

# News Lines



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## What Are You Doing This Summer?

This Summer you can meet us on the boardwalk, but we won't just be drifters. We'll be journeying around North Shropshire's myth-sites with STWYtellers' committee passing on the stories to younger storytellers from Thomas Adams Secondary School in Wem.

We'll then be filming a DVD of the stories for distribution to Thomas Adams' feeder primary schools. They'll also be podcasts available for download to smartphones from a project leaflet.

The adventure is entitled "Wordscape - North Shropshire" and has been funded by The Heritage Lottery Fund under their Young Roots programme.



## Your Paintings To View On Line

Thanks to a partnership between the BBC and the Public Catalogue Foundation oil and acrylic paintings in public ownership are being made available to view online.

If you wish to explore some of the Nation's treasures, including the Mythstories collection, go to

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/yourpaintings> there are already 63,000 online.



## Here Come The 3 Monkeys

We are pleased to announce that North of England Storytelling Festivals Ltd have received funding from Arts Council England towards creating the first Performance Storytelling Commissioning House. This is a partnership project involving Mythstories and The Crick Crack Club.



The project entitled “3 Monkeys” is busy engaging two emerging tellers and one established artist to work on the first three commissions which will be premiered in 2012 & 2013.



## Hot Off The Presses



Story lovers will be pleased to hear about two new books by local storytellers of local stories.

Shropshire Folk Tales by Amy Douglas is illustrated by Lynn Rust ISBN 978-0-7524-5155-8

Denbighshire Folk Tales by Fiona Collins is illustrated by Ed Fisher ISBN 978-0-7524-5187-9

Both published by The History Press [www.thehistorypress.co.uk](http://www.thehistorypress.co.uk) are also available at Amazon.



## Dragon Tales

We welcomed an extremely unusual visitor to the museum in April. The embroidered Dragon (pictured on the right) was accompanied by its creator Sarah Stokes who lives in Ellesmere. It was on a quest for stories about its close relations. We have plenty of visitors who are researching their family trees, but this came as a bit of a surprise.

Lucky enough the dragon seemed to be very friendly and very much enjoyed the stories he heard. If all dragons were as beautiful and well-mannered as this there might be a great many fewer scary stories about them.



## New Additions To The Library

The last two weeks have seen a flurry of interesting books arrive on Mythstories' doormat. Volunteer Librarian Hazel thought she'd finished cataloguing but seems to have acquired a job for life.

The books shown on the right were donated after visits to the museum by people from Australia, New Zealand and South Wales.



## A Summer Storywalk Around Shrewsbury



July's Telling Space storytelling club will be taking a stroll around the ecclesiastical sites of Shrewsbury telling stories of saints and sinners, priests and clergymen. If you'd like to contribute a story or just come along to listen join us at The Shrewsbury Coffeehouse, 5 Castle Gates (just over the

road from the railway station) at 7 o'clock on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. We'll start with a convivial cuppa and set off for the walk at 7.20pm.

## STWtellers Update

Since the last Newlines Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Young Tellers have been covering themselves in glory again. At Young Storyteller of the Year 2011 Short Stories & Tall Tales (Jen & Joe below) won the title Best Group and in an unprecedented feat Jake Evans (right) won the title 18 and under Young Storyteller of the Year for the second time.

Jen & Joe were commissioned by Shropshire Council to work up and perform a story for the Boys Dance Showcase at Theatre Severn which they also compered. They are also currently storytelling on Youth Day at Llangollen International Eisteddfod.



To crown all these achievements STWtellers have been shortlisted for the Community Awards in the Shropshire Star 'Pride of Shropshire' Awards for their work raising money for charities. They will be attending the awards ceremony this evening, we wish them well.

## Festival at the Edge Only Days Away



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.

They'll be feasts of stories for all the family together with marvellous music, a wide range of "street" entertainment, a top quality craft fair, delicious food, and real ales.

All that plus the cleanest toilets of any festival that we've ever seen.

More info: [www.festivalattheedge.org](http://www.festivalattheedge.org)

### Tales & Veils

And if you're into feasts there's Lebanese food and wine on the menu at The Shrewsbury Coffeehouse, 5 Castle Gates for "Tales & Veils" on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July.

The evening of folktales and belly dancing starts at 7.30pm and tickets are just £10 each, ring 01743 242 610.

### LOCAL STORY CLUBS

**Telling Space** at Shrewsbury Coffeehouse 5, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury SY1 2AE 7.00pm-9.00pm - 26<sup>th</sup> July for a Storywalk, 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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