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O.U. Shakespeare Society Day School - Saturday May 24th 2008

A lively, enjoyable day which will focus on **how to bring the text to life**. A practical course to remind us that plays are plays.

Venue - The Methodist Hall, Stratford Upon Avon

Tutor - Leon Winston

Leon has been involved for over 30 years in theatre as director, adjudicator and lecturer. Drama and music training led to a career as drama adviser, head of performing arts in a college of further and higher education, and university lecturer in drama therapy. His Shakespeare productions at Dartington Hall, Devon, Open Air Summer Theatre, include *Henry V*; *Richard II*, *Twelfth Night*, & *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He has also been involved in voice and presentation training for Cabinet Office and DTI staff and many others in the public and private sectors.

10.00 a.m. Welcome.

Bringing the text to life – Introduction

Where to start – taking the plunge. (With reference to *Richard II*)

11.00 a.m. Directing the scene (King Lear Act 1; sc.1)

Dramatic action – to stand the scene on its feet and hold the attention of an audience.

12.30 p.m. Lunch

1.30 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream

A practical investigation to find out what might happen on stage,
Choosing selected scenes to explore
The world of the Fairies
The Court
The Mechanicals.

3.00 – 4.00 p.m. . Questions, comments, discussion

Course members to bring copies of *King Lear* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

4p.m. A.G.M please try to stay as it will be an hour maximum.

Cost to include coffee and biscuits - OUSS Members £15; non-members £18. Please send your cheques for the Day school, made payable to OUSS, to Maeve Fagan, 1084 Middleton Road, Chadderton, Oldham OL9 9RN. (tel. 0161 287 6135)

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Please book me a place for the OUSS May Day School.

Name..... Phone No.

Address.....

I will/will not be attending the AGM I enclose a cheque for £15/ £18* and a SAE for acknowledgement (please delete as appropriate)

***A Midsummer Night's Dream* is on Friday evening at RSC; *Merchant of Venice* is on Saturday. (To book ring RSC hotline 0844 800 1110)**