

ABOUT THE STRATFORD SOCIETY

We were established as a civic society in 1966 to help maintain the character and appearance of this world famous market town. We are a registered charity and an active member of the Historic Towns Forum.

We are frequently involved in discussions with all three local councils on matters affecting the town's heritage and built environment. In the last two years we have been much involved in the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan, currently under review prior to formal adoption.

Our programme of meetings and presentations is designed to focus attention and to stimulate debate on important local conservation and historical issues.. We also organise seminars and study tours to enable us to learn from the experience of other historic towns.

Our innovative work includes the long-term project to upgrade the Historic Spine – the route from the Birthplace to Holy Trinity – and to improve shop fronts to complement the distinguished buildings along the route. We also liaise with local schools on projects to encourage appreciation of the major architectural features and assets of the town.

The Society's General Committee meets regularly and is supported by three sub-committees dealing respectively with Planning, Historic & Public Interest and Communications. We regularly publish a Newsletter to keep members up-to-date with issues of concern and to brief them on discussions at committee and sub-committee meetings.

If you wish to join the Stratford Society, please contact the Membership Secretary, Ian Fradgley, 01789 266369

Subscriptions (annual, from 1st January)

Individual	£17.50
Joint Household	£23.00
Corporate	£35.00
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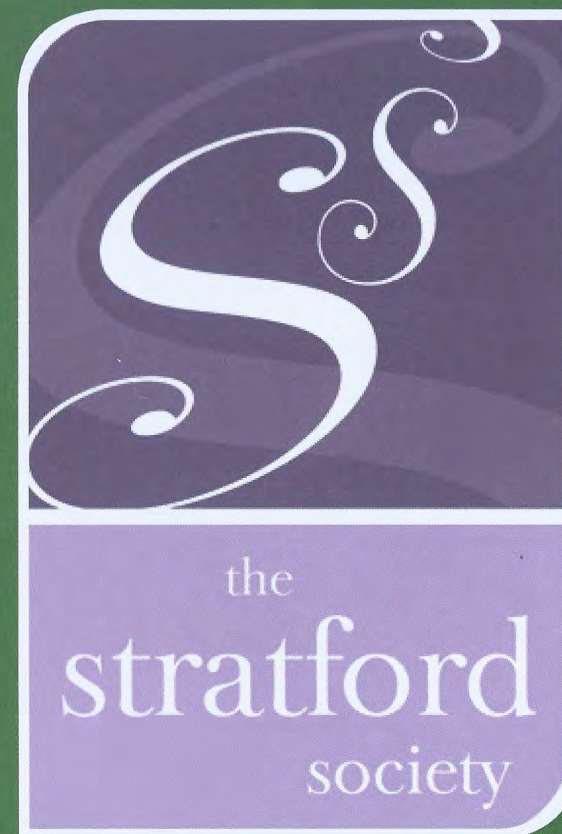
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The Stratford-upon-Avon Society No. 251182

Talks & Presentations 2016/17

The Falcon Hotel will begin its refurbishment programme early next year and we will not be able to meet there again until it is completed. Please note that meetings from February onwards are in alternative venues.

2016

Monday 19th September, 6.15pm

Falcon Hotel - REQUIEM OR RENAISSANCE?

Should new buildings in Stratford be traditional or modern – or should excellence in design be the priority? A discussion led by two architects: Paul Burley and Oliver Spicer

Monday 17th October, 6.15pm

Falcon Hotel - YOUR TOWN, YOUR PLAN

The revised Stratford Neighbourhood Plan is due to go to the District Council in October. Hear from key speakers including Mark Haselden, Chairman of the Steering Group, and Sarah Summers, the Town Clerk of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Monday 28th November, 6.15pm

Shakespeare's Schoolroom & Guildhall - CHRISTMAS PARTY and

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF STRATFORD

Celebrate the Society's 50th Anniversary in these historic rooms which were restored and opened to the public in 2016. Guest speaker LIZ FLOWER will talk about growing up in the Stratford of the 1950s and 60s – the era when the Society was founded. Menu and price to be announced shortly.

2017

Monday 16th January, 3.00pm

Falcon Hotel - IN TRUST FOR STRATFORD

We welcome the Stratford Town Trust's recently appointed new Chief Executive, Justin Williams, to share his vision and plans for the Trust. Justin will be very happy to take questions from Society members.

Monday 20th February, 3.00pm

Wolfson Hall at the Shakespeare Centre -

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB OF STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: An Alternative History of the Town

Founded at a meeting in the Falcon Hotel in 1824, it is the oldest Shakespeare club in existence and played an instrumental role in safeguarding Stratford's Shakespeare heritage – a fact celebrated in its recently published history. Our speakers are the co-authors and Club committee members, Susan Brock and Sylvia Morris. A display of Club archives and memorabilia held at the Shakespeare Centre, courtesy of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, will illustrate the activities of the Club over two centuries.

Monday 20th March, 6.15pm

Shakespeare Institute, Church Street MARIE CORELLI

A hundred years ago the hugely popular novelist Marie Corelli lived and worked at Mason's Croft in Stratford. Eccentric and colourful, she became involved in local causes, especially conservation, but was not always esteemed by the male dominated establishment of the day. Speaker: Nick Birch

Monday 22nd May, 6.15pm - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Details to announced later.

Visits & Social Events 2016/17

2017

Monday 15th May

A private tour of BROUGHTON CASTLE

Broughton Castle is a moated and fortified manor house near Banbury in North Oxfordshire. Set in parkland and built of the rich local Hornton ironstone, it was awarded a rare five stars in Simon Jenkin's book England's Thousand Best Houses. The core of the house was built in 1306 and the gatehouse in the early fifteenth century, but most of what you see today dates from the 1550s. It was a centre of opposition

to Charles I and was besieged and damaged after the Battle of Edgehill in 1642. Broughton Castle is home to the 21st Lord and Lady Saye & Sele, whose family name is Fiennes. The ownership of the Castle has remained in the same family since 1447.

Details of times and price to be notified later

Tuesday 18th July

A private tour of EASTNOR CASTLE

Eastnor Castle is a 19th-century 'revival' castle, two miles from the town of Ledbury in Herefordshire and is Grade 1 Listed. It was founded by John Cocks, 1st Earl Somers, and continues to be inhabited by his descendants. It was built to the designs of Robert Smirke in 1812-20 and in 1849 A.W.N Pugin created the Gothic Drawing Room. The house is full of medieval armour and fine art and in the beautiful grounds there is an arboretum and a lake with many spectacular walks, trails and views.

Details of times and price to be notified later

Friday 23rd June

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMER PARTY

Following the very successful Late Summer Party at New Place in September 2017, we will be looking for another magical location for our next summer event. We will circulate details in due course, but please put this date in your diary now!

The Society does not provide transport in the case of trips and events. Members are required to provide their own transport and to ensure that they have adequate insurance in place.

