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# About this Guide

Welcome to Stratford-upon-Avon, home of the world's most famous playwright, William Shakespeare. Stratford is steeped in history with many half-timbered buildings from medieval times and the aim of this brief guide is to tempt you to explore our lovely town following streets that Shakespeare would have known and would still recognise.

Stratford-upon-Avon been a market town since before Shakespeare's day. It was a small river crossing Stratford-upon-Avon is home until it received its town to the Royal Shakespeare charter in 1196. The original Company, one of the most crossing was close to the site of Clopton Bridge, one of the oldest bridges in the country theatre obviously provides a still bearing traffic today after showcase for Shakespeare's 500 years - which speaks plays but has a much broade of the skill of the original repertoire, performing works builders, when the heaviest from across the centuries and traffic would presumably have many contemporary pieces been laden carts crossing the as well. If you are lucky, you river to come to the market. will see many a famous face Today we still have a thriving wandering through the town market, held on Fridays and or enjoying a post theatre Saturdays, but the town drink in one of our many is also host to many other hostelries.

has continental and craft markets throughout the year.

> prestigious ensemble acting companies in the world. The





You may enjoy a boat trip to our much loved town on the river or a visit to the and that you will come Butterfly Farm, one of the back again. largest of its kind in Europe, which has collections of many extraordinary insects. An enjoyable time may be had in the Brass Rubbing centre, which promises that great artistic skills are not required to produce an unusual souvenir of your visit. The centre of the town has many small unusual shops and galleries. We hope you enjoy your visit



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Shakespeare's mother and Discover the exciting story experience the Tudor sights, of Shakespeare's childhood

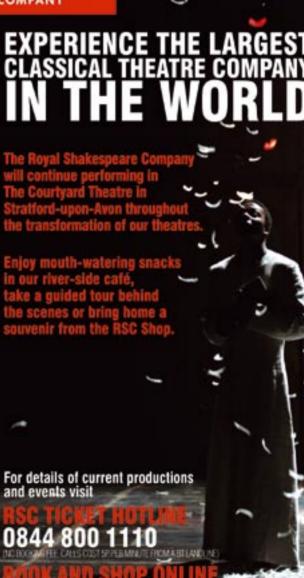
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story ended in 1616.

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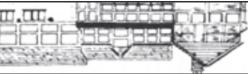
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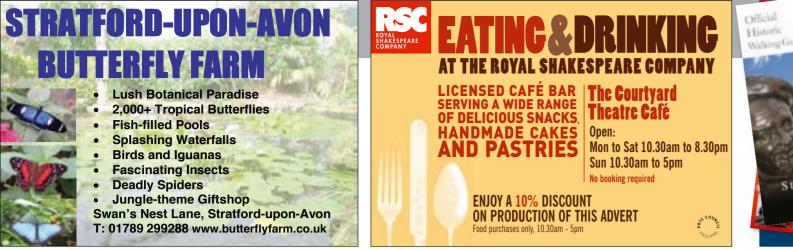
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This souvenir guide will assist you in getting the most out of your stay in Shakespeare's town. The map will guide you around the town and the suggested activities and sponsors attractions overleaf will ensure your visit is a memorable one.

# 10 Things to do in Stratford-upon-Avon

#### **1** Shakespeare's Birthplace



Discover the exciting story of Shakespeare's childhood home where he was born in 1564 and see where he spent the first years with his new wife, Anne Hathaway. See the workshop where Shakespeare's father carried out his craft of glovemaking.

#### Holy Trinity Church (Shakespeare's Church



njoy a walk along the banks of the Avon to our lovely medieval church where Shakespeare is buried. Church ppen daily.

#### **(3)** Royal Shakespeare Company



The Royal Shakespeare Company will be performing in The Courtyard Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon hroughout the transformation of their neatres. RSC tickets: 0844 800 1110.

#### 4) Shopping



Within the town we have the major high street shopping names alongside many high quality independent shops.

#### Boat trips on the river



njoy the River Avon by either hiring a motorboat, rowing boat, or book an organised river tour. Avon Boating Tel: 1789 267073 or Bancroft Cruisers Tel 789 269669



### 6 Anne Hathaway's Cottage



and has been described as having the most romantic view in England. (7) Shakespearience



Using ground breaking technology Shakespeare's life is presented in a thrilling and innovative way.

The thatched home of Shakespeare's

wife is a mile from the town centre,

#### 8 Butterfly Farm



The largest exhibition of butterflies and nsects in Europe – a highly enjoyable trip for the whole family.

