

East Anglian Storytelling Festival **October 1-3 2021**

Programme

Friday October 1st 6.30-9.30 A trip to the moon – and maybe back again

An evening of music, food and stories with storytellers from across East Anglia, and tunes from folk band Erin's Grove

Come and be enthralled as local storytellers bring out their favourite, their funniest, their scariest stories. Hear stories from the furthest North, the distant South, and from the place right at your own two feet. With music from well-loved local band Erin's Grove. Whether you have never heard traditional stories told live before – or if you are an old hand at the telling of tales – this is the place to start! Listen from the comfort of the barn, or from around the firepit outside.

To be sure of a seat, book your ticket in advance. Your meal and drinks can be ordered on the night and will be served throughout the evening – wait for a break to order (there will be many opportunities!) Music starts at 6.30, stories at 7.00

Ticketed event £8

Saturday October 2nd daytime

Barn daytime

All events family-friendly and completely free unless otherwise

Saturday 10 to 11 Workshop with Sarah Rundle: Getting the Sauce from Sources.

Learn how to turn dry historical facts into a good yarn that will hold an audience spellbound. *(repeated as part of the online festival)*

Ticketed event £15 age 16+

11.30-1.00 Animal Crackers

Fun, interactive and family friendly: a zoo full of stories from **Hannah Brailsford, Vickie Holden-Swinton, Baden Prince**

2.00-3.00 Nick Hennessey: The Long Road Home

Why take the short cut when you have Nick Hennessey to beguile the way with stories for all the family?

3.30-4.45 Sarah Rundle: Rosamunda, Woman of the Lombards NEW SHOW!

A Golden City stands in a swamp, besieged by Barbarian hordes.... one woman holds the fate of nations in her palm – but which man can she trust? War. Blood. Poison. Skulls. Revenge. Sex. Up against a wall. Mosaics. Town Planning.

Age 12+

Outside Space

10.00-12.00 and 2.00-4.00 Craft workshop with Jaccqui from Jacqson Diego Story Emporium

Make your own stunning story creation to take home from the festival

10 to 11 A Tale a Rhyme and a Puzzle

Where did the rhymes begin? Find out the real story behind the rhyme, learn a 'Coggeshall job' and enjoy some puzzling stories for everyone 0-90. With **Marion Leeper, Carl Merry and Jan Williams**

11.30-12.30 Workshop with Nick Hennessey: Mouth Open, Story Jump Out - Storytelling for Beginners

Ever wondered what it would be like to tell a traditional story? Ever wished you had a story to tell? Explore some of the skills involved in spinning a yarn. *(repeated as part of the online festival)*

Ticketed event £15 age 16+

12.30-1.30 SPECIAL GUESTS Boudicca Morris

1.30-4.00 Story round with Bards Aloud

Be sure of a warm Irish welcome and a chance to warm your voice around the firepit with hosts Veronica Chambers and Gerry Donlon

4.30-5.30 Get on the Soap Box: open-mic with Amy Wragg

An hour of funny, fearless and political spoken word. Newbies, pro's, originals and covers - all welcome. Find the sign-up board at the book stall. Five minute per person.

Saturday 6pm to 10.30 The Saturday Night Story Feast

With music from Joe Lees

Come to eat, chat and listen: drop in for one show or stay for all three – you won't want to miss any of these treats!

6.15- to 7.30 **Sizzling starters: Sarah Rundle**

Eat Me: tales of food and cunning. Poor Tom is generous to a friend: a magician from Toledo must outwit the Inquisition..... and a beautiful woman teaches a caveman how to love – all with the aid of food.

8.00-9.00 **The main course: Nick Hennessey**

The Singing Hammer

Inspired by Finnish epic and ancient folk tradition, these stories of creation from the Far North give you a chance to encounter 'storytelling brilliance at its best.'

9.30 – 10.30 **A sweet dessert: Tales of Love and Lust with Maria Credali and Suki Silvertongue**

A late night lovefest featuring tales brimming with romance, laced with love and spiced with a generous sprinkle of sassy, strong women..... Join us as we celebrate the glorious union that is Love and Lust!

Tickets £15 Age 16+

Sunday October 3rd

Outside:

10.00-12.00: Getonthesoapbox craft club with Amy Wragg Meet the festival artist, make new friends and try your hand at a unique craft project using recycled materials. Bunting, DIY zine kits, flower crowns and jellyfish: each project will be pre-bagged with all materials and instructions provided. There will be a small charge to cover materials, starting from £3 depending on the project. No special skills required. If you can tie a knot, you can do the lot!

10.30-12.00 Story walk round Coggeshall

Follow some history-mad storytellers down the streets of Coggeshall and discover the stories buried in the walls of its medieval church and Tudor houses. Numbers limited, book in advance

Ticketed event, £10 Age 12+

The Barn

10.00-11.30 Welcome to The Big Sunday story breakfast, with hosts Hannah Brailsford and Janina Vigurs

Stories, jokes, and other surprises, all told for children and by children, featuring young storytellers from the schools in our outreach programme

12.00-1.00 The Secret Policemen's Ball

A surprise farewell event featuring some good friends of the festival and music from the folk duo Serious Kitchen