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Young Storyteller of the Year Awards 2010

STWYtellers (Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Young Storytellers) put on a fantastic show at the YSOY 2010 finals at Birmingham Library Theatre last month.

Joe came away with a Highly Commended in the Under 25 section, and Daragh a Highly Commended in the Under 18's. In the Under 18's Teams Tim & Joe came very close and for the second year in a row were voted runners-up by the Judges; they were very popular with the crowd too narrowly missing out on the People's Vote to the Young Storytellers of the Year overall winners.

But it's not just about who brings home the silverware. Everyone put on great performances and showed that this area of the country is brim full of young talented tellers who can't wait to take the artform forward and make it last well into the 21st Century.

Our thanks must go to the Traditional Arts Team who ran the competition and to their fine photographer, Wallace Murray, who caught our contestants in the act, opposite.

Thanks must also go to Awards for All, Find Your Talent and Shropshire Community Council who funded this year's activity in the run up to the finals. And a special mention must go to the professional storytellers who worked to inspire our fabulous young tellers this year. Here's the role call of honour in order of appearance...Clive Hopwood, Dez & Ali Quarréll, Dominic Kelly, Susanna Willetts, Jo Blake and Tim Ralphs.



Life In A Box The Exhibit Opens

On 4th March Mythstories new exhibit Life in a Box was declared open with a speech from Trish who has enjoyed working with Traveller families in Shropshire for over thirty years. It was a poignant moment because this was Trish's last official engagement as head of the Traveller Education Services before she retires from her post.



In her speech Trish commented on how the new exhibit featuring traditionally crafted boxes symbolised how attitudes to the Travellers had changed through her working life. From being vilified and misunderstood now we can celebrate Traveller culture and applaud their contribution to keeping the oral tradition alive and flourishing.



And A New Exhibit For The Shropshire Gallery Too



The Traces of the Tudors Learning Links project working in partnership with Holmer Lake Primary School has culminated with us installing a new storytelling artefact in the museum's Shropshire Gallery.

The artefact will be used to create lots of two-stage stories; murder tales from Tudor times; and ghostly encounters with Tudor spectres set in the modern day.

The picture, left, shows Dez proudly displaying the prototype on its first trial at the school. To see the actual finished exhibit you'll have to visit the museum, and then you'll be able to create a blood curdling tale or two.



The Unexpected Benefits Of A Green Transport Policy

While waiting for a connection on Shrewsbury Station we filled in a questionnaire on Cycling. A week later we heard we were the lucky recipients of free 1st class rail tickets to London. Thank you Cycle Shrewsbury. (The Mall in Springtime)



Don't Leave Voting until 6th May

The finalists have been shortlisted for Enjoy England's 'Where Else But England' award to celebrate the quirky experiences that make this country truly unique.

Believe it or not they think storytelling is quirky and there among the finalists is Festival at the Edge. The result is due on St George's Day 23rd April so make sure you go to the address below to get your vote in as soon as possible.



<http://www.enjoyengland.com/your-england/polls/where-else-but-england-form.aspx>

Twilight Trails



Twilight Trails, our family friendly evening storywalks, have proved a great success, we've walked the deer-park around Powys Castle in a thick rolling mist; and lost ourselves in the alleyways of Shrewsbury in the gloom. On both trails there's been some great tales told by tellers of all ages. If you want to make sure you don't miss the next adventure email info@mythstories.com with "Twilight Tales" in the subject line and we'll put you on the special mailing list.

Telling Tuesdays

The young storytellers of Wem led by Joe & Jenn decided to get together and put on a charity storytelling concert at Wem Town Hall in February to hone their skills before the YSOY finals. They enjoyed the experience so much (as did the audience of course) that they have decided to make "Telling Tuesdays" a regular event on the Wem Town Hall calendar.



The next Telling Tuesday is set for 27th July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and there will be a workshop in the afternoon too.



The 1st May When Fairies Walk This World

Don't miss the last 100% Extra storytelling skills workshop for Spring 2010, it will be an enchanting exposé of the fairy world.

Helen East will lead participants through 'thin places' to 'parallel worlds' in search of the fair folk to ensure future fairy stories will be totally believable.

The workshop is on May 1st from 11.00am to 4.15pm. Places are limited – book now - see our website for details.

The 100% Extra Autumn series features workshop leaders Cath Aran, Dave Arthur & Michael Harvey - see the dates below.

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Telling Space at Mythstories museum (unless stated) 7.00pm- 9.30pm - 27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 24 August.

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

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

Young Storyteller of Wales 2010 Saturday 10th July, The Lawn Stage Llangollen International Eisteddfod info Fiona :01490 430 551

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

Telling Tuesdays Tuesday 27th July at Wem Town Hall 7pm to 9pm afternoon workshop 2pm to 4pm info Telling Tuesdays on Facebook

2010 100% Extra Storytelling Skills Workshops at Mythstories Autumn Series Saturdays September 11th & 25th and October 9th & 23rd



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