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Coriolanus, Act 2 Scene 2

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Memorable events in unique venues

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust offers a range of truly unique venues and exceptional experiences in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Captivate your clients with an exclusive Champagne Tour of Shakespeare's Birthplace where costumed actors perform excerpts from his works: charm your guests at a private function in the grounds of the beautifully picturesque Anne Hathaway's Cottage or inspire your employees with your conference set against the backdrop of Shakespeare's Birthplace.

Whatever your requirements you will be assured of a first-class service in a matchless setting where you, your guests, employees or clients, will be welcomed with the same enthusiasm and professionalism extended to all our visitors and guests.

Bespoke packages can be created to suit your budget and your requirements so please get in touch to discuss your next event.

*... good company, good wine, good welcome,
can make good people.*

Henry VIII, Act 1 Scene 4



Exclusive VIP evening tours

We offer a truly exceptional opportunity for your group to be entertained in style and in unforgettable surroundings.

Birthplace Grand Tour

This exciting and unique tour of Shakespeare's childhood home is an ideal way to start your group's evening in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Wine and a selection of canapés provide a stylish welcome followed by an exclusive tour of the Birthplace with our knowledgeable guides.

As you explore the house, costumed actors perform excerpts from Shakespeare's works, and you have the opportunity to take in our *Famous Beyond Words* exhibition at your leisure. The evening culminates with a taste of traditional mead.

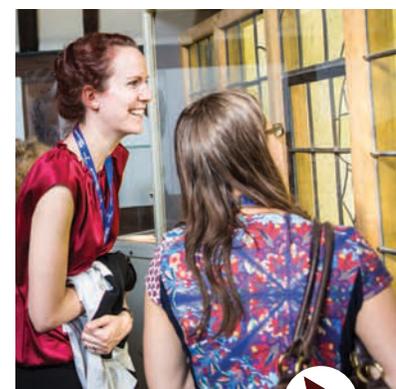
Birthplace Sparkling Tour

In addition to all the elements of the Birthplace Grand Tour, this celebratory exclusive package begins with a glass of sparkling wine and your group is given a copy of the Shakespeare Houses & Gardens guidebook as a parting gift.

Setting the Scene

Enjoy a pre-performance talk examining the literary and historical context of your chosen Shakespeare play and its performance history. You will then be seated for a two-course meal with wine in the atmospheric restaurant at Hall's Croft, home of Susanna Shakespeare, whilst listening to one of our Shakespearian experts. This is the perfect prelude to your group's evening before seeing the plays brought to life by the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company at their theatres only a few minutes' walk away.

For more information and to book contact the Groups team on 01789 201806 or email groups@shakespeare.org.uk





The Shakespeare Centre

The Shakespeare Centre was built in 1964 as an international tribute to William Shakespeare on the 400th anniversary of his birth. This unique Grade II listed building, featuring some striking design features, offers a suite of modern, well-equipped and versatile facilities.

Centrally located, the Centre presents the perfect venue for your next event with the added attraction of being located adjacent to Shakespeare's Birthplace.

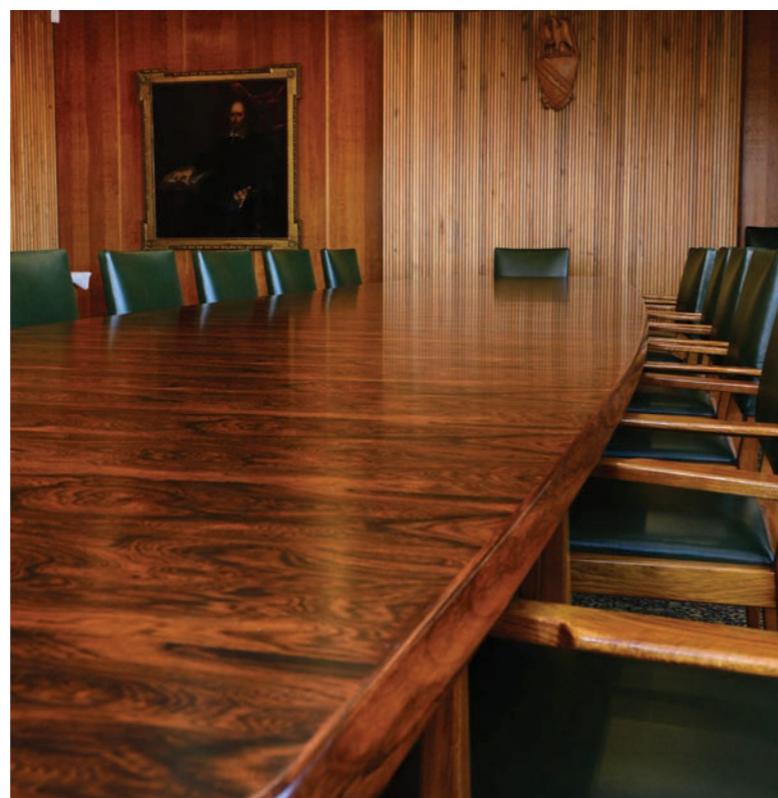
Our individual meeting rooms cater for anything from a small private meeting for 10 people to a full scale conference for up to 250 delegates, ensuring that we can offer the perfect space to suit your needs and your budget.

