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The Tales & Trails Storytelling Trophy

Telling Space on September 25th hosts the annual 'come all ye' storytelling competition, "The Tales & Trails Trophy". This year the tales will be on the theme of 'a walk in the woods', quite apt because the trails we will be walking are those through the luscious woodlands on Nesscliffe Hill.

The beautiful Tiffany Snail Table Lamp will be awarded to the winner on the night to have and to hold for 1 whole year until the next competition takes place.

Meet at 7.00pm and bring a picnic, a torch and your story which should be less than 10 minutes in length. In Nesscliffe village turn opposite The Three Pigeons along the lane to Hopton. The lay-by parking space at the entrance to Nesscliffe Hill Country Park (OS SJ385199) is on the right about ¼ mile beyond Nesscliffe School.

If the thrill of competing is not in you, just come along and listen to some cracking good stories in a magical woodland setting.



An Injection of Youthful Ideas

Over this Summer Mythstories has benefited from hosting three work experience students. It has been a marvellous opportunity to re-examine what we do and why we do it and get a different, and fresh, young perspective on the organisation.

We've been able to utilize some of the students' creativity too. Bethan & Jess furnished our Sea Chest and designed and made an enchanting mermaid and overleaf you can read Emma's review of her work experience at Mythstories.



Work Experience at Mythstories

When I knew that I was going to do my work experience at Mythstories I didn't really know what to expect. I had met Ali and Dez before, but wasn't really sure what sort of work I would be doing.

Before we started the week, my School; Thomas Adams, wanted us to write about what our hopes for work experience were. One of my hopes that I had written down was to 'experience lots of different tasks and not just the same thing for the whole two weeks,' and doing the same thing, was something I certainly didn't do.

Working here at Mythstories with friendly and happy people was a joy to have experienced. I was able to do varied and useful tasks that I would obviously need to do in a job of my own. From computer work like updating websites and typing up important contracts, to hands on jobs such as health and safety checks and painting exhibits were all on my to do lists which made the day different and exciting from one day to the next. For seemingly boring and complicated jobs such as accounting and grant making, I got talked through it in such a way I both understood it and found it interesting.



One thing I learned from working at Mythstories museum was how many hours and the work they put in to the running and the development of the museum and the projects within it. This was great to see and really inspired me more; to see people actually enjoying the jobs that they do!

I was treated and talked to like an adult and I felt I could be myself in this environment. I was also able to have time to myself, to research careers that up until then I really didn't know existed. After plenty of support in finding different sources of information, I can now thankfully say what sort of route I want to go down for my future career, something I probably wouldn't have done otherwise. Surely you can't ask more from a wonderful and well spent two weeks. Thank you Dez and Ali.

Emma



Festival at the Edge run Edge Extra Workshops in the museum

Starting on Saturday 19th January 2008 Festival at the Edge will be bringing eight storytelling development workshops to Mythstories museum to train a new generation of storytellers.

The workshops will take place fortnightly and will be for beginners and those wishing to develop their storytelling practice. There will also be special workshops aimed at Storytelling with the under 5's, voice training, body language and faith in stories. The competition for this Newslines is: identify the workshop leaders above and below.

They are bound to be very popular so make sure you get details and make your bookings soon. Ring 01939 236626 for a leaflet.



Mythstories in the Public Eye

In May Mythstories had a visit from Reuter's correspondent Tahani Karrar. She liked the museum so much she stayed on for the evening Telling Space club. Pictured on the right, Tahani played a full role in the storytelling evening, apart from winding the handle on George's street organ to entertain us with a tune she told a story too.

Tahani's published piece gave Mythstories some very welcome worldwide publicity.

and that TV appearance

The Country Lives TV programme featuring Mythstories goes out on ITV Central on Tuesday 11th September at 7.30pm - **so don't miss it!**



Dates for your Diary

The Family Telling Place at Mythstories museum 11.00am to 12.30pm

Sundays 14th October, 11th November, 9th December, 13th January
ring 07969 541552 to check if there are available spaces

Telling Space at Mythstories museum (unless stated) 7.00pm- 9.30pm
Tuesdays 25th Sept (Nesscliffe Hill), 23rd Oct, 27th Nov, 18th Dec.

Festival at the Edge 2007 Commission Tour

Sat 6th Oct. 8.00pm The Liberty Tree – Nick Hennessey & Hugh Lupton
@ The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock (tea with the artists 6.00pm)

Sat 3rd Nov. 8.00pm Deirdre – Giles Abbott

@ The SpArC Centre, Bishops Castle (tea with the artist 6.00pm)

Sat 1st Dec 2.00pm The Green Man of No-Man's Land – Daniel Morden
@ Shifnal Village Hall, Shifnal (meet the artist & book signing 3.20pm)

and for details of **edge extra workshops** in 2008 ring 01939 236626

Rhymes and Tells at The Six Bells, Bishops Castle every 4th Sunday
except Bank Holiday weekends 8.00pm info 01588 680685

+ Horrible Histories Storywalk Sun 23rd Sept 7pm at The Market Square

Tales at the Edge at the Cinnamon Café, Bridgnorth every 2nd Tuesday
8.00pm info 01694 771379

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

If you'd like a local story event listed here email info@mythstories.com

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