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2017 40th Reunion – Stratford-Upon-Avon 24 May 2019



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Once again, many thanks for supporting this Reunion, although we will be a bit thin on the ground: Our thoughts will be with those from the 40th who have sadly departed, along with those who regularly attended the reunions and are either no longer with us, or perhaps just too ill or frail to travel – or on compassionate leave, maybe just AWOL!

Venue: Alveston Manor Hotel, Clopton Bridge, Stratford-upon- Avon, CV37 7HP

Booking in Time – From 1400 hrs.

Booking Out Time – Until 1100 hrs.

Manor Restaurant:

Breakfast & Dinner Times

7am-10am (Mon-Fri)

8am-11am (Sat-Sun)

6pm-9pm (Daily)

'Optional' Planned visits:

Saturday: Depart 1100 HRS (Avon Boating, Visitor Information Centre)

City Sightseeing Stratford-upon-Avon

City Sightseeing Stratford-upon-Avon tour – hop on, hop off!

Stratford-upon-Avon is a charming medieval market town in the heart of rural England. Set on the banks of the River Avon which winds its way through the town.

Take the City Sightseeing tour and discover the birthplace of William Shakespeare, and home to the world-renowned Royal Shakespeare Company.

Discover the exciting story of William Shakespeare's early years, and see where he spent the first five years with his new wife. Stroll around the house where Shakespeare was born & grew up and see how his father, John, earned his living as a glove maker.

The open top bus tour:

The Stratford-upon-Avon City Sightseeing tour serves 11 stops all over the medieval town allowing you to visit the top tourist attractions.

Highlights of the tour include:

Shakespeare's Birthplace

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Get off at stop 2

Shakespeare's New Place

Visit Stratford-upon-Avon's newest and most exciting attraction. Walk in Shakespeare's footsteps and meet the man behind the works in a fascinating new exhibition. Discover beautiful gardens and specially-commissioned artworks.
Get off at stop 4

Hall's Croft (summer months)

Visit the elegant 17th century house where Shakespeare's eldest daughter, Susanna, and her husband Dr John Hall lived, and see the luxurious rooms & beautiful decorations of this fascinating house.
Get off at stop 6

Anne Hathaway's Cottage

A beautiful thatched farmhouse where Shakespeare's wife once lived. Take a stroll through the award-winning gardens overflowing with beautiful blooms, shrubs and traditional vegetables.
Get off at stop 9

Mary Arden's Farm

Home of Shakespeare's grandparents and childhood home of his mother, Mary Arden, this Tudor farm is brought to life as the farmer, maid and labourer go about their daily routine on a 16th Century farm.
Get off at stop 10

Buy your ticket on the bus; you can also get your entrance tickets for the Shakespeare houses at the same time!

How much does it cost?

Just the tour

	adult	concession	child	family
24 hours	£15.00	£13.00	£7.50	£33.00
48 hours	£23.00	£19.50	£11.50	£49.00

25th May to 19th July	09:30/10:00	every 20 mins	16:00/16:30/17:00
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Commentary & Live guides

Listen to the recorded commentary in 7 different languages, English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Japanese or Mandarin.

Full tour takes 75 Minutes...

**On Saturday, If time permits, why not visit (Former RAF) Wellsbourne Airfield, CV35 9EU
Just outside Stratford-Upon-Avon and visit Vulcan XM655:**

In February 1984, Avro Vulcan XM655 arrived on Runway 36 from RAF Waddington. The aircraft is parked in the north-west corner and is now looked after by the Vulcan XM655 Maintenance and Preservation Society. The aircraft is able to perform taxi runs for the public. For more info see the [XM655 website](#).

Sunday:

Why not consider visiting Warwick Castle (8.6 miles from Stratford), Warwick CV34 4QU

Opening times: 1000-1600 hrs, purchase tickets (Concessionary tickets available) on line or at the Castle.

Finally, let's hope the weather is with us this year, but be prepared with suitable clothing, along with walking shoes. On the Friday a collective decision will be made about Dining in or visiting a nearby pub. It is intended to eat in the Manor Restaurant on the Saturday night at 1900hrs, this will be our formal night with DJs for those who wish.



Steve & Dave
40th

Early Warning: The next Reunion, a most important anniversary celebrating 60 years since we took the Queen's shilling, will be held at the Barns Hotel, Cardington Road, Bedford, close to former RAF Cardington where we undertook our assessment for suitability as RAF Boy Entrants. It would be fitting if we could make this a most special occasion with maximum attendance.