

## RICHARD MALIM'S DATELINES

- 1550 Birth of Edward de Vere, son of the 16<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford
- 1558 Accession of Queen Elizabeth: De Vere at Cambridge University
- 1561 *Gorboduc* produced; De Vere's father dies and he becomes 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Oxford and a ward of Court
- 1566 At Oxford University
- 1570 Soldiering with Earl of Sussex
- 1571 Marries: Ridolfi Plot; estrangement from wife; Battle of Lepanto;
- 1572 \*Fathers 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Southampton
- 1574 Goes to Europe without permission;
- 1575-6 Visits France, Italy and \*Ragusa (Dubrovnik)
- 1577 The Theatre opens
- 1580 Denounces Catholic plotters;
- 1581 Fathers child by Anne Vavasour and confined to Tower for 2½ months
- 1584 Babington plot
- 1586 Receives annuity of £1,000 per annum
- 1588 Death of his wife: \*withdrawal of Burghley's support: \*nervous breakdown; Defeat of the Armada
- 1589 Victory of Butler in Ireland: Publication of *Arte of English Poesie*
- 1591 Second marriage
- 1593 Publishing of *Venus and Adonis*: \*arrival of William Shaksper in London
- 1594 The plays are divided between the Lord Chamberlain's Men, who receive the Oxford/Shakespeare works for The Theatre, and the Admiral's Men
- 1596 James Burbage's attempt to establish an indoor theatre at Blackfriars is thwarted: \*rift between Oxford and the Lord Chamberlain's Men
- 1598 Burghley dies
- 1599 Essex in disgrace; \*William Shaksper helps finance the removal of The Theatre to the Globe, but he is chased out of London
- 1601 Essex putsch: \*Oxford reconciled to the Lord Chamberlain's Men
- 1603 Queen Elizabeth dies, succeeded by James I
- 1604 Oxford dies, and \*is buried clandestinely then or shortly after in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey
- 1604-5 Court Revels honour his career: \*William Shakespeare visits London
- 1609 *Sonnets* published
- 1623 *First Folio* published

\*Those entries marked with an asterisk are not capable of full documentary proof; nevertheless, they are provable by circumstantial evidence, some of which may be thought debatable.