

# News Lines

**Mythstories**  
museum of myth and fable  
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## Bringing A Little Exotic Spice To Wem

Japanese Kamishibai troop “Spice Arthur 702” played to a delighted full house at Mythstories on their short English Tour (London / Oxford / Wem).

They left us with more than memories too, presenting the museum with a little shrine to mark the Japanese New Year. So here’s to the year of the rabbit and the luck it will bring to us all.



## A Little Help From Our Friends

The year closed with a burst pipe but thanks to the quick thinking of our neighbour disaster was averted. The water was turned off and our super volunteer, Malcolm came to the rescue with his plumbing skills.



### **New Donations Dolls & A Dolls' House**

Since the last newsletter we've gratefully accepted some new exhibits to the museum. In November storyteller Grace Hallworth donated her fine collection of Dolls which she had collected during her travels around the world. Quite aptly this was followed by the donation of a Dolls House from Margaret Burns from Shrewsbury.

We aim to make the New England Colonial home into a house of fairy tales; a wolf's tail will be seen disappearing down the chimney; a saucepan of porridge and three bowls will adorn the table; and a little boy named Hansel will be imprisoned in the cupboard under the stairs. Can you donate a few ideas of your own?

We'd also like to thank Grace Hallworth and Paul & Marion Beesley for donating stacks of story books to the Society for Storytelling Library.

### **Slaving Over A Hot Scanner**

Over the long winter evenings Dez has been busy scanning posters, flyers, photographs and news cuttings and digitizing the Mythstories' archives.

You'd be surprised just how much material you can accumulate in 13 years.



***Edric  
Still  
Rides***

*Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2001*

*Mythstories museum of myth and fable*

*4.30 to 7.00pm - official opening ceremony 6.00pm*

If you enjoy the odd dip into nostalgia watch out for regular features on the Mythstories Facebook Fansite. The ten year old ticket displayed here marked the opening of an exhibit on Wild Edric of the Stiperstones, in the old Shrewsbury Mythstories on Hills Lane.

## Arts Award

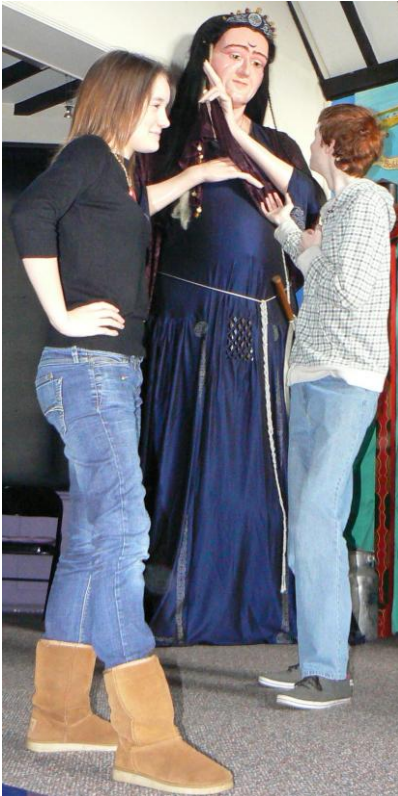
Mythstories Arts Award students are still busily working towards Gold, Silver & Bronze awards.

Just last week Olivia & Matthias' Bronze course work was parcelled up and sent off for adjudication.

Olivia turned her favourite ballad into a kamishibai story box, did a performance and helped with a workshop. Matthias, her brother, completed his award focusing on environmental sculpture.



## It's That Time Of Year Again!



The Young Storyteller of the Year Awards are just around the corner with the finals taking place at the Birmingham Library Theatre on Paradise Place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

STWYtellers (Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Young tellers) the youth led storytelling organisation based at Mythstories will be well represented as usual.

Pictured on the left are Joe & Jen aka Short Stories and Tall Tales who will be out to win the Under 18 group title. Joe is also competing in the Under 25 solo group. In the under 18 solo award Kayleigh and Jake will be strutting their stuff.

**Good luck everyone!**



Festival at the Edge Tickets now available



FatE, the annual international storytelling festival held at Stokes Barn, Much Wenlock takes place from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. But don't wait too long to get those tickets. This year's bill includes Hugh Lupton, Robin Williamson, Mats Rehnman & Jasna Held. The booking form is downloadable from [www.festivalattheedge.org](http://www.festivalattheedge.org)

**Dates for your diary...dates for your diary...dates for your diary...**

**Young Storyteller of the Year** at Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham B3 3HQ Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am to 5.00pm.

#### **LOCAL STORY CLUBS**

**Telling Space** at Mythstories museum (unless stated) 7.00pm- 9.00pm – 22<sup>nd</sup> March and every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly.

**Rhymes and Tells** at The Six Bells, Bishops Castle every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday but not BH weekends 8.00pm info Mike & Teri Greene on 01588 680685

**Tales at the Edge** in The White Lion, West Castle Street, Bridgnorth every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues, 8.00pm. except August info Mike Rust 01694 771379

**The Swan Club** at the Newhampton Inn, Wolverhampton every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 8.00pm excl August info Peter Chand [chandstory@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chandstory@tiscali.co.uk)



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