

STORYTELLING COURSES

INTRODUCTION

This leaflet is intended as a starting point in answer to the frequently asked question, 'How can I find out more about storytelling, is there a course I can do?' We hope that newcomers to storytelling, and those already involved, will find it useful.

The venues listed here all run courses, on a regular basis, that are open to everyone. Individual storytellers are not listed. Numerous storytellers will run workshops where there is a demand, if you are interested in contacting a storyteller to run a workshop we recommend you refer to the Directory of Storytellers on our website for details.

More information about courses can be found by contacting the venue. Courses organised occasionally are listed in the Storytelling Diary, which is also available via our web site at www.sfs.org.uk

The information given is factual and should not be seen as a recommendation. We hope the list will grow as more information is gathered, and as storytelling in its many and remarkable forms becomes recognised and established as a vital part of our learning, enjoyment and discovery about ourselves, others and the places we inhabit. If you discover or know of any regular courses, which are not listed here, please contact us so we can include them in subsequent issues. We rely on the centres to update us regarding changes – please let us know if any of the information listed here is not correct.

COURSES:

The Society for Storytelling, The Society for Storytelling at the Morgan Library, Aston Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5AU

Website: www.sfs.org.uk

Our Annual Gathering is held in a different part of the country each spring. The Gathering is usually a weekend conference containing a number of talks and workshops catering for a variety of interests and levels of experience.

Assington Mill, Assington, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 5LZ

Tel: 01787 229955 Mob: 07770 550 570

e.mail: info@assingtonmill.co.uk

www.assingtonmill.com

Assington Mill offers short one to three day courses, focusing on traditional rural crafts. They have included a storytelling day with Paul Jackson for several years now.

The Bleddfa Centre, Bleddfa, Knighton, Powys, LD7 1PA

Tel: 01547 550 377

Website: www.bleddfacentre.com

The centre runs a week long storytelling course during August. The course is for all levels of experience and is intended to develop skills and confidence.

Cae Mabon, c/o Eric Maddern, Muriau Gwynion, Fachwen, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 3HB Tel/Fax: 01286 871 542

E.mail: eric@fachwen.org

Web site: www.caemabon.co.uk

This roundhouse encampment hosts a variety of weekend workshops usually including one a year on storytelling

Cape Clear Retreat,

Chuck Kruger, Cape Clear Island, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, Ireland

Tel: 353 (0) 28 39157

e.mail: ckstory@eircom.net

A weekend storytelling workshop for all is run in October. This is usually organised around a theme, such as finding your own personal style.

There is also a storytellers retreat in March for storytellers who perform in public, and festival organisers.

Centre for the Research & Development of Traditional Storytelling,

Email: epicstory@aol.com

The Centre runs storytelling courses, for established professional storytellers. These concentrate on experimental work and development.

Festival At The Edge, 3 High Point, Little Wenlock, Shropshire

TF6 5BT Tel: 01952 504 882

website: www.festivalattheedge.org

The Festival started running workshops in 2000. They now run several workshops for people at various levels during the year.

Hawkwood College, Painswick Old Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire

GL6 7QW Tel: 01453-759034 website: www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Hawkwood College runs a weekend storytelling course in December. The College is set in its own private grounds in beautiful countryside ~ an inspirational venue for the creative spirit!

Mythstories

The Morgan Library, Aston St. Wem, Shropshire

Tel: 01939 235 500 Mob: 07969 541 552

Web site: www.mythstories.com

Mythstories run a wide range of Saturday workshops using a huge variety of workshop leaders, which provides something for everyone.

St. Mary's Community Centre,

180 Eltham High Street,
London SE9

Course contact Tony Aylwin Tel: 020 8467 9183

Occasional storytelling courses are run at the centre under the name, 'Storytelling in Hope'. Open to anyone who wishes to start, or continue developing, their skills.

School of Storytelling,

Web site: www.schoolofstorytelling.com

The School of Storytelling was based at Emerson College, it still runs from September to December as do the week long courses in July and August but venues will be changing.

The Scottish Storytelling Centre,

The Netherbow, 43 - 45 High Street, Edinburgh,
EH1 1SR

Tel: 0131 557 5724 Fax: 0131 556 5224

e.mail: scottishstorytellingcentre@uk.uumail.com

Web site: www.storytellingcentre.co.uk

A wide variety of courses are run here by the Scottish Storytelling Forum.

Ty Newydd Centre, Llanystumdwy, Cricieth, Gwynedd, LL52 0LW

Tel: 01766 522 811 Fax: 01766 523 095

e.mail: tynewydd@dial.pipex.com

Web site: www.tynewydd.org

Runs a storytelling retreat in the Autumn where storytellers can explore the storytelling material of Britain.

The Verbal Arts Centre,

Stable Lane and Mall Wall, Bishop Street Within, Derry-
Londonderry, N.Ireland, BT48 6PU Tel: 028 7126 6946

Fax: 028 71 263 368 Email: info@verbart.demon.co.uk

Website: www.verbalartscentre.co.uk

A variety of day long and weekend storytelling courses are run throughout the year. These are organised to meet the needs of specific groups.

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