

News Lines



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Joe Wins National Arts Young Achiever Award

After successfully completing his Silver Arts Award at Mythstories last summer Dez was moved to nominate Joe White as a Young Arts Achiever. "Joe did some fantastic work in gaining the first silver award in storytelling, culminating in a polished performance of four new stories on a storywalk. He's also led the STWYtellers group as chairperson, it seemed time for recognition."



And recognised they were, Joe won the Young Achiever of the Year 2009 award in the 16-19 Art category in November. Joe will receive a cheque for £1000, as a cash prize to spend as he sees fit; fellowship of the Royal Society of the Arts; a 'money-can't-buy' prize; and lots of free advice from 'UnLtd' and the Young Achievers Trust.



STWYtellers

Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Young storytellers are busily getting their tongues around some new storytelling techniques in training for the Young Storyteller of the Year 2010 finals.

Groups at Thomas Adams in Wem, Burton Borough in Newport and New College in Wellington have been honing their skills with professional tellers Joe Blake and Susanna Willetts. Wish them luck!



Montgomeryshire Young Tellers

Congratulations to Daragh Quinn for raising funds from the Wakeham Trust and Welshpool Rotary Club to start a young storytellers group in his school. Sessions start in January, just in time for Young Storyteller of Wales 2010.



Life in a Box

The Heritage Lottery Funded project to personalize the Traveller Wagon at Mythstories is coming to an end.

The project is successfully passing on traditional traveller craft skills to a new generation. It's also included a research visit to the Shropshire Archives. The updated exhibit will be opened on 11th February. Make sure you see it on your next visit.



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Traces of the Tudors

And in February we'll be starting a MLA funded 'Learning Links' project with Holmer Lake school, Telford. With the help of their Yr.6 class we'll be making an artefact to create ghost stories, using the nearby ruins of Moreton Corbet Castle as inspiration.



100% Extra workshops

"Lovely day, very relevant and great fun - lots of laughter."

"A really motivating and creative time."

"Fantastic, full of ideas, well resourced & a great storyteller."

The 2009 workshops left the participants smiling.



There will be a Spring and Autumn season for 2010. The dates are on the back page - keep them free. Full workshop details will be with you very soon.



Keep up to date on Facebook photos from all our projects are on the Mythstories Facebook site. If you don't want to sign up, you can still see them by following the link from [www.mythstories.com / about us /](http://www.mythstories.com/about-us/) see us on Facebook.

Wine & Reminiscence with the WI

Away from the museum, Ali has been piecing together half-forgotten stories from Welshpool with members of the town's Women's Institute. There's the tale behind the horse-riding white lady and the severed hand on Powys Castle gates; ghosts galore; a hen-wife and joy-riding in the 1950's. But forget tea and biscuits, Chardonnay, Sherry and Whiskey help these stories flow.



Family Events-Twilight Trails

We're holding some Spring storytelling events for all the family, especially budding tellers aged 8+. There will be plenty of walking and talking, so wrap up warm and bring a story to lead the way. The first will be on Saturday 6th February to celebrate National Storytelling Week 2010. See the diary for details.



The Tales & Trails Trophy 2009 was won jointly by Dawn & Freva Powell

**Dates for your Diary...Dates for your Diary
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Twilight Trails Family Storywalks
1 5pm-7pm Saturday 6 February
Around the Castle through the Deer Park. Meet Town entrance to Powis Castle Grounds Park Lane, Welshpool. **!!!sorry no dogs!!!**

2 5.25-7.30pm Wed. 17 February
Around Shrewsbury's Shuts Meet outside Rowley's House, Barker

Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1QH. Bring a story, a torch and wrap up warm.
FREE - info: 01939 235500

Telling Space at Mythstories museum (unless stated) 7.00pm- 9.30pm
- 26 January, 23 February, 23 March, 27 April 2010.

Rhymes and Tells at The Six Bells, Bishops Castle every 4th Sunday
8.00pm info Mike & Teri Greene on 01588 680685

Tales at the Edge in The White Lion, West Castle Street, Bridgnorth
every 2nd Tuesday at 8.00pm. Details phone Mike Rust 01694 771379

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

Starkadders Spoken Word at The Red Lion, Castle Caereinion last
Wednesday of month 8.00pm contact Brian Timmis on 01938 850659

2010 100% Extra Storytelling Skills Workshops at Mythstories
Spring Series Saturdays February 20th, March 6th & 20th and April 10th.
Autumn Series Saturdays September 11th & 25th and October 9th & 23rd

Young Storyteller of Wales 2010 Sunday 31st January 2.00pm-5.00pm
Ysgol Dinas Bran, Llangollen LL20 8TG info Fiona :01490 430 551

Young Storyteller of the Year 2010 Saturday 13 March 2010 Daytime
Birmingham Library Theatre, Paradise Place, Birmingham B3 3HQ

Festival at the Edge Friday 16 to Sunday 18 July 2010 Stokes Barn,
Much Wenlock info: www.festivalattheedge.org



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