



Open University Shakespeare Society

OUSS Open Study Day

with speakers **Dr Anjna Chouhan** and **John Partridge**

Saturday May 19th 2018 at The Methodist Church Hall, Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 6BG
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< **Dr Anjna Chouhan** teaches Shakespeare and his contemporaries to students and enthusiasts from around the world. Anjna specialises in Shakespeare in the 19th century and edited the Pickering and Chatto source book on Henry Irving (2012).

As well as working closely with Cambridge Schools Shakespeare on resources and sixth form conferences, Anjna has contributed to the Dorling Kindersley *Shakespeare Book* (2015) and Arden Shakespeare's *1616: Shakespeare and Tang Xianzu*.

Anjna is currently a Lecturer in Shakespeare Studies at The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Stratford-upon-Avon.

John Partridge is the Artistic Director and Co-Founder of *Tread the Boards* Theatre Company, based in Stratford-upon-Avon. John graduated from Birmingham School of Acting with a First Degree in Acting, winning 'The Brian Shelton Meritum' award. John is now a Shakespeare Director for the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and an audition coach and panellist for the drama school.

He has directed over 20 Shakespeare plays and produces between 6-8 *Tread the Boards* shows a year. He is also a freelance director, audition coach and sits on the panel for Birmingham School of Acting.



Programme

9.00am -9.30 Coffee and registration

Morning Session

10.00 Dr Anjna Chouhan – Shakespeare's Stages – an insight into the theatrical world Shakespeare knew. Learn about the theatres Shakespeare's plays were staged in, how special effects were created, how the actors behaved, how the audience behaved, and how challenging scenes were brought to life. There will be a break for refreshments mid-morning.

12.30 Lunch (not included)

1.00 -2.00pm OUSS AGM - all OUSS members are cordially invited to join us for the Society's AGM if they wish.

Afternoon Session

2.00 pm - 4.30 pm John Partridge – A Midsummer Night's Dream. John will take us through selected scenes from MSND, showing us the directorial and performance choices to get the scene 'up on its feet'. There will be a chance to participate, so do please bring along your texts. There will be a break for refreshments mid-afternoon.

Booking instructions overleaf...

Cost OUSS Members.....£17..... Non-members.....£20.....

Please copy and complete the following booking form and send off by post with payment, or book by email at the address below. Please book by 1st May latest.

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I wish to attend the OUSS Study Day on Saturday 19th May 2018.

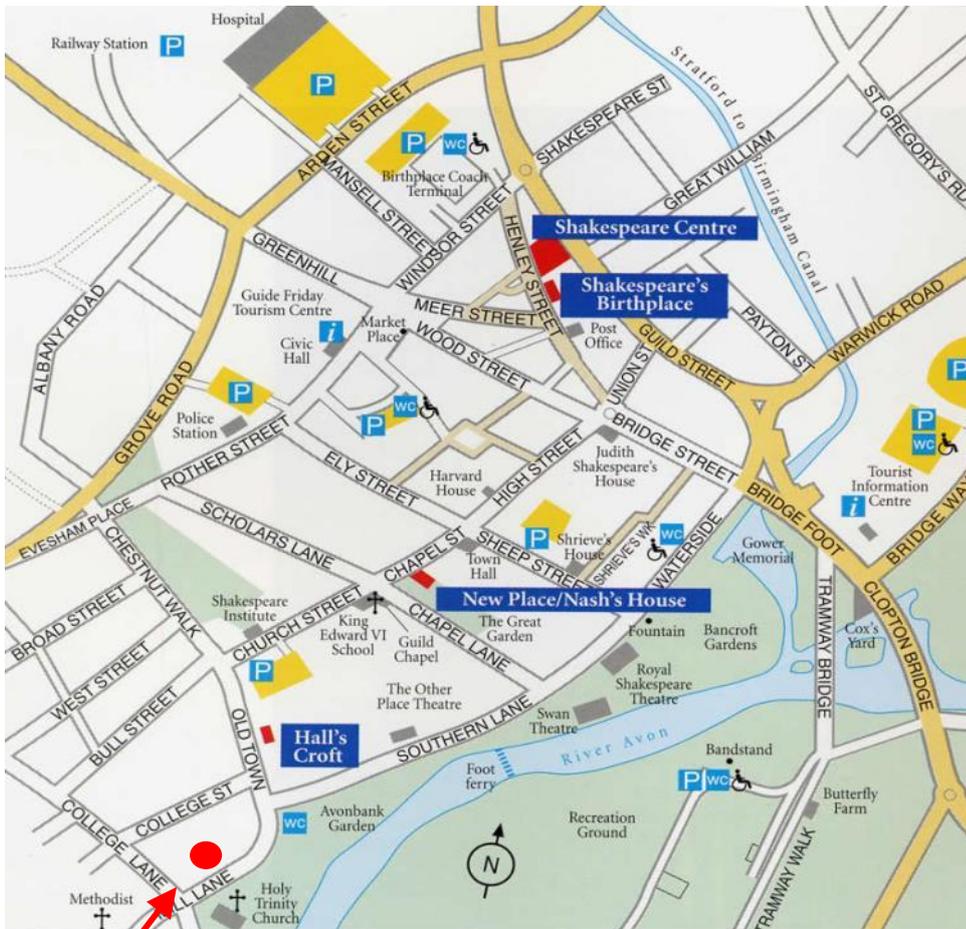
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The Methodist Hall is located in Mill Lane, almost opposite Holy Trinity Church shown bottom left of the map. Limited parking is available in the car park, or pay and display along Mill Lane/Southern lane. Postcode is CV37 6BG but this leads to the general area only.

We suggest you bring a packed lunch, although there are several reasonable cafes/snack shops in the town, about a 10-minute walk from the hall. And of course there is an opportunity to book a play over the weekend as well at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre! See www.rsc.org.uk for this year's programme.