The simply styled Queen Elizabeth Hall with its high ceiling is suitable for a wide range of activities and twins perfectly with the stylish Wolfson Hall, both of which share a large lobby area with licensed bar facilities. The beautiful Gordon Russell furnished Conference Room with its grand rosewood and walnut table offers the perfect venue for a formal meeting with the inspiring backdrop of the Birthplace gardens.

A truly inspirational space, the bright and airy Shakespeare Room features a stunningly designed feature wall by Nicolette Gray. Gray was an exponent of lettering and this wall of writers' names carved in wood is one of her most notable works.

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Top left: The Shakespeare Room. Top right: Queen Elizabeth Hall.
Bottom left: Wolfson Hall. Bottom right: Conference Room.



Shakespeare's Family Homes

Shakespeare's family homes are located in and around the historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon. All directly linked to the life and times of William Shakespeare, the beautiful conserved properties have been inspiring visitors from around the world for centuries.

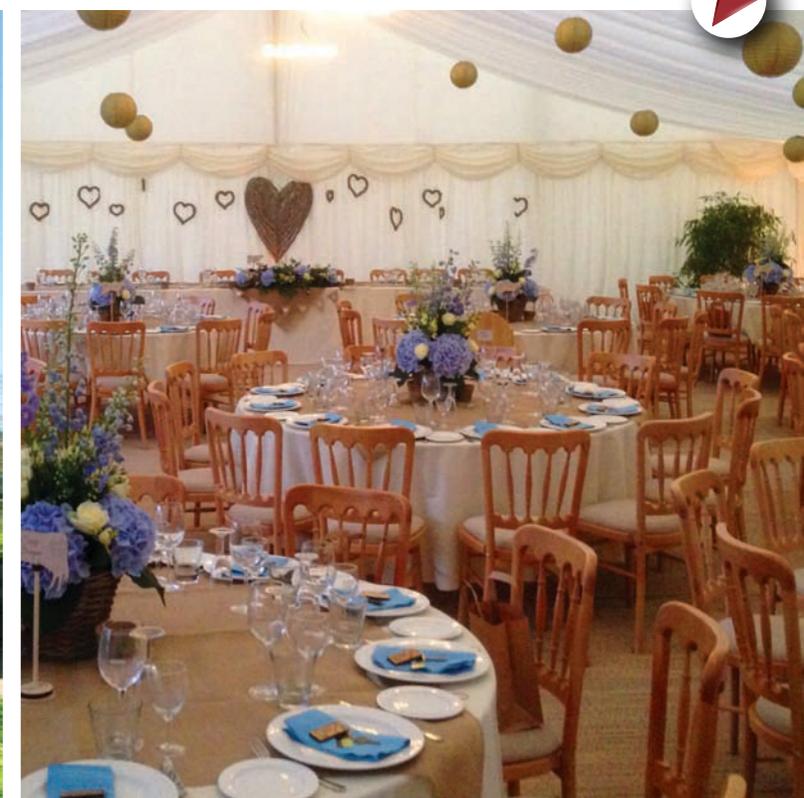
What better setting for your next function than in the grounds of the delightfully picturesque Anne Hathaway's Cottage, where we are able to cater for up to 200 guests within our stylish marquee nestled amongst the fragrant blooms and shrubs.

