

## Kossuth, Shakespeare and liberty - a research fellow from Stratford-upon-Avon

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works, which once belonged to Lajos Kossuth.

Why is this special piece of furniture so unique that even a British Shakespeare research fellow is impressed by it? Who gave this rather special gift to Kossuth and why did he appreciate it so much right until the end of his life? If you are interested in the adventurous history of the bookcase shaping Shakespeare's birthplace, [click here](#) [4].

You can have a look at Kossuth Bookcase on Floor 7 of the Library during the opening hours of NSZL, or on the cover of a new book by Ewan Fernie, to be published by Cambridge University Press in the summer of 2017.

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