



AUTHENTIC  
JANE AUSTEN  
DINNER

HAPPY  
250TH BIRTHDAY



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### BASED ON ROBERT TUESLEY ANDERSON'S JANE AUSTEN'S TABLE

#### SOUPE A LA REINE

White soup was quite a thing at a Ball of any pretension in Regency times. When, in *Pride and Prejudice*, Mr. Bingley's snobbish sister Caroline asks whether he is going to go ahead with his plan to hold a dance at Netherfeld (which "for some of us" she says, would be "a punishment (rather) than a pleasure"), he tells her that it is "quite a settled thing. . . as soon as Nicholis has made white soup enough I shall send round my cards."

#### ROASTED PORK LOIN & APPLES

"My dear sir you really are too bountiful. My mother desires her very best compliments and regards, and a thousand thanks, and says you really quite oppress her."

We consider our Hartfield pork," replied Mr. Woodhouse — "indeed it certainly is, so very superior to all other pork that Emma and I cannot have a greater pleasure than—"

"Oh! My dear sir as my mother says, our friends are only too good to us. . . I always say we are quite blessed in our neighbors.—My dear sir, if there is one thing my mother loves better than another, it is pork—a roast loin of pork—"

The apples themselves are the very finest sort for baking, beyond a doubt; all from Donwell—some of Mr. Knightley's most liberal supply. He sends us a sack every year; and certainly there never was such a keeping apple anywhere as one of his trees—I believe there is two of them. My mother says the orchard was always famous in her younger days." Miss Bates, from *Emma*

#### CHICKEN CURRY

In a letter to her friend in Lesley Castle — one of Austen's juvenile skits—Charlotte Lutterell writes: "We spent a very pleasant Day, and very good Dinner, tho' to be sure the Veal was terribly underdone, and the Curry had no seasoning."

Curry is mentioned in Martha Lloyd's household book; Curry powder, Curry soup, Curried chicken. Martha was Jane Austen's friend, and lived with Jane, her mother, and her sister, before she married Jane's brother Francis. It is safe to assume Jane Austen would have eaten curry dishes.

#### BOILED POTATOES

"And what excellent boiled potatoes. It's been many years since I had such an exemplary vegetable. To which if my fair cousins should I compliment the cooking?"  
Mr. Collins in *Pride and Prejudice*

#### WOLTON VEGETABLE PIE

It was named after Frederick Marquis, 1st Earl of Woolton (1883-1964). He became Minister for Food in 1940 and promoted the Vegetable Pie as meat was scarce during WWII.

#### DEVIZES CHEESECAKES

In May 1799, Austen wrote to her sister Cassandra, "Our journey went off exceedingly well, nothing occurred to alarm or delay us. . . At Devizes we had comfortable rooms and a good dinner; to which we sat down about five; amongst other things we had asparagus and a lobster; which made me wish for you, and some cheesecakes, on which the children made so delightful a supper as to endear the town of Devizes to them for a long time."



*Our Chef this evening is Chef Mike of Steak Shack Bistro & Catering of Leesburg.*

*Thank you to Lucas Justice and his Alto Saxophone for providing the music tonight.*