

Say it with Flowers

at Anne Hathaway's Cottage



Discover Shakespeare's use of floral symbolism and the language of love in a new exhibition. Leave your own romantic tribute on a sweetheart panel describing how you met your partner.

The fragrant theme is brought to life in the stunning cottage gardens with a heart-shaped lavender maze. This unique place could be just the spot to declare your love or even propose.

Exhibition open from 11 February – 31 December 2012

Shakespeare's Stories

at Shakespeare's Birthplace, Hall's Croft and RST



Let us take you on a journey, from the strange and distant shores of Illyria in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* to a mysterious tropical island in *The Tempest* (pictured above) and to the search for family in foreign lands in the *Comedy of Errors*. In partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the British Museum, *Shakespeare's Stories* will explore themes of home, identity and journey through the work of international story teller, Jan Blake.

Shakespeare's Stories is part of the World Shakespeare Festival which is produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company for London 2012 Festival.

*The exhibition, which runs from April 21 – December 31 2012, will be based across three venues in Stratford, the Shakespeare Centre, Halls Croft and the Royal Shakespeare Theatre.

Visit all of the Shakespeare Houses in and around Stratford-upon-Avon, each with a fascinating story to tell!

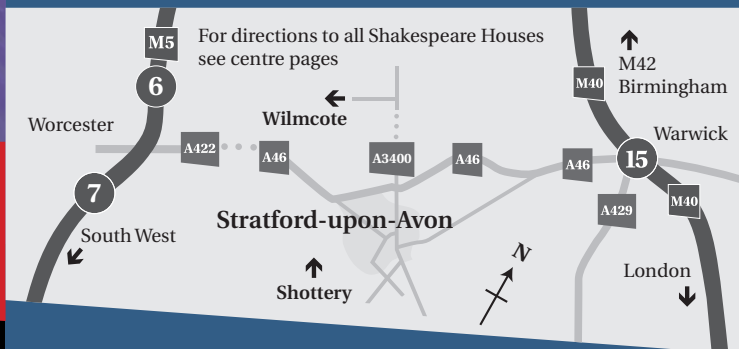
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- Nash's House & New Place (CV37 6EP)
- Hall's Croft (CV37 6BG)
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shottery (CV37 9HH)
- Mary Arden's Farm, Wilmcote (CV37 9UN)

Gift shops and cafes

Great gift shops at all of the houses and new cafes at Shakespeare's Birthplace, Mary Arden's Farm, Hall's Croft and Anne Hathaway's Cottage* in 2012. *Opening early Summer 2012

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Opening hours

The Shakespeare Houses are open daily except Christmas Day and Boxing Day*. Last entry to the Birthplace is 6pm July and August. Mary Arden's Farm is open March 19 to 4 November 2012.

*Shakespeare's Birthplace is open on Boxing Day.

Under 5s are free. Family ticket includes up to three children

Group and Educational bookings

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A Dramatic Day Out!

Much ado at Shakespeare's Birthplace



A place of pilgrimage

Stand where genius was born

Shakespeare was born and grew up in this house. He played here. He ate meals in front of the open fire in this hall. He slept and dreamed in these rooms. He began his married life here.

For millions of Shakespeare enthusiasts worldwide, this house is a shrine. You will discover the world that shaped the man. And you'll find out what other famous writers thought when they came here. A special place that everyone should see at least once in their lifetime.

Get closer to Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace.

Life, Love and Legacy

An introduction to William Shakespeare

Our introductory exhibition sets the scene for your visit to Shakespeare's Birthplace.

The show interweaves theatre with Shakespearian magic. You will see genuine treasures and artefacts associated with the man himself.

Shakespeare Aloud!

Live performances all year round

Enjoy live Shakespearian theatre in the Birthplace gardens every day with costumed actors performing excerpts from your favourite plays.

"Shakespeare Aloud was fantastic!

They really made it come alive!"

NEW for 2012

Opening Easter 2012 will be a new gift and book shop and a bistro-style cafe offering breakfasts, delicious light meals and afternoon-teas made from locally-sourced Warwickshire produce.

Finding the five Shakespeare Houses



NEW for 2012

Eye Shakespeare app.

Innovative streetguide to Shakespeare's Stratford'

*Available to download from iTunes from April 2012

'We are the world's leading charity in promoting the enjoyment of Shakespeare's works, life and times. We care for five historic houses in Stratford-upon-Avon, all associated with William Shakespeare and his family, and are a leading centre of learning and internationally renowned Shakespeare collections. We are an independent charity and receive no regular funding. We rely on the support from our visitors, Friends and donors. To find out more on how you can support the Trust or become a Friend, please visit www.shakespeare.org.uk/support-us or call 01789 204016.'

Visit all the Shakespeare Houses in Stratford-upon-Avon

-Each with a fascinating story to tell!



