



2023 Report by Stratford Society Chair

The year 2023 saw a variety of speakers at the Society's monthly meetings on topics as diverse as Americans, Freemasonry and Swans all visiting or being a part of the town; as to the more substantial, there were talks on the Guild Chapel, KES and Shakespeare's statue, plus we learned about the work of a tourist guide and how to fictionalise historic Stratford; all this and a visit to the gardens at Clifford Manor.

The annual Shakespeare Birthday Parade did not have a contingent from the Society in 2023, an omission which will be made good in 2024.

This year saw the Society reach out to others in the area, such as the Shakespeare Club, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and Town Trust for reciprocal advertising of events. This will be continued and expanded in 2024.

Last, but by no means least, we had a very successful evening trying to answer the fiendish questions set by Margaret Cund for the Christmas Quiz night. Everyone present appeared to enjoy themselves, and I think that members not having to pay to participate is something that should become a tradition.

Membership is growing and thanks to all the committee members who continue to keep the Society in the public eye.

During 2024 we have a full set of speakers and the Corelli Centenary to look forward to.

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Chair
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