

# SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 27<sup>TH</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2019

## ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

### INTRODUCTION

The Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations is a free event organised by Stratford upon Avon Town Council. The Celebrations comprise of a series of processions led individually by marching bands with associated flag unfurling through the Town Centre.

### PRE-ARRIVAL AND PARKING

For information on travel and transport please see

[www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk)

The Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station car parks will now operate as one, with the car park being converted to a Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed on their dashboard. This does not apply to Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Stratford-upon-Avon train station is approximately 10 minutes from the event site and there is an easy pedestrian route with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to Guild Street on both sides of the road close to the rear of Marks and Spencer and adjacent to Kwik Fit.

Buses from the Alcester direction are diverted from Wood Street to Rother Street.

### BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES ON STREET

Spaces that are **affected** by the road closures are as follows:

Sheep Street – 6 dedicated blue badge spaces

Waterside – 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

## SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 27<sup>TH</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2019

Church Street – 1 dedicated blue badge space

Bridge Street – 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

High Street – 5 dedicated blue badge spaces

Union Street – 6 dedicated blue badge spaces

-----  
Blue badge spaces in Chapel Lane may be accessible until 9.30am but only from Church Street. Enquire at the check point at junction of Chestnut Walk/Church Street.

### **Additional Provision of Blue Badge spaces for the Festival**

4/6 spaces in front of the National Westminster Bank (Wood Street).

**(These are within the road closure and must be accessed with the assistance of Traffic Management staff.)**

### **BLUE BADGE PARKING SPACES IN CAR PARKS**

Arden Street – 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Bridgeway Multi-storey - 13 dedicated blue badge spaces

Church Street - 2 dedicated blue badge spaces

Guild Street (rear of the Library) - 3 dedicated blue badge spaces

Leisure Centre – 7 dedicated blue badge spaces

Recreation Ground – 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Sheep Street loading and unloading area - 9 dedicated blue badge spaces

Windsor Street – 8 dedicated blue badge spaces

Southern Lane – (side of The Other Place) 10 dedicated blue badge spaces

Car Parks marked in red will not be accessible after 9.00am. Exiting the area may be restricted at the times processions are on the highway. Road closures should be finished by 1.30pm.

**Blue badge users should check signage to see if there is a time limit or required to pay for their parking.**

## **SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Saturday 27<sup>TH</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2019**

### **TAXI RANKS**

Due to the road closures the following streets have no taxi rank parking during the event:

- Bridge Street
- Union Street
- Wood Street

### **TEMPORARY TAXI RANK PARKING PROVISION**

Rother Square (Outside One Stop) 4 spaces

Bridge Street (Leading onto Bridgefoot) 6 spaces

Both these Temporary Taxi Ranks are within the road closure area and therefore accessed with the assistance of event staff.

### **ENTRY**

Entry to the Celebration area is free and all on level ground.

Surfaces are smooth asphalt, but you may encounter protectors over cables on the ground. Cable protectors on the ground are kept to a minimum height suitable for all types of wheelchair or mobility scooter. Where possible power supply cables will be installed safely above head height.

### **PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Birthday Celebration's leaflet shows the location of toilets that are open during the festival. There may also be many cafes, bars and restaurants that allow access during the festival. Many accessible toilets require a Radar key for access.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Shopmobility** hire out mobility scooters, manual and powered wheelchairs.

Level 2 Bridgeway multi storey car park CV37 6YY 01789 414534

Opening hours

## SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday 27<sup>TH</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>TH</sup> April 2019**

Monday 1000hrs – 1500hrs

Tuesday – Saturday 0900hrs – 1630hrs

Sunday – 1000 – 1600hrs (April – September)

On occasions it may be necessary for us to close the scheme in the event of staff sickness or training. We advise that you ring on 01789 414534 before you visit us. This will ensure that equipment is available and hopefully avoid a wasted journey.

**Changing Places toilet** located at Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford Upon Avon CV37 6YX. Phone: 01789-268826.

Local access information can be found at 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide which can be downloaded from [www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk](http://www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk) and paper copies at Shopmobility and the Visitor Information Centre, Bridgefoot.

Site plan and map available from Event staff within the town centre area.

Twitter and Facebook pages will be updated regularly, in the run up to the "Birthday" weekend.

<https://twitter.com/stratfordTC1>

[www.stratford-tc.gov.uk](http://www.stratford-tc.gov.uk)