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Shakespeare Comes To Catford-Upon-Avon — Seriously?



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Yes, and no. As far as there is a river running through Catford, it is the Thames tributary, the Ravensbourne. William Shakespeare was born at Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564; universally acknowledged as one of the greatest literary figures in history, he has more than one theatre named after him, but not in Catford.

If this part of the London Borough of Lewisham has any claim to fame it is musical rather than literary: *Wishbone Ash* performed there a couple of times in the *early 1990s*, and although it is not mentioned in the lyrics, it was Catford shopping centre that inspired the Luke Morley song *Low Life In Low Places*. Nevertheless, from March 13-9, Mr Shakespeare will be putting in an appearance at Catford. The woman behind this festival is Alexandra Spencer-Jones, and she has put together a somewhat off-beat programme. It includes workshops as well as the man's original works. Details can be found on the dedicated [Facebook page](#).

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