoying a magical drinks reception round the Roman Baths, dance the night away in the Regency Pump Rooms with expert dance calling provided by Liz Bartlett of the Jane Austen Dancers.

There will be a mid-evening break for a two-course dinner, seated in the Pump Rooms Reception Hall and along the Terrace overlooking the Roman Baths. A cash bar will be open for Ball ticket-holders from dinner onwards.

Regency costume mandatory for this event.

Tickets £125

Venue: Roman Baths, entrance via Pump Rooms, Stall Street, BA1 1LZ

Jane Austen's Bath – driver guided tour - 9am (duration 3 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September.



Dressing Jane Austen's Gentlemen - 10am (duration 1 hour)

Join Ben Townsend, author of Fashion Regulation, for an imaginary recreation of the clothes Jane Austen's male protagonists might have worn. Austen's descriptions of the clothes worn by her male characters never progress past the colour of their coats, even in the case of Sir Walter Elliot, so notoriously vain of his person. With reference to contemporary sources, this talk makes good that deficiency.

Tickets £13 or £35 for a Fashion Friday Ticket (x3 fashion talks)

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Kill or Cure? – walking tour - 10am (duration 2 hours)

People came to Bath with a catalogue of illnesses, hoping to mend their health. But how successful were the cures offered? Were doctors at the time reputable? - or mere 'quacks'? Not surprisingly, health and ill-health were concerns of Jane Austen throughout her life, her letters, and her novels. Walk with Bath Parade Guides to hear some of the (somewhat grisly?) details of Regency medicine and what Bath could offer.

Tickets £13

Meet: Outside the main door of Bath Abbey, Abbey Churchyard, BA1 1LY

Croquet Game - 10am & 11.30am (duration 1½ hours each)

For details see Sunday 10th September

Courtship with Kim Hicks - 11.30am (duration 1 hour)

Bristol-based actor Kim Hicks returns to the Jane Austen Festival to perform her internationally acclaimed one woman show, the longest running Jane Austen show in the world! With wonderful renditions of both well-known passages from the novels and less familiar pieces from the minor works, Kim reacquaints you with Austen's beautifully drawn characters.



Tickets £17.50 from Theatre Royal Box Office, theatreroyal.org.uk

Venue: Theatre Royal Bath, Saw Close, BA1 1ET

Interactive Fashion – A Unique Recreation from Dr Lindsay Holmes - 11.30am (duration 1½ hours)

Costume designer, author and London College of Fashion alumnus, Dr Lindsay Holmes presents a unique interactive 18th Century Georgian dress.

This recreation of the garment worn by The Honourable Mary Graham has been painstakingly recreated stitch by stitch and embedded with sound spots, through which actors recreate the story of her life. Listen as Lindsay leads you through the tragic life history of this consumptive woman and explore the parallels with Jane Austen's own life.

This session will include time for you to explore the interactive dress itself up close and investigate the hands-on elements of this project.

Tickets £13 or £35 for a Fashion Friday Ticket (x3 fashion talks)

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Carriages to Meryton & Longbourn – driver guided tour - 1.15pm (duration 4 hours)

For details see Friday 8th September

Inside-Out Regency Costume Construction – Fig Leaf Patterns - 2pm (duration 1 hour)

Fig Leaf Patterns join the Jane Austen Festival for the first time to bring us their expertise on the evolving styles of stays from the 1790s to the 1820s.

Using images from extant museum examples, this talk will give you a deeper understanding of how to create your own undergarment, whilst exploring how the changing manufacturers' methods influenced the construction of the outer layers of clothing during Jane Austen's lifetime. It is not just a conversation about clothing, but also a look at the socio-political world that influenced the changes that Austen weaves into her novels.

Tickets £13 or £35 for a Fashion Friday Ticket (x3 fashion talks)

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF



Draw back the Curtain - 4pm (duration 1 hour)

For details see Friday 8th September



Singing with Jane Austen – workshop 4pm (duration 1½ hours)

Regency Rum Bluffers will lead an energetic and engaging singing workshop with songs heard in Jane Austen's lifetime. Join them to explore songs she would have known as a child, to later in her life. There is no need to read music, everything will be taught by ear and lyrics provided. Everyone is welcome!

