



Wisdom of Shakespeare Weekend

“Thus leaning on mine elbow I begin”

The Wisdom of Shakespeare in ‘King John’

16-17 November 2019

led by Peter Dawkins and Julia Cleave

The White Swan Hotel, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6NH, England

Join us for a weekend exploring the extraordinary story of royal bastards and the just rights of inheritance and succession in Shakespeare’s *The Life and Death of King John*, including a visit to see a Saturday evening performance of the play at The Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon.

The issues at stake in the time of King John are echoed in the later time of Queen Elizabeth I when the Shakespeare play was written, albeit dealt with differently. Clues to this secret story are embedded in the play, as also the power issues in politics and religion which can bring about war or alliances, strife or friendship, depending on how they are handled—issues which are still of burning relevance today.

Behind even this story is a deeper wisdom and mystery, which we will delve into, blending teaching, discussion, conversation and play-reading together with the experience of the play in performance, so that we can understand and enjoy the play better, and learn from it.



Cost

£250 (incl. VAT) per person

Cost includes function room, coffee/refreshments, two ‘pub’ lunches, pre-theatre evening meal, and a theatre ticket (price band ‘A’).

Venue

The White Swan Hotel, Rother Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6NH, England.

Tel: 01789 297022. Web: www.white-swan-stratford.co.uk

Programme

09:30-10:00 start each day; Saturday evening performance 19:30–22:30. 17:00 finish on Sunday.

Further Information & Booking

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