

Shakespeare Institute turns 60

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Current and past students of the Shakespeare Institute came together in Stratford-upon-Avon to celebrate the 60th birthday of the Institute, looking back on a diamond collection of memories.

On a glorious Saturday afternoon, guests were treated to a panel discussion between the author Rosalind Miles, Tracy Irish of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and Stanley Wells CBE, Shakespeare scholar and former director of the Institute. These three distinguished alumni of the Institute considered the topic of 'Six decades in the Shakespeare business.'

Guests then took part in a lively and fun Shakespeare quiz, led by Professor Martin Wiggins and Dr Erin Sullivan, of the Institute. Professor Michael Dobson, Director of the Institute, led toasts and everyone raised a glass to the 60th birthday of their Institute, before cutting the birthday cake and enjoying a glass of bubbly in the sunshine.

Speaking at the time of his arrival, Professor Dobson, looking ahead to the future, said of the Institute:

"The Shakespeare Institute is the best place in the world to read for a postgraduate degree in Shakespeare studies. I hope to make it also the most famous – as a thriving think-tank for the RSC, as an internationally prestigious and cosmopolitan research institute of the University of Birmingham, and as the best place on earth in which to explore the impact Shakespeare's work has had across four centuries of world culture."



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Institute celebrates its birthday in style