

Autumn U3A Storytelling Newsletter

The roots of storytelling.

Life is full of stories. You hear them all the time on the TV, social media, politics, films, theatre, poetry and songs to name but a few.

Pictures tell a thousand words. Each one a story. Imagine a forest of stories where the roots are a collective intelligence of how stories interact with each other, interweaving new narratives of Traditional stories, Wisdom, Myths and Folk Tales, stories of Education, Empowerment, Resilience, Community Building, Activism, Reconciliation, Healing Words, Biographical and Cultural stories, Spontaneous Storytelling, Gifts from our Ancestors, Sacred Poetry and True Life tales. *I am sure you can add to this list.*

The Seven Basic Plots: Why We Tell Stories by Christopher Booker

ISBN 978-0-8264-8037-8 Available at Amazon.co.uk

This is an old book worth revisiting. It contains a Jungian influenced analysis of stories and their psychological meaning. These provide a comprehensive answer to the question of whether there are only as small number of 'basic stories' in the world. It shows there are 7 archetypal themes which recur throughout every kind of storytelling: Overcoming the Monster; Rags to Riches; The Quest; Voyage and Return; Comedy and Tragedy. It opens up an entirely new way of understanding of the real purpose storytelling plays in our lives.

**Think about what kind of stories you like to hear and tell.
Create your own narrative and share it.**

Storytelling Events around the country.

Malvern Storytellers Programme meet on the 2nd Tuesday 8pm at the Great Malvern Hotel starting in the 11th September after the summer break.

Word of Mouth Storytelling Club, Britons Protection, GT Bridgewater St, Manchester M1 5LE First Friday of the month. Facebook, 'Word of Mouth Storytelling Club' and @WordofmouthMcr on Twitter.

Success Stories Club – meets at the Sale Excelsior Club, 64 Chapel Road, Sale, M33 7EG. Meets Monthly on a Monday call Sharon on 07854227805 for details.

International School of Storytelling, Emerson College, Sussex.

For a full list of courses visit: www.emerson.org.uk/storytelling

Leicestershire Guild of Storytelling: Enquiries leicesterstorytelling@gmail.com or www.leicesterstorytelling.com

The Traditional Arts Team runs sessions at the Prince of Wales, Alcester Road, Birmingham M13 8EE every month at 8pm except August. More information at tradartsteam.co.uk/sessions.html

STORYVIBES is a new spoken word event featuring storytelling, poetry, writing and acoustic music. From September onwards, StoryVibes new home will be Artefact, 1464 Pershore Road, Strchley, B30 2NT starting 13th September and every 2 months at 7.30pm. £6 entry-audience, £3 entry -open Mic.. On Facebook & twitter-'Story_Vibes

Leicestershire: Tales At The Watermill, Shepshed Watermill, Mill farm, Hathern Road, Shepshed, LE12 9RP. September 13th November, 13 December. All 7.30 starts. Contact nick for details nickfaters@sky.com or tel. 011622363739

Blast ! (Beautiful Lies and Stratling Truths) Winter Storytelling Series 2018-2019 at Bishops hall, Monthly, Fridays. Doors open at 7.30pm, £7 per person, £20 group ticket.

Dreaming The Night Field an Adverse Camber production has been touring all over Wales and there are still a few dates left. Contact www.adversecamber.org/ for further details.

An Epic Evening:heads and Tales Storytellers, who meet in Ringwood, Hampshire have been annually preparing a pocket epic for several years now. Contact via facebook at Heads and Tales Story Club.

Settle Stories, The Invisibility Hat. A Family Storytelling Performance, at The Joinery, Settle, Yorkshire Dales. Contact www.settlestories.org.uk/ tel. 05603845693

Folk Dance On Film. Check out www.writteninfilm.com

Courses With Stella Kassimati at the Hellenic Centre, London, W1U 5AS Contact www.schumachercollege.org.uk/courses/short-courses/first-steps-in-storytelling

Around the Fire Storytelling, Irish Cultural Centre, Black Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9DT. Contact www.irishculturalcentre.co.uk

Traditional Arts Team: West Midlands. Contact www.tradartsteam.co.uk on Facebook, or @tradartsteam on Twitter.

Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh
Contact www.reception@scottishstorytellingcentre.com

Recent Books to check out.

Norfolk Folk Tales for Children by Dave Tonge
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8481-2
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

Leicestershire Folk Tales for Children by Tom Phillips
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8685-4
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

Shropshire Folk Tales for Children by Amy Douglas
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8341-9
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

Botanical Folk Tales of Britain and Ireland by Lisa Schneidau
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8121-7
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

Cornish Folk tales for Children by Mike O'Conner
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8449-2
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

Sussex Folk Tales for Children by Xanthe Gresham Knight and Robin Knight
The History Press £9.99 ISBN 978-0-7509-8426-3
www.thehistorypress.co.uk

The Firebird retold by Tom Hiron and illustrated by Rima Staines
Hedgespoken Press £12.50
ISBN 978-0-9933656-4-5
www.hedgespokenpress.com/

The House of Lost and Found by Martin Widmark and Emilia Dziubak
Floris Books, Edinburgh £10.99
ISBN 978-178250-542-6
www.florisbooks.co.uk

Bear Child by Geoff mead and Sanne Dufft
Floris Books, Edinburgh £10.99

ISBN 978-178250-476-4

www.florisbooks.co.uk

The Assembly of the Severed Head by Hugh Lupton

Propolis £11

ISBN 978-0-9929-4605-0

www.propolisbooks.co.uk

I hope you are all having a great year and that you have been able to find something of interest in the above. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information or help in setting up your storytelling groups.

Wishing you all a creative and fun loving time with your storytelling groups.

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