

Festival at the Edge – 17th – 19th July at Bromyard, Herefordshire

Friday evening 19th July 2026

Time	Purple Amped	Red Basic PA	Family Acoustic	Blue Acoustic	Field	Bar Acoustic	Time
6.00	5.15 - 6.45pm Soundcheck	6.00 - 7.00pm Soundcheck	Drop in Crafts Decorate the Dragon				6.00
6.30	Opening Ceremony - led by Andy Harrop Smith (starting in field)						6.30
7.00	Stories & Songs of Welcome Maria Gillen, Martin Daws, Baden Prince, Xanthe Gresham-Knight Age A MC: LS, RB		Bunting making Age A			Come All Ye!! Bring your instruments and voice to the music sessions	7.00
7.30							7.30
8.00							8.00
8.30	Dominic Kelly Born to Fly	John Tams In conversation Age F MC: RB	Story Round Heroic Tales				8.30
9.00	Age C MC: CL		Age A MC: LH				9.00
9.30	9.30 - 10.00pm Soundcheck	Maria Gillen Stories of the Sea					9.30
10.00	John Tams concert	Age F MC: DT					10.00
10.30	Age F MC: RB						10.30
11.00		Xanthe Gresham-Knight Secrets of the Shelagh na Gig			Firepit Story Sessions Amy Douglas	Midnight Sessions	11.00
11.30		Adults only! 18+ MC: AM			Age 16+ MC: LS		11.30
12.00							12.00

Firepit Story Sessions + If weather conditions are unsuitable - this event will be moved to Blue

MCs:

AM - Arnout Meester

LH - Lyra Hawkins

GG - Georgina Garbett

CL - Cath Little

HG - Honor Giles

LS - Lisa Schneidau (Lead MC)

RB - Ruth Bramley

DT - Dave Tonge

RW- Roisin Murray

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8.00	Saturday Daytime - 18th July 2026		Breakfast club Scales Bubbles and Monsters				8.00
8.30							Age A
9.00			Tai Chi / Qi Gong* Nicola Day				9.00
9.30							9.15 - 9.45am Soundcheck
10.00	Amy Douglas and Martin Daws River Song Age 12+ MC: LS	Ace of Clubs Tellers from the Storytelling Clubs Age F MC: HG		Maria Gillen Threading & Weaving Workshop (Max 45) Age/Experience: All welcome	Lucy Wells & Pip Waller An Encounter with our Green Friends - Storywalk Age G, 5+		10.00
10.30			Ffion Phillips Storytime - Monster Hunting Basics Age 7+				10.30
11.00							
11.30	Phil Okwedy Will and the Welsh Black Cattle Age 12+ MC: CL		Dave Oliver Rattlebox Theatre - A stir-About of Tales Age B, 7+		Leominster Morris Morris Dancing		11.30
noon				Xanthe Gresham-Knight Storytelling for (Almost) Beginners (Max - tbc) Age 16+ Some experience required			noon
12.30			Dominic Kelly The Invisibility Hat Age B MC: RM	Sue Bailey Sweet and Sour Lunchtime Tales to Tickle the Tastebuds Age A			12.30
1.00	Taffy Thomas Trip to the Lakes Featuring Paul Davies and Richard & Liz York Age F MC: DT			Bunty Gotts Working with Paper (1) Workshop (Max 20) For all ages (younger children to be accompanied)	Leominster Morris Morris Dancing		1.00
1.30							
2.00	Maria Gillen Bean Feasa Wise Women Stories Age F MC: CL	Gabriela la Foley Ukelele Fun Age: F MC: RB	Jon Buckeridge Sword Fighting for Beginners Workshop max 30** Age 12+ (under 16s to be accompanied)		Lisa Schneidau Discover the New Festival Site! Story Walk Age B		2.00
2.30							
3.00	James Canvin Threads of Fate Age F MC: RM		Halo Quin A Cauldron of Dragons (and other beasts) Age A	Melrose Quartet Harmony workshop (Max: tbc) Age: F			3.00
3.30							
4.00		Phil Okwedy The Man who went to Haven Age 16+ MC: CL		Lisa Schneidau Nature in Storytelling Workshop (Max tbc) Age G 14+			4.00
4.30							
5.00	Jon Buckeridge Sworded Stories Age G 8+ MC: DT		Craft Workshop Cardbord Swords Age A				5.00
5.30							
6.00			Dave Oliver Rattlebox Theatre - Full-Folk Fables Age B, 7+				6.00
6.30							

Workshops - sign up at Box , except Drop-ins

*Qi Gong/Tai Chi - if weather is suitable, this may take place outside.