The stunning walled gardens of the elegant Hall's Croft, the former home of Susanna Shakespeare and her husband Dr John Hall, provide a beautiful setting for up to 120 guests in the heart of town, or for a truly unique experience the Great Barn at Mary Arden's Farm can be hired for exclusive use.

All of our cafes at Shakespeare's Birthplace, Hall's Croft, Mary Arden's Farm and Anne Hathaway's Cottage are also available for exclusive and non-exclusive hire.

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Top left: The Great Barn at Mary Arden's Farm. Top right: Anne Hathaway's Cottage.
Bottom left: Hall's Croft. Bottom right: Wedding marquee.



Catering

At the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust our own in-house catering team prides itself on utilising fresh, seasonal ingredients where possible which are sustainably sourced from local suppliers.

Mary Arden's Farm provides all our venues with a range of produce and is managed organically as part of the Natural England Stewardship Scheme.

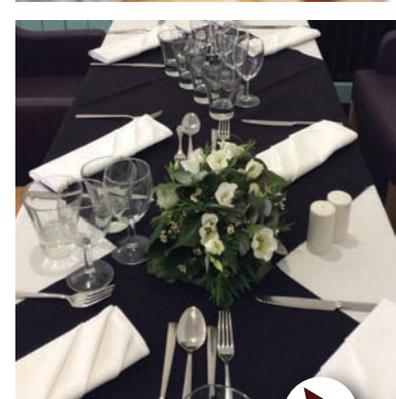
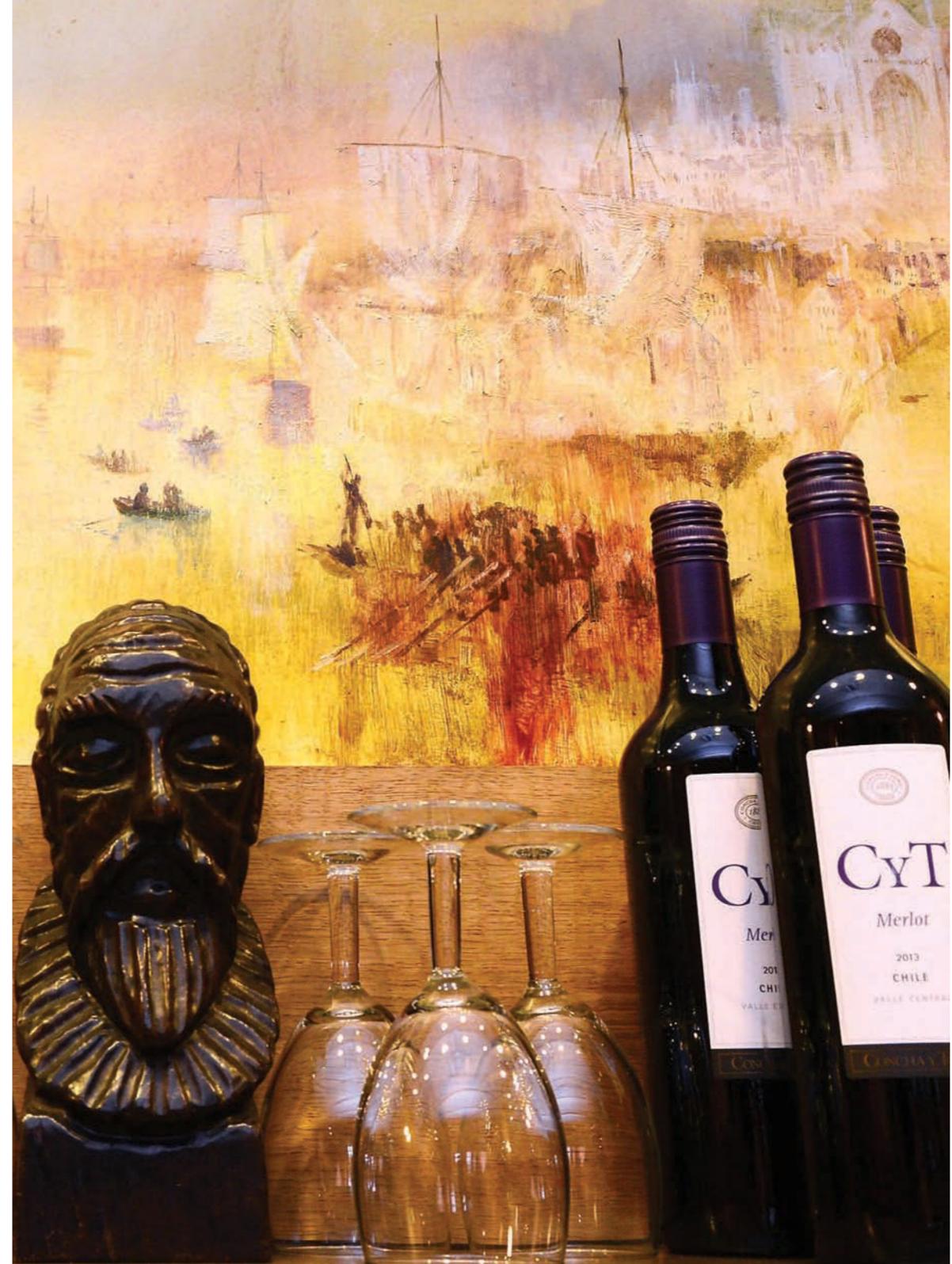
You can rest assured that only the finest and most local produce will be provided for your menu. We're flexible too – so if you're

