

SOMERVILLE LONDON GROUP  
On Wednesday 25 May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

at

**Burgh House**  
**New End Square**  
**London**  
**NW3 1LT**

***THE ROMANTIC SEASIDE***  
**A Talk by Dr Jane Darcy**



Get ready for your summer with a light-hearted look at the origins of the British seaside holiday. Join us at the inland spa of Hampstead, at historic Burgh House, once the home of Dr. William Gibbons who made his reputation from the supposedly health-giving waters of the area – and not far from Whitestone Pond, once known as ‘Hampstead -on -Sea.’ In the absence of Dr. Gibbons himself we have Dr. Jane Darcy, who promises to be less medical and more entertaining.

Drinks will be served from 6.30 in the Music Room and the talk will begin at 7.00. Before the evening ends, at about 8.30, there will be an opportunity to stroll around discovering the charms of the house itself. Originally built in 1704, its last residents were Rudyard Kipling’s daughter and her husband, and the inside of the house is much as they knew it in the 1930s. Outside, a part of the terrace was designed by Gertrude Jekyll. The house is now home to the Hampstead Museum. For more information, see [www.burghhouse.org.uk](http://www.burghhouse.org.uk) .



Dr. Jane Darcy read English at Somerville. She is currently an Honorary Lecturer in the English Department at UCL. Her area of interest is the literature and culture of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, on which she has written and lectured extensively. Among her latest projects are a study on Jane Austen and melancholy, an edited book on Victorian comedy, and the recently established, and very popular, Dr. Johnson Reading Circle.

### **Travelling by public transport**

Burgh House is a five-minute walk from Hampstead Underground Station (on the Northern Line) and a 15-minute walk from Hampstead Heath Overground Station (Richmond/Clapham Junction to Stratford Line).

You can also get to Burgh House by bus. Bus routes 46 and 268 stop on Hampstead High Street, which is a five-minute walk from Burgh House; while bus routes 24, 168 and C11 stop at South End Green Bus Station, which is a 15-minute walk from the House.

### **Travelling by car or taxi**

There are a few pay-and-display parking bays at the East Heath Road end of Well Walk, at the High Street end of Gayton Road and opposite the White Bear Pub in New End. Most bays are chargeable 9am-6pm, Mondays to Saturdays, but do check the signs, as this can vary. Parking is free outside these hours and all day on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Please be aware that there is a limited number of bays and these spaces are hotly contested.

There is also a small pay-and-display car park on the edge of Hampstead Heath, which is a ten-minute walk from Burgh House. There is also one public disabled-parking space on New End Square, opposite the accessible entrance to Burgh House.

## BOOKING FORM

This event is open to all Somervillian alumni and their guests.

Tickets are £25 each (or £15 for those who matriculated in 2005 or later) and can be booked by emailing Caroline Totterdill [carolinetots@talk21.com](mailto:carolinetots@talk21.com). Cheques should be made out to Somerville Events Committee; when you email Caroline to order tickets she will reply with the address to which you can post the cheque.

Alternatively you can ring the Alumni & Development Office on 01865 280626 and pay by debit card. You can also book [online here](#)