** Sturdy shoes - strictly no bare feet or flip flops, under 16s to be accompanied by an adult

***Story walks - all start in the main field - wear sturdy shoes for walking over rough ground.

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Saturday Evening – 18th July 2026

Time	Purple Amped	Red Basic PA	Family Acoustic	Blue Acoustic	Field	Bar Acoustic	Time
6.30							6.30
7.00	Martin Daws Poetry and Lyricism	Xanthe Gresham-Knight Stories from Iran and Ancient Persia		Gabriela la Foley Ukelele Confidence! Workshop 20 max.		Come All Ye!! Bring your instruments and voice to the music sessions Sessions led by local musicians Archie Best and The Leominster Folk	7.00
7.30	Age A MC: DT	Age 12+ MC: LS	Craft Workshop Shields and Heraldry	Age F			7.30
8.00							8.00
8.30	8.15 - 9.30 pm Soundcheck	Taffy Thomas In conversation with ... Interviewer Daniel Morden	Age A	Baden Prince Icebreaker word games Storytelling Workshop (Max TBC)			8.30
9.00		Age F MC: AM	Story round Twilight Monsters	Age TBC			9.00
9.30	Melrose Quartet Concert		MC: LH Age A				9.30
10.00							10.00
10.30	Age F MC: RB						10.30
11.00		Maria Gillen Strong Women Stories			Stories around the fire Iris Skipworth, Halo Quin		11.00
11.30		Age: F MC: AM				Midnight Sessions Archie Best and The Leominster Folk	11.30
12.00					Age 16+ MC: CL		12.00

Firepit Story Sessions - if weather conditions are unsuitable, fire pit will not be used and event will be moved to Blue Marquee.

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Sunday 19th July 2026

Time	Purple Amped	Red basic PA	Family Acoustic	Blue Acoustic	Field	Bar Acoustic	Time
8.00			Breakfast club Scales, Bubbles and Monsters				8.00
8.30			Age D	Storyround Early Bird Storytellers All welcome! Age A MC: LH			8.30
9.00	8.45 - 9.30am Soundcheck	9.00 - 9.30am Soundcheck	Tai Chi / Qi Gong* Nicola Day Age A				9.00
9.30							9.30
10.00	Dominic Kelly Mara (with interval)	Baden Prince What a Woman! Age C, D, F MC: GG		Jon Buckeridge Swords and Shields Workshop max 30** Age: 12+ (under 16s to be accompanied)	Sue Bailey Golden Tales Story Walk Age A		10.00
10.30			Suzanne and Jake Thomas Do you believe in Dragons? Age A				10.30
11.00		Amy Douglas and Martin Daws Selkie: Songs of the Sea Age 12+ MC: LH	Drop in Crafts Kids Parade Prep Age A	Jenny Moon 'Taken Aback' Stories behind Common Sayings - Informal Talk Age F	James Canvin Story Walk Age A	Come All Ye!! Bring your instruments and voice to the music sessions	11.00
11.30	Age: D MC: RM						11.30
noon	Xanthe Gresham-Knight Talking to Trees Age 12+ MC: CL	12.15 - 1.00pm Soundcheck	Holly Medland Storytime - Story Soup Age A	Martin Daws Poetry or Lyricism workshop (max tbc) Age A	Soft Option Appalachian Step Dancers		noon
12.30							12.30
1.00	Jon Buckeridge Heroes with Unlikely Faces Age: G, 8+ MC:CL	Lisa Schneidau The Greenwood Bough Age C MC: GG	Iris Skipworth Storytime Age A	Bunty Gotts Working with Paper (2) (Max 20) For all ages (younger children to be accompanied)	Soft Option Appalachian Step Dancers	Sessions led by local musicians Archie Best and The Leominster Folk	1.00
1.30							1.30
2.00					Lucy Wells and Pip Waller Storywalk Age: B		2.00
2.30	James Canvin Fur and Folds Age: C MC: LS	Bordeway Young & Gittens Concert Age F MC: RB	Children's Parade Preparations Age A				2.30
3.00							3.00
3.30	Children's Parade - led by Andy Harrop Smith (starting in field)						3.30
4.00	Stories and Songs of Farewell James Canvin, Dominic Kelly, Amy Douglas, Martin Daws Age A MCs: LS and RB						4.00
4.30							4.30
5.00		End of FatE 2026 !!! See you next time :-)					5.00
5.30							5.30
6.00							6.00

Workshops - sign up at Box Office

*Qi Gong/Tai Chi and laughter yoga - drop in session no need to sign up at Box office, younger children must be accompanied - if weather is suitable, Qi Gong/Tai Chi may take place outside.

** Sword workshop - Sturdy shoes - strictly no bare feet or flip flops, under 16s to be accompanied

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