

News Lines



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Wordscape – North Shropshire

Throughout the summer we have been working with teenagers from Wem to create a DVD of the myths of North Shropshire. In an intensive end of term project seventeen 11 to 13 year olds took part in storytelling training workshops led by Susanna Oldfield and Anna O'Brian at Mythstories. Then they learned to tell their local stories and were then filmed telling them on location at the myth-sites.



STWYtellers – Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Young storytellers – have carried on the work over the school holidays. Together they have produced material for a DVD of stories from Oswestry, Whittington, Ellesmere, Whixall Moss and, of course, Wem.

The DVD will be distributed free to Primary Schools in the North Shropshire area so the stories will carry on being told. You can see the videos for yourself on the stwytellers channel on Youtube.



The project, which was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund's Young Roots programme, also included recording podcasts of the talented group telling versions of the stories. To download or listen to these just go to <http://www.mythstories.com/wordscap.html>

Change is Gonna Come

Newlines 15 will be the last in this format. Over September we will be changing the front page of our website to show all our latest news. We want to include interviews with our visitors and links to some of the more thought-provoking on-line features on storytelling too. There'll even be an occasional book review. Initially we will be sending out e-mails to all 'Friends of Mythstories' to remind you to look at the website when it is updated each month.



Spreading The Word - Mechanically

Annual visitor Clive, a language teacher resident in Barcelona turned up on Mythstories doorstep twice this Summer to keep us up to date with some of the prototype storytelling machines he has made with inspiration from artefacts in the museum's collection. He has kindly donated a blank prototype book he created after careful study of the Khavad.



Bon Voyage, Bon Chance

Good luck to Joe White, a young storyteller of Wem no longer. After successfully completing his A levels Joe is off to Manchester University to study Law. Those of you who know him might be surprised to learn he has already been signed up for the University Rugby Club. He has plans to establish a Storytelling Club at the University, and will be returning to Wem from time to time to help us with projects, and to brighten the museum with his sunny disposition.



Get Well Soon

Tuesdays haven't been the same at Mythstories over the past weeks as Hazel Adkins, our volunteer librarian, has been at home convalescing following an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Tales & Trails Trophy Themes In On Café Society



On Tuesday 27th September The Tales & Trails Trophy makes its debut at The Shrewsbury Coffeehouse on Castle Gates in Shrewsbury. The storytelling competition which began on September 9th 2003 has chosen the theme of "Café Society" for its

ninth incarnation. To compete all you need to do is bring along a tale on theme lasting about five minutes. Or if you're not the competitive sort just join us to listen and enjoy the best coffee in town.

Celebrating Ten Years In Wem

Museum of myth heads northward

By Lorna Rutter

A TOWN museum has received over £17,000 to develop its storytelling activities, as its owners relocate to new premises in Wem.

Mythstories Museum of Myth and Fable, run by curators Dez and Ali Quarrell, has been moving from strength to strength in the town for the past three years.

Now the couple has decided to relocate to expand the business, bringing storytelling to more people in the community. Mythstories Museum closed its doors in Shrewsbury on Monday but its story will continue.

'Opportunities'

Mythstories' new home will be the Morgan Library, Wem, and the grant from the Regional Arts Lottery Programme will help to fund new projects in the North Shropshire Area.

Ali told the Chronicle: "We're sad to say goodbye to so many friends in Shrewsbury but are really excited by the opportunities this move provides."

"Our new home will be the Morgan Library in Wem, a beautiful building with a long tradition of valuing stories and their relevance to the local community; ideals which we hope to reflect in our practice."

Mythstories hopes to open for schools and group bookings in its new home after the Autumn half term. It will be re-opening to the general public in April 2002.

"We've spent most of 2001 searching for our new home and we are delighted by the practical support received from

both North Shropshire District Council and Oswestry Borough Council.

"We are also indebted to Shropshire County Council for their positive assistance in making the charity's goals achievable," added Ali.



Dez and Ali Quarrell packing their trunk as they leave the town after three years to go to new premises in Wem.

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Band produce some

Yes, believe it or not, Mythstories celebrates 10 years in Wem on October 1st 2011.

Following three years in Shrewsbury we moved to the Morgan Library to start a new life, and thanks to our friends at The North Shropshire Chronicle (and The Shrewsbury Chronicle prior to that) and the parent title The Shropshire Star, we have assembled an archive of memories to remind us of all our achievements. The cutting above appeared in The Shrewsbury Chronicle on Thursday 27th September 2001.

Dates for the diary...Dates for the diary...Dates for the diary...Date



Wordscape North Shropshire will culminate in a free public performance- 5.30pm Thursday 20th October at Wem Town Hall.

There will be live storytellings by STWYteller members, the finished DVD will be shown and there will be a 'once only' opportunity to watch some of the out-takes while witnessing the tellers' blushes.



Thurs 23rd/Fri 24th Sept -7.30pm 'Sigurd & the Dragon-Slayer' Anthony Cornish - The Glasshouse, Crane Street, Cefn Mawr LL14 3AB - suitable 16+ - Tickets £4/£3 tel. Glasshouse on 01978 814996 10.00/4.00

Fri 30th Sept - 7.30pm - "Orpheus" by Devils Violin Company - Daniel Morden and Sarah Moody - at Chelmarsh Parish Hall, Bridgnorth, WV16 6BA - suitable 12+ - Tickets: £8.50/£5.00 inc food - tel. 01746 862104

LOCAL STORY CLUBS

Telling Space at Shrewsbury Coffeeshouse 5, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury SY1 2AE 7.00pm- 9.00pm - 27th September for The Tales & Trails Trophy, and every 4th Tuesday monthly thereafter.

Rhymes and Tells at The Six Bells, Bishops Castle every 4th 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 2nd Tues, 8.00pm. except August info Mike Rust 01694 771379

The Swan Club at the Newhampton Inn, Wolverhampton every 1st Monday 8.00pm excl August info Peter Chand chandstory@tiscali.co.uk



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