Tickets £25

Venue: City of Bath Scouts, 7 Grove Street, Bathwick, BA2 6PJ

Sense & Sensibility – theatrical adaptation 7.30pm (duration 2 hours)

The social season is upon us! Heartbreak Productions cordially invites you to this year's theatrical, The 'Sense and Sensibility' Matchmaker's Ball. Ladies Elinor and Marianne Dashwood each seek to meet an honourable man of good fortune (and handsome countenance, if possible) by whatever means necessary. If you're eager to partake in the ups and downs of this Regency romance, don your finery and join Heartbreak Productions for their theatrical adaptation of literary classic Sense and Sensibility, but with a Heartbreak twist. Rumours abound that royalty may even be amongst our number...

Tickets £26

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Saturday 16 September

Event to be confirmed - 10am

Event to be confirmed, please check the festival website for up-to-date information

<https://jane-austen.co.uk/pages/jane-austen-festival-saturday-16th-september-2023>

Tickets TBC

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF



A Very Private Public Breakfast - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Friday 8th September



Morning Call with Mrs Bennet's Ballroom - 10am (duration 2 hours)

Join Mrs Bennet's Ballroom, a Regency dance group based in London, for a dance workshop focusing on the traditional Regency ceremony of paying calls. Start your Saturday with this easy, aimed-at-all-levels workshop, including a mid-morning refreshment break (refreshments included).

Tickets £20

Venue: Elwin Room, BRLSI, 16 – 18 Queen Square, BA1 2HN

Blushing in Jane Austen, with Professor John Mullan - 11.30am (duration 1½ hours)

Jane Austen was fascinated by blushing. Blushing accompanies modesty, but also secrecy and private passion. In a world where it is wise to keep some feelings to yourself, a blush can give the game away. Yet when Austen's characters notice each other's blushes, they still have to guess what they mean. We will see how important (and, sometimes, how mistaken) this guessing can be in her novels.

Tickets £16

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Jane Austen's Monsters, with Professor John Mullan - 2pm (duration 1½ hours)

In life, we would want to avoid spending time with Lady Catherine De Bourgh or Mrs Elton. When we read Jane Austen's novels, however, we feel a surge of delight whenever they enter the room. In this talk we will meet the full range of Austen's monsters - characters who will never give way to the wishes of others - and will discover what special pleasures they offer us. We will also find out why most of her monsters seem to be women.

Tickets £16

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour - 2.30pm (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Sunday 10th September

Rummaging through the Reticule - 4pm (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Saturday 9th September

Inspiration & Perspiration – Natural Theatre Company - 8pm (duration 1 hour)

Jane Austen has writer's block! She is short of characters. ... With a little help from friends and family (and some assistance from the audience) she will find new characters to progress the storyline of her new novel. Will this be her biggest hit yet? Come and enjoy this completely improvised annual show from The Natural Theatre Company after previous successes with Darcy's Ball, Prejudice and Pride, and Lady Susan...

Tickets £24

Venue: The Mission Theatre, 32 Corn Street, BA1 1UF

Sunday 17 September

A Very Private Public Breakfast - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Friday 8th September

Croquet Game - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Sunday 10th September



Jane Austen & Bath – walking tour - 10am (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Sunday 10th September

Mini-Promenade - 12 noon (duration approx. 45mins)

Meet for an informal, short stroll from the Royal Crescent down Gravel Walk, Milsom Street, Stall Street and ending in front of Bath Abbey. A last chance to show off your Regency finery along the pavements of Bath.

No booking or tickets necessary for this event, turn up and join in!

