

# SHAKESPEARE IN ST DOGMAELS ABBEY



ABBEY SHAKESPEARE PLAYERS 2017: *RICHARD II*

## THE Tragedie of King Richard the second.

*For God's sake, let us sit upon the ground  
And tell sad stories of the death of kings;  
How some have been deposed; some  
slain in war,  
Some haunted by the ghosts they have  
deposed;  
Some poison'd by their wives: some  
sleeping kill'd;  
All murder'd:  
Richard II, Act III Sc 2*

The Abbey Shakespeare Players are thrilled to present *Richard II* for the first time in their thirty-year history of performances in the majestic ruins of St Dogmaels Abbey.

The play follows the final two years of King Richard's life as he fights to retain the crown in face of opposition led by Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford.

In his account of the struggle between these two contrasting leaders, Shakespeare explores what it means to be human, and to be king - and how the balance of this understanding can change the direction of an entire nation.



*Not all the water in the rough rude sea  
Can wash the balm off from an anointed king;  
The breath of worldly men cannot depose  
The deputy elected by the Lord:  
Richard II, Act III Sc 2*

*Richard II* will be directed by Amy Levene

Performances from Wednesday 2 August to Saturday 5 August 2017 at 8pm

Tickets in advance from Theatr Mwldan, Cardigan

Box Office: 01239 621200

Tickets are also sold at the gate on the evening

This is an outdoor production so please dress warmly

Seating is provided