

# Arden

## Chronology of recorded historical events

- 1537 Thomas Arden marries Alice Brigandine and becomes Sir Edward North's man.
- 1540 Thomas moves to Faversham, becomes customs collector and also becomes Sir Thomas Cheyne's man.
- 1541 Thomas starts buying land from the dissolution of the monasteries.
- 1542 John Greene buys his freedom and becomes Anthony Aucher's man.
- 1543 Thomas is elected one of Faversham's twenty-four common councillors. He cheats Greene out of his family's land.
- 1544 Thomas is offered a fee of twenty pounds to secure a new charter of incorporation for Faversham. He sells land to Anthony Aucher for a fixed fee and twenty marks a year for life.
- 1547 Anthony Aucher is knighted.
- 1548 Thomas becomes Faversham's mayor.
- 1549 Aucher meets a representative of the Privy Council. He finally starts paying the twenty marks a year from his property purchase to Thomas and Alice.
- 1550 Thomas moves the St Valentine's Fayre to the abbey ground he owns. He and Thomas Dunkyn are disenfranchised.
- 1551 Thomas Arden is murdered. Alice, Tom Mosby, Michael Saunderson, Cislye Pounder and Elisabeth Stafford are executed.
- 1552 Greene is executed. Robert Cole flees Faversham in fear of his life. Black Will is arrested and burned on a scaffold. William Blackbourne is arrested and hung in chains until he dies of starvation.

- 1556 Bishop Ponet publishes *A Short Treatise of Political Power*. Aucher is disgraced because of financial irregularities. He is forced to pay back £4,500 to the crown and has to resign as Keeper of the Jewel House.
- 1558 Cole becomes rector of St Mary le Bow church in London. Aucher dies.
- 1564 William Shakespeare is born.
- 1569 John Stow's house is searched by Bishop Grindal.
- 1573 Stow acquires publisher Reginald Wolfe's books.
- 1574 Stow writes *The History of a Moste Horrible Murder Commytyd at Fevershame in Kente*.
- 1576 Cole dies.
- 1587 John Towne of the Queen's Men kills William Knell in Thame, near Stratford. The second edition of Holinshed's *Chronicles* is published, describing the Arden murder.
- 1591 Lord Strange's troupe visits Faversham. Later that year, *Arden of Faversham* is performed by Pembroke's Men.
- 1592 *Arden of Faversham* is entered into the Stationers' Company Register. *Henry VI* is performed and Shakespeare becomes famous. London playhouses are closed because of the plague.
- 1594 The playhouses reopen. Shakespeare joins the Lord Chamberlain's Men.
- 1596 Shakespeare visits Faversham. Ten days later, his son, Hamnet, dies.
- 1597 Shakespeare buys New Place in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- 1599 The Globe opens. The Shakespeare family are granted a coat of arms.
- 1605 Stow's final edition of *Annals of England* is published. He dies eight days later.
- 1611 Shakespeare retires.