

SATURDAY DAY GREEN MARQUEE:

10.00 - 11.00 *Tales from the Hills and Hedges* Olivia Armstrong (Age D)

Join storyteller Olivia Armstrong for a wander with the spirits through the dark folktales and mysterious byways of the Irish borders between this world and the world beyond.

11.45 - 12.45 *Fantastic Fianna Stories* Kate Corkery (B) 7+

Kate Corkery weaves enchanting stories drawn from the Fianna Cycle of Irish mythology. Be swept away to a magical world of adventure by exciting tales of superhero Fionn Mac Cool, his amazing friends and his ferocious foes.

1.00 - 2.00 *Lunch and Downtime*

2.00 - 3.00 *Animals, Monsters, Horses & Fools* Michael Harvey & Pauline Down (Age A)

These seasoned performers have travelled the world plying their trade and will bring a feast of musical and story goodies to raise the spirits and feed the soul. Who knows, you might even find yourself joining in! Stories, songs and more for all ages from all over the world.

3.45 - 4.45 *Pearls for Breakfast* Peter Chand & PKCtheFirst (Age 12+)

After their recent successful three-day run at Het Tussenland Festival in Zwolle, Netherlands, Peter and Music Producer/DJ PKCtheFirst bring their latest collaboration to FatE. These are a collection of powerful Indian stories of sacrifice and giving, shared in Peter's own unique way, with evocative live mixing from his nephew. The two performers bring a different contemporary edge to these thoughtful and beautiful folktales from the subcontinent.

5.30-6.30 *The Soldier & Death* Hugh Lupton (Age B 8+)

A Russian wonder-tale, following the twists and turns of fortune of a soldier who finds himself gambling with devils and trying to outwit death.

SATURDAY DAY RED MARQUEE:

10.15 - 11.15 *We Fade to Grey* Peter Chand & Gauri Raje (Age C)

Two storytellers with roots from different parts of India, explore stories about the aged. Expect different languages, and an array of older characters, some obvious, and others less so...

11.45 - 12.45 FATE Commission: Letters Through Time Maria Credali & pupils from Farlow Primary School (Age B)

Storyteller Maria Credali and local school children will be bringing together the remarkable story of a well-loved local, Simon Evans (10th August 1895 – 9th August 1940) a postman, writer and broadcaster who came to live in Cleobury Mortimer to recuperate after suffering physical and mental trauma in World War One. This project is made possible by a Lottery Grant via Arts Council, England.

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch and Downtime

2.00 - 3.00 Tariqa Jumana Moon & Abdullah Mufa (Age F/D)

Tariqa in Arabic means a path or way, both actual or spiritual. Narrow desert pathways are shaped over time by people's intimate knowledge and love of the land, with markers serving as guides - a distinct rock, a wadi or valley, a particular tree.

What then if stories too are maps, guides for the soul? 'Tariqa' is a compilation of stories from the heart of Islam, stories that navigate the way across landscapes within.

3.45-4.45 Song of the old Horse Goddess Cath Little (Age F)

An exploration of the seasonal traditions, songs and stories of the Old Horse Goddess of Britain. On the first of May she rides as Rhiannon to bring the summer in. At Harvest time she is honoured in the Caseg Fedi, the last sheaf of wheat. At midwinter she sings for the end of the year as the Mari Lwyd.

5.00- 6.15 Tales from the Forge Andy Harrop Smith (Age B)

Since ancient times, The Blacksmith has been regarded not only as the 'King of the Craftsmen' but also as a magician, priest, god, Saint and outcast. This performance brings together the folk-lore and tales behind these beliefs. Come and join Wayland the Smith in his forge, meet a rapping King Alfred the Great and find out which way to hang a horseshoe and why it's considered to be lucky.

SATURDAY DAY SILVER MARQUEE (music):

11:00 12:00 Sarah McQuaid – story songs workshop

2.00 – 2.45 Stonesthrow

3.00 – 3.45 *Belinda O’Hooley* – Inversions

4.00 – 5.00 *Matthew Crampton* – Have a Banana

SATURDAY DAY PANIC CIRCUS TENT (circus skills throughout the weekend):

11.00 - 11.45 *Stories for 7 years and over* Rachel Murray

Lively, magical, and fun stories with Rachel.

3.00 - 3.45 *Shukalaka Shake* *Kate Corkery (Under 7s)* Join Kate Corkery as she dips into her big bag of action-packed animal tales and silly songs. Lots of fun and joining in for little ones and their grown-ups.

