

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 involved in the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan, currently under review 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.

JOIN

If you wish to join the Stratford Society, please contact the Membership Secretary, **Kevin Taylor, 07876033885** Subscriptions (annual from 1st January)

- Individual £17.50
- Joint Household £23.00
- Corporate £35.00
- Student £10.00

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MEETINGS, TALKS & EVENTS 2018 / 19

Planning at Town, District and County levels

- Monday 17th September, 2018
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

Three major planning applications are in the pipeline for new housing around Stratford. What will all these new houses mean for transport, services and infrastructure?

Speaker: Jenny Fradgley

Affiliation: Liberal Democrats

Lucy's Mill Bridge - Not Fully Inclusive!

- Monday 15th October, 2018
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

This historic river crossing is in need of upgrading and improving to enable 'Access for Everyone'. Results will be presented of a feasibility study to facilitate a fully compliant access ramp.

Speaker: Michael Sheard

Affiliation: Friends of Lucy's Mill Bridge

An update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Monday 19th November, 2018
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

The NDP is facilitated by the Town Council but has been drawn up by volunteers with considerable input from local organisations including the Stratford Society. It will shortly be subject to a local referendum.

Speaker: Mark Haselden

Affiliation: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The changing Street Scene in Stratford since 1900

- Monday 17th December, 2018
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

Picture postcards were immensely popular in the first half of the 20th century, and provide an intriguing visual record, not only of Stratford as it was but also of how the world wished it to be.

Speaker: Dr Lindsay MacDermott

Affiliation: Stratford Society

Stratford's Historic Spine - High Street, Chapel Street, Church Street and Old Town. Where do we go now?

- Monday 21st January, 2019
- 3.00pm
- Wolfson Hall

Since 2008 the Society has been promoting a project to highlight the importance of this major route through the town. This talk will summarise progress to date and outline what it is hoped will be achieved in the future.

Speaker: Dr Robert Bearman

Affiliation: Dugdale Society

The Stratford Town Archives

- Monday 18th February, 2019
- 3.00pm
- Wolfson Hall

The archive of the SBT is famous for its Shakespeare collection, but it also holds one of the best town and local history collections in the UK. We hold over 800 years of Stratford history and the session will include everything from archaeology, to the Borough Records, to local business archives and the Stratford Herald.

Speaker: Madeleine Cox

Affiliation: The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

What's the Future for Harvard House?

- Monday 18th March, 2019
- 3.00pm
- Harvard House (site visit)

SHBT is beginning a review of the condition of Harvard House and what the building might be used for, ensuring that it will be safeguarded into the future.

Speaker: Kevin Bond

Affiliation: Stratford Historic Buildings Trust

Stratford's Canal Quarter

- Monday 15th April, 2019
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

The proposed development by St Joseph Homes aims to balance the ambitions of the District Council with the strengths and weaknesses of the site.

Speaker: Sam Taylor

Affiliation: St Joseph Homes Limited

Annual General Meeting

- Monday 20th May, 2019
- 6.15pm
- Wolfson Hall

What are the plans of the SBT for managing the Shakespeare properties and enhancing the visitor experience?

Speaker: Tim Cooke (CEO)

Affiliation: The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

Chairman's Garden Party

- Saturday 22nd June, 2019
- 2.00pm
- Stratford

Come and enjoy the Gardens and the Pimms in a beautiful mystery location.