looking for something particular to include just let us know and we'll do our best to provide it.

We offer a range of seasonal menus and catering packages to suit all tastes and budgets and can cater for a range of dietary requirements. Your package can be complemented with a fine selection of wines and champagnes to match your menu choice.

Small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast.

The Comedy of Errors, Act 3 Scene 1





Retail gifts

To enhance your guests' or delegates' visit, we offer a wonderful range of Shakespeare-inspired gifts and souvenirs of Stratford-upon-Avon at a special discount.

For your VIP guests and for special presentations, we also have a unique selection of exclusive presentation gifts, from fine leather bound editions of Shakespeare's works to hand printed silk scarves.

We are happy to tailor delegate bags and table-gifts to your budget and to make gift recommendations to suit your event.

A wide range of our gifts and books is available for you to view online at shakespeare.org.uk/onlineshop or come and talk to us in store.



*Large gifts have I bestowed
on learned clerks*

Henry VI Part 2, Act 4 Scene 7

How to get here

Nestled in the historic heart of England Stratford-upon-Avon couldn't be more easily accessible.

Road

London to Stratford-upon-Avon is under two hours by car and being close to the M40, M42 and M6 motorway networks we are also easily reached from the Midlands and the North. The town centre is a short drive from Junction 15 of the M40 and is well sign posted on all major routes.

Rail

There are regular rail services from London to Stratford-upon-Avon via London Marylebone station and also to Warwick Parkway only a short taxi-ride away from the town centre. Stratford is also only a short journey from Birmingham's Snow Hill and Moor Street stations and Solihull station.