5.00 - 5.45 *Wild World of Wonder* *Olivia Armstrong (A)*

Join Irish storyteller Olivia Armstrong for mischievous folktales, seasonal songs and playful puppets, celebrating the natural world around us. Everyone can join in - big and small.

SATURDAY DAY YELLOW MARQUEE:

9.00 - 10.00 *Tai Chi with Lucy Wells* *Start the day with wonderful movement and relaxation with the wonderful and sunny Lucy Wells. Please wear loose clothes and comfortable footwear.*

10.00 - 11.00 *Story Round* *Led by Lisa Schneidau*

Come along with your short story (around 10 minutes long) let Lisa know if you wish to tell and have a go at sharing your tale in front of a welcoming and generous audience in relaxed surroundings. (The Story Round leader will try their best to make sure everyone who wishes to tell gets the chance to do so, however on particularly busy rounds, this may not always be possible).

11.30- 1.00 WORKSHOP *Sworded Storytelling* *With Jon Buckeridge. (Please sign up in Box Office)*

A sword fighting workshop with The Storytelling Swordsman. Join our very own Storytelling Swordsman, Jon Buckeridge; a certified fight director, sword fighting instructor, and internationally celebrated storyteller. In this workshop Jon will guide you through the primary cuts and thrusts of the medieval arming sword, and help you create a paired combat routine with some real flourish and drama. Over the course of the 90 minute workshop you'll explore the art of performance combat, the legendary status of the sword, and exactly what it takes to tell a story through swordplay.

No previous experience required and all equipment will be provided. **Suitable for ages 12+**

(Please note: this will be a physically active workshop, and all participants will be required to wear supportive footwear [eg: trainers, shoes or boots, NOT flip-flops, sandals or crocs) **Maximum 20 participants**

2.00 - 3.30 WORKSHOP *Pictures in the Mind's Eye* Hugh Lupton (please sign up in Box Office)

Stories are a language of images. In this workshop Hugh will explore how to conjure the word-pictures that bring a story to life, and how to integrate these with the rhythm and momentum that a spoken narrative requires. (**Maximum 16 participants. Some experience needed. Please bring writing materials.**)

5.00-6.00 *From Tongue to Text. Workshop/performance/book signing.* Taffy Thomas

Is it possible to fit the oral tradition to print? Taffy Thomas, one of the History Press's most prolific Folk Tales authors, explains how he deals with this oxymoron. One of Taffy's readers once told him 'your stories read well and as I read I can still hear your voice telling me the stories'.

If you have ever fancied or been asked to contribute a story to a local magazine or any publication, this session may be useful to you.

Taffy will exhibit his back catalogue and entertain with a selection of short tales from these books before answering questions and signing books.

Your one chance to meet up with and pick Taffy's brains this weekend. Unless you catch him in the bar or pierogi food tent.....!

(Max - marquee capacity) All ages. No need to sign up, first come first allowed in!

Other things to watch out for:

12.00 - 1.00 *Story Walk* Jack Lynch & Andy Harrop Smith (Age 10+) *Leaving from Walled Garden* - Children must be accompanied.

1 – 2 *WORKSHOP - Music Workshop in the Birchwood* led by Adam Beresford Browne.

3.00 - 4.00 *One Sock- Children's Storywalk* with Sue Bailey (Age A)

Leaving from Walled Garden - Children must be accompanied.

How many odd socks are there in your house? In Sue-the-storyteller's house there seem to be dozens. She's on the hunt for some pairs. Can you help her find them? You'll need sharp eyes and keen ears as there might be some clues in the stories she tells as you search along the woodland path for the missing socks. If you succeed in finding all the socks, you will be a sockdologer - an outstanding person!

4.00-5.00 WORKSHOP *Song writing- the story and the song.* Steve and Julie Wigley.

Venue - The Birchwood. (Please sign up in Box Office - Max 25. (All abilities.)

Age Guidance (provided by performers)

A - Aimed at children and families, nothing scary or gory.

B - Aimed at older children, might be a little scary for under 7s

C - 10+ Bit scary/gory

D - 12+ Mild swearing/ gore/ some adult themes

E - 16+ Adult themes: sexually explicit language/ explicit swearing/ gore

F - Aimed at adults, with no particularly sexual, swearing or scary content but may be complex.

*Also please watch out for specific age recommendations.