



CELEBRATING SHAKESPEARE

SHOREHAM WORDFEST'S ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
25 – 27 APRIL 2025



Dame Harriet Walter talks about her new book – She Speaks! ✨ a performance of *The Tempest* from This is My Theatre ✨ a free concert celebrating Shakespeare ✨ a discussion on *The Tempest* ✨ a lively Shakespeare Night Ceilidh ✨ an Elizabethan Songs and Dances Workshop

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- 1 Shoreham Centre
2 Pond Rd, BN43 5WU
- 2 Ropetackle Arts Centre
Little High St, BN43 5EG
- 3 St Mary de Haura Church
East St, BN43 5ZP

All tickets available from:

- online at shorehamwordfest.com
- our stalls at the **Farmer's Market** (8th March and 12th April) and **Artisan's Market** (22rd March) East Street, Shoreham-by-Sea
- **Shoreham Art Gallery**, 27 Brunswick Rd, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5WA
- Tickets for Harriet Walter can also be booked on the Ropetackle website: ropetacklecentre.co.uk
- For any queries, please call: **07969 572317**

All information about events can be found on the Shoreham Wordfest website: shorehamwordfest.com



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After eight highly successful and much enjoyed Shakespeare Festivals since 2016, Shoreham Wordfest is holding its ninth annual Shakespeare celebrations from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th April.

The Fest will be a feast of diverse events at venues in Shoreham, something hopefully for everyone to enjoy.

This year, we have the acclaimed **Dame Harriet Walter**, talking about her new book giving voice to Shakespeare's women characters: plus an enchanting performance of *The Tempest* by local theatre company 'This Is My Theatre'. There is also a free concert of **Celebrating Shakespeare in Words and Music**, set in the beautiful St Mary de Haura; a discussion on the 'The Tempest' between two Shakespearean scholars from Sussex University; a lively and enjoyable **Singing and Dance Workshop**; and our wonderful **Shakespeare Night Revels**, an Elizabethan ceilidh for all to celebrate the great Bard's birthday with dance, food and entertainment.

Come and enjoy the celebrations!

FESTIVAL DIARY DATES

Friday 25th April	7.30pm – 9.30pm
The Tempest	
QEII, Shoreham Centre	£16, 16s and under £8
Saturday 26th April	11.00am – 12.45pm
Celebrating Shakespeare in Words and Music	
St. Mary de Haura Church	Free
Saturday 26th April	2.30pm – 4.15pm
This Island's Mine	
QEII, Shoreham Centre	£10
Saturday 26th April	7.30 – 11.00pm
Shakespeare Night Revels	
Main hall, Shoreham Centre	£18, 16s and under £10
Sunday 27th April	11.00am – 12.30pm
Elizabethan Songs & Dances	
QEII, Shoreham Centre	£8, 16s and under £5
Sunday 27th April	2.30pm – 4.00pm
She Speaks! – Dame Harriet Walter	
Ropetackle Arts Centre	£15



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Friday 25th April

QEII room, Shoreham Centre

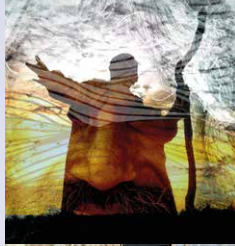
The Tempest

This is My Theatre bring to Shoreham their lively and compelling adaption of **The Tempest**. Classical language combines with live music and choral sea shanties to bring what is thought to be the bard's final play to life. A tale of revenge, love and forgiveness that is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Bar Available.

7.30pm – 9.30pm

£16, 16s and under £8



Saturday 26th April

Main Hall, Shoreham Centre

Shakespeare Night Revels

A night of celebration and merrymaking remembering the great Bard's birthday. A Ceilidh of country and courtly dances with a lively **Ceilidh band** and caller. Delicious **rustic ploughman's victuals** and a tot of mead included. Come dressed for the occasion, if you want! Everyone welcome.

A night of delight and one for the diary. Bar Available.

7.30pm – 11.00pm

£18, 16s and under £10



Saturday 26th April

St. Mary de Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea

Celebrating Shakespeare in Words and Music



In the beautiful church of St Mary de Haura, actors, singers and musicians entertain with songs, sonnets, music and drama from Shakespeare and his times. Early music group **Pastores Ensemble**, choirs **Seven Singers** and **Sounds and Sweet Airs**, together with four actors, in a concert for all the family.

Refreshments available.

11.00am – 12.45pm

Free



Sunday 27th April

QEII room, Shoreham Centre

Elizabethan Songs and Dances

A workshop of lovely, easy to grasp, centuries old songs and rounds and a chance to learn some delightful Elizabethan dances. All ages most welcome. Led by the widely experienced teachers **Emily Longhurst** and **Kathryn Penny**.

Refreshments available.

11.00am – 12.30pm

£8, 16s and under £5



Sunday 27th April

Ropetackle Art Centre

She Speaks! Dame Harriet Walter

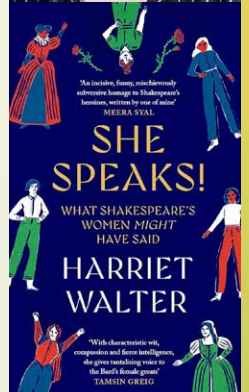
Dame Harriet Walter, renowned for her wonderful portrayals in *Succession*, *Killing Eve* and most recently *Brian and Maggie*, among many others, is one of Britain's most acclaimed Shakespearean actors. Now, having played most of the Bard's female characters, she lets them speak their minds in her new book – **She Speaks!**

Dame Harriet Walter will be discussing her book, reimagining Shakespeare's women, with journalist and author Denise Tyler. There will be a Q and A, plus a book signing.

Please note that this is at the Ropetackle Arts Centre.

2.30pm – 4.00pm

£15



Saturday 26th April

QEII room, Shoreham Centre

This Island's Mine

Sussex University scholars **Professor Matt Dimmock** and **Professor Andrew Hadfield** in conversation about *The Tempest*, exploring the social and historical context of Shakespeare's late play, written at a time of voyages of exploration – and the opening up of new worlds, and consequently new ways of thinking.

Refreshments available.

2.30pm – 4.15pm

£10



For more information: shorehamwordfest.com