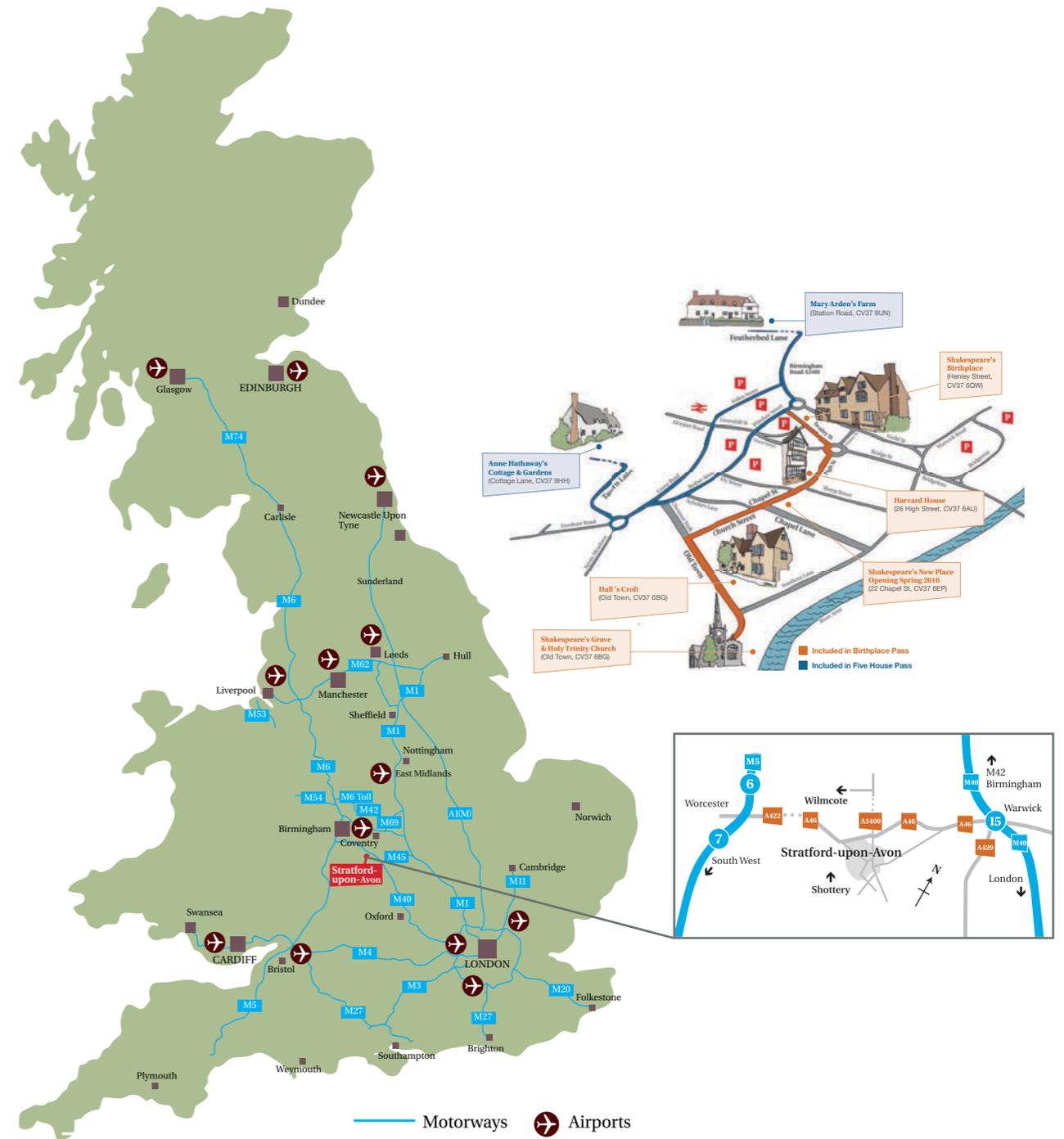
Other cross country services can be accessed via Royal Leamington Spa station only 25 minutes away.

Air

Birmingham International Airport is only 27 miles from the town centre.

Stay a little longer...

Stratford-upon-Avon is the perfect location for exploring the wonders that Warwickshire has to offer. Situated right in the heart of the country, the area is one of England's most historic and beautiful destinations offering some of the finest attractions and hotels making it an ideal destination for a relaxing break. For further information visit www.shakespeares-england.co.uk



The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust has a long and famous tradition of welcoming visitors from across the globe to Stratford-upon-Avon on a personal journey to discover where Shakespeare lived. Formed in 1847 following the purchase of Shakespeare's Birthplace as a national memorial, we are the world's leading charity in promoting the works, life and times of William Shakespeare.

We offer a unique Shakespeare-centred experience with outstanding archive and library collections, inspiring educational and literary event programmes and five

wonderful houses all directly relating to Shakespeare. The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is an independent charity and receives no regular government funding. Everything we achieve is only possible thanks to our visitors, volunteers, partners and generous supporters.

By hosting your event with the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust you are not only helping to contribute to the upkeep and conservation of the magnificent Shakespeare family homes but you are supporting us in our aim to share Shakespeare's genius with the world.

Enquiries

We would be delighted to discuss hosting your next event, conference or meeting. Contact the Hospitality Team on 01789 201829 or email hospitality@shakespeare.org.uk to discuss your requirements and receive a personalised quotation.

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