



The Mayor of Tewkesbury's
GRAND REGENCY BALL

Sunday 6th December 2026

TIMETABLE
FOR THE DAY



All proceeds benefit the Mayor's Charities, Let's Talk Well and the Gloucestershire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs.



His Worship the Mayor of Tewkesbury, Councillor George Porter, is delighted to invite you to immerse yourself in the era of Jane Austen, the Napoleonic Wars, Beau Brummell, and Bridgerton at his Grand Regency Ball, to be held on 6th December 2026 at the George Watson Memorial Hall, Tewkesbury.

Dr Helen Davidge and the Georgettes of Oxford

As a classically trained dancer, Dr Helen Davidge is an experienced historical dance teacher, having taught Contra Dance and Baroque in both Europe and East and South East Asia, as well as performing Baroque dance with the Academy of Ancient Music and Wicked Music People.

She is the first person to have performed and taught Baroque dance in Malaysia in modern times, and was the dance mistress for the first professional theatrical production of *Death Comes to Pemberley*. As the artistic director of Georgettes of Oxford she now teaches their historical dance classes.

Last year, being Jane Austen's 250th Birthday year, Helen has called the dances for celebration Balls and overseen dance displays at a number of locations including: Jane Austen's House Museum, Windsor Castle, Wembley Stadium, the Bank of England and The Bodleian.

Georgettes of Oxford is an Eighteenth and early Nineteenth-Century society with over 40 members in Oxford, having danced at numerous venues including: the Jane Austen House Museum, the Bank of England, Wembley Stadium, Windsor Castle and also appearances on BBC One and Channel 5.

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2.30pm - 4pm	Dance workshop for guests
4.30pm - 5.30pm	Musicians rehearsal
6pm	Doors open and the ball commences
6.30pm	Georgettes dance demonstration
6.45pm	Slow walk through some dances
7.10pm	Break
7.20pm	First dance session
8.20pm	Break
8.50pm	Second dance session
10pm	Carriages



Live music will be provided by Regency dance band,
"The Capability Consort", bringing the atmosphere of the period to life.



Never attended a Regency Ball before?

Here is some general advice – if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch and we will be delighted to help.

Dress code

As this is a Regency ball, costume inspired by that period of time, between 1795 and 1830, is mandatory. For gentlemen, a white shirt, cravat, tailcoat, breeches, stockings, and dancing shoes is the basic outfit. Ladies wear the famous Empire line gown, optionally with a short shoulder-length capelet and gloves. Period-appropriate cultural or national dress (such as kilt or sari) is also encouraged!

Above all, costume is aspirational and you will not be scrutinised for inaccuracies; as long as you make the effort, you'll fit in!

Dances

During the day, there will be workshops at the George Watson Hall where experienced dancers will teach the basic dance steps so you can join in confidently in the evening. Don't feel you need to wear full costume for the workshops – although it might be wise to wear the shoes you intend to wear on the evening!

Other activities

If you don't fancy dancing, there will be Regency themed games and activities in a separate, quieter room, as well as a bar for more general socialising.

Food

Although there will not be a meal served during the evening, there will be a break halfway through the dances so you are more than welcome to bring a hamper.

Refunds

Unfortunately we are unable to accept refunds; however if you find you are unable to attend the ball you may resell your ticket. Just let us know!