Mary Arden's Farm

Real working Tudor farm

Step back in time with all the sights, smells and activities of rural life in the 1570s. Try your hand at work on a Tudor farm and make friends with the rare breed animals.

Don't miss spectacular falconry displays held daily and look out for Tudor festivals and events on high days and holidays.

Explore the grounds and take in the beautiful countryside on the easy to follow nature trail where the kids can run off their energy in the adventure playground and willow tunnels.

Finally, finish your visit with tempting homemade fayre from our newly refurbished cafe.

NEW for 2012

Falconry events daily, *Muscles, Balls and Bowls* sport – themed exhibition and new cafe.



Hall's Croft

Jacobean home of Shakespeare's daughter

Wander through the elegant home of Susanna Shakespeare and her husband, the wealthy physician Dr John Hall.

Relax in the tranquil gardens and breathe in the fragrant herbs as used by Dr Hall in his remedies. Why not join us in August for a magical programme of outdoor theatre performances?

Take in the landmark exhibition: *Shakespeare's Stories*, created in collaboration with the RSC and British Museum.

Building conservation work will be in progress during 2012.

NEW for 2012

New cafe, *Shakespeare's Stories* exhibition and Theatre in the Garden festival.

* Also at Shakespeare's Birthplace and RSC



Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Most romantic Shakespeare house

See where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride Anne Hathaway at her picturesque family home.

Wander through the award-winning cottage gardens with traditional Tudor planting and spend time in the Shakespeare-themed sculpture and tree gardens.

Listen to a reading of one of the dramatist's popular sonnets in the willow cabin before exploring the woodland walk.

NEW for 2012

Spectacular lavender maze, *Say it with Flowers* exhibition and new cafe.

* Opening early Summer 2012



Nash's House & New Place

Shakespeare's final home

Take in the period splendour of Nash's House and visit the archaeological excavations of New Place, Shakespeare's final beloved home where he died in 1616.

Sieve for finds and take part in our Family Archaeology, and see what has been uncovered so far at New Place.

Enjoy the exquisite horticultural designs of the Elizabethan Knot Garden.

NEW for 2012

Final year of Dig for Shakespeare! with chance to view finds from the last two years.

Event highlights

Something for everyone in 2012

March

19 **Mary Arden's Farm re-opens**
All the usual fun of the farm plus the new *Muscles, Balls and Bowls* exhibition.

From 26 **Dig for Shakespeare**
Third and final year of our fascinating live archaeological dig at New Place.

April

Until 21 **April**

Changing Rooms

Discover the art of heritage conservation in this exhibition during actual works at Hall's Croft.

Easter **Spring Merriment**

Easter family fun at all the Shakespeare houses.

21 – 22 **Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations**

A weekend of pageantry throughout Stratford-upon-Avon and celebrations at all the Shakespeare Houses.

May

6 **King and Queen of May**

Tudor May Day celebrations at Mary Arden's Farm.

6 (3pm) **Celebrating Tagore**

Readings from the Indian poet's work with Bengali music and dancing at Shakespeare's Birthplace.

18 – 19 **All the story of the night over**

Want to be a writer or a poet? Join us at Shakespeare's Birthplace for an inspirational evening and enter your work for a new exhibition. Non-writers welcome.



June

2 – 4 **Tudor Festival** **Event Highlight!**

Merry making, music, dancing and hog roast at Mary Arden's Farm.

From 21 **The Enchanted Wood**

Spot the fairies from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and win a prize at Anne Hathaway's Cottage.

July

From end of June

Sweet Pea Festival

Scent spectacular at Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Experience the beauty and fragrance of old and new sweet pea varieties in the gardens.

September

29 – 30 **Apple Days**

Tudor celebration of the apple harvest at Mary Arden's Farm.

October

27 – 4 **November**

Spooky Shakespeare

Halloween inspired fun at all the Shakespeare houses.

December

1 **Carols by Candlelight**

at Anne Hathaway's Cottage.
From 7pm

Shakespeare's Birthplace by Candlelight

From 5pm Special entry price £1.

Signature events

In 2012 we will also be holding a series of events inspired by the imagination and heritage of William Shakespeare.

4 July – 6 August **Stratford Poetry Festival**

A feast of words, wit and wisdom from headline acts in venues around Stratford.

18 August – 1 September **Theatre in the Garden**

Relax and enjoy a medley of exciting performances from new and emerging talent at Hall's Croft.

8 – 9 September **Garden and Allotment Festival**

Growing festival at Anne Hathaway's Cottage with food stalls, craft-making and garden - inspired entertainment.

October **Film Festival**

Two week programme of iconic films and adaptations of Shakespeare's works with talks about the poet's impact on cinema across the ages. Developed by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust with Stratford Picturehouse.

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