Free Event

Meet: Royal Crescent, Bath, BA1 2LX

Croquet Game - 1.30pm (duration 1½ hours)

For details see Sunday 10th September



For the 2023 Jane Austen Festival we have:

- 500+ Promenaders
- 214 Festival Friends
- 115 Jane Austen Festival events
- 23 event locations in the City of Bath
- 15 Volunteer Stewards
- 10 days of Austen themed events
- 9 talks in the Mission Theatre
- 8 croquet matches to be pall-malled
- 7 Regency dance events
- 6 strollable Bath walking tours
- 5 Regency breakfasts
- 4 fun fencing sessions
- 3 driving tour routes
- 2 Festival promenades
- 1 Festival Fayre

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- priority booking for Festival events

Further details available from our website
www.janeausten.co.uk



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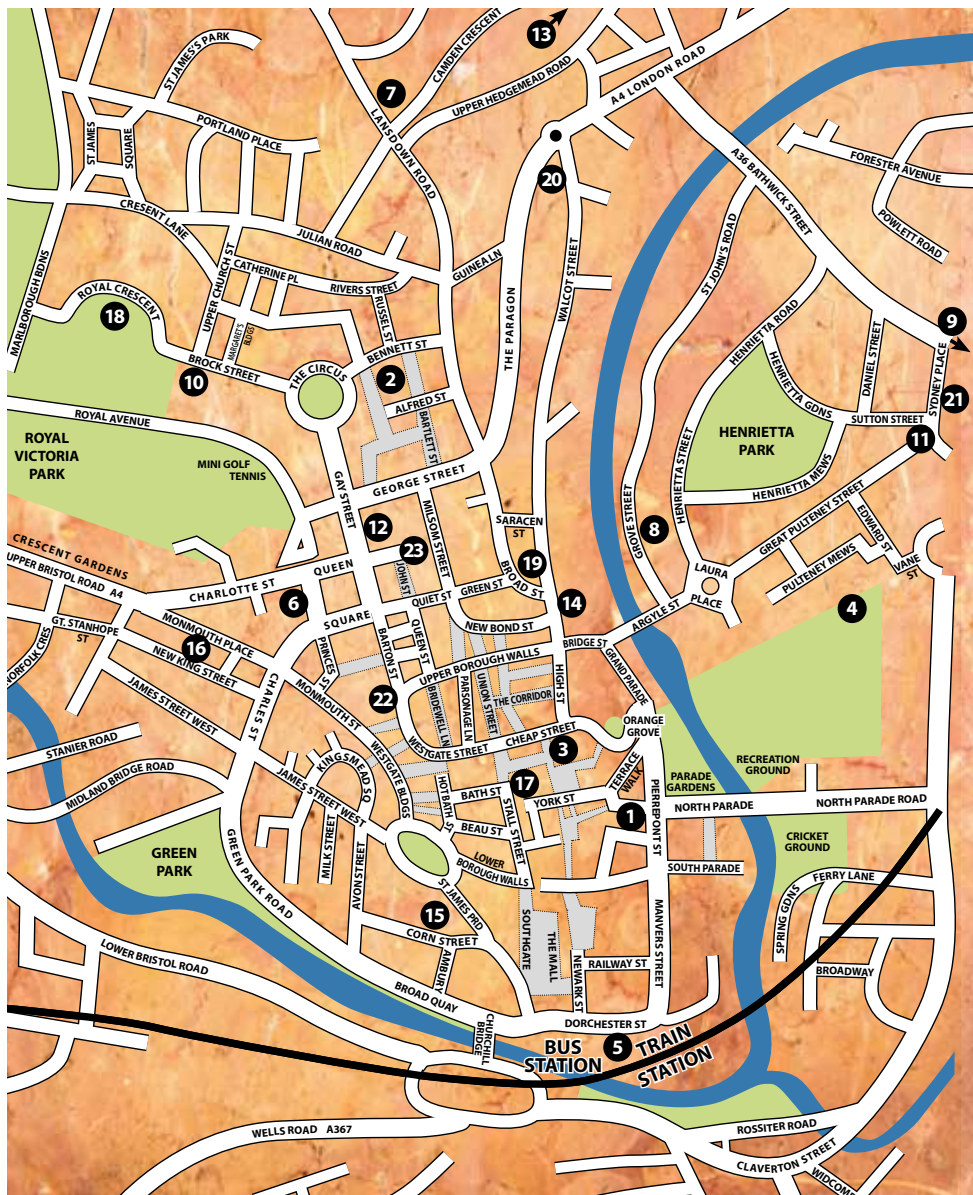
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Stall Street Entrance |
| 2 Assembly Rooms | 10 Gravel Walk | 18 Royal Crescent |
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