



## Chawton House Library Reading Group

The Library runs a reading group for the discussion of the work of women writers, 1600 to 1830, The group meets each month, September to May, usually on the third Monday of the month at 2pm.

The reading group has continued busily since September 2008 reading a range of books including *The Grasmere and Alfoxden Journals* by Dorothy Wordsworth and *The Wanderer* by Frances Burney. As a slight departure, the final book of the 2009-2010 season will be Elizabeth's Gaskell's *Ruth* because 2010 is the bicentennial anniversary of Elizabeth Gaskell's birth and she had local connections, owning a house, The Lawns, in Holybourne, Alton.

Afternoon tea is available during the Reading Group meetings for £2.50 per person.

### Chawton House Library Reading Group Schedule

20 April 2009 *The Italian* by Ann Radcliffe

18 May 2009 *The Last Man* by Mary Shelley

### **Summer break from June 2009 - August 2009**

21 September 2009 *A Simple Story* (1791) by Elizabeth Inchbald

19 October 2009 *Letters written in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark* (1796) by Mary Wollstonecraft

16 November 2009 *Millenium Hall* (1762) by Sarah Scott

21 December 2009 *The Sylph* (1779) by Georgiana Cavendish Devonshire

18 January 2010 *The History of Mary Prince: a West Indian Slave* (1831) by Mary Prince

15 February 2010 *Oroonoko: or the history of the royal slave* (1688) by Aphra Behn

15 March 2010 *Coelebs in search of a wife: comprehending observations on domestic habits and manners, religion and morals* (1809) by Hannah More

19 April 2010 *The Wonder* (1714) by Susannah Centlivre

17 May 2010 *Ruth* (1853) by Elizabeth Gaskell. (This meeting will have slightly different arrangements to the usual practice – so please watch this space!)

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