#### 9 Stratford Town Walk



Award winning daily guided walk. Starts at the Swan Fountain. Mon, Tue, Wed 11am. Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun 2pm. Just turn up, whatever the weather! Also entertaining evening ghost walk Mon, Thu, Fri. Visit www.stratfordtownwalk.co.uk

#### (10) Museum of Witchcraft & Wizardology



Learn about the real history of witchcraft throughout England in one of the country's most haunted buildings. You can even search the records to see if one of your ancestors was burned at the stake. l: 01789 290969

#### Visitor Websites

There are many useful and informative websites to help plan your stay in Stratford-upon-Avon. From shops and restaurants to museums and guest houses, here's just a few:

www.visitstratforduponavon.co.uk

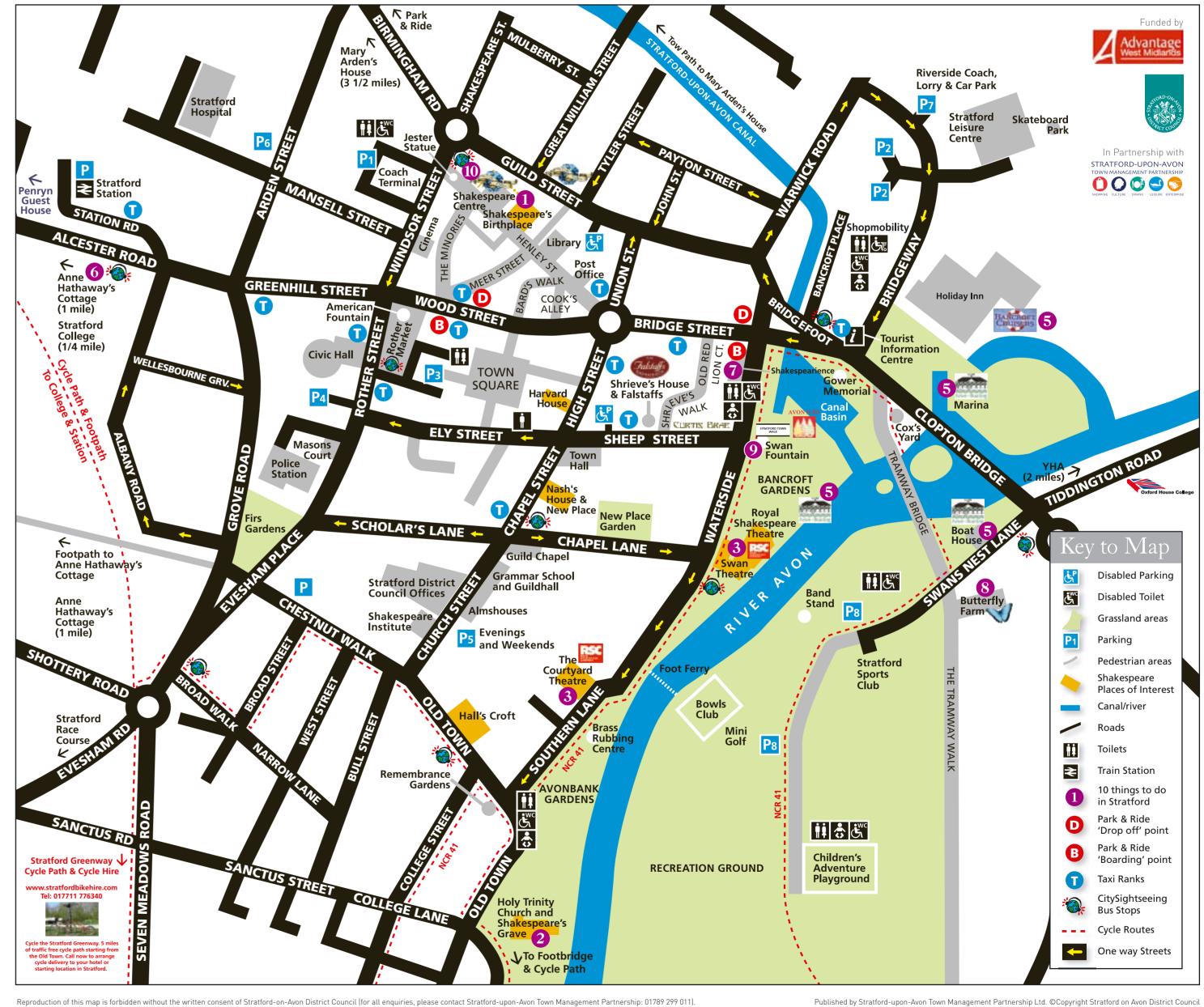
Stratford-upon-Avon tourist guide, accommodation, hotels, maps & more. www.shakespeare-country.co.uk

Accommodation, places to visit, events, eating, drinking, shopping and leisure.

www.enjoywarwickshire.com A gateway to visitor information about Warwickshire.

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