

STORYTELLING ORGANISATIONS AND FESTIVALS

Mythstories: The Morgan Library, Aston Street, Wem, Shropshire
SY4 5AU
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Mythstories is a museum of myth and legend in Wem, Shropshire.
They are a mine of information, lore and contacts for events and storytellers!
They have flexible opening hours – see website for details.
Website has won education awards
www.mythstories.com
www.mythstories.com/forteachers.html (fantastic new teacher area – how to set up a storytelling club in your school with lots of practical ideas and projects)

Society for Storytelling: www.sfs.org

The Society for Storytelling is a national organisation providing information and promoting storytelling throughout the country. The website includes a directory of storytellers and they publish an online newsletter for members. Each year the Society for Storytelling holds an AGM and Gathering, with workshops, talks, discussions etc.

Martin Manasse of the Sfs sends out a monthly events and news list. He covers five broad regions: North East and Cumbria, North West and Yorkshire, Midlands, South and South West and Wales and you can ask to be one list, or all of them. Simply email him at north@areas.sfs.org.uk and ask to be put on the list.

Facts and Fiction: <http://petecastle.co.uk/fandf/>

Facts and Fiction is an independently run publication. It approaches storytelling from a different angle than Storylines and is a little more informal.

Festival at the Edge: www.festivalattheedge.org

A wonderful storytelling festival on Wenlock Edge in Shropshire. Takes place the third weekend in July (15-17 July 2016)

Beyond the Border Wales International Storytelling Festival

St. Donats Castle, South Wales, 01446 799100

Bi-annual storytelling festival, the next one is 1-3 July 2016

<http://www.beyondtheborder.com/>

There are now lots more storytelling festivals popping up all over the country – I'm happy to point you in the right direction if there is a particular area where you'd like to know what's going on.

LOCAL STORYTELLING CLUBS

BISHOPS CASTLE – BLAST! Beautiful Lies and Startling Truths

Winter series of fantastic professional storytelling performances.

Bishops Castle Town Hall, SY9 5BG. Second Friday of the month, September-March – except the first one of the next series is Thursday 8th September 2016 with Robin Williamson.

<http://bishopscastletownhall.co.uk/events/category/music/> or join the FB group.

BISHOPS CASTLE - The Winged Word

Six Bells, Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AA. Fourth Sunday except bank holidays

Poetry, prose and storytelling open session. Free.

Details from Mike and Teri Greene, wingedword@hotmail.com

SHROPSHIRE: Telling Space

Peripatetic storytelling club, which pops up in wild and wonderful places!

www.mythstories.com/eventlist.html or email: info@mythstories.com

LLANGOLLEN: Caffi Stori Llangollen Storytelling Cafe

The Courtyard Coffee Shop, Castle St, Llangollen, LL20 8NY.

Third Friday, 7.30pm

Come with a tale or song of your own, or just to listen.

Contact: 01490 430 551 / fionastory3@gmail.com

BRIDGNORTH: Tales at the Edge

Meets at the The White Lion, Castle Street, Bridgenorth, Shropshire. WV16 4AB

Second Tuesday of every month except August, 8.00 / 8.30pm

Free entry – occasional guest, but mainly stories from the floor.

Contact Mike Rust, arboracre@aol.com or www.thewhitelionbridgenorth.co.uk

TELFORD: The Lion's tale

The Lion, Priorslee, Telford

Fourth Sunday

stripeyandy@yahoo.co.uk

ABERYSTWYTH: Stories by Gaslight

The Gas Gallery, Park Avenue, Aberystwyth

First Wednesday, storytelling performances with a door fee

peterstevensonart@gmail.com

ABERYSTWYTH: Yarn

The Chapel, Aberystwth Arts Centre

First Monday

info@millyjackdaw.co.uk

We could start our